I/O-Efficient Algorithms and Data Structures

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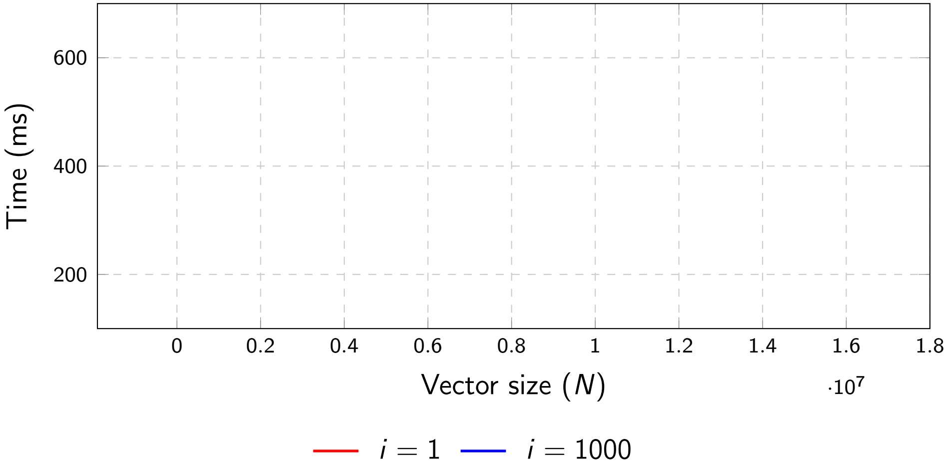

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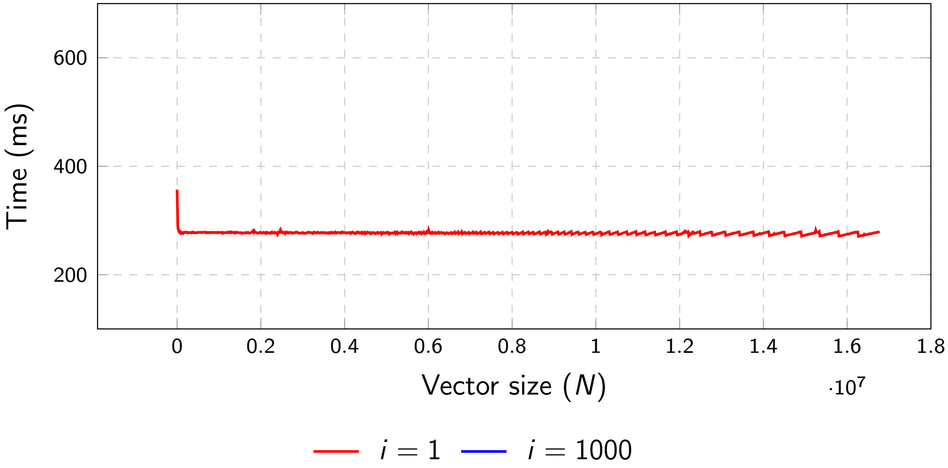
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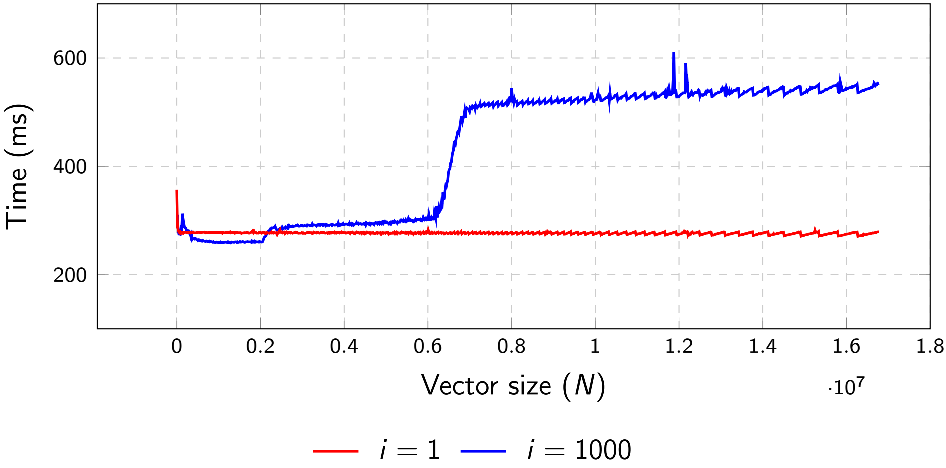

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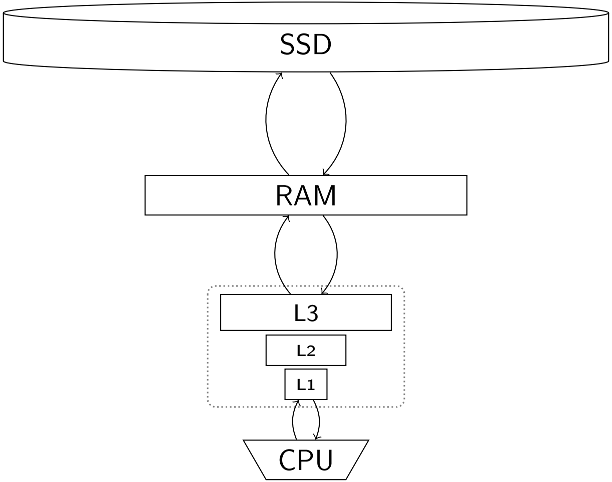
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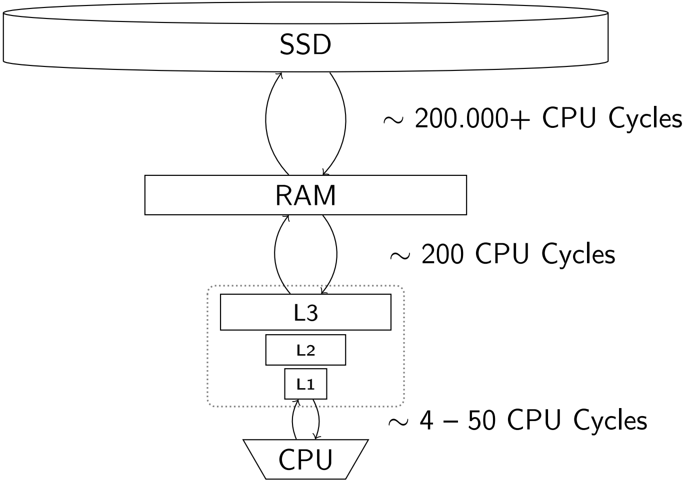
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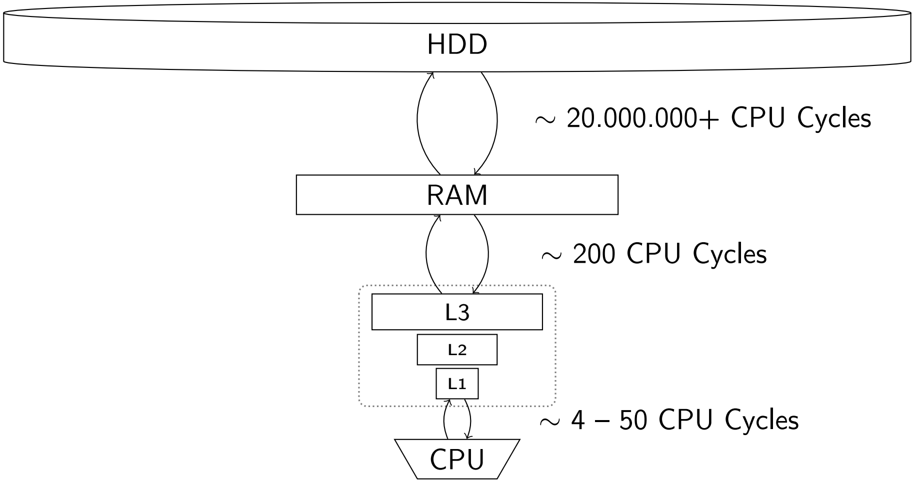
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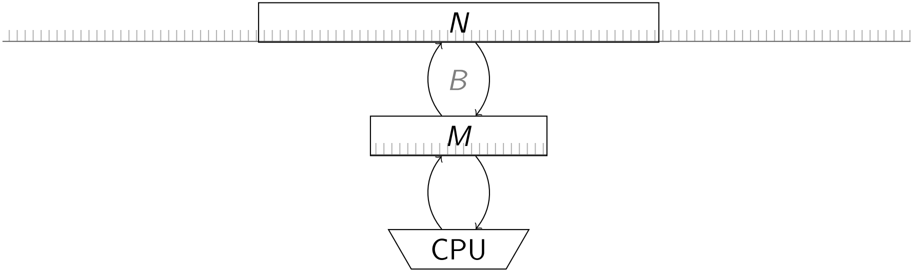

