

# The Constrained Minimum Spanning Tree Problem

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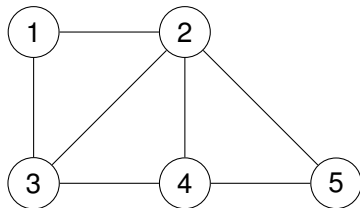
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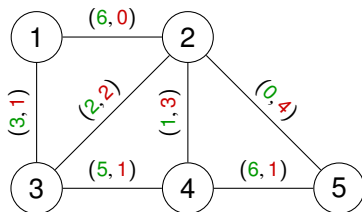
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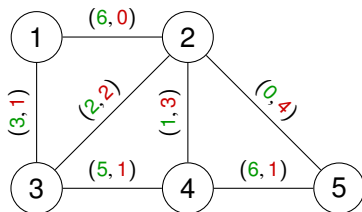
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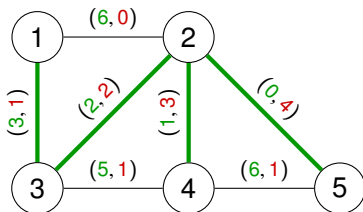
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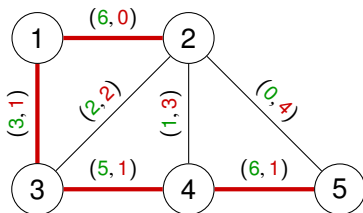
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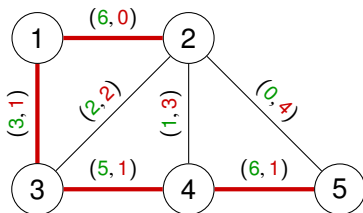


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Pick first  $T_i$  such that  $l(T_{i-1}) < L$  and  $l(T_i) \geq L$ , then

$$l(T_i) \leq L + l_{\max} \leq 2L \quad \text{and} \quad w(T_i) \leq W.$$



