Algorithms and Datastructures

Divide and Conquer, Master theorem

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Value	31	-41	59	26	-53	58	97	-93	-23	84

Output: Sum: 187, Start: 2, End: 6

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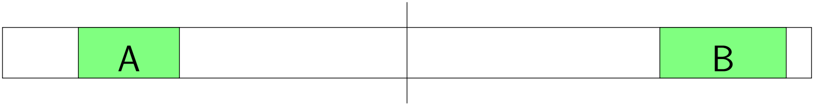

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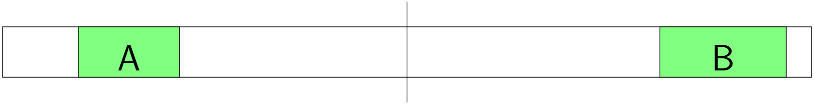

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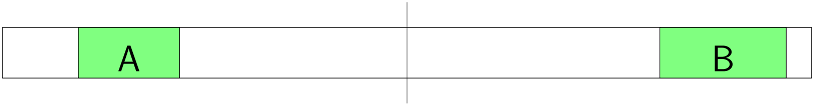

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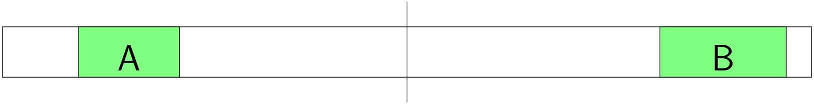

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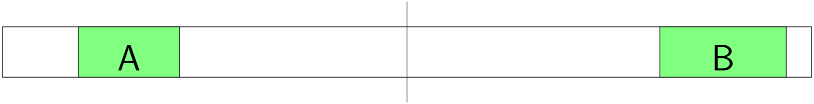

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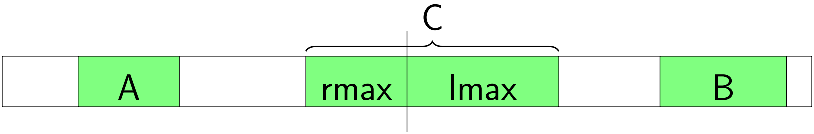

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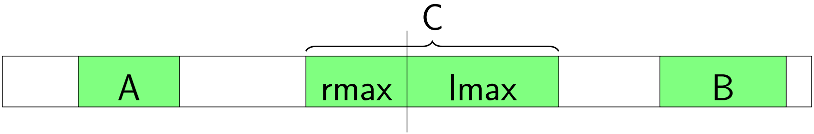

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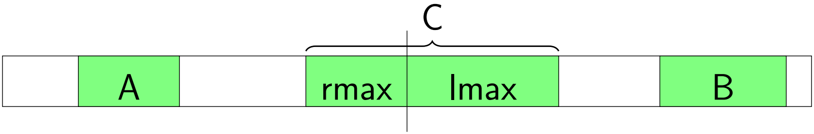

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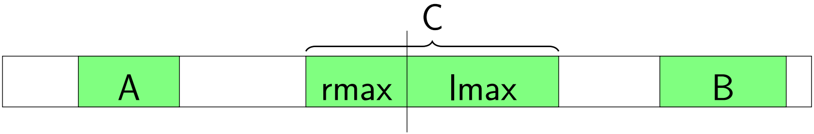

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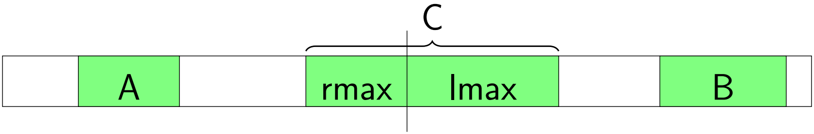

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def lmax(X, i, j):
    maxSum = (X[i], i)
    s = X[i]

