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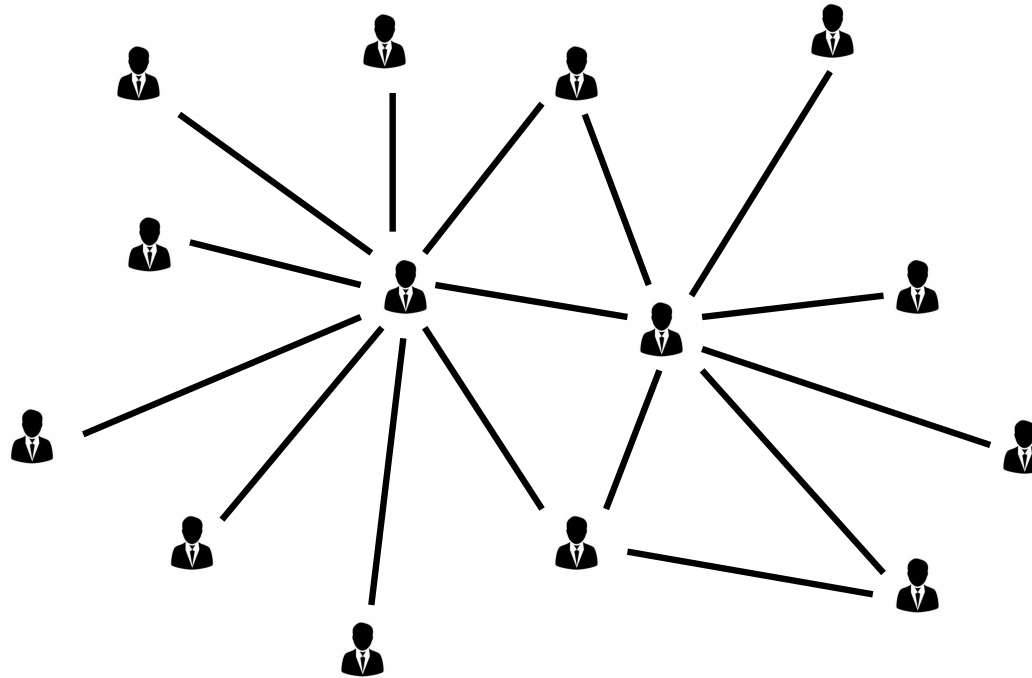


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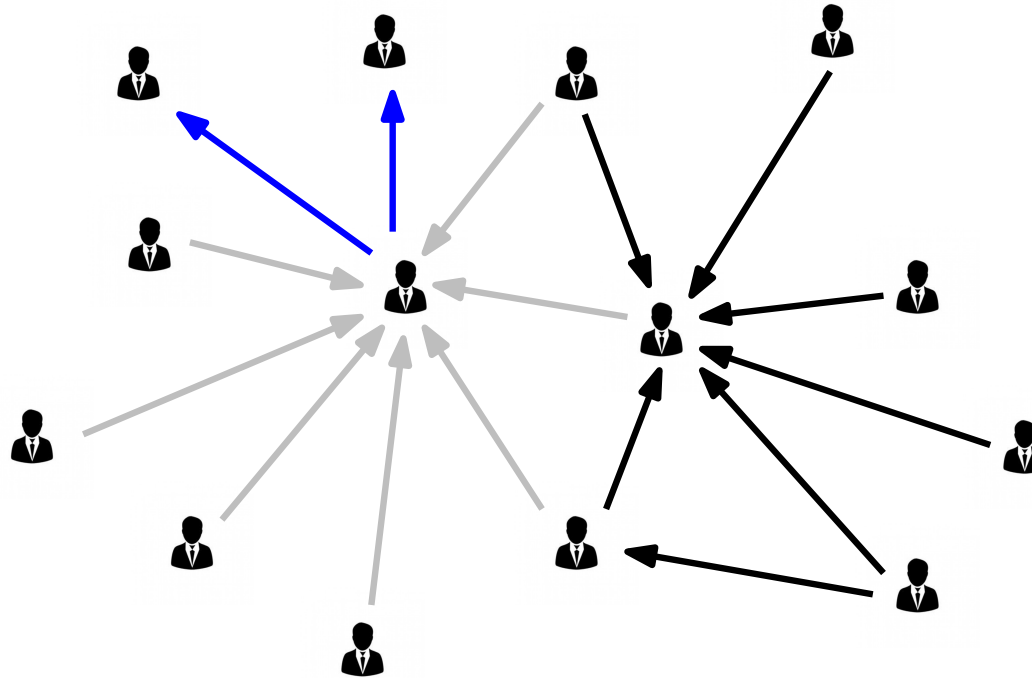
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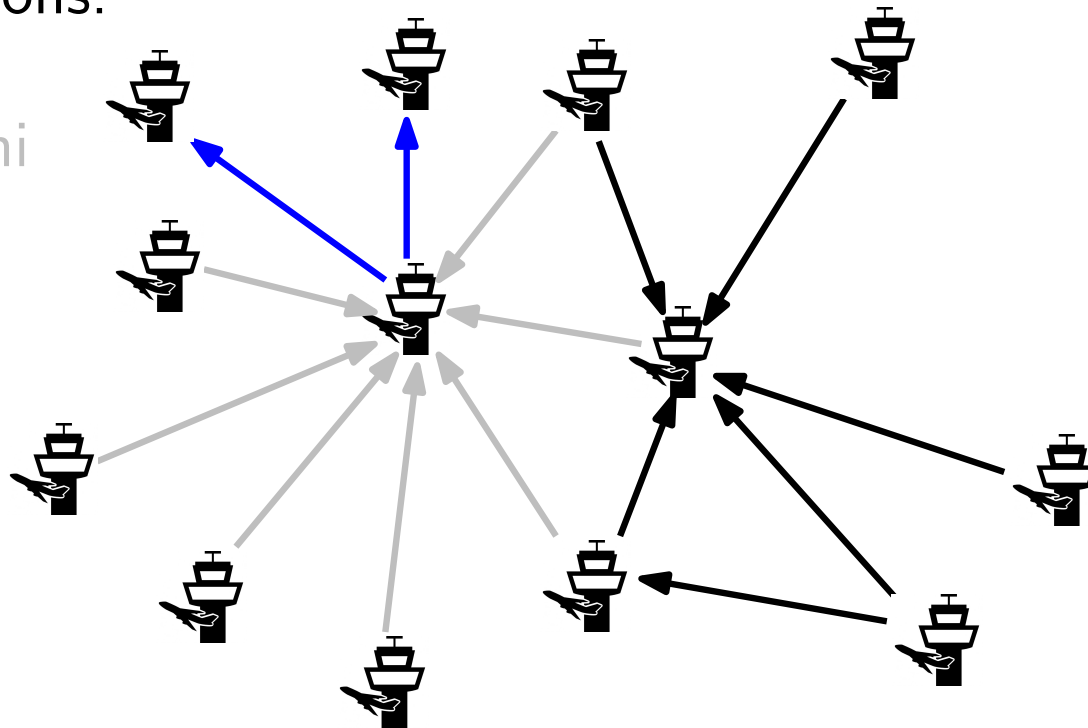


