

dynamic programming

1 Recursive Techniques in Efficient Algorithms

- divide and conquer: get solution for problem size n from solutions of *disjoint* subproblems of size $< n$

$$T(n) = n + 2T(n/2)$$

- telescoping: get solution for problem size n from solutions of *one* subproblem of size $< n$

$$C(n) = n + C(n/2)$$

- *dynamic programming*: get solution for problem size n from solutions of many not necessarily disjoint subproblems of size $< n$. Reasonably efficient if total number of subproblems is not too large.

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example [AHU: Aho, Hopcroft, Ullman]

$$n = 4, r_0, \dots, r_4 = 10, 20, 50, 1, 100$$

$m_{11} = 0$	$m_{22} = 0$	$m_{33} = 0$	$m_{44} = 0$
$m_{12} = 10000$	$m_{23} = 1000$	$m_{34} = 5000$	
$m_{13} = 1200$	$m_{24} = 3000$		
$m_{14} = 2200$			

Table 1: Values m_{ij} are computed row by row

3 Younger's algorithm for context free language recognition

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A context-free grammar G consists of the following components:

- a finite set of symbols $G.T$, called the alphabet of *terminal* symbols,
- a finite set of symbols $G.N$, called the alphabet of *nonterminal* symbols,
- a *start symbol* $G.S \in G.N$, and
- a finite set $G.P \subset G.N \times (G.N \cup G.T)^*$ of *productions*.

Symbols are either terminal or nonterminal, never both:

$$G.T \cap G.N = \emptyset.$$

If (n, w) is a production of grammar G , i.e., $(n, w) \in G.P$, we say that the string w is *directly derived* in G from the nonterminal symbol n . As a shorthand, we write

$$n \rightarrow_G w.$$

If there are several strings w^1, \dots, w^s that are directly derived in G from n , we write