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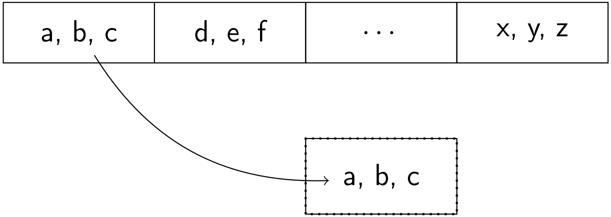

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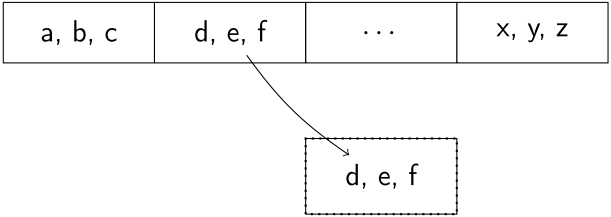

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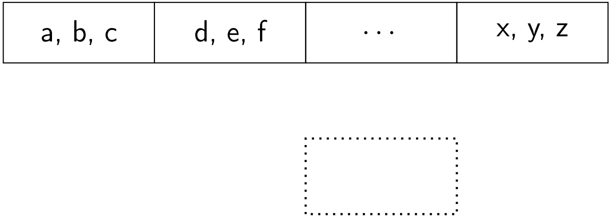

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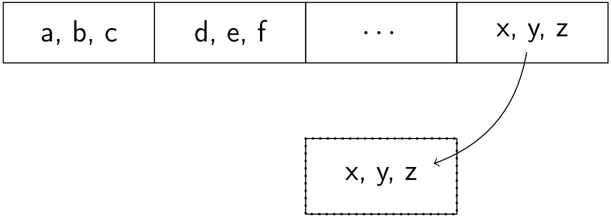

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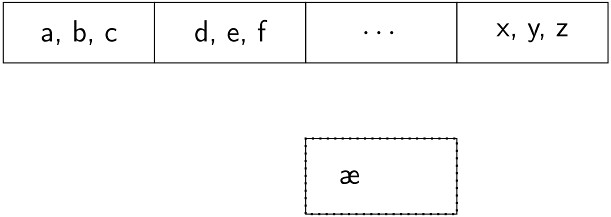

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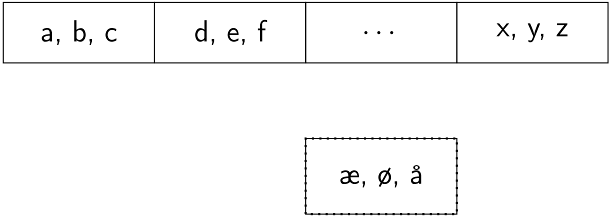

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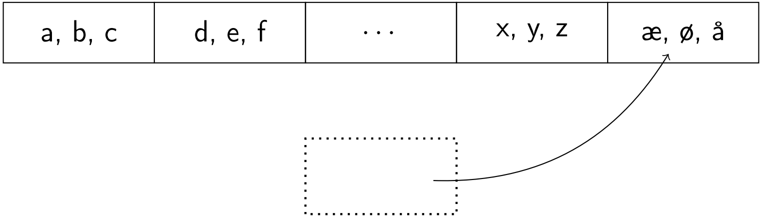

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I/O	:	N/B
Memory	:	B

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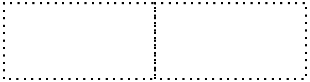

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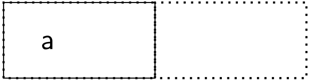

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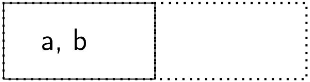

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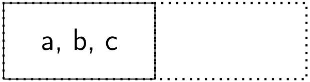

I/O Model : Stack

a, b, c	d

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a, b, c	d, e

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a, b, c	d, e, f

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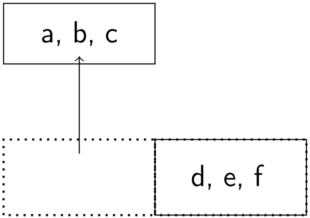

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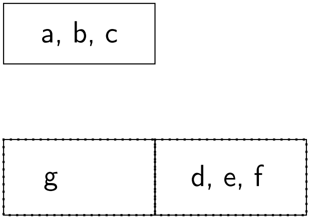

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a, b, c

g, h	d, e, f

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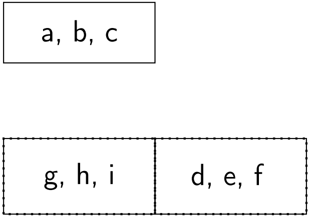

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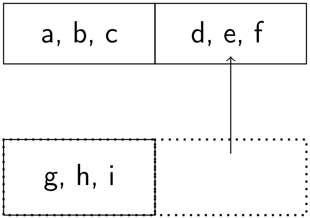

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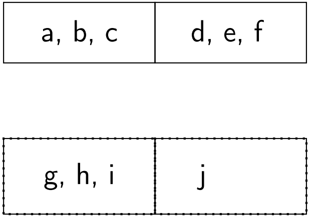

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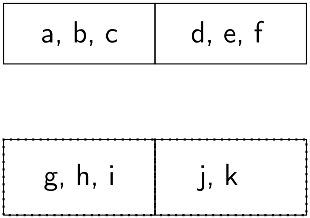

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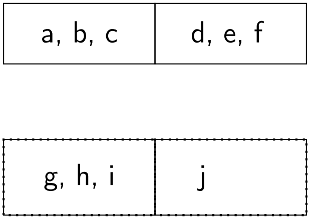

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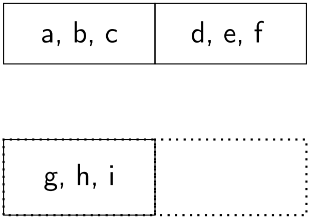

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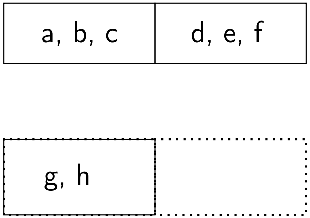

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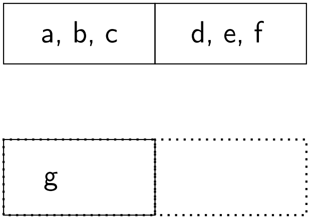

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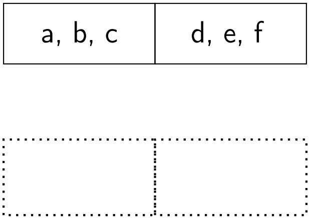

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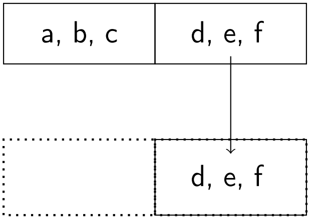

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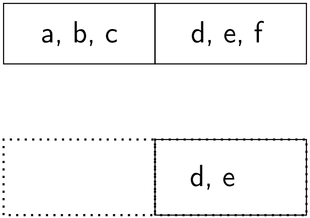

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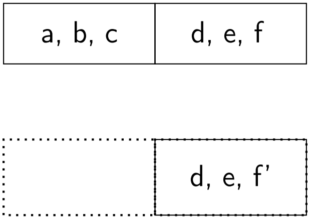

I/O Model : Stack

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g'	d, e, f'

I/O Model : Stack

a, b, c	d, e, f

g', h'	d, e, f'

I/O Model : Stack

a, b, c	d, e, f

g', h', i'	d, e, f'

