



Ph. D. in Computing

Theory, Algorithms and Applications of Arrangements of Trees: Generation, Expectation and Optimization

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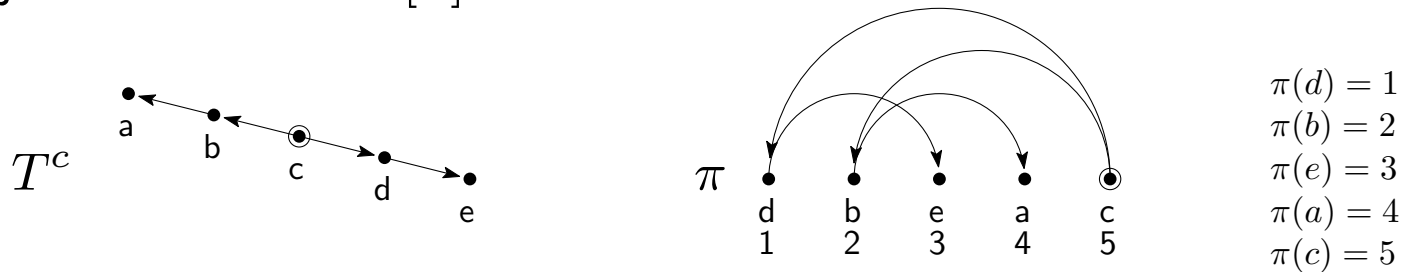
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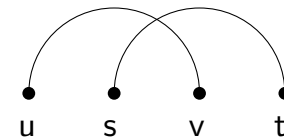
The basics

A linear arrangement π of a graph $G = (V, E)$ of n vertices is a permutation of the vertices, a bijection $\pi : V \rightarrow [n]$.



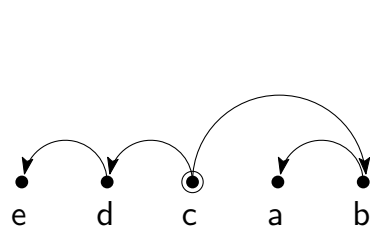
Edge crossing: two edges uv, st cross in π if, w.l.o.g.,

$$\pi(u) < \pi(s) < \pi(v) < \pi(t)$$

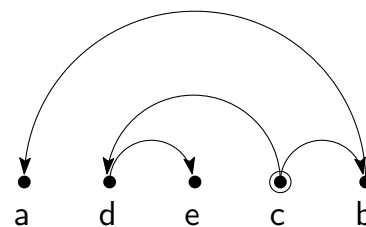


Classes of arrangements

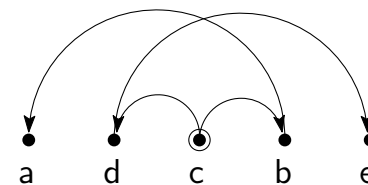
- *Projective* arrangements (of rooted trees): no edge crossings + root not covered
- *Planar* arrangements: no edge crossings
- *Unconstrained* arrangements



Projective arrangement



Planar (non-projective)
arrangement

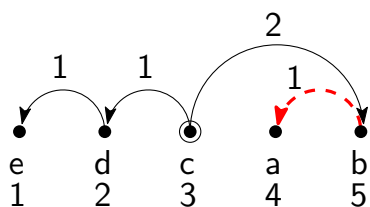
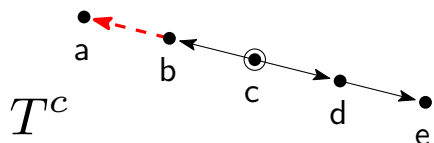


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Cost function

We focus on problems involving *the sum of edge lengths*. The length of an edge is denoted with δ .

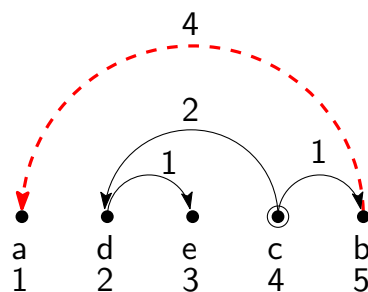
$$D_\pi(G) := \sum_{uv \in E} \delta_\pi(uv), \quad \delta_\pi(uv) := |\pi(u) - \pi(v)|$$



Projective arrangement

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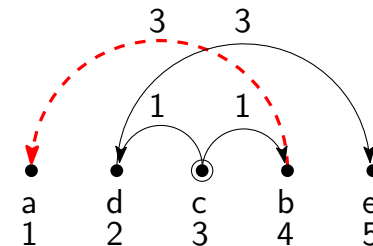
$$D_\pi(T^c) = 5$$



Planar (non-projective)
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$$\delta_\pi(ba) = 4$$

$$D_\pi(T^c) = 8$$



Unconstrained
arrangement

$$\delta_\pi(ba) = 3$$

$$D_\pi(T^c) = 8$$

Relevant computational problems

We study the range of variation of D

- Optimization problems: minimum/Maximum Linear Arrangement problem (minLA/MaxLA)

$$m[D(G)] := \min_{\pi} \{D_{\pi}(G)\}, \quad M[D(G)] := \max_{\pi} \{D_{\pi}(G)\}.$$

- Expected values: the expected value of the sum of edge lengths of a graph (in a uniformly random arrangement)

$$\mathbb{E}[D(G)] = \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{\pi} D_{\pi}(G)$$

We tackled three different variants as a function of the type of arrangements: unconstrained, planar and projective.

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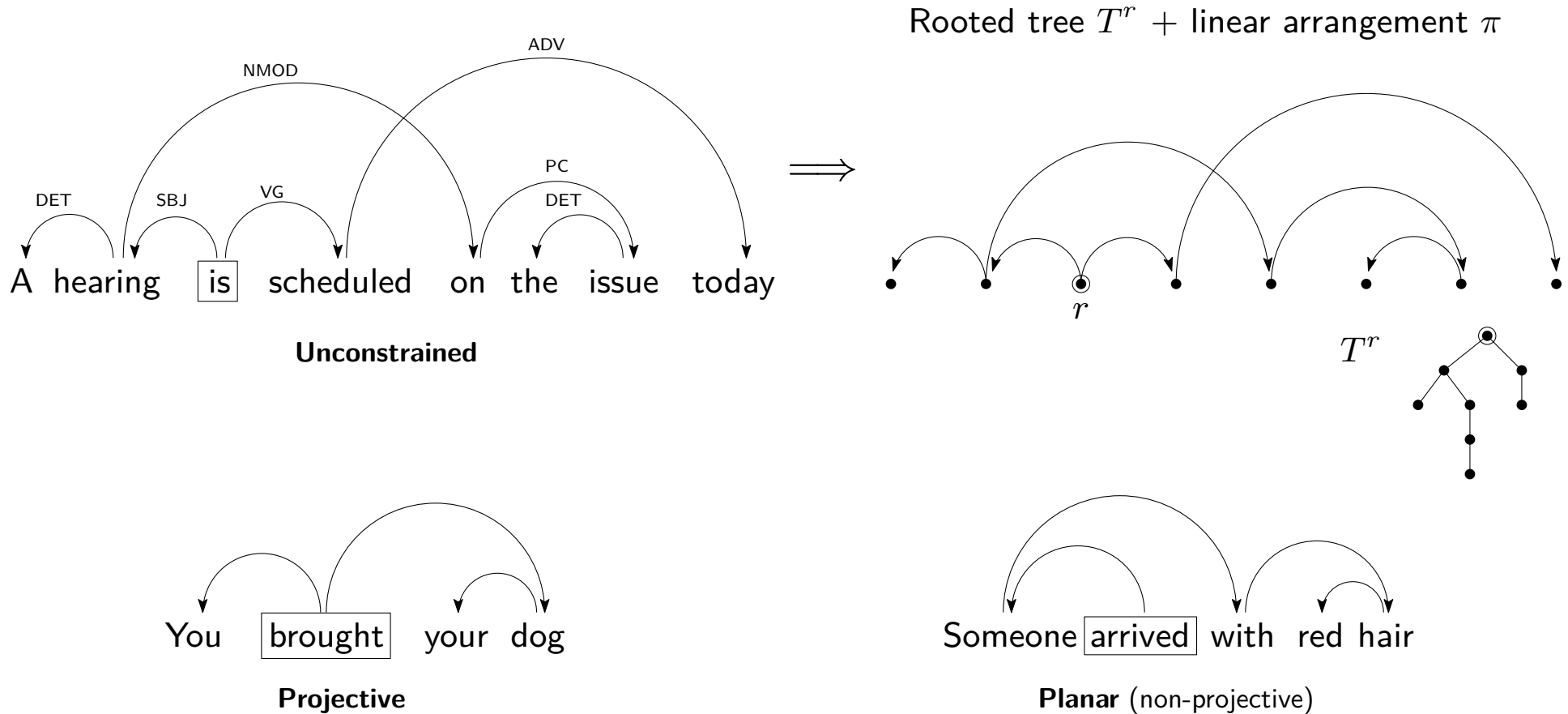
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- Expected values of D
 - Known formulas for unconstrained arrangements of graphs (and trees) (Ferrer-i-Cancho, 2004, 2019).
 - Unknown formulas for projective/planar arrangements of trees.

Application – Quantitative Dependency Syntax

- **Quantitative Linguistics** concerned with statistical properties of language: length, frequency, ... of linguistic units (morphs, syllables, sentences, ...).
- **Dependency Syntax** studies syntactic dependency structures (rooted tree structures where the verb is the root vertex).



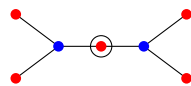
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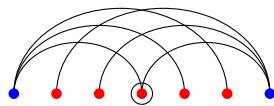
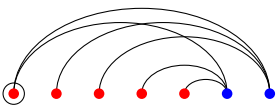
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Bipartite arrangements

Arrangements with 1 thistle



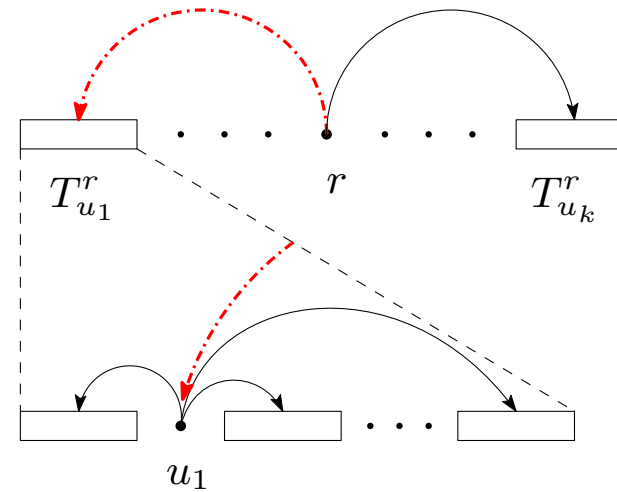
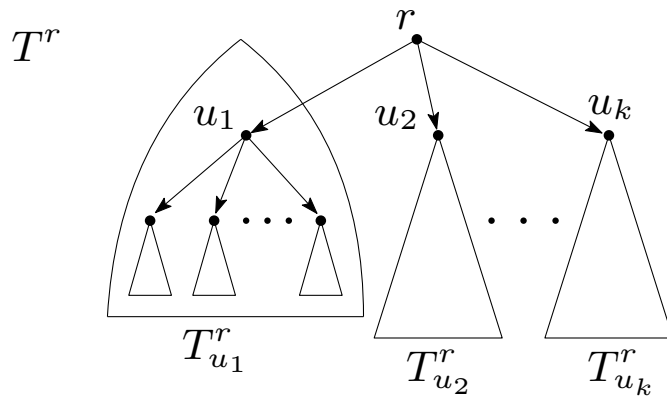
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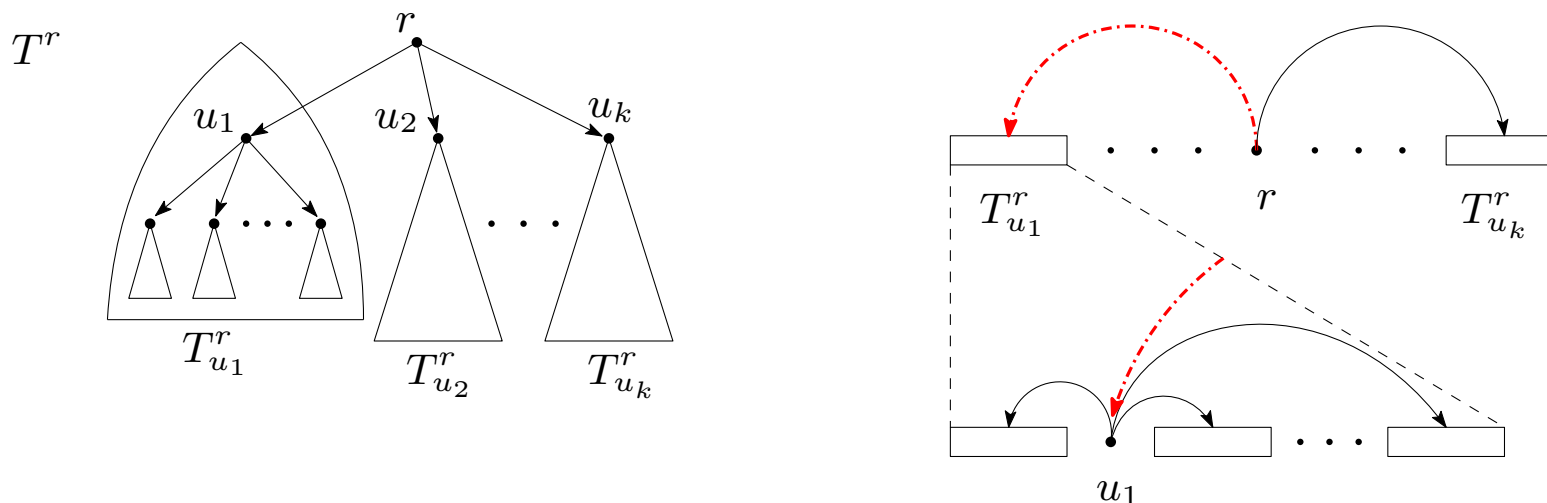
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A planar arrangement of a free tree T is a projective arrangement of T^u where u is the vertex at the leftmost position.

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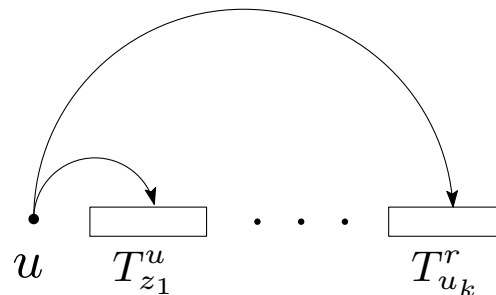
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Out: A planar arrangement of T selected u.a.r.

$u \leftarrow$ choose a root u.a.r.

$[z_1, \dots, z_k] \leftarrow$ uniformly random permutation of the children of u

return $u : R_{\text{pr}}(T_{z_1}^u) : \dots : R_{\text{pr}}(T_{z_k}^u)$



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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[D(G)] &= \text{expected value of } D \text{ in a uniformly random arrangement of } G \\ &= \frac{n+1}{3}m\end{aligned}$$

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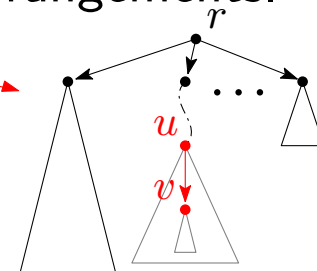
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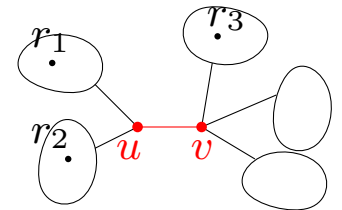
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Gildea and Temperley (2007)

- Presented a sketch (they gave no pseudocode) of the algorithm, and made a minor mistake in its description.¹
- They claimed their algorithm runs in time $O(n)$ but this depends on the choice of sorting algorithm and storage of the data before sorting, which was not specified.

