

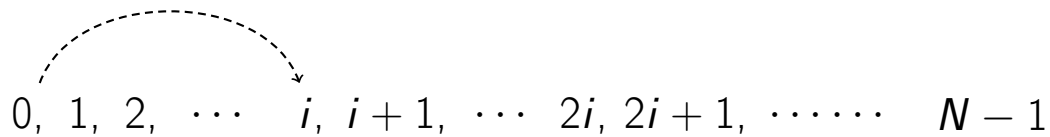
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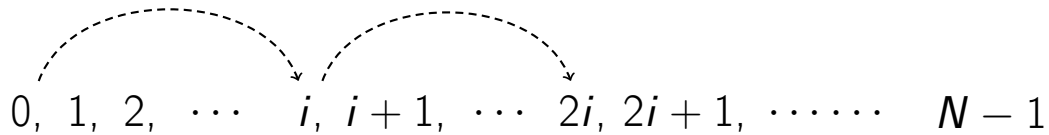
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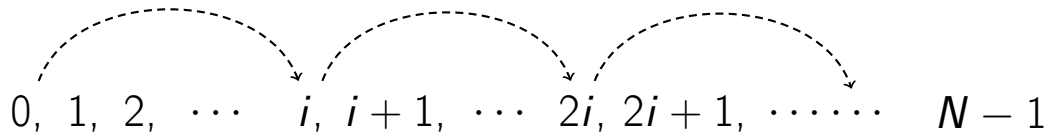
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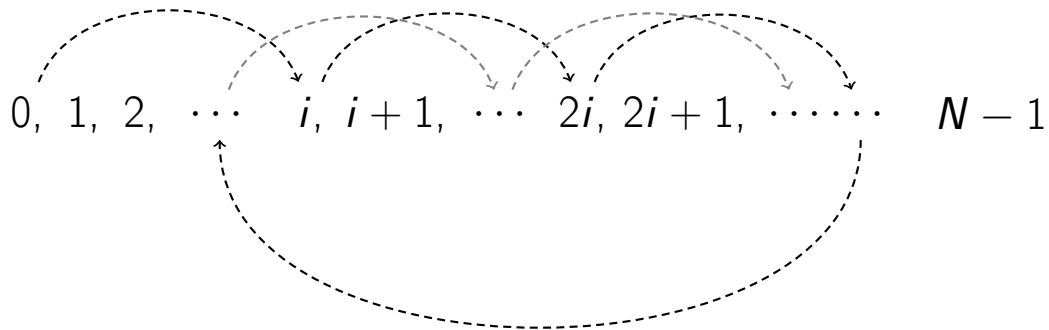


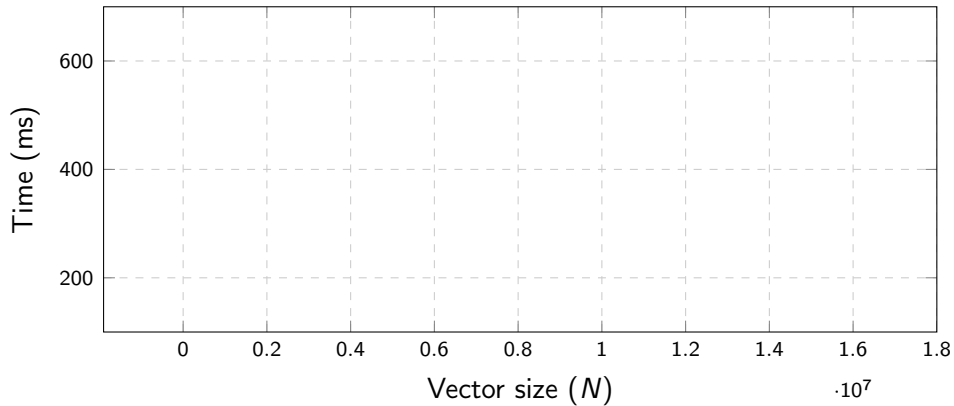
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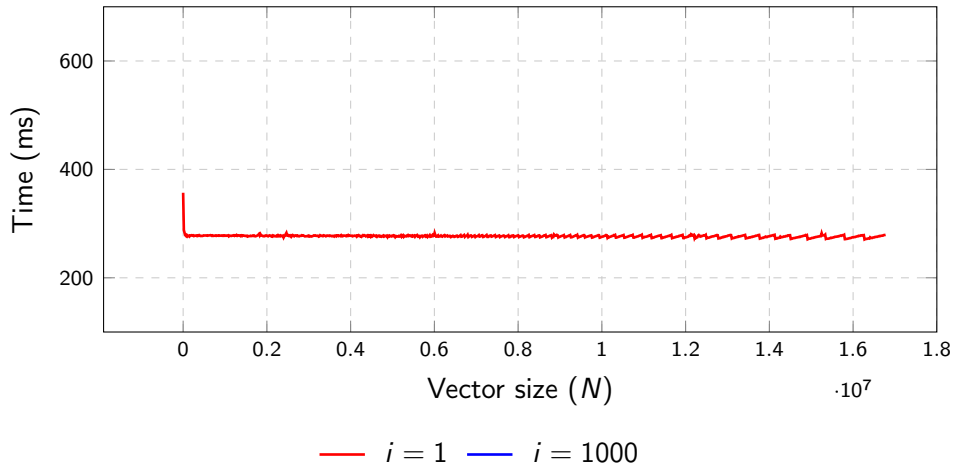


