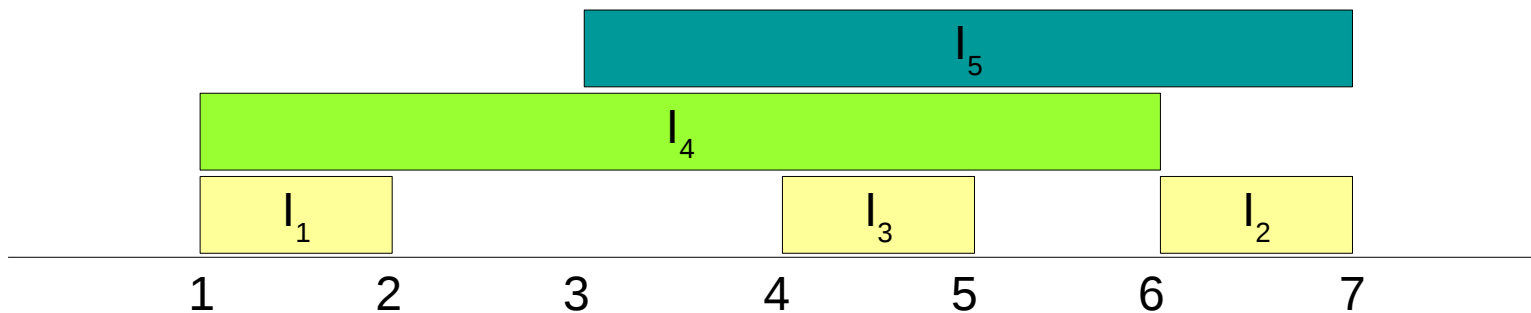


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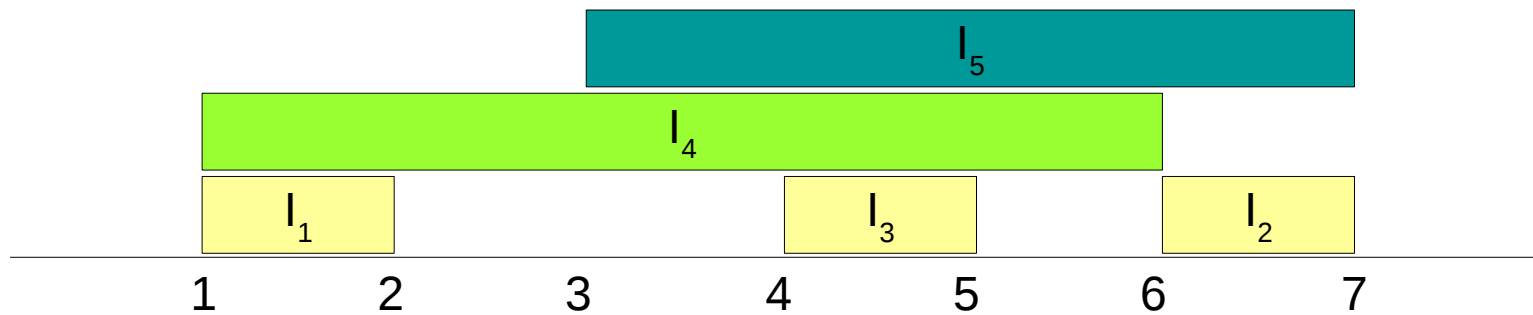
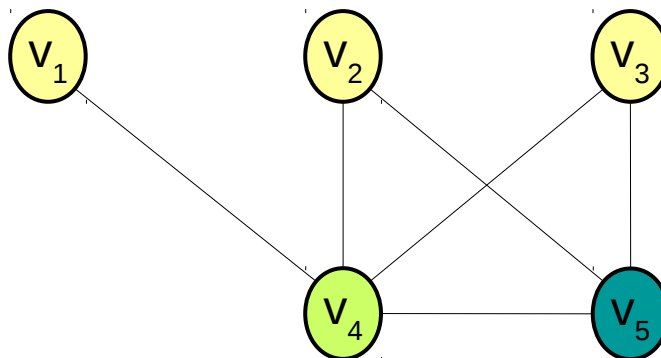
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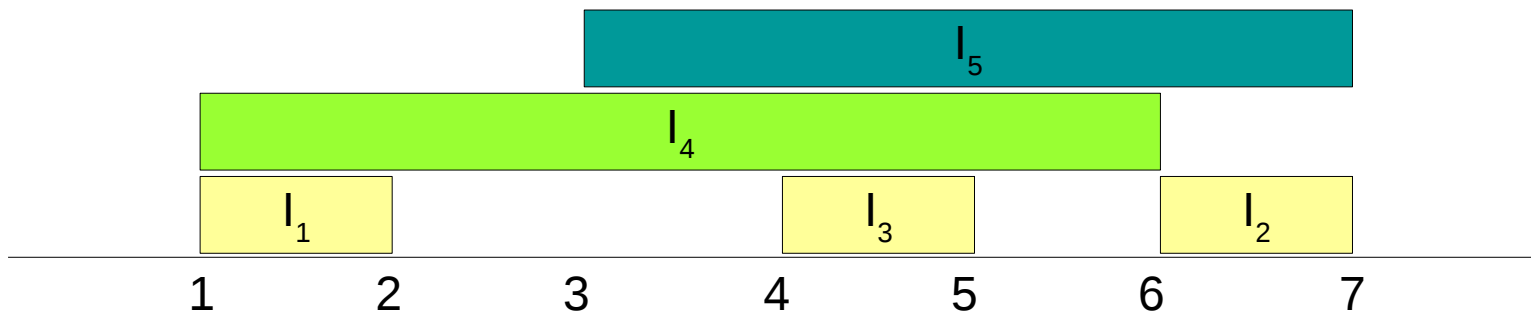