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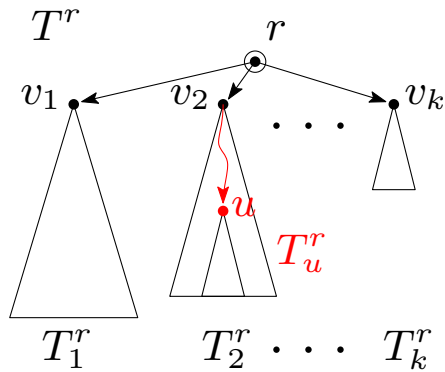
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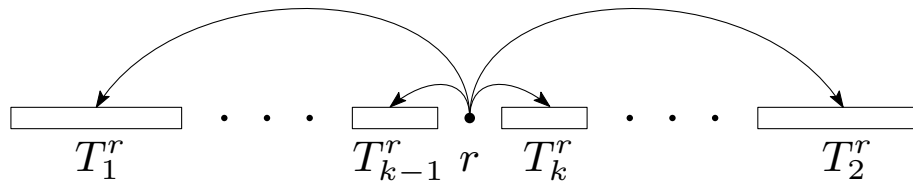
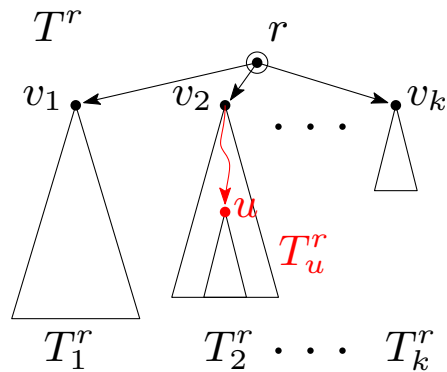
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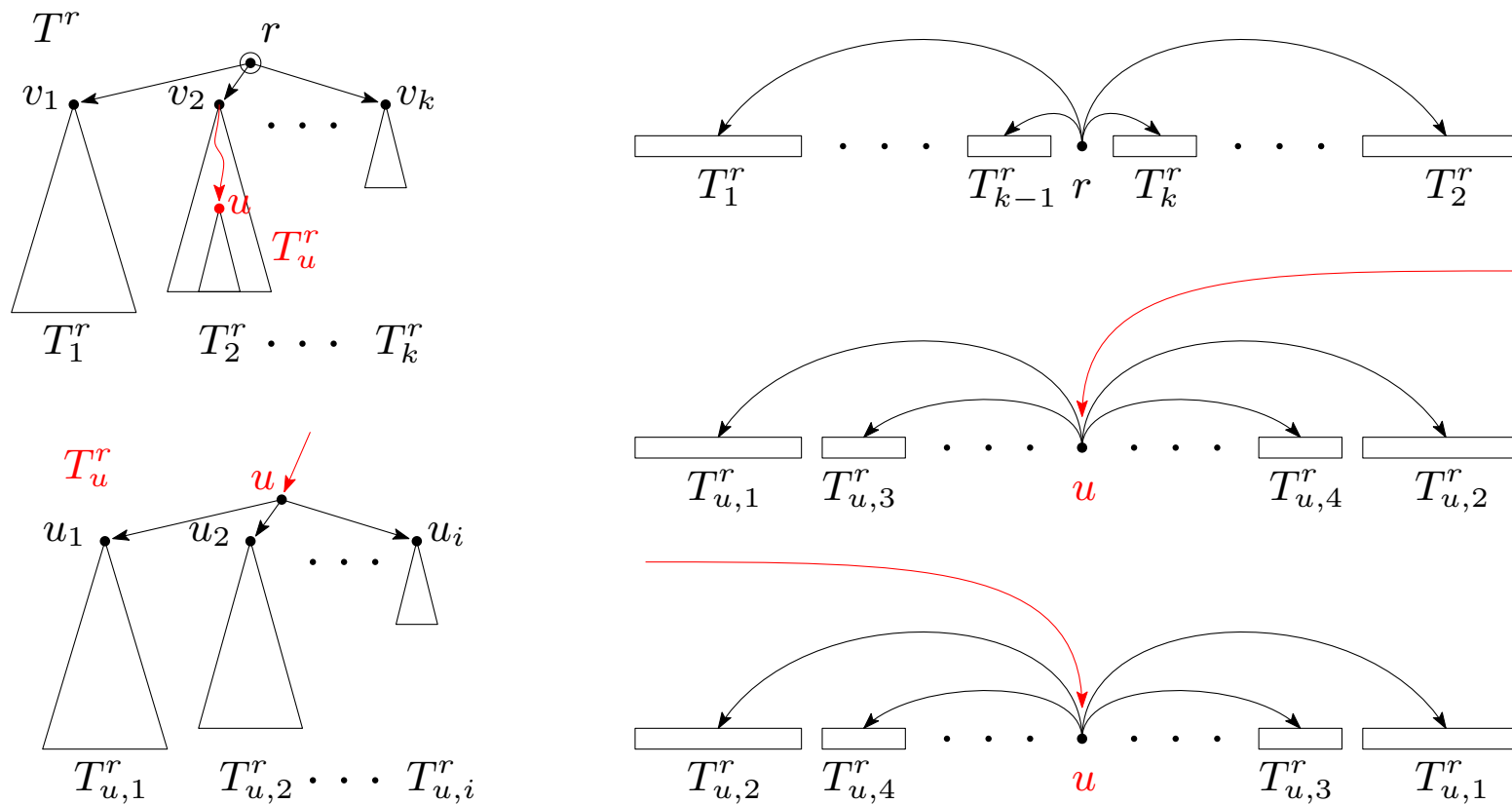
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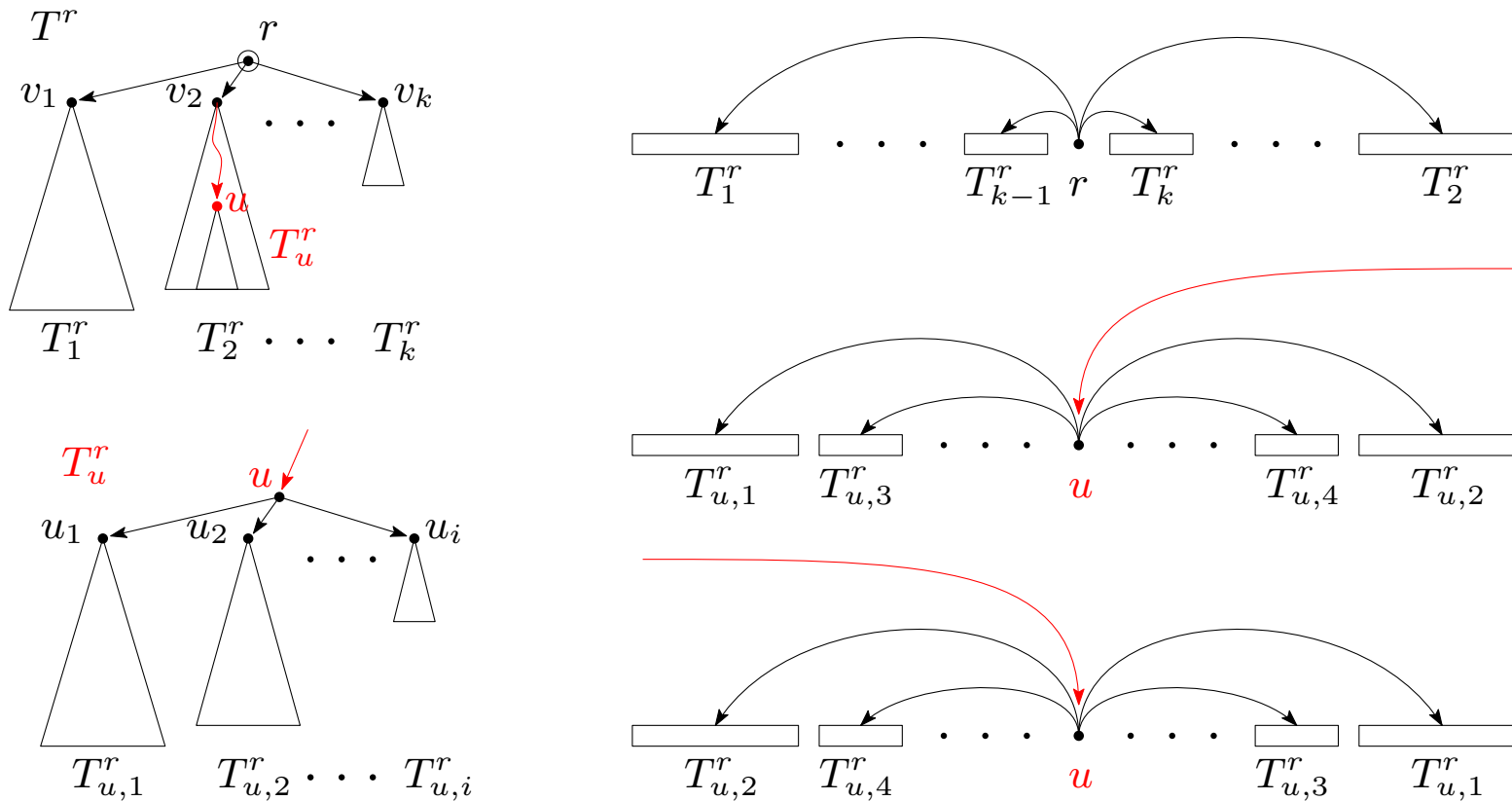
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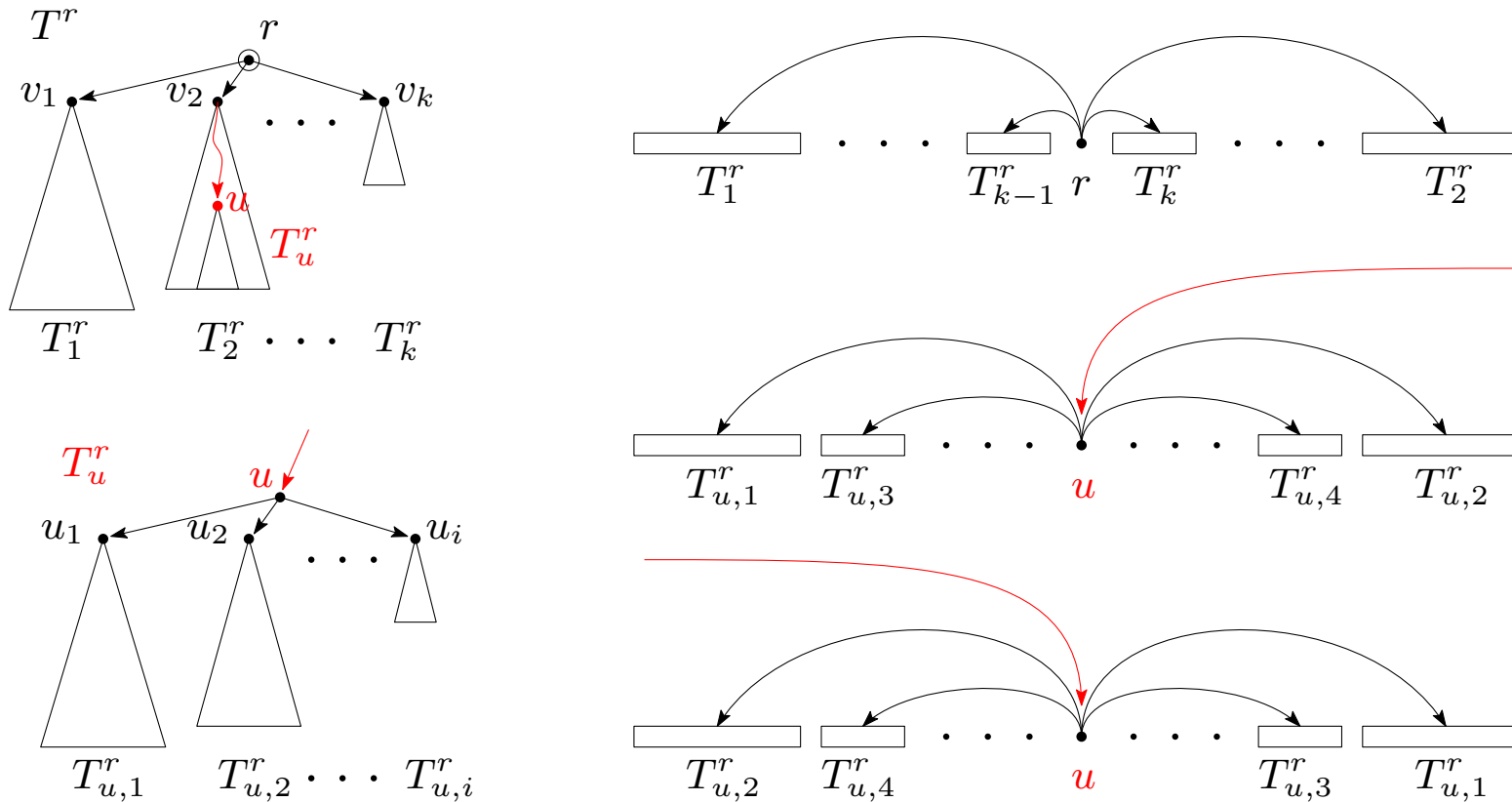
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Out: A minimum planar arrangement of T .