    # sum up from the lower index going up
    # (from left to right)
    for k in range(i+1, j+1):
        s += X[k]

        if s > maxSum[0]:
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    return maxSum
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#Implementation right maximum
def rmax(X, i, j):
    maxSum = (X[j], j)
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    for k in range(j-1, i-1, -1):
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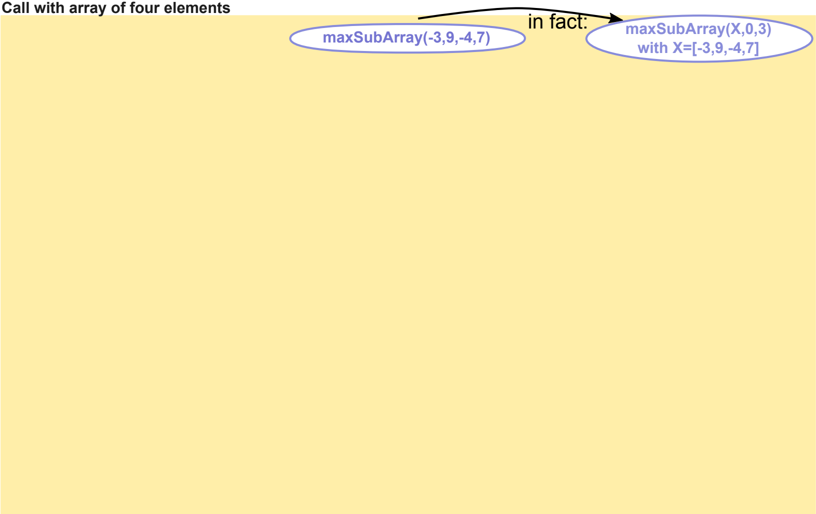
Call with array of four elements



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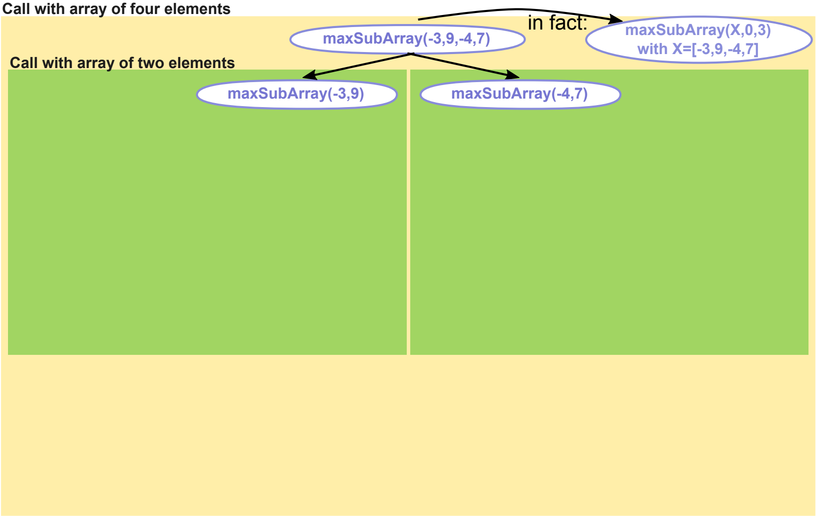

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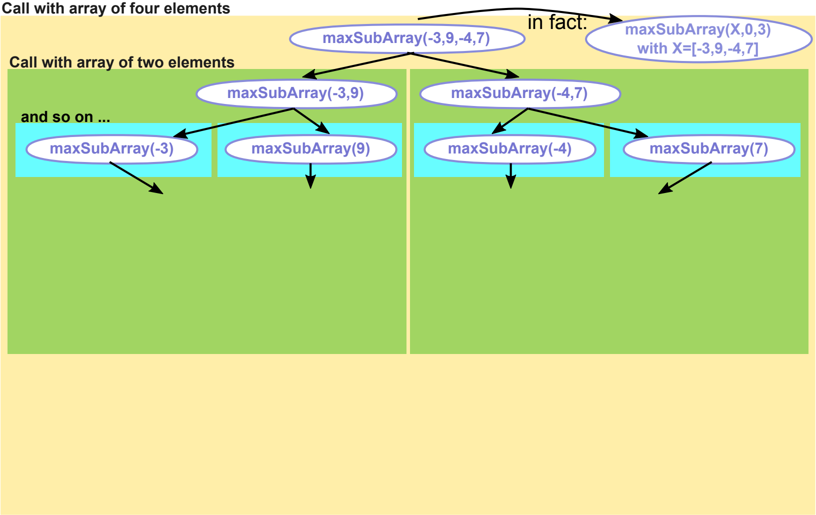