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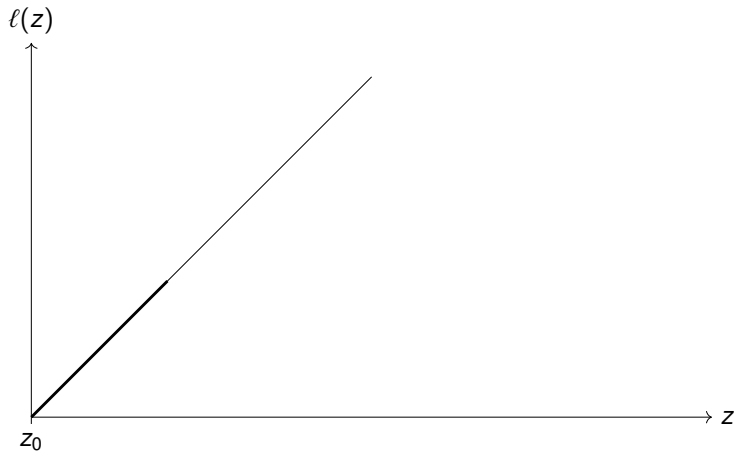
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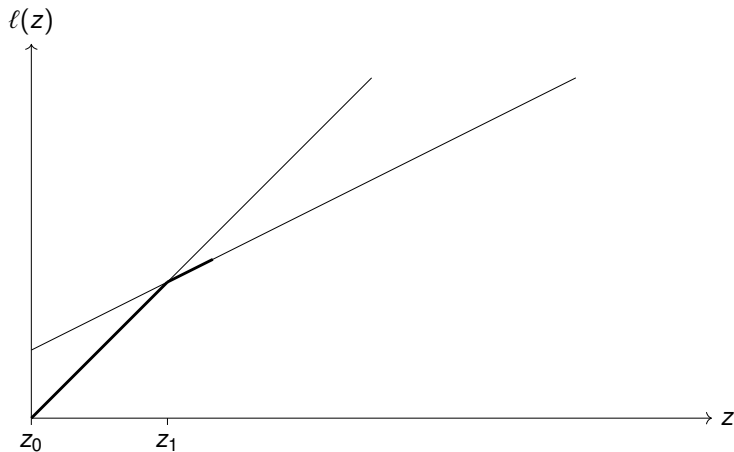
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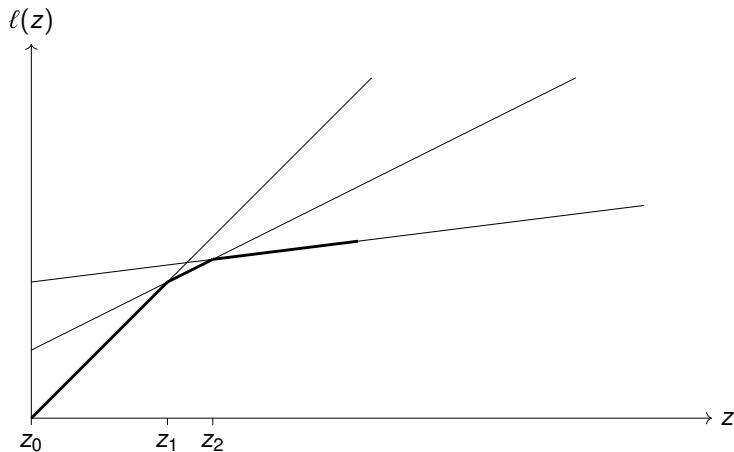
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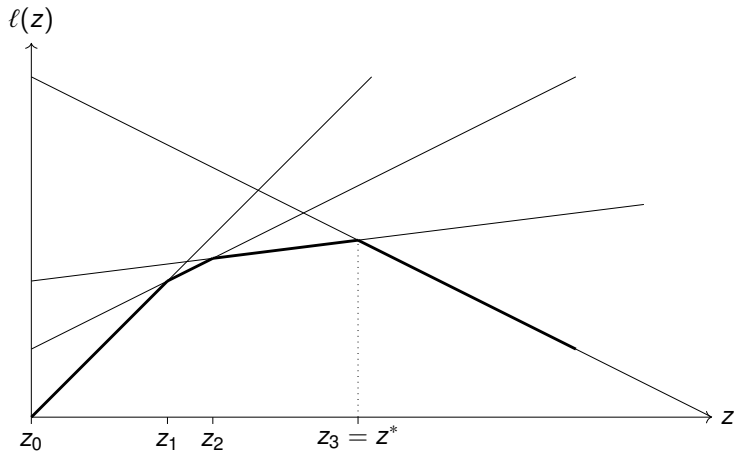
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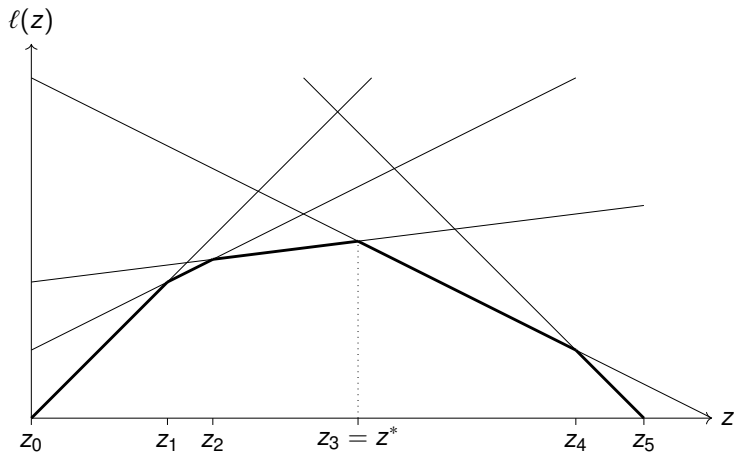
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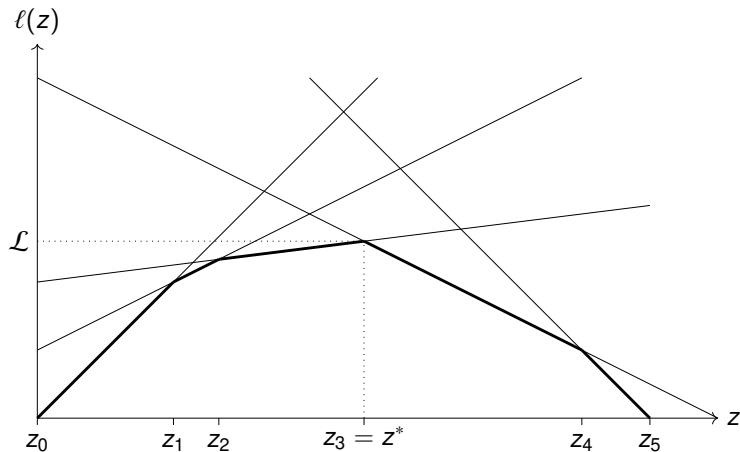
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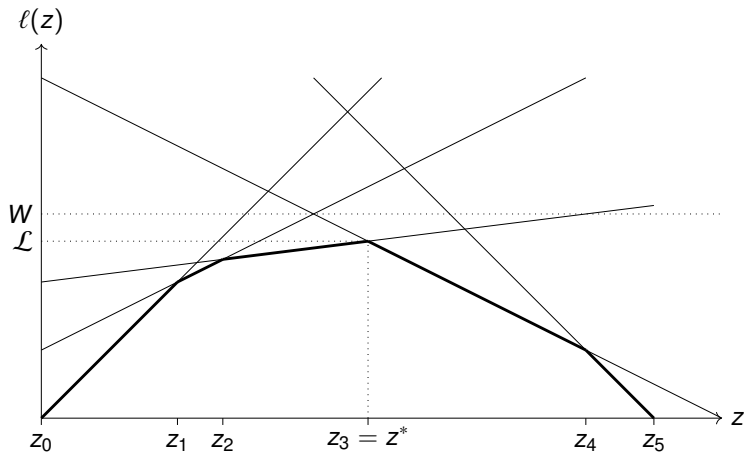
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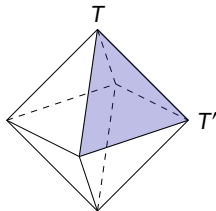
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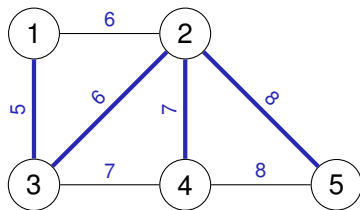