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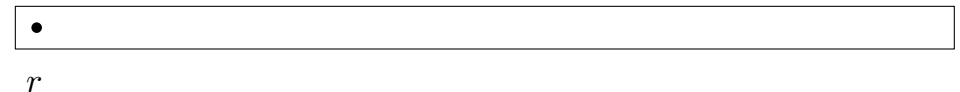
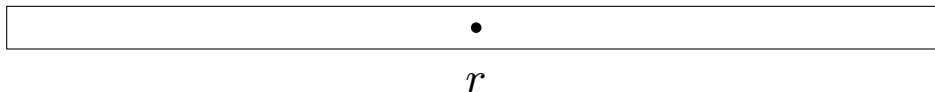
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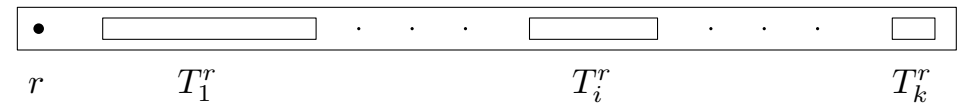
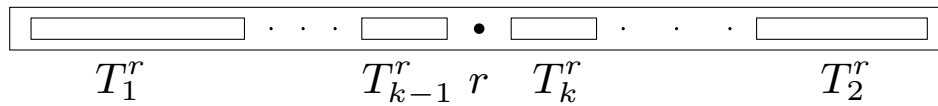
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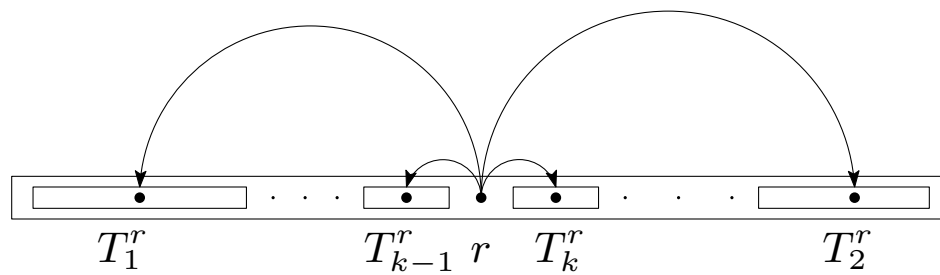
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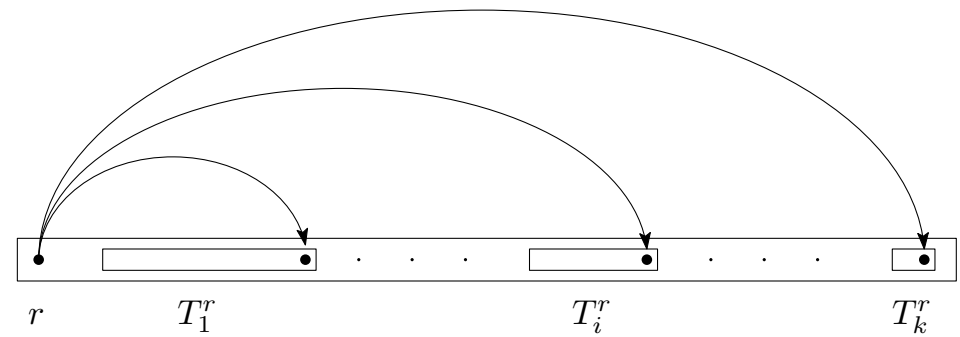
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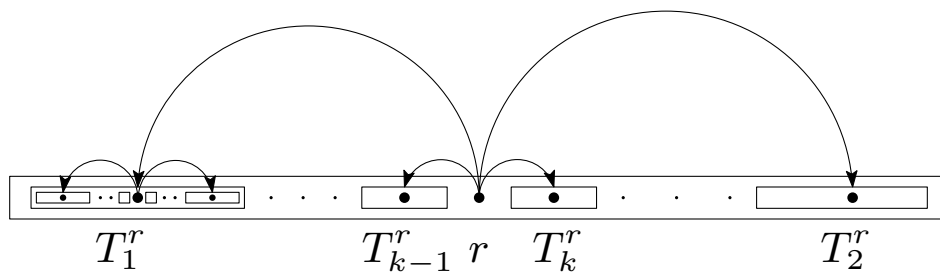
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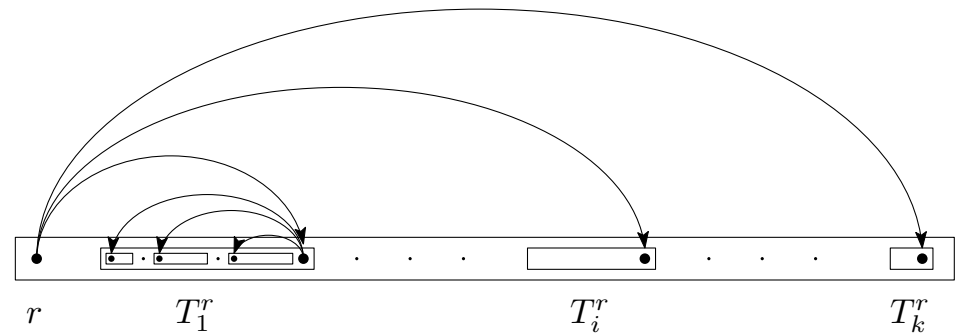
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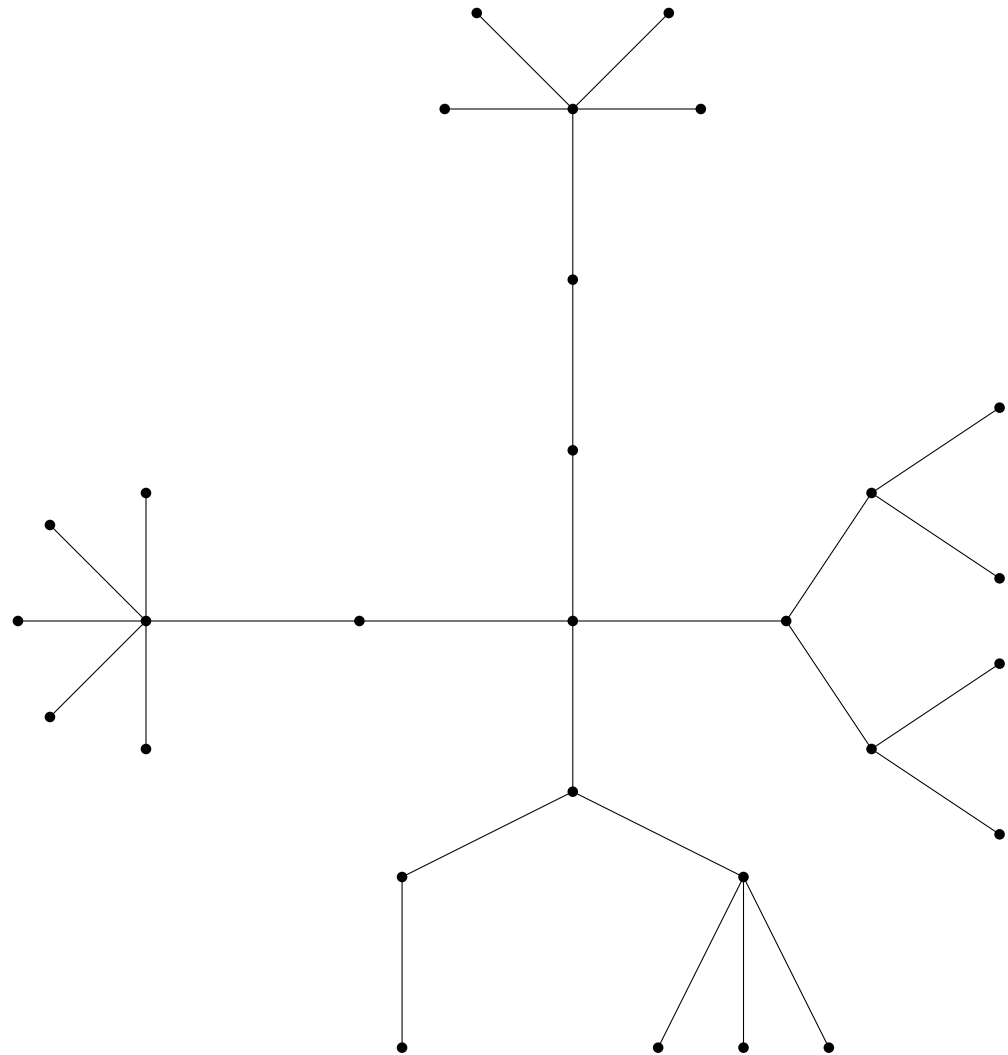
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The size of the j largest subtrees of T^u .

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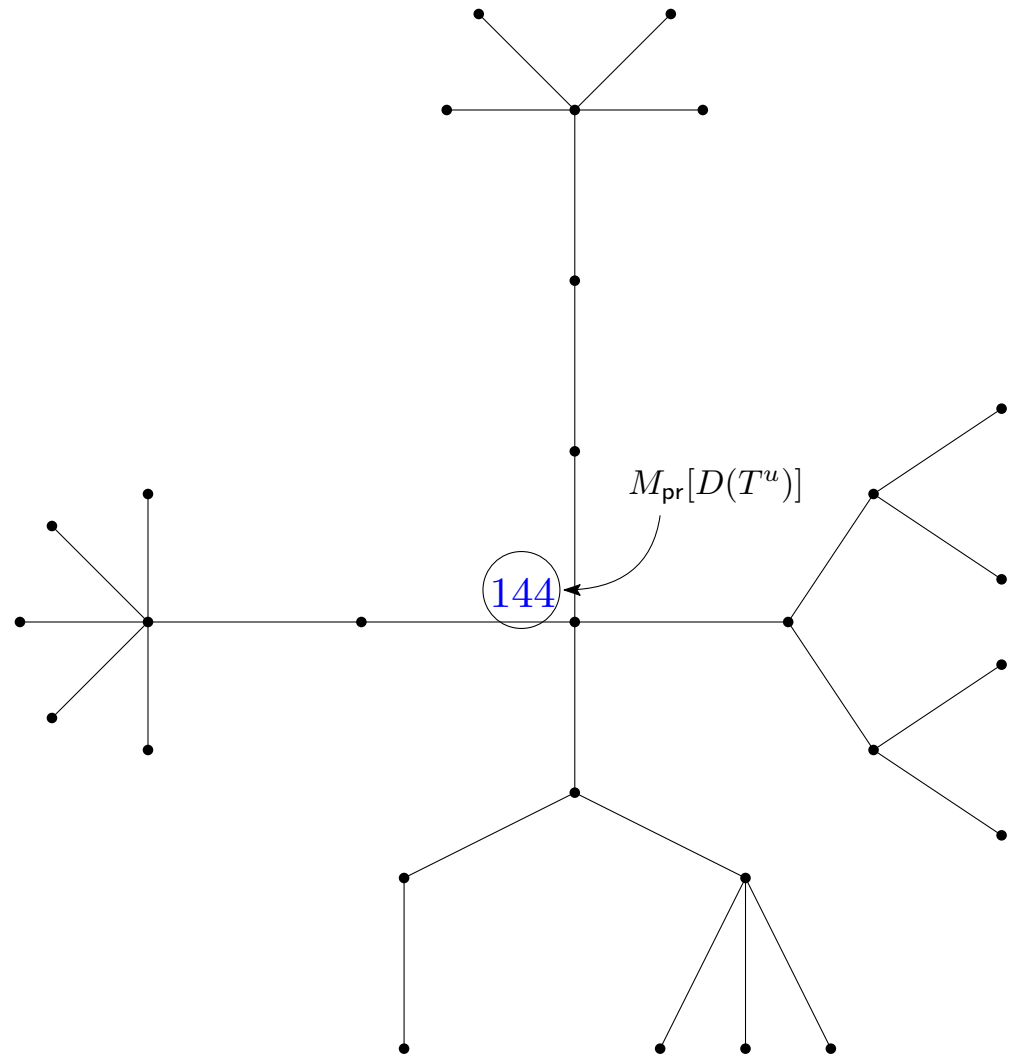
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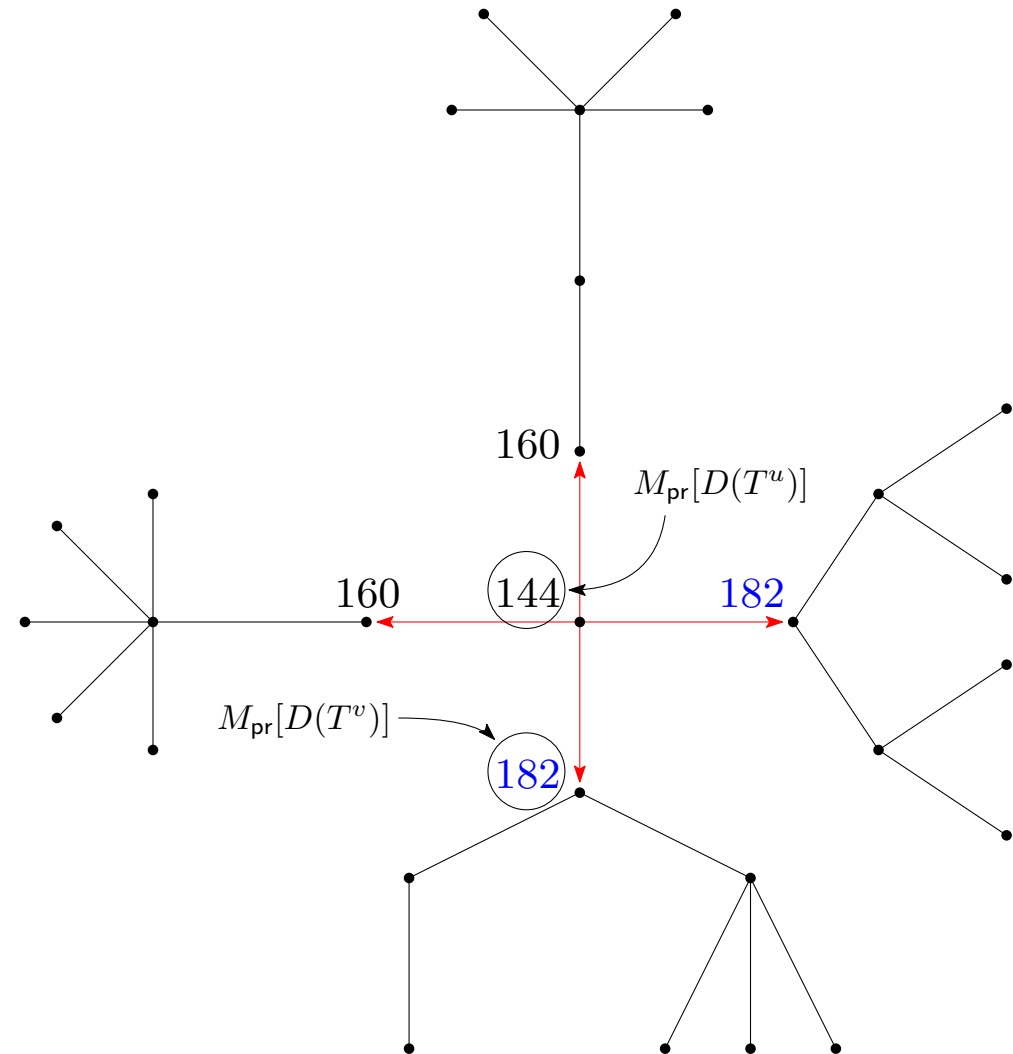
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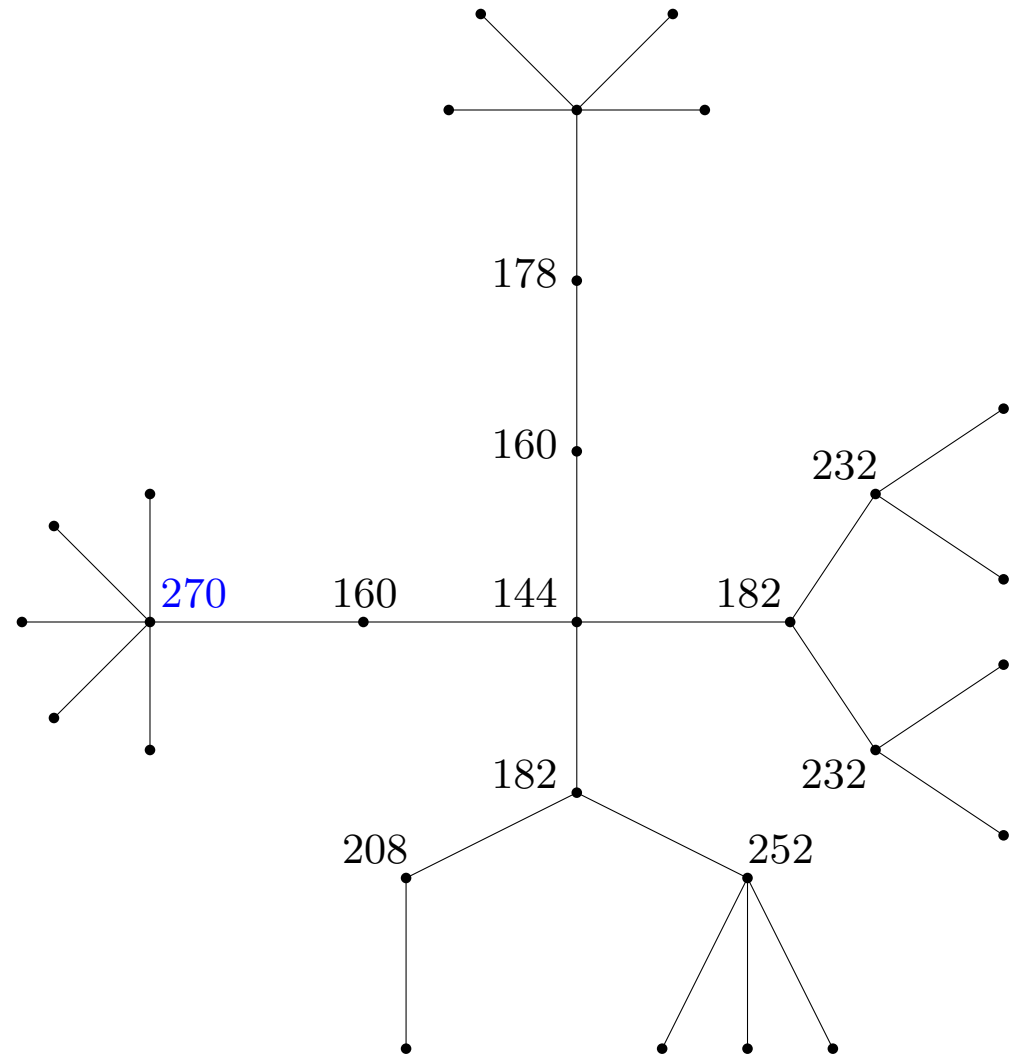