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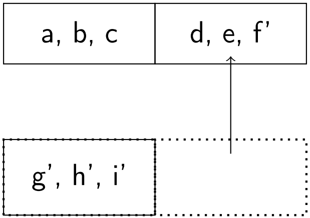

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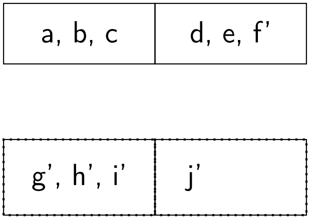

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g', h', i'	j'

Time	:	$O(N)$
I/O	:	$O(N/B)$
Memory	:	$2B$

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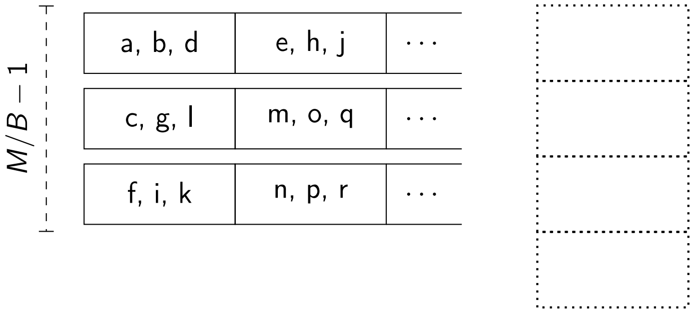

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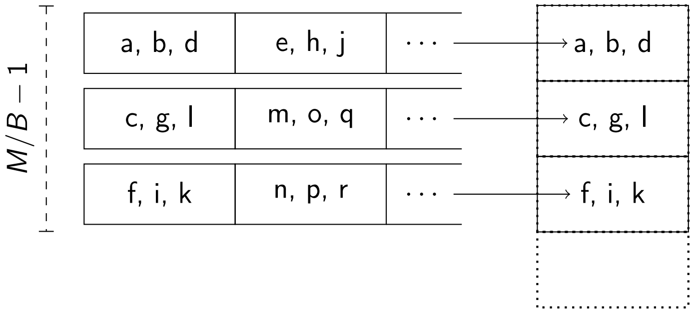

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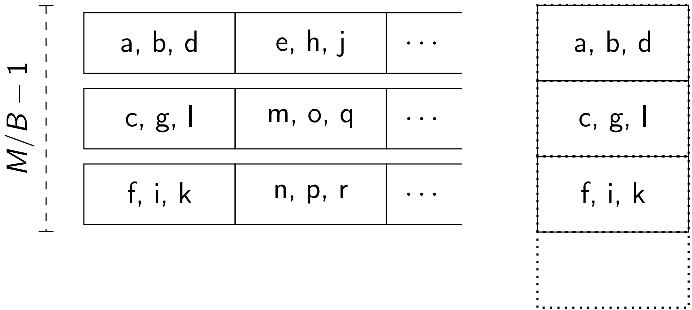

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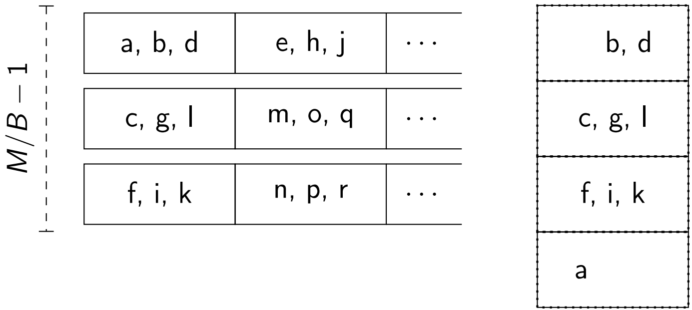

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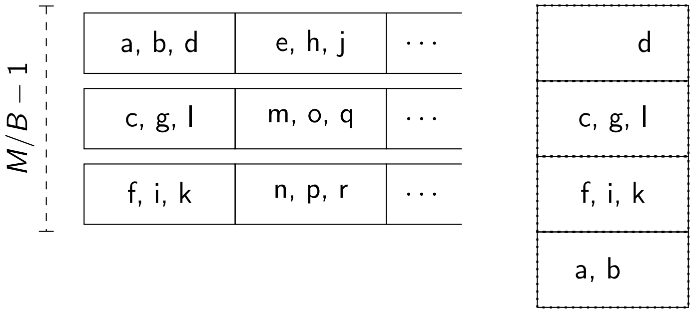

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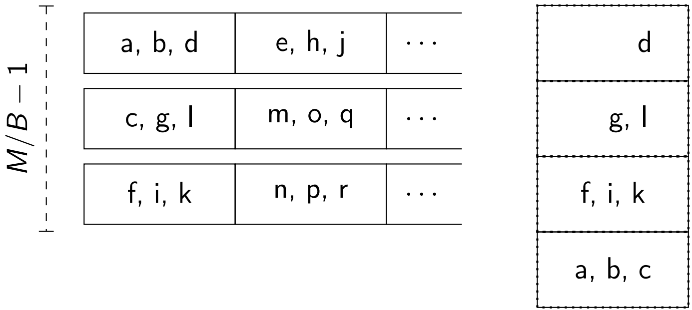

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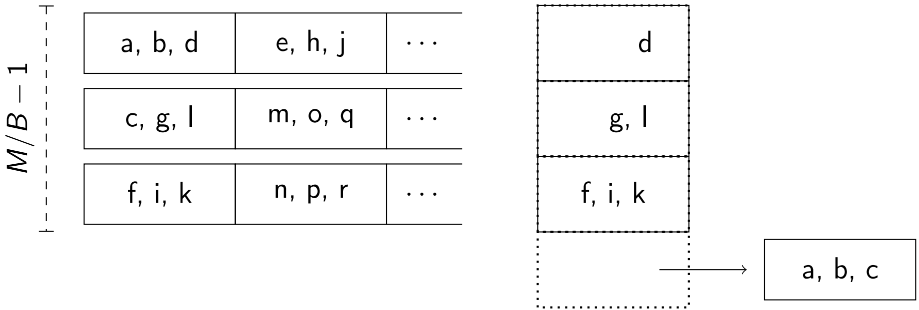

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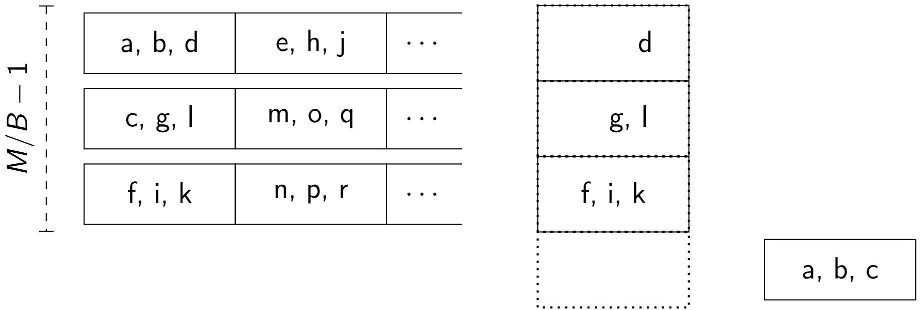

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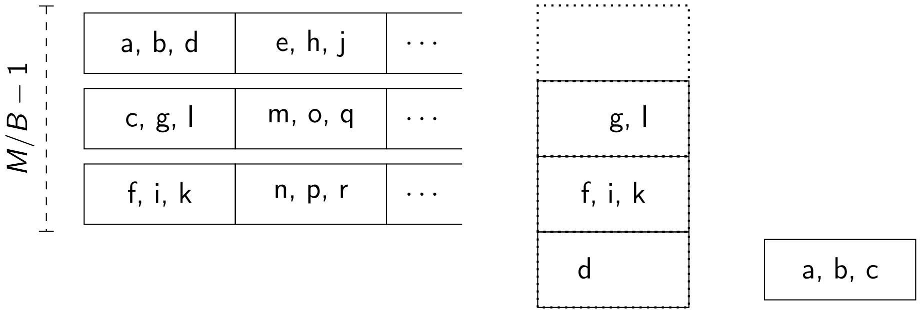