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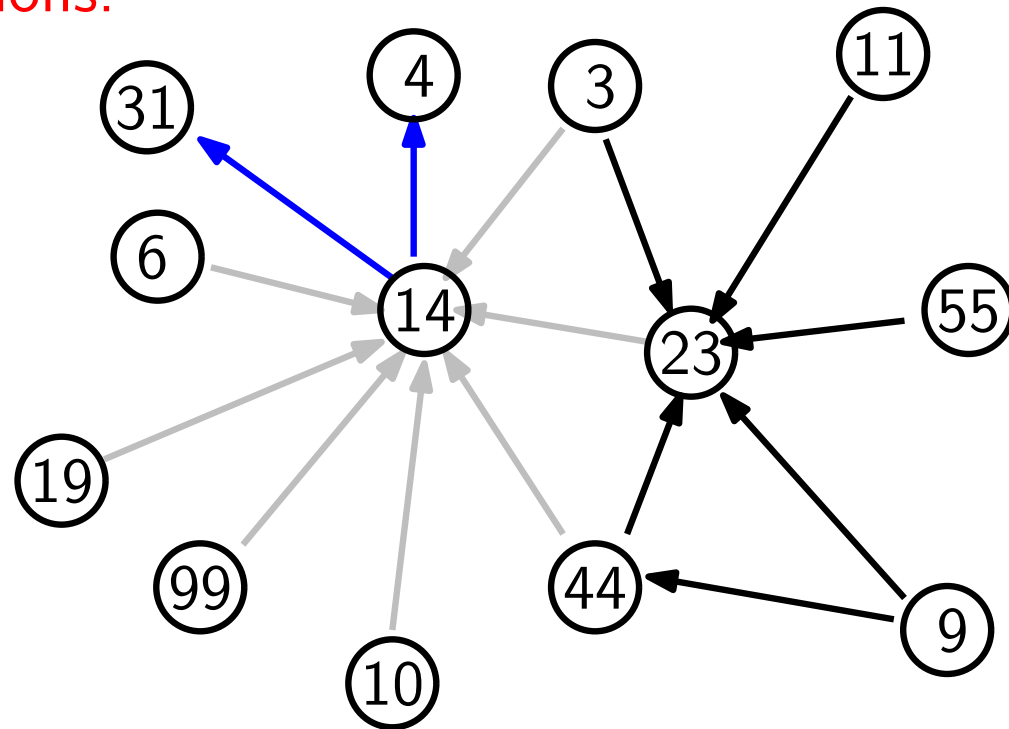
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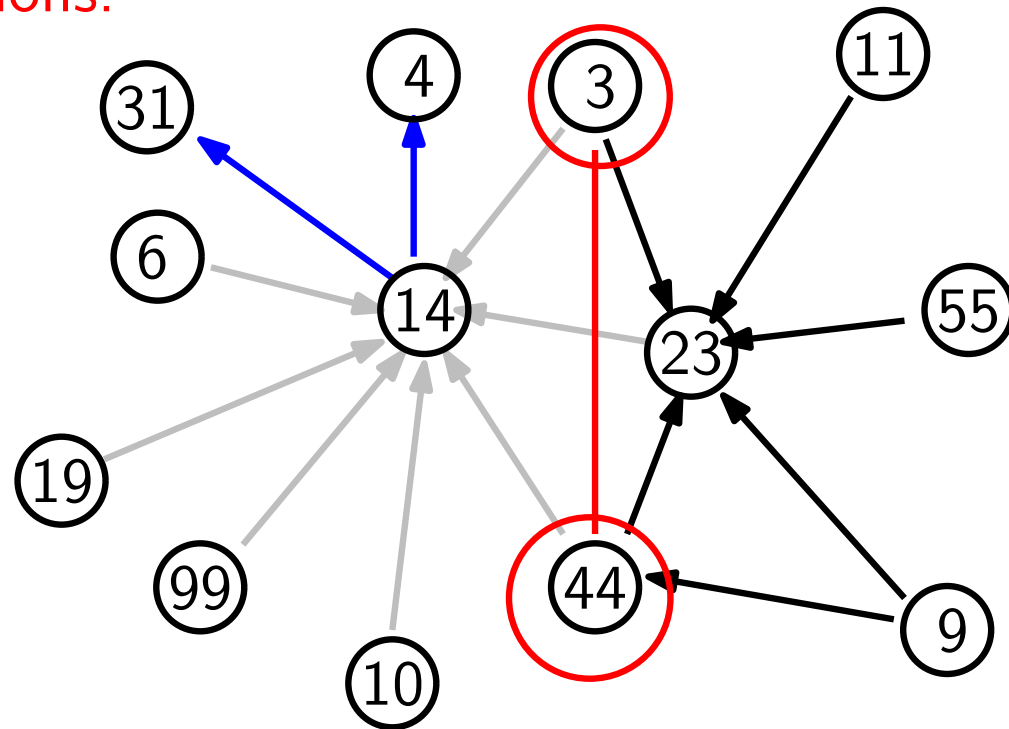
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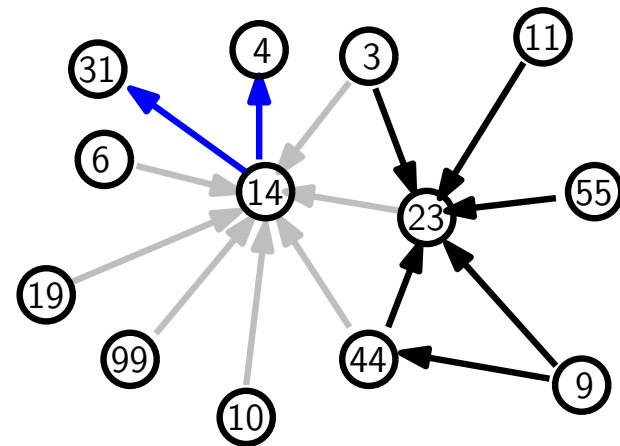
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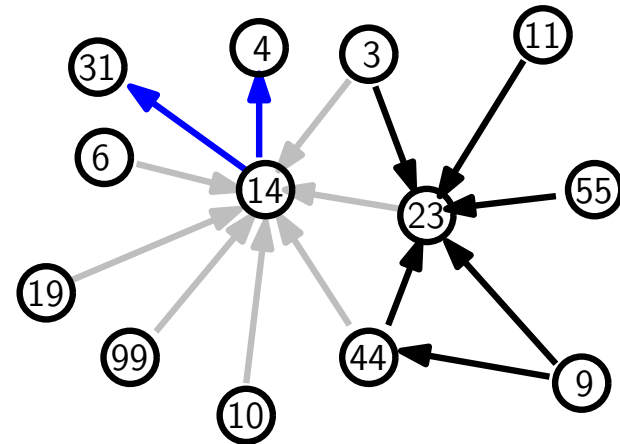
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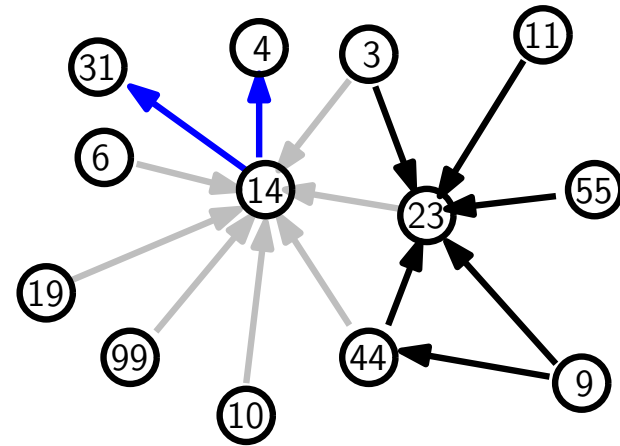
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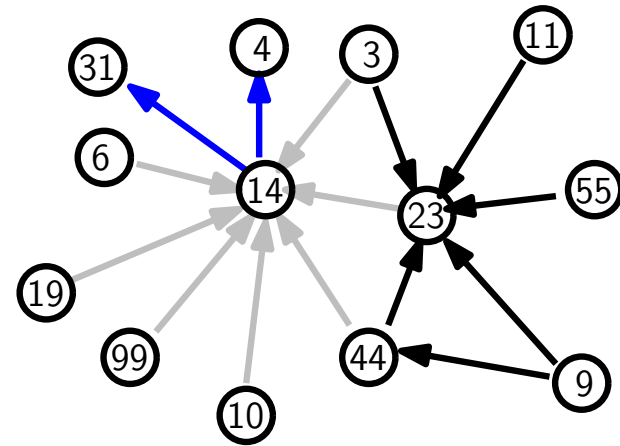