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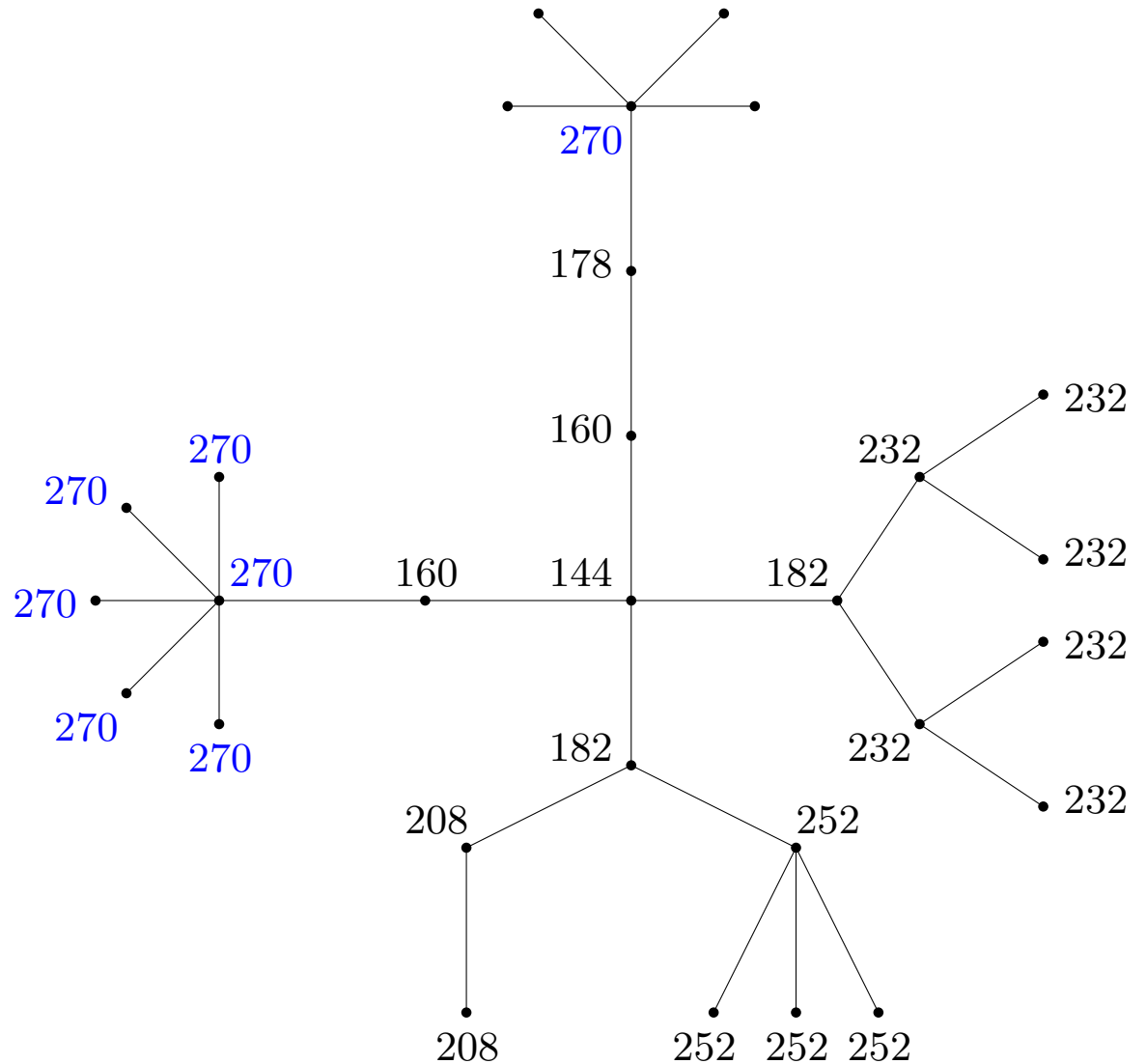
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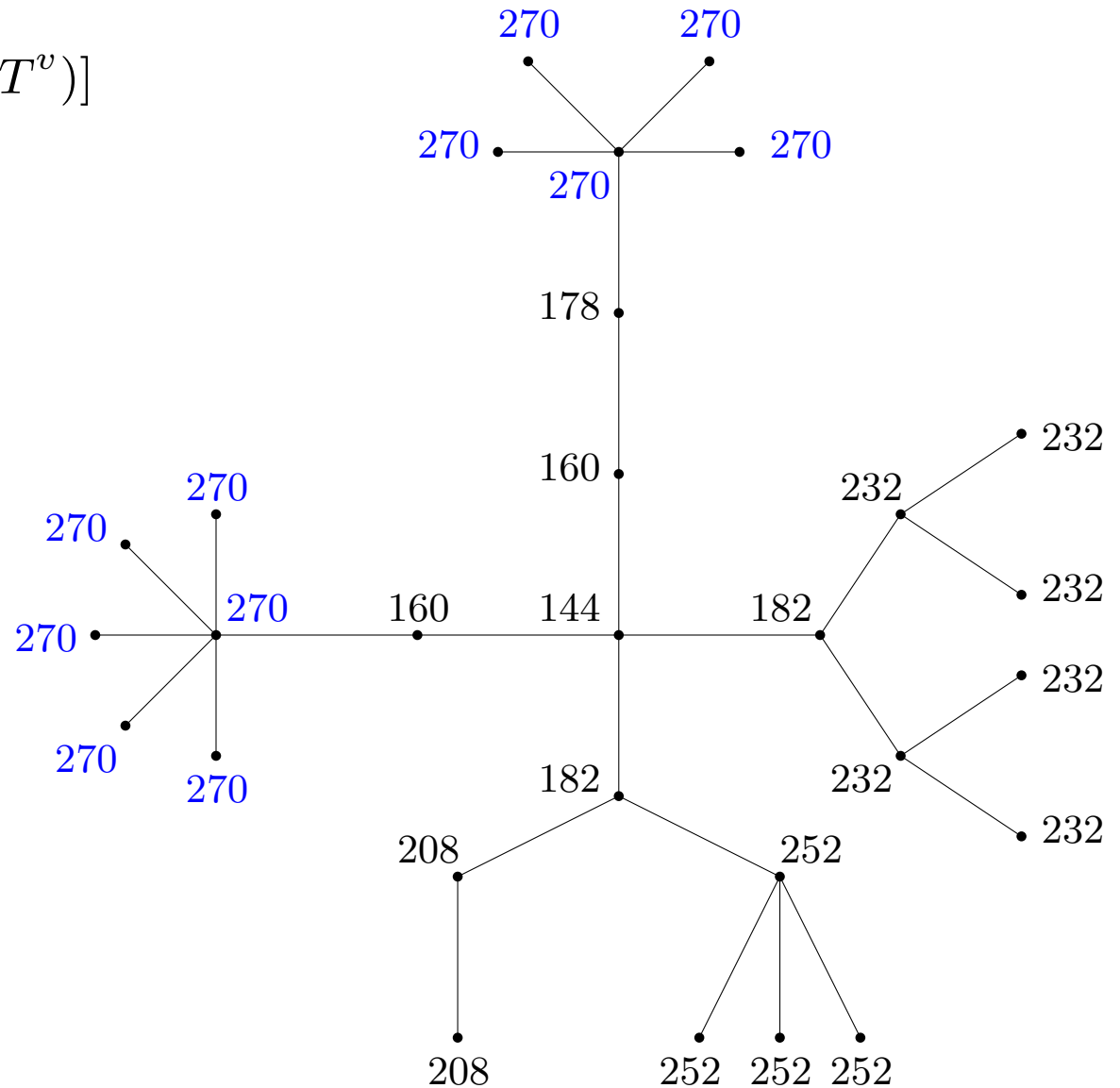


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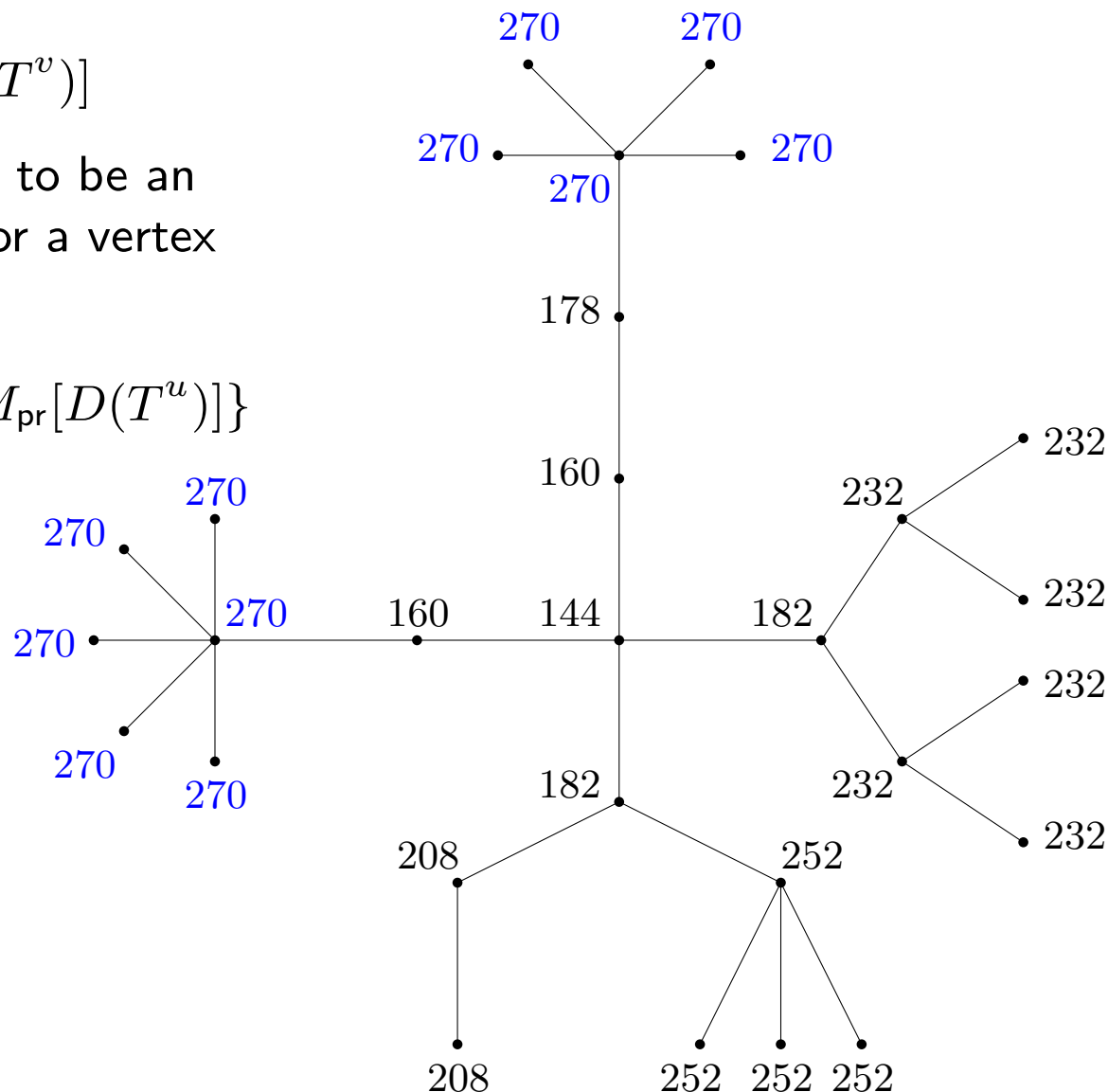
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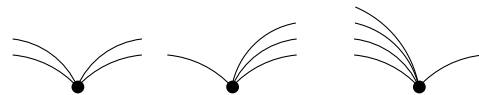
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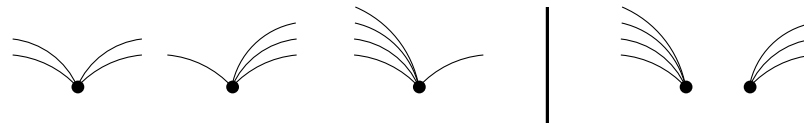
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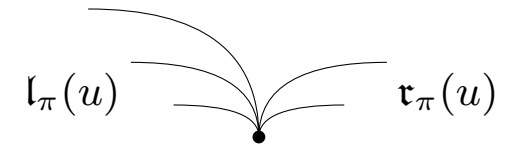


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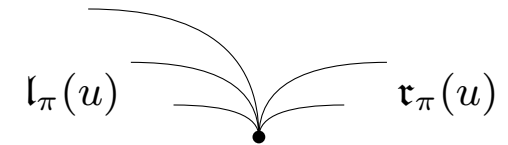
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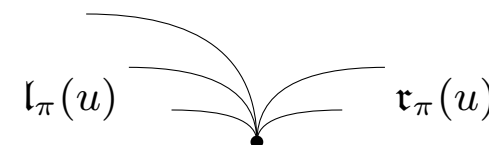
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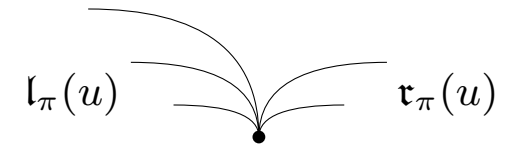
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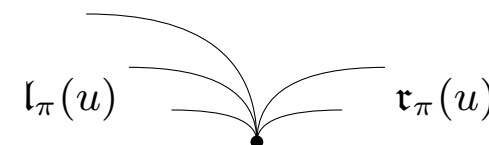
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$$l_\pi(u_1) \geq \dots \geq l_\pi(u_i) \geq \dots \geq l_\pi(u_n)$$



$$\begin{aligned} l_\pi(u) &= r_\pi(u) - l_\pi(u) \\ &= 2 - 3 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$l_\pi(u) = l_\pi(v)$$