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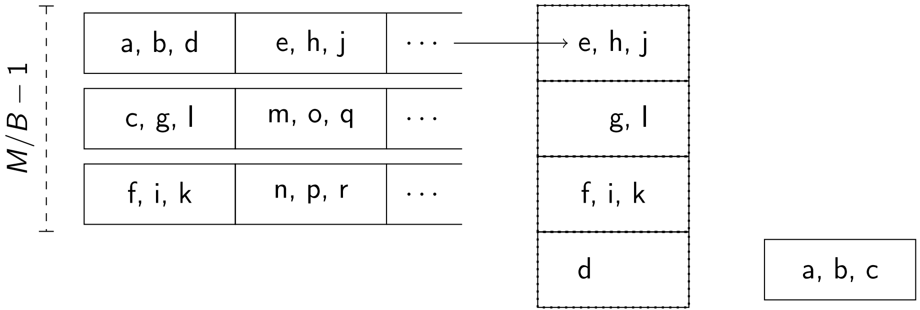

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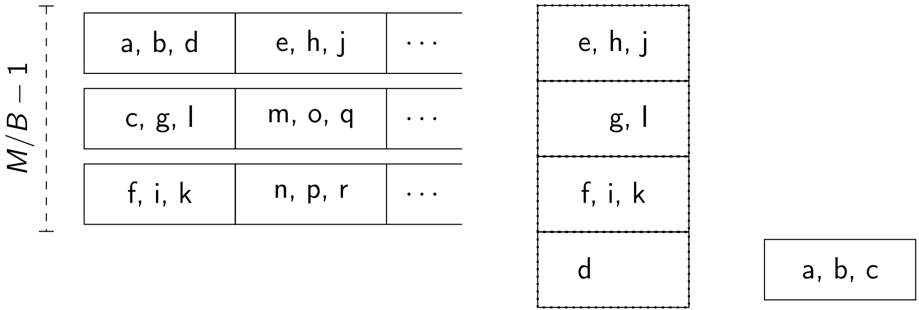

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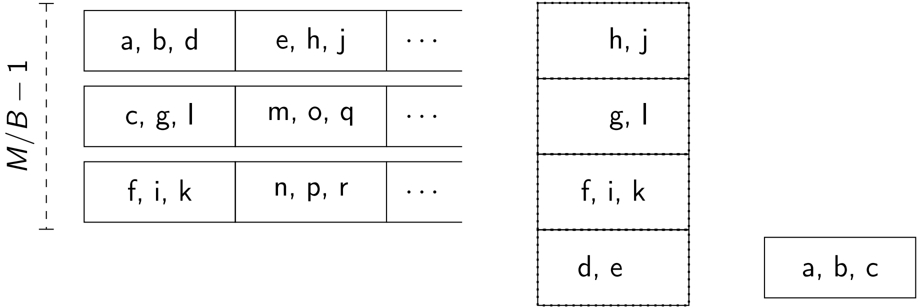

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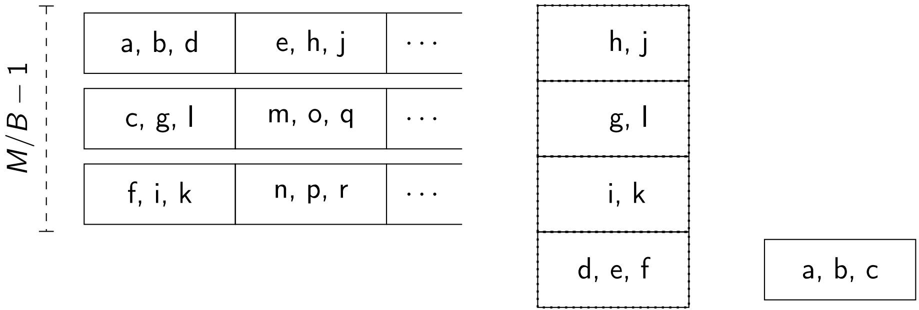

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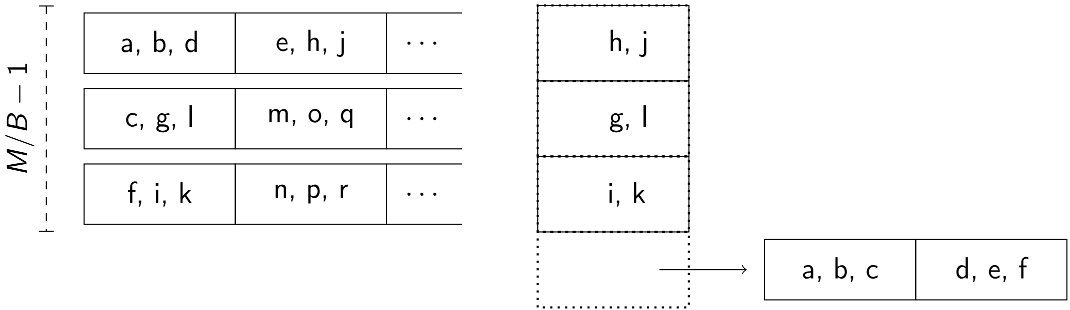

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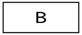

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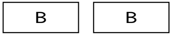

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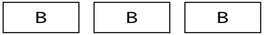

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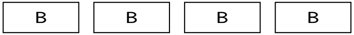

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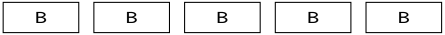

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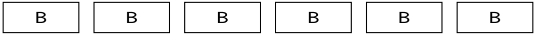

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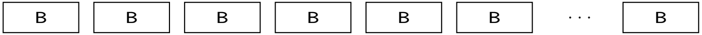

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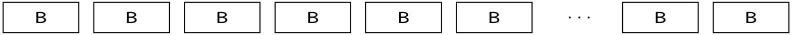

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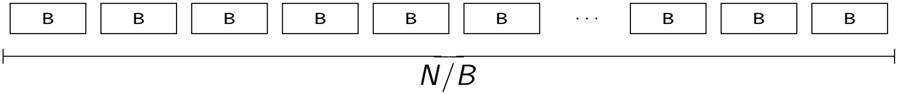

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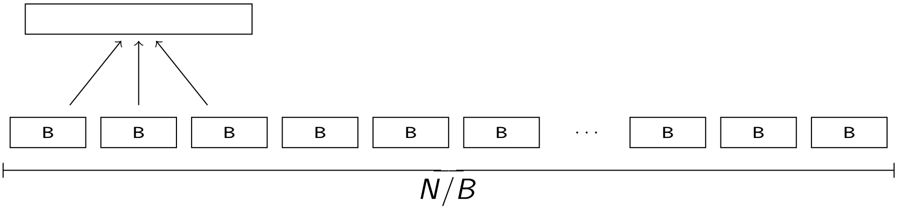

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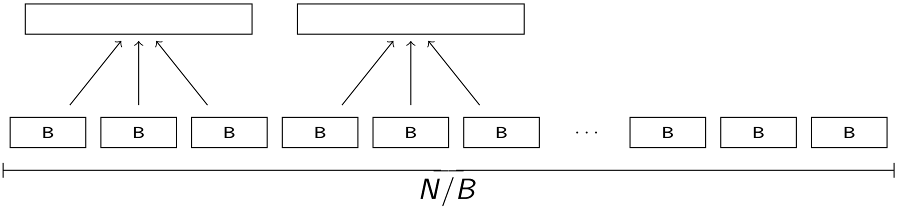

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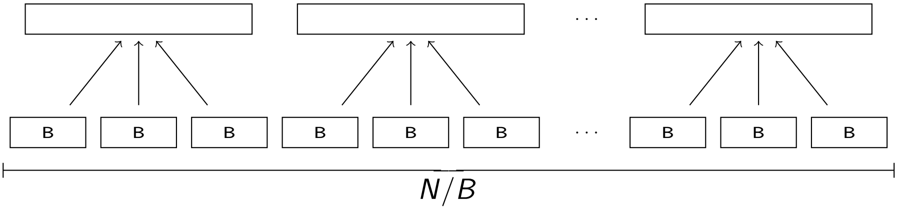

