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Announcements

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        return fib(n-2) + fib(n-1)
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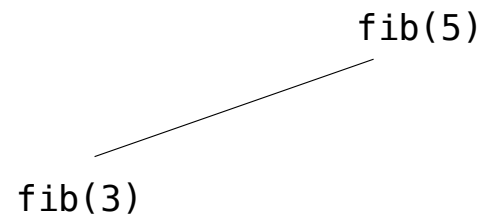
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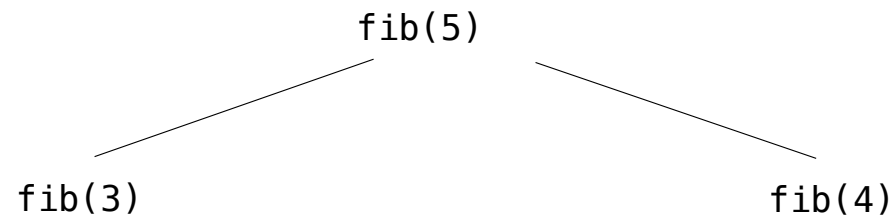
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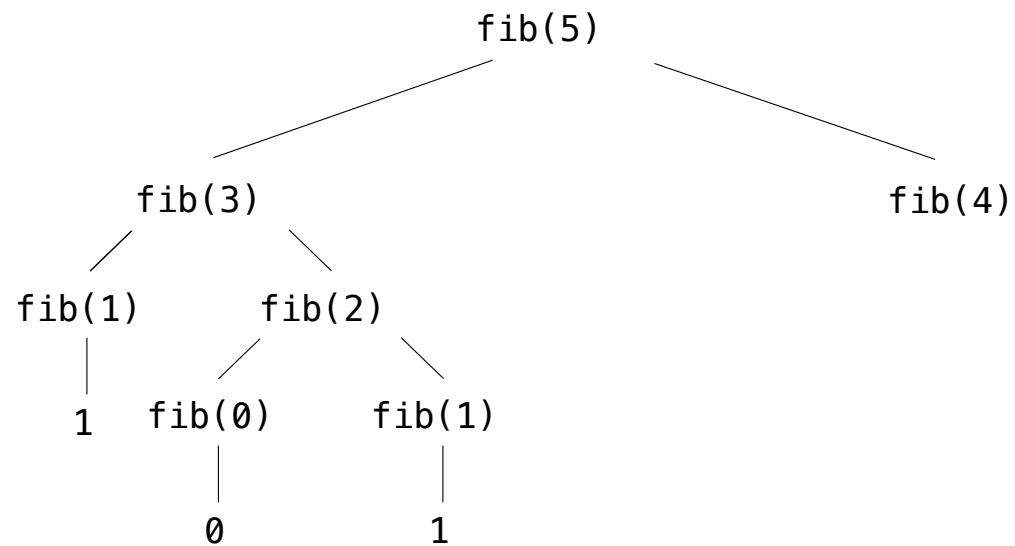
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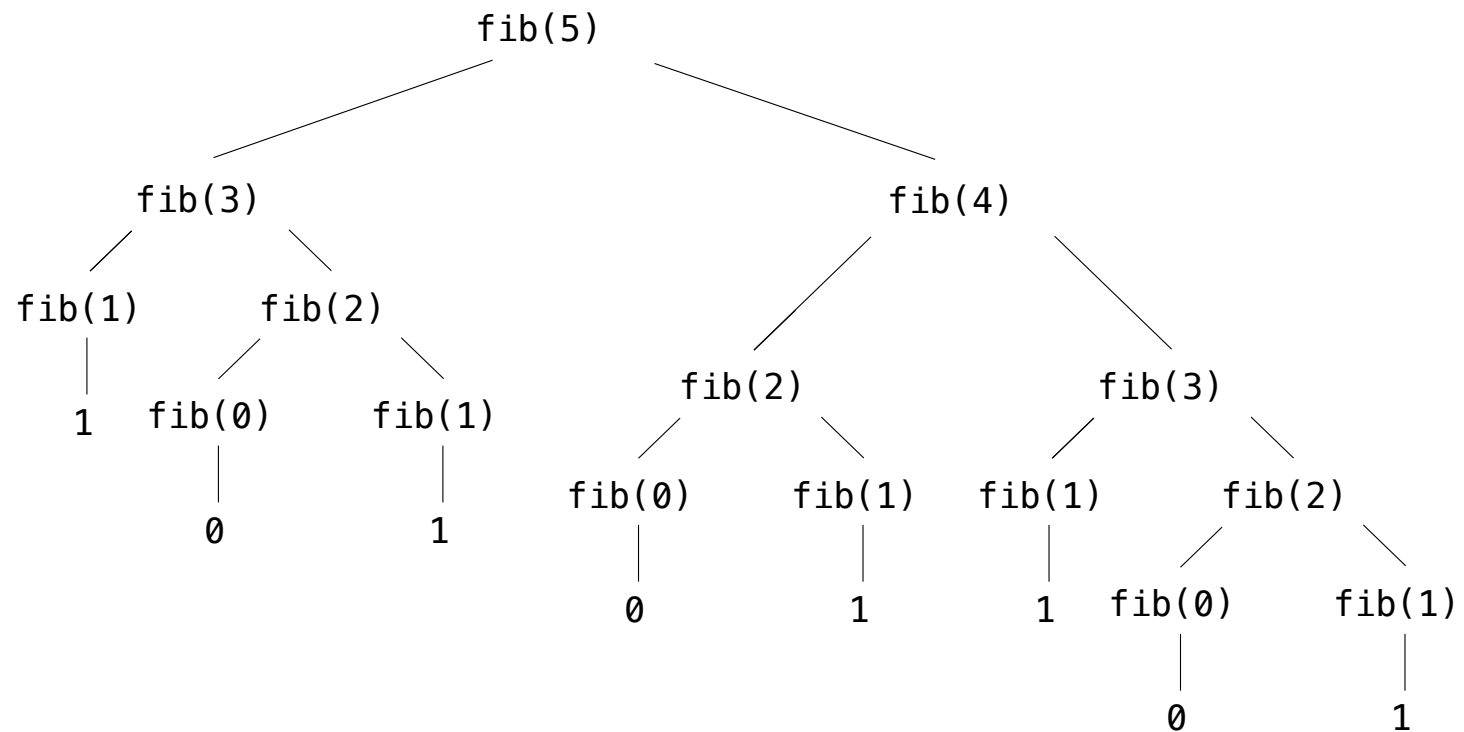
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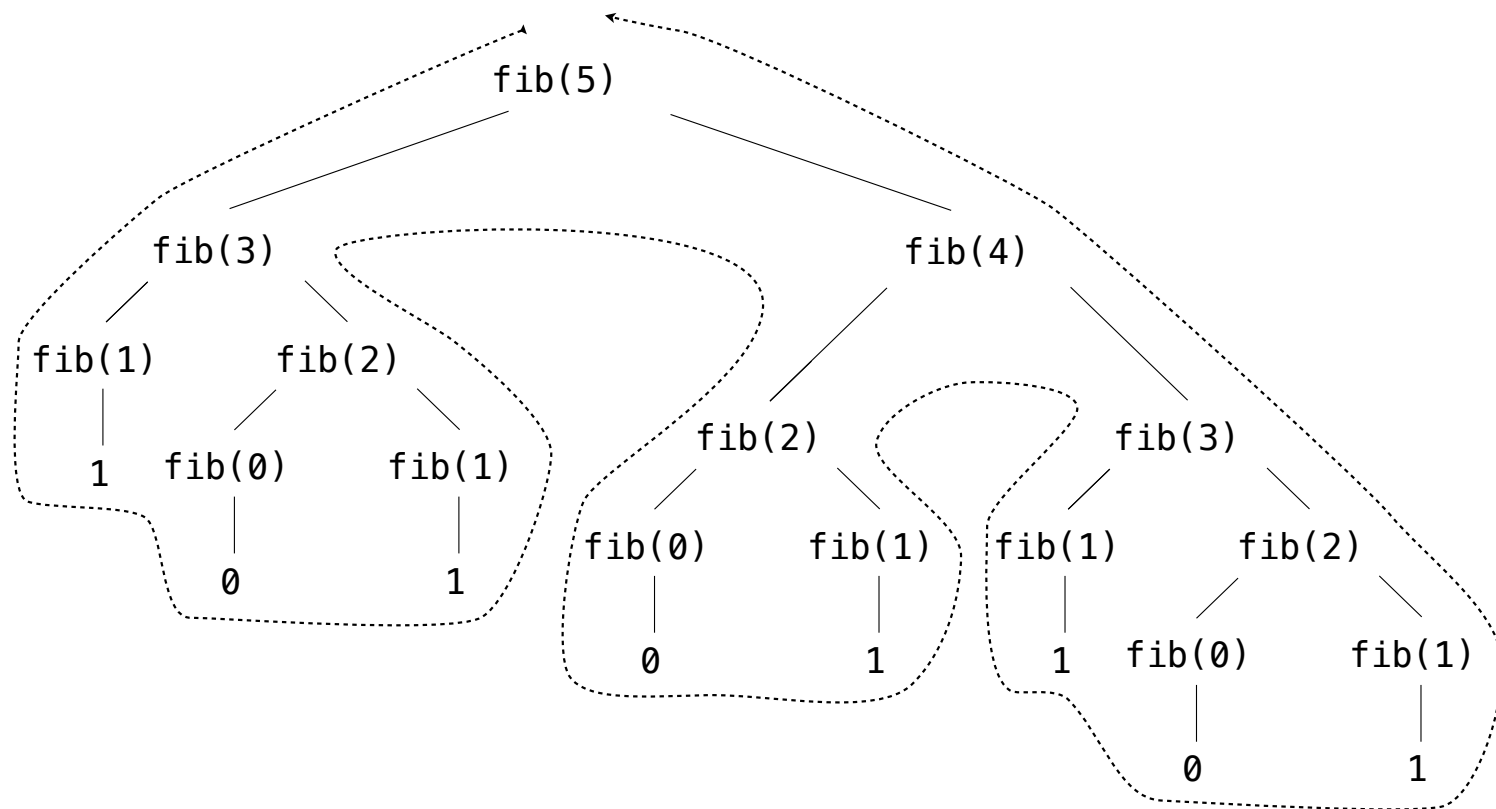
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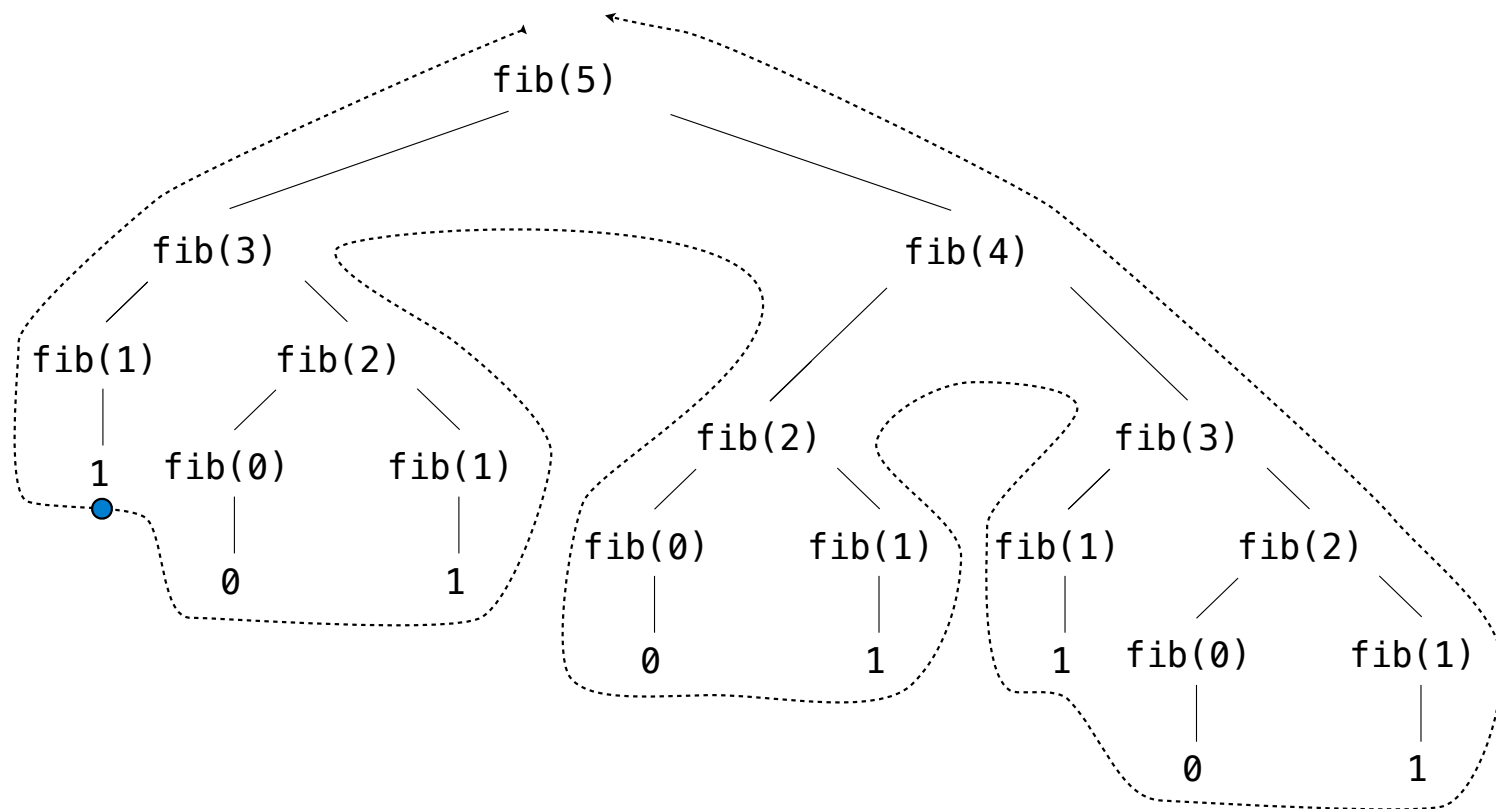