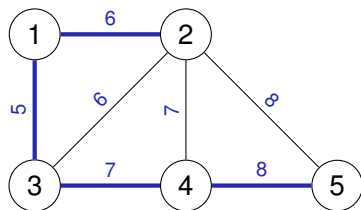
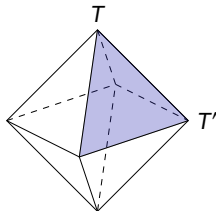
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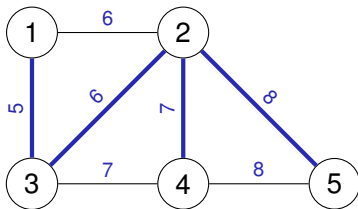
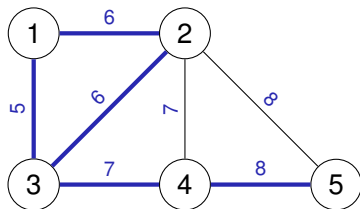
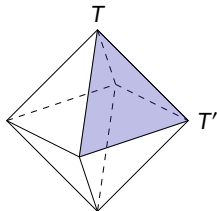
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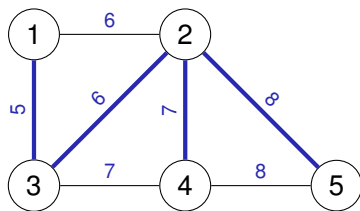
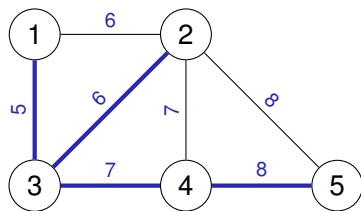
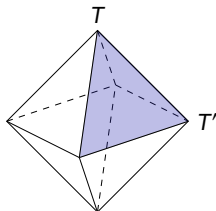
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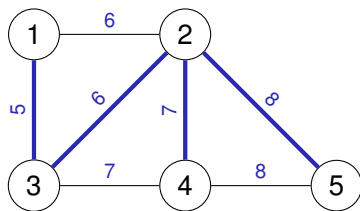
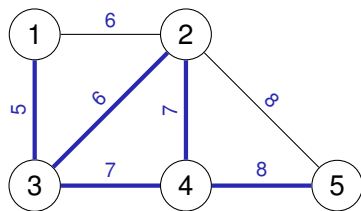
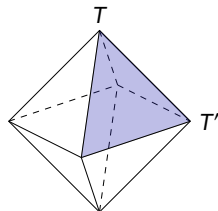
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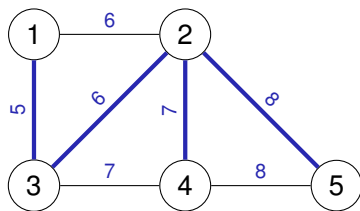
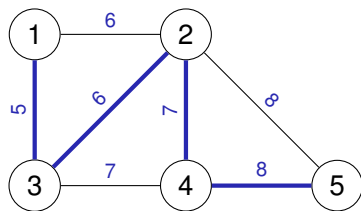
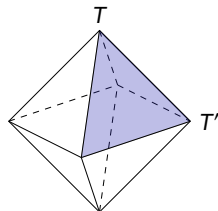