$$n \rightarrow_G w^1 \mid \dots \mid w^s.$$

$$n \rightarrow_G \varepsilon,$$

allowed, but we avoid it

$$T = G.T,$$

$$N = G.N,$$

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$$P = G.P,$$

$$\rightarrow = \rightarrow_G .$$

if G is clear

$$N \cap T = \emptyset \text{ nonterminals, terminals}$$

$$S \in N \text{ start symbol}$$

$$P \subset N \times (N \cup T)^* \text{ productions}$$

$$T = \{0, 1, X\},$$

$$N = \{V, B, \langle BS \rangle\},$$

$$S = V,$$

$$B \rightarrow 0 \mid 1,$$

$$\langle BS \rangle \rightarrow B \mid B \langle BS \rangle,$$

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Definition

$$n \rightarrow_G^* y$$

Nonterminal n derives $y \in (T \cup N)^*$

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$$n \rightarrow_G^* n$$

- If

$$n \rightarrow_G^* umv, m \rightarrow w \in P$$

then

$$n \rightarrow^* uwv$$

- this is all

Example grammar

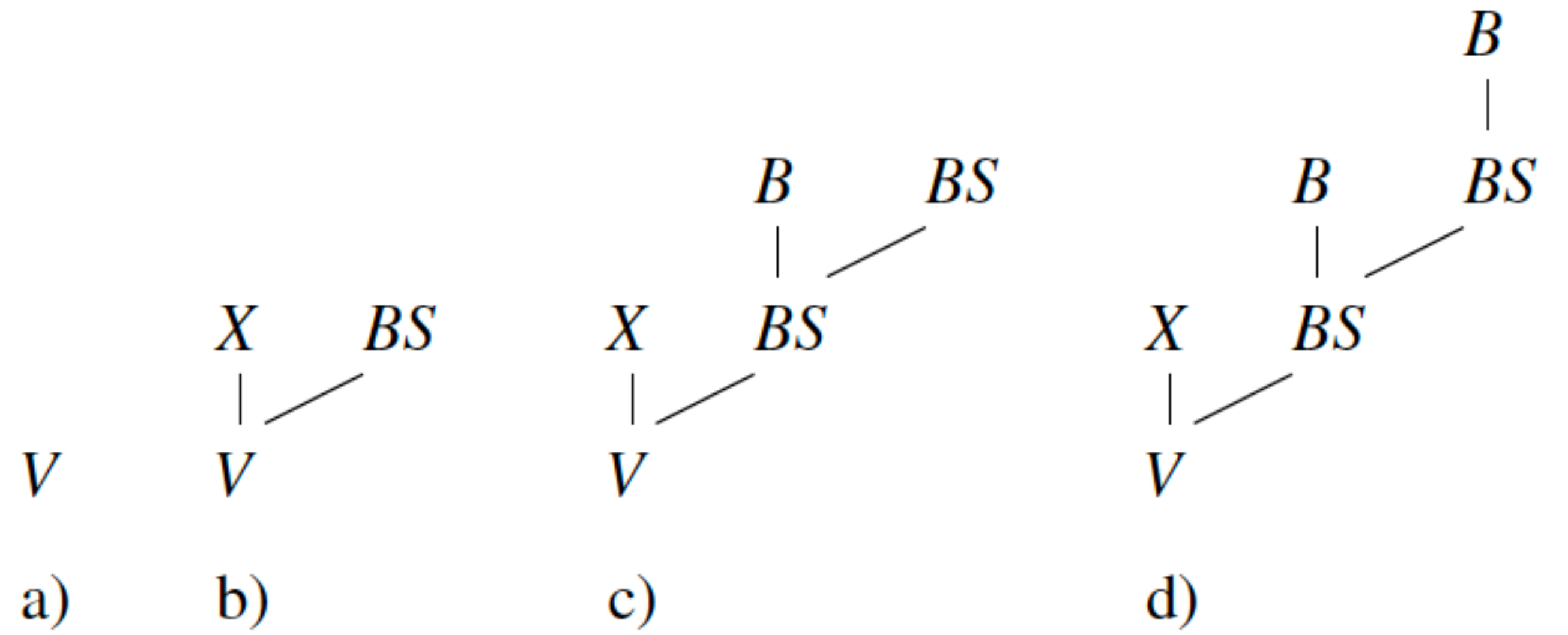
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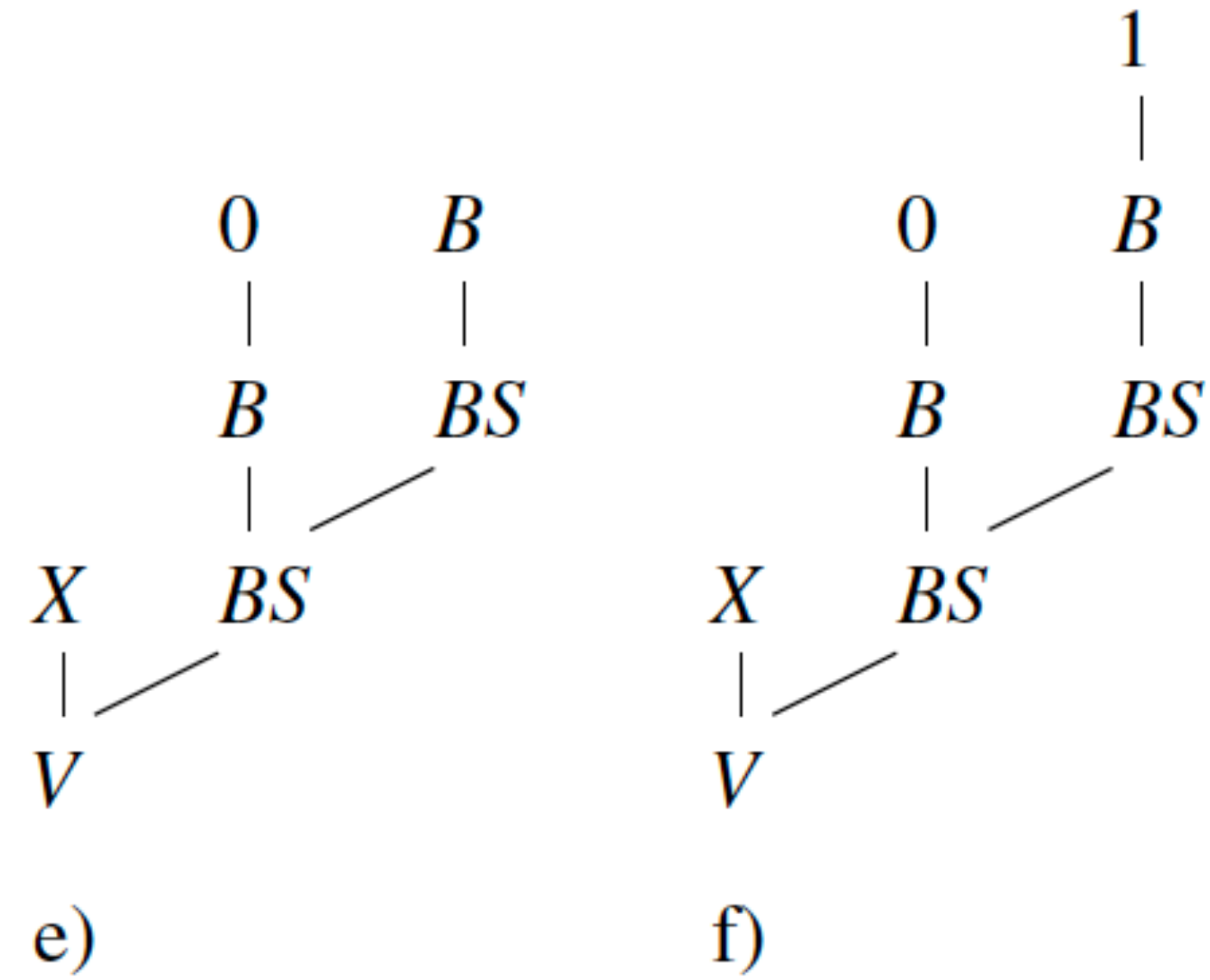
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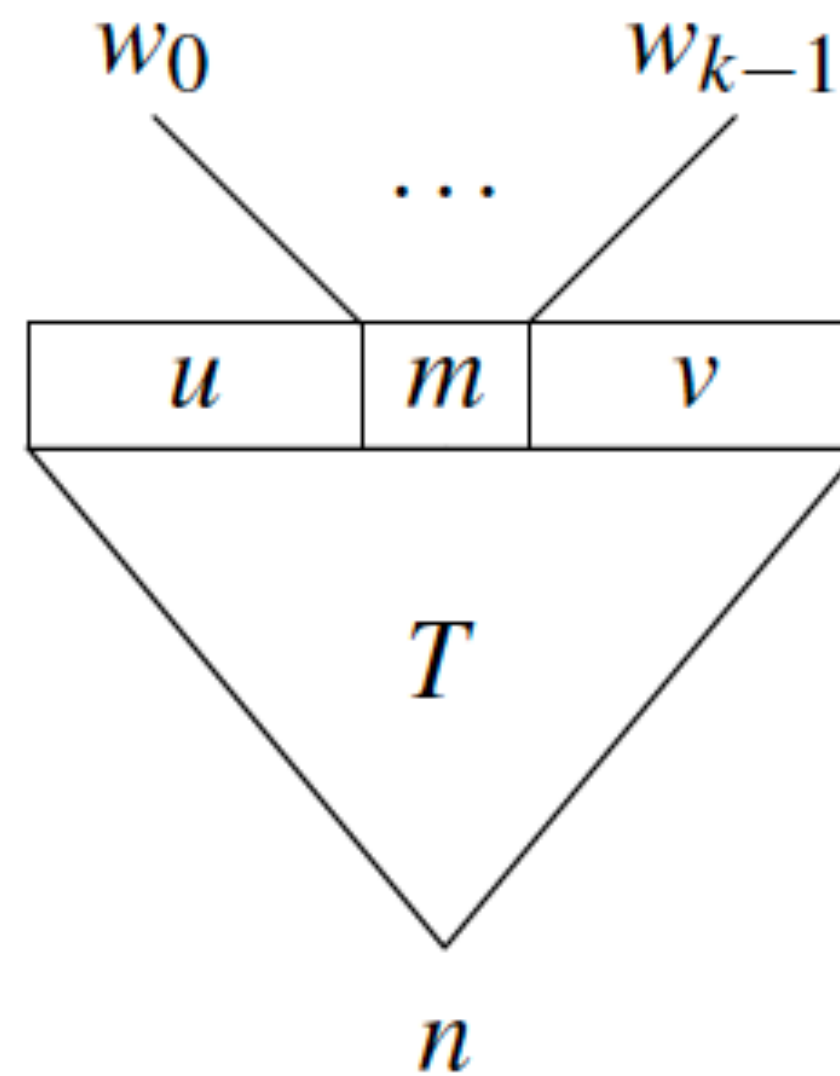