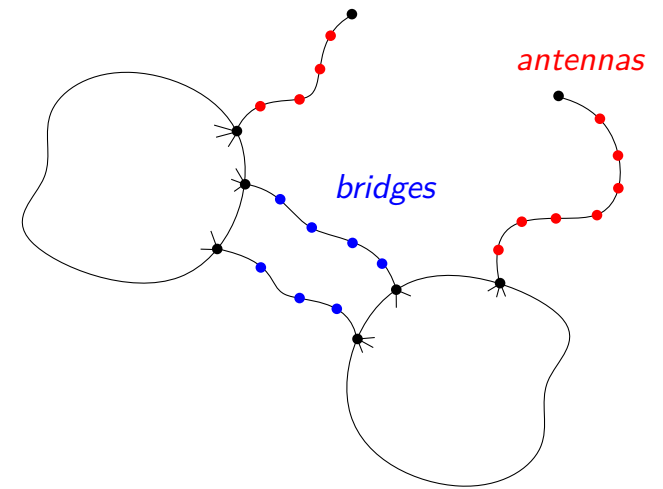
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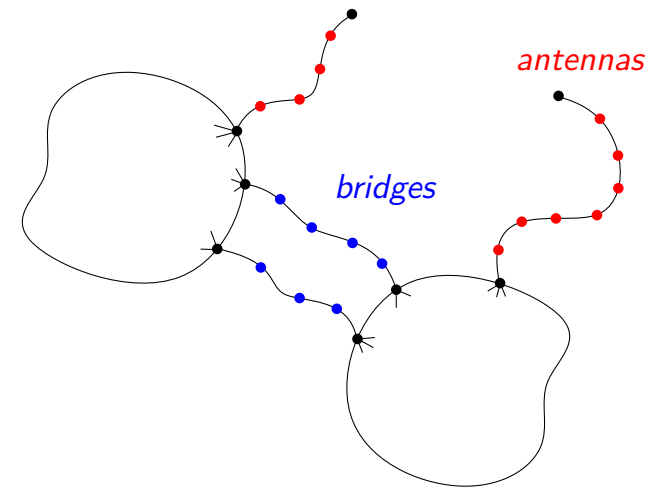
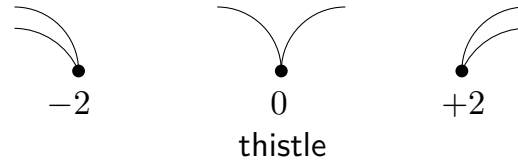
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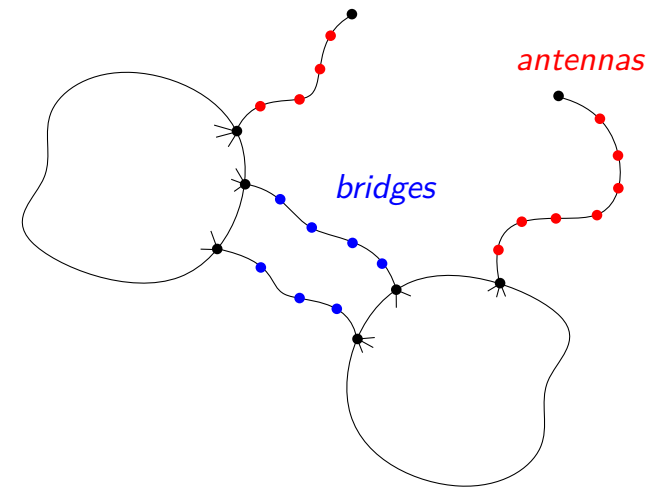
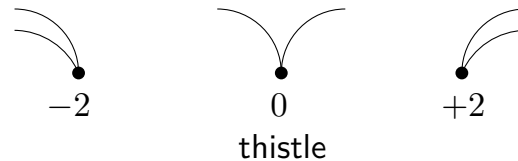
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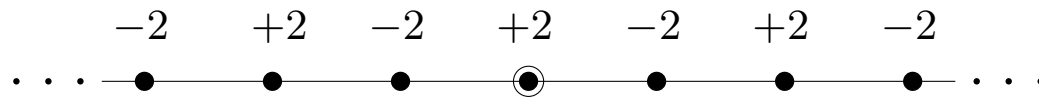
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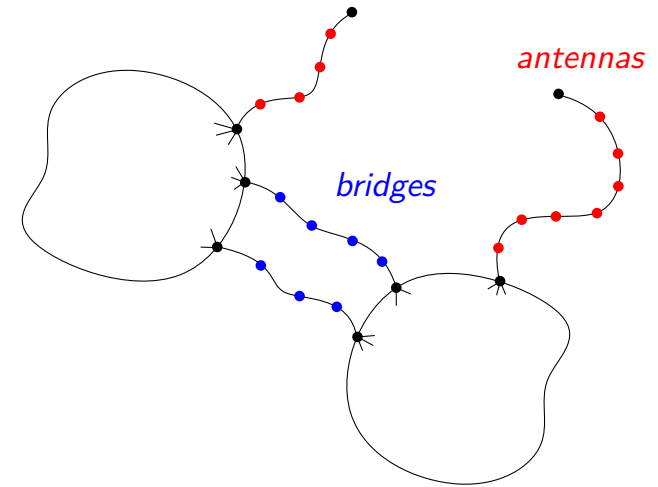
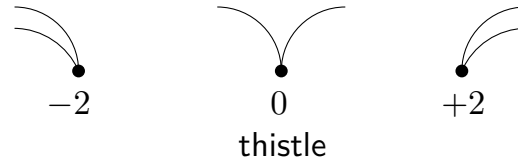
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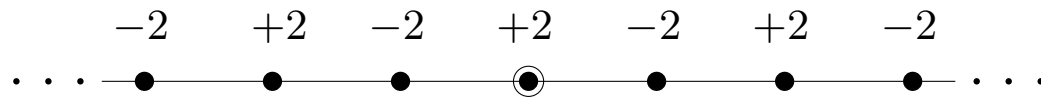
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Speed up the Branch & Bound algorithm.

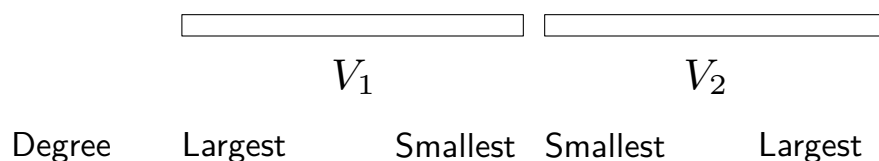
- Propagation of level values (in bridges and antennas).
- Fix one vertex for each bridge to be the only (allowed) thistle.

And solve MaxLA for specific classes of trees.

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Approximating via Bipartite MaxLA: find a maximal bipartite arrangement of a (connected) bipartite graph $B = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$.



Function $M_{\text{bip}}(B)$ is

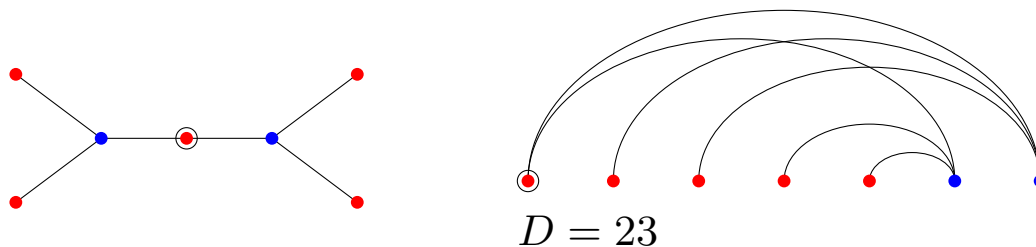
In: B a connected bipartite graph.

Out: A maximal bipartite arrangement B .

Sort vertices in V_1 and V_2 by degree. (Counting sort does the trick!)

Arrange the vertices in V_1 by non-increasing degree.

Arrange the vertices in V_2 by non-decreasing degree.



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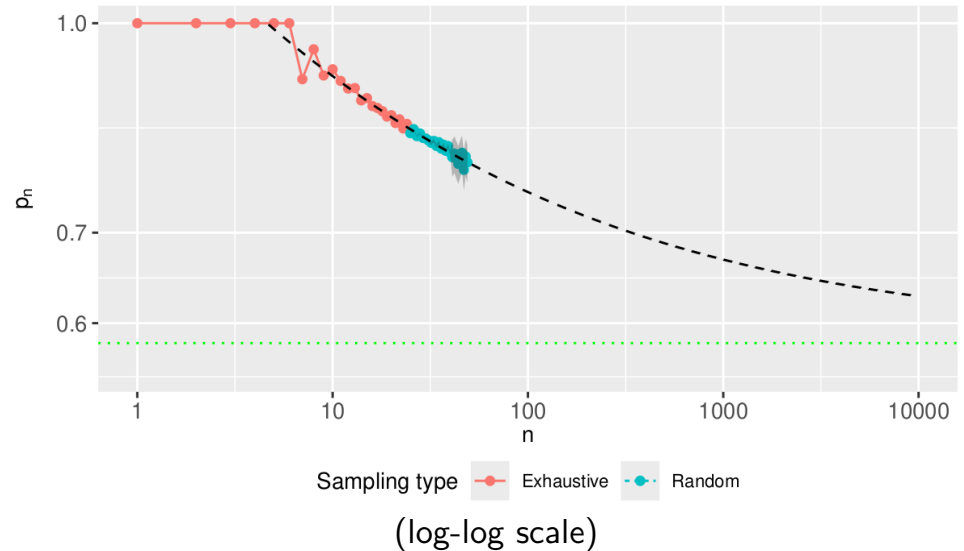
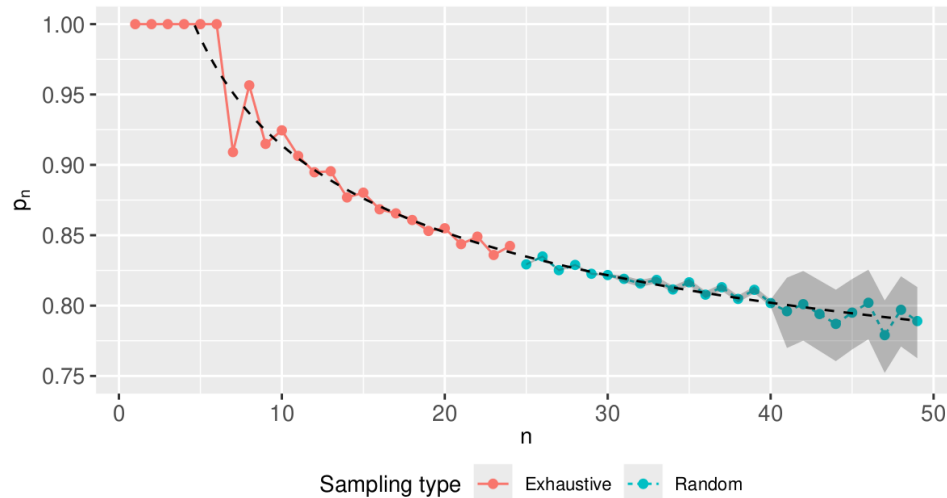
Conjecture p_n decays slowly: $p_n = \Theta(n^{-b})$ for some $b \in (0, 1)$.

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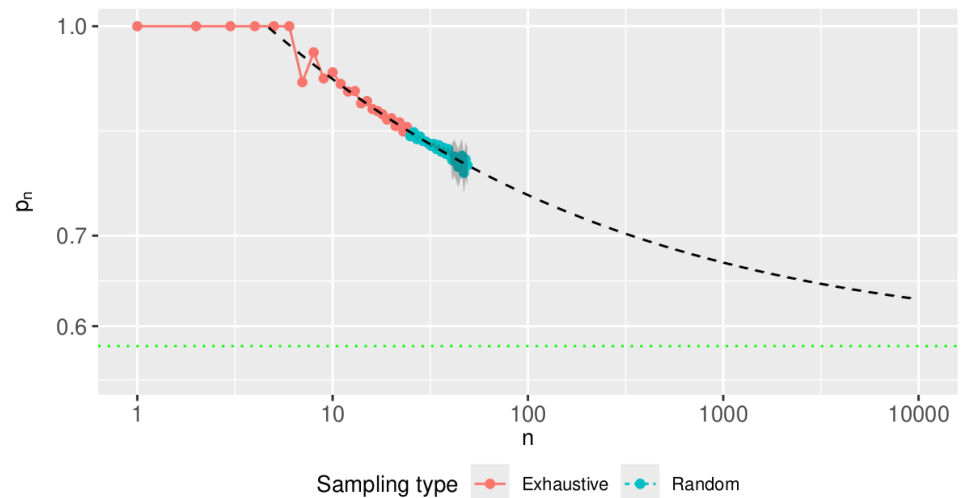
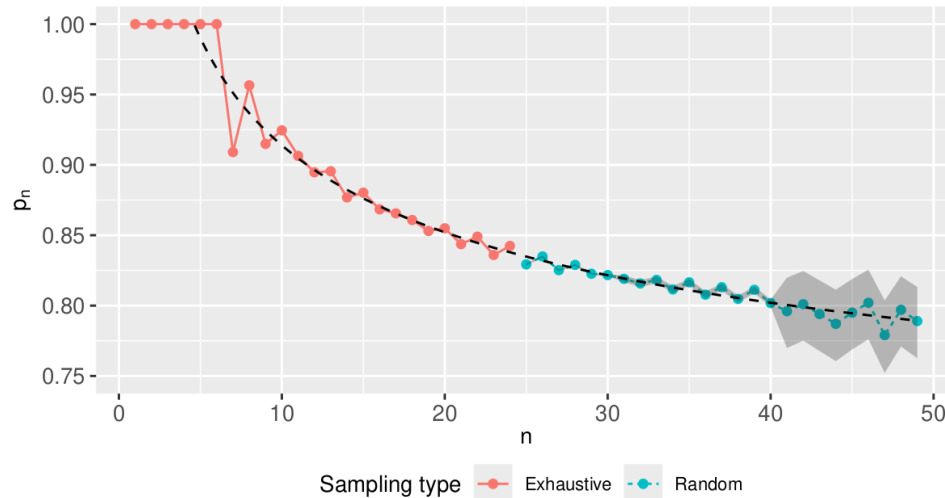


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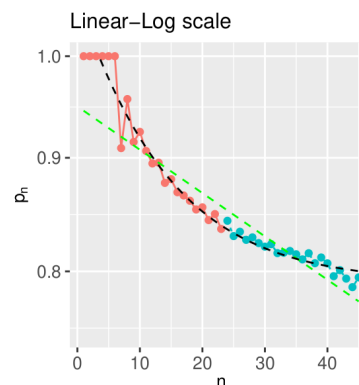
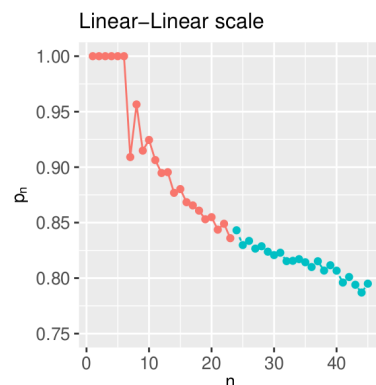
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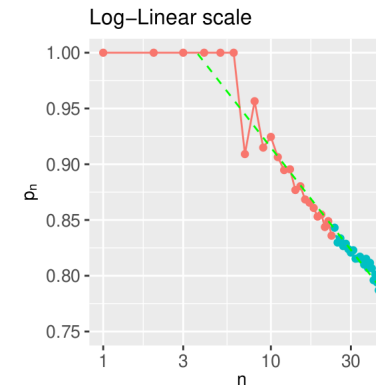
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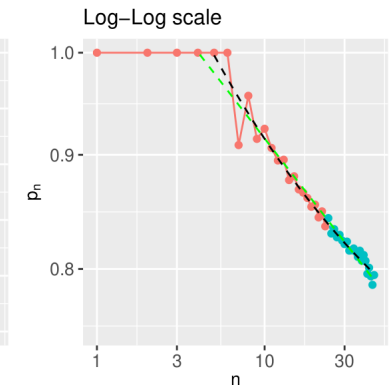
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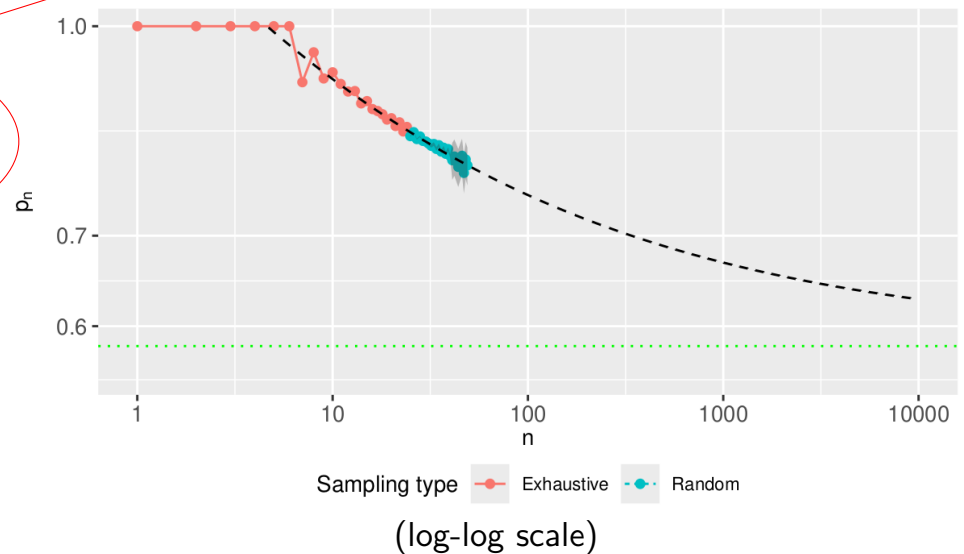
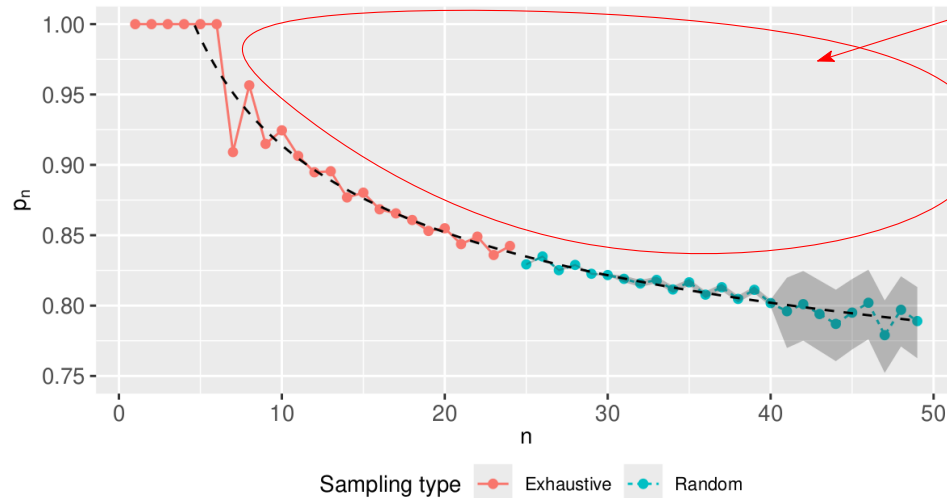
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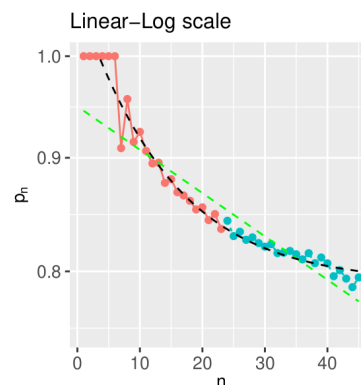
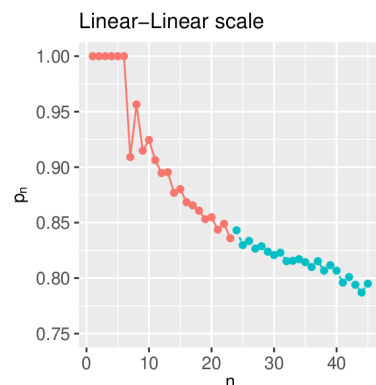
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Most of these trees have at least one maximum arrangement with exactly one thistle vertex