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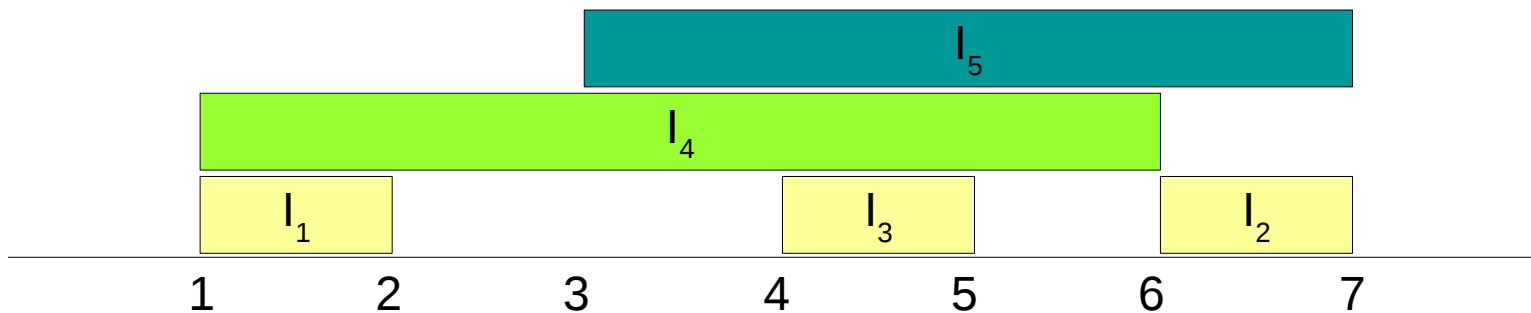
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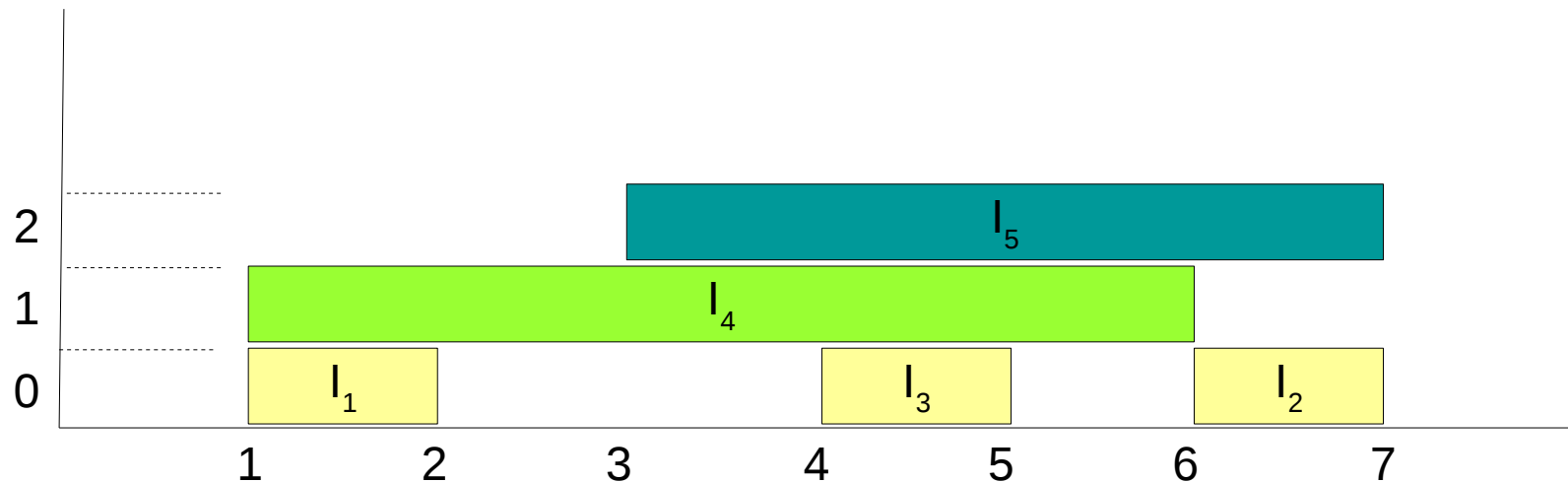
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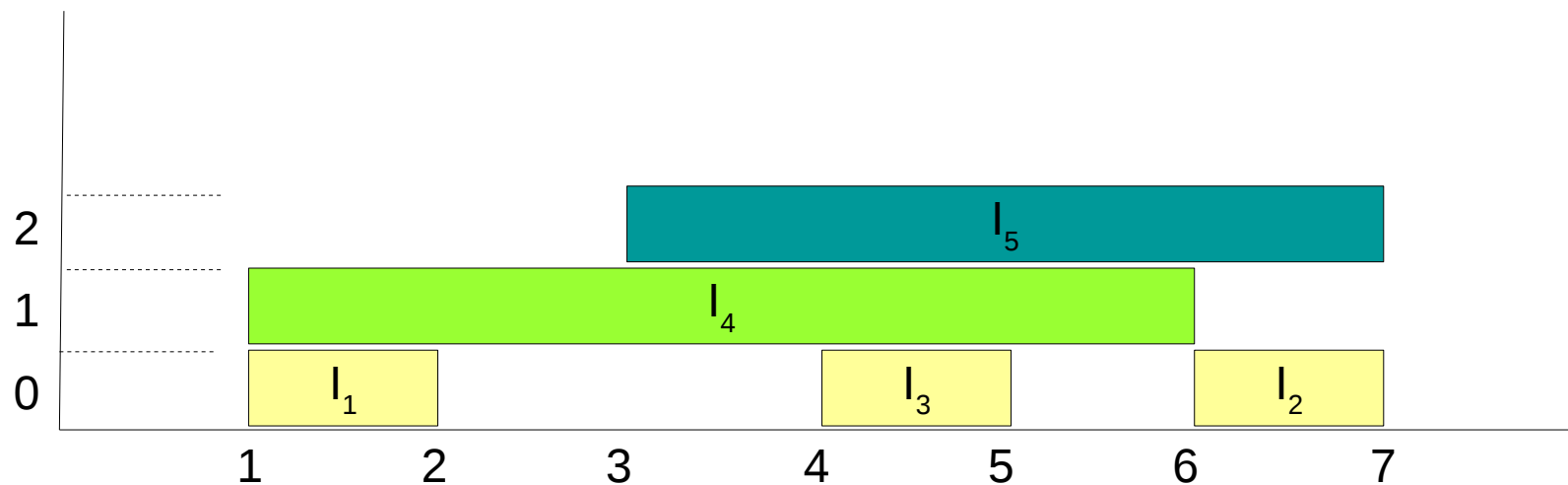