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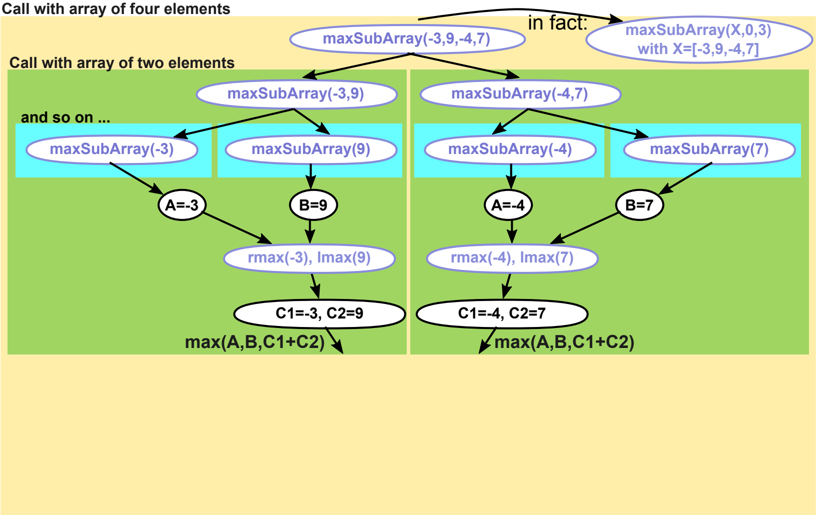

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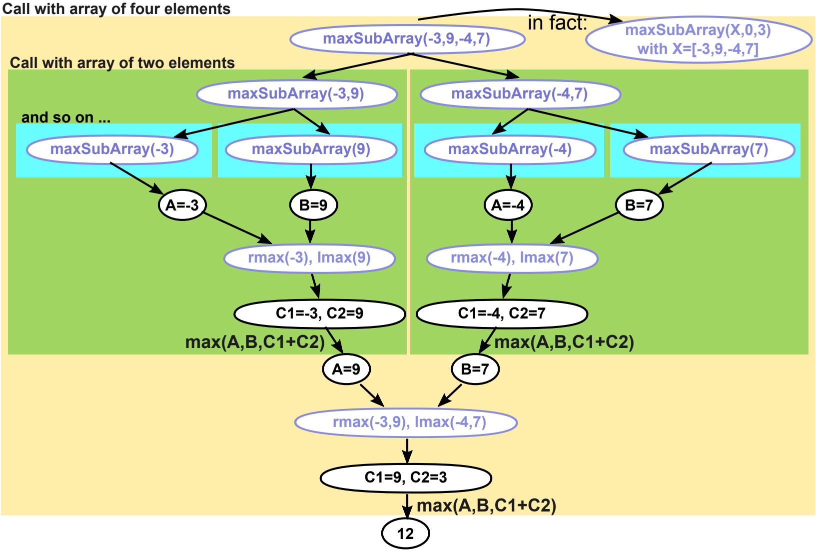

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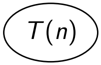

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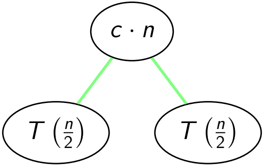