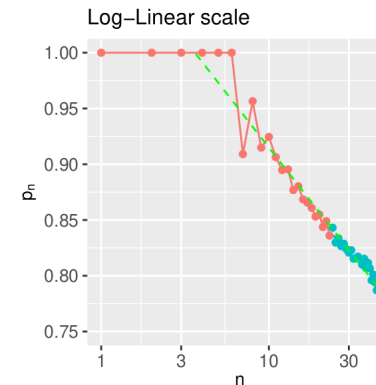


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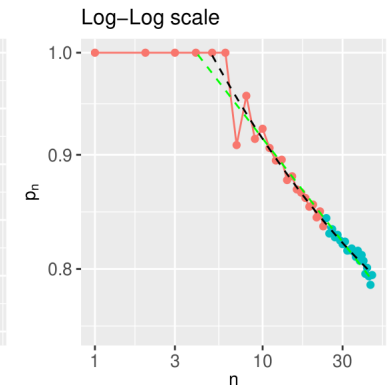
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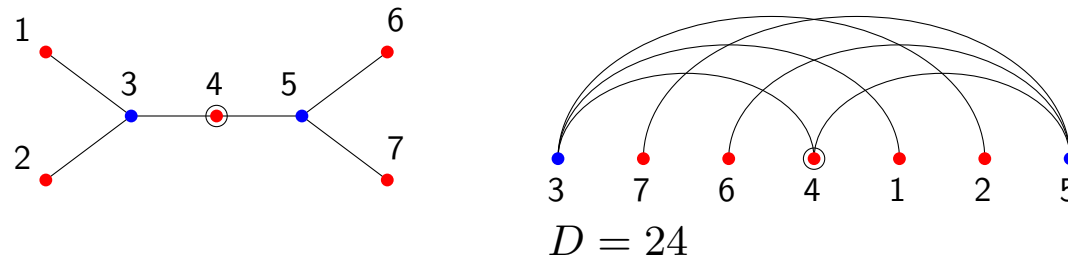


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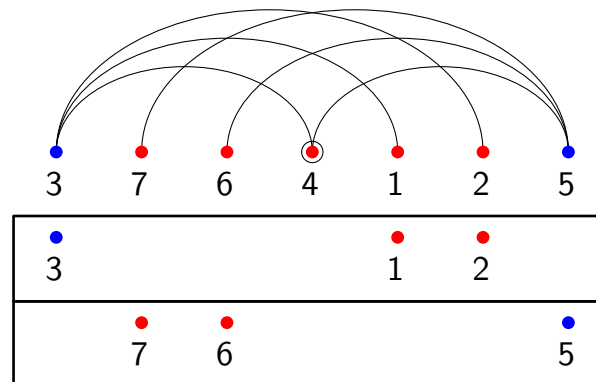
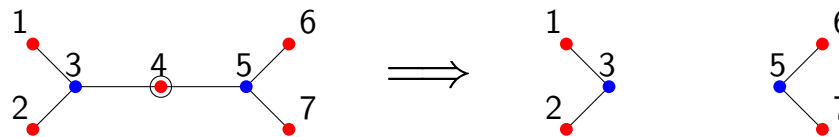
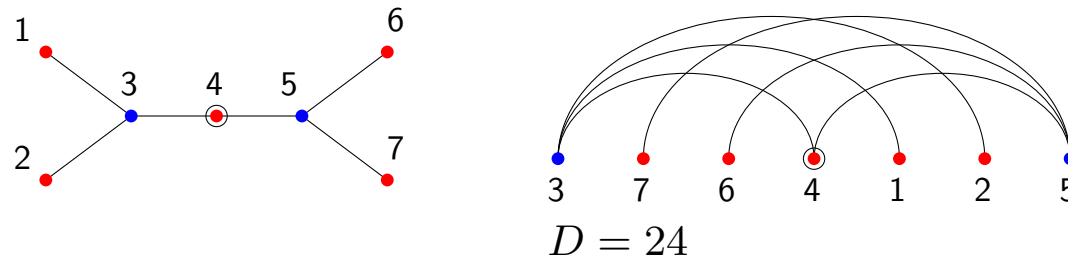
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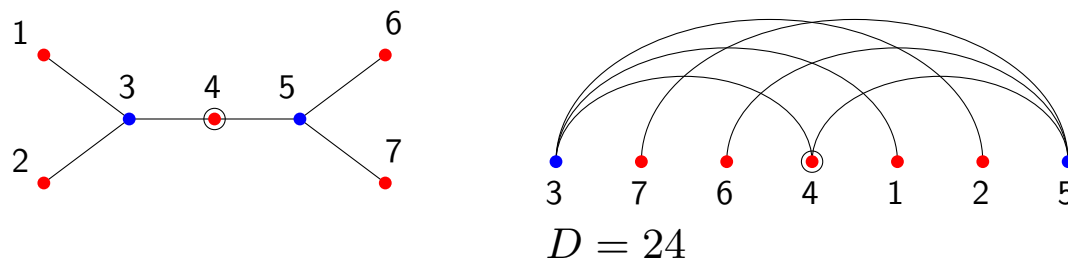
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Overview of 1-thistle MaxLA of a tree T : for every vertex v

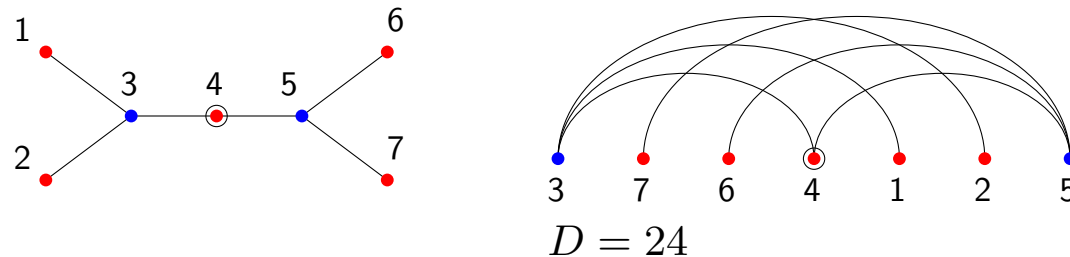
- Take a vertex v and let T_1, \dots, T_d be the subtrees of v .
- Construct maximal bipartite arrangements of the subtrees π_1, \dots, π_d .
- Try all 2^d combinations of the bipartite arrangements.

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \pi_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \pi_{d-1} \oplus \pi_d & \text{[red|blue] } \oplus \text{ [red|blue] } \oplus \dots \oplus \text{ [red|blue]} \\
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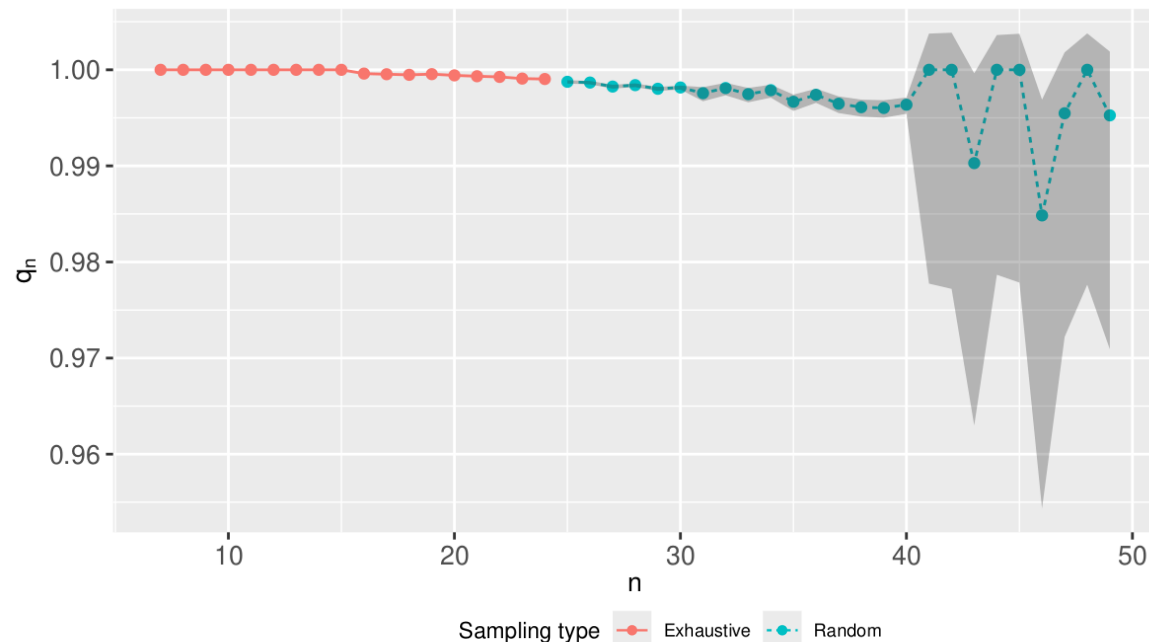
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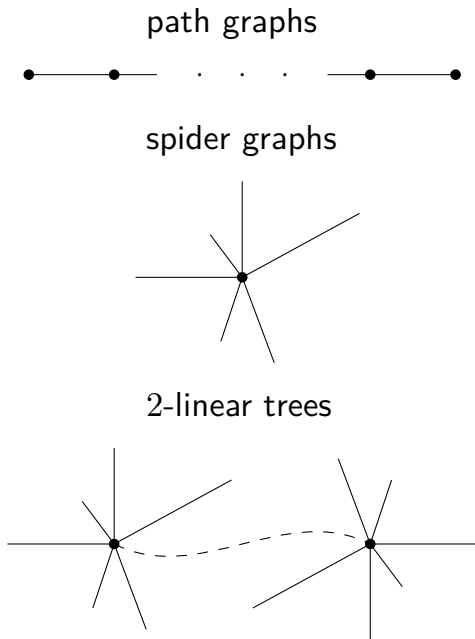


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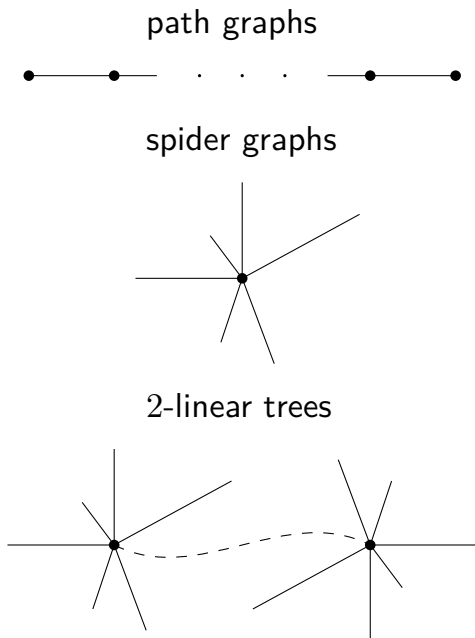
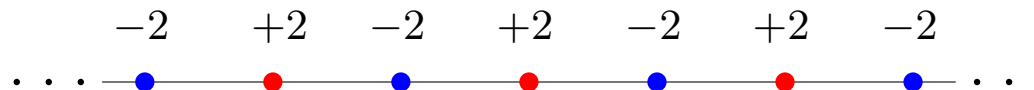
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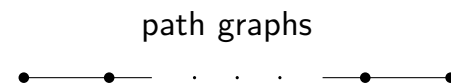
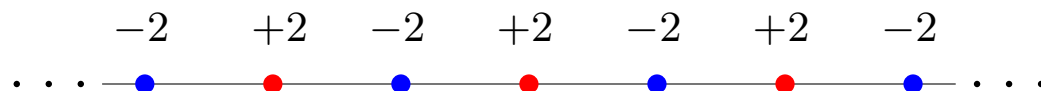
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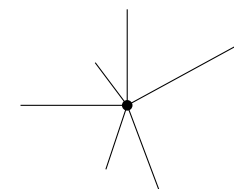
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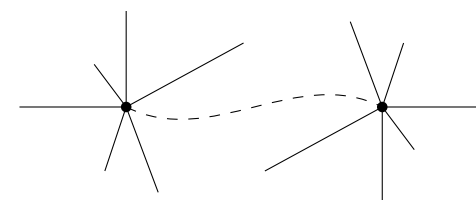
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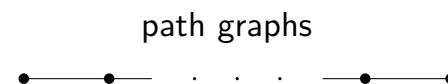
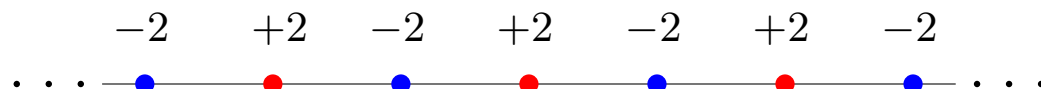
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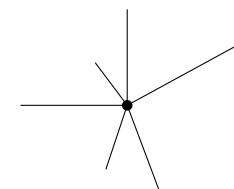
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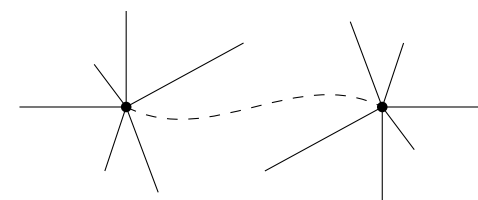
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MaxLA can be solved in time $O(n)$ for 2-linear trees after proving that none of its hubs can be a thistle. Then, take the maximum between Bipartite MaxLA and 1-thistle MaxLA.