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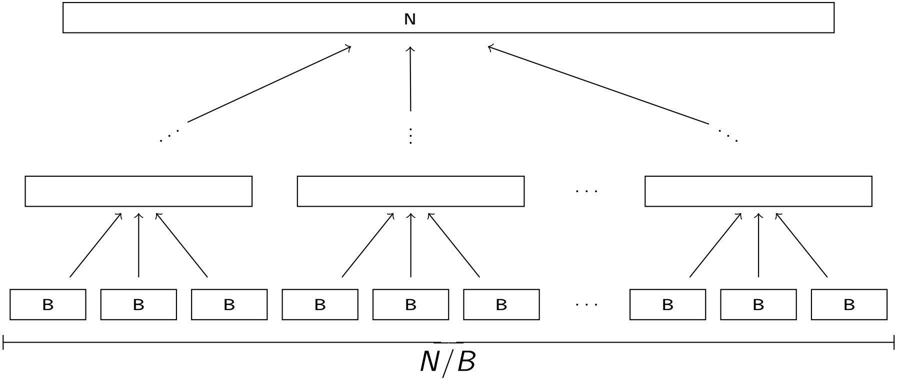

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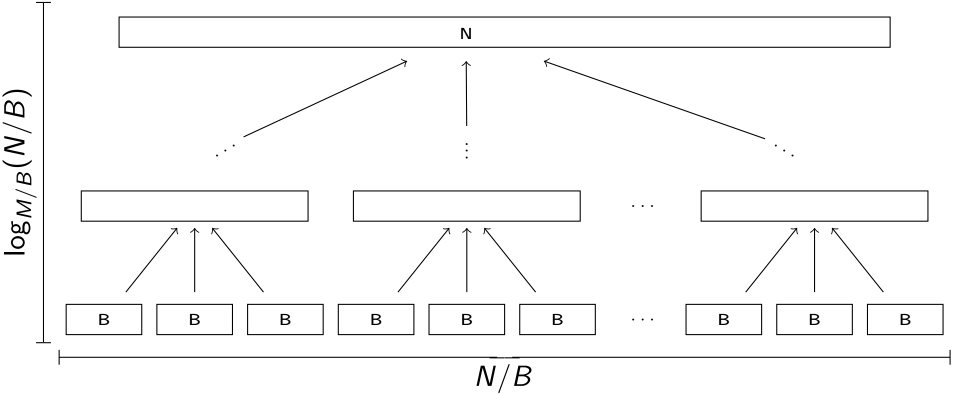

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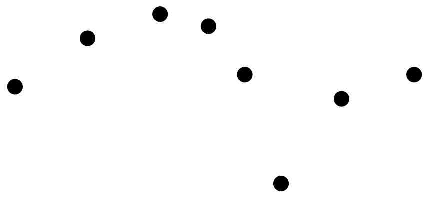
Convex Hull

Compute the *convex hull* for N points in the plane.



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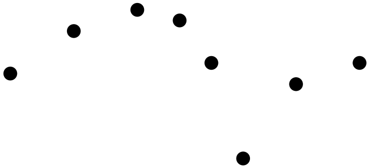

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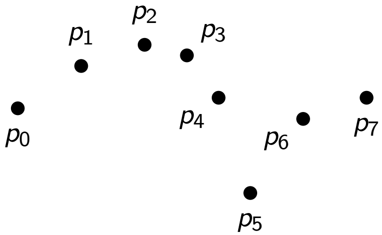

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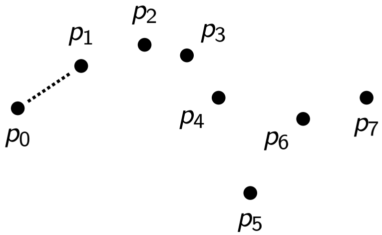

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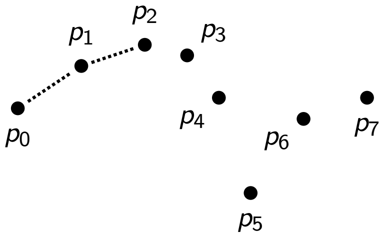

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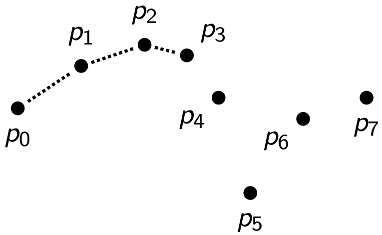

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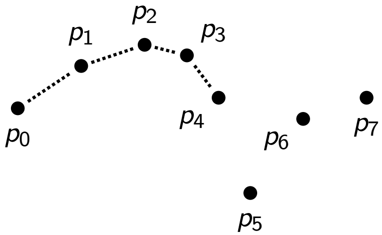

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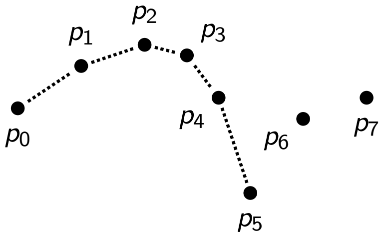

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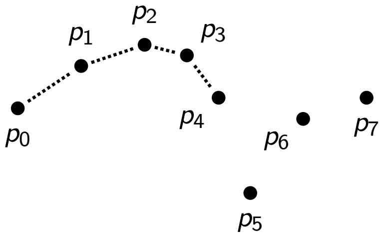

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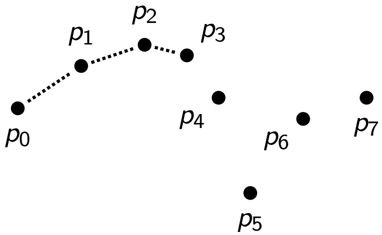

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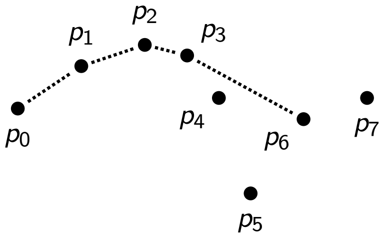

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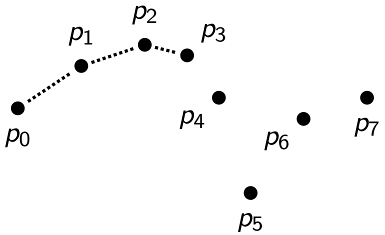

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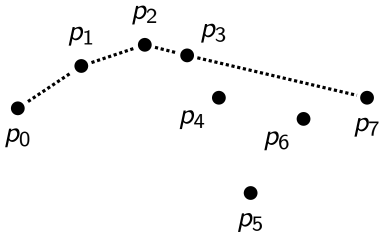

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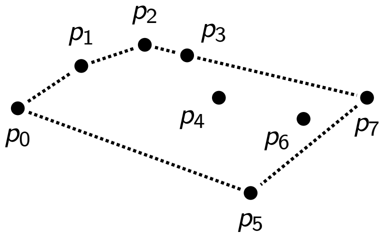

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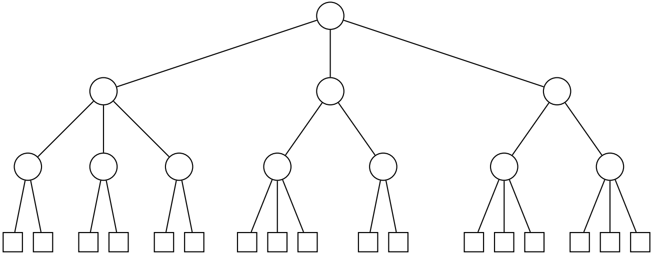

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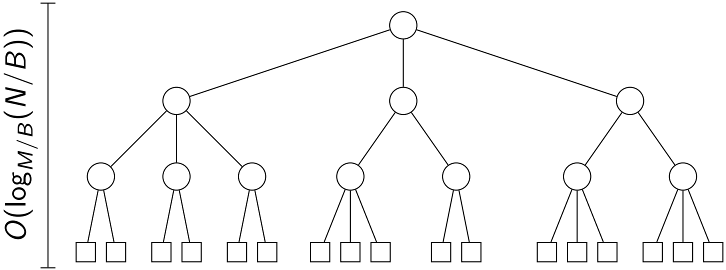

