

more models of computation

**concerning computability
and P(whatever that is)**

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then:

- same proof would work (as you will see)
- **M' would be an OS kernel for 1 tape machines**
- that's what we did with CVM!

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We will simulate a given k -tape TM

$$M = (Z, A, \delta, z_0, E)$$

by a 1 tape TM

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We will mostly consider A' and δ' .

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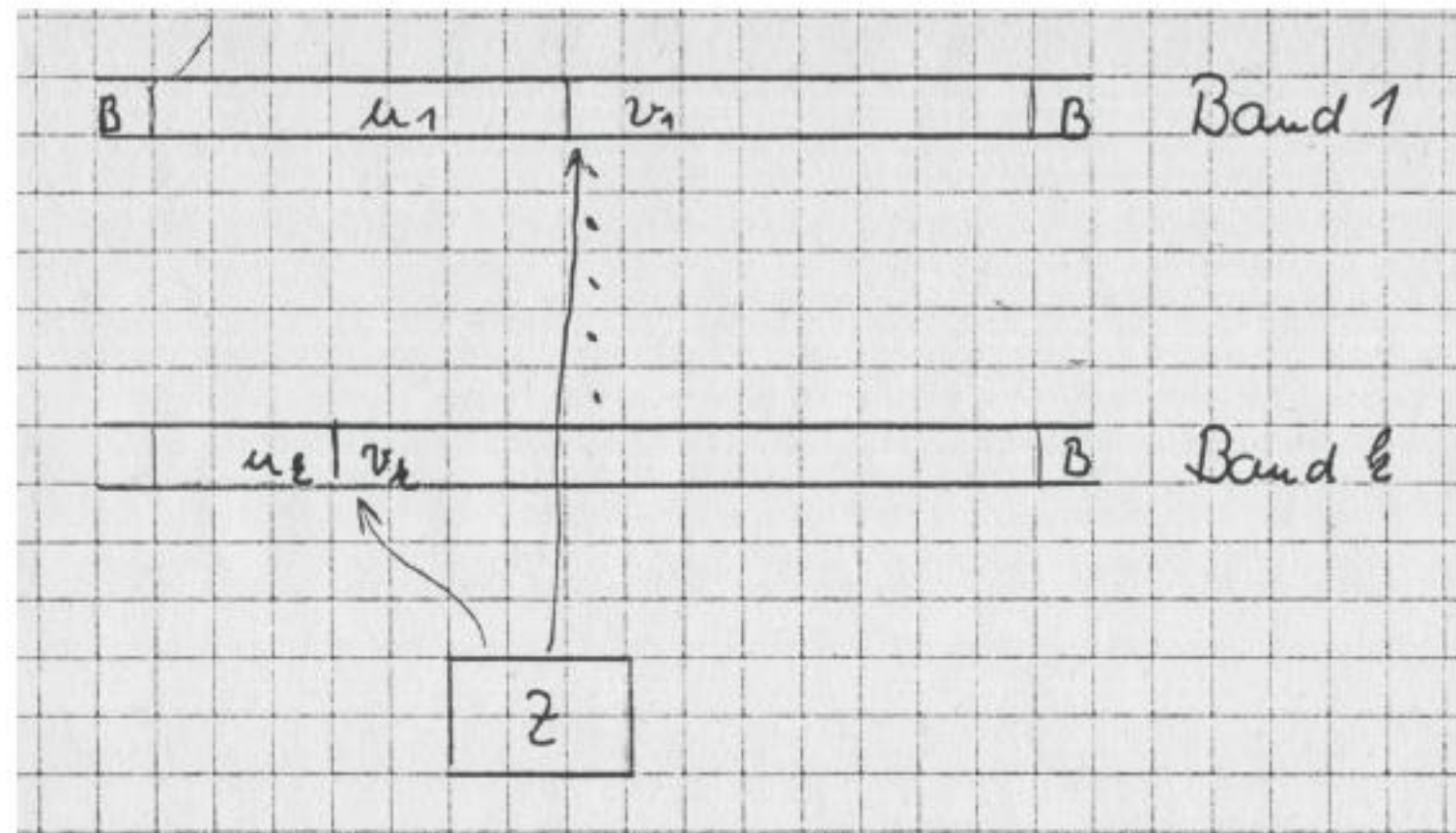


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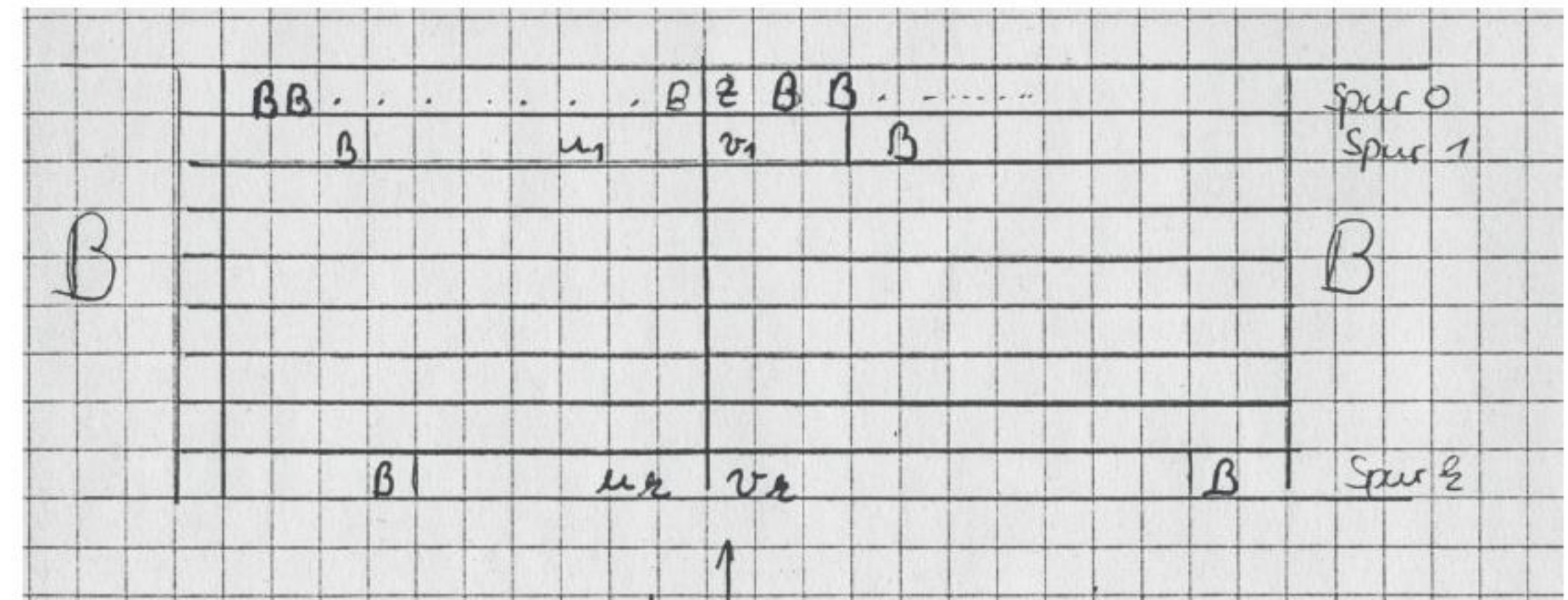