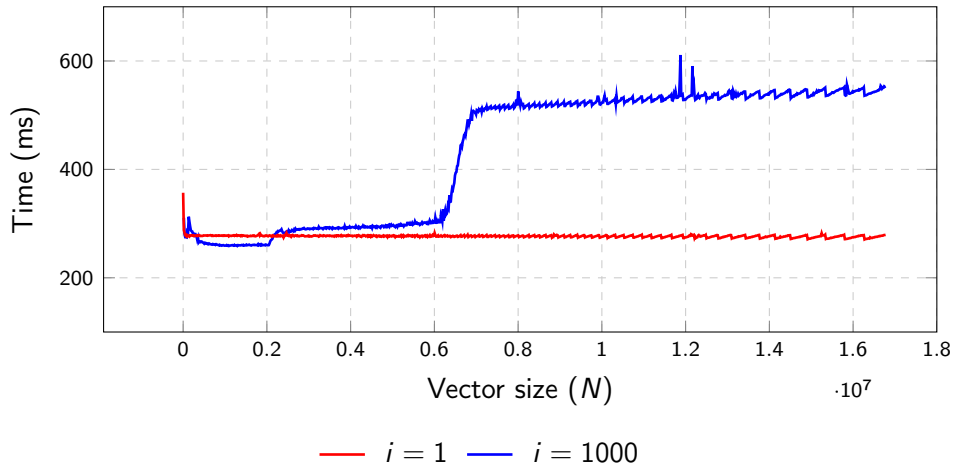




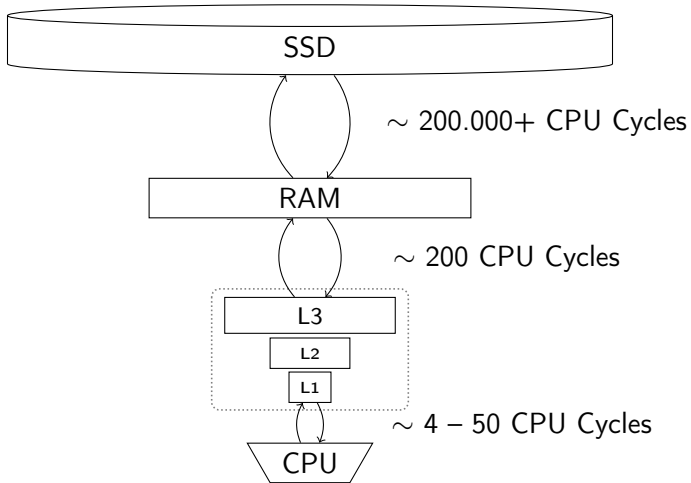


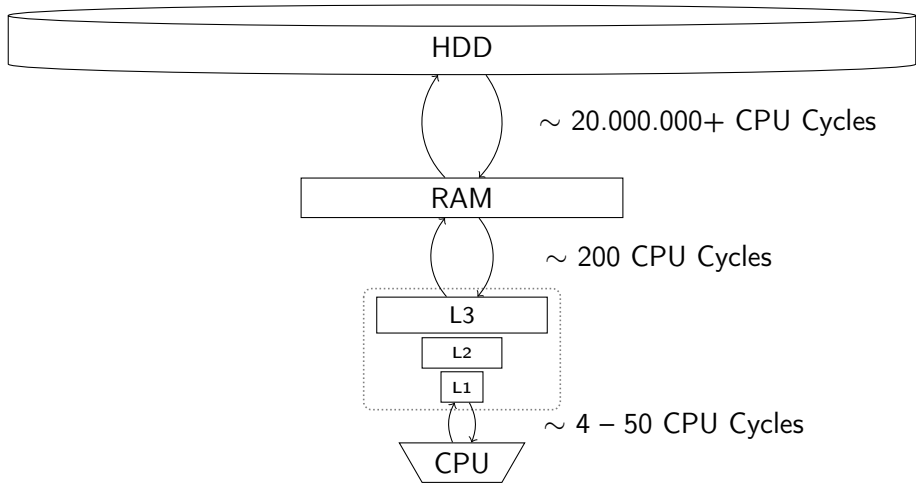
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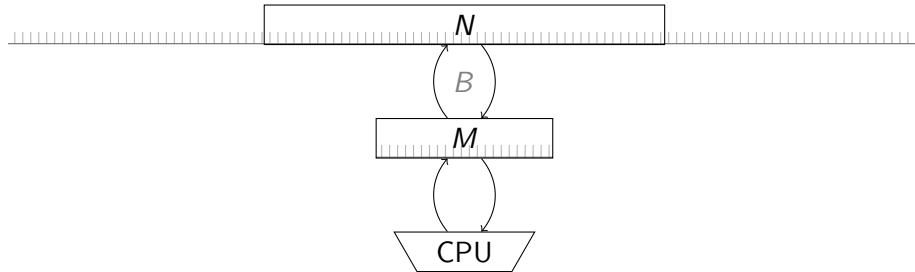






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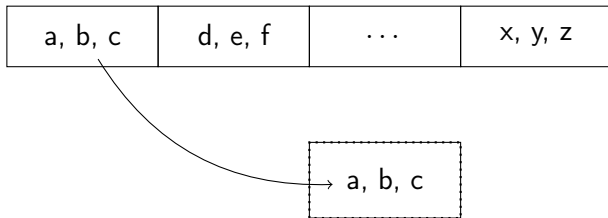
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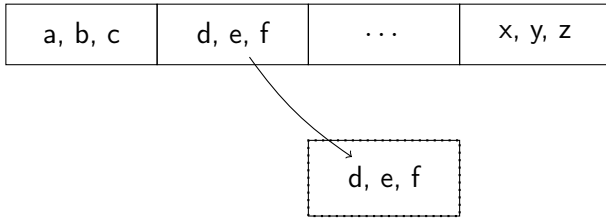
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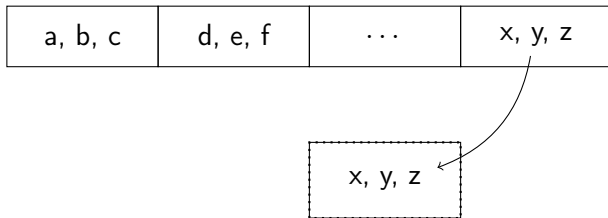
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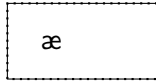
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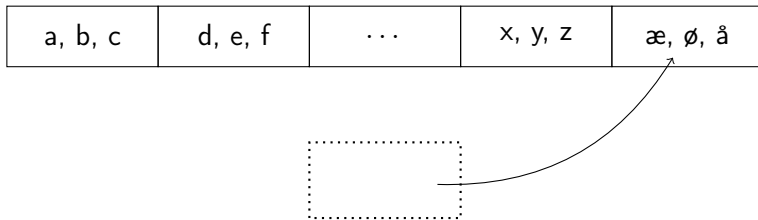
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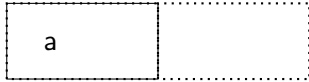


