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TOPIC 5: DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

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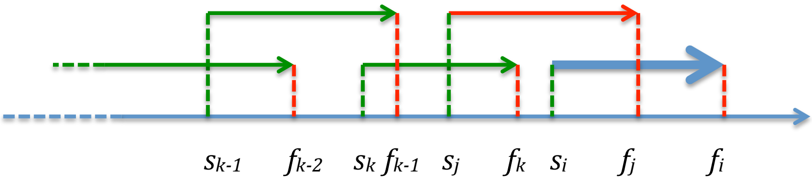

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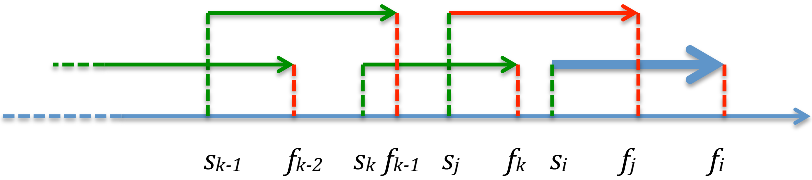

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- If there were a sequence σ^* of a larger total duration than the duration of sequence σ' and also ending with activity $a_{k_{m-1}}$, we could obtain a sequence $\hat{\sigma}$ by extending the sequence σ^* with activity a_{k_m} and obtain a solution for subproblem $P(i)$ with a longer total duration than the total duration of sequence σ, contradicting the optimality of σ.

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- Time complexity: we need to examine n intervals in the role of the last activity in an optimal sub-sequence and for each such interval we have to find all preceding compatible intervals and their optimal solutions (to be looked up in a table). Thus, the time complexity is $O(n^2)$.

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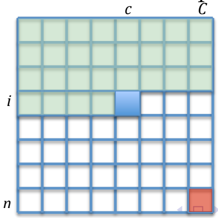

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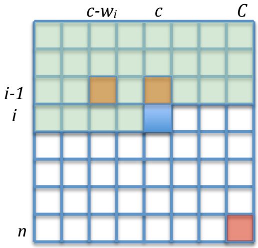

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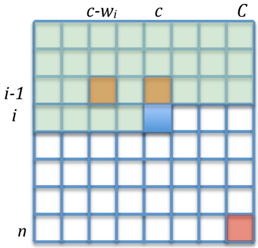

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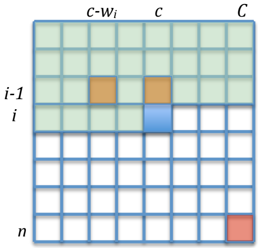

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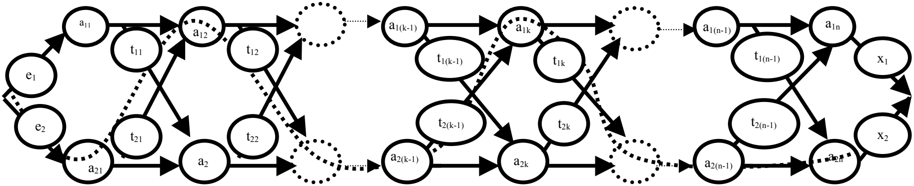

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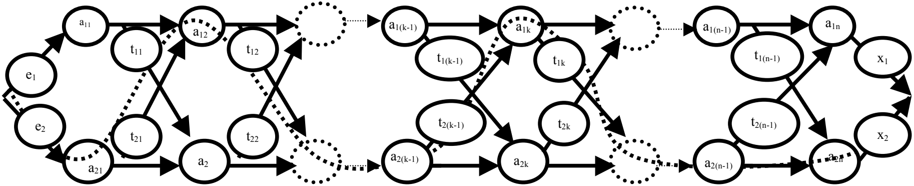

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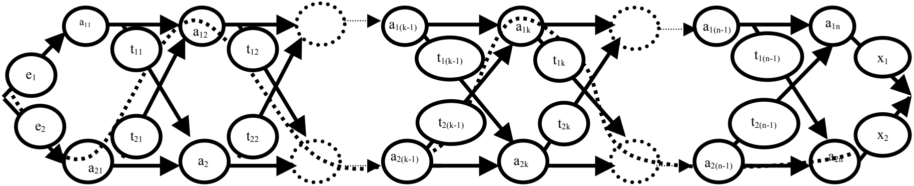

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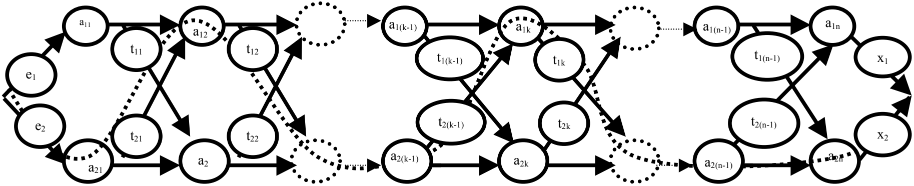