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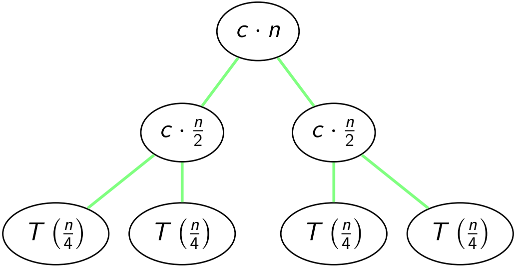

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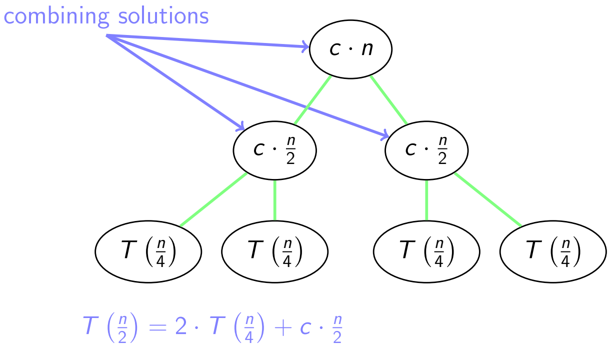

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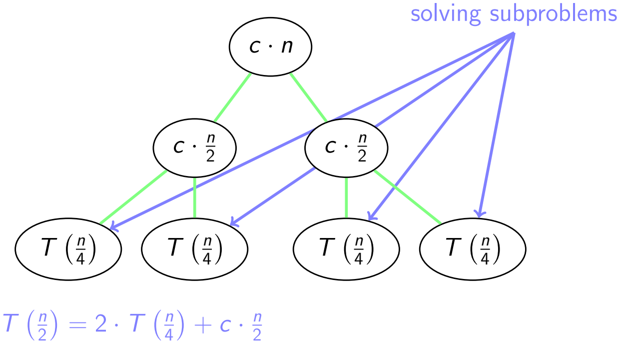

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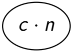

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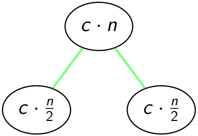

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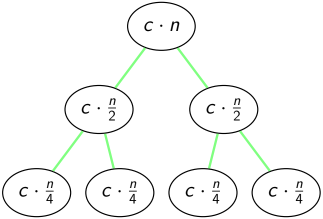

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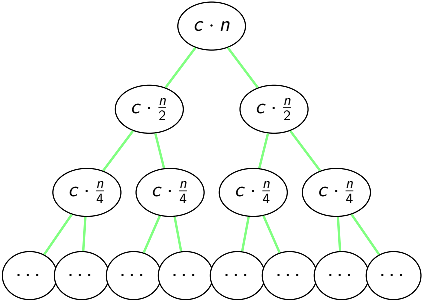

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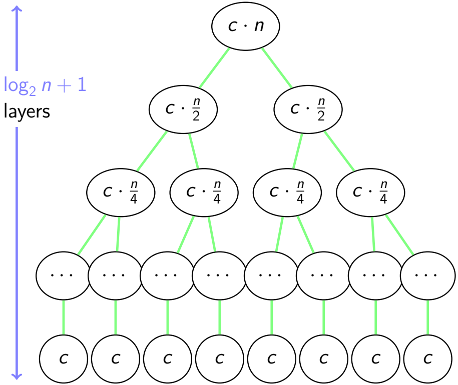

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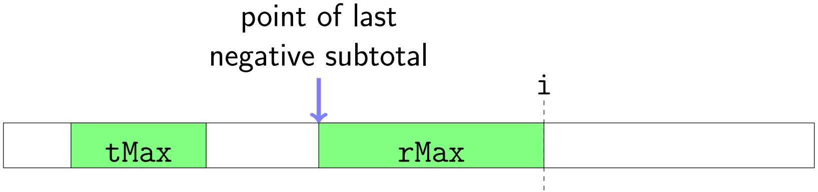