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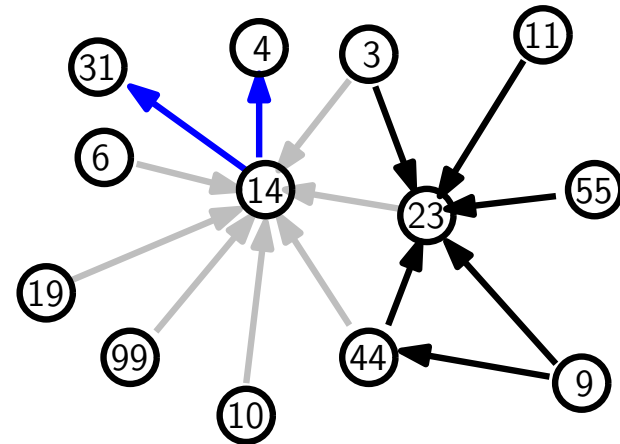
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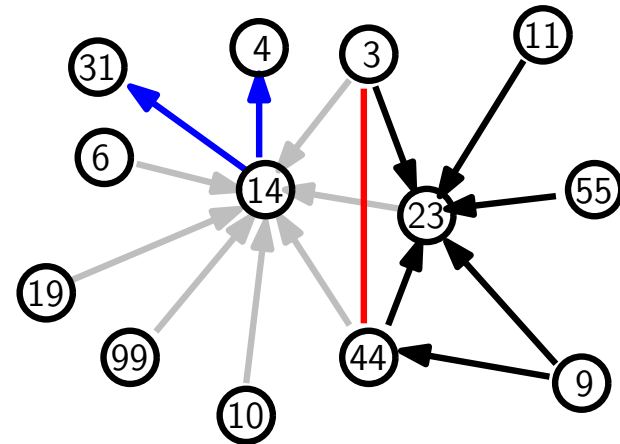
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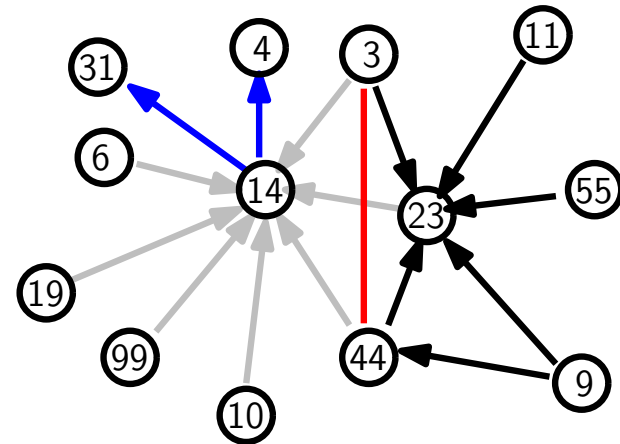
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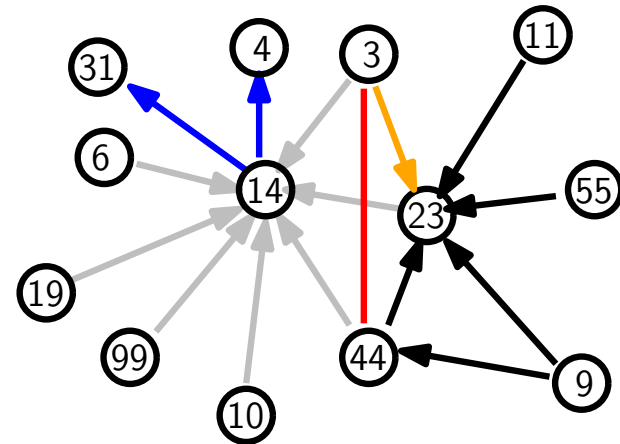
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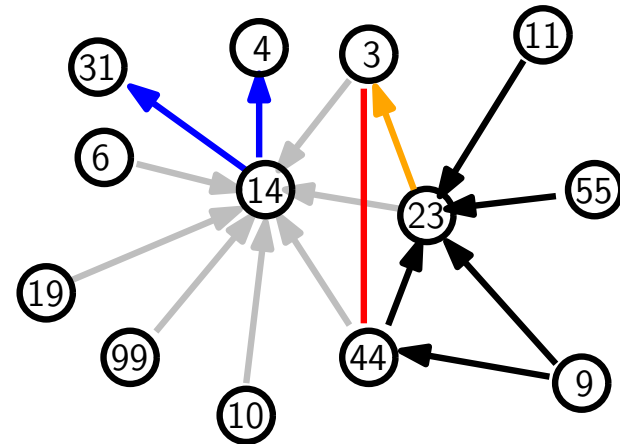
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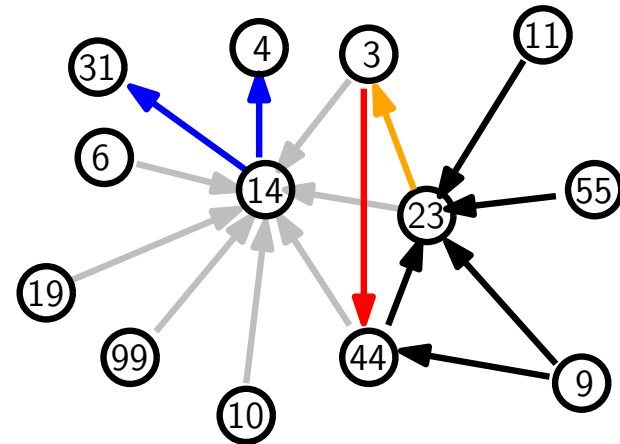
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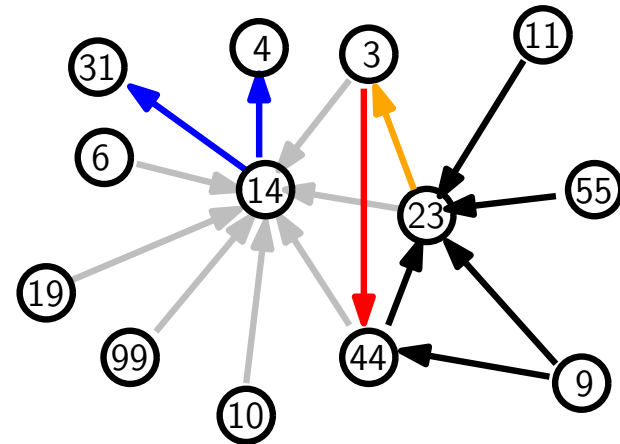