derivation trees: example



def: derivation trees, quick and dirty

1. a single nonterminal n is a derivation tree with root n and border word n .
2. if T is a derivation tree with root n and border word umv and $m \rightarrow w \in P$ is a production with $w = w_0 \dots w_{k-1}$, then the tree illustrated in Fig. 71 is a derivation tree with root n and border word uwv .¹
3. all derivation trees can be generated by finitely many applications of the above two rules.



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problem

- input $w \in T^+$
- decide if $w \in L(G)$
- trying all trees would be terribly slow.

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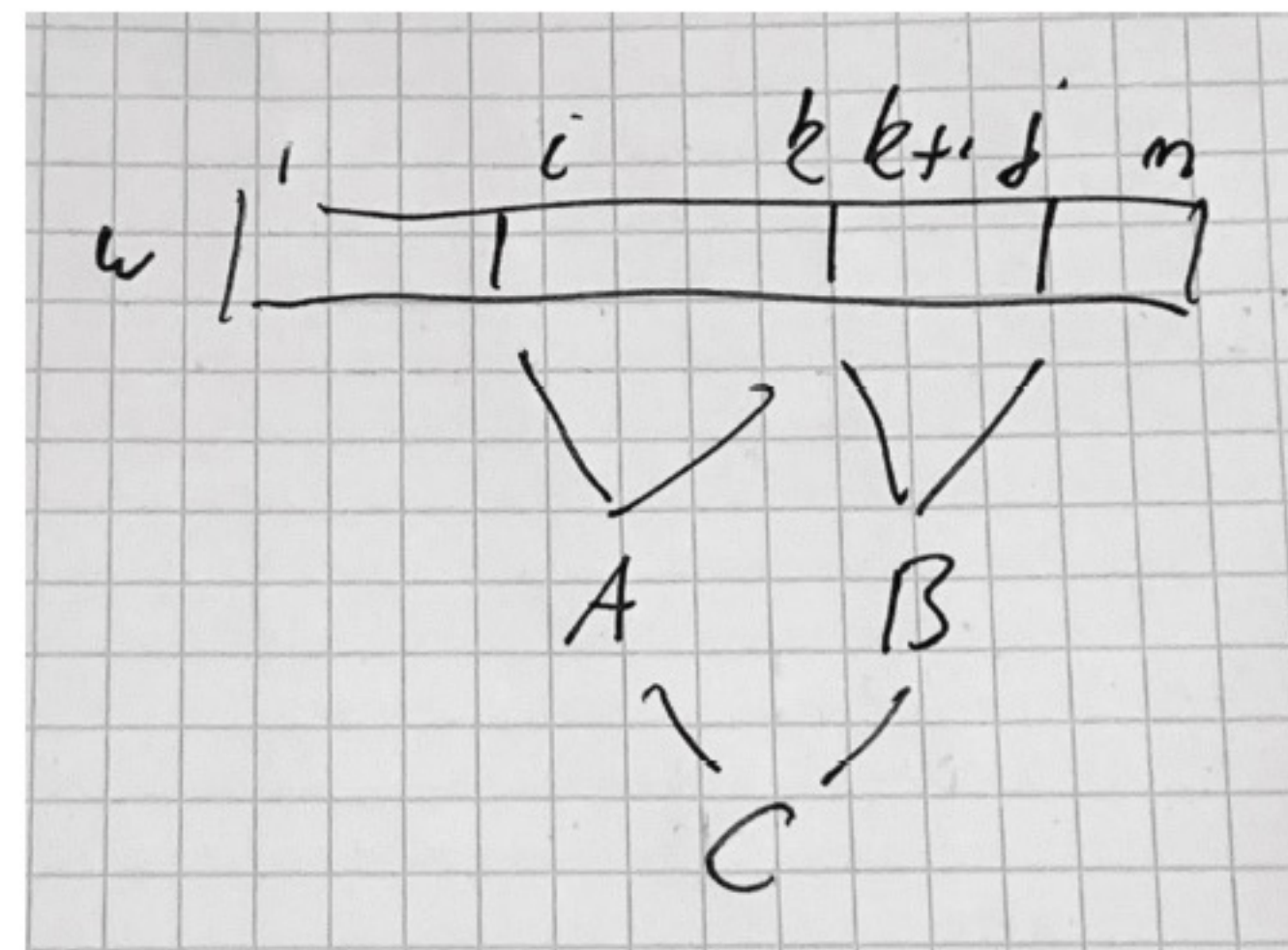