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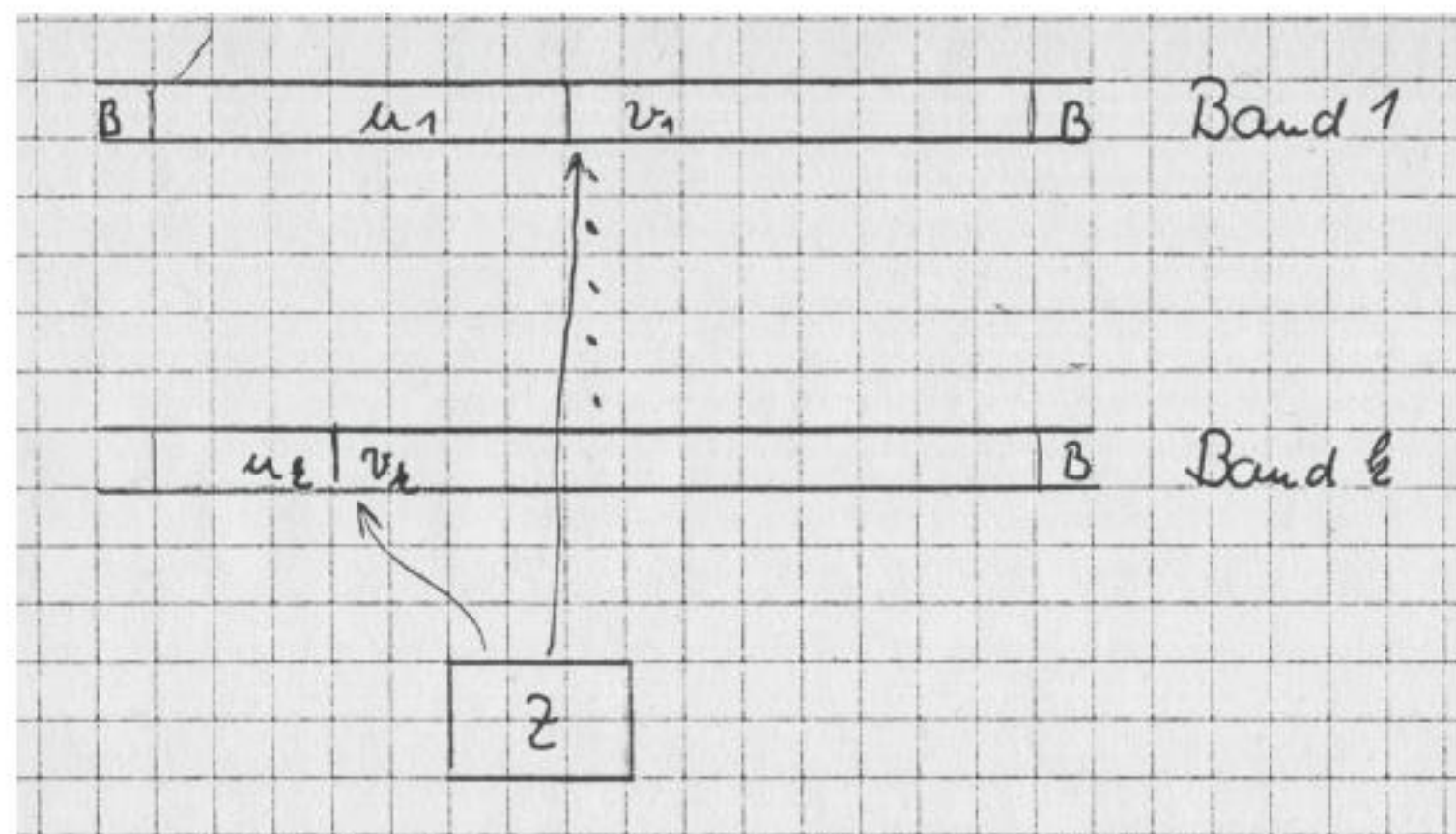


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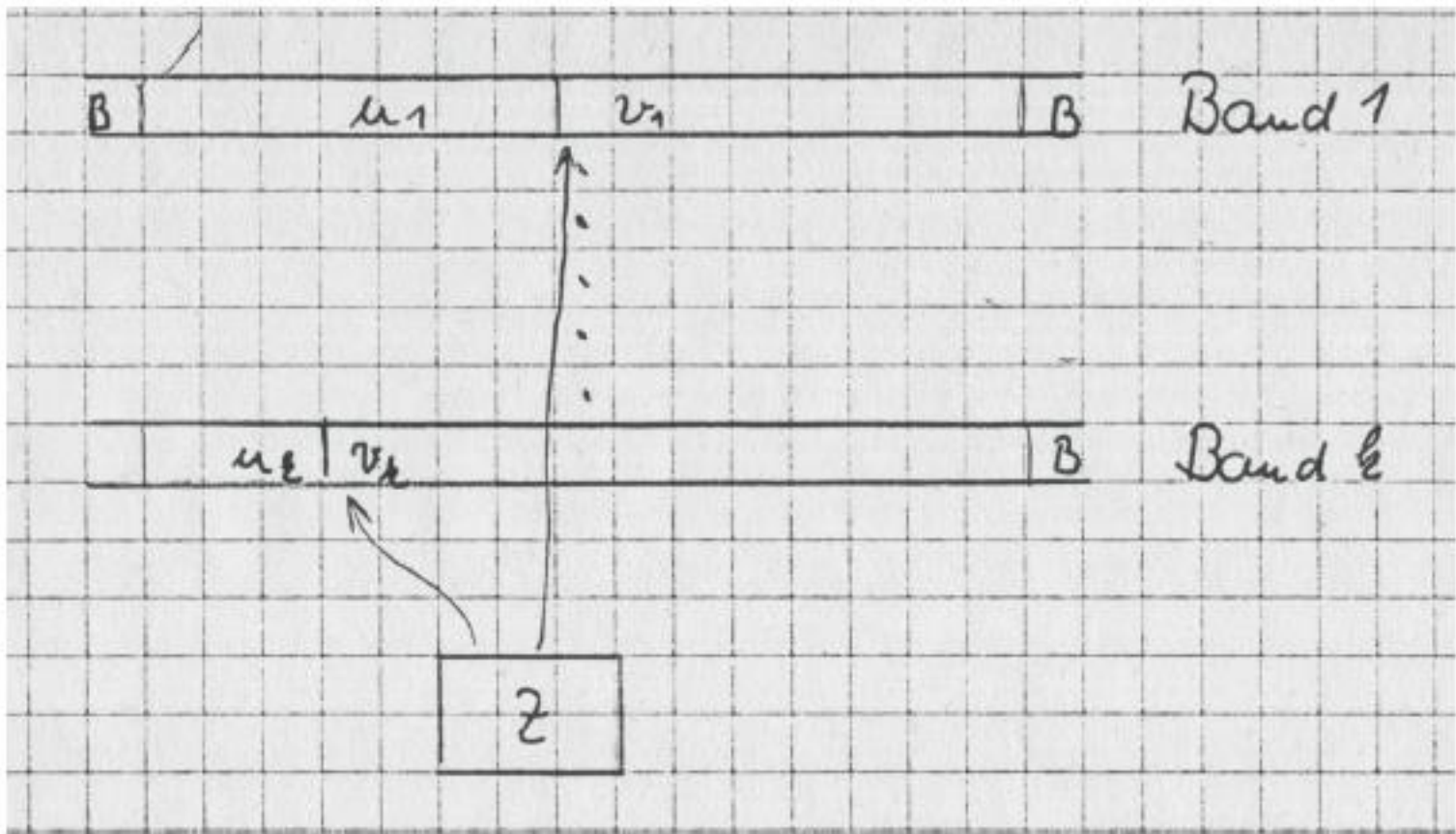


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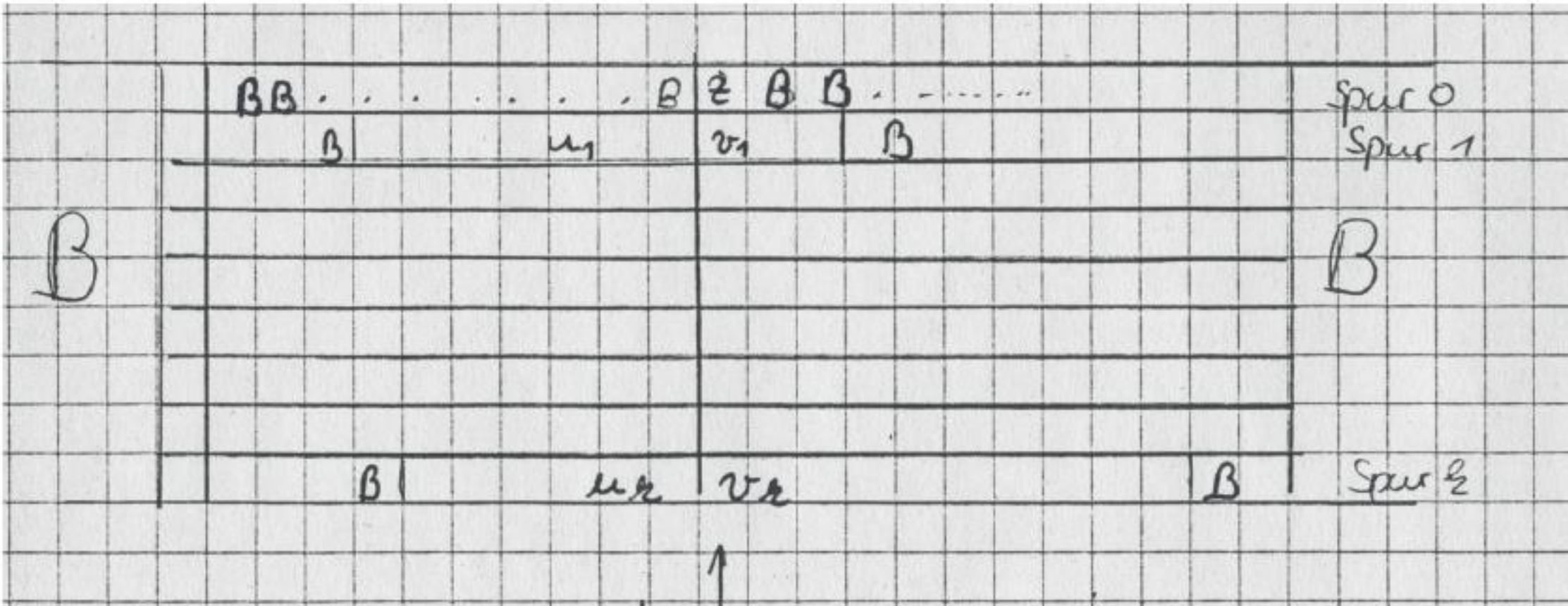