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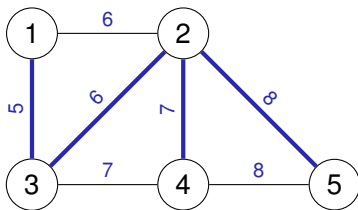
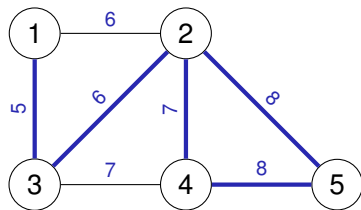
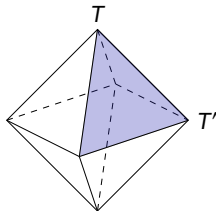
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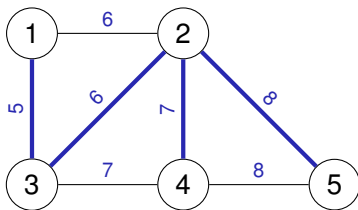
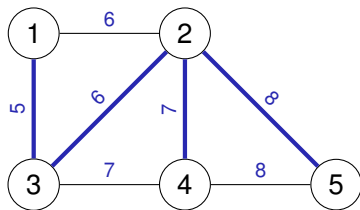
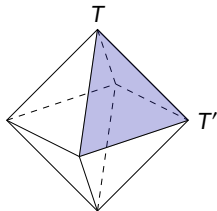
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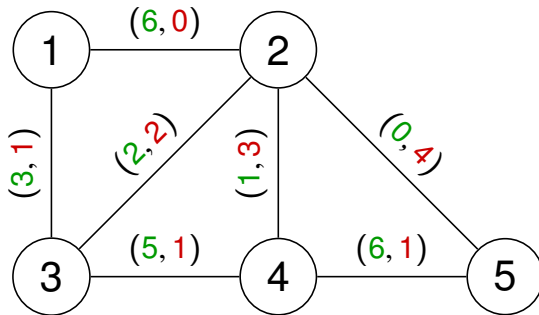
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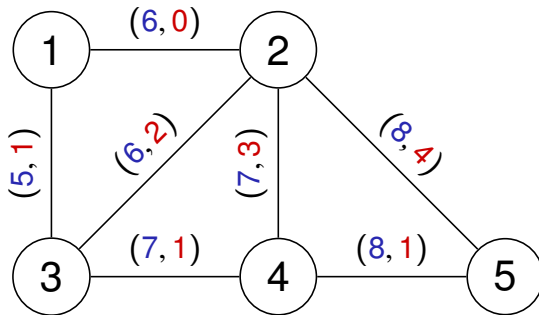
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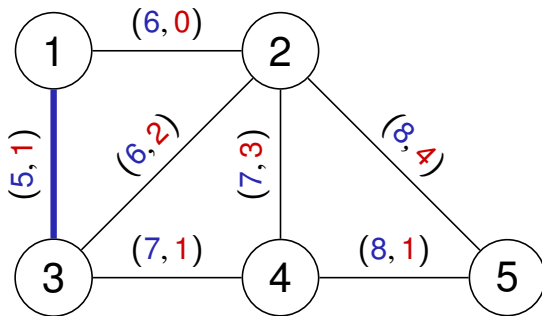
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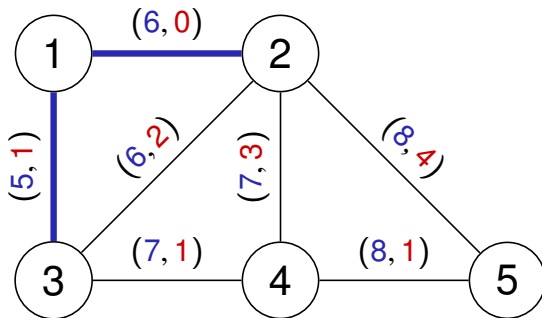
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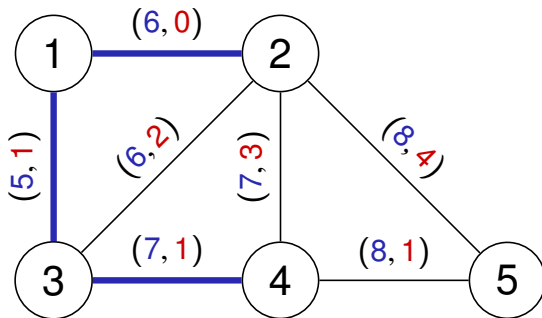