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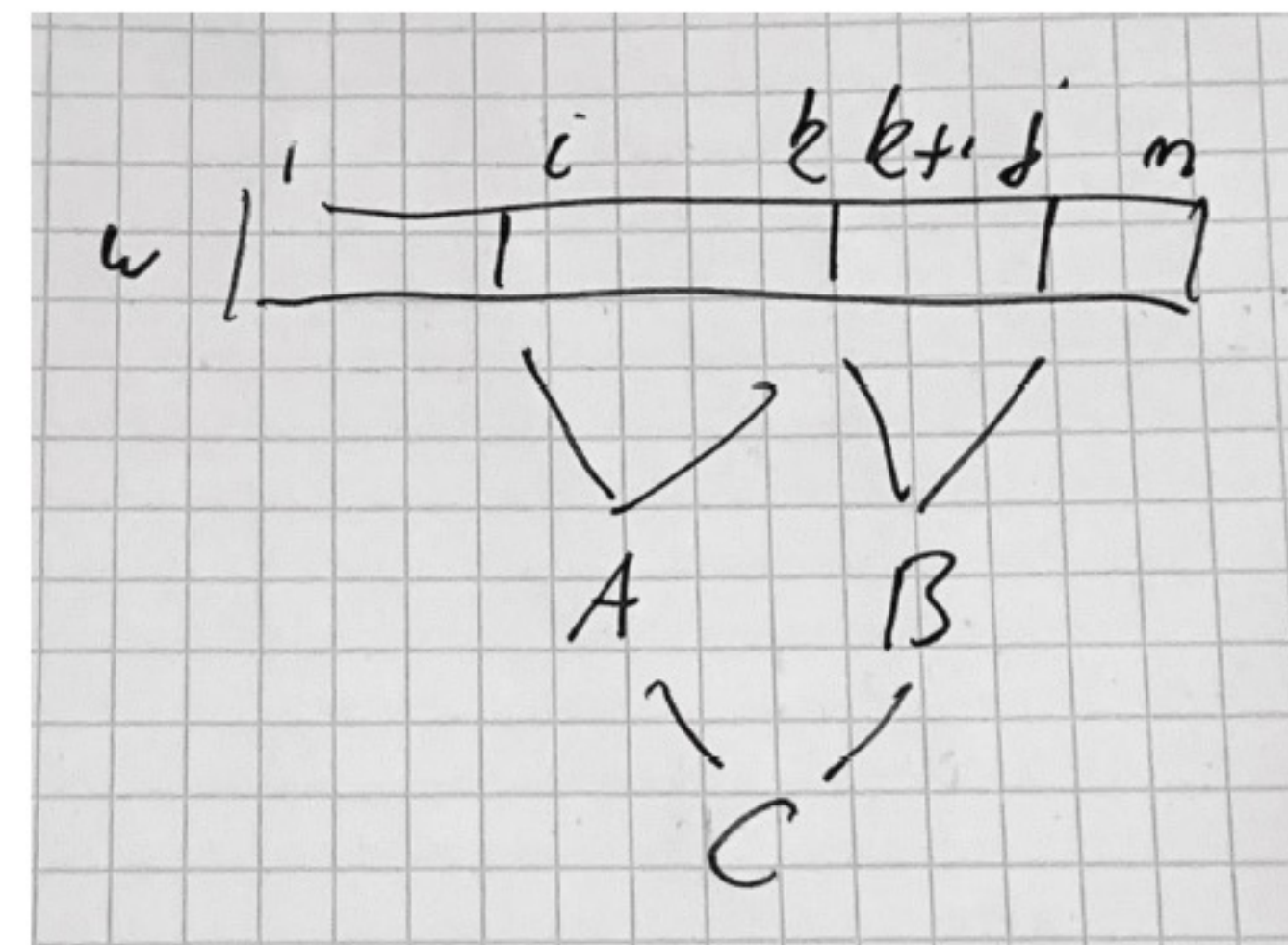


