

Euclid's Elements

Book V



Proportions are what makes the old Greek temples classic in their beauty. They are like huge blocks, from which the air has been literally hewn out between the columns.

$$AB:C = DE:F$$

$$BG:C = EH:F$$

$$AG:C = DH:F$$

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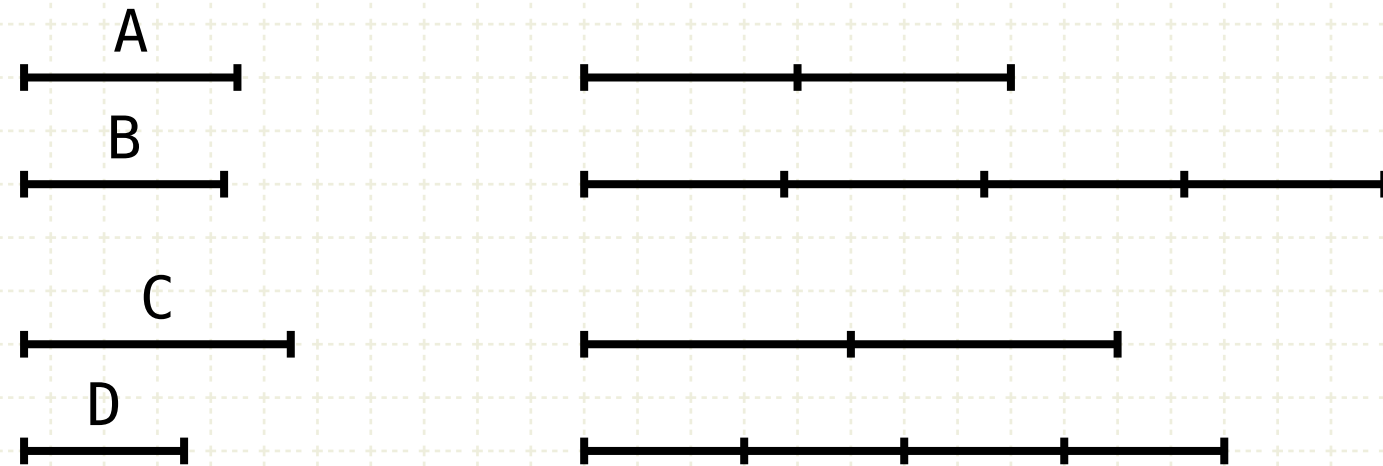
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and $n \cdot C \leq m \cdot D$
then $A:B > C:D$

Example:

compare 80:75 to 100:60

$$2 \times 80 > 4 \times 75$$

$$2 \times 100 < 4 \times 60$$

$$\therefore 80:75 > 100:60$$

Definitions

7. When, of the equimultiples, the multiple of the first magnitude exceeds the multiple of the second, but the multiple of the third does not exceed the multiple of the fourth, then the first is said to have a greater ratio to the second than the third has to the fourth.

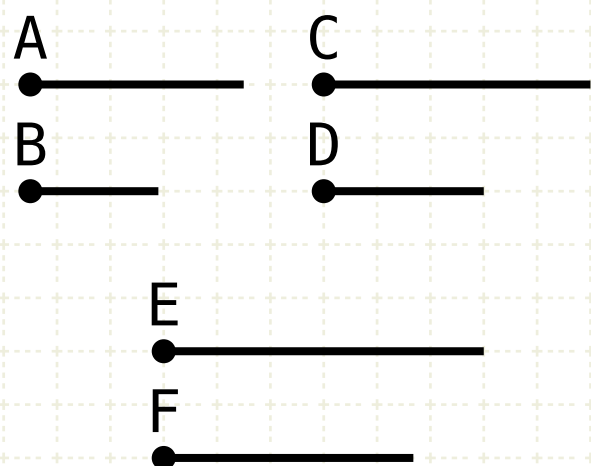
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$$\begin{aligned} A:B &= C:D \\ C:D &> E:F \\ \rightarrow A:B &> E:F \end{aligned}$$