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I/O : N/B
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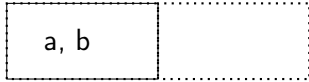
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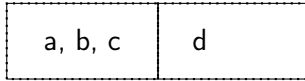
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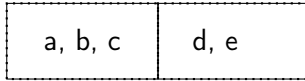
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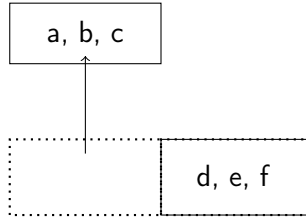
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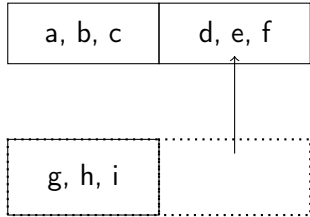
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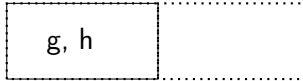
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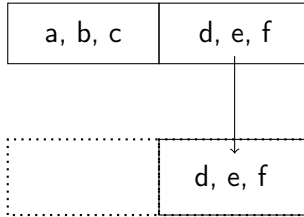
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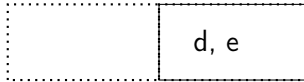
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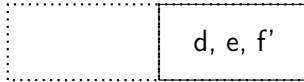
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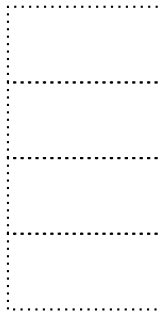
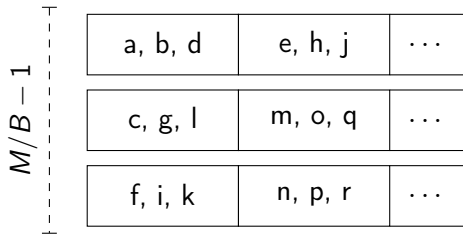
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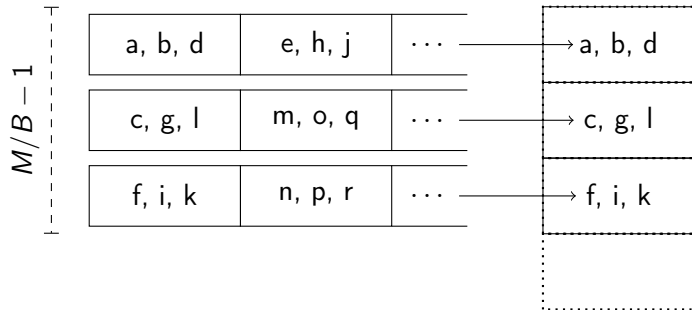
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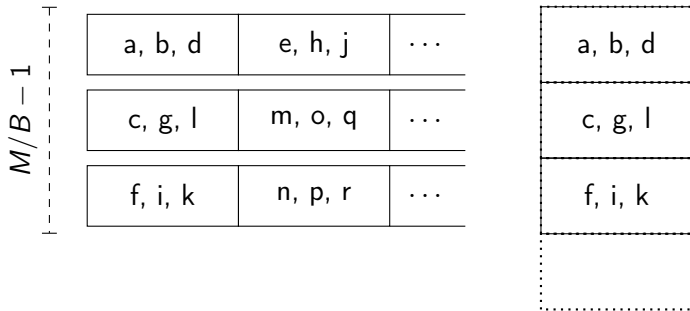
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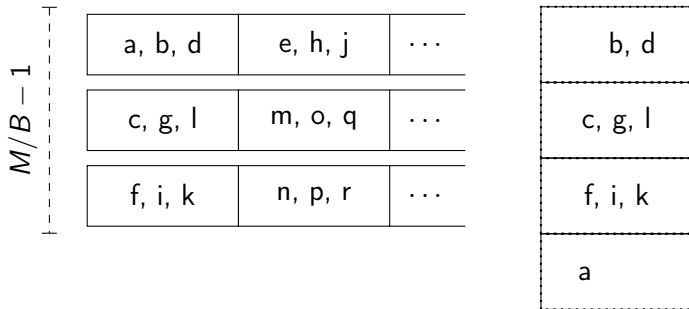
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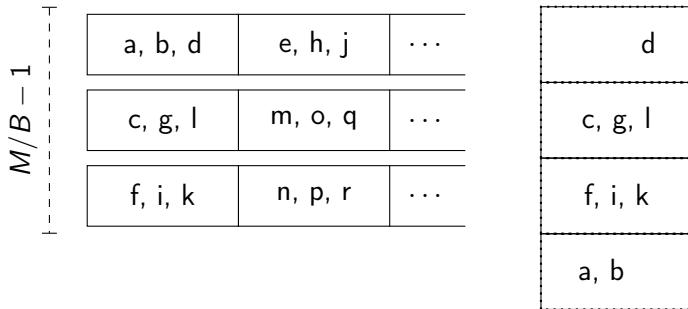
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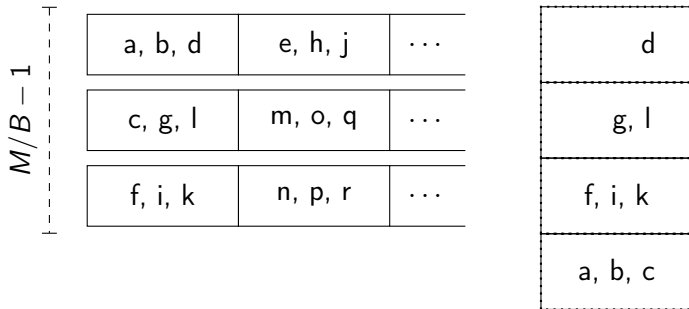
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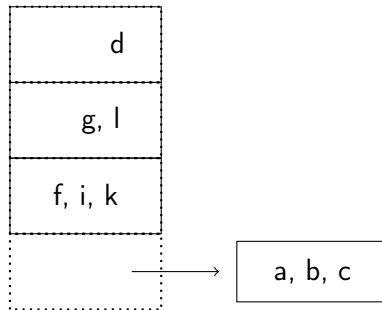
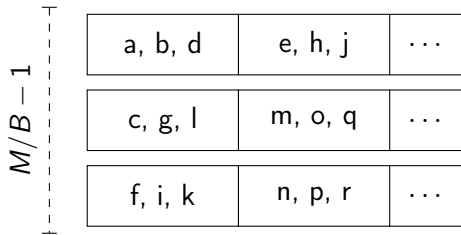