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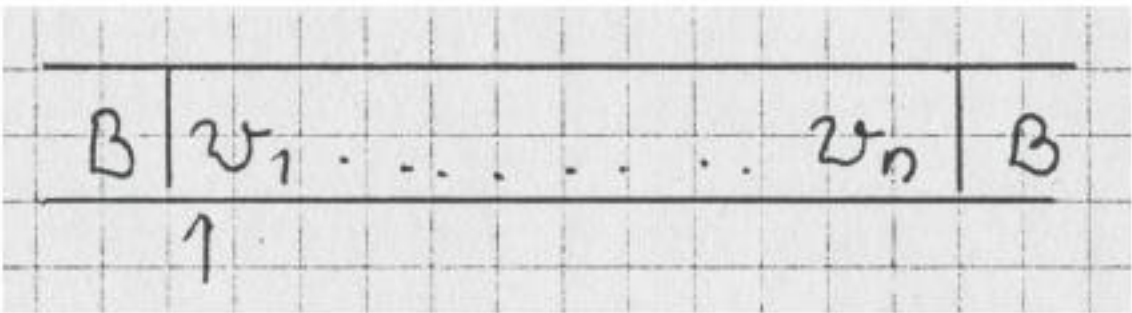


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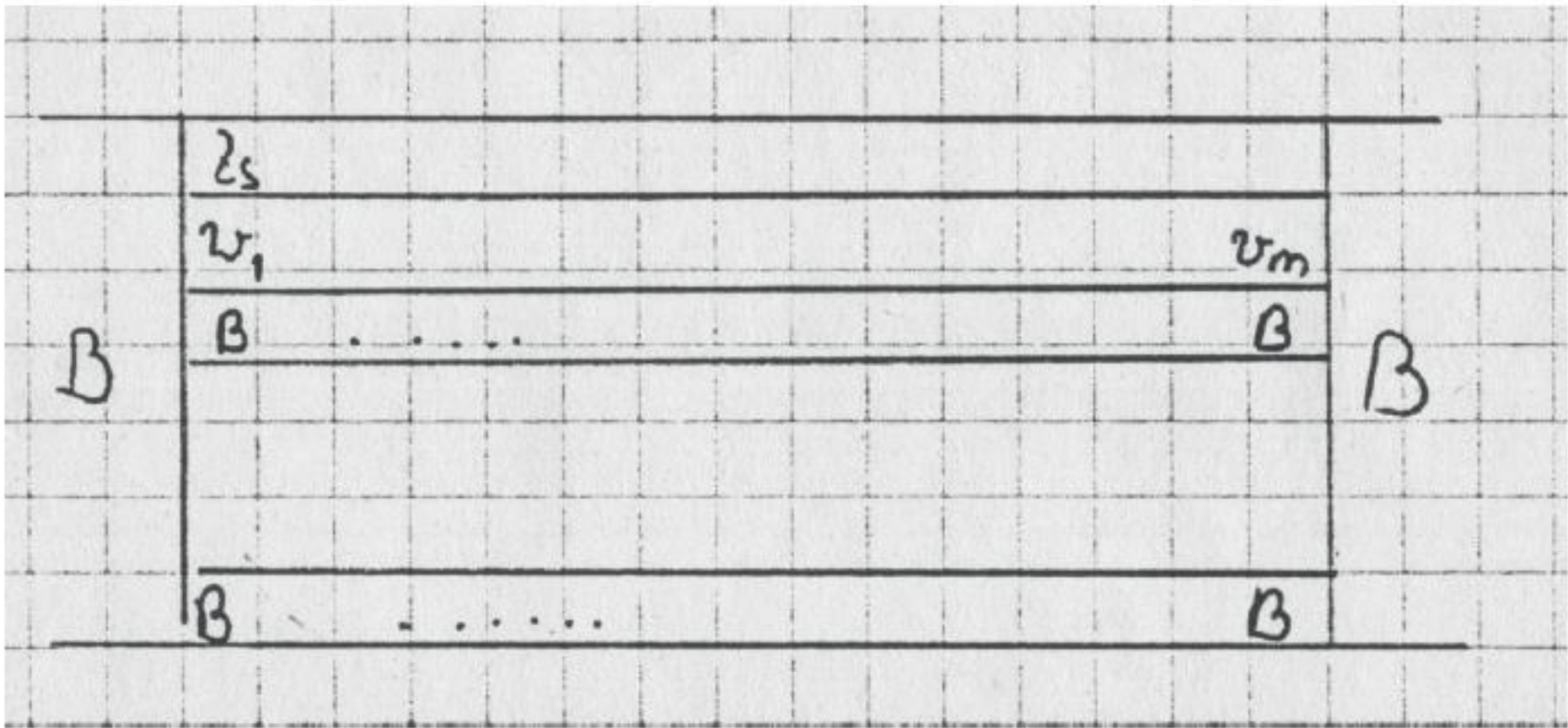


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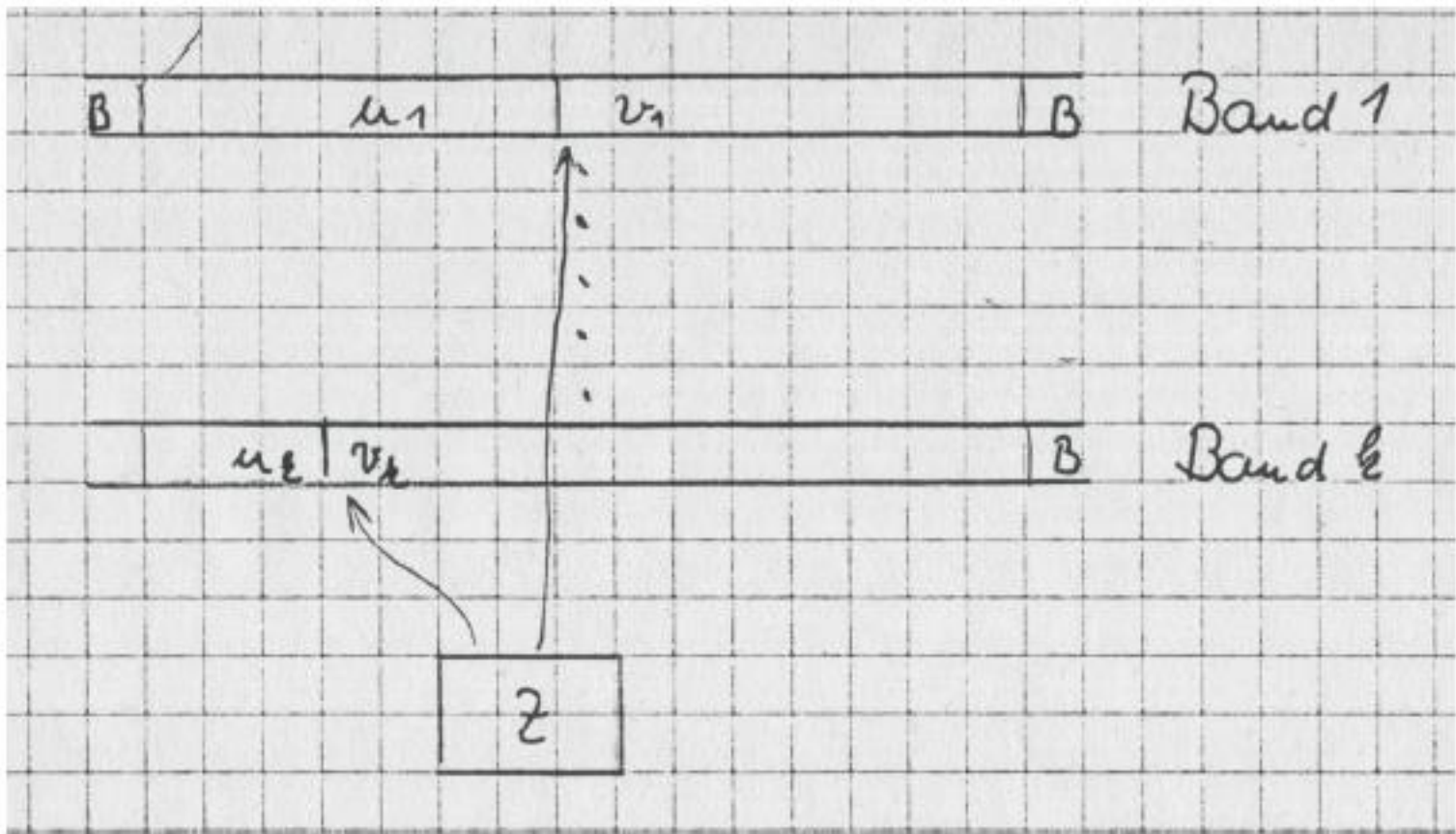