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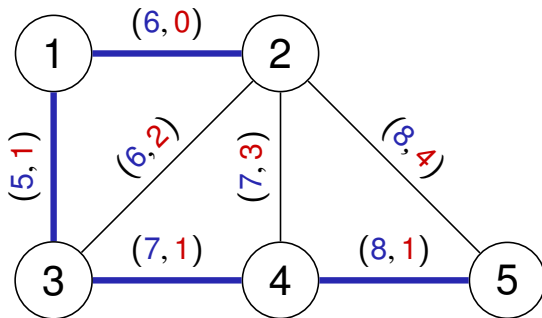
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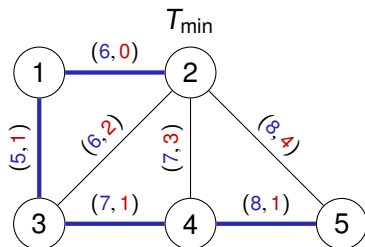
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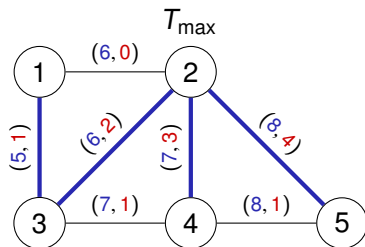
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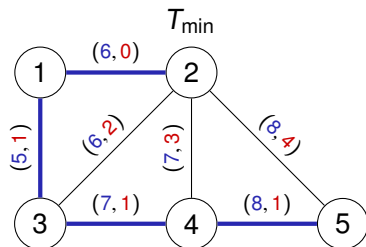
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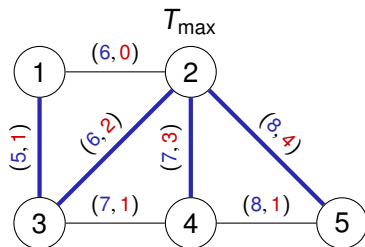
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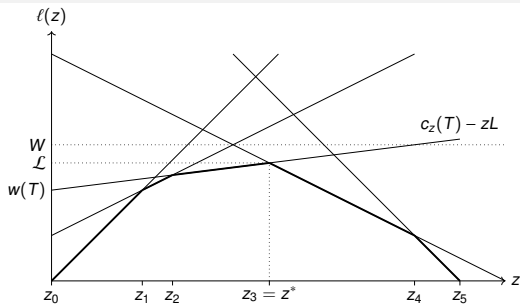
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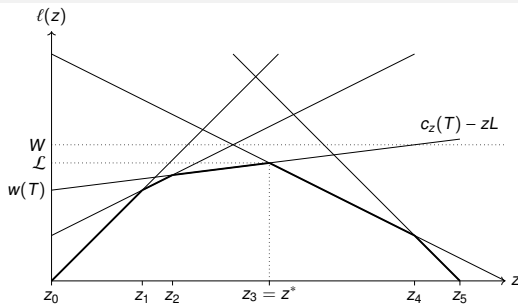
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$\Rightarrow$  Runtime for  $n = |V|$ ,  $m = |E|$  is  $O(m + n \log(n))$  [CLRS01].