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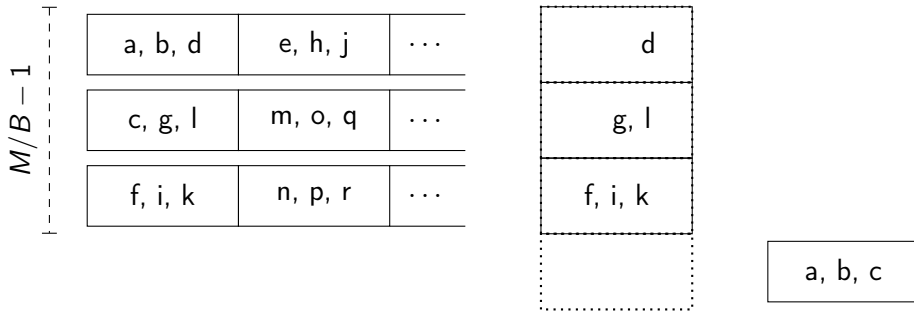
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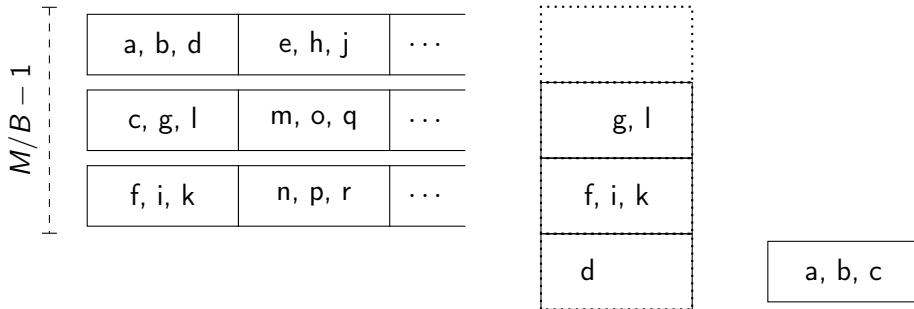
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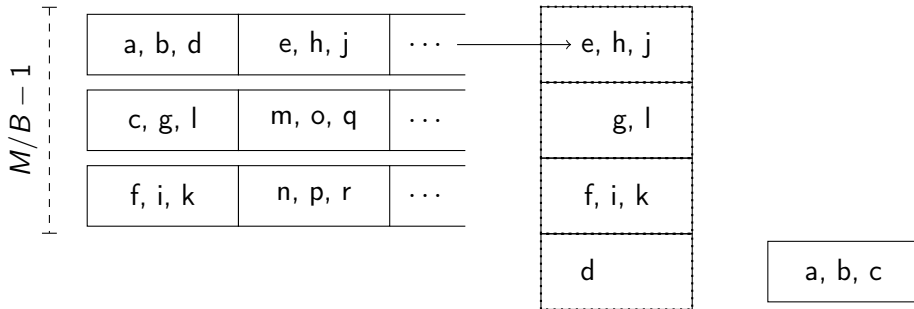
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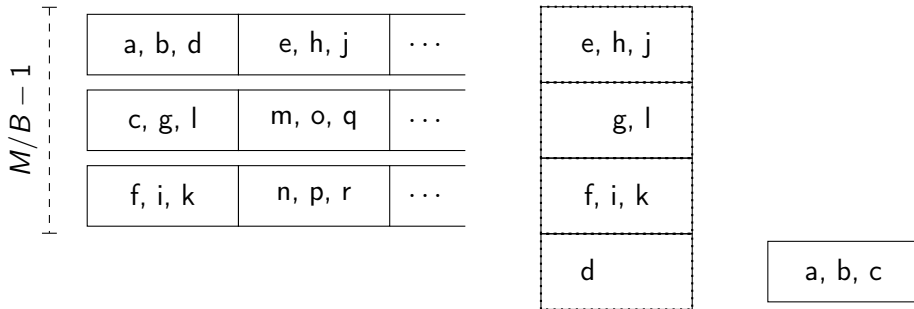
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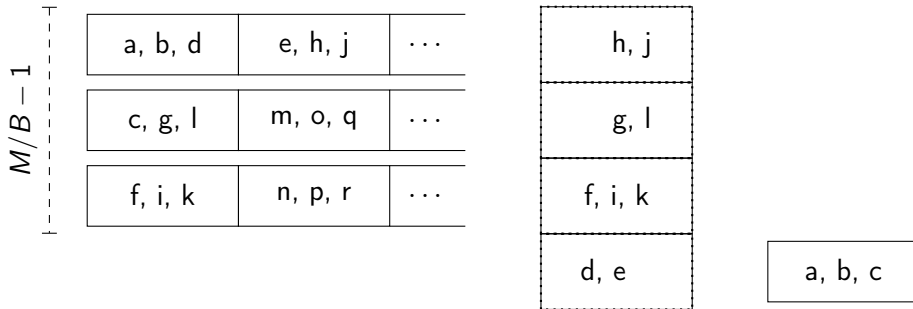
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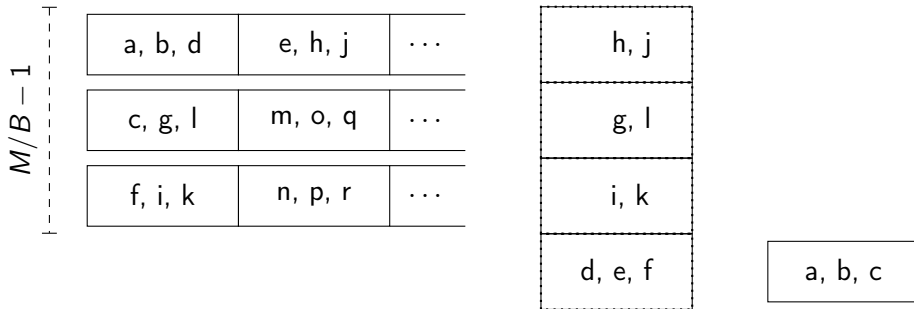
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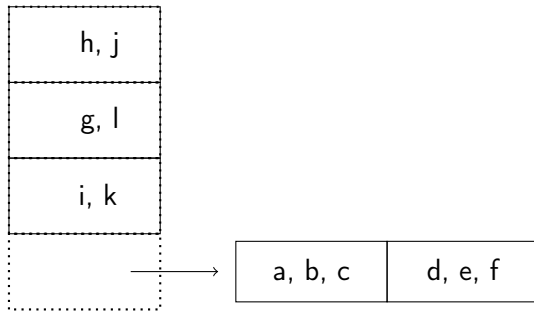
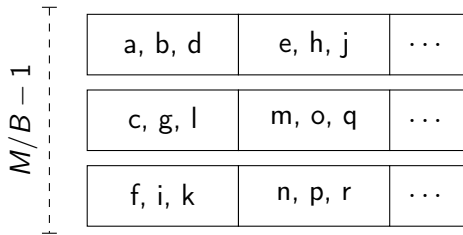
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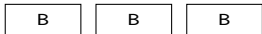
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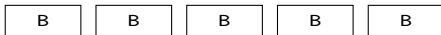
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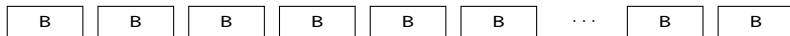
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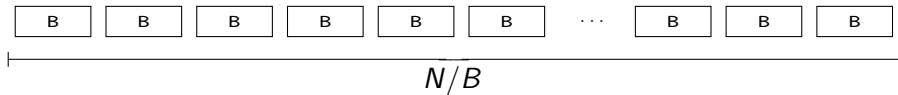
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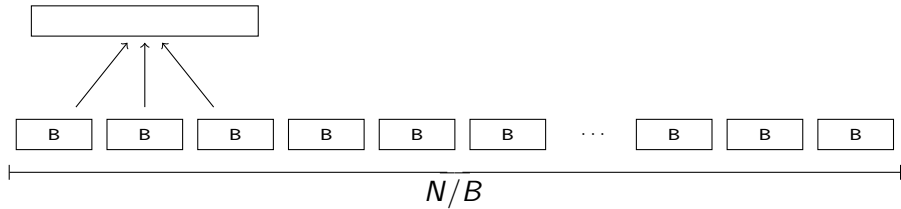
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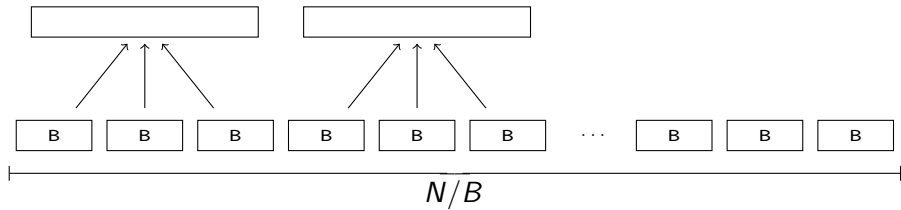
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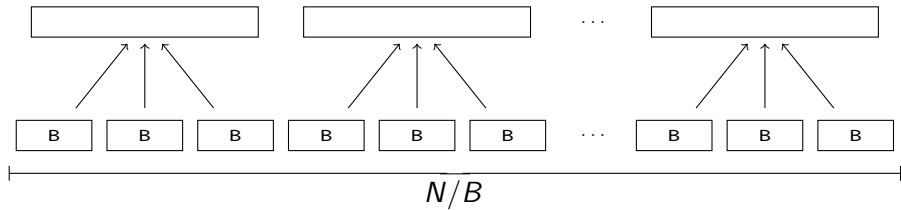
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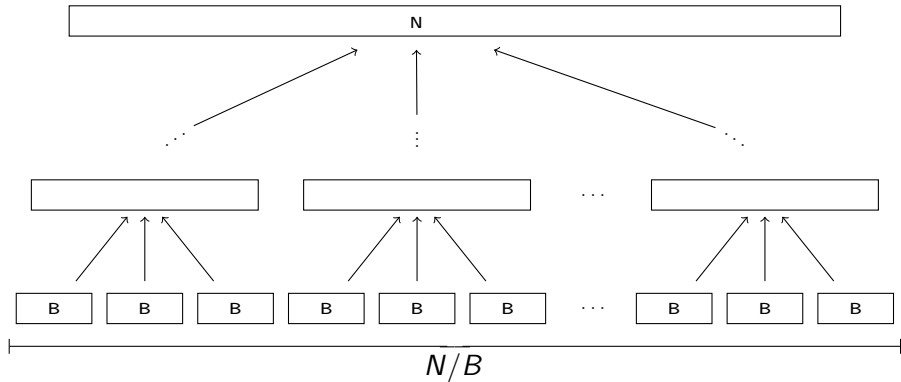
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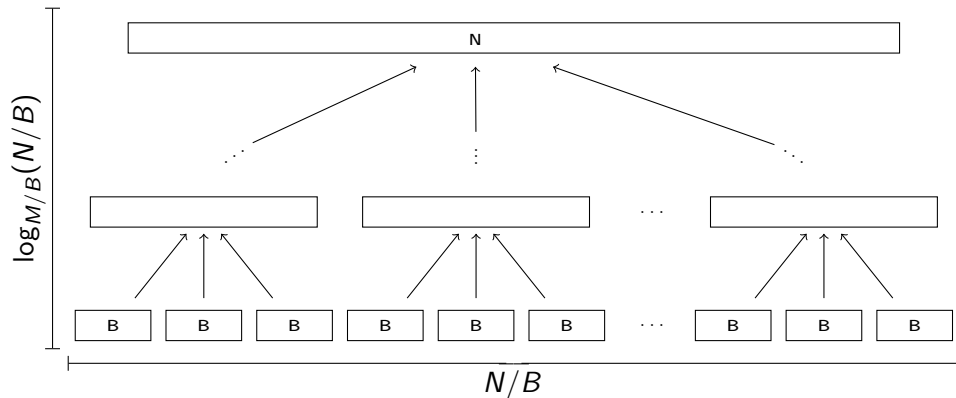
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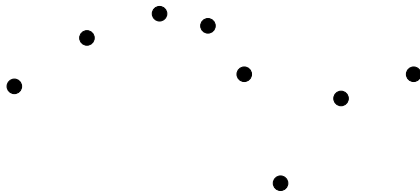
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Convex Hull : Graham Scan