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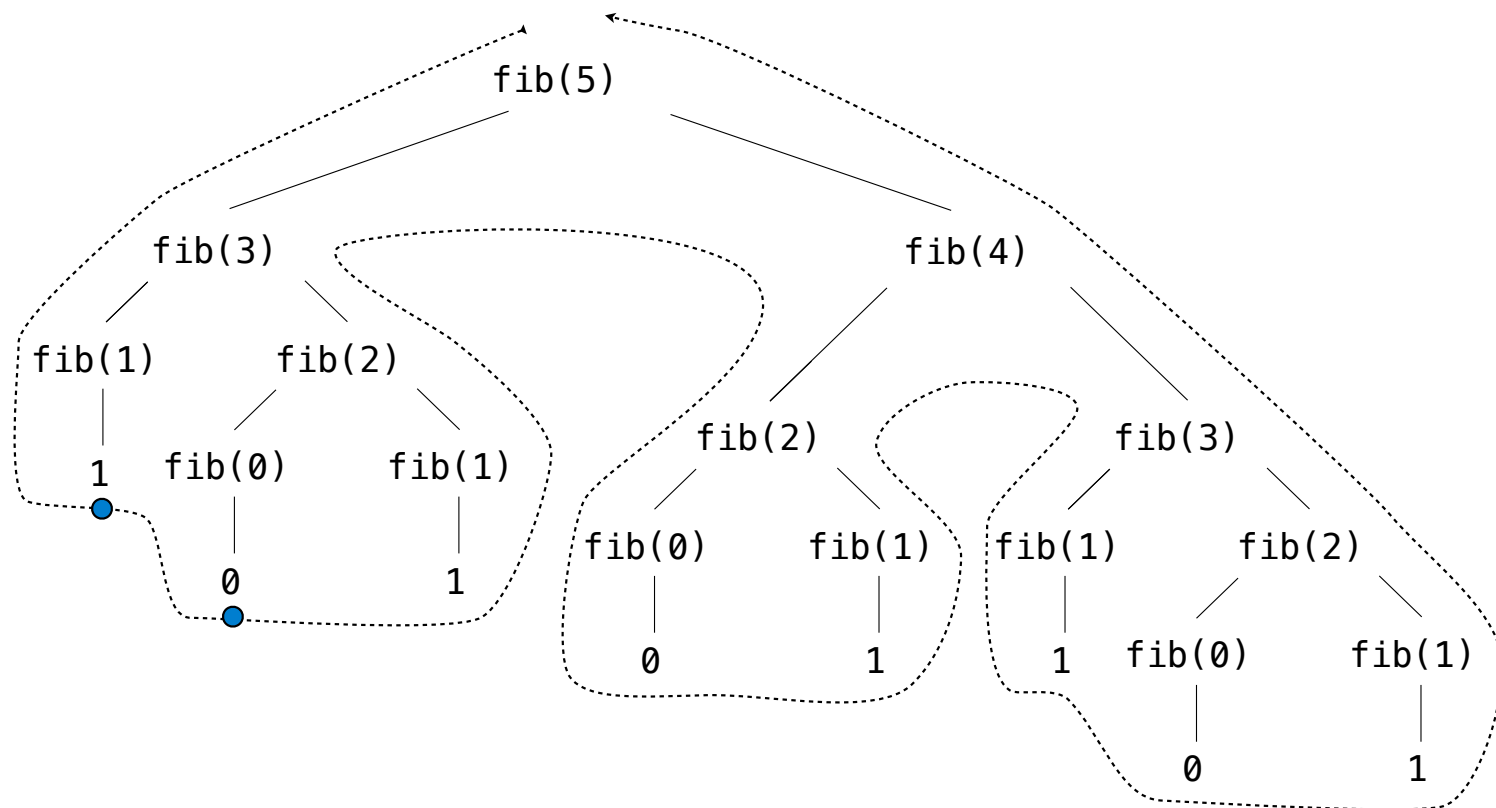
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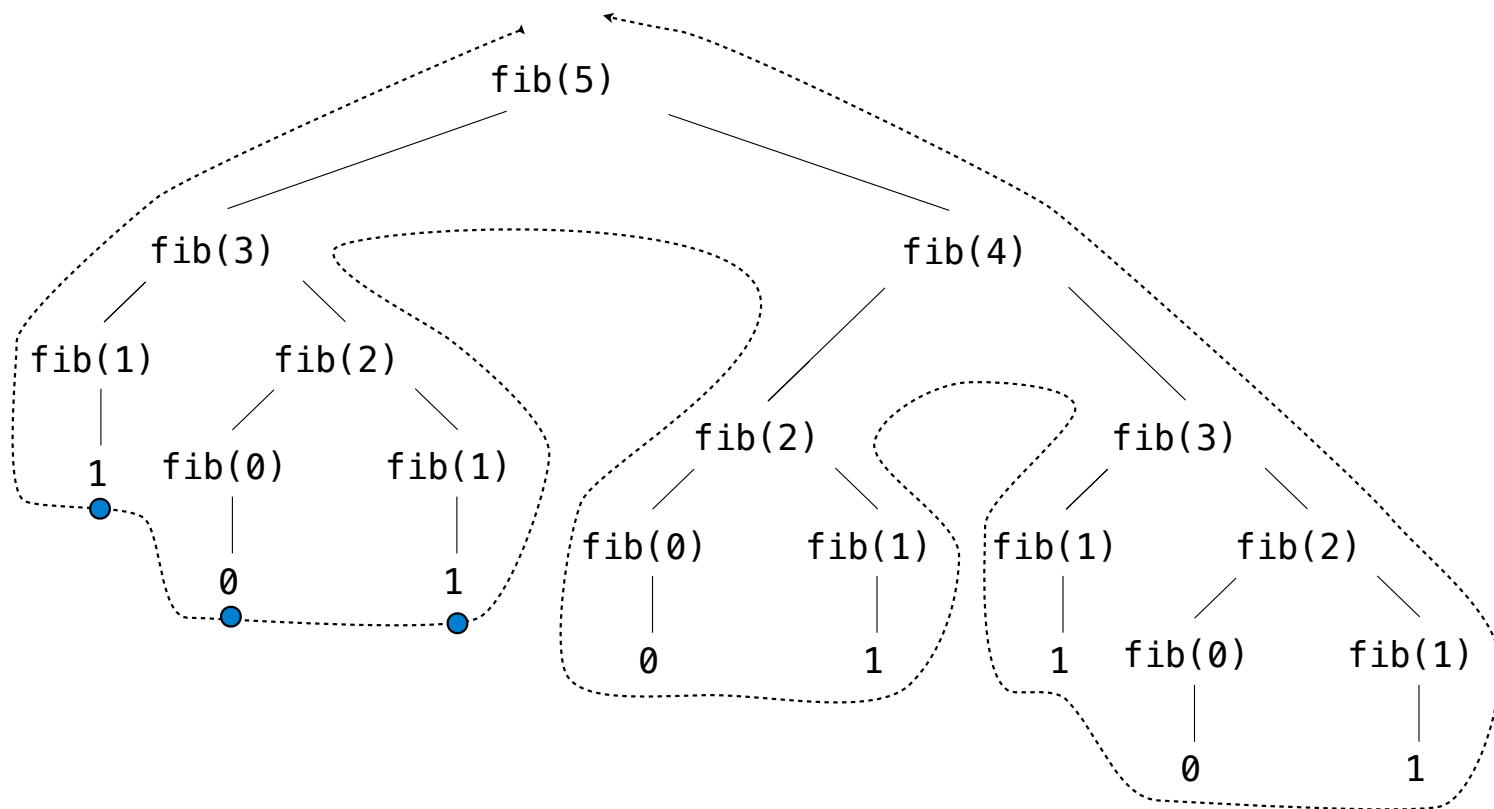
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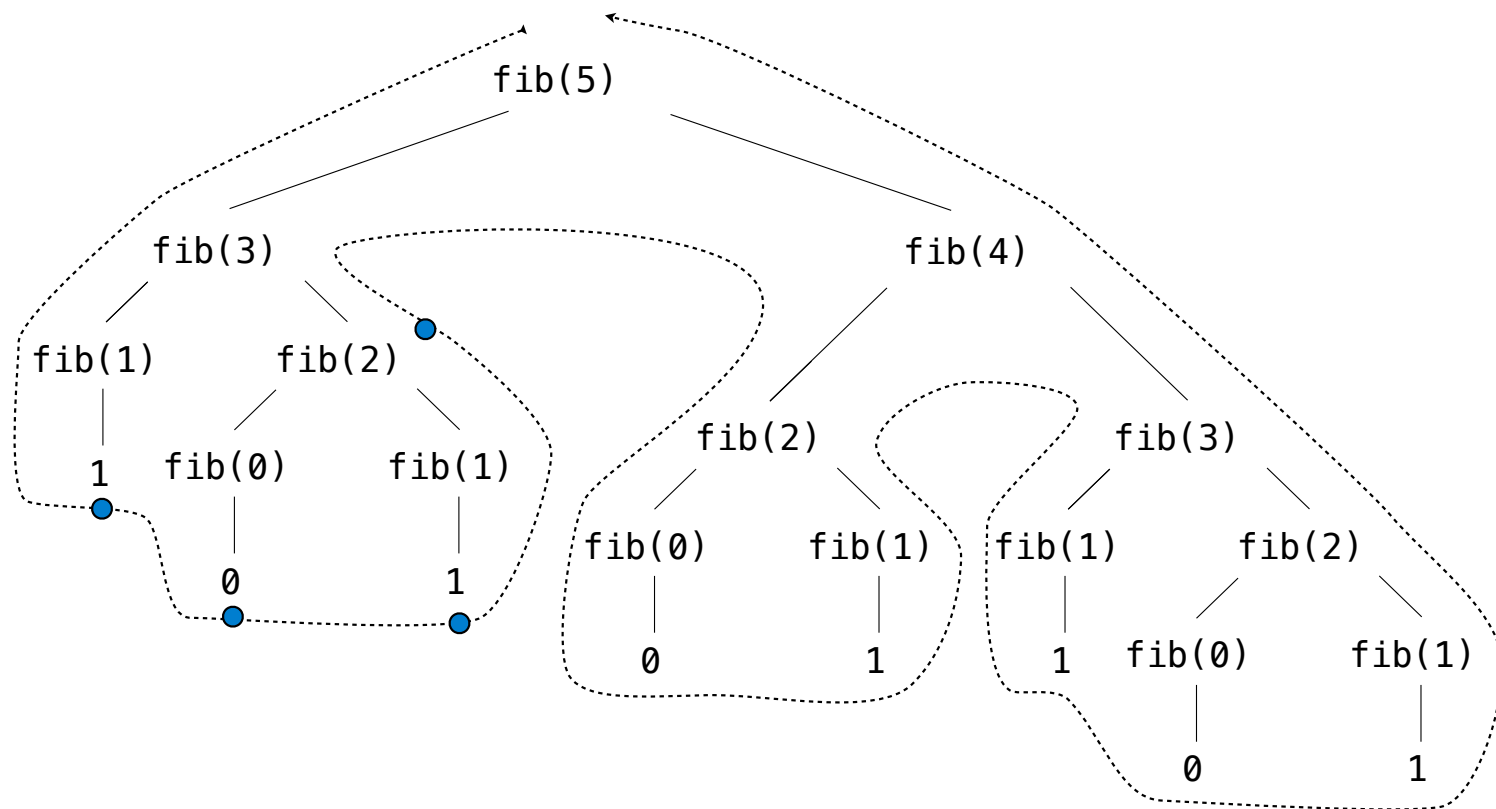
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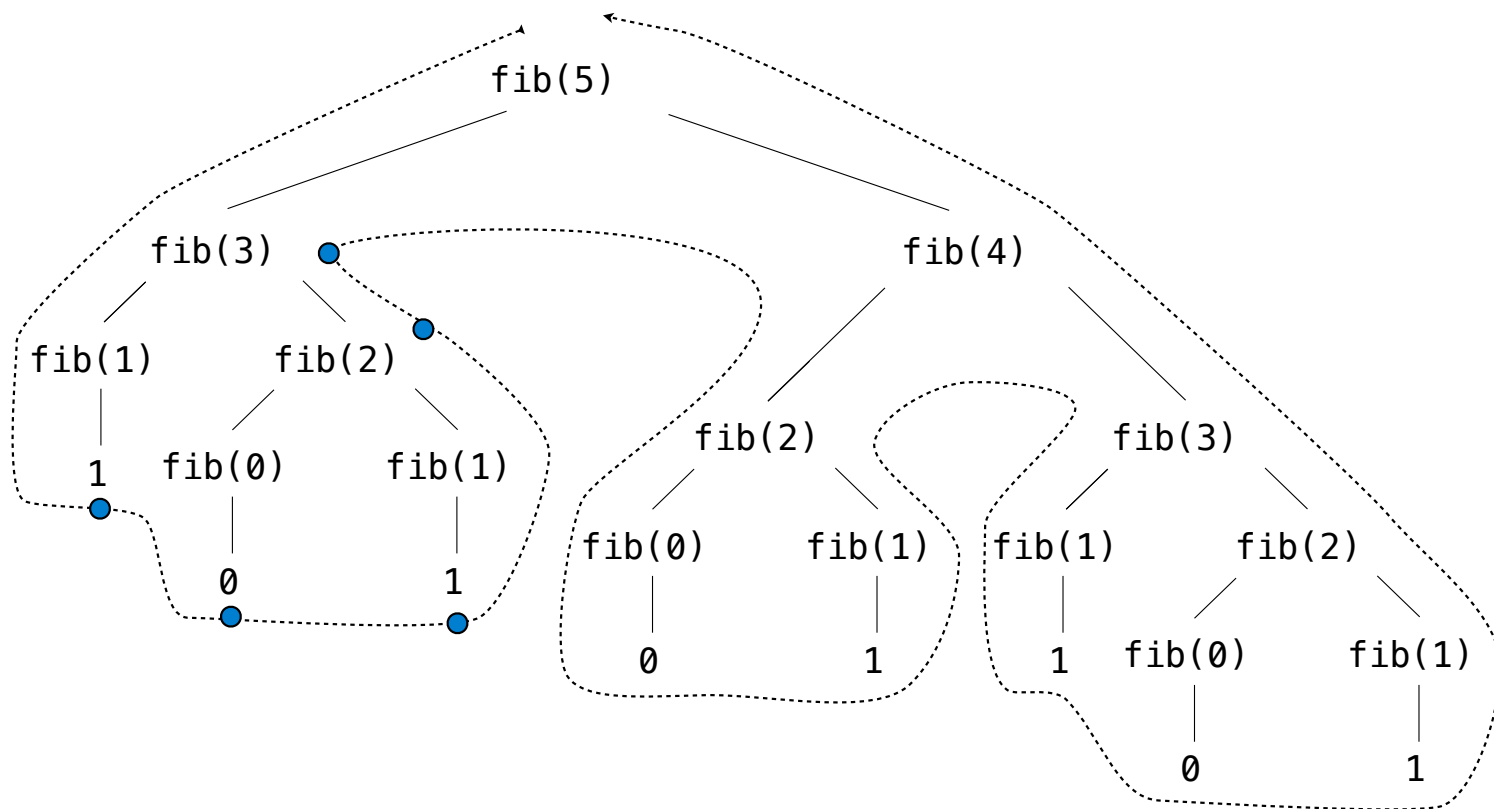
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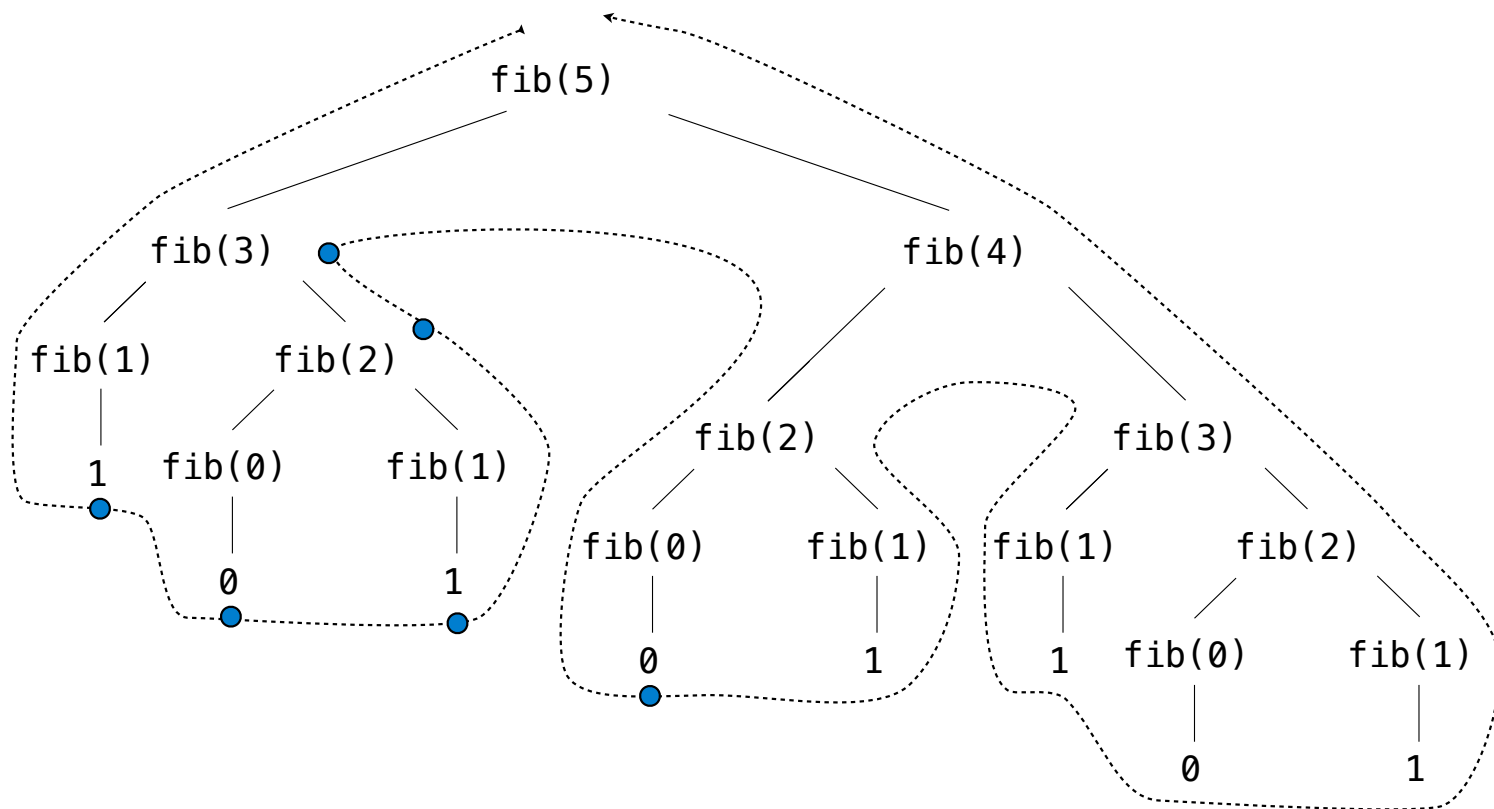
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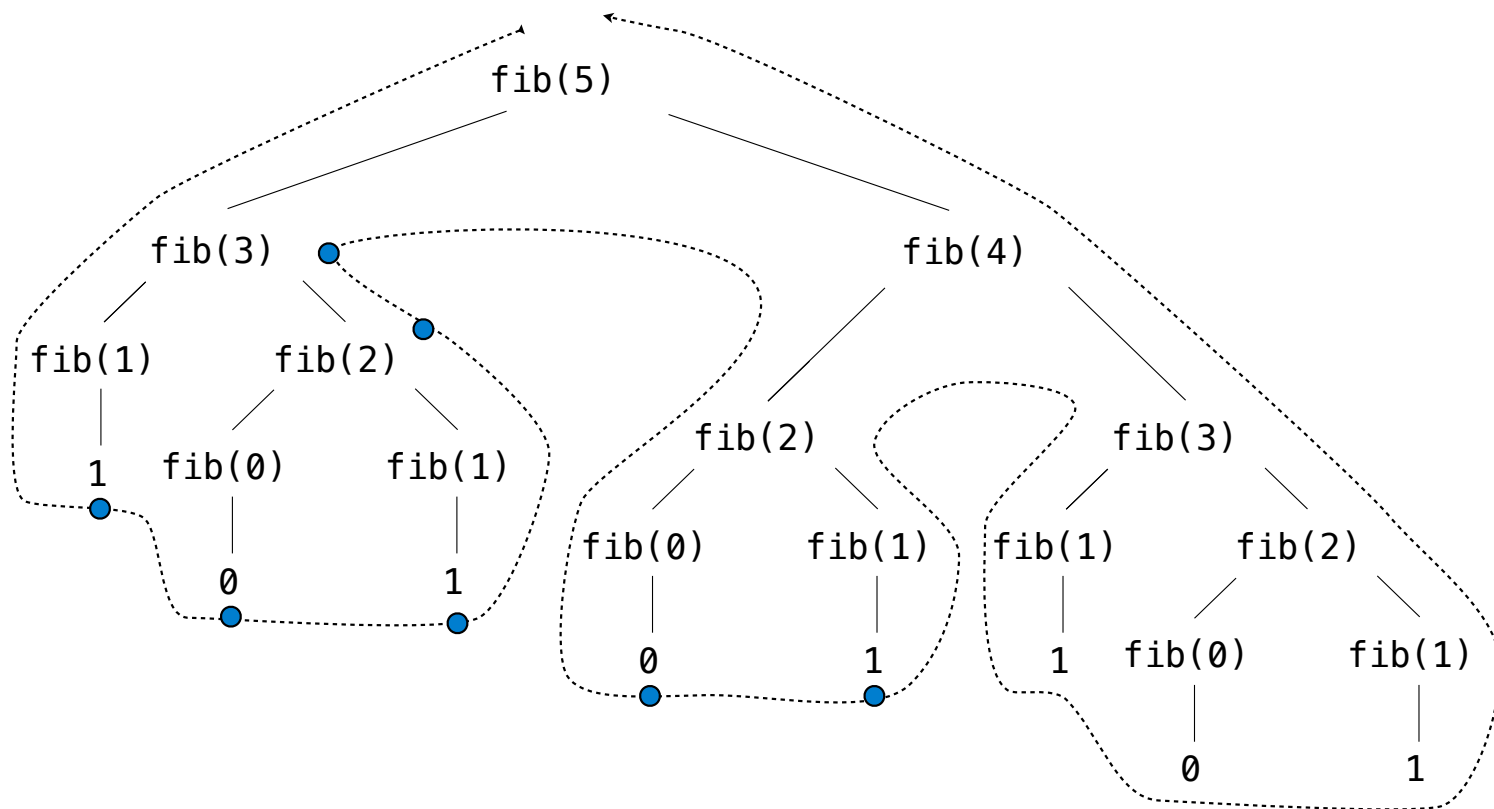
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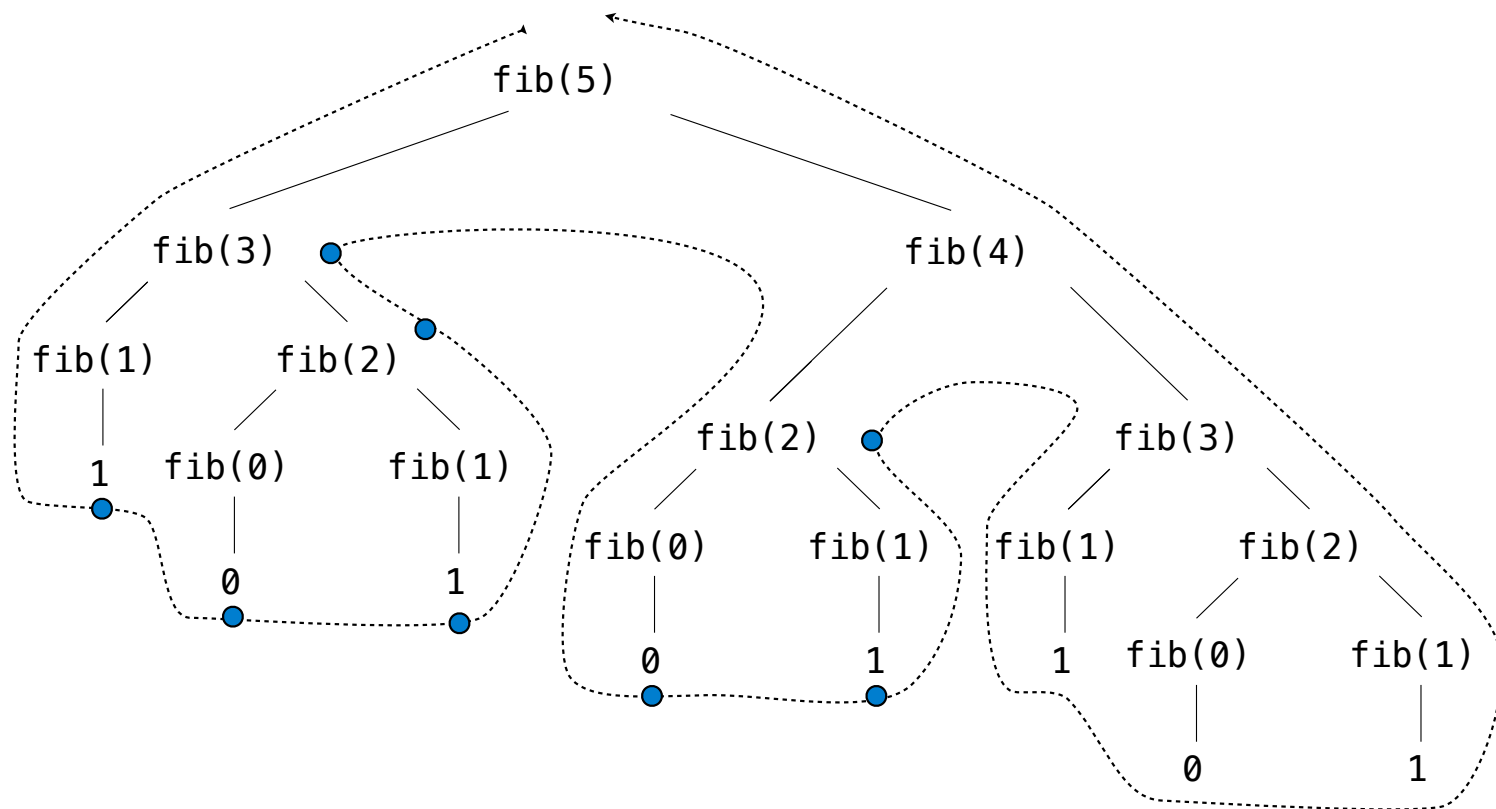