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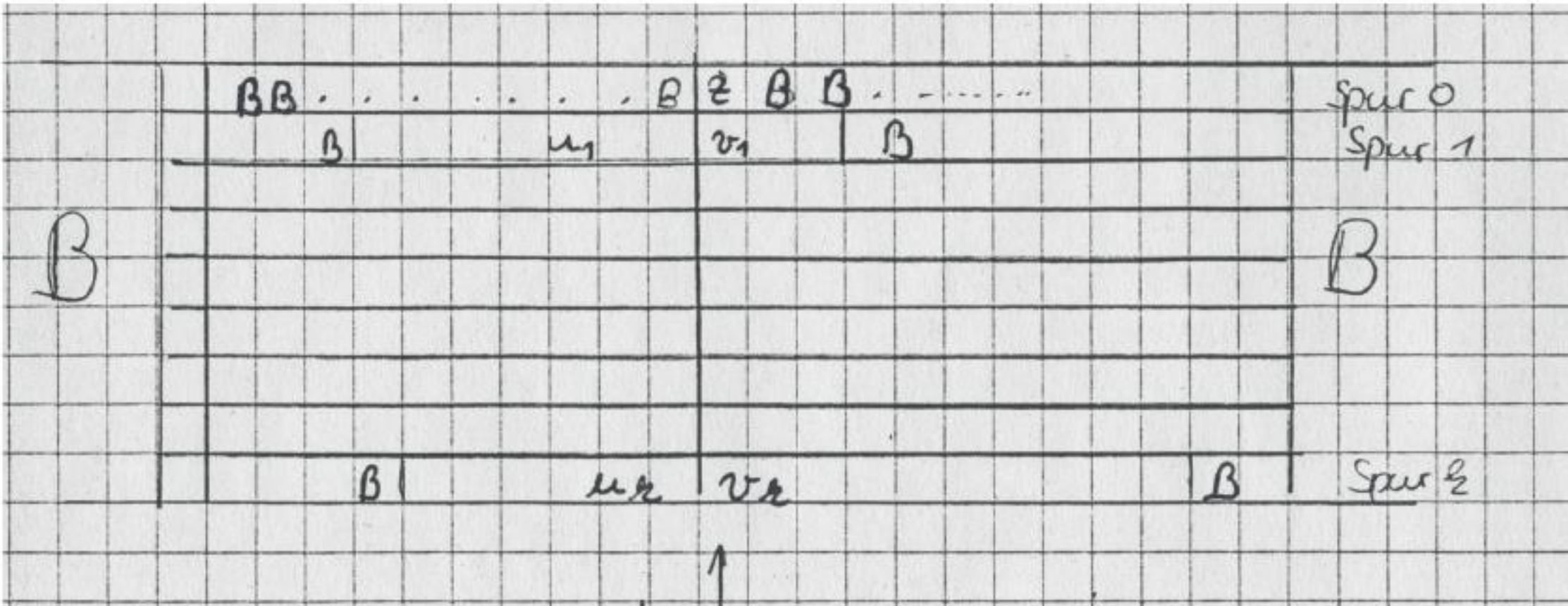


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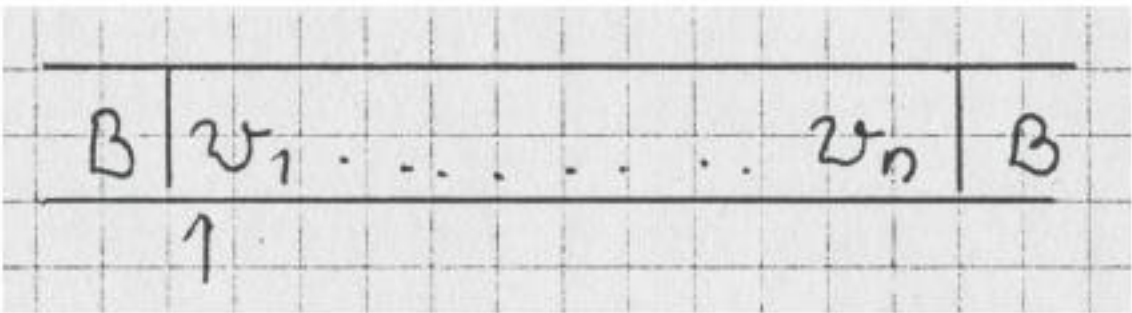


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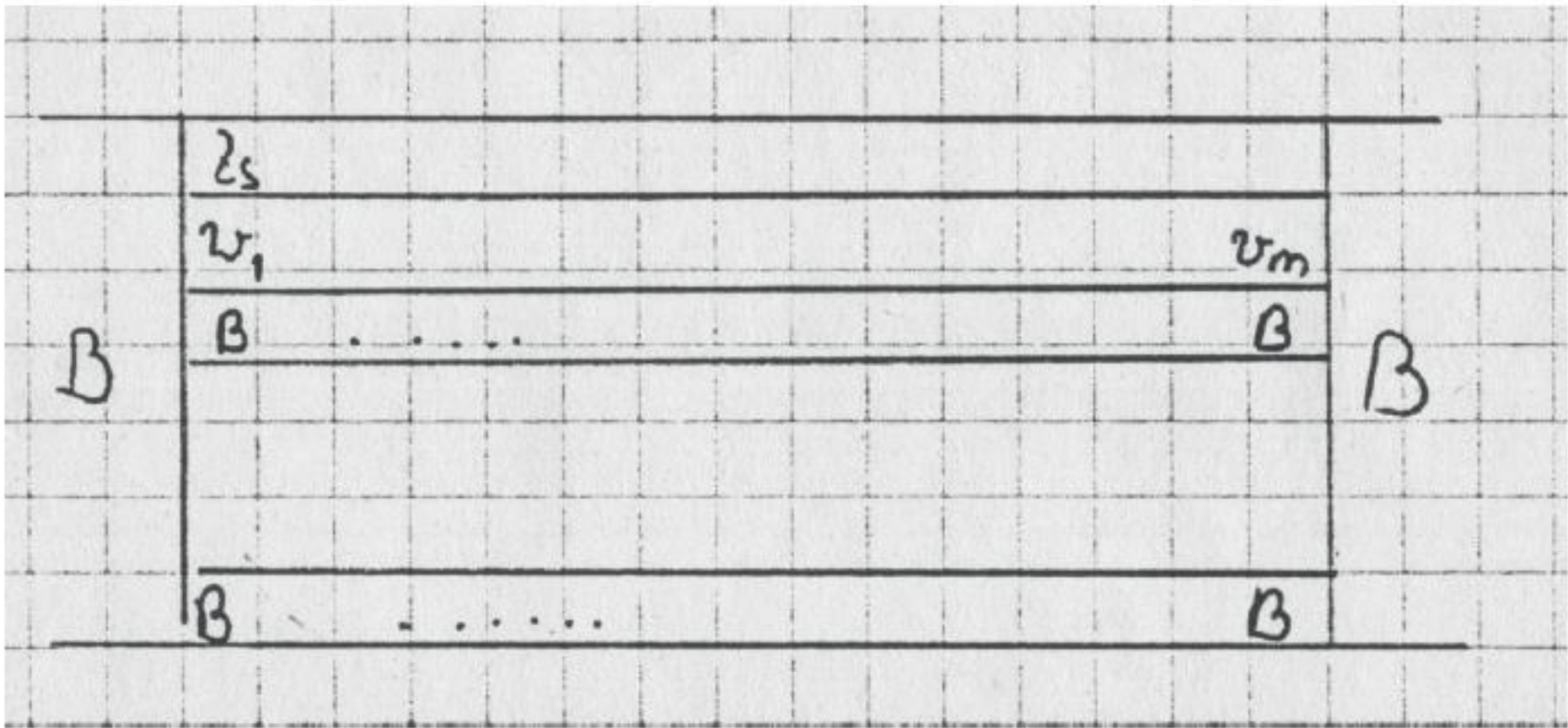