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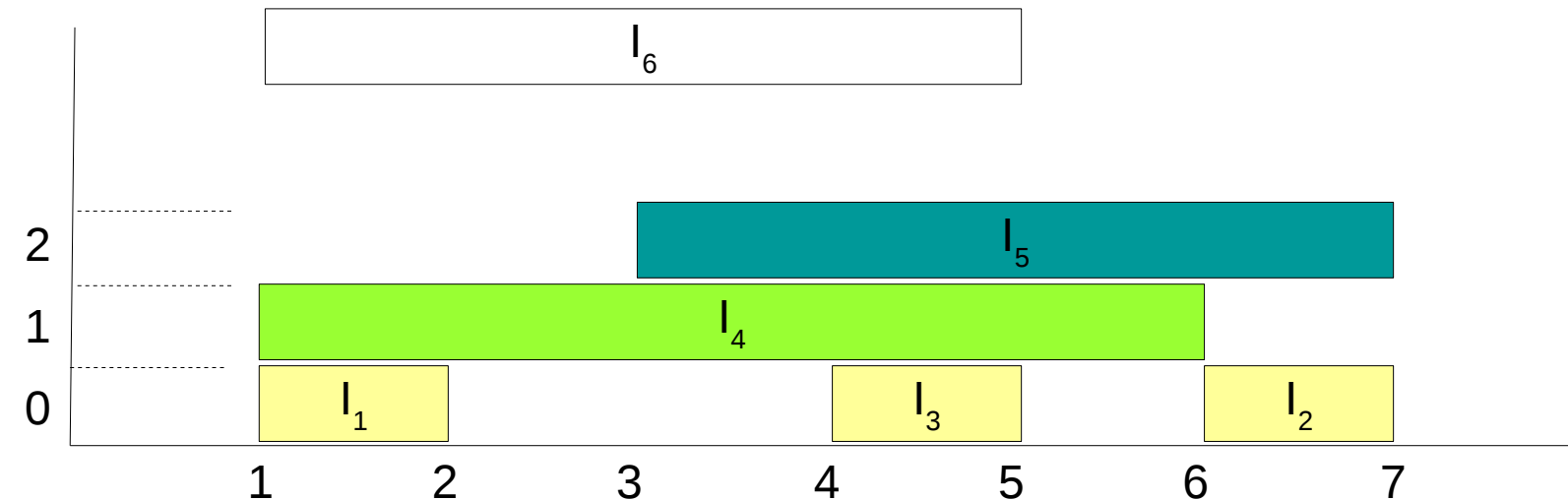
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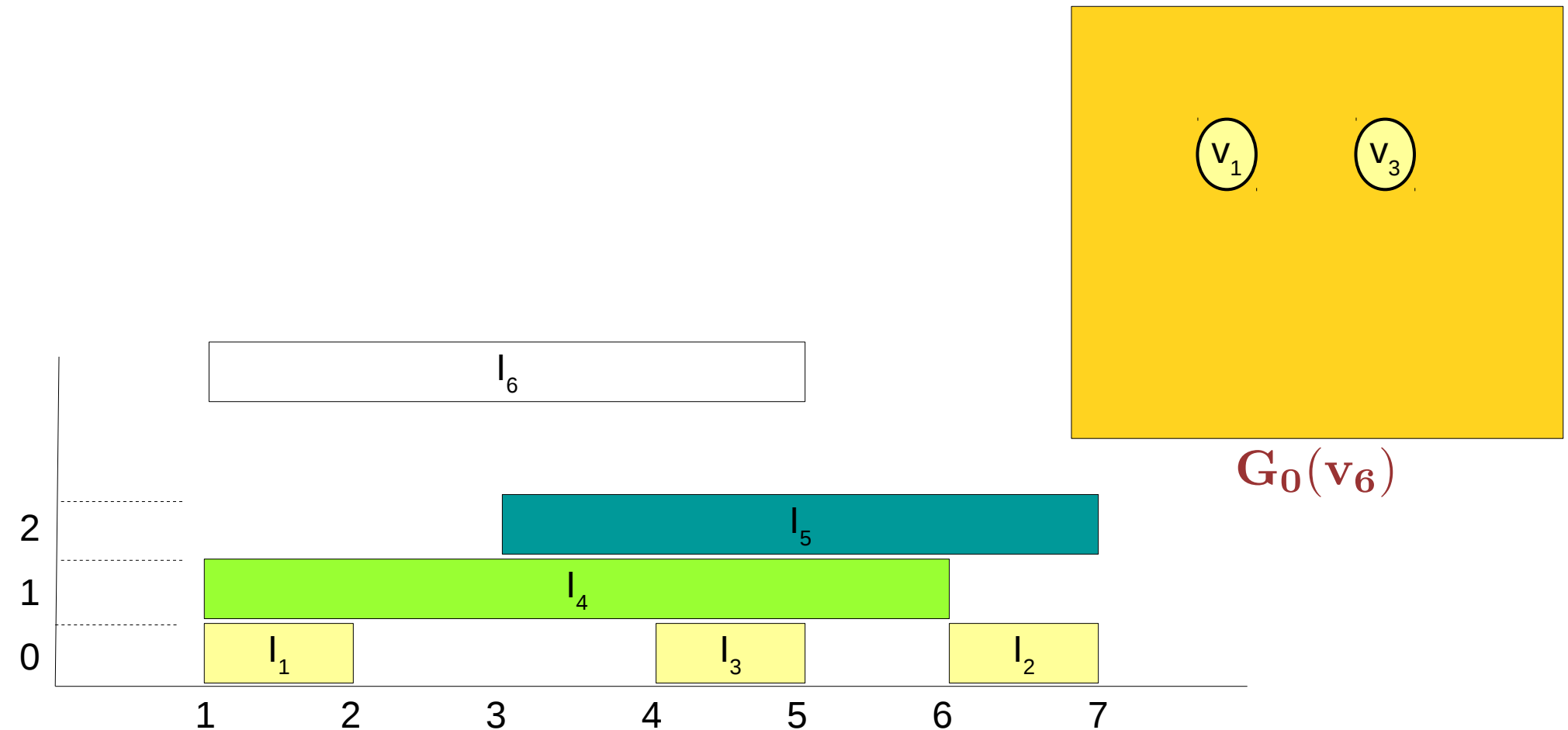
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