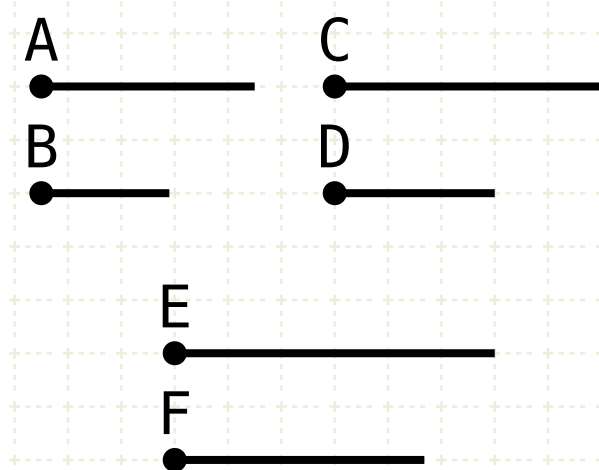
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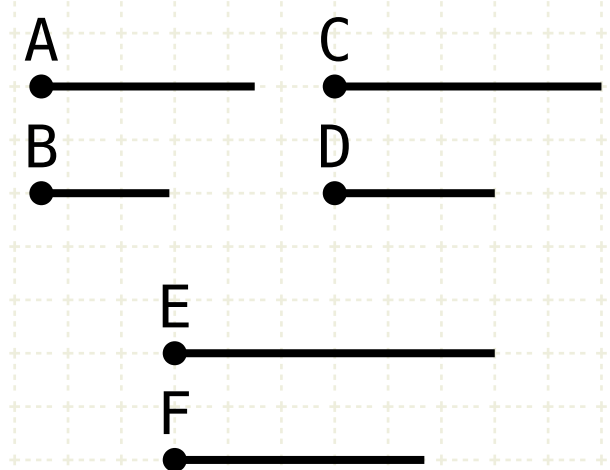
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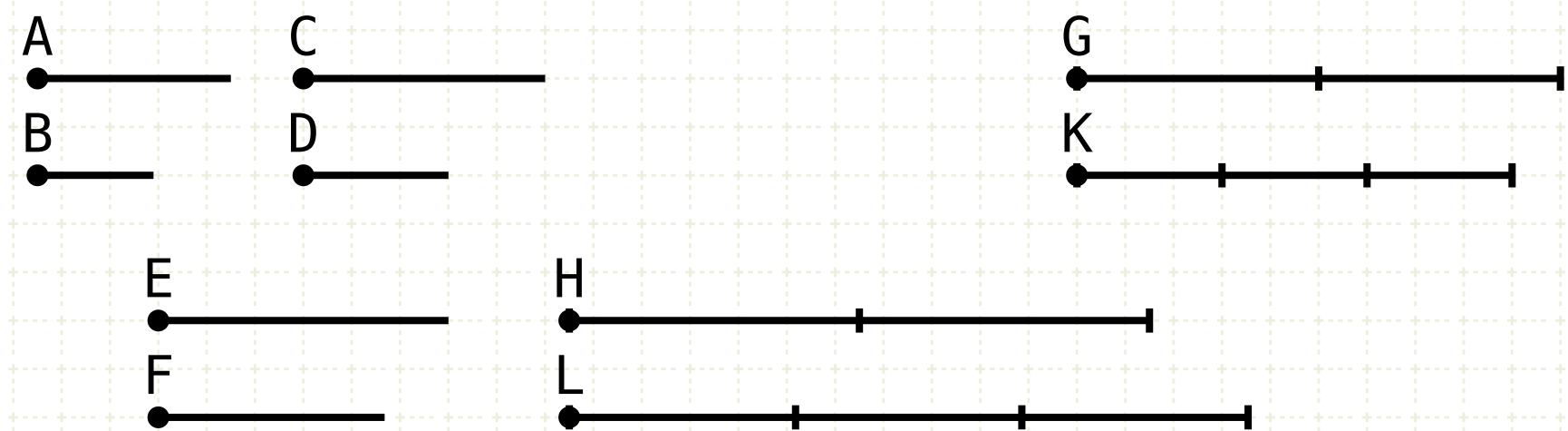
Proof