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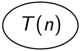

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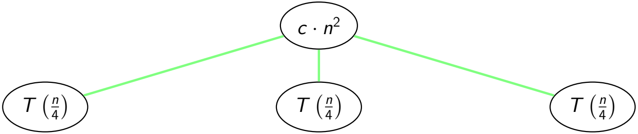

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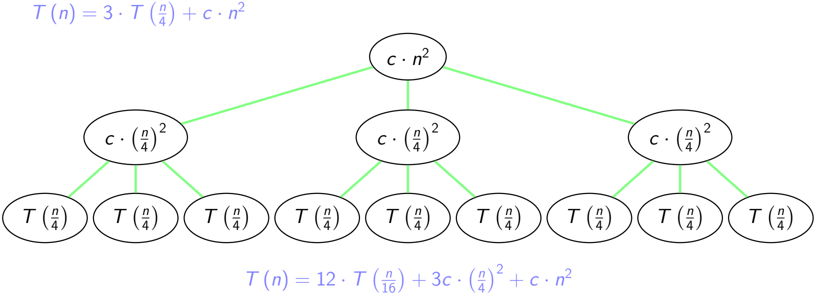

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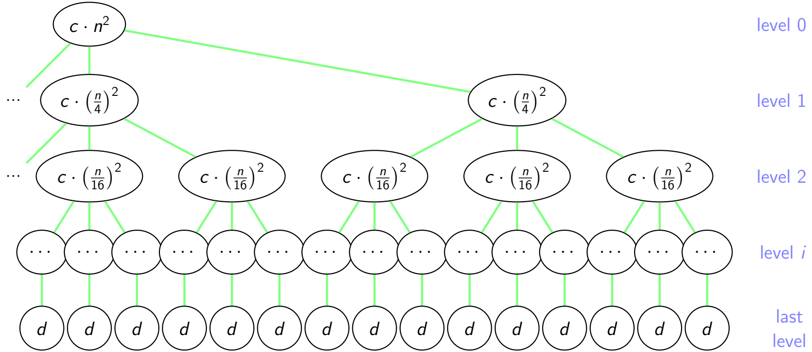

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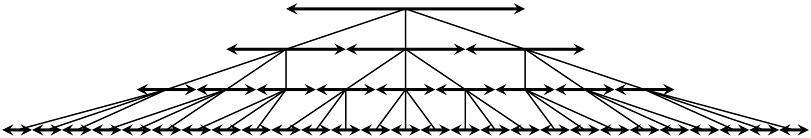

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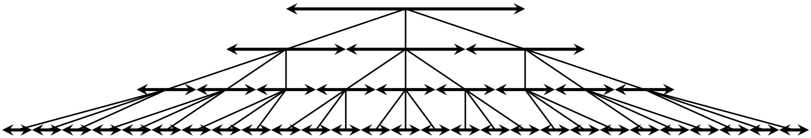

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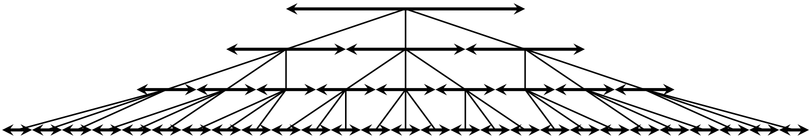

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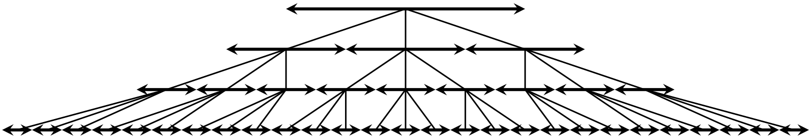

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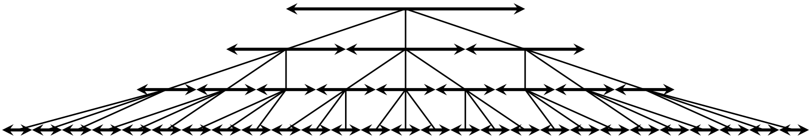