# Naïve Approach



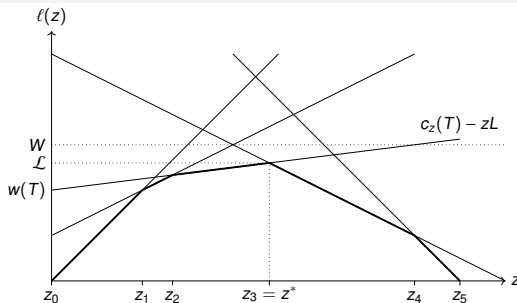
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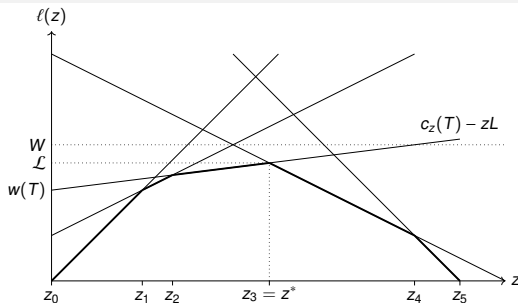


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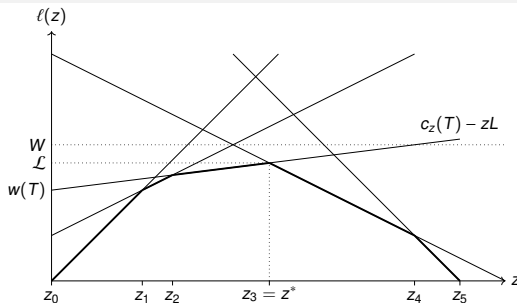
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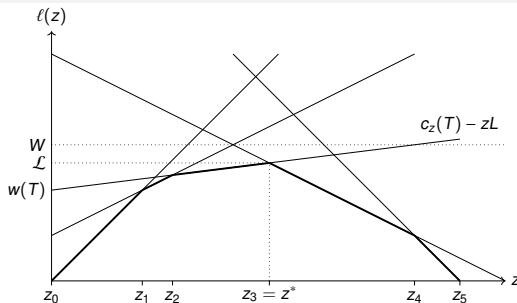
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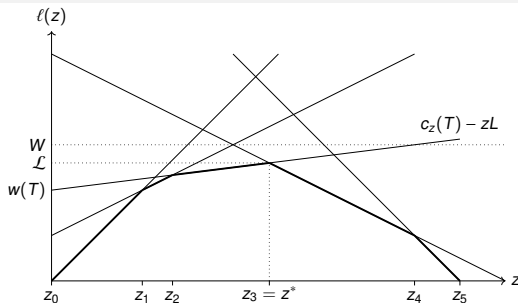
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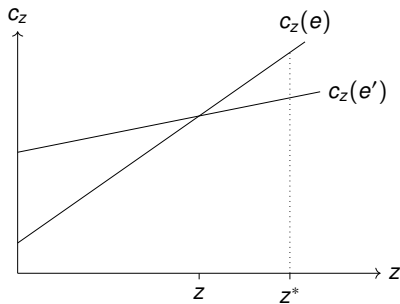
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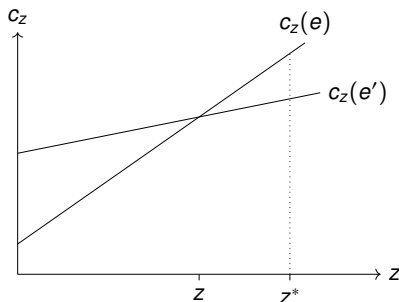


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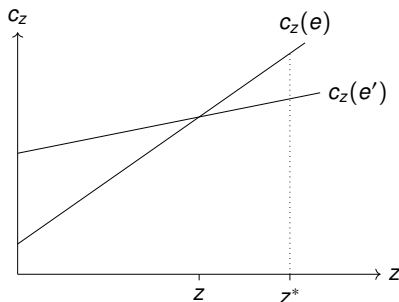
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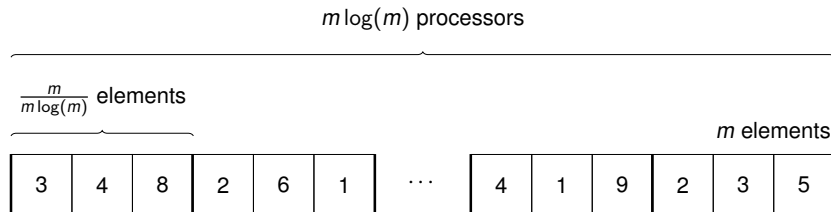