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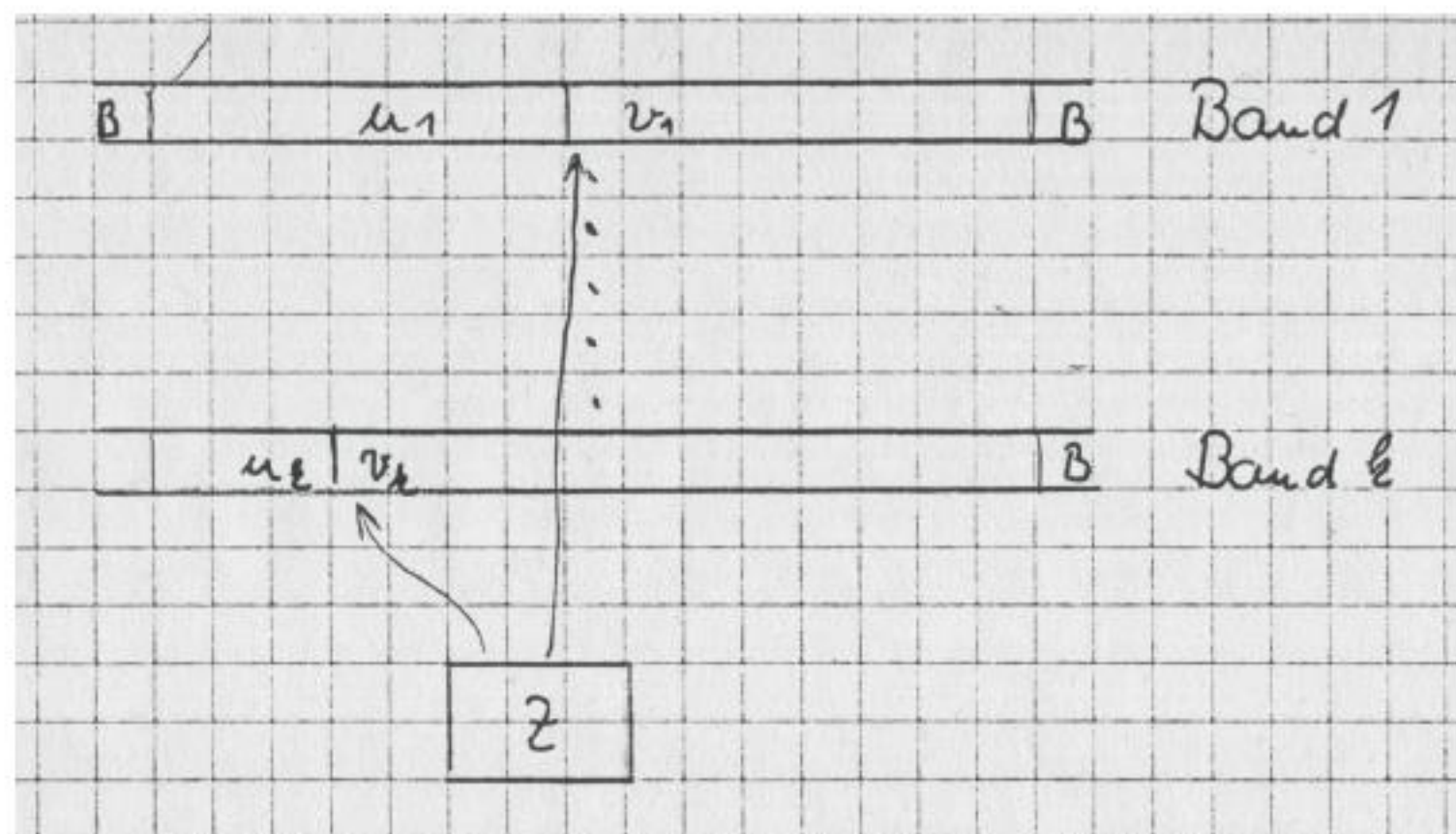


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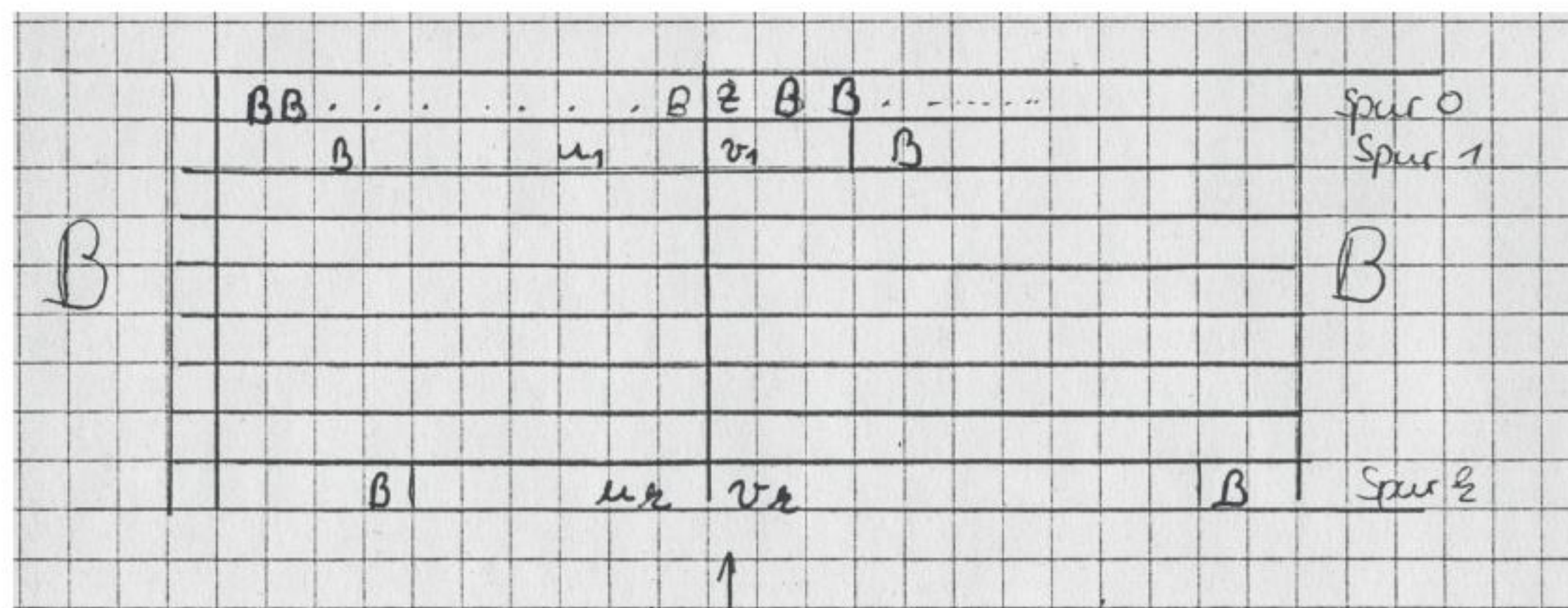


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- M' reads under its head the state $z \notin E$ and all symbols a_i under the k heads of M . Let

$$\delta(z, a_1, \dots, a_k) = (z', c_1, \dots, c_k, s_1, \dots, s_k)$$

then M'