Graham '72

Convex Hull

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



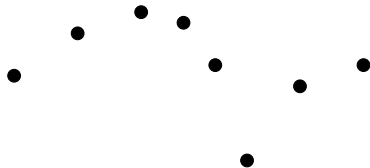
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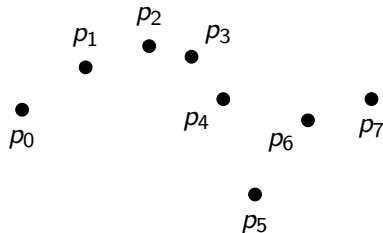


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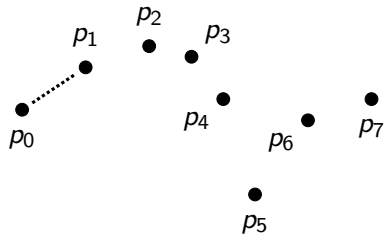


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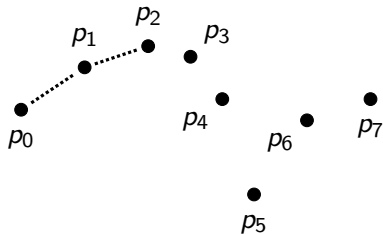


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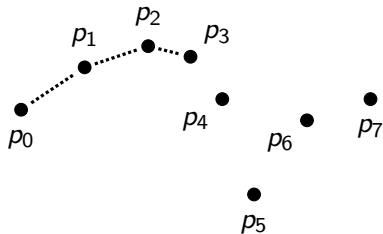


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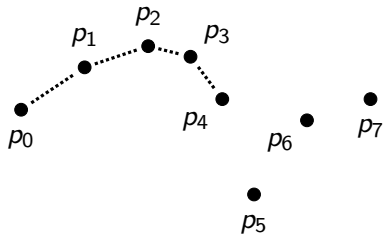


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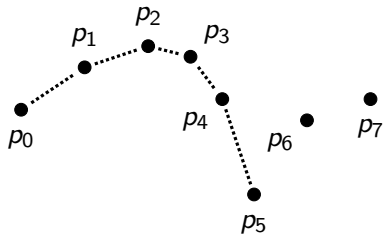


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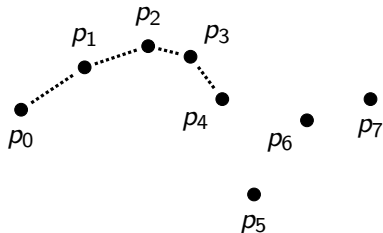


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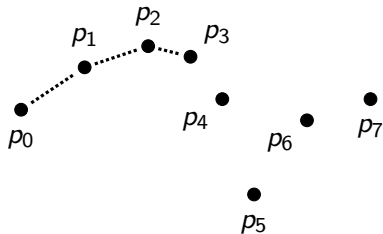


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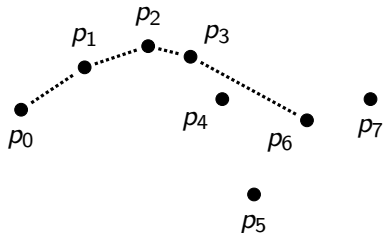


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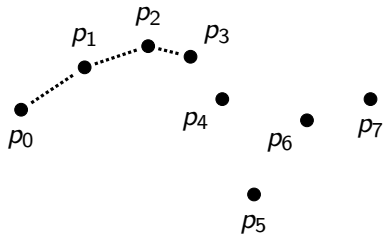


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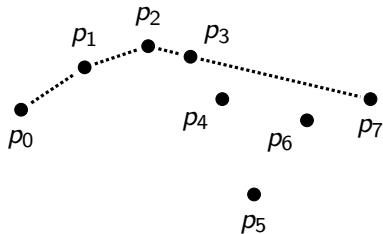