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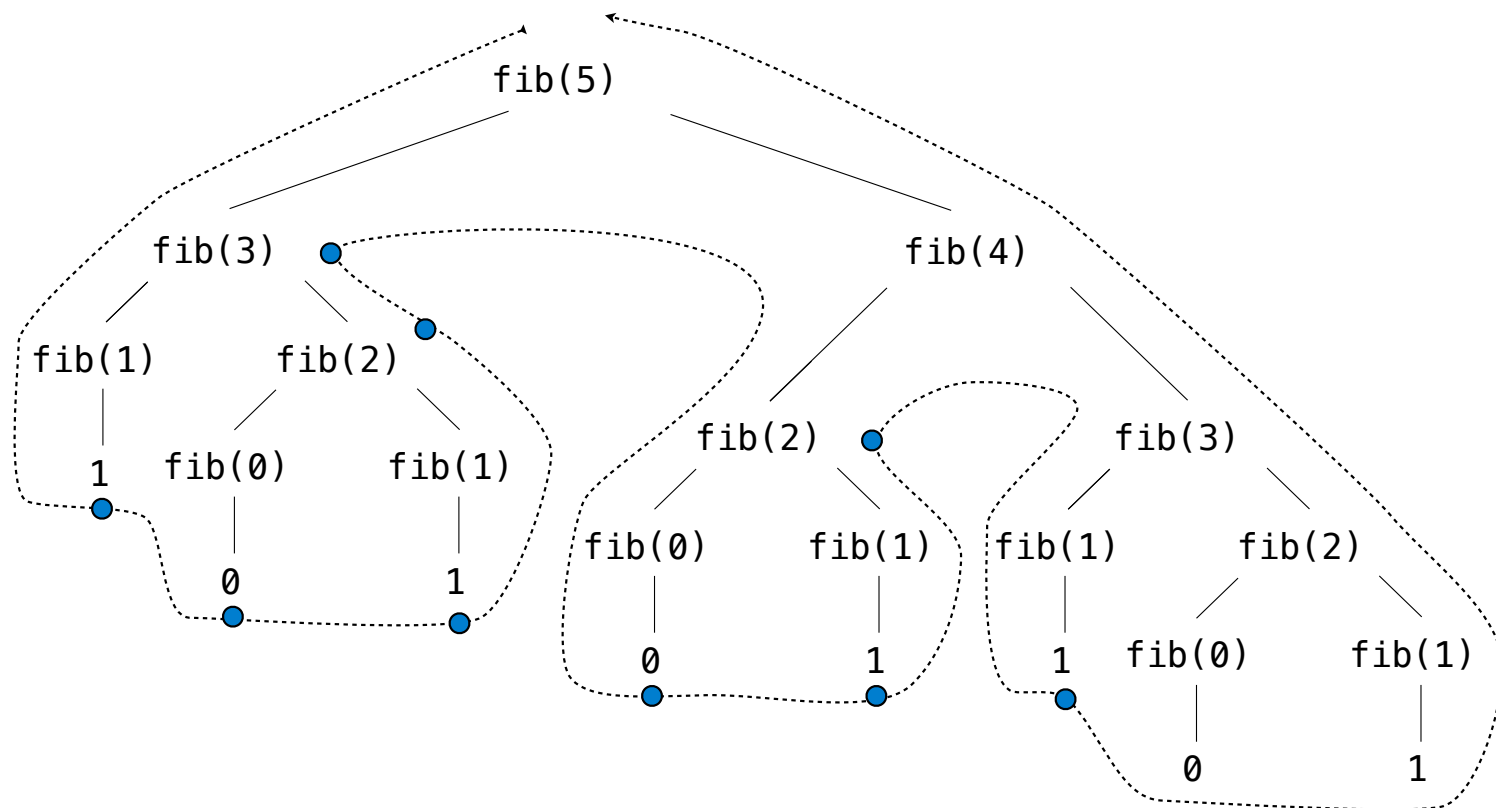
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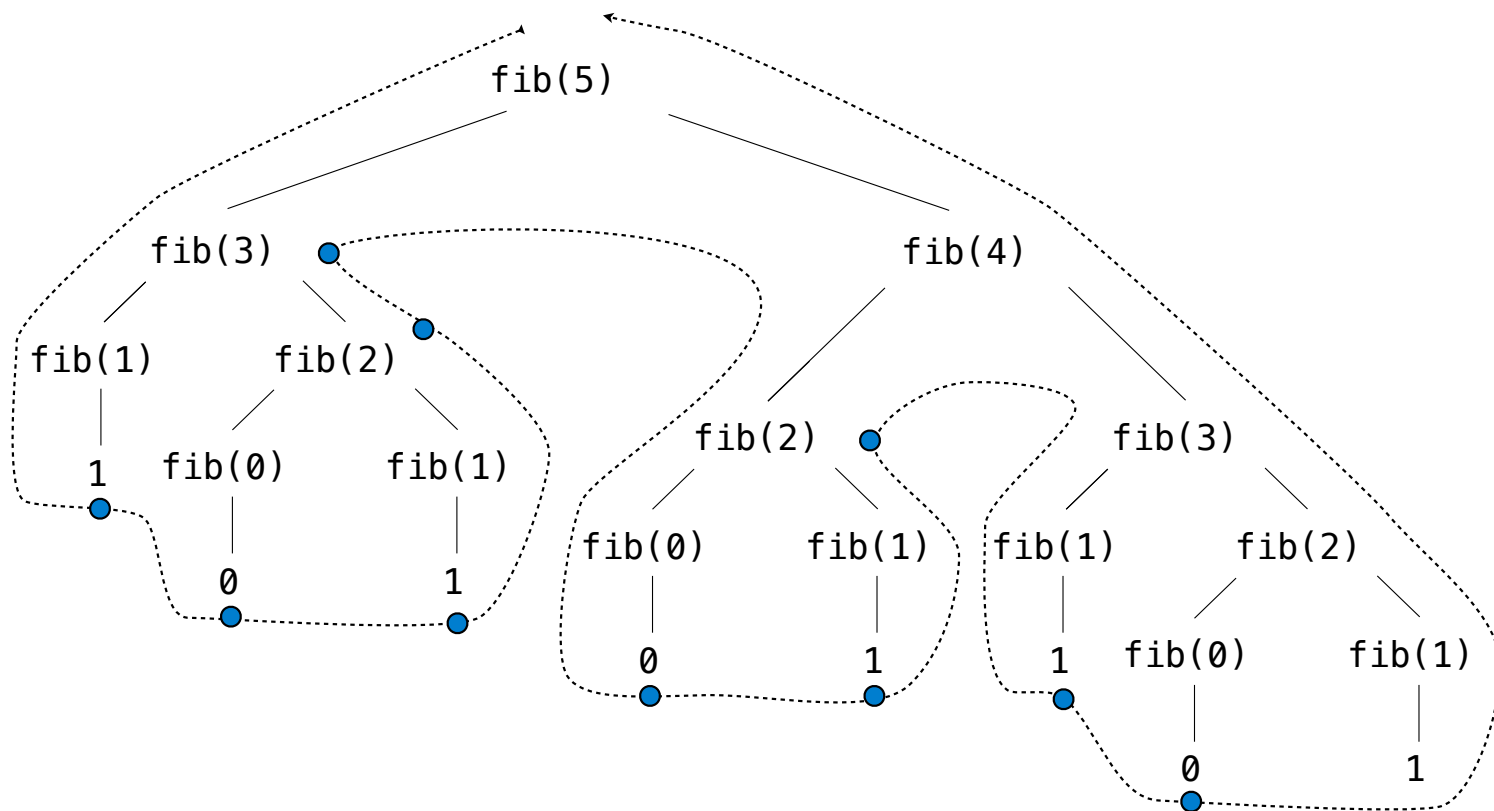
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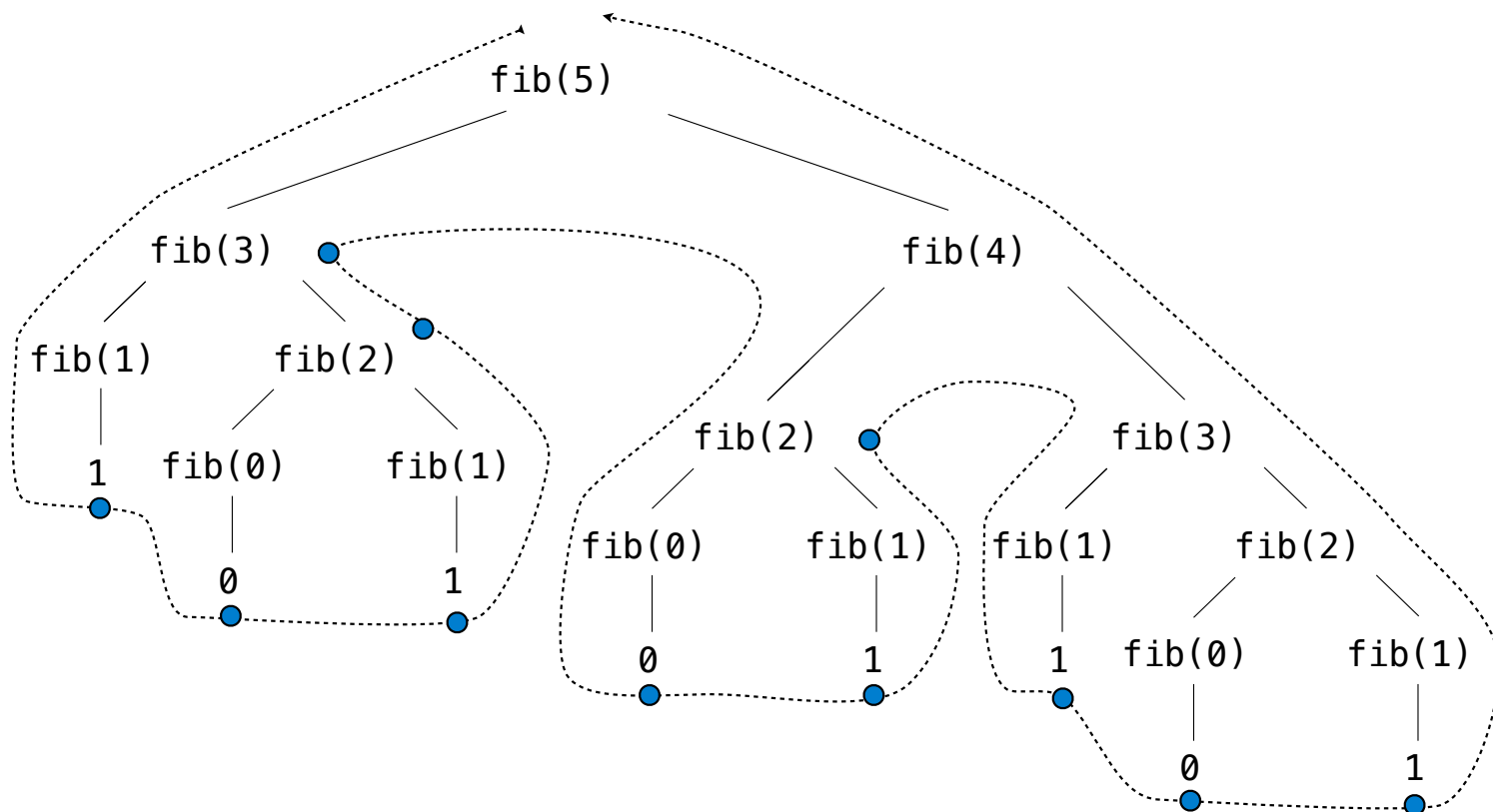
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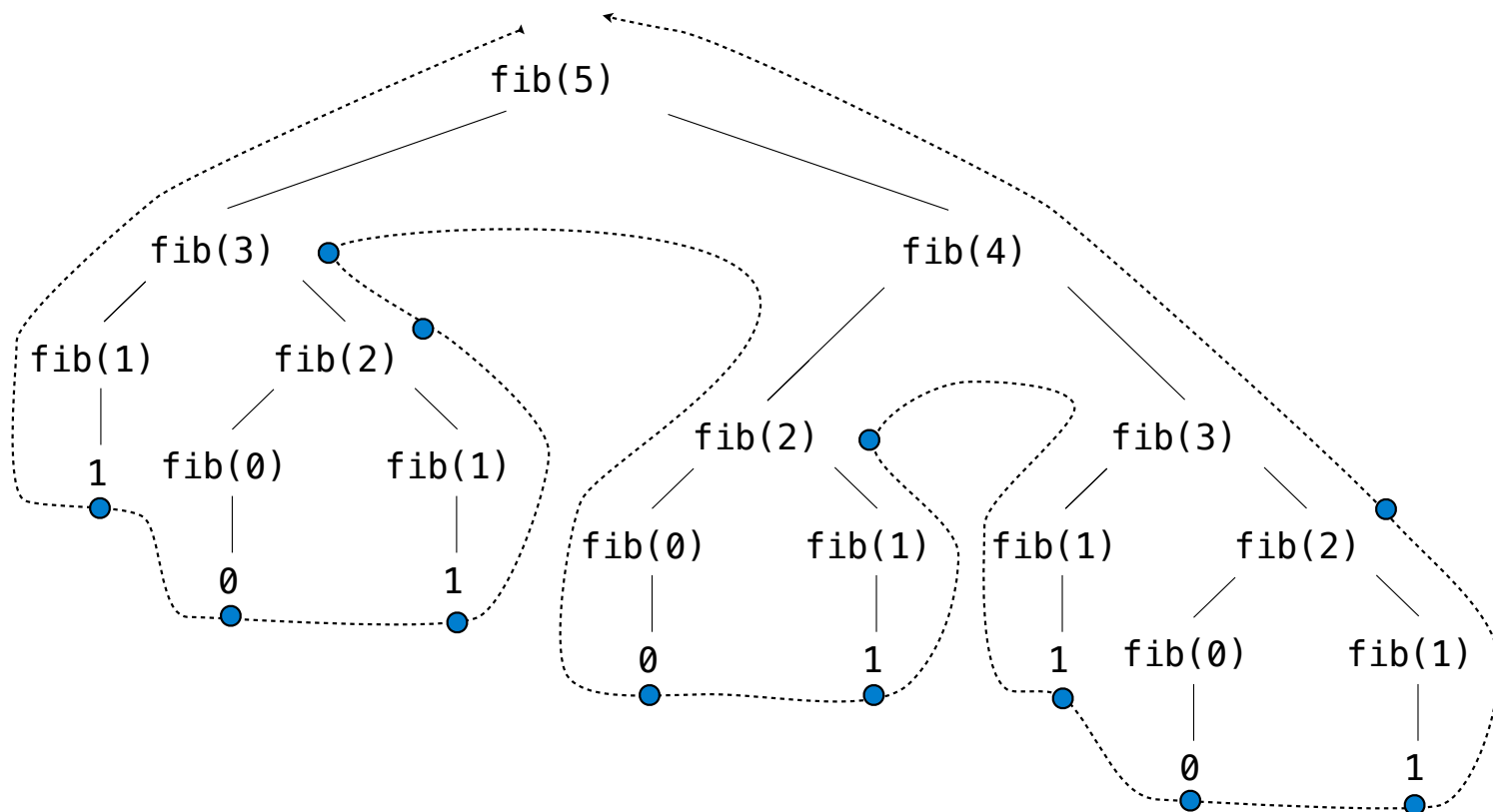
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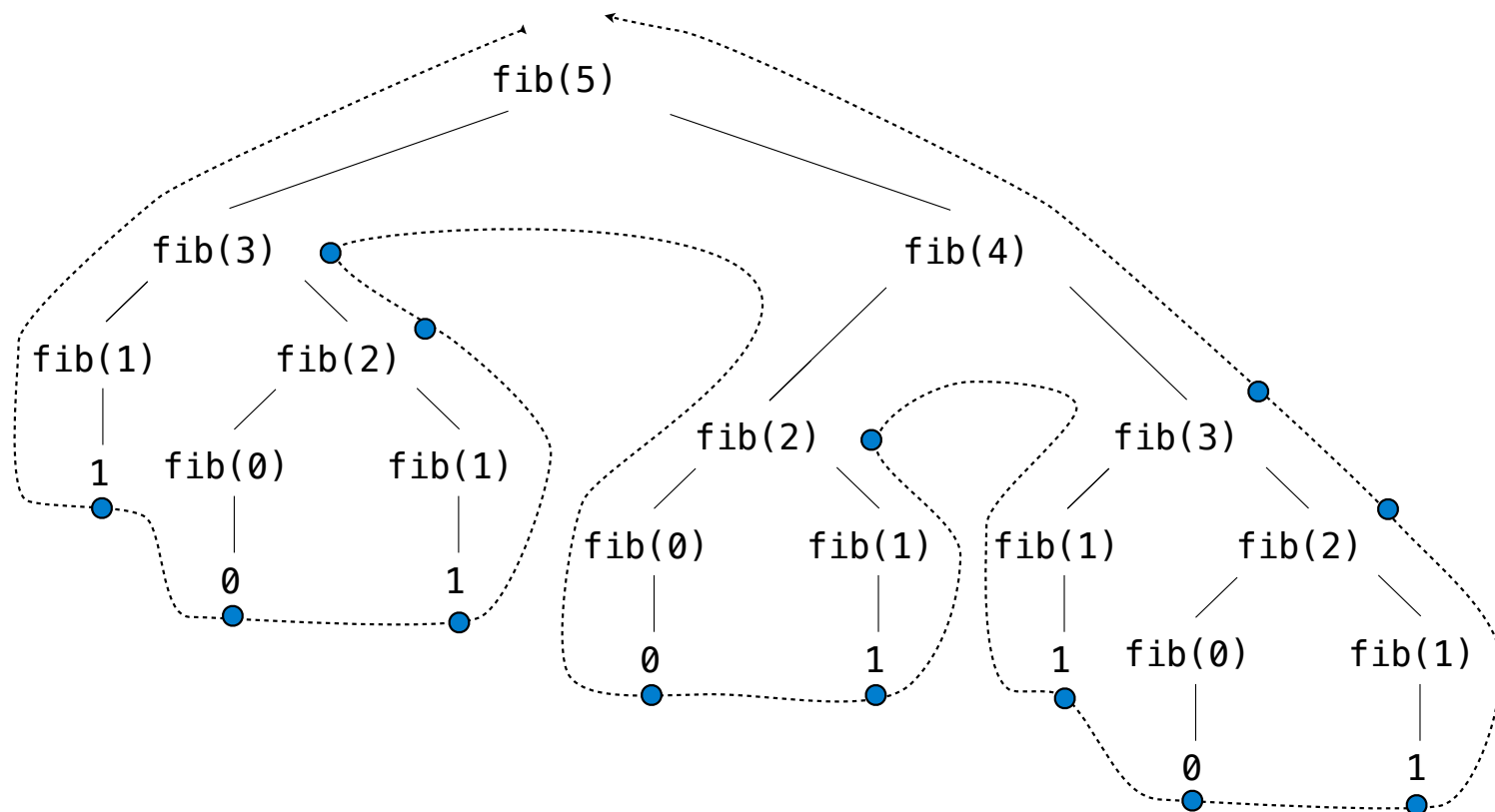
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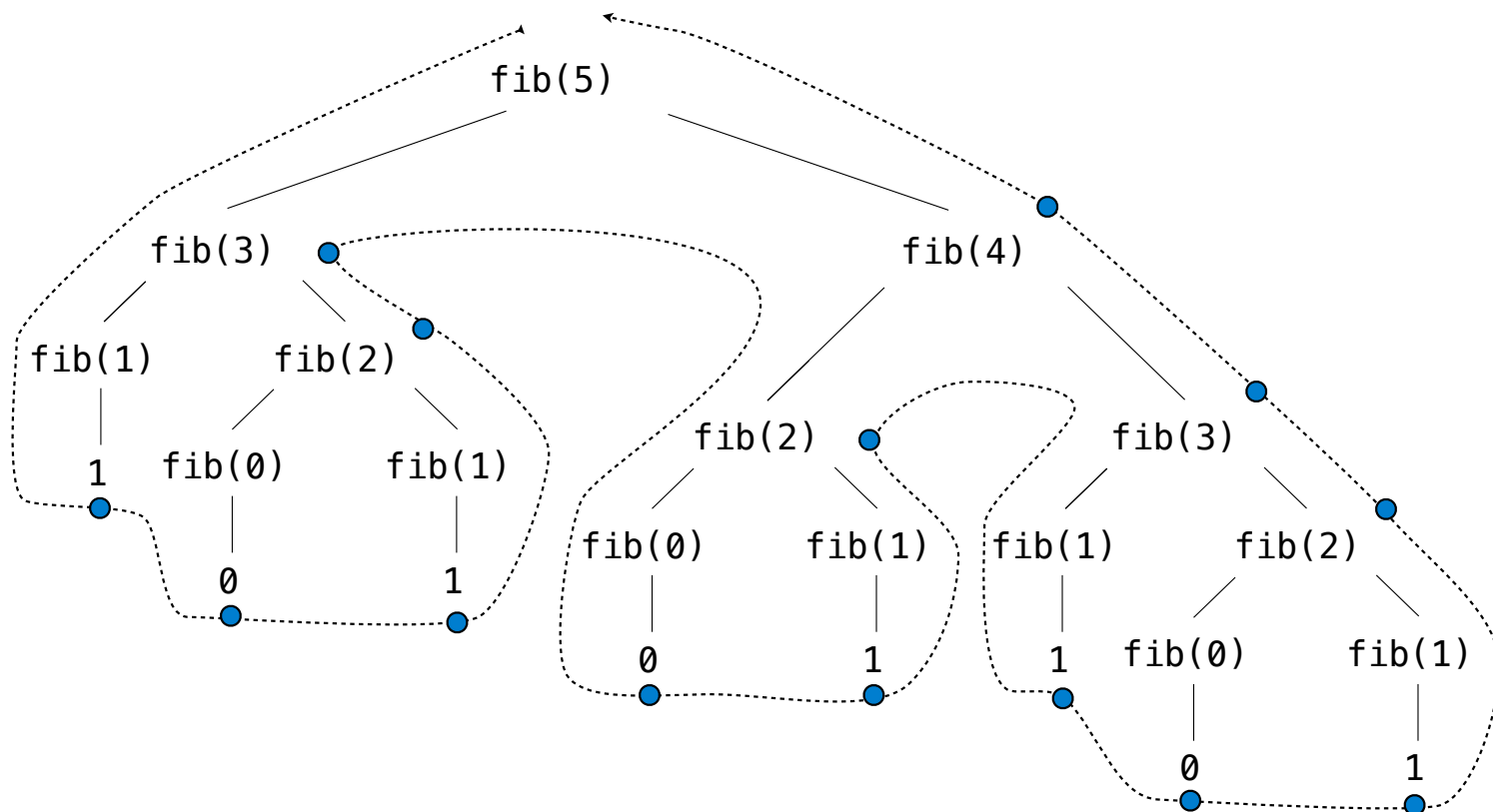
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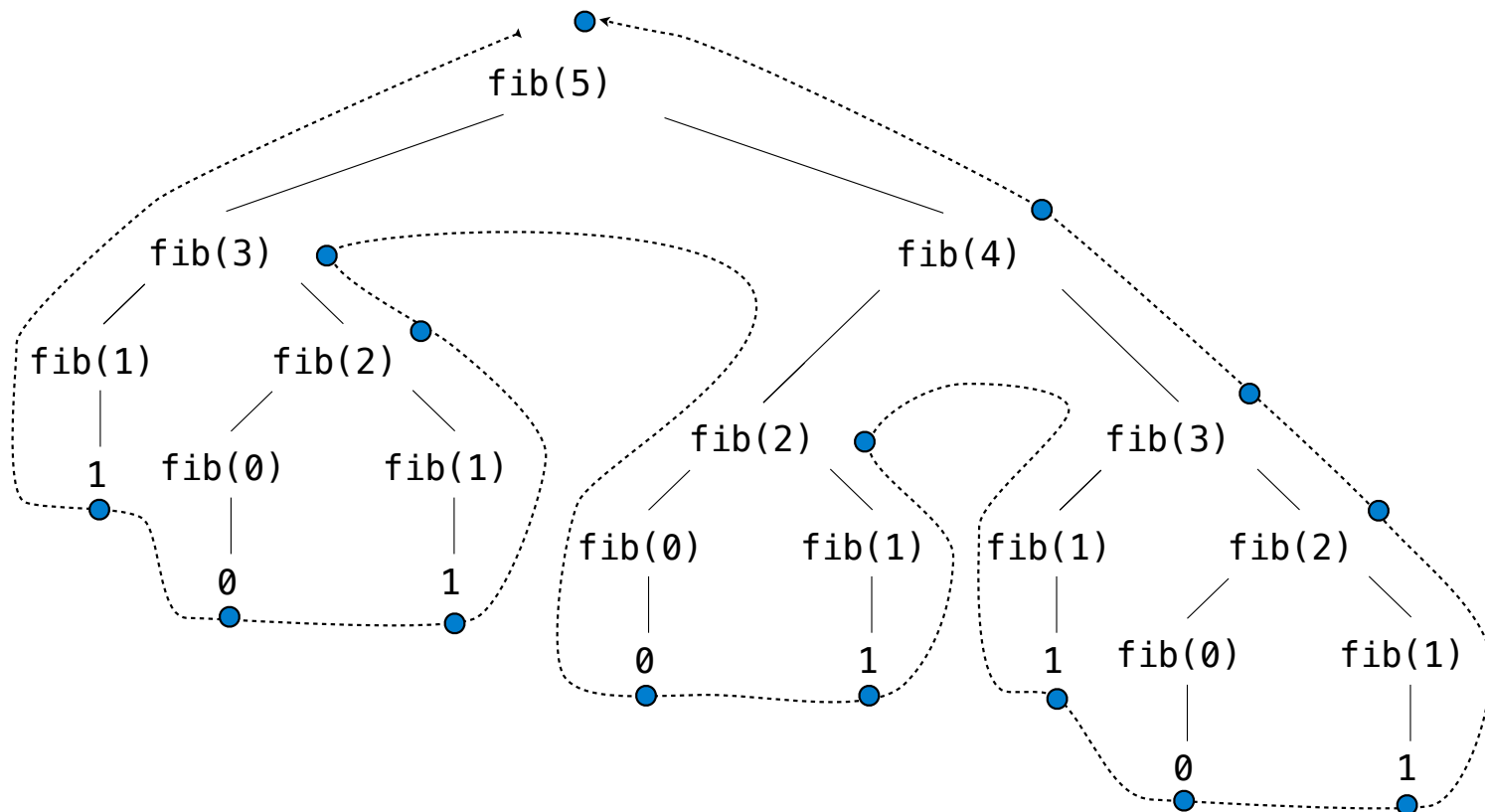