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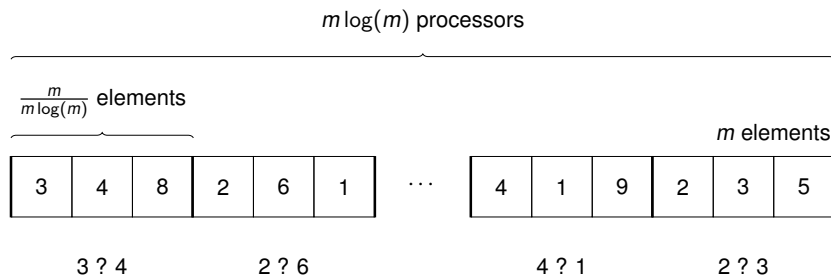
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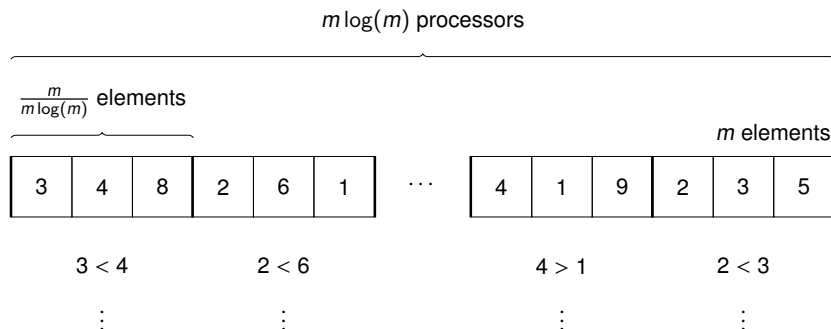
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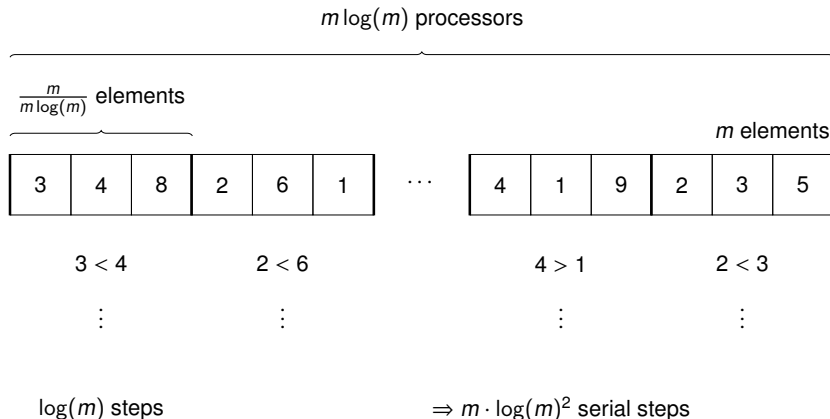
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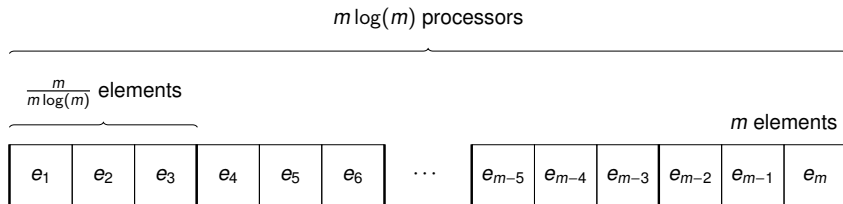
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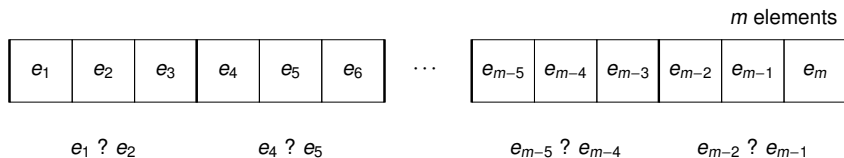
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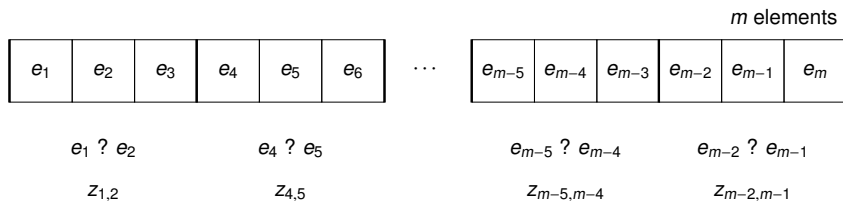
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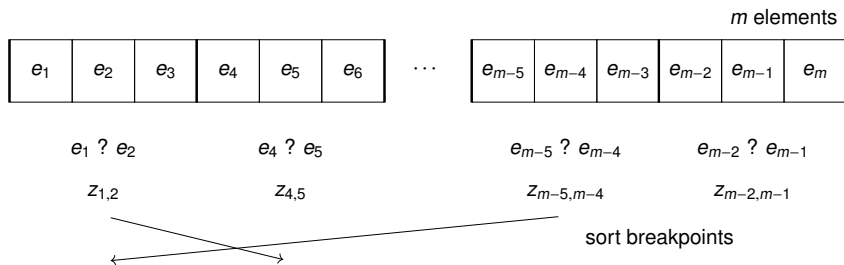
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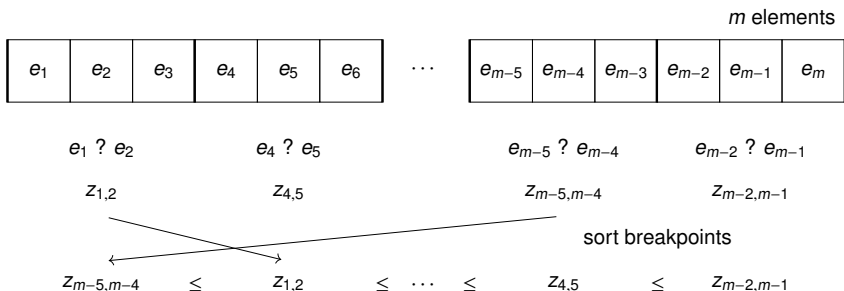