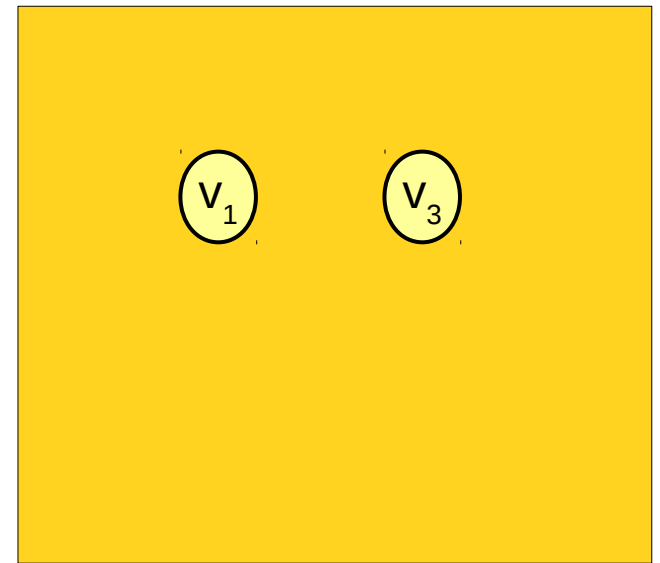


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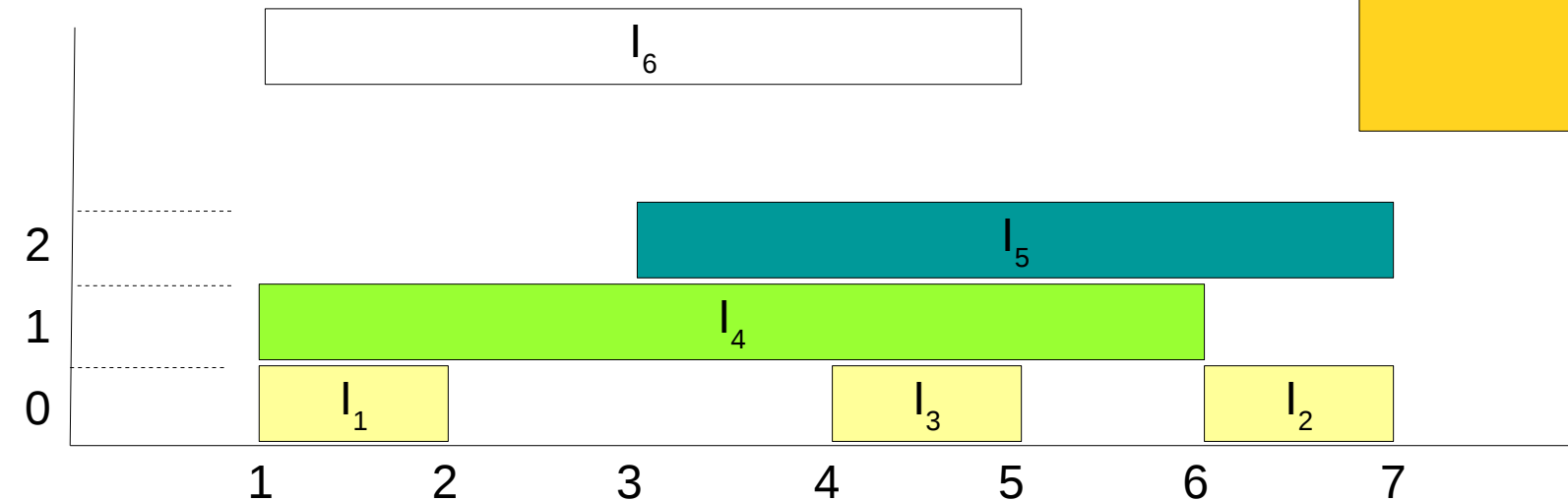
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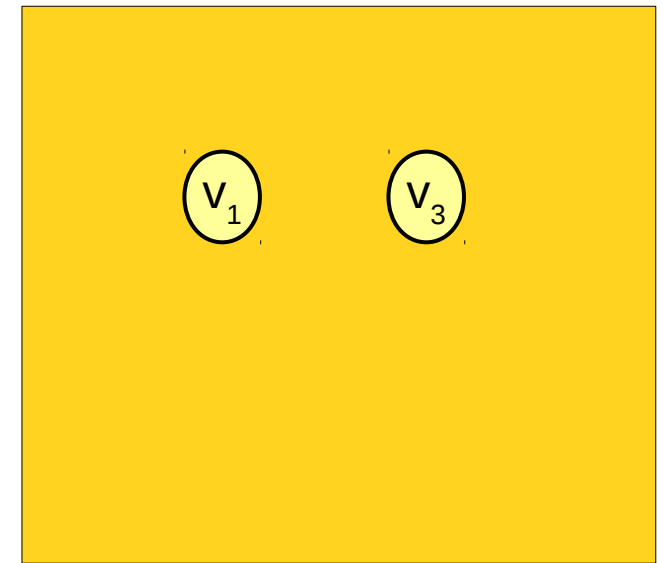