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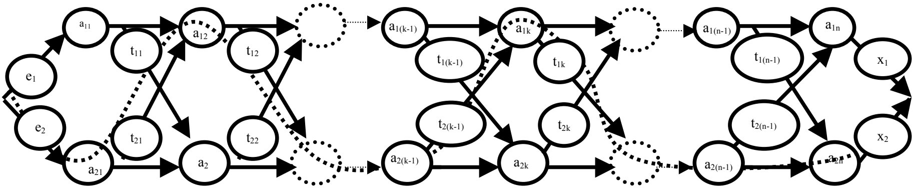

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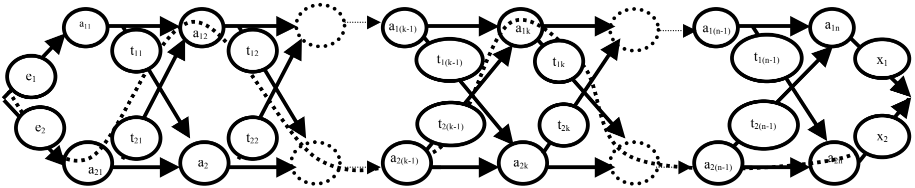

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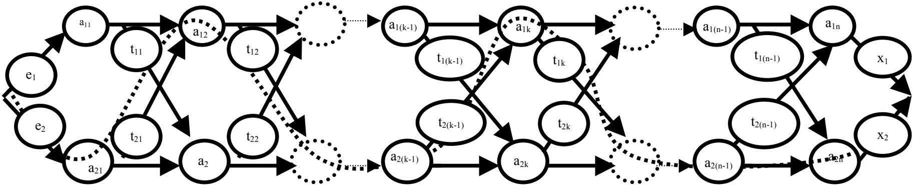

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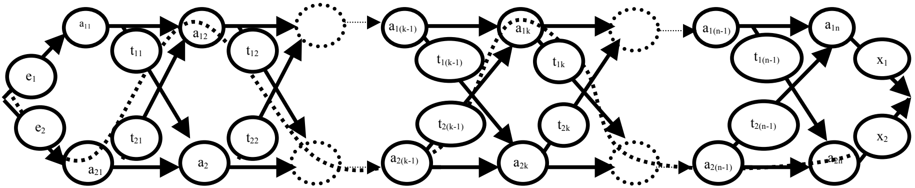

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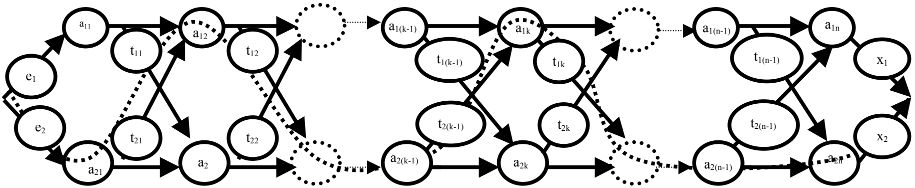

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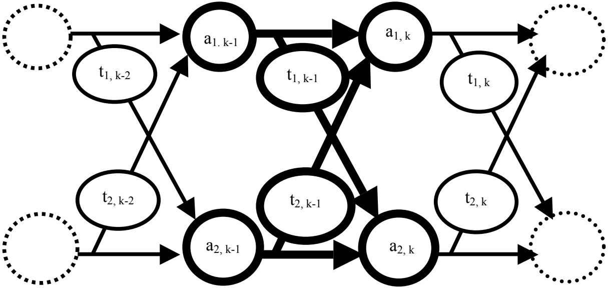

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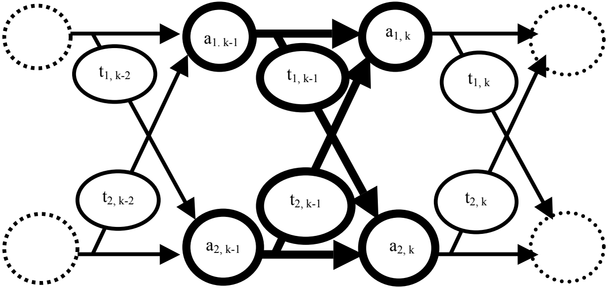

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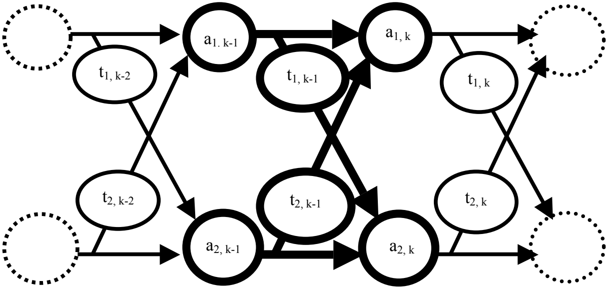