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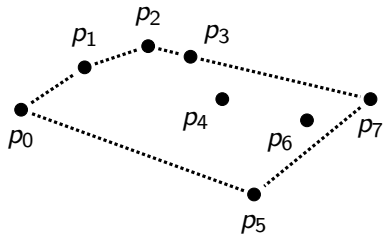
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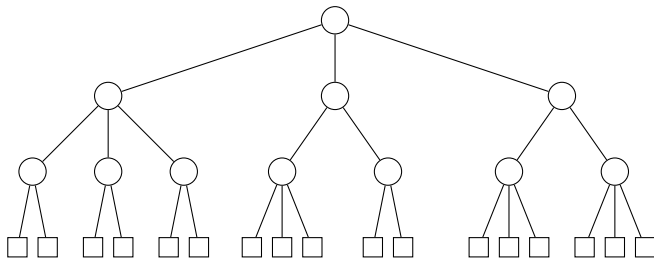
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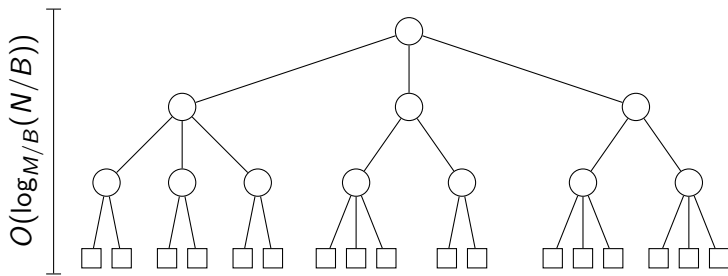
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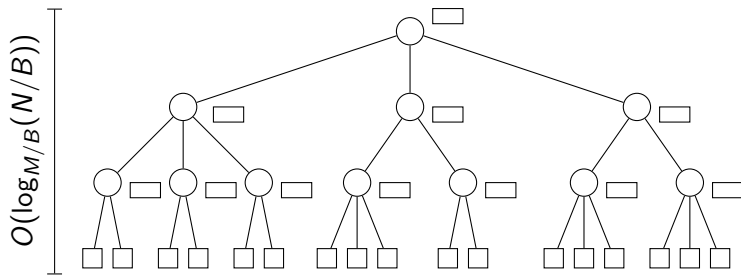
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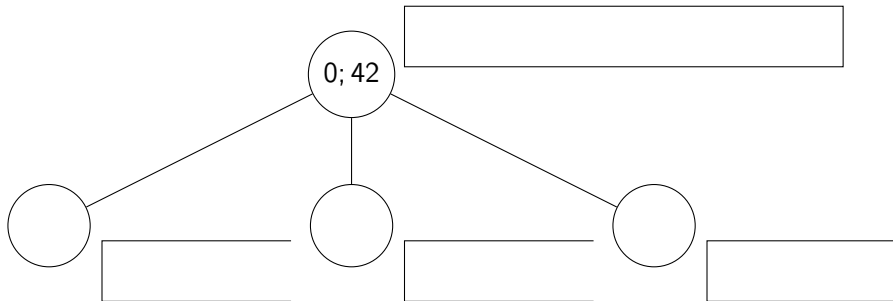
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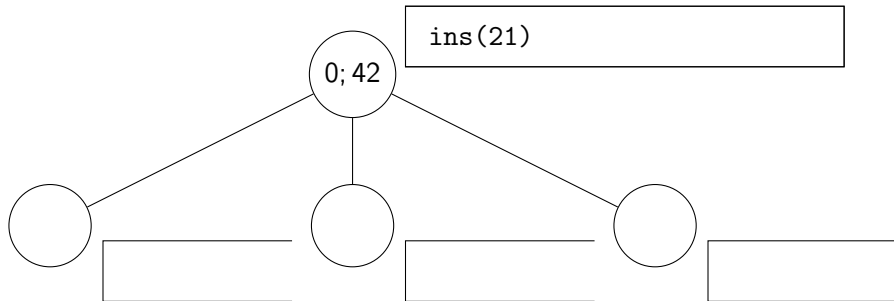
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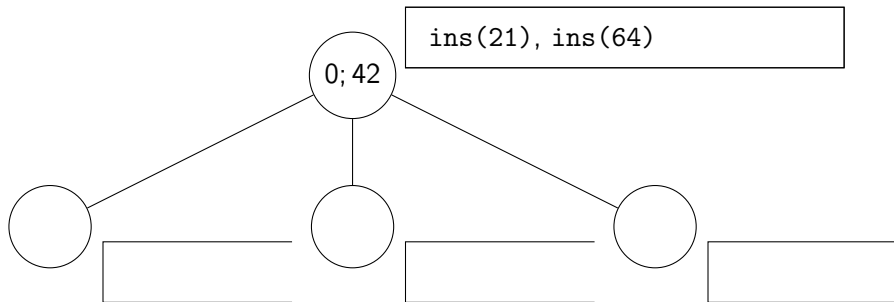
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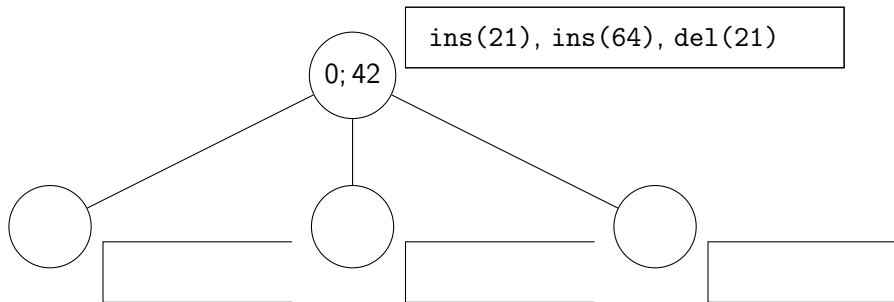
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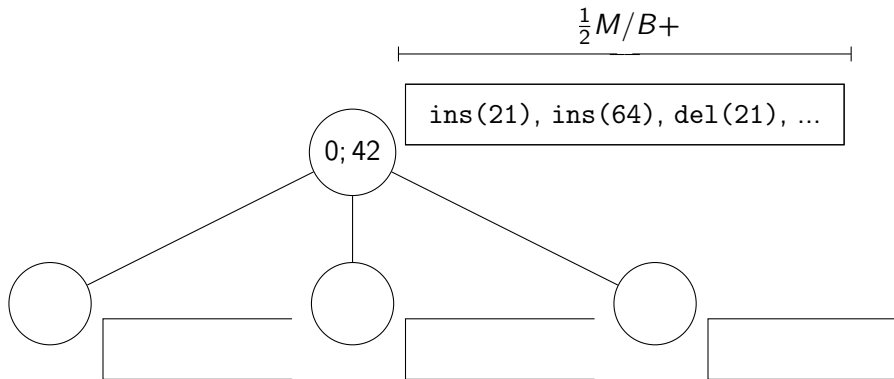
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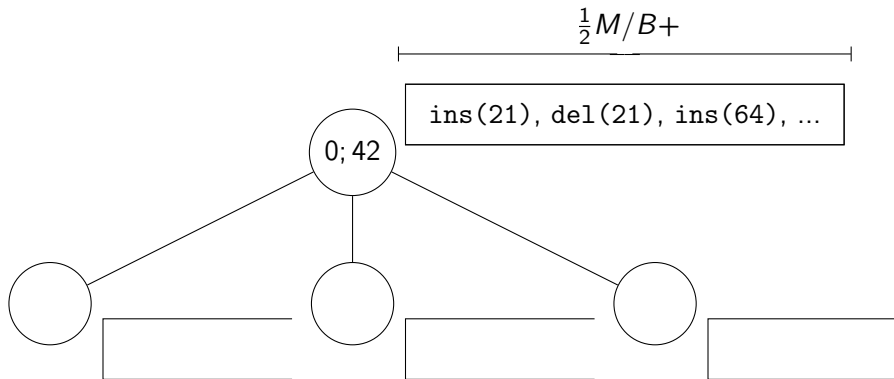
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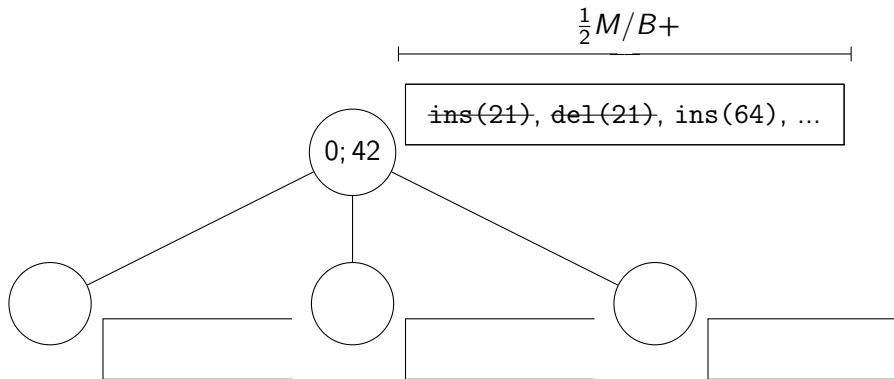
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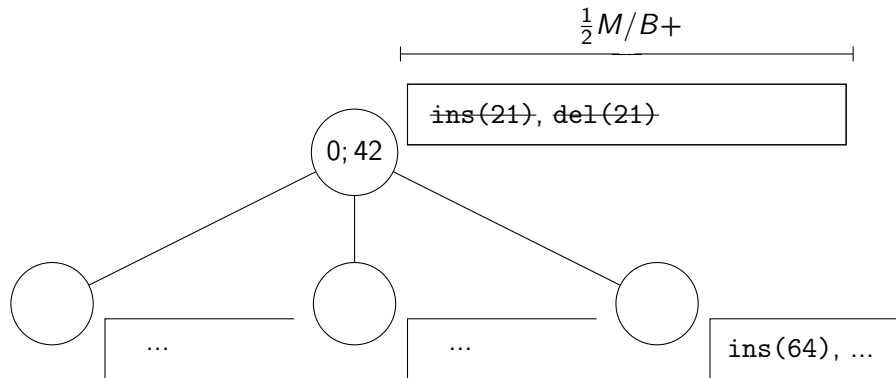
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Proof.