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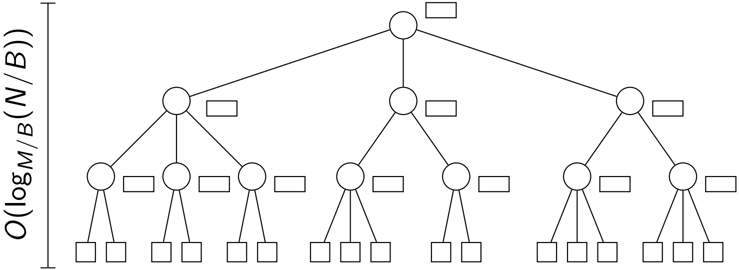

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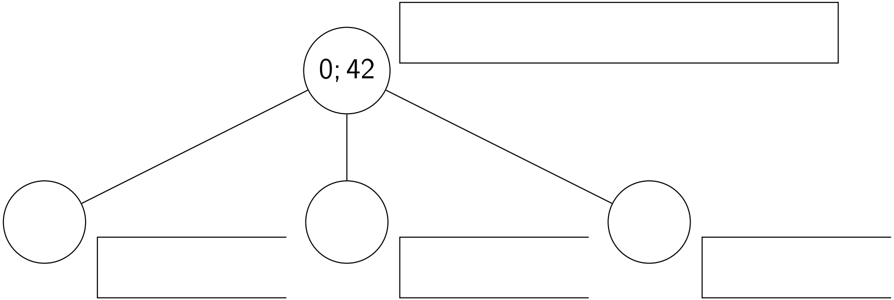

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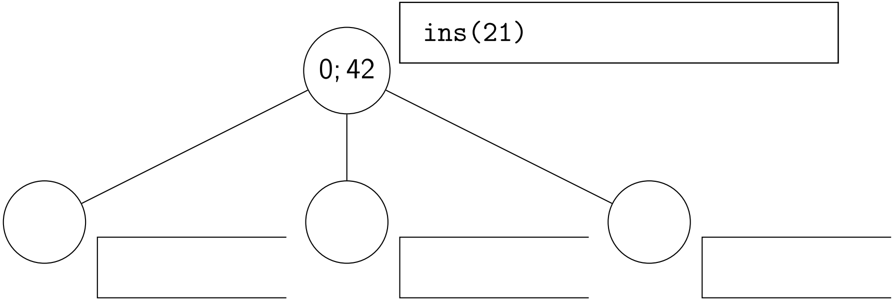

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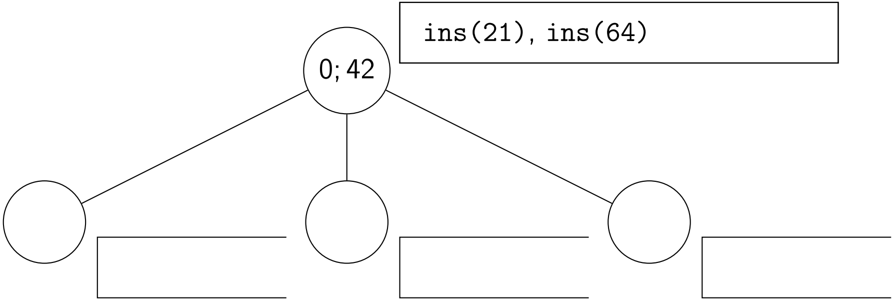

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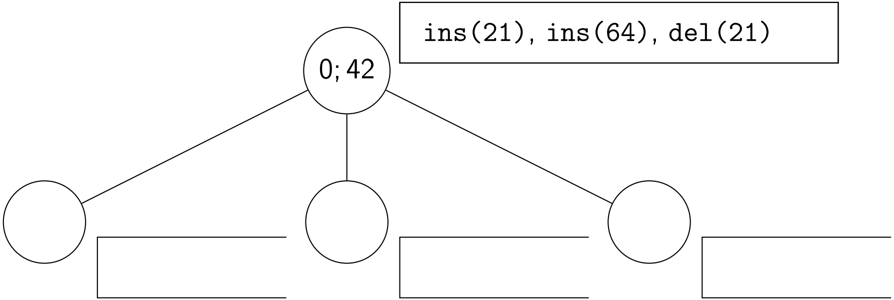

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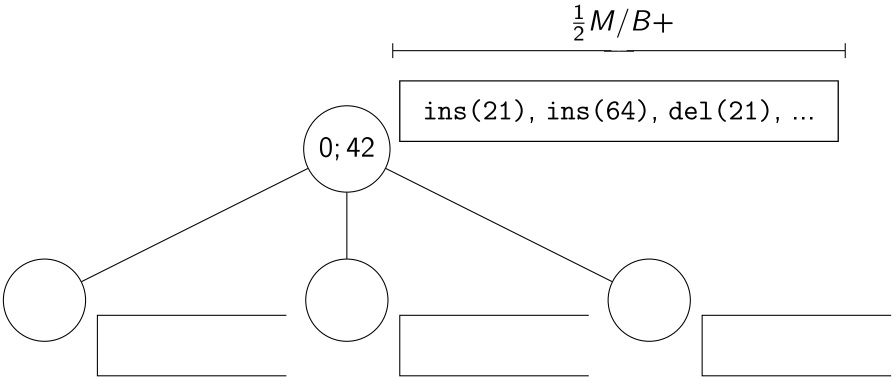

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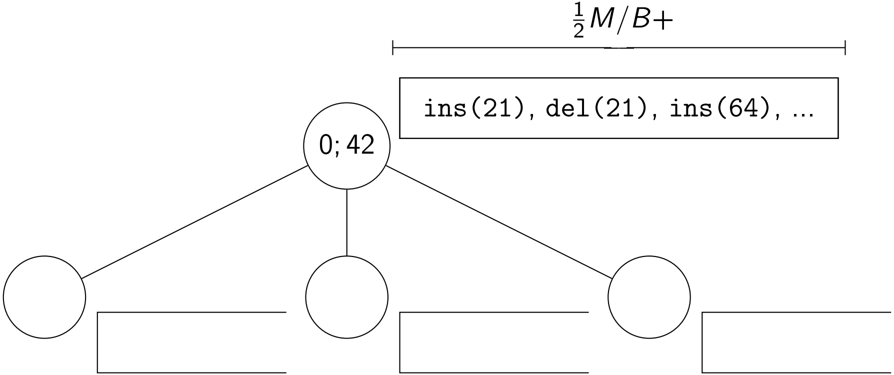

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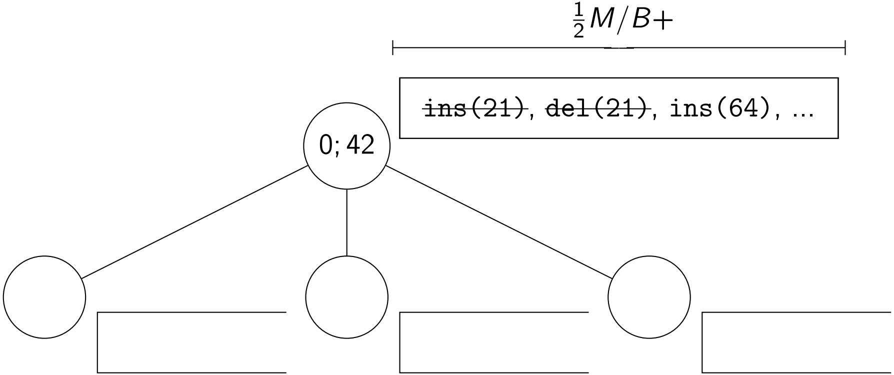

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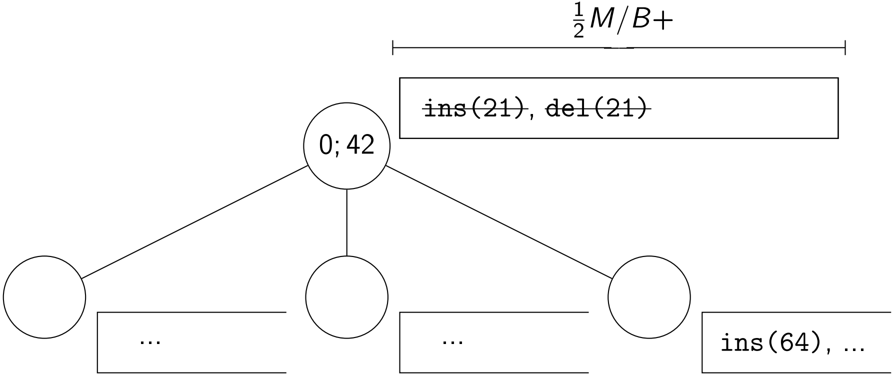

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Proof.
Use an $M/2$ sized internal memory priority queue, `pq`. If `pq` overflows, move $M/4$ the largest elements to a Buffer Tree, `t`. If `pq` underflows, obtain the $M/4$ smallest elements from `t`. □

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Given a Binary Decision Diagram of N nodes, compute the number of paths from the root to the $\top$ terminal.