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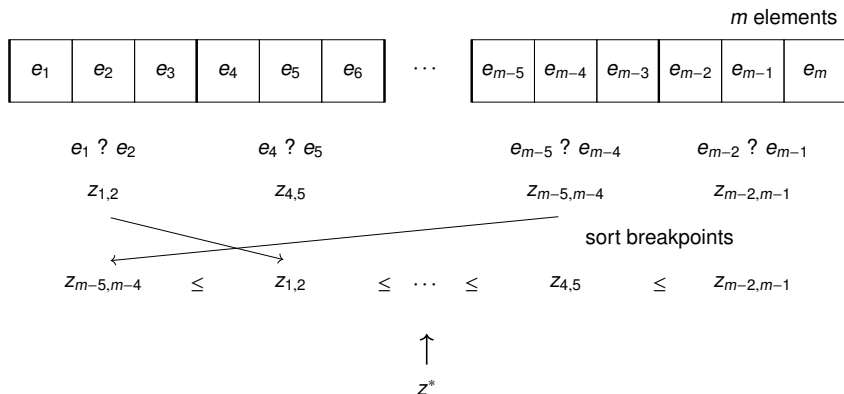
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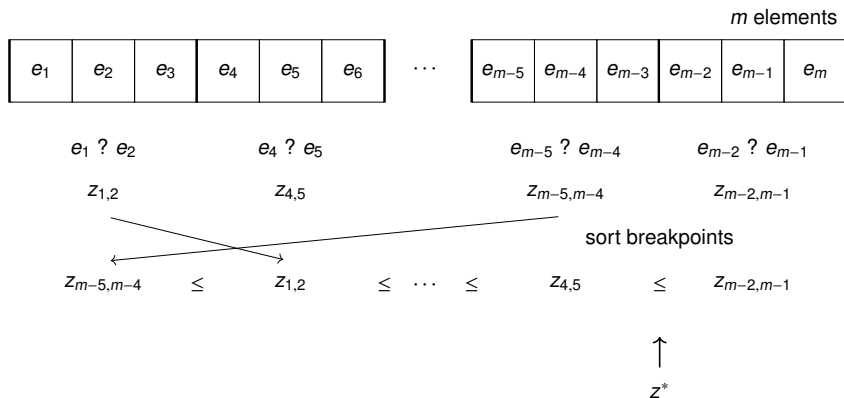


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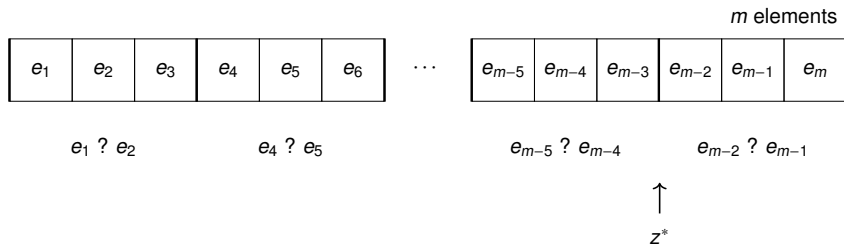




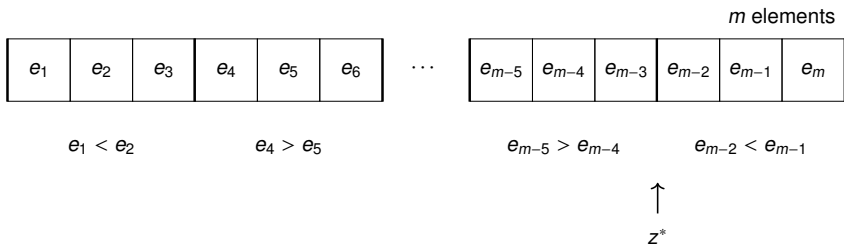
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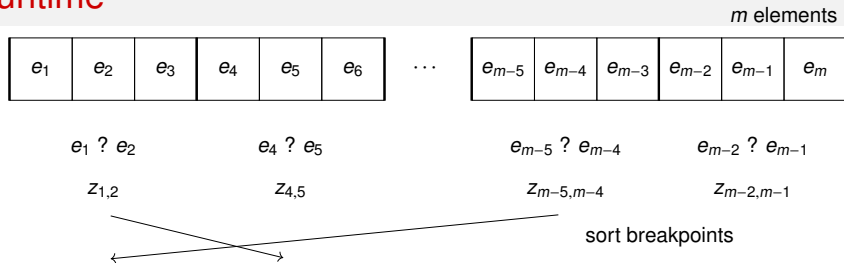
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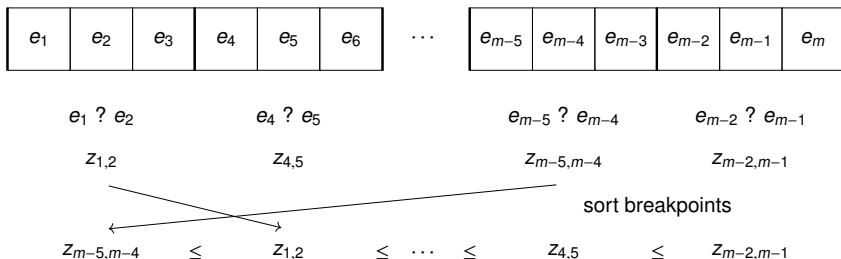


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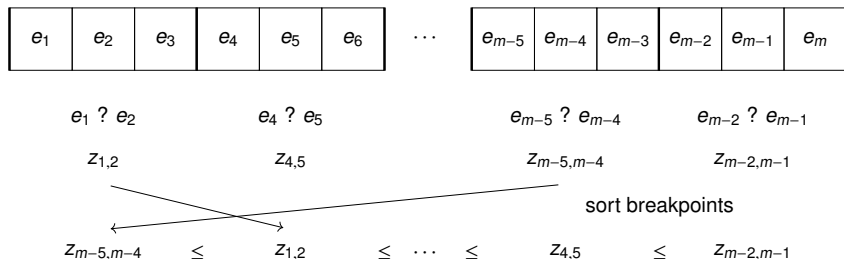
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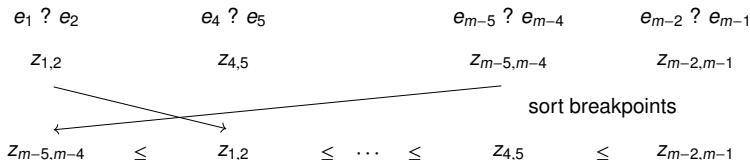
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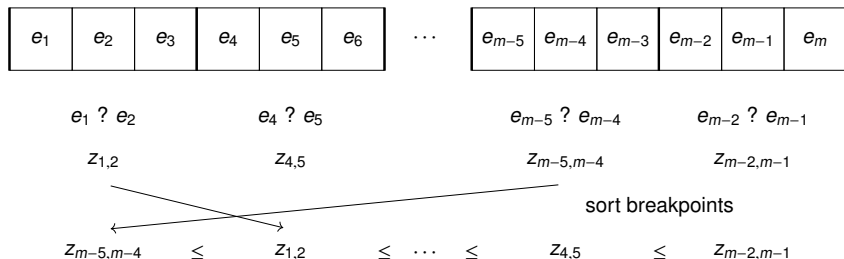
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