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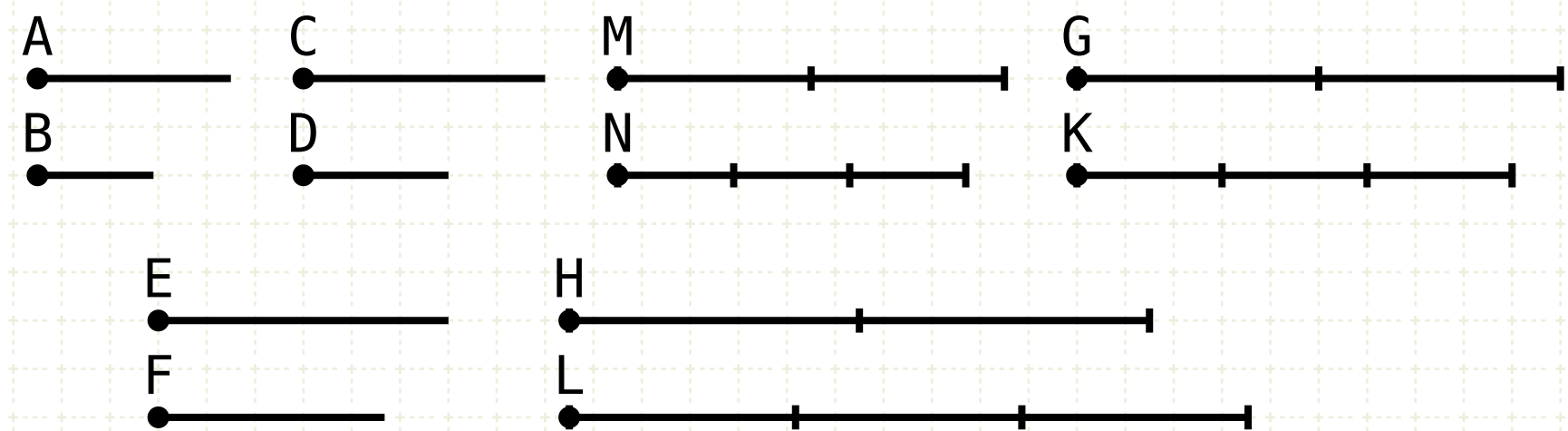
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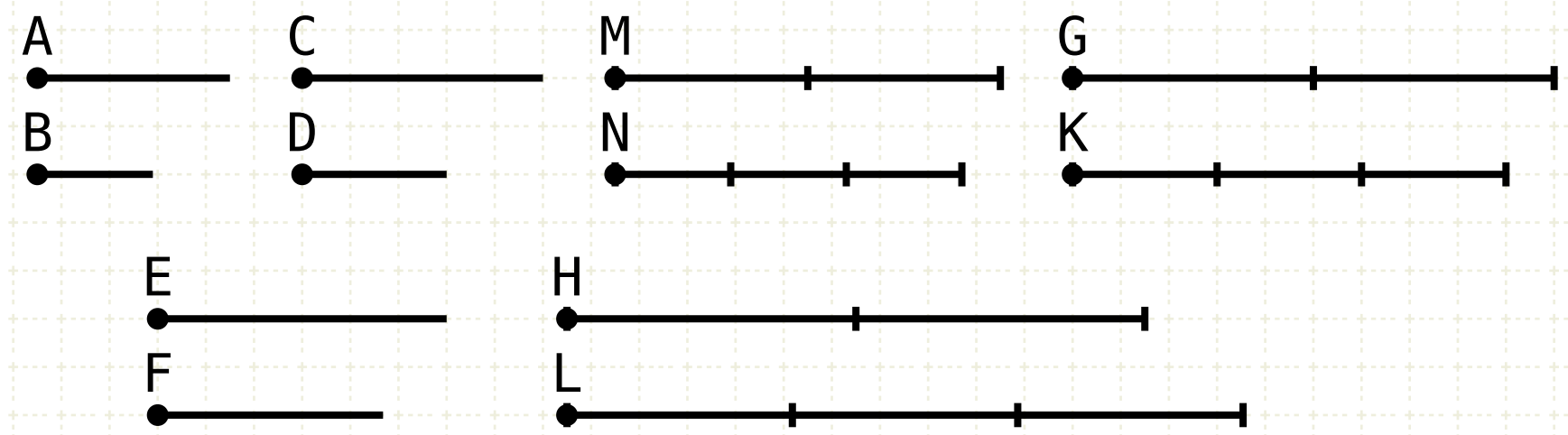
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$$M \geq N \rightarrow G \geq K$$