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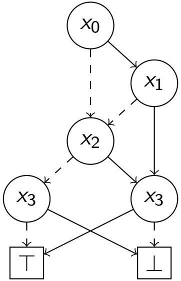

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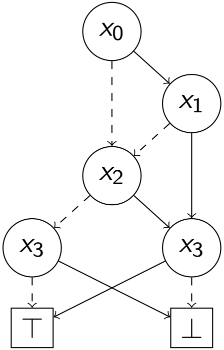

Decision Diagram

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On-Disk Format

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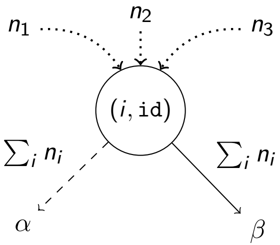
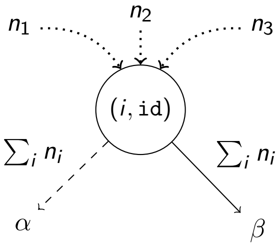


Idea

Count the number of in-going paths to each node.



Time-Forward Processing

Defer work with Q_{count} : $\texttt{PriorityQueue}\langle(s \to t, \quad \mathbb{N})\rangle$ sorted on t in ascending order.

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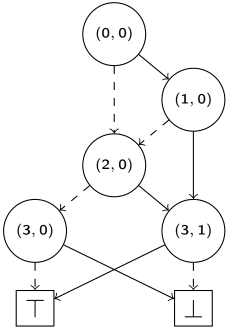

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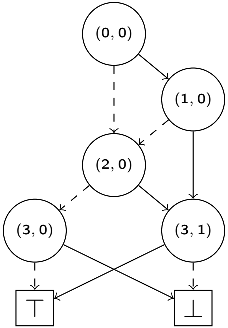

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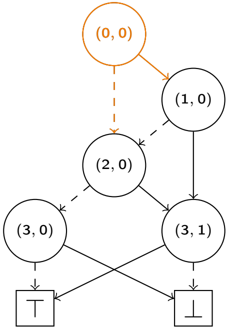

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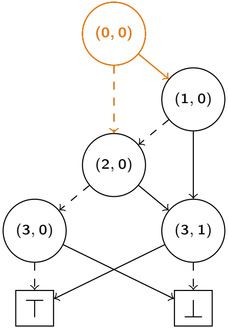

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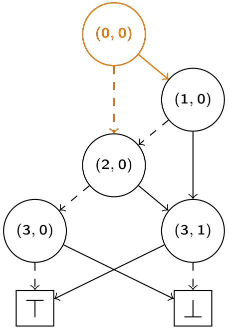

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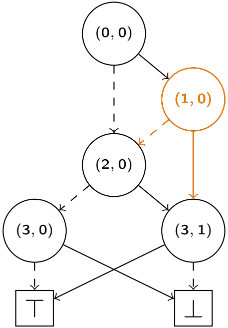

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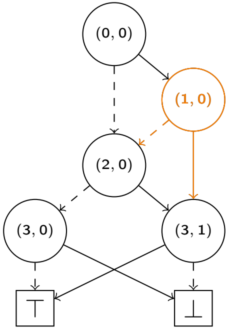

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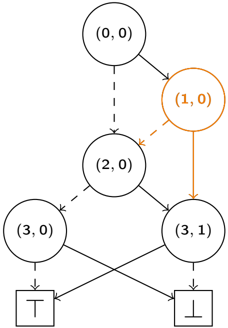

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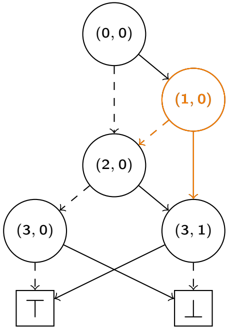

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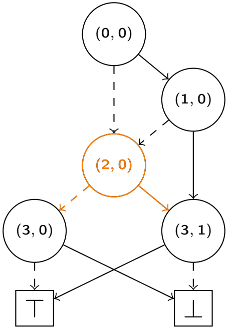

(a) $(x_0 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_3) \vee (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
(2, 0)	0	0

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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$$((0,0) \xrightarrow{\perp} (2,0),\quad 1)\quad ,$$
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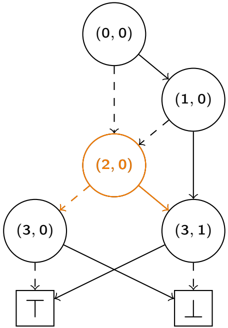

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(2, 0)$	1	0

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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$((1,0) \xrightarrow{\perp} (2,0), \quad 1)$,

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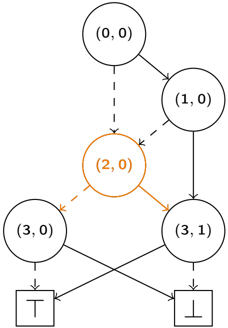

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(2, 0)$	2	0

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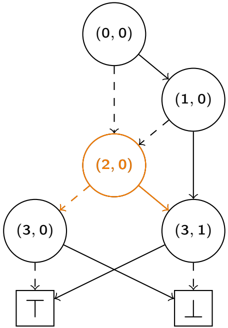

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Seek	Sum	Result
$(2, 0)$	2	0

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

[

$((2,0) \xrightarrow{\perp} (3,0),\quad 2)$,
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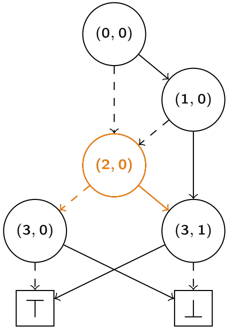

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
(3, 0)	0	0

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

$$[\ ((2,0) \xrightarrow{\bot} (3,0),\ 2),\ ((1,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1),\ 1),\ ((2,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1),\ 2)\ ]$$

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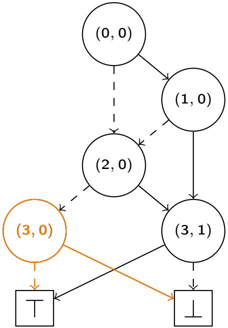

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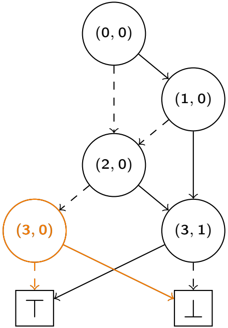

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Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 0)$	2	0

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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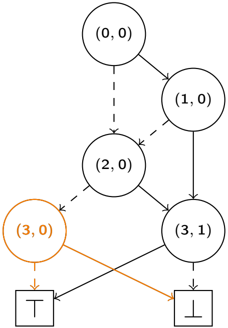

(a) $(x_0 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_3) \vee (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 0)$	2	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

$$\left[\begin{array}{ll} ((1,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1), & 1) \quad , \\ ((2,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1), & 2) \end{array}\right]$$

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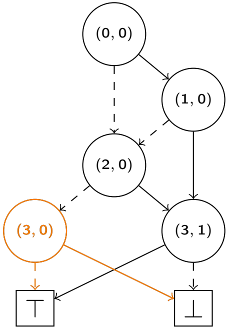

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3,1)$	0	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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$((1,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1), \quad 1)$,

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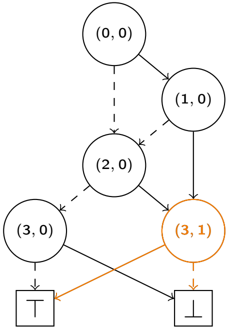

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 1)$	0	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

$$[\ ((1,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1),\quad 1)\ ,\ ((2,0) \xrightarrow{\top} (3,1),\quad 2)\ ]$$