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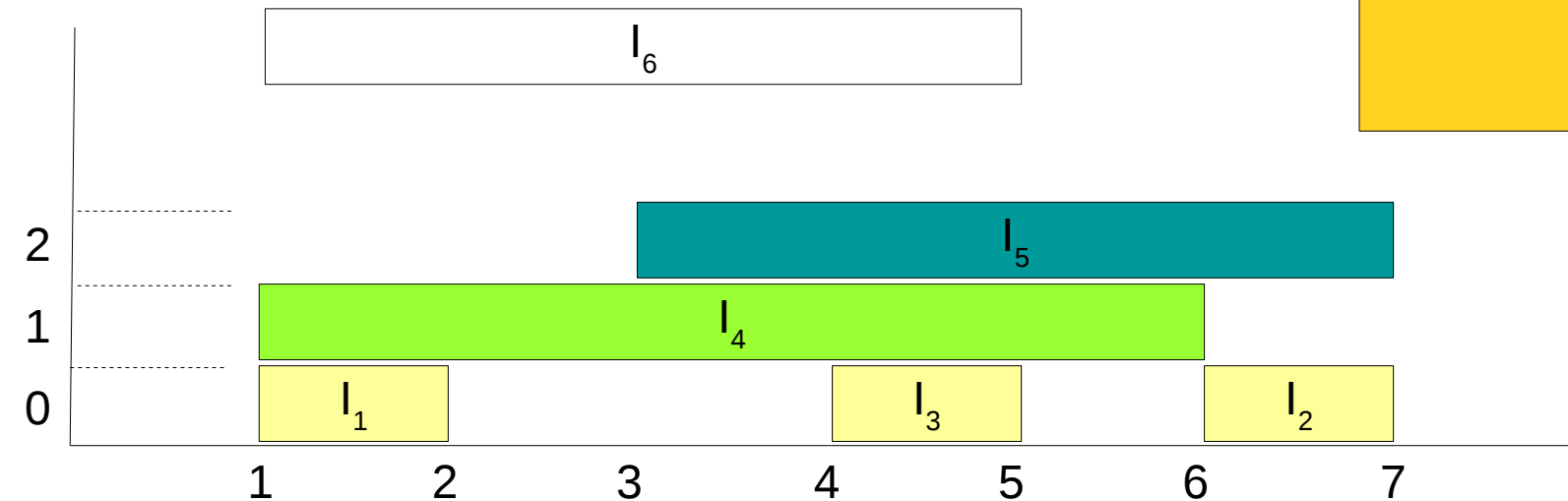
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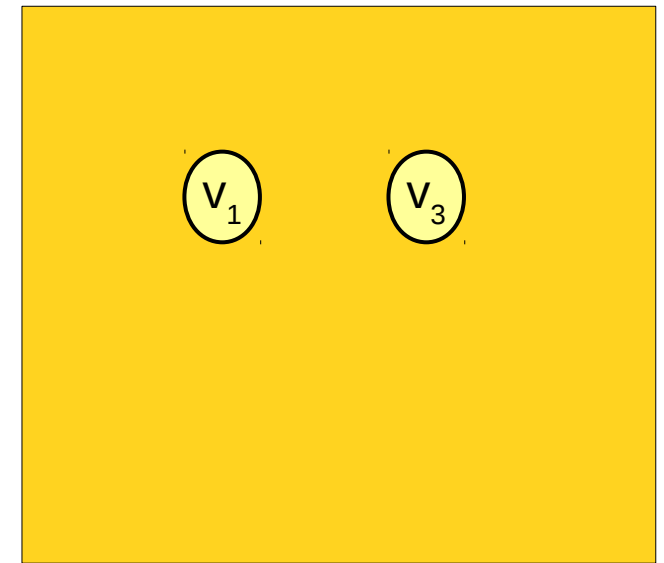
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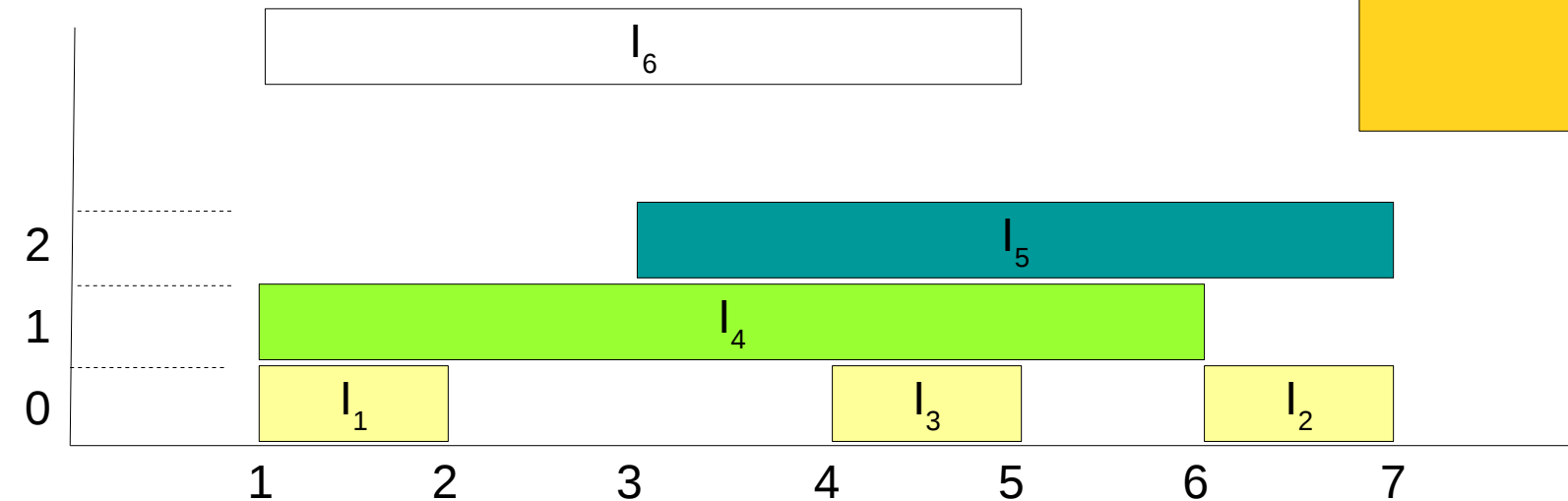