Software

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A piece of code using some of LAL's features

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import lal
n = 10
t = lal.graphs.free_tree(n)
t.set_edges([(u, u+1) for u in range(0,n-1)])

DMax, arrs = lal.linarr.max_sum_edge_lengths_all(t, n_threads)

algo_HS = lal.linarr.algorithms_Dmin_planar.HochbergStallmann
algo_AEF = lal.linarr.algorithms_Dmin_planar.AlemanEstebanFerrer
Dmin_plan, arr_plan = lal.linarr.min_sum_edge_lengths_planar(t, algo_*)

E_D_proj = lal.properties.exp_sum_edge_lengths_projective(t)

gen_plan = lal.generate.rand_planar_arrangements(t)

tr = lal.graphs.rooted_tree(t, r)
gen_proj = lal.generate.all_projective_arrangements(tr)

# and much more ...
```


Conclusions

All algorithms and formulas are available in LAL: tested, open and accessible.

We devised formulas and algorithms to calculate exact expected values. These replace uniform random sampling methods.

Clarified, succinctly enough, inaccuracies and mistakes in previous research involving Projective/Planar minLA.

Linear-time algorithms for Projective/Planar MaxLA.

Obvious common structure between Projective/Planar minLA and Projective/Planar MaxLA: subtrees are organized in a disjoint manner and optimized locally. Projective/Planar MaxLA have been solved optimally in time and space $O(n)$.

Conclusions

Most of our work concerning MaxLA is based on Nurse and De Vos theoretical apparatus, which we extended with the Path Optimization Lemma:

- Better understanding of the structure of maximum arrangements.
- Easily find solutions for 0-, 1-, and 2-linear trees.

MaxLA is still not solved for trees (it could be **NP**-Hard) but

- It is approximated quite well,
 - Bipartite MaxLA is solved in time $O(n)$, but
 - 1-thistle MaxLA has exponential cost in the worst case.
- Our adaptation of the B&B algorithm works well enough in practice for sentences of average length – 23 words on average for most languages (Ferrer-i-Cancho, Gómez-Rodríguez, & Esteban, [2018](#), Table 5).

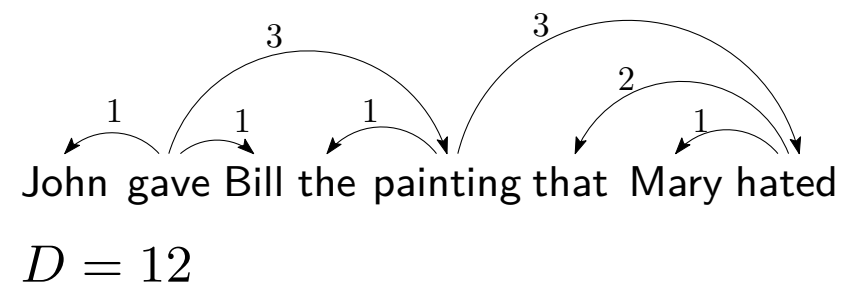
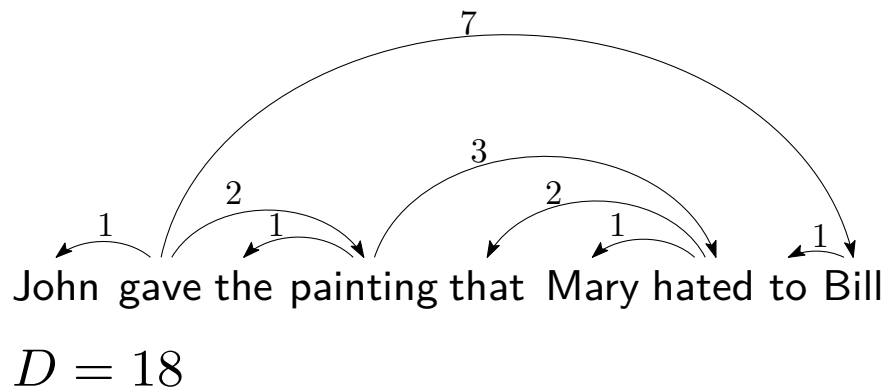
Thank you all!
QUESTIONS

Application – Quantitative Dependency Syntax – DDm

Dependency Distance minimization principle (DDm): tendency of syntactically-related words to be close together in the sentence. Largely regarded as a Linguistic Law. First formulations are due to Behaghel (1930).

A large separation of syntactically-related words incurs in a high cognitive cost (Heringer, Strecker, & Wimmer, 1980; Hudson, 1995). The sum of all dependency distances D (or edge lengths) is used as a *proxy* to measure this cost.

An example in two sentences



Source: (Morrill, 2000)

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First evidence of DDm from a Romanian corpus (Ferrer-i-Cancho, [2004](#))

Expected sum of edge lengths in a uniformly random linear arrangement

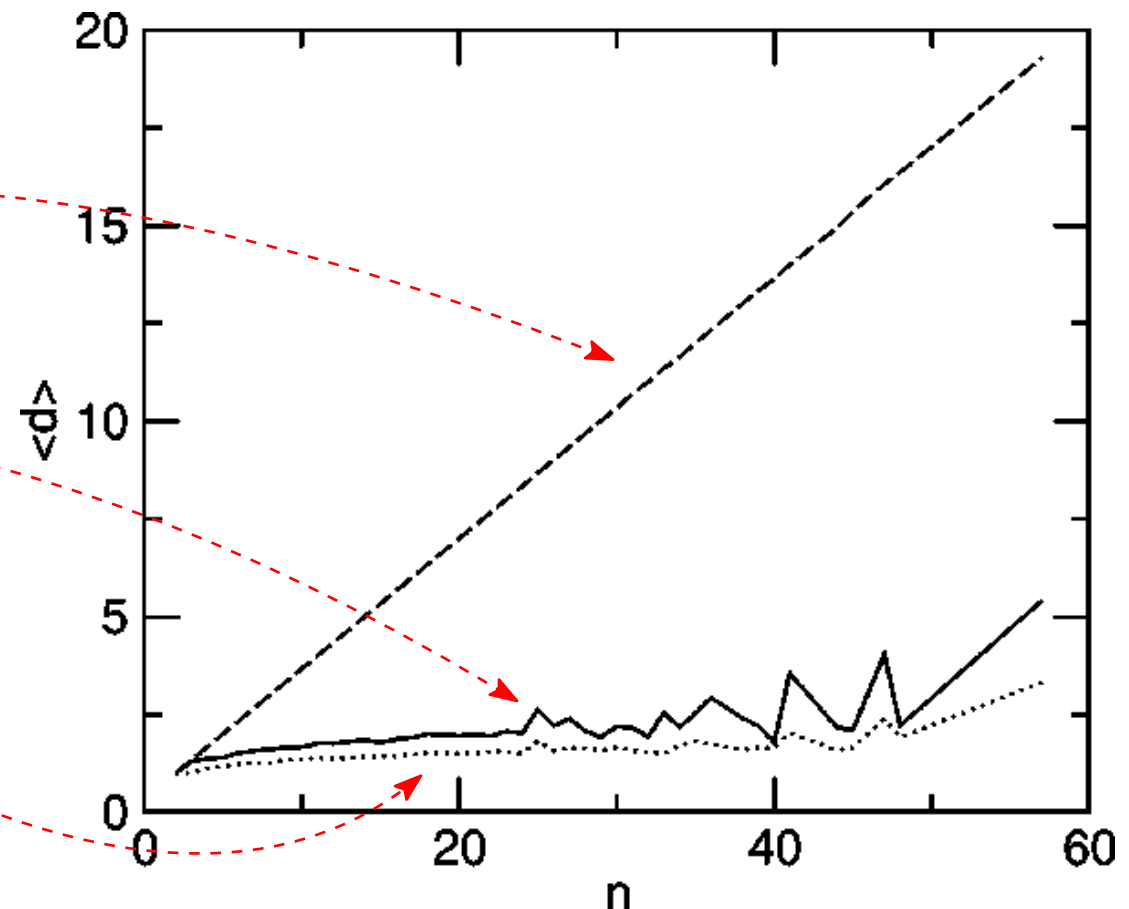
$$\mathbb{E}[D(T)]/(n-1)$$

Real sum of edge lengths in each sentence of the corpus

$$D(T)/(n-1)$$

Minimum sum of edge lengths in each sentence of the corpus

$$m[D(T)]/(n-1)$$



Quantitative Linguistics – baselines and normalization scores

Normalize D using the random and minimum baselines (Ferrer-i-Cancho, Gómez-Rodríguez, Esteban, et al., [2022](#))

$$\Omega_{\pi}(T) = \frac{\mathbb{E}[D(T)] - D_{\pi}(T)}{\mathbb{E}[D(T)] - m[D(T)]}$$

But Ω does not apply projectivity or planarity. What if we...

- used constrained expected values?
- maximum (unconstrained and constrained) values?

Planar arrangements (uar)

Partition

$$\Pi_{\text{pl}}(T) = \bigcup_{u \in V} \Pi_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^u)$$