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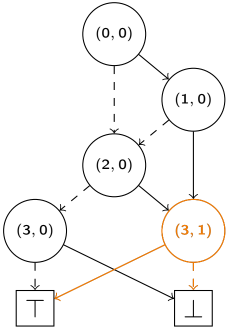

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 1)$	1	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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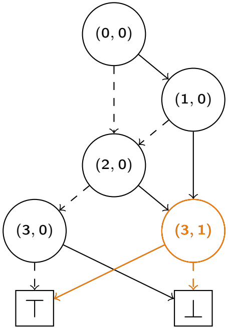

(a) $(x_0 \land x_1 \land x_3) \lor (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 1)$	3	2

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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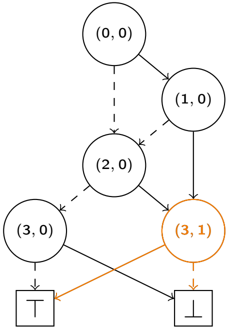

(a) $(x_0 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_3) \vee (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Seek	Sum	Result
$(3, 1)$	3	5

Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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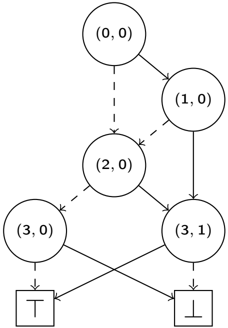

(a) $(x_0 \wedge x_1 \wedge x_3) \vee (x_2 \oplus x_3)$

Result

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Priority Queue: Q_{count}:

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Adiar

github.com/ssoelvsten/adiar

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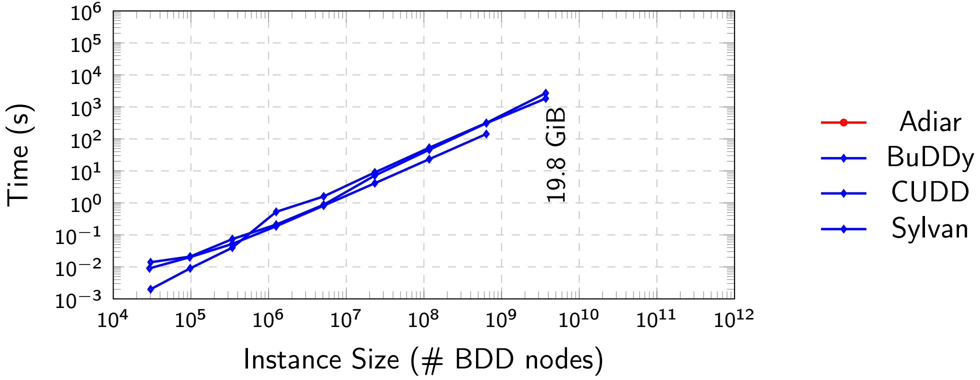

Running time for the *N-Queens* problems.

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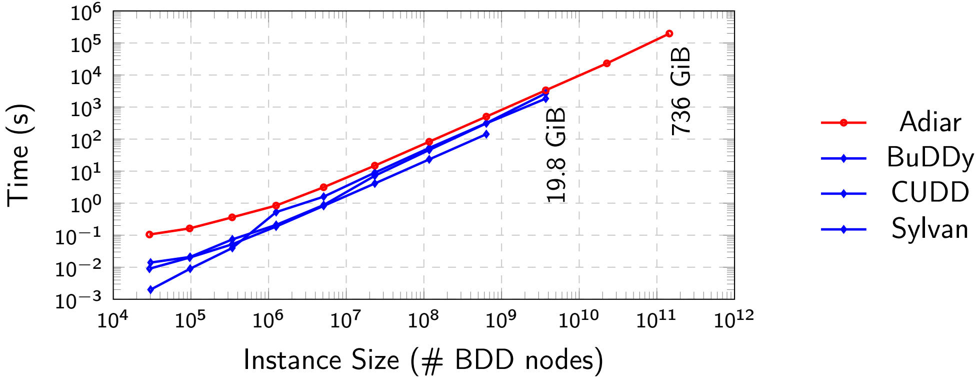

Running time for the *N-Queens* problems.

Further Reading : Foundations

- **Aggarwal and Vitter (1987)**
  "The Input/Output Complexity of Sorting and Related Problems"
  The I/O-model, Sorting, Permutation, FFT, and Matrix transposition.
- **Arge, Goodrich, Nelson, and Sitchinava (2008)**
  "Fundamental Parallel Algorithms for Private-cache Chip Multiprocessors."
  The I/O-model for Multi-Threading.

Further Reading : Data Structures

- **Arge (1995)**
  "The Buffer Tree: A new technique for Optimal I/O-algorithms"
  An I/O-efficient Tree, Priority Queue, and Range Tree.
- **Sanders (2002)**
  "Fast Priority Queues for Cached Memory"
  A much faster I/O-efficient Priority Queue.
- **Agarwal, Arge and Yi (2006)**
  "I/O-Efficient Batched Union-Find and Its Applications to Terrain Analysis"
  An I/O-efficient (Lazy) Union-Find.

Further Reading : Algorithms

- **Goodrich, Tsay, Vengroff, and Vitter (1993)**
  "External-Memory Computational Geometry"
  Distribution Sweeping and other algorithms.
- **Chiang, Goodrich, Grove, Tamassia, Vengroff, and Vitter (1995)**
  "External-memory Graph Algorithms"
  Time-forward Processing and other algorithms.
- **Arge, Toma, Vitter (2001)**
  "I/O-Efficient Algorithms for Problems on Grid-Based Terrains"
  The TerraFlow algorithm.

Further Reading : Libraries (C++)

- **TPIE : Templated Portable I/O Environment**
  `github.com/thomasmoelhave/tpie`
  Duke University and Aarhus University
- **STXXL : Standard Template library for XXL data sets**
  `github.com/stxxl/stxxl`
  University of Karlsruhe

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Distribution Sweeping
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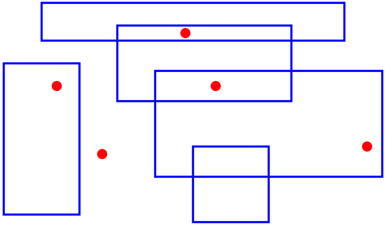
Batched Range Searching

Given N axis-parallel rectangles and N points in the plane, compute for each point p all rectangles containing p.



Theorem
Batched Range Searching can be solved in $O(sort(N) + scan(T))$ I/Os.

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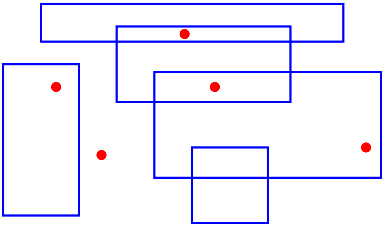

Algorithm:

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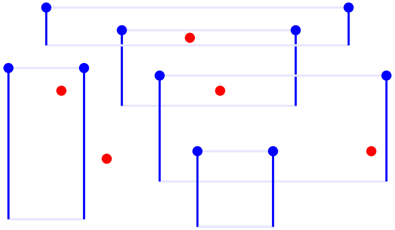
Preprocessing:

- Split each rectangle into two vertical lines.



Algorithm:

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- Sort all lines and points by their x-value.

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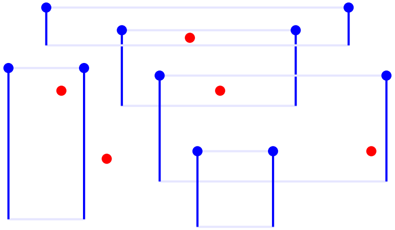

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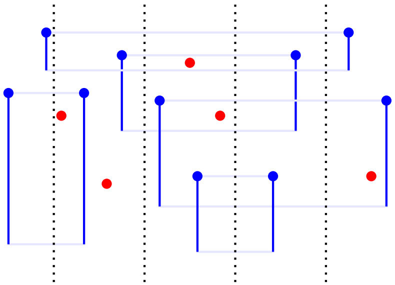

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- Merge slabs together, report points between line segments outside its slab.
    - Use $\Theta(\sqrt{M/B}^2) = \Theta(\sqrt{M/B})$ multi-slabs to maintain each *active* rectangle.
    - Output points and un-matched line segments.