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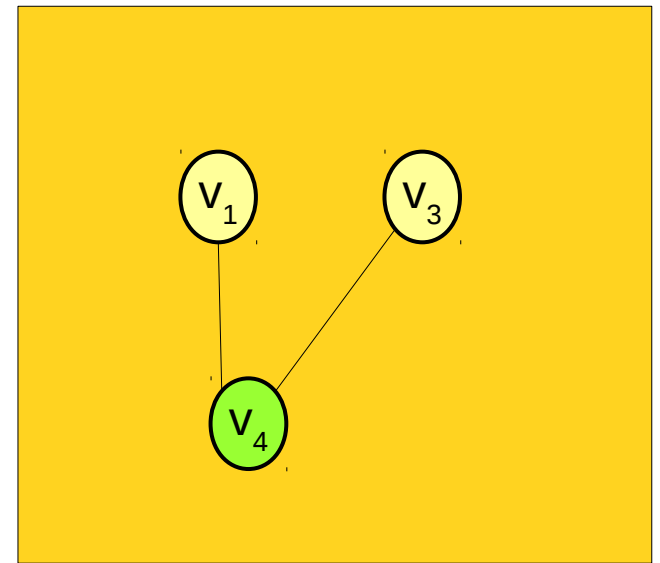
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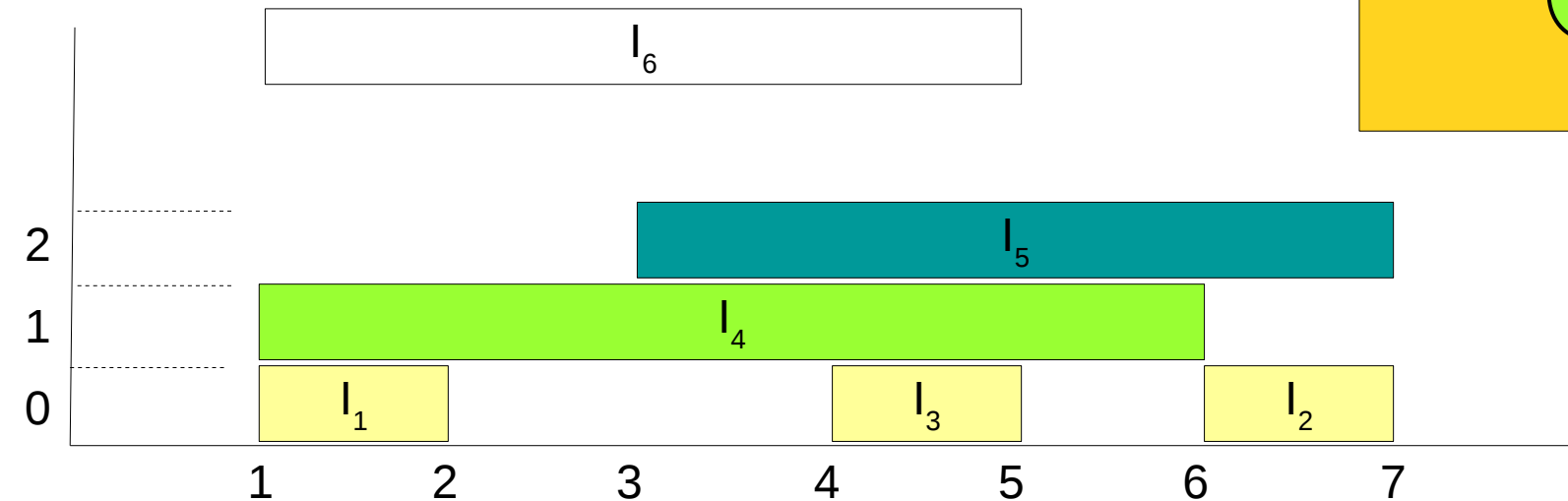
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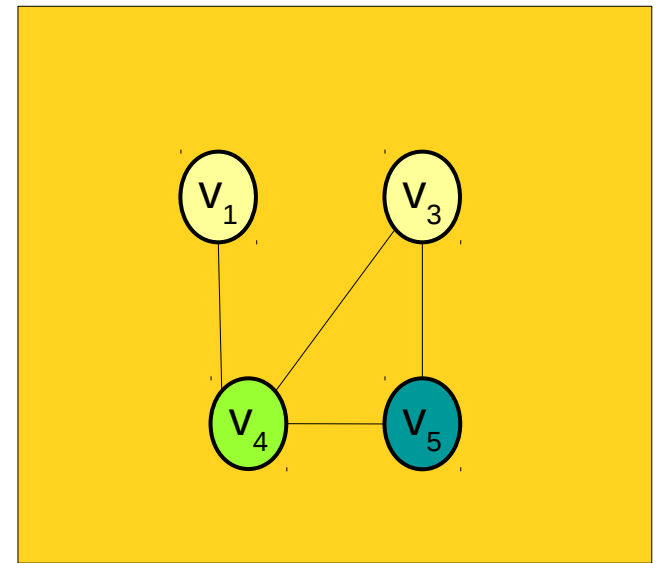