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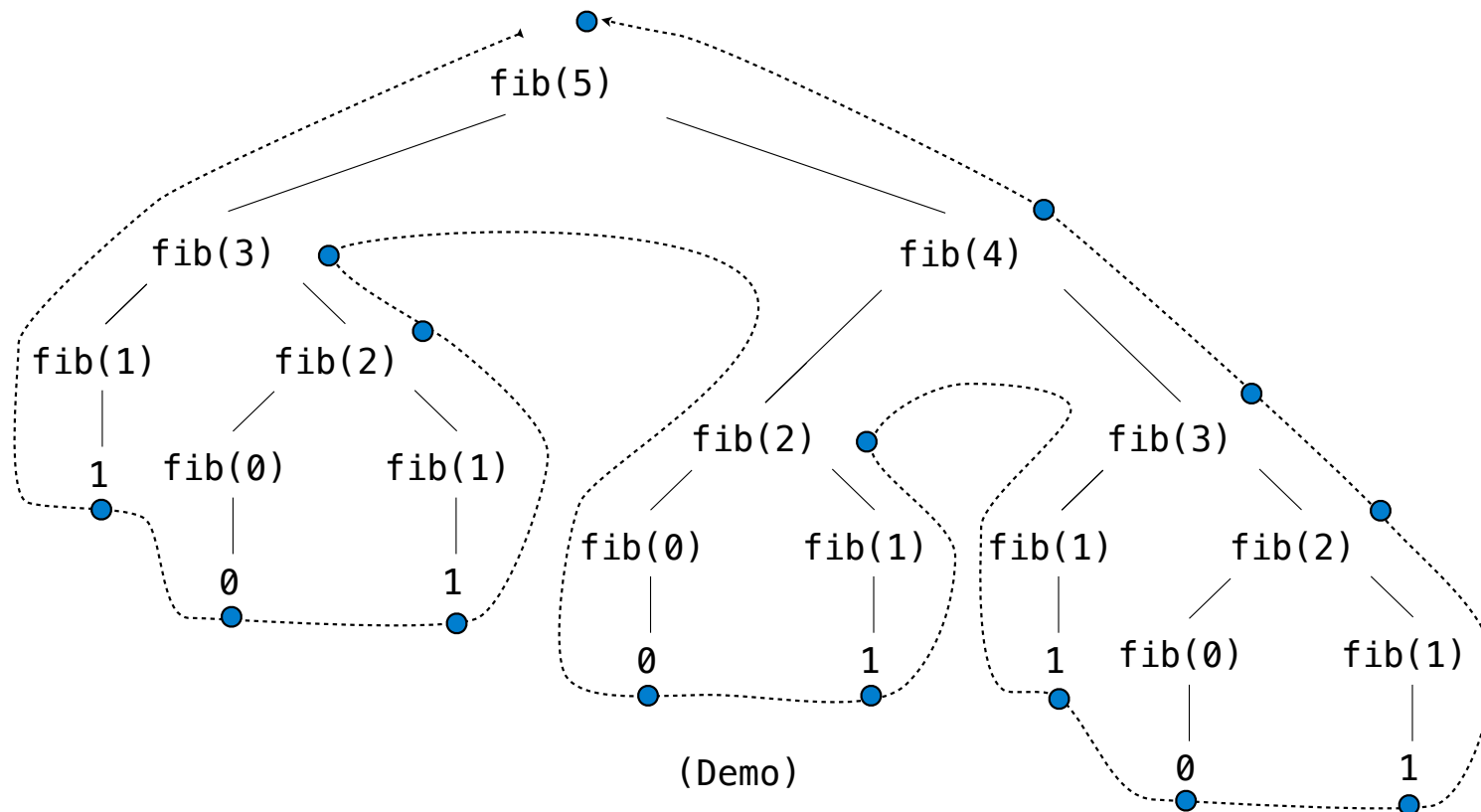
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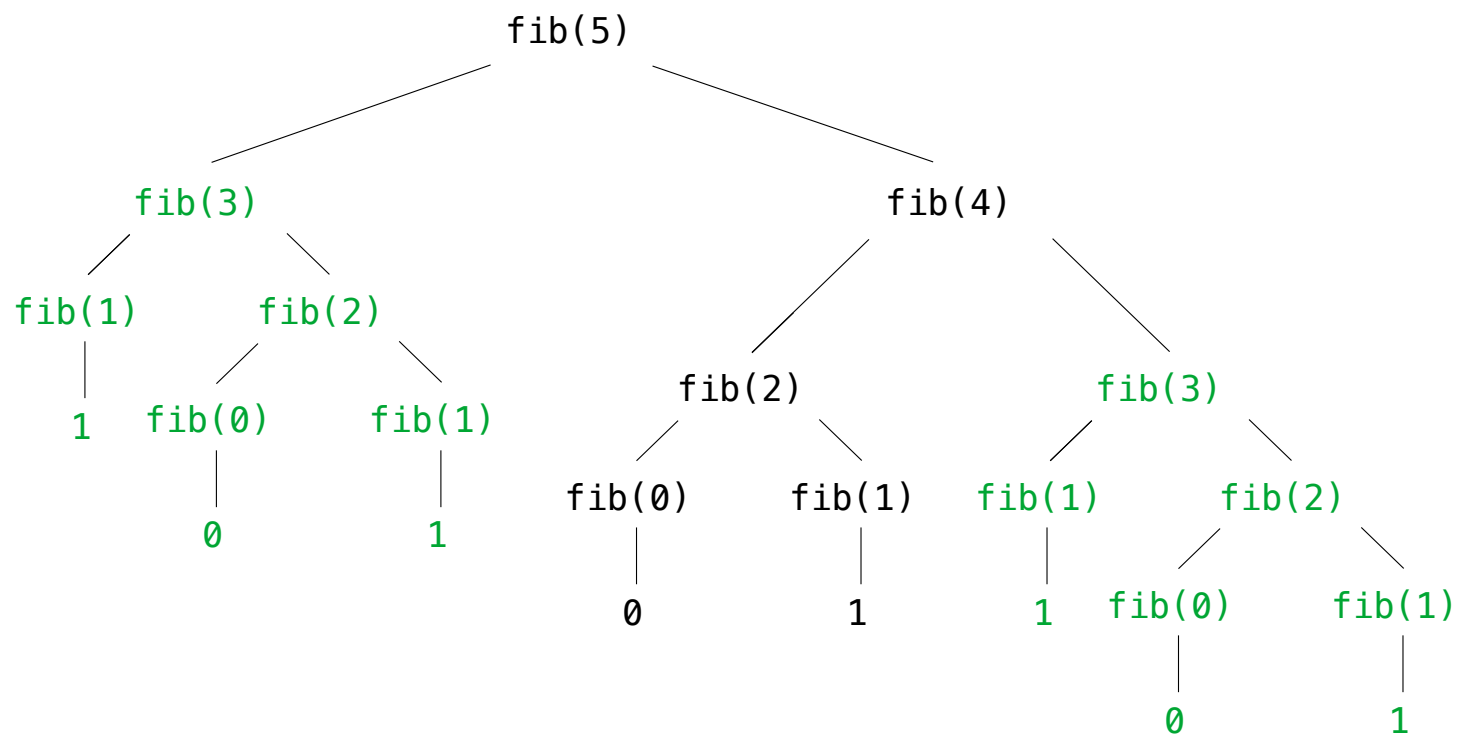
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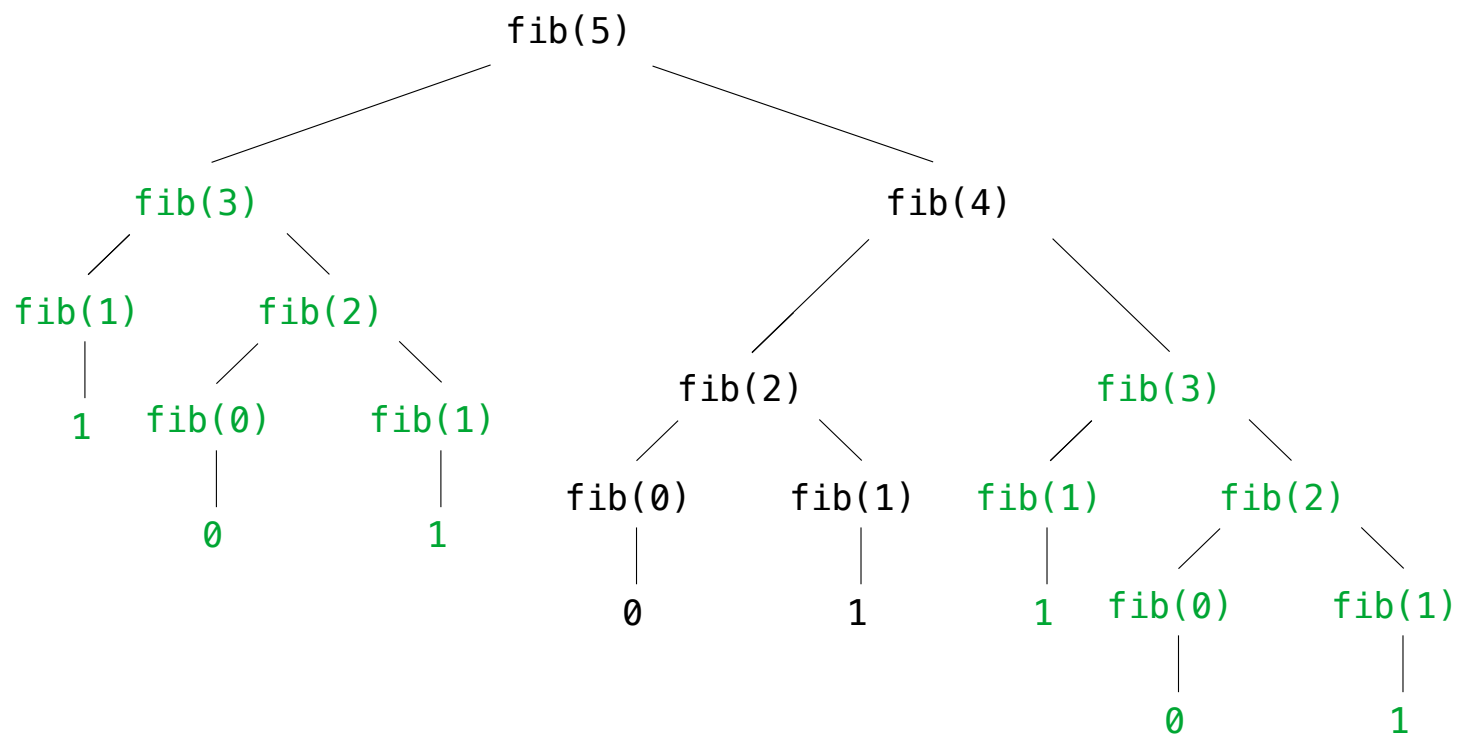
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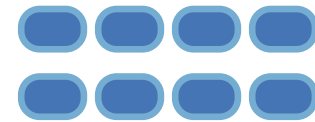
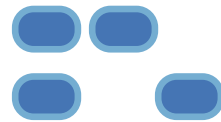
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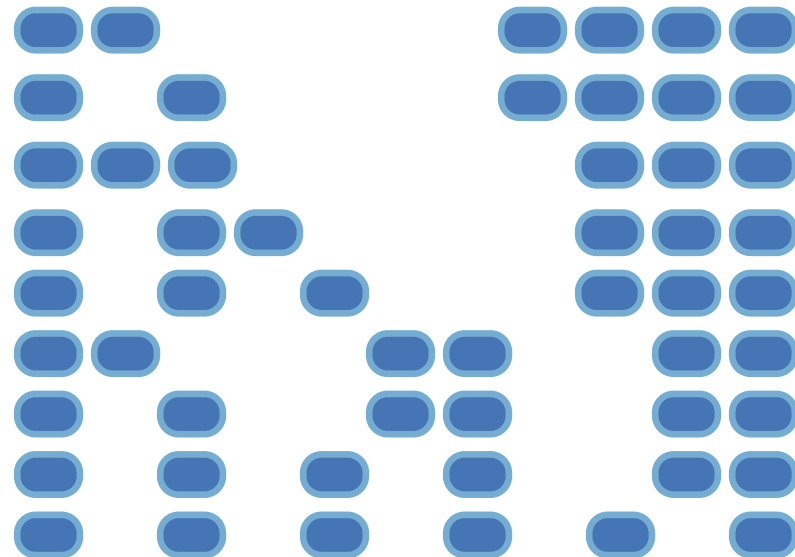
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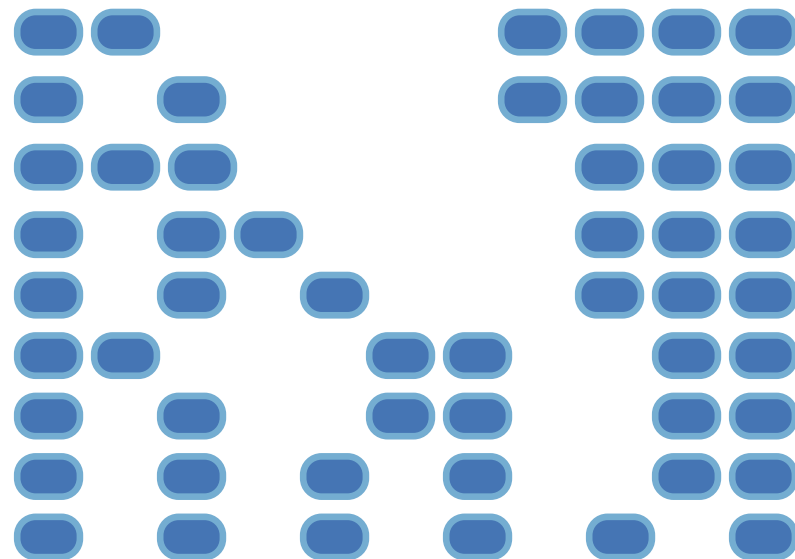
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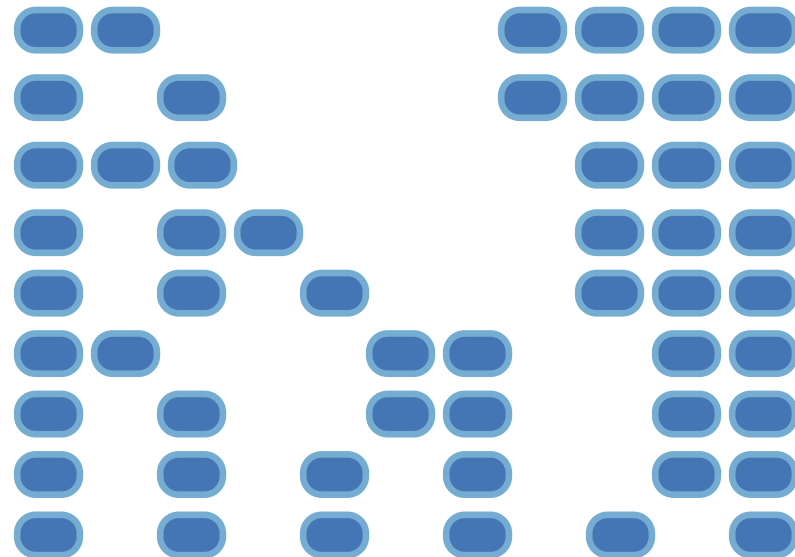