- replaces on track 0 z by z'
- prints c_i on track i for all $i > 0$.
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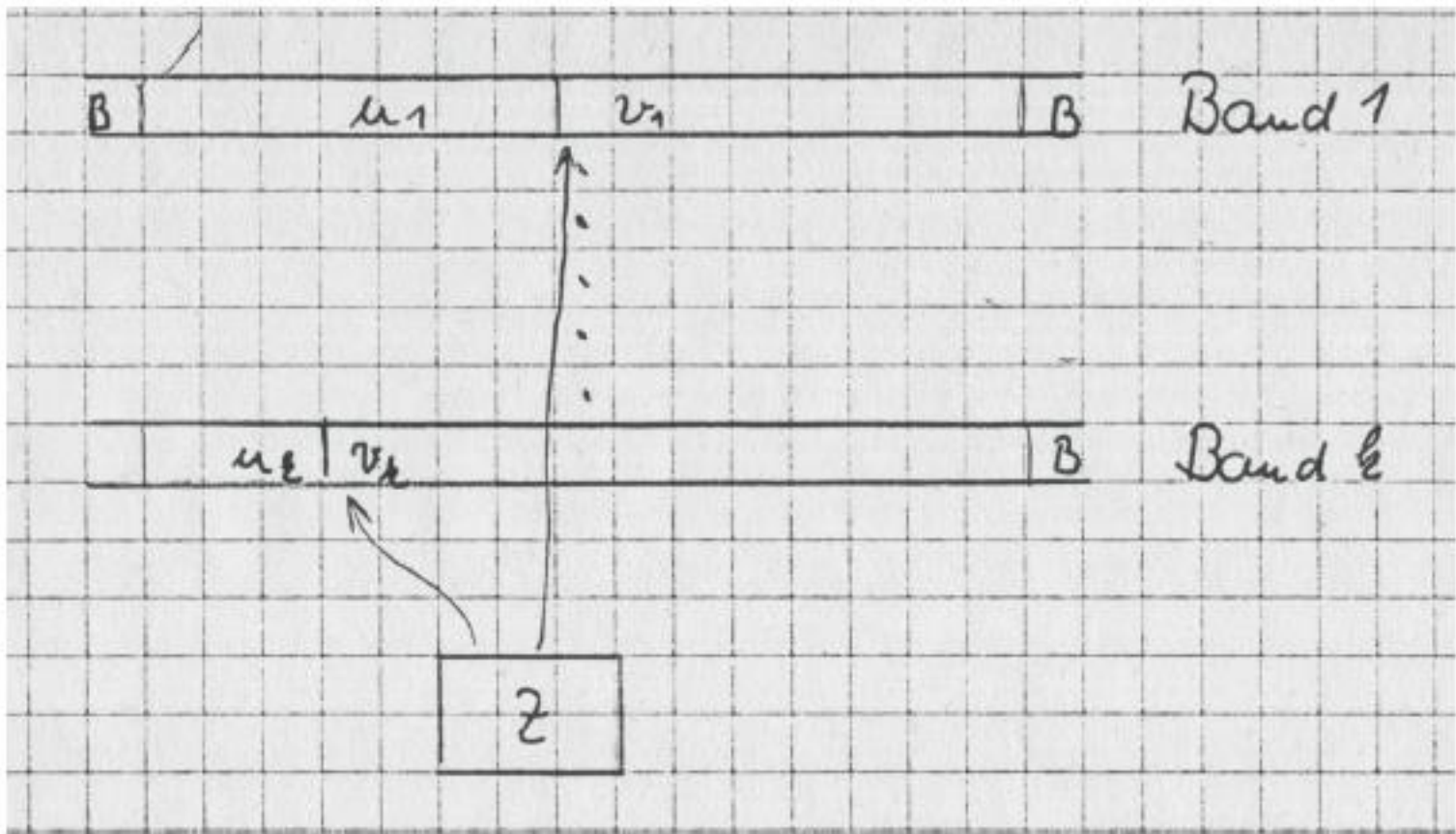


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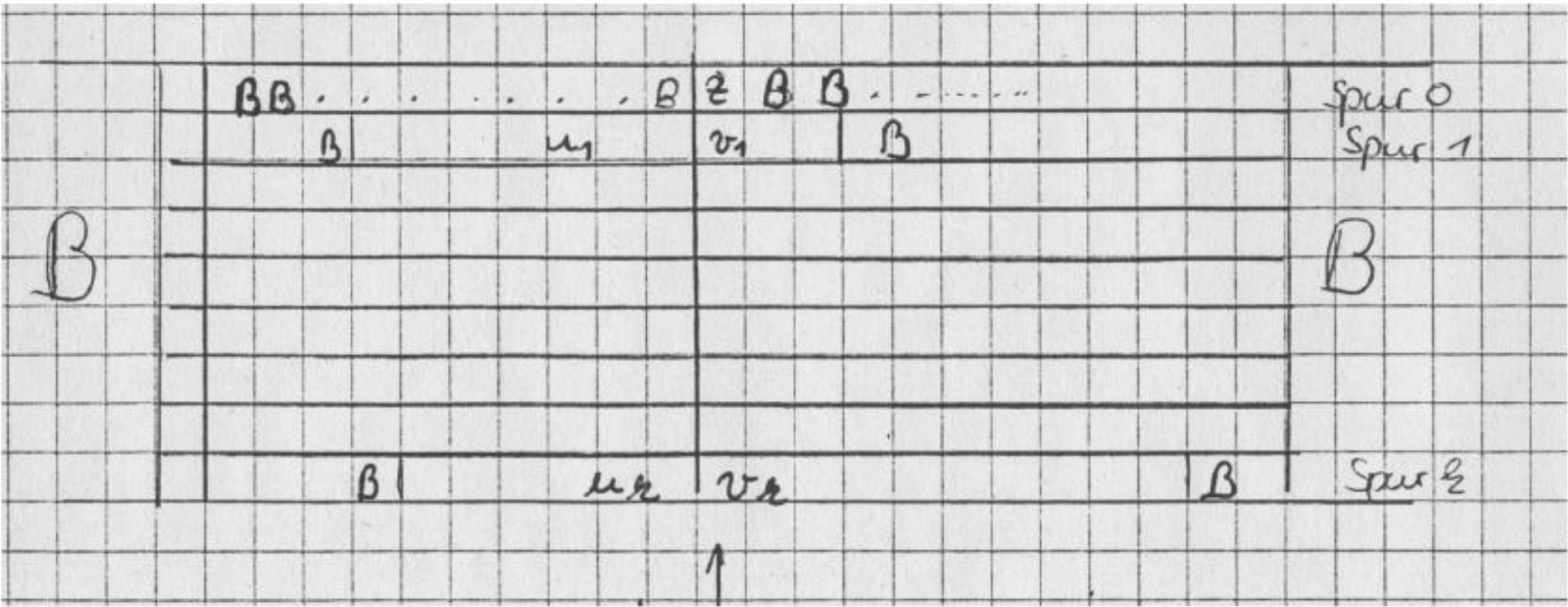


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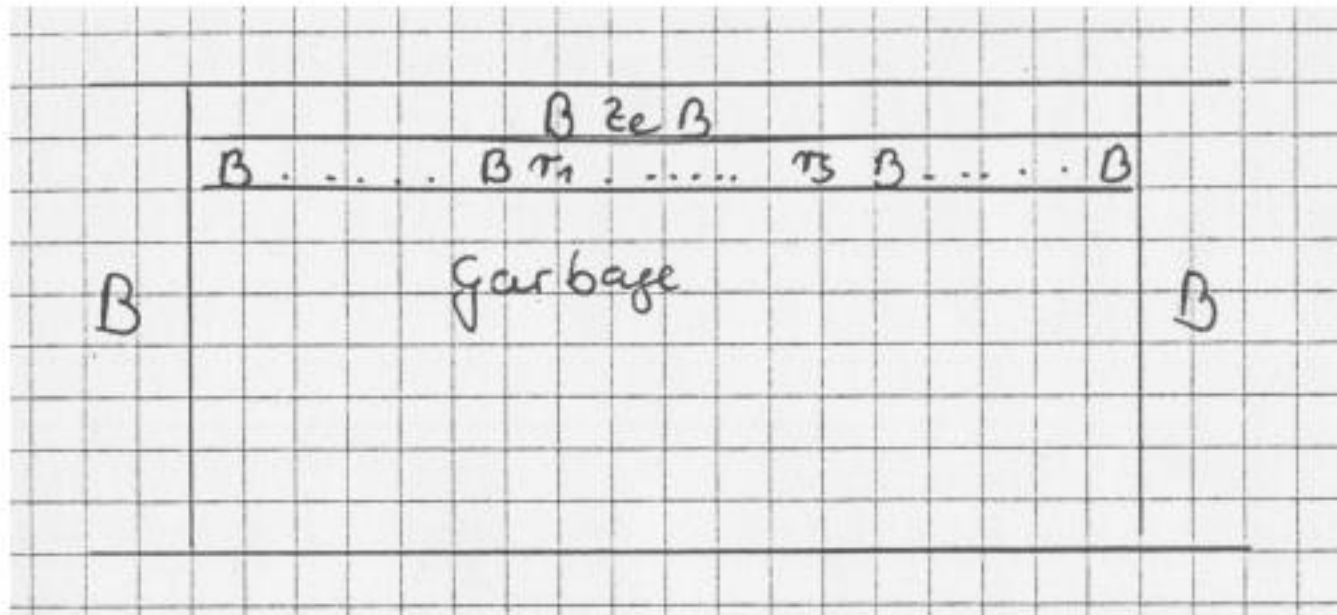