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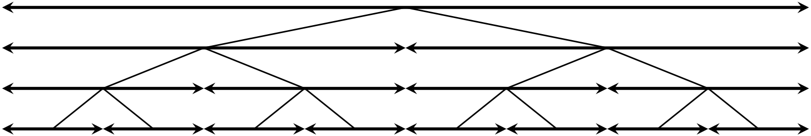

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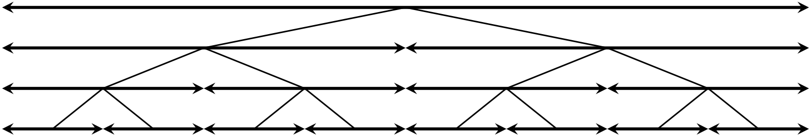

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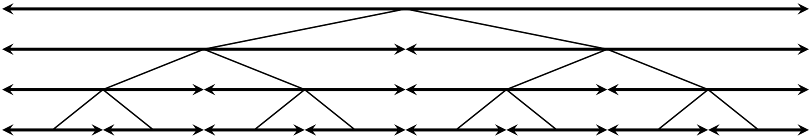

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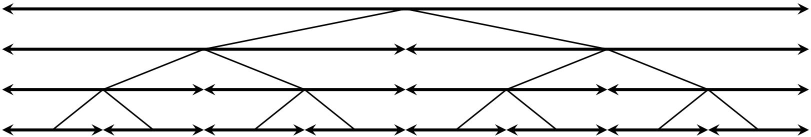

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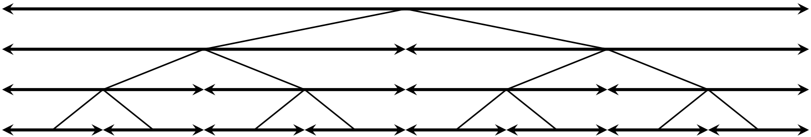

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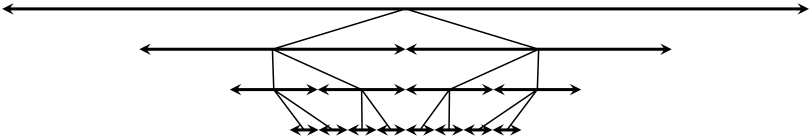

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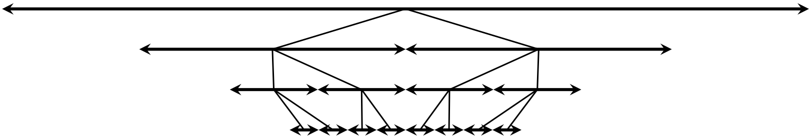

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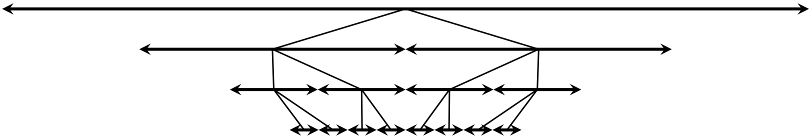

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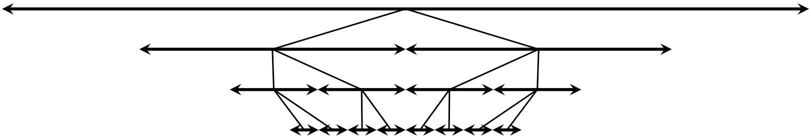

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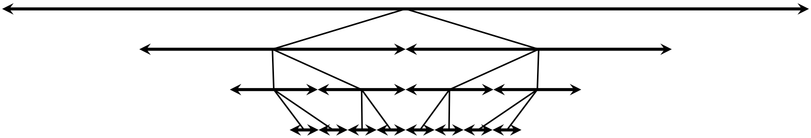

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