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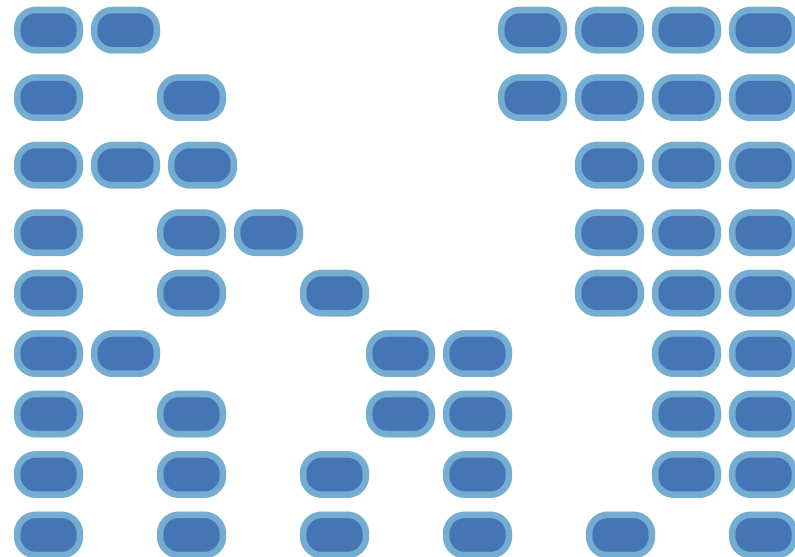