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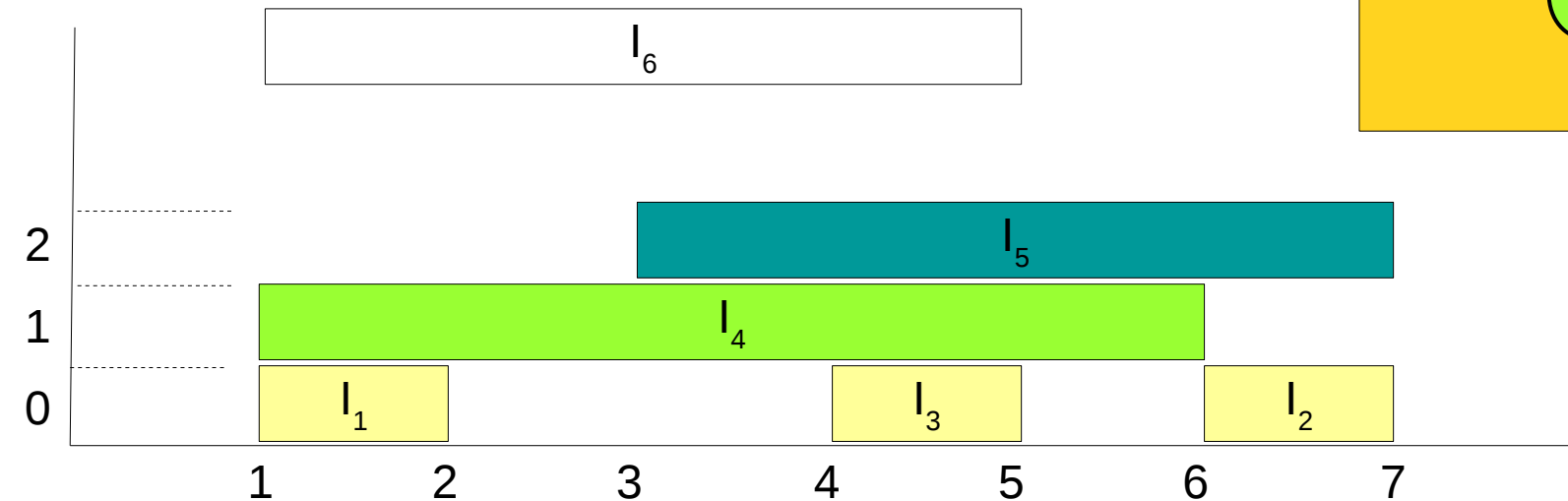
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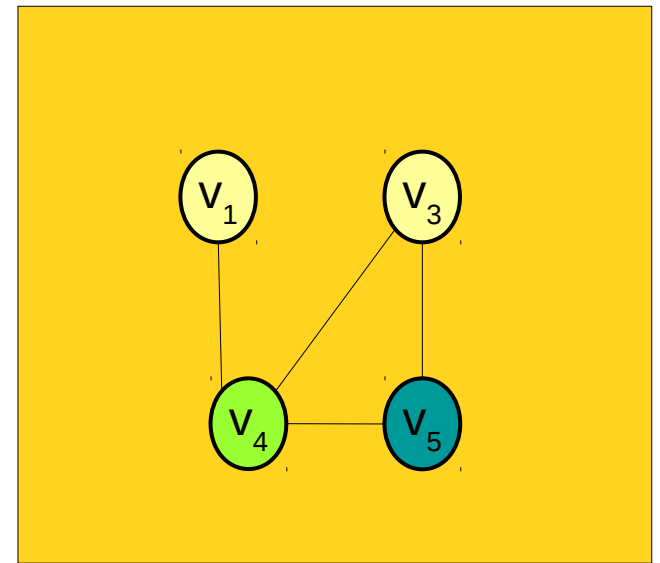
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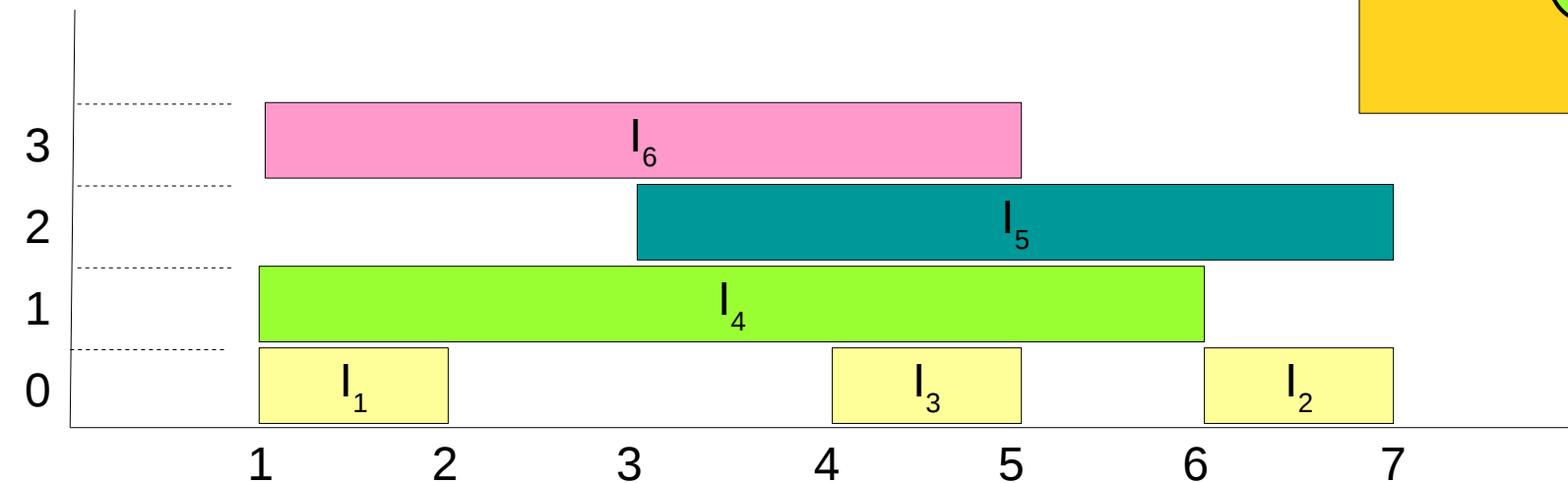
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Computing $o(v)$

Vertex v has at most 2 neighbors such that their level is $p(v)$.
Compute the smallest value in the set $\{1,2,3\}$ different from the offset of these neighbors and set it to $o(v)$