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. \square

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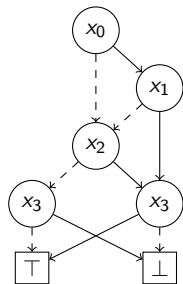
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#Paths

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

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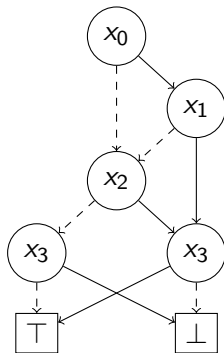
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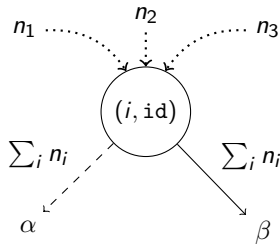
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On-Disk Format

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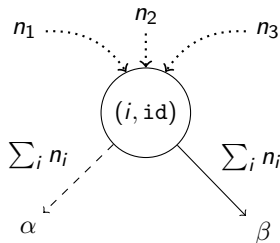


Idea

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

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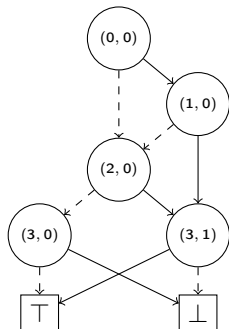
Time-Forward Processing