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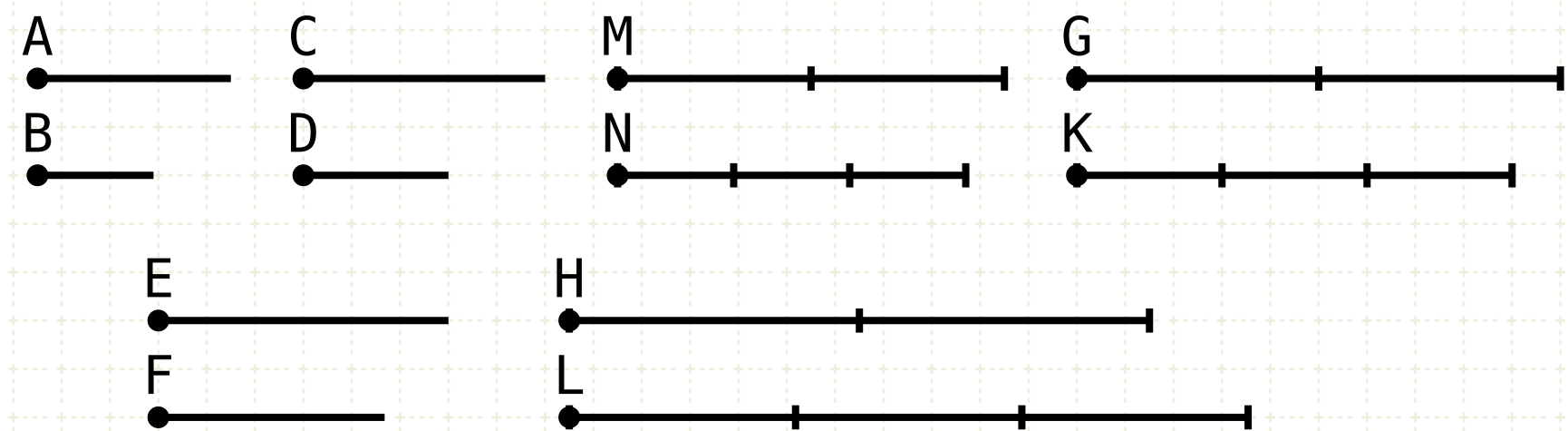
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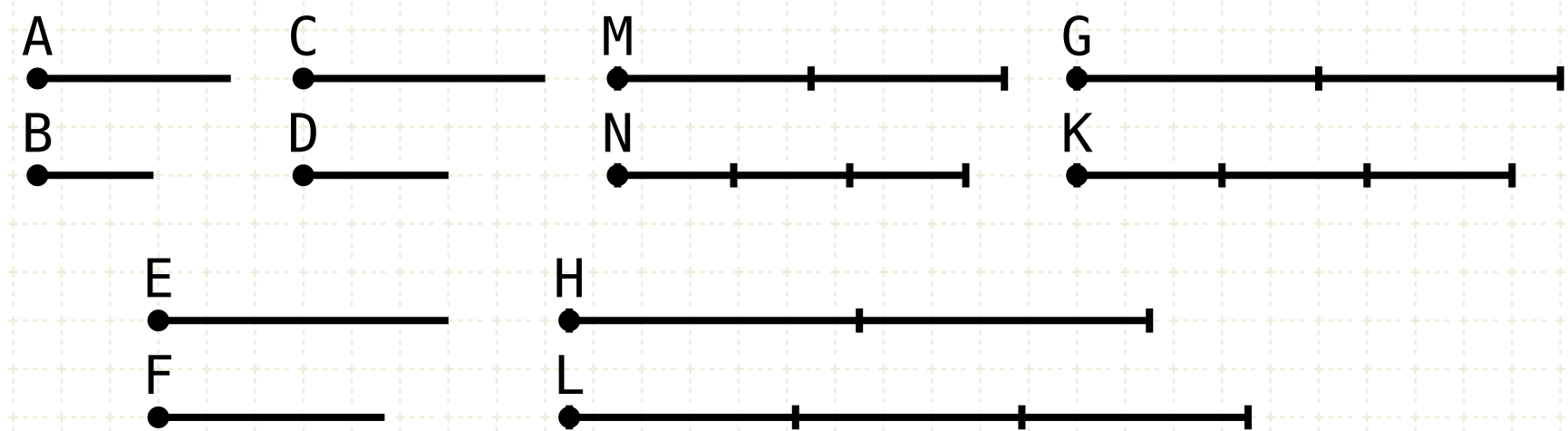