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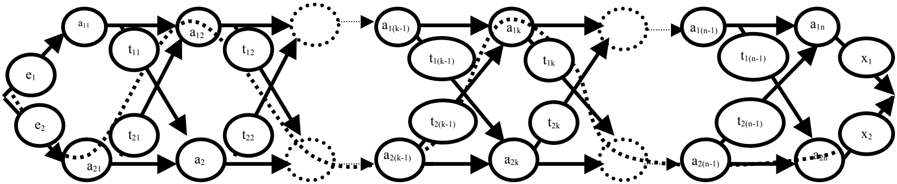

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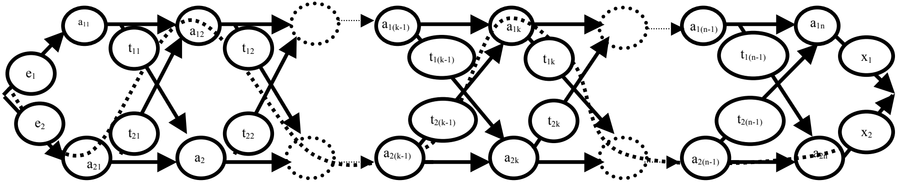

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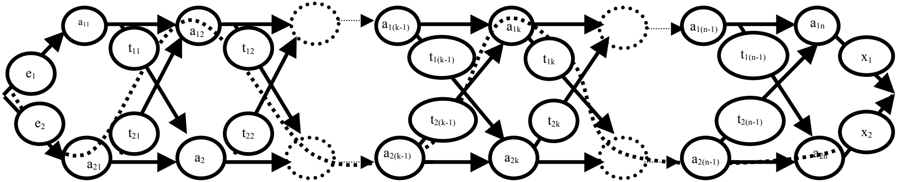

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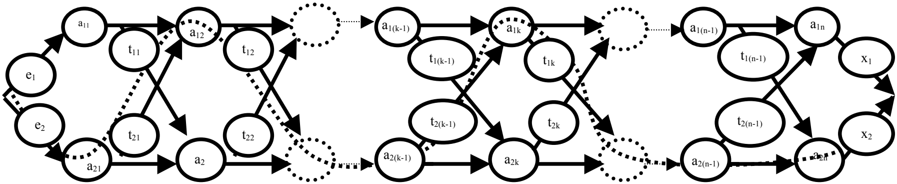

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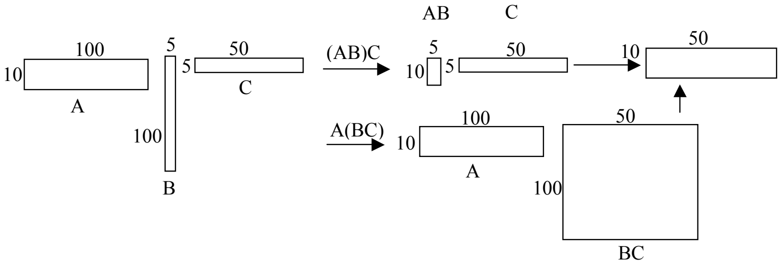

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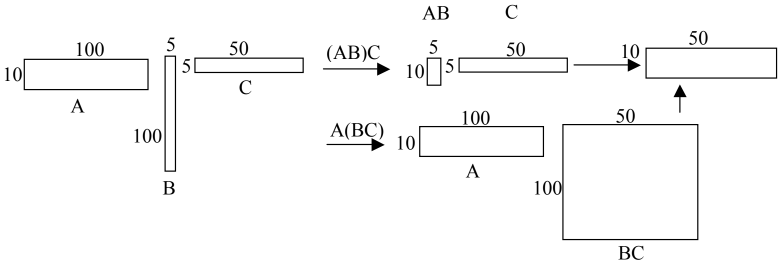

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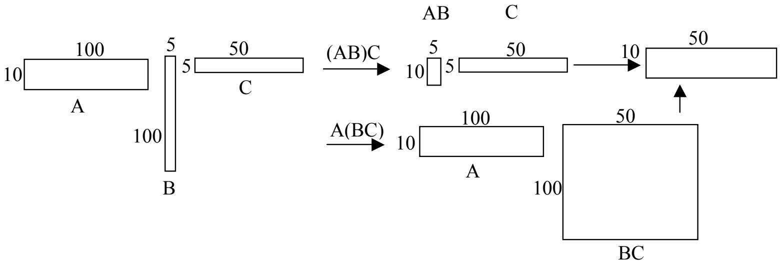

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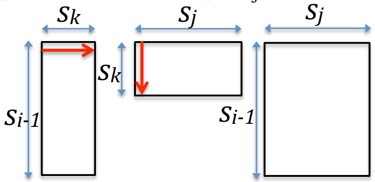

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Retrieving a longest common subsequence:

```
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return c and b
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