and thus

$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{pl}}(T) = \sum_{u \in V} \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^u).$$

For any $u \in V$,

$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^u) = d(u)! \prod_{v \in \Gamma(u)} \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}(T_v^u) = \prod_{v \in V} d(v)!.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}(T^r) &= (d(r) + 1)! \prod_{u \in \Gamma(r)} \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}(T_u^r) \\ &= \prod_{v \in V} (d_r(v) + 1)!. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^{u_1}) = \dots = \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^{u_n}).$$

Finally,

$$\mathbf{N}_{\text{pl}}(T) = n \mathbf{N}_{\text{pr}}^{\diamond}(T^u),$$

for any $u \in V$.

The algorithm produces a planar arrangement u.a.r. because,

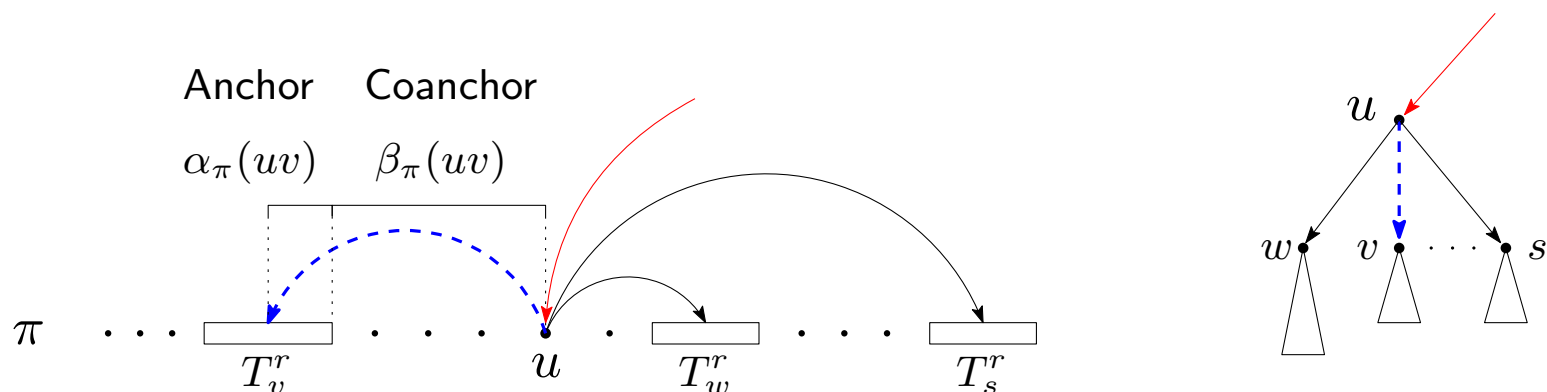
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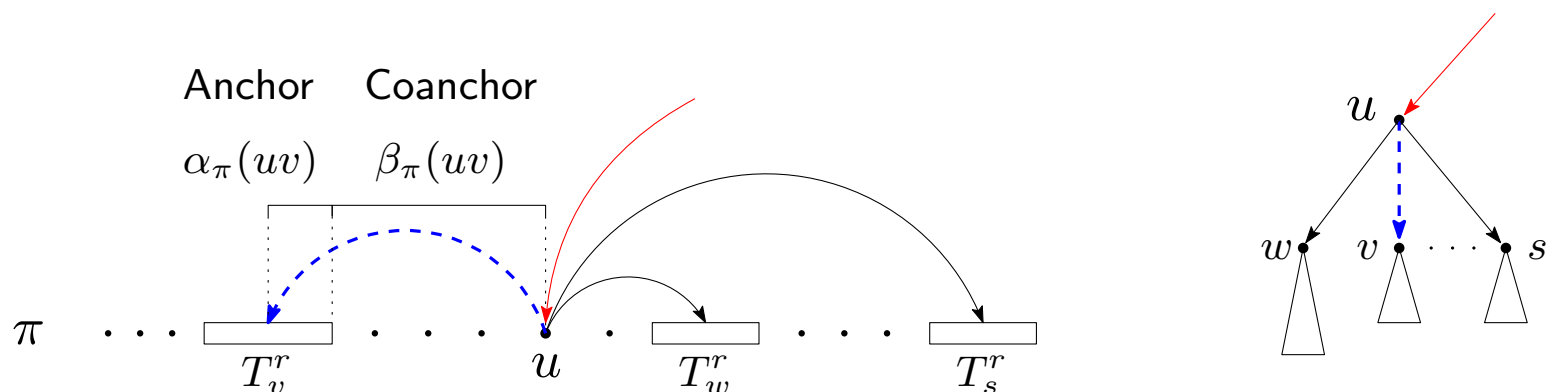


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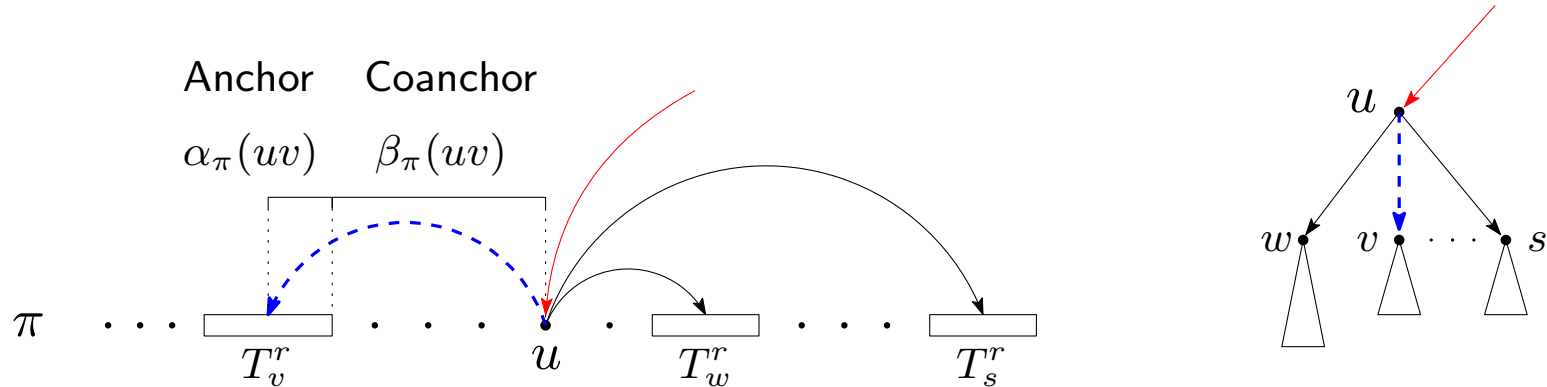
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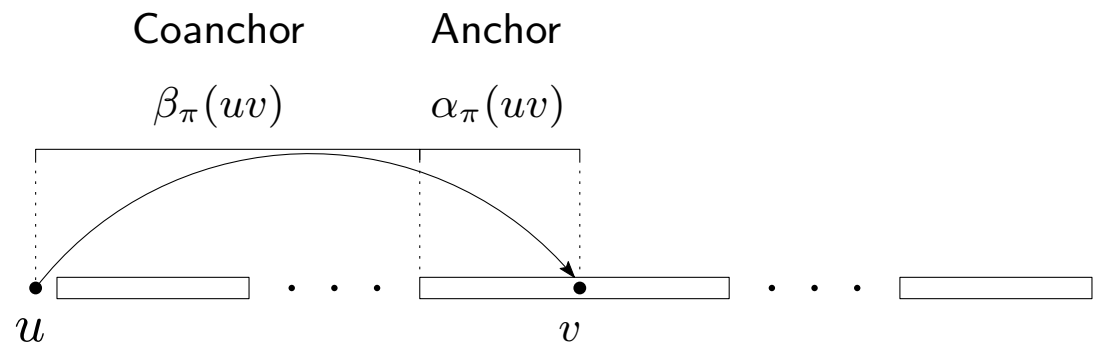
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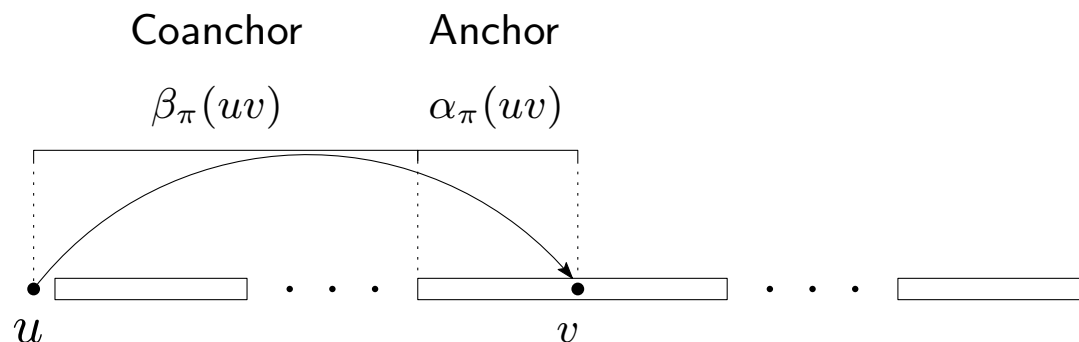
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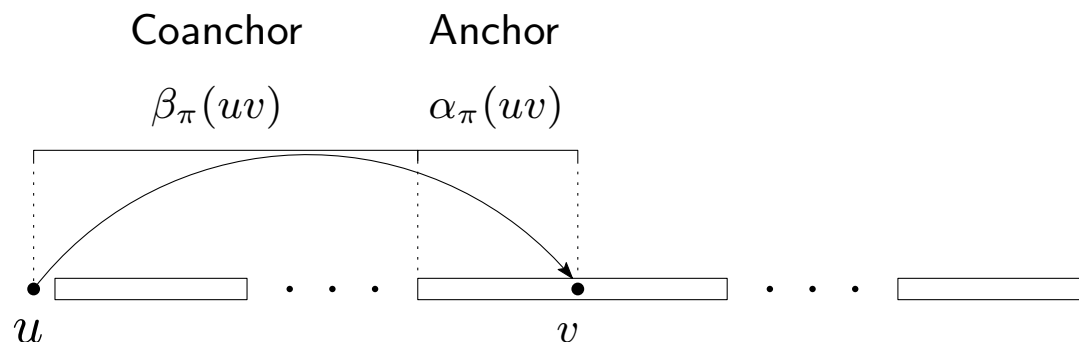
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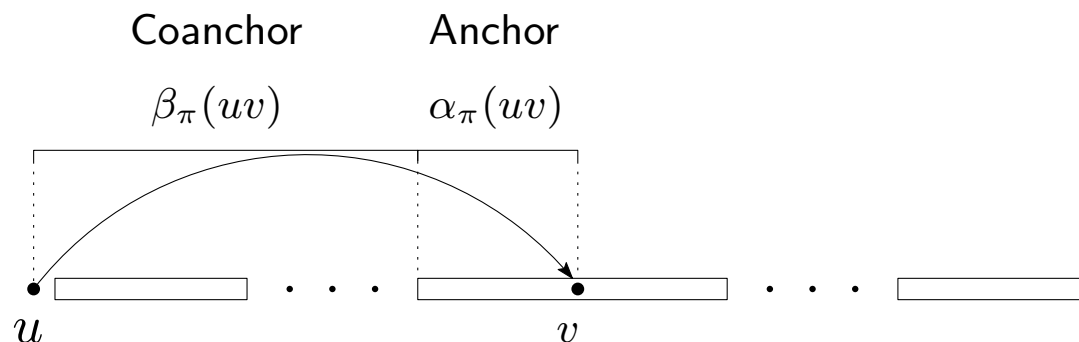
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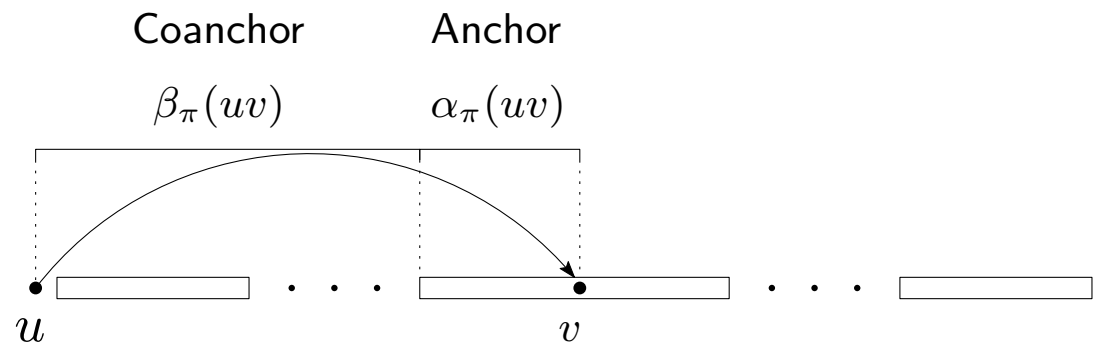
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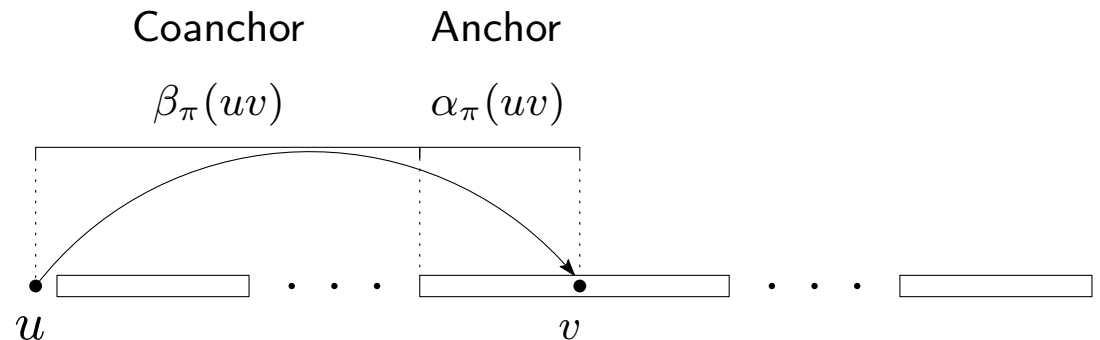
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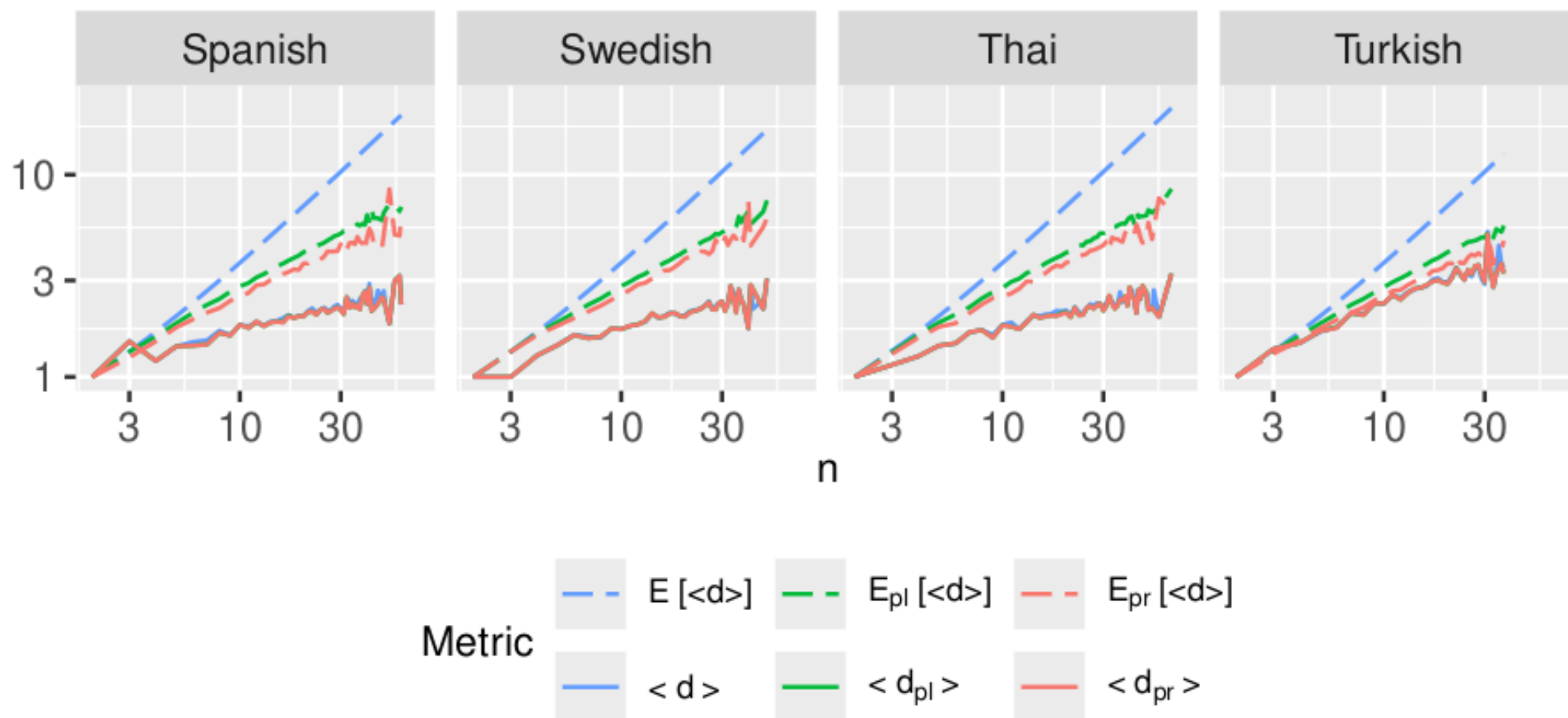
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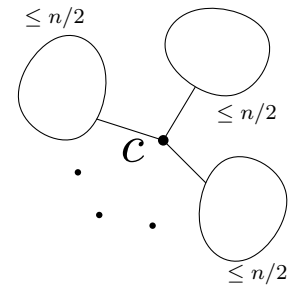
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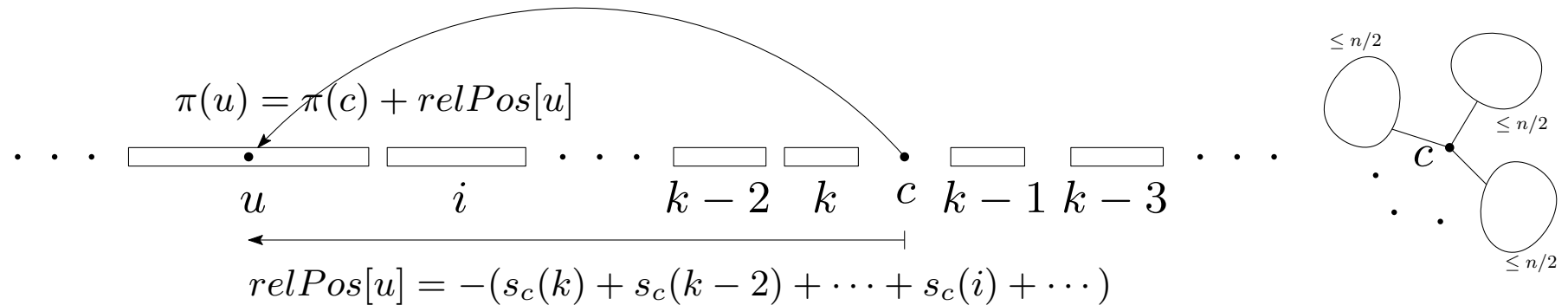
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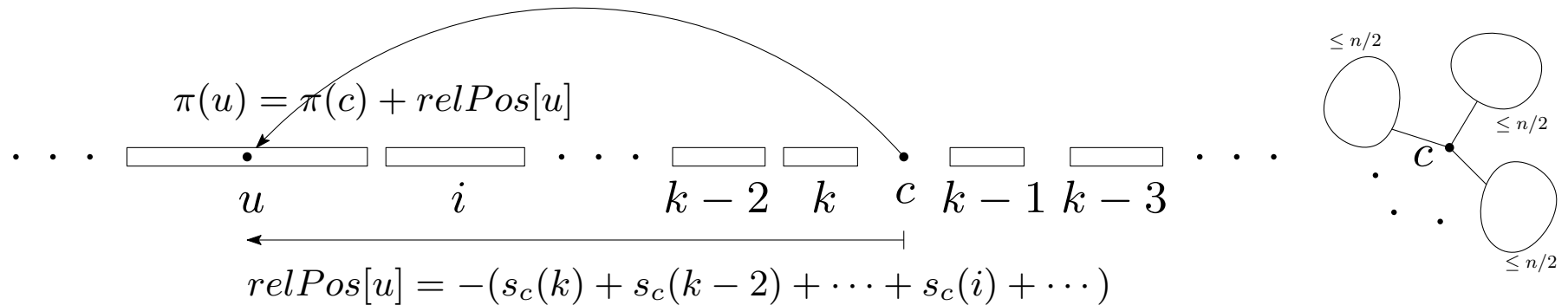
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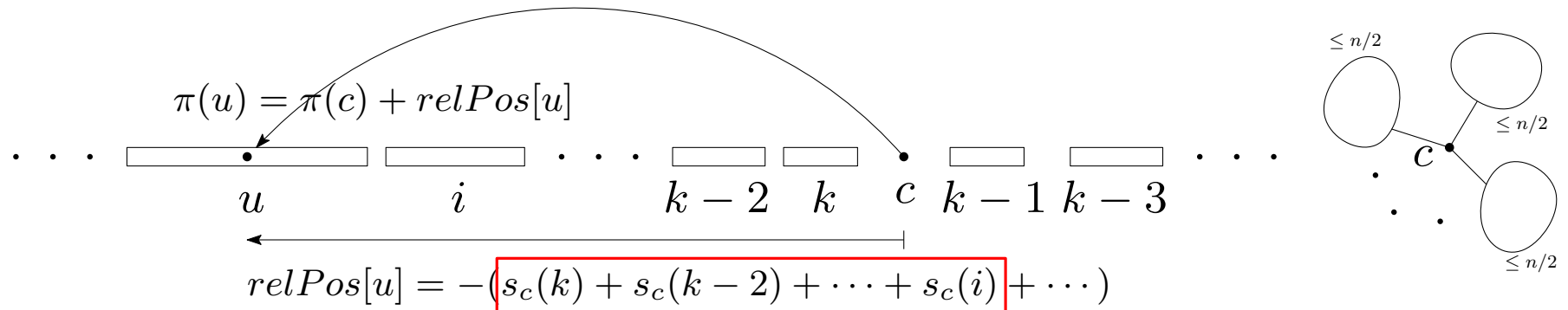
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Algorithm 3.2: EMBED_BRANCH corrected.

1 Function EMBED_BRANCH(L^c , v , $base$, dir , $relPos$) **is**

4 $C_v \leftarrow L^c[v]$

5 $before \leftarrow after \leftarrow 0$

6 $under_anchor \leftarrow 0$

7 for $i = 2$ **to** $|C_v|$ **step** 2 **do**

8 $v_i, n_i \leftarrow C_v[i]$

9 $under_anchor \leftarrow under_anchor + n_i$

10 $base \leftarrow base + dir * (under_anchor + 1)$

11 for $i = |C_v|$ **downto** 1 **do**

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16 else

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19 $relPos[v] \leftarrow base$

Branch and Bound for MaxLA

Construct the arrangement from left to right. Rules to add a new vertex:

- Symmetry breaking constraints, such as Nurse's properties, Path Optimization Lemma (for bridges), parallelization over vertex orbits
- Prediction and propagation of level values (Path Optimization Lemma)
- Curated upper bounds for better bounding
- Specific algorithms for different states of the algorithm
- Initialized with the maximum between Bipartite MaxLA and 1-thistle MaxLA

n	Time (ms)	n	Time (ms)	n	Time (ms)	n	Time (ms)	n	Time (s)	n	Time
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2	0.02	9	0.04	16	0.35	23	15.4	30	0.838	37	46.7 s
3	0.02	10	0.04	17	0.56	24	29.5	31	1.41	38	1 m 33 s
4	0.02	11	0.05	18	0.99	25	43.2	32	2.88	39	2 m 42 s
5	0.02	12	0.09	19	1.66	26	86.2	33	5.06	40	4 m 51 s
6	0.02	13	0.10	20	2.92	27	146	34	8.69		
7	0.03	14	0.14	21	4.82	28	253	35	15.3		