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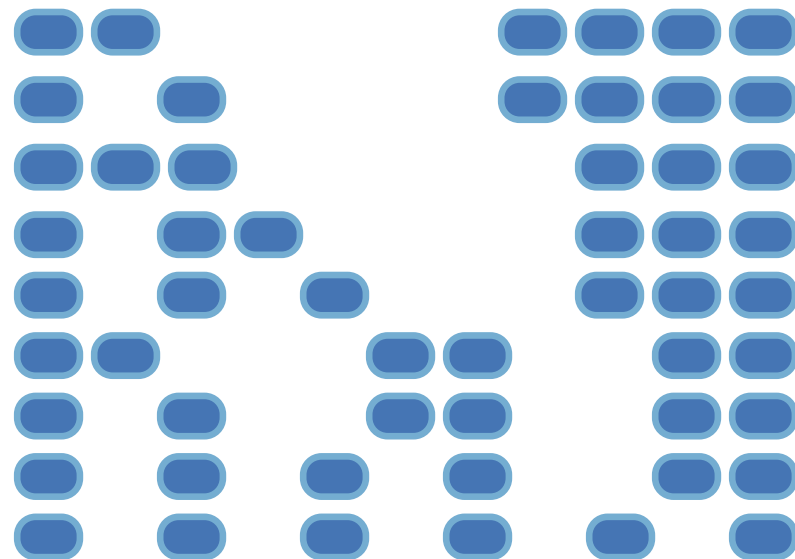