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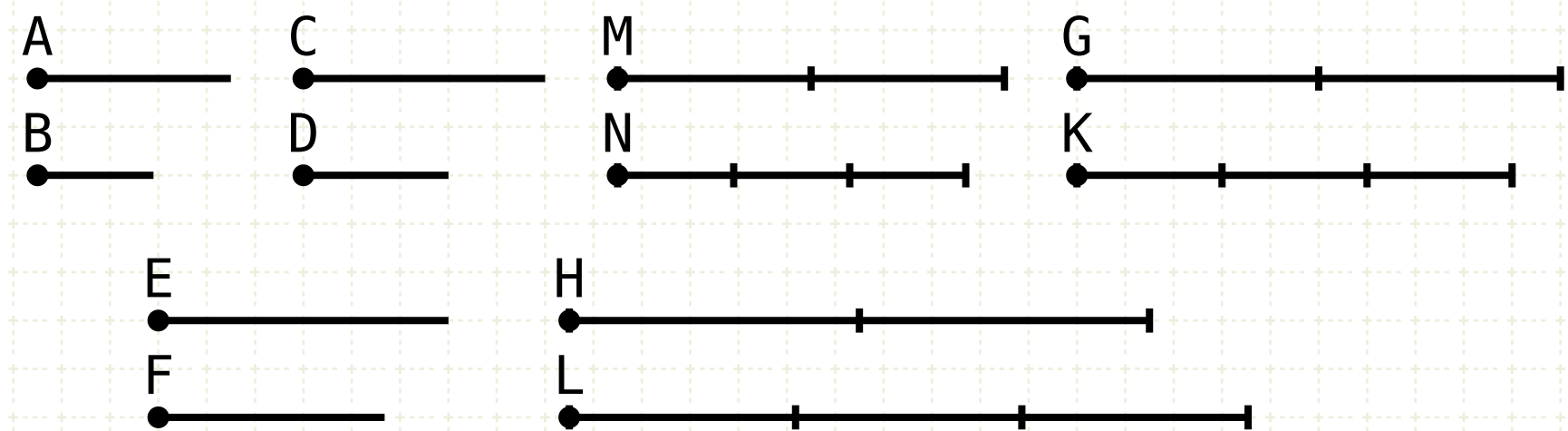
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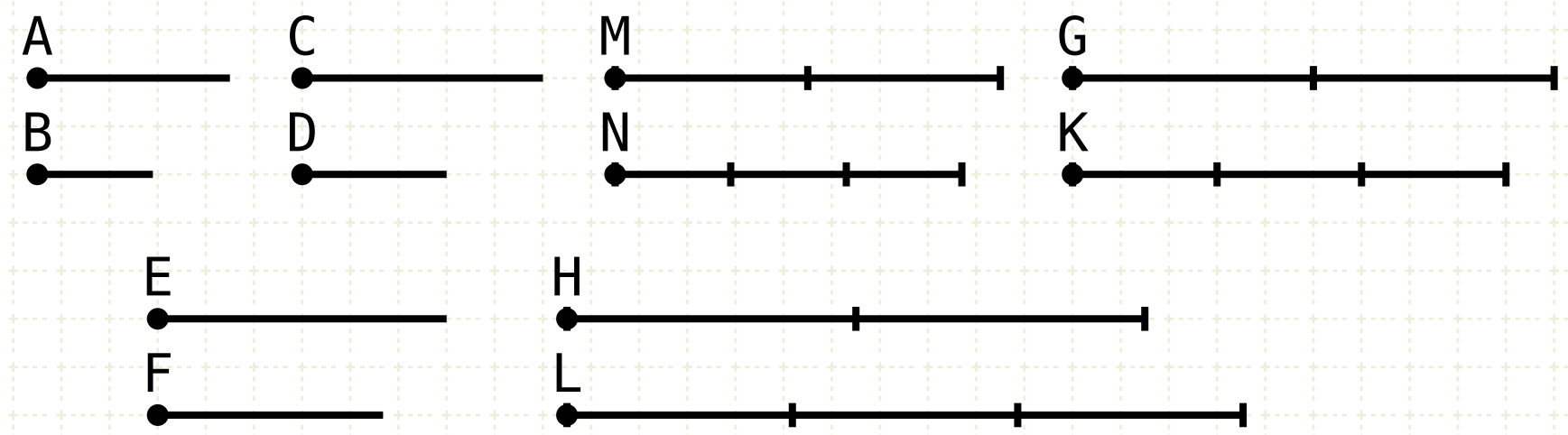
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