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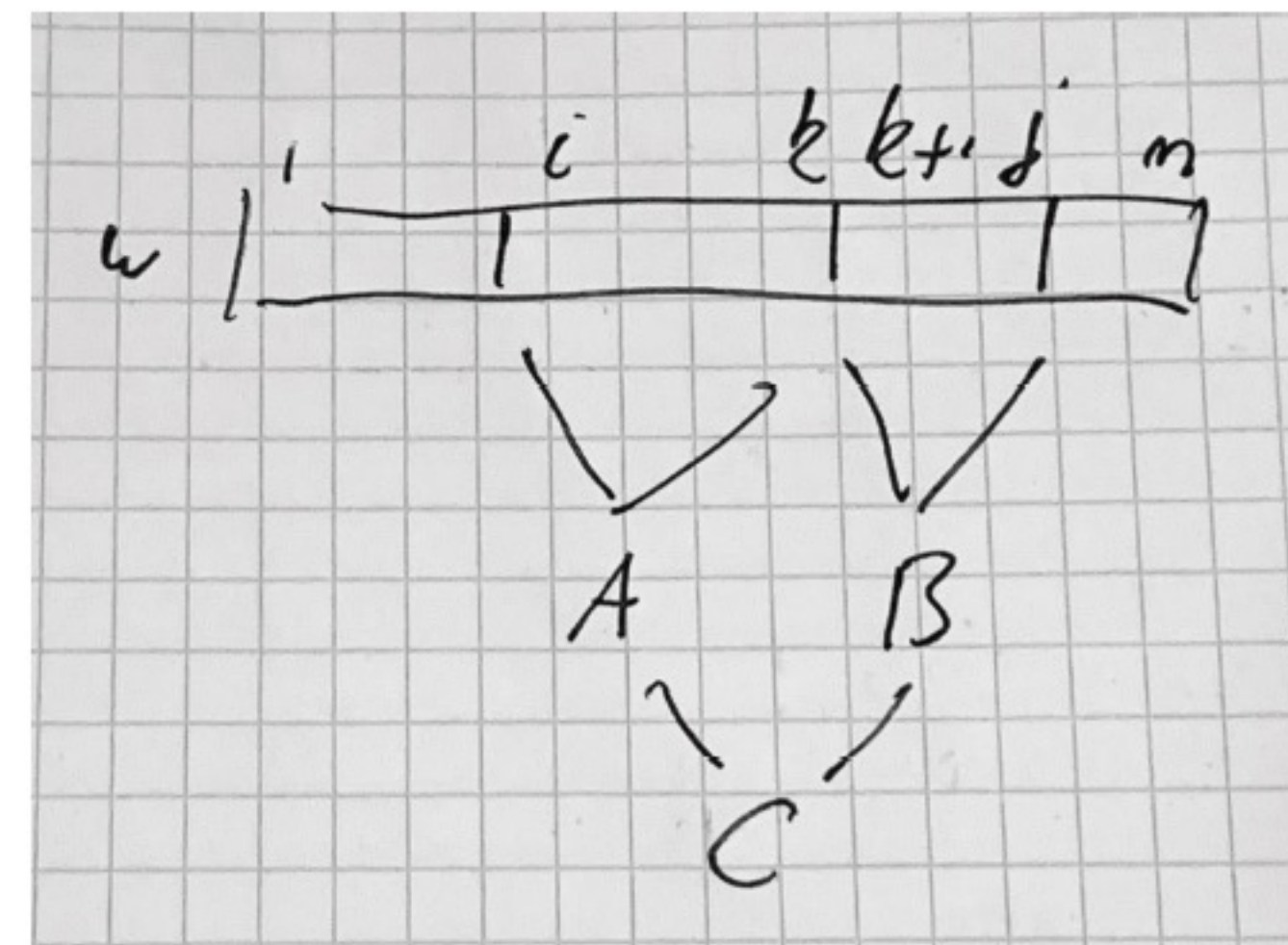


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- time: for each i, j, k time $O(1)$ because sets $n_{i,j}$ are finite. There are $O(n^3)$ such triples.