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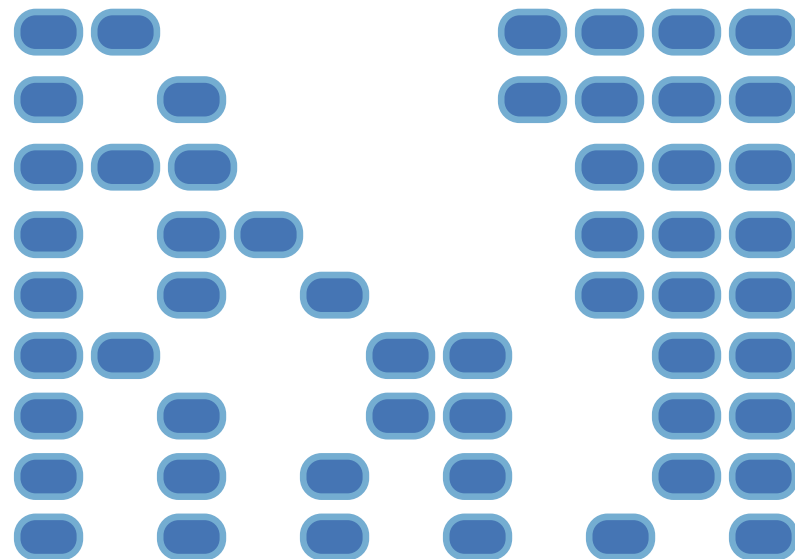


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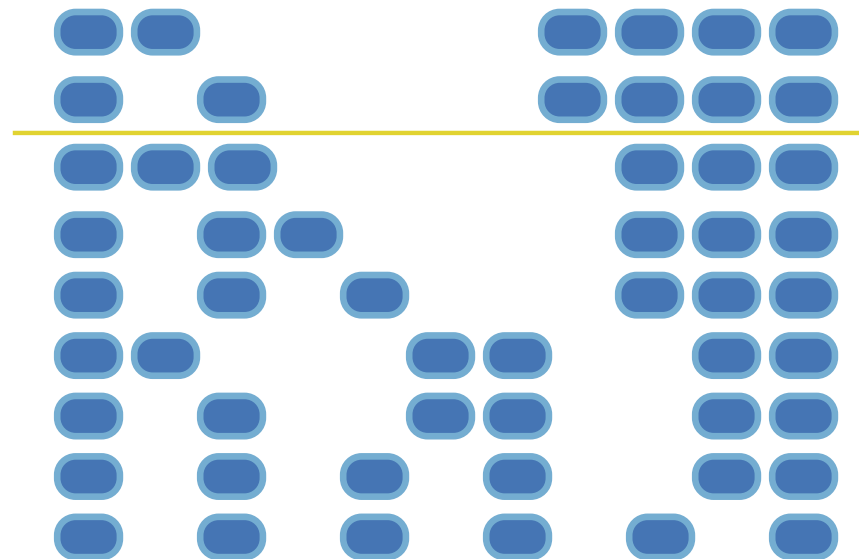


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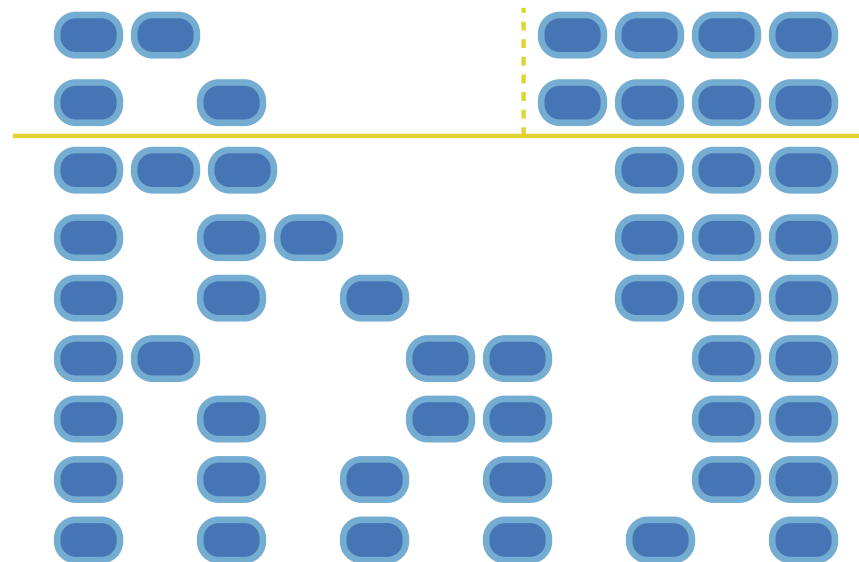


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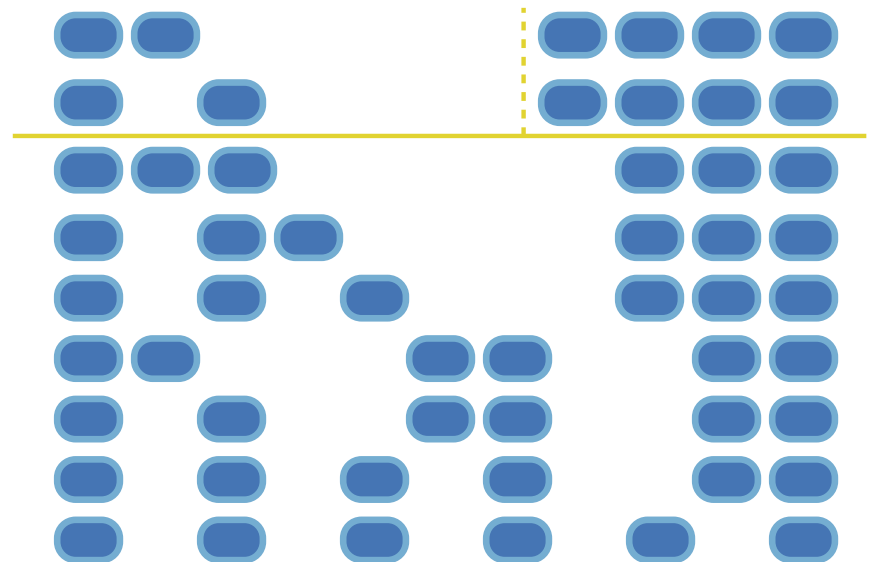