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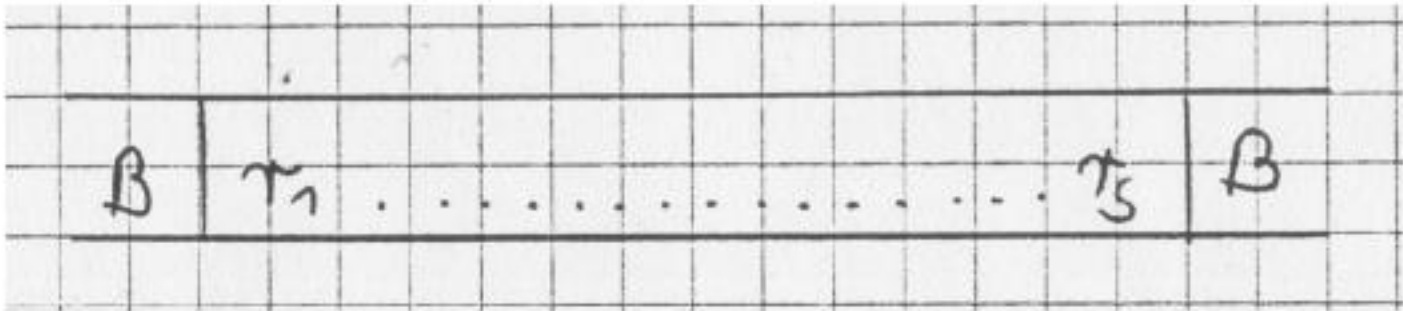


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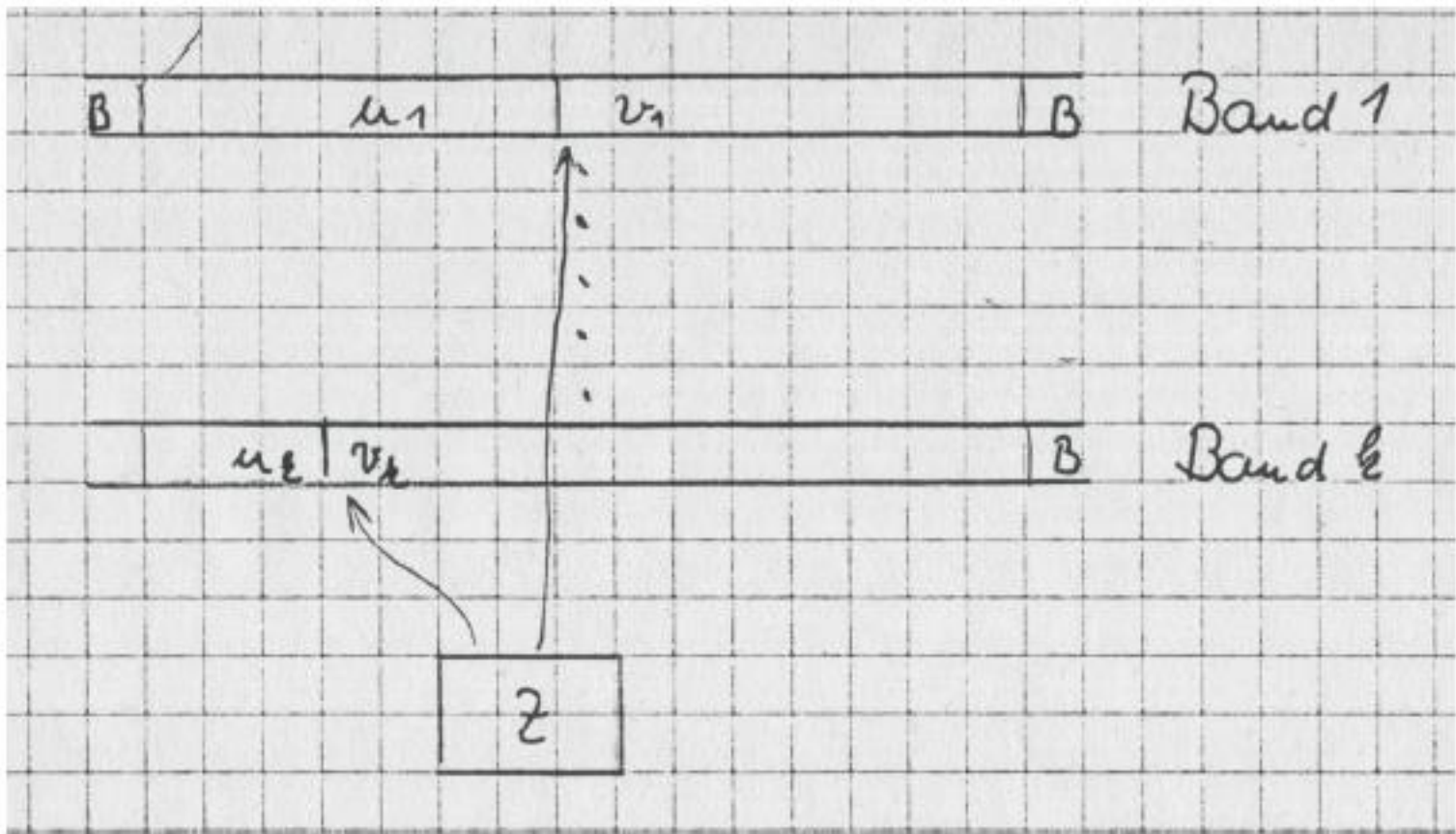


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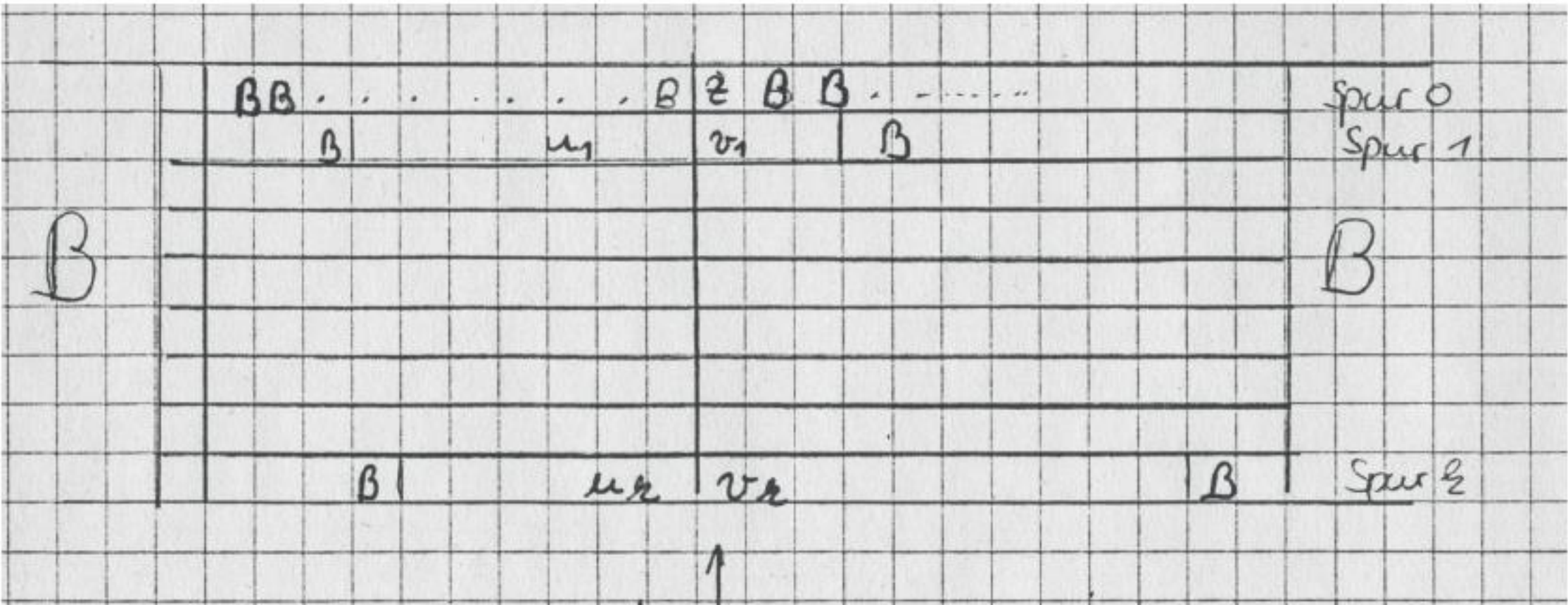


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2.5 complexity bounds

- length s of non blank portion of tape:

$$s \leq s(n) \leq n + O(t(n))$$

- simulation time $t'(n)$ bounded by

$$t'(n) \leq O(s(n) \cdot t(n)) = O(t^2(n) + n \cdot t(n))$$

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- input length: number of bits read by tape device.
- time: number of MIPS instructions executed
- used space: number of bits in PC, CPU registers and memory locations with $c.m(a) \neq 0^{32}$. Attention: this 'jumps over' non written memory cells without counting them.