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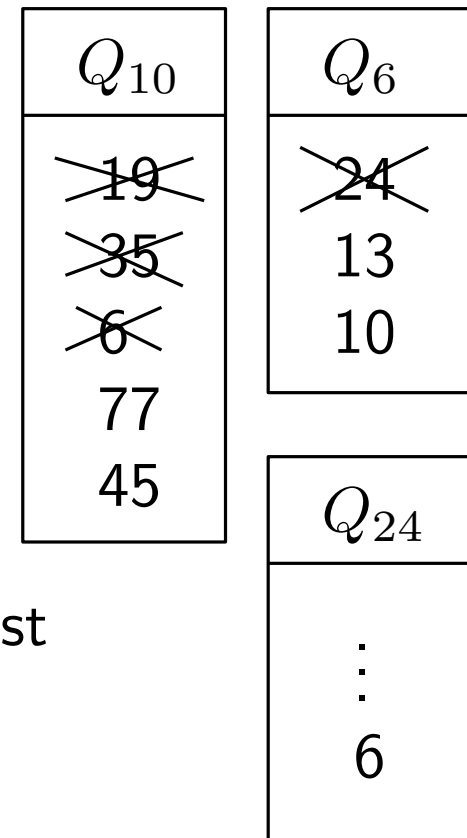
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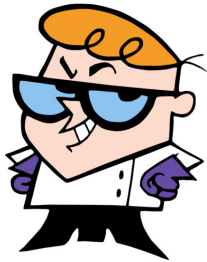
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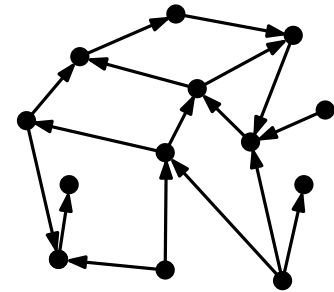


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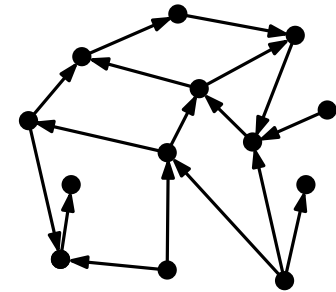


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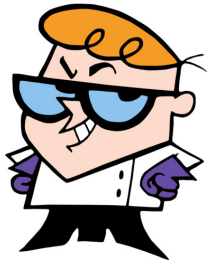
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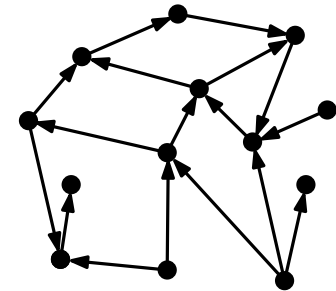


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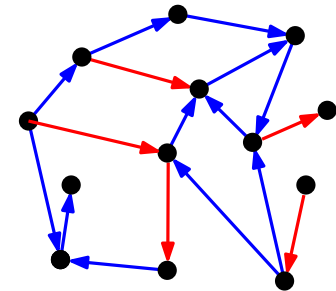


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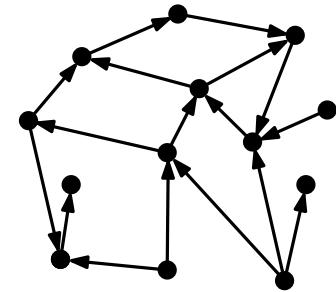


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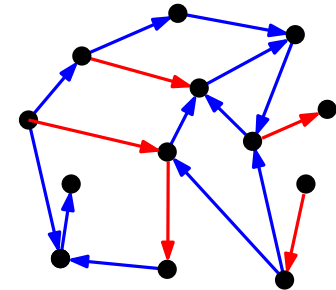


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Goal: monkey's out-degrees are “not much worse than” δ .