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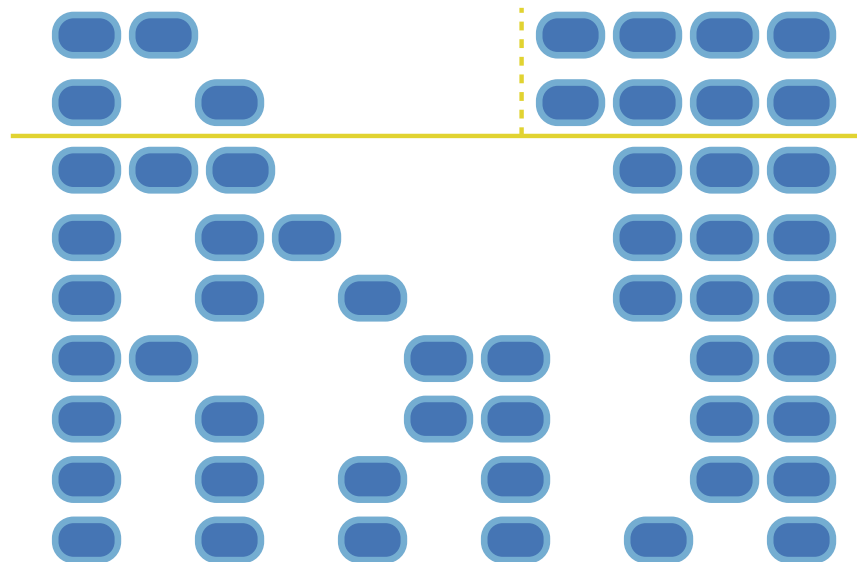


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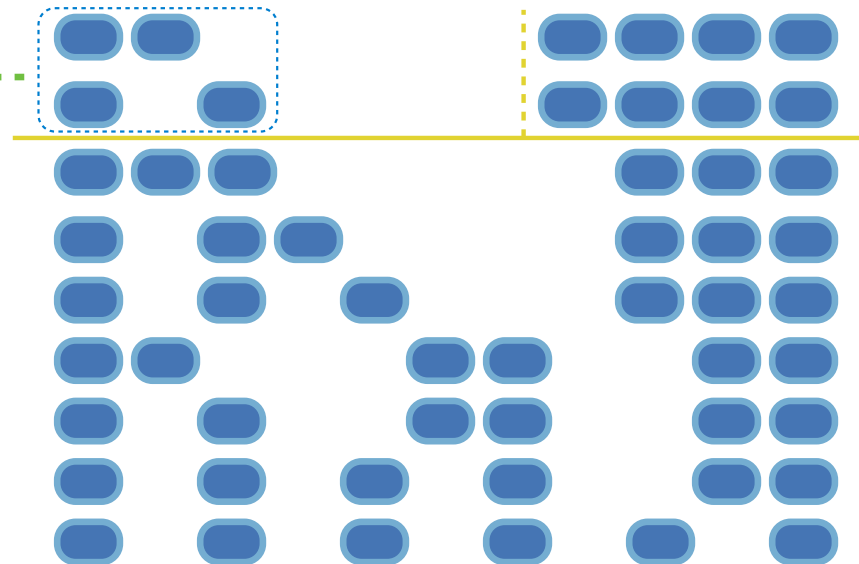


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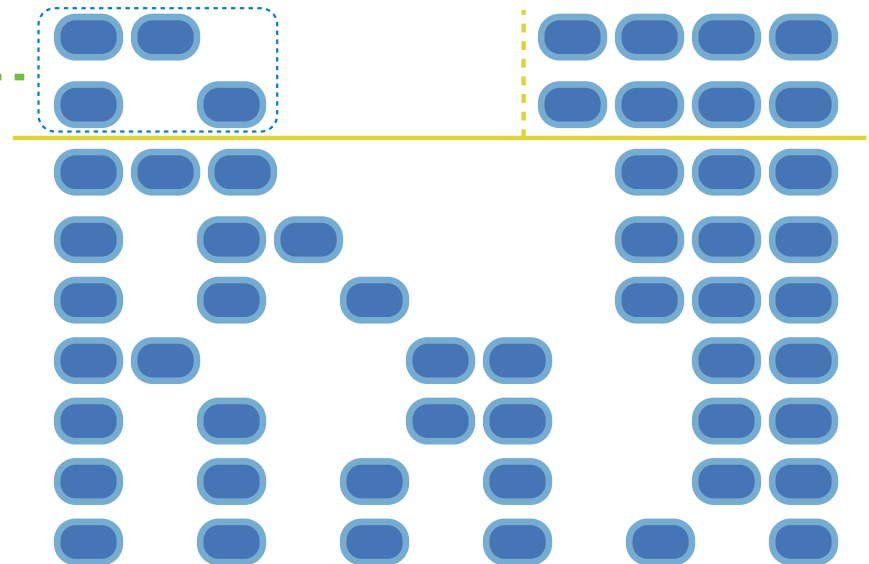


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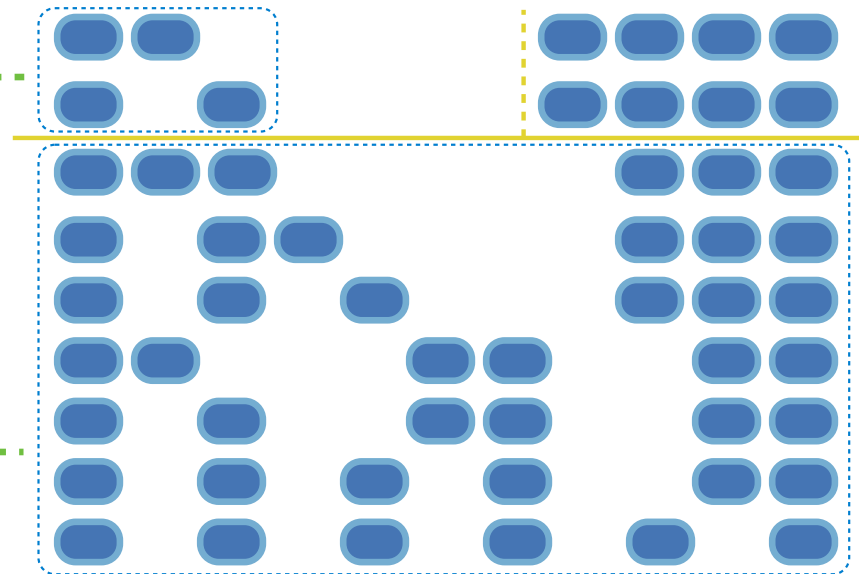


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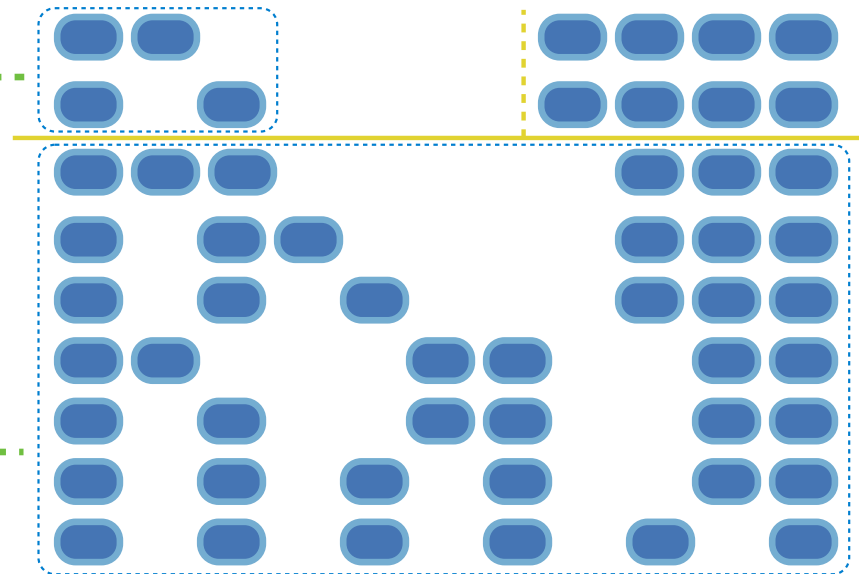


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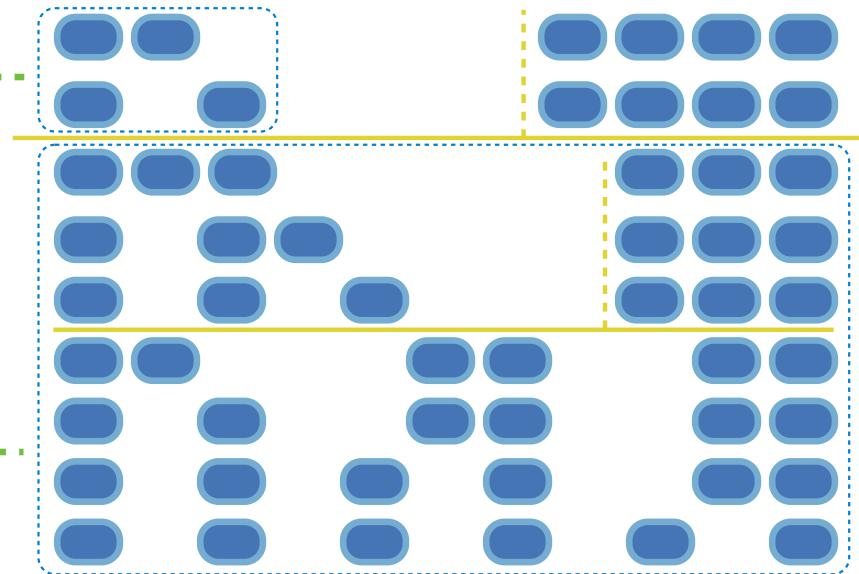


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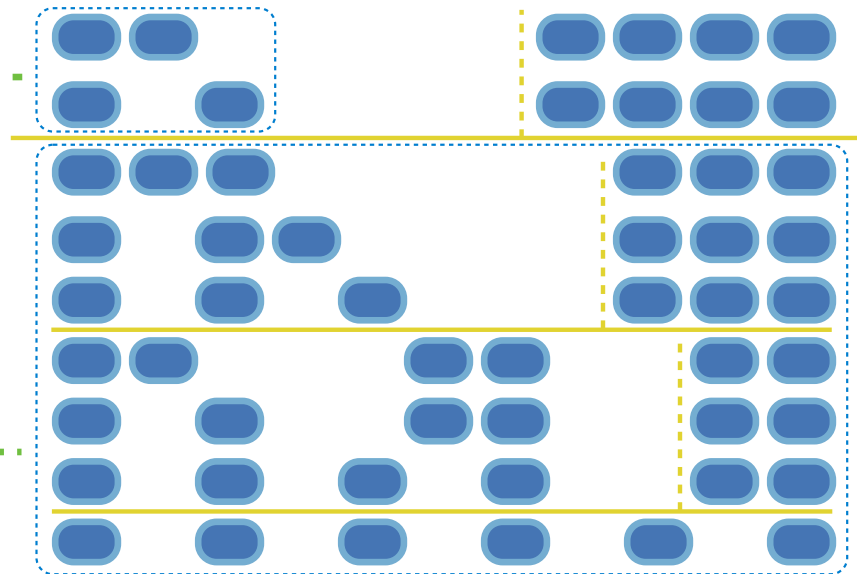


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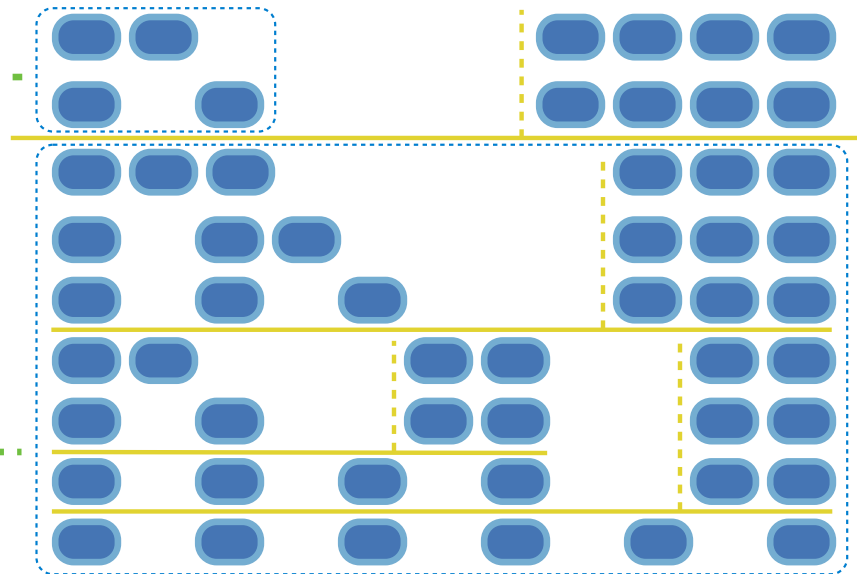


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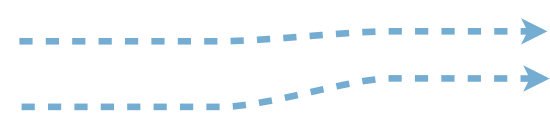
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