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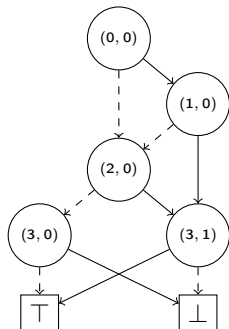
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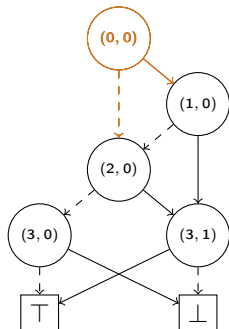
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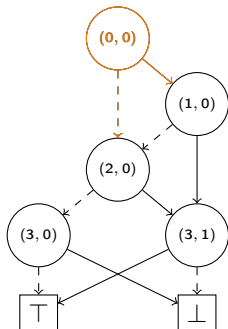
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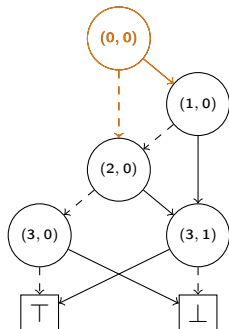
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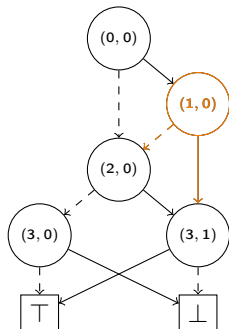
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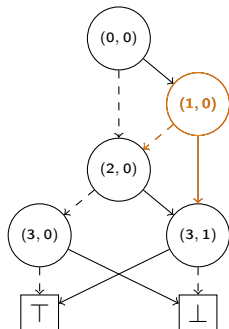
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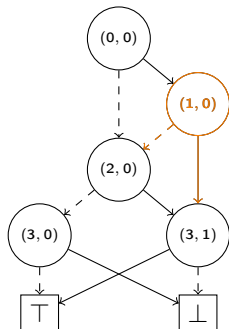
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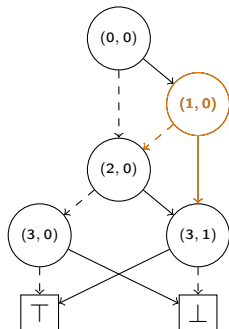
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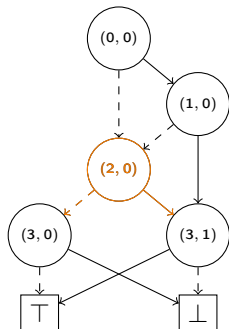
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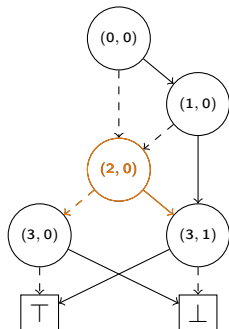
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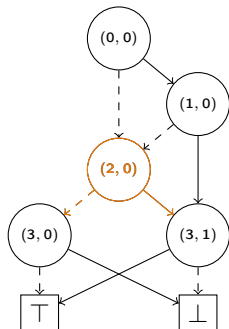
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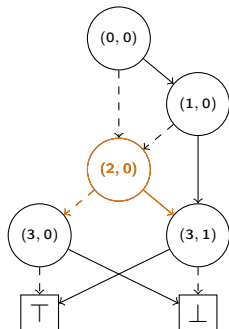
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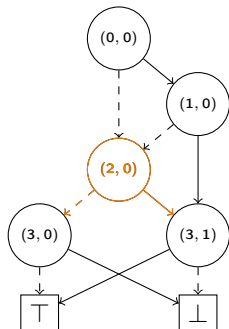
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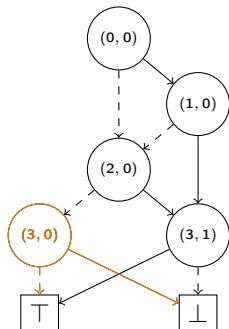
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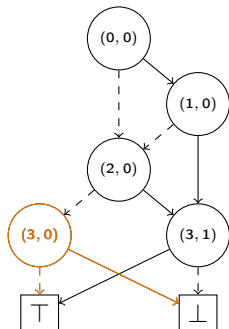
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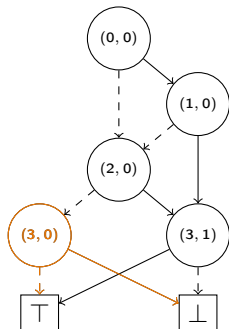
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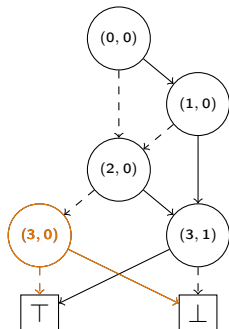
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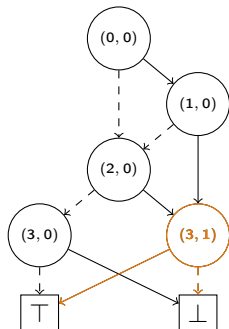
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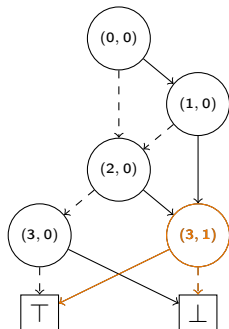
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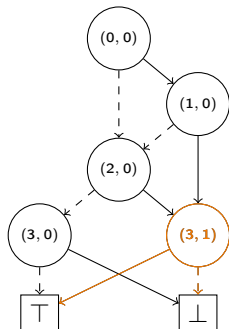
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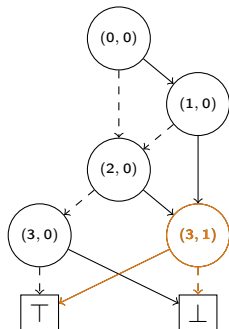
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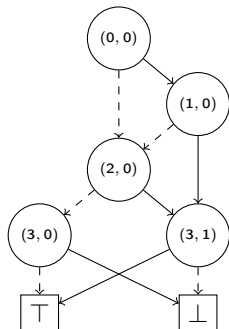
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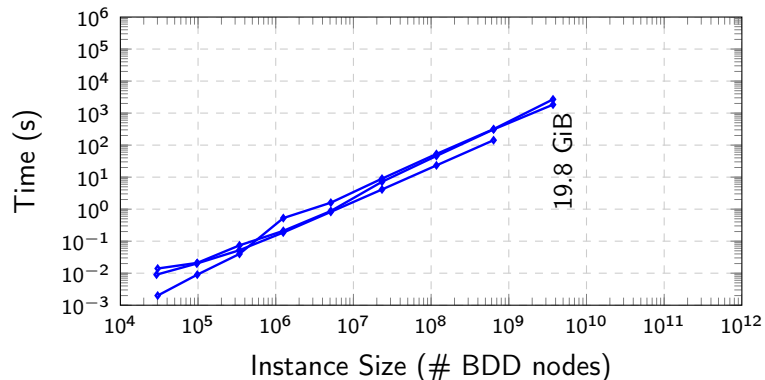
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Adiar

github.com/ssoelvsten/adiar

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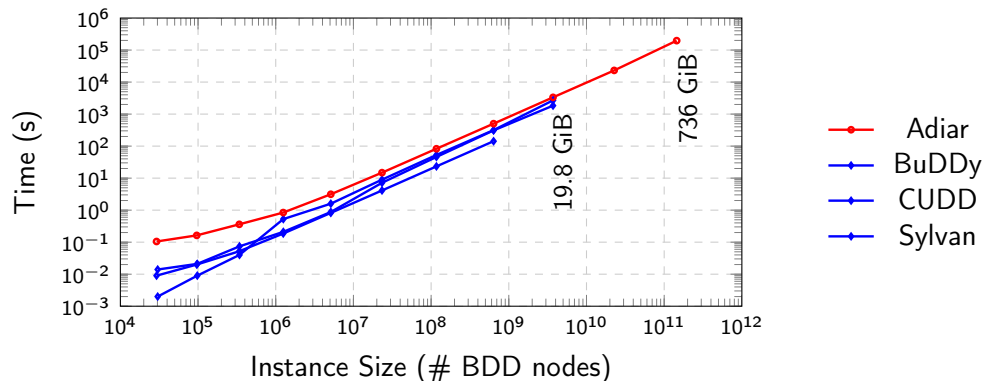
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“External-memory Graph Algorithms”

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`

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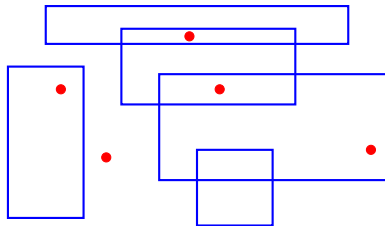


Distribution Sweeping

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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

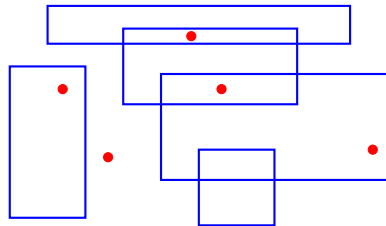
Batched Range Searching can be solved in $O(\text{sort}(N) + \text{scan}(T))$ I/Os.

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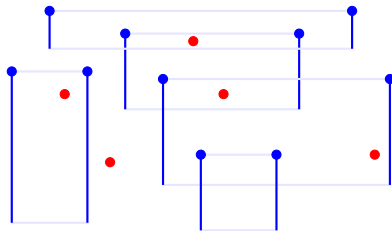
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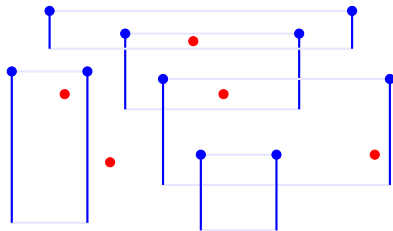
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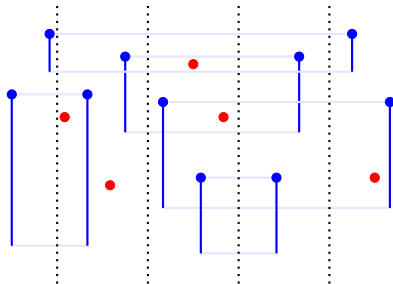
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- Merge slabs together, report points between line segments outside its slab.
 - Use $\Theta(\sqrt{M/B^2}) = \Theta(\sqrt{M/B})$ multi-slabs to maintain each *active* rectangle.
 - Output points and un-matched line segments.