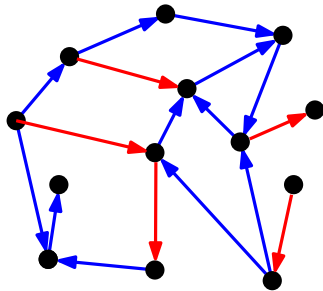
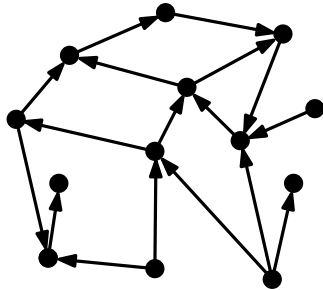
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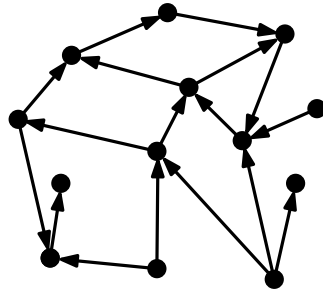
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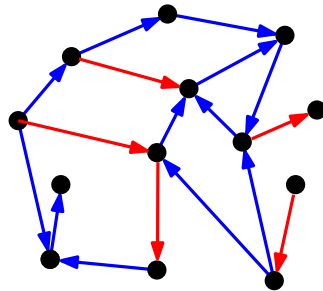
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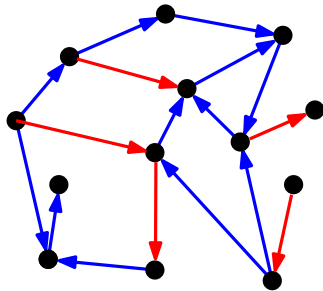
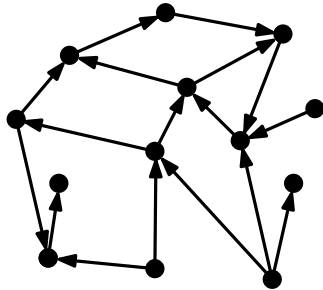
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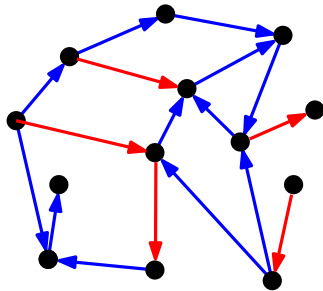
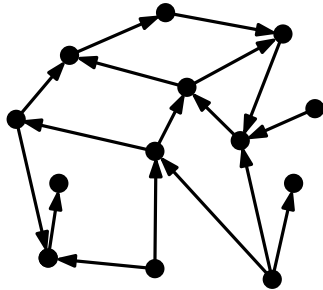
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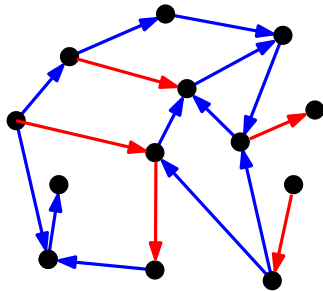
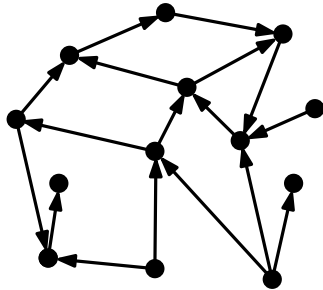
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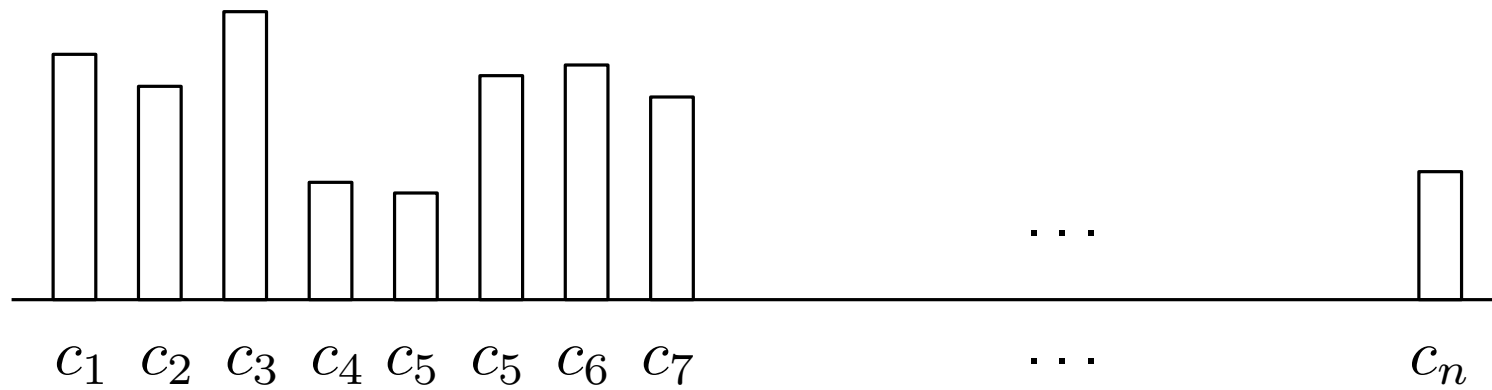
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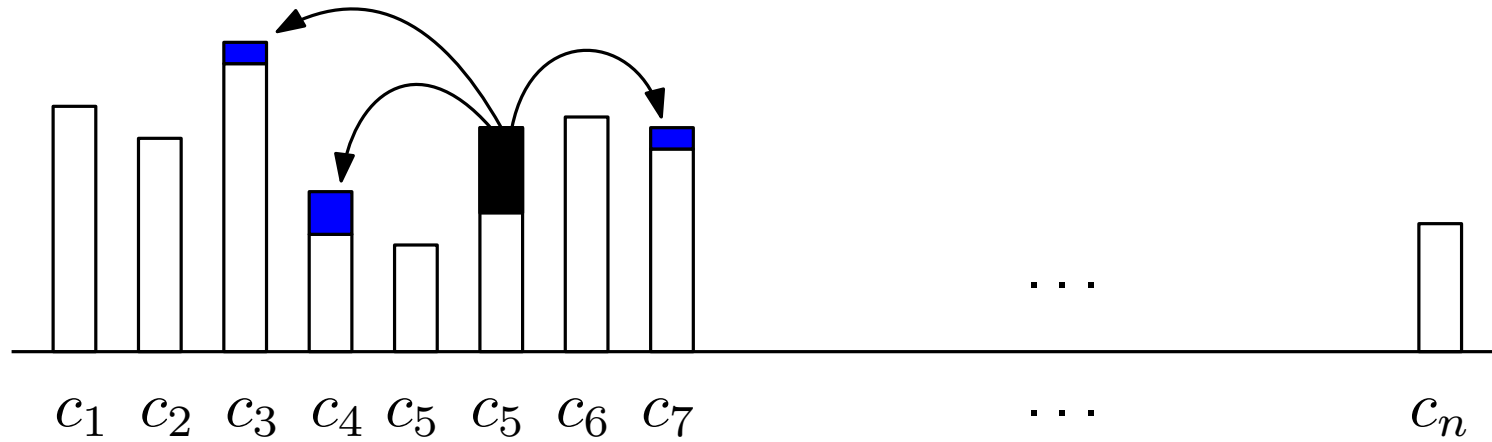
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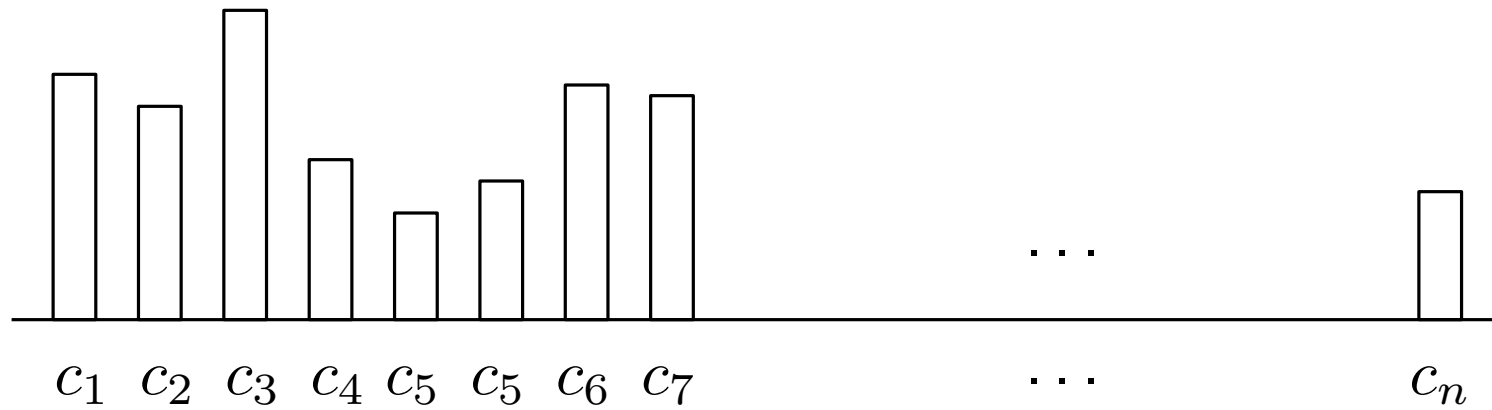
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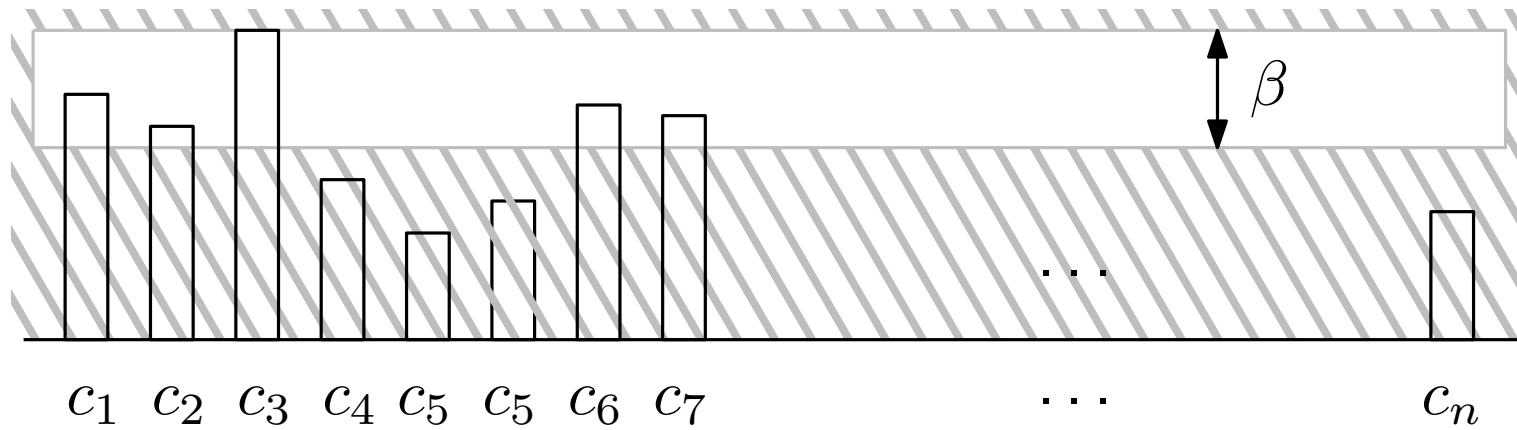
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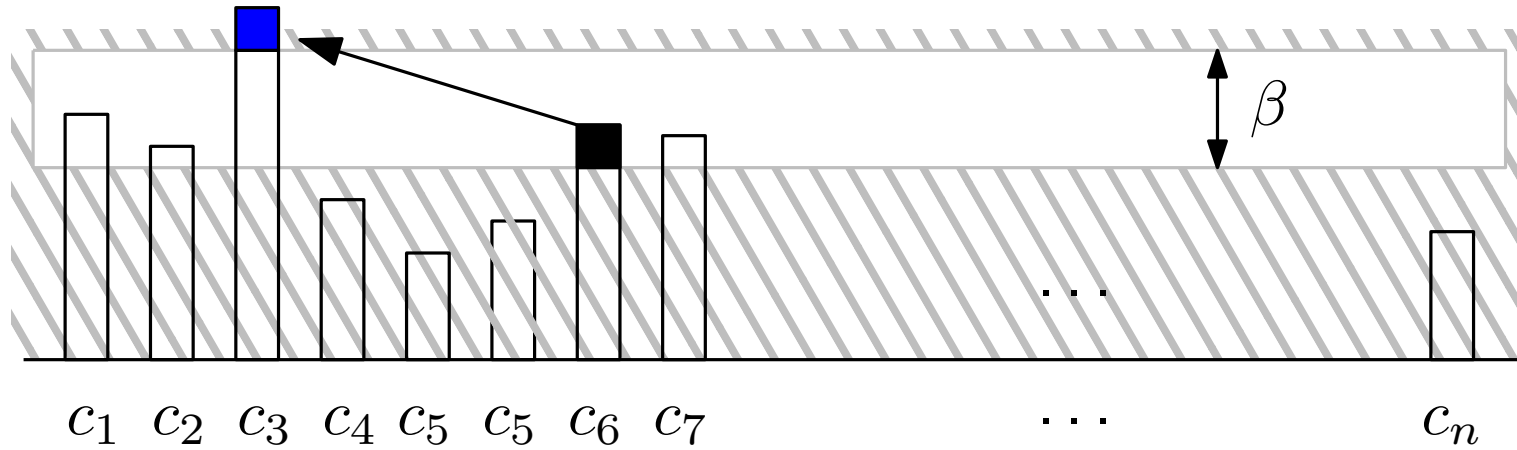
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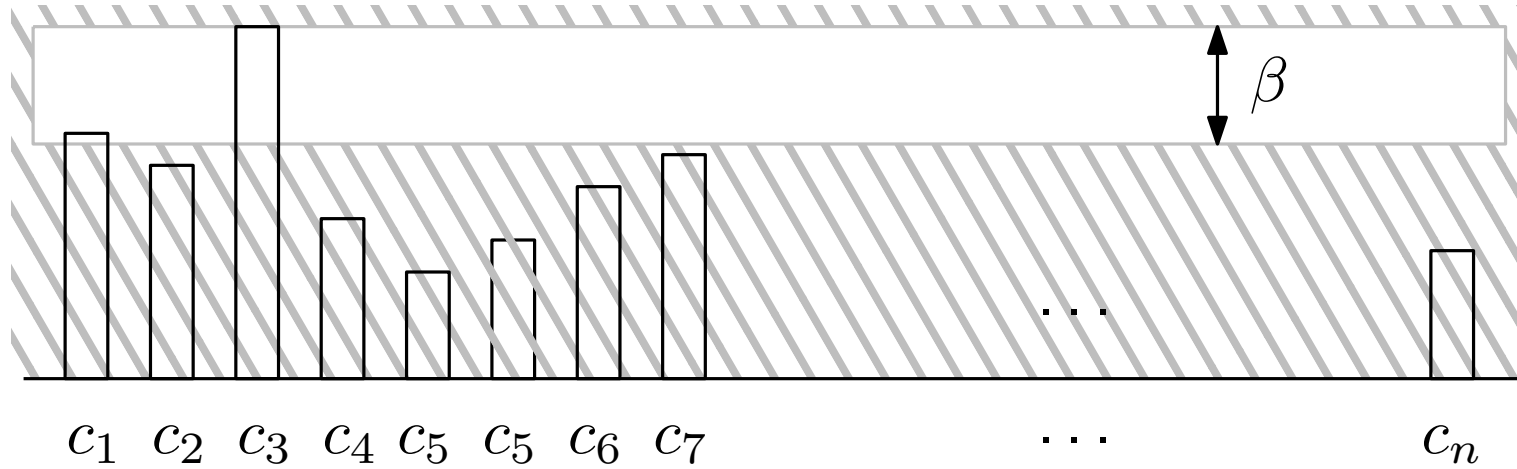
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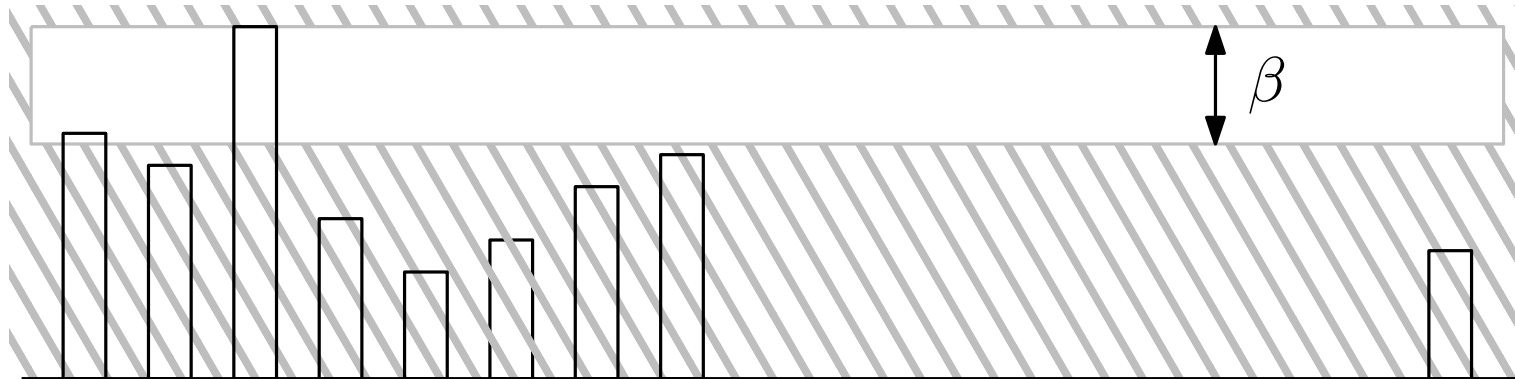
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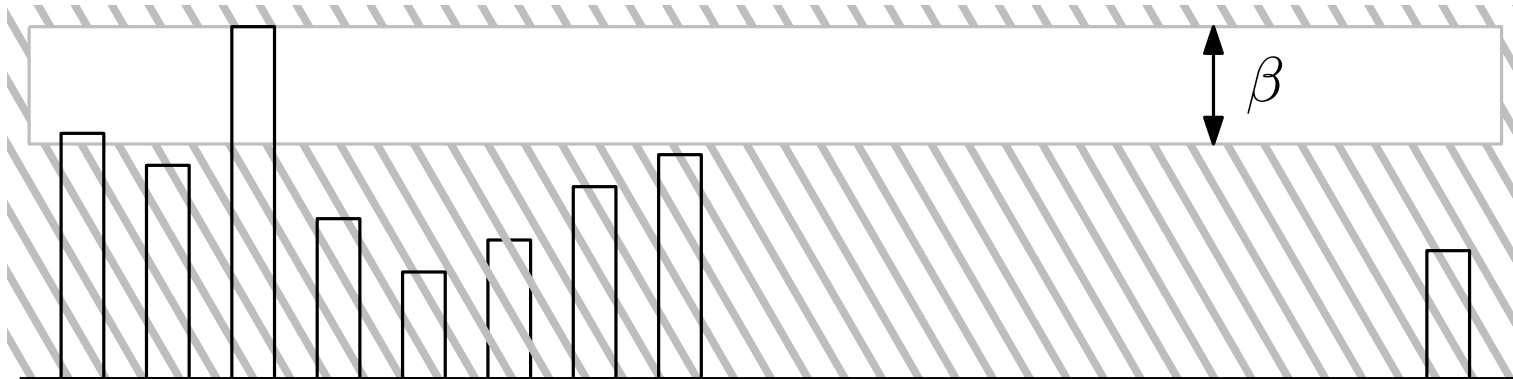
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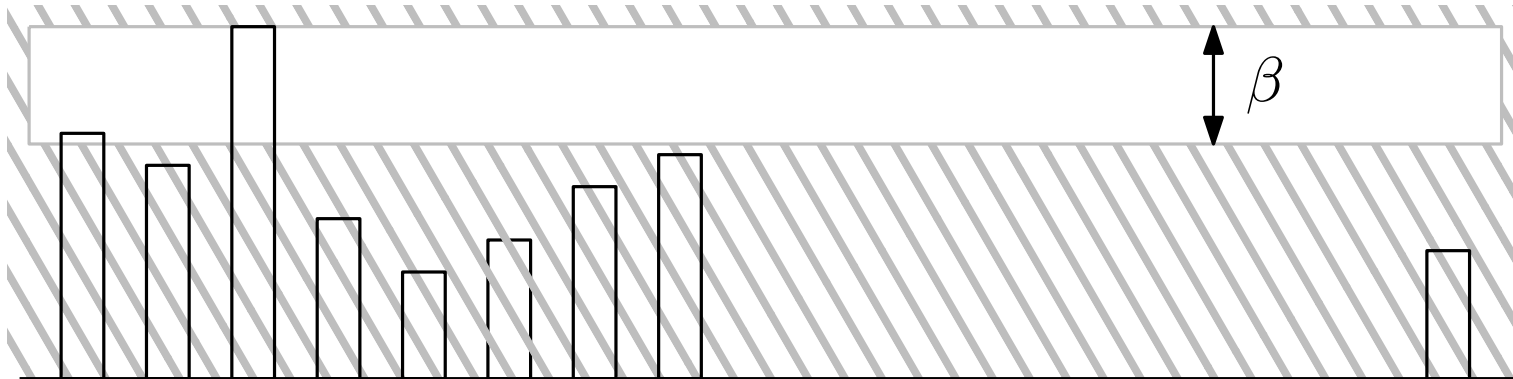
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$$\log 1000000 \approx 7$$



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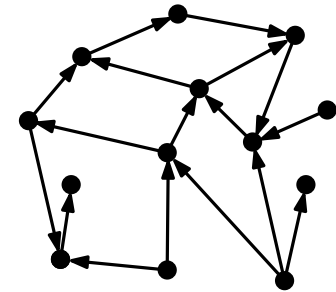


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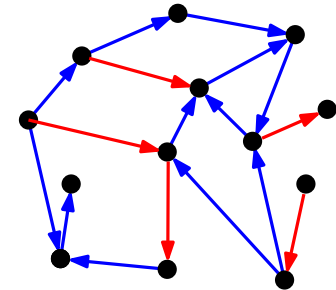
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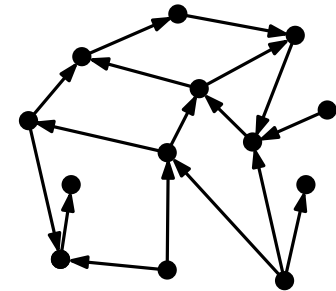


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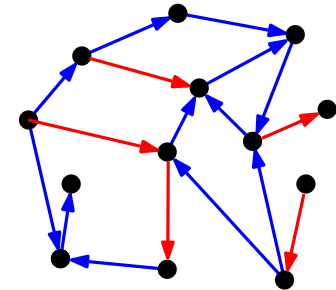
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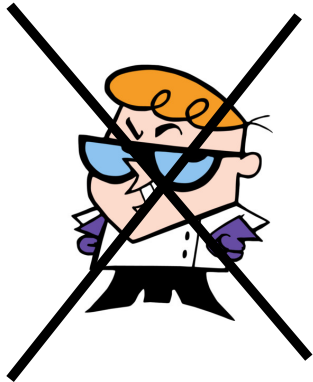
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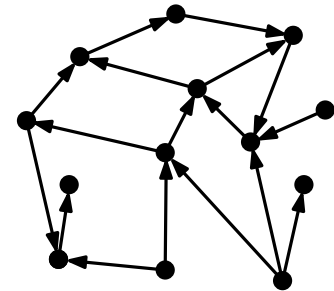


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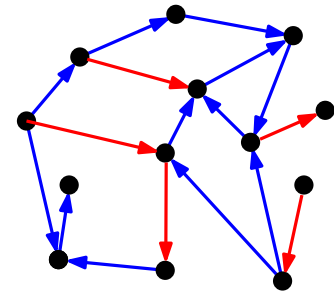
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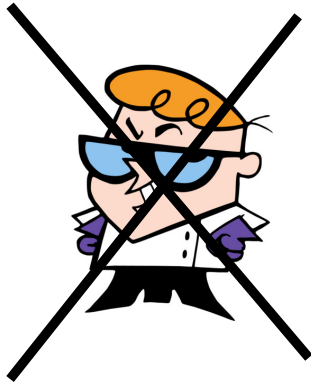
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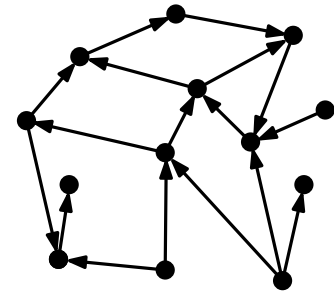


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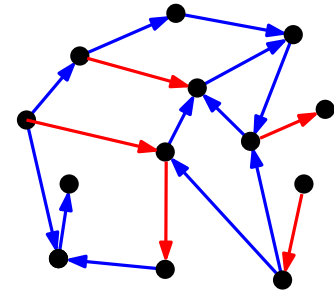
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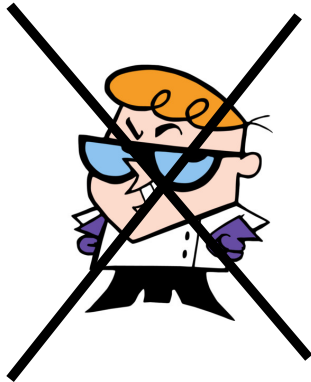
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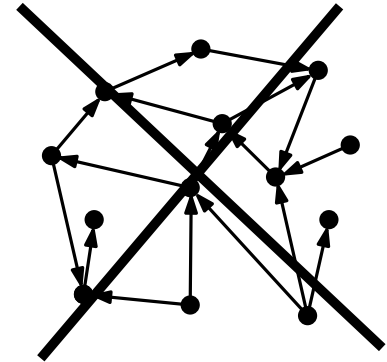


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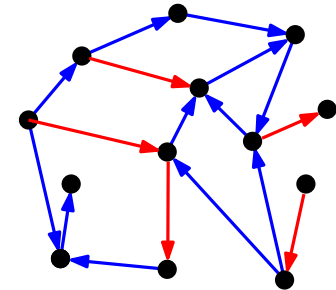
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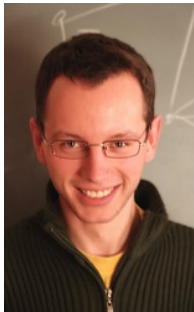
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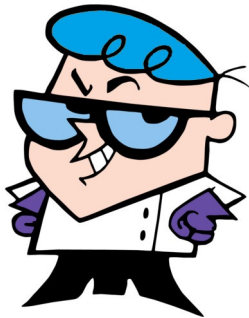
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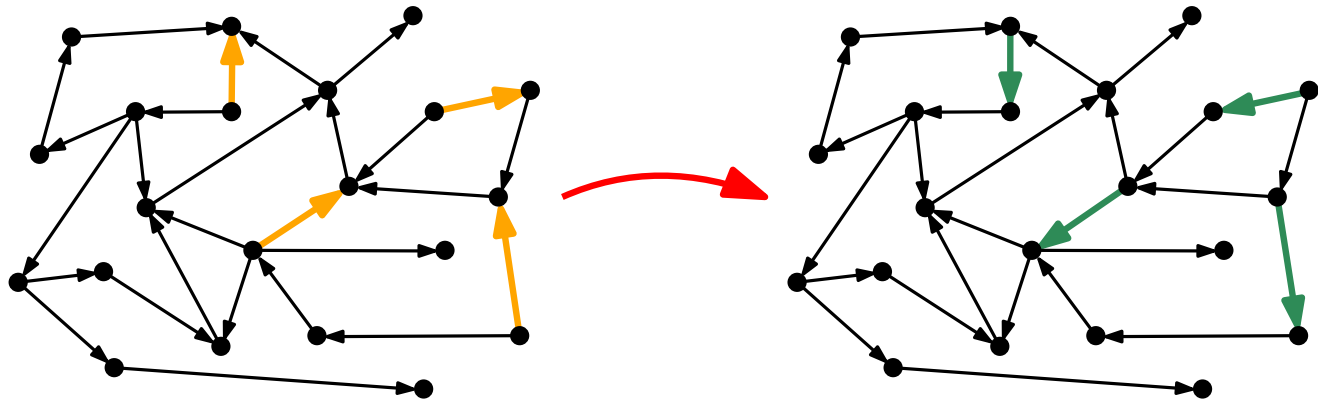
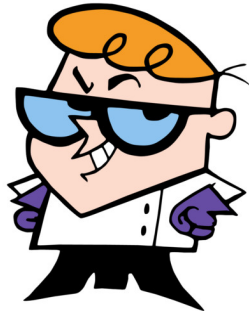
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