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note

- the first part is an important part of showing that 'computability' is the same for all sufficiently powerful models, that we know.
- the second is important part of showing, that 'computability in polynomial time', i.e. computable by an $O(n^k)$ -time bounded machine for some k , is the same for *reasonable* machines.
- non reasonable power is gained, if we allow the RAM to multiply with 1 step, because lemma 2 falls apart.
- If we charge time $O(\ell)$ for a multiplication of ℓ bit numbers, the RAM model stay reasonable; it is called log-RAM.

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4.2 simulating step t

- Let PC be the current content of tape 2. Search for a string $\#PC\#I\#$ on tape 35.
- copy I to tape 36
- do an operation among registers or
- compute an effective address EA on tape 37.
- with EA (if used) search $\#EA\#D\#$ on tape 35.
- If a load is performed, copy D to the appropriate register.
- If a store is performed copy the appropriate register content R into the place of D . If $|R| > |D|$ this may involve shifting the portion of tape 35 to the right of D by $|R| - |D|$ positions to the right. If no record with EA was found, create $\#EA\#R\#$ at the end of the tape.
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4.3 counting TM steps

Consider RAM computation of length $\leq t$ with input w of length n . By lemma 2:

- length of registers and memory contents

$$|PC|, |EA|, |R|, |I|, |D| \leq \lambda(t(n)) = 32 + t(n) = O(t(n))$$

- finding location of PC or EA on tape 35: from left to right $\sigma(t)$ comparisons, using 2 tapes each taking time $O(\lambda(t))$

$$O(\sigma(t) \cdot \lambda(t)) = O(t^2)$$

- length of tape 35 which codes the memory

$$LM(t) = O(\sigma(t) \cdot \lambda(t)) = O(t^2)$$

- simulating CPU internal computations:

$$O(\lambda(t))$$

- moving a portion of tape 35 to the right (by at most $\lambda(t)$ positions) using 2 tapes

$$O(LM(t)) = O(t^2(n))$$

- thus simulating t steps:

$$O(t^3(n))$$

4 simulation of RAMs by k -tape TM's

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- if M is $t(n)$ -time, bounded, then M' is $O(t^3)$ -time bounded

4.1 coding RAM configurations on tapes

- read input from tape 1 (you have no choice)
- $c.pc$ on tape 2
- $c.gpr(r)$ on tape $r + 3$ for $r = 0, \dots, 31$

- $c.m$ on tape 35. Store there *in any order* the sequence of

$$\#a\#c.m(a)\# \quad \text{for } c.m(a) \neq 0$$

- the current instruction on tape 36
- the effective address on tape 37
- produce output on tape 38
- keep a few tapes for auxiliary computations (like multiplications)

4.4 cleaning up in the end

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erase tape 1, tape 1 = tape 38

- as M can only output $32 = O(1)$ bits per step, this takes time $O(t(n))$

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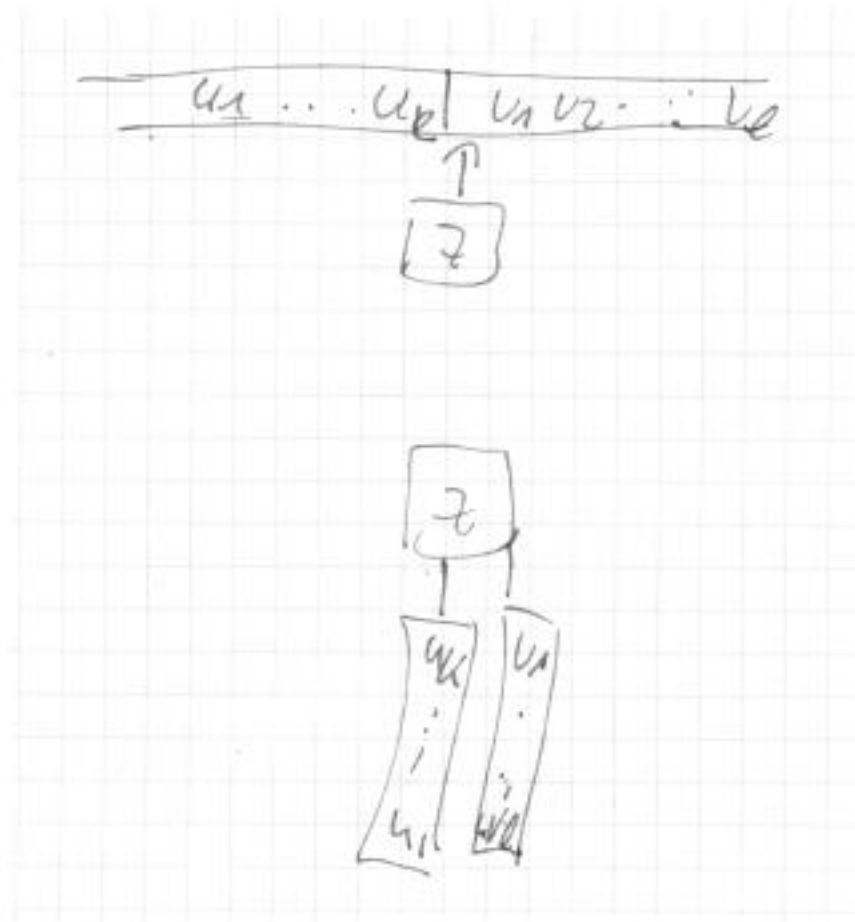


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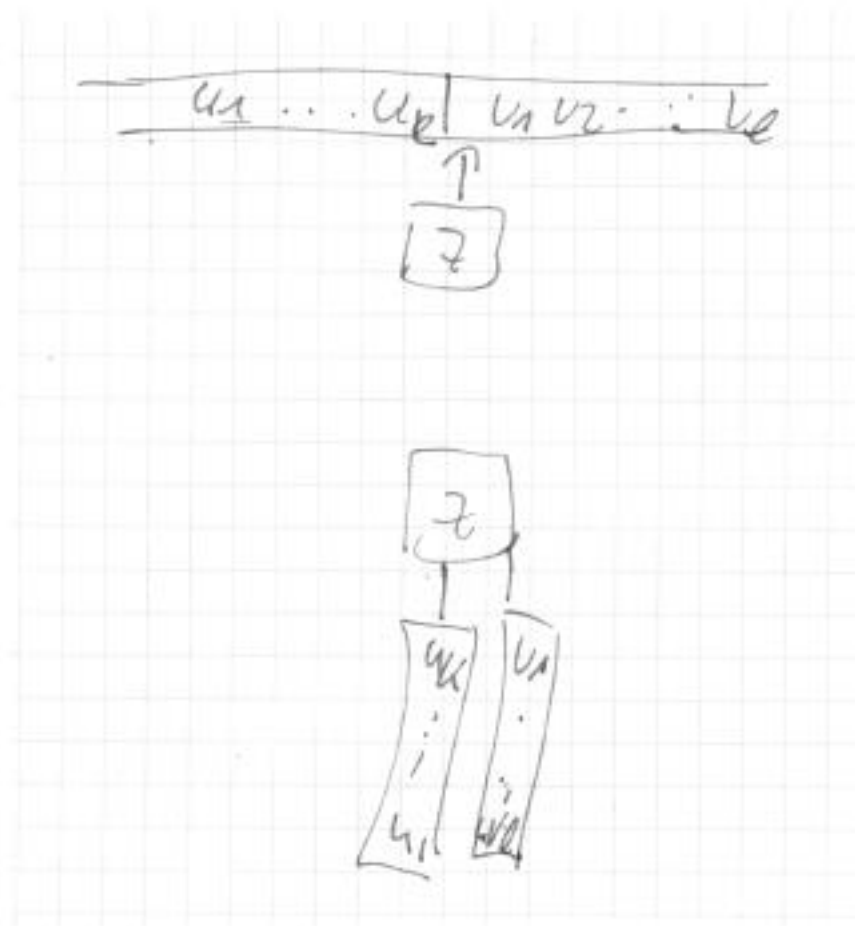


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Lemma 5. *k-tape Turing machines M can be simulated by RAMs M'*

- w.l.o.g $k = 1$.
- simulate it by a 2 pd-machine M''
- from some RAM location A on store one pd-tape on the even addresses $a > A$ and the other pd-tape by the odd addresses $a > A$.

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- after this was known Church stated: we have it
- the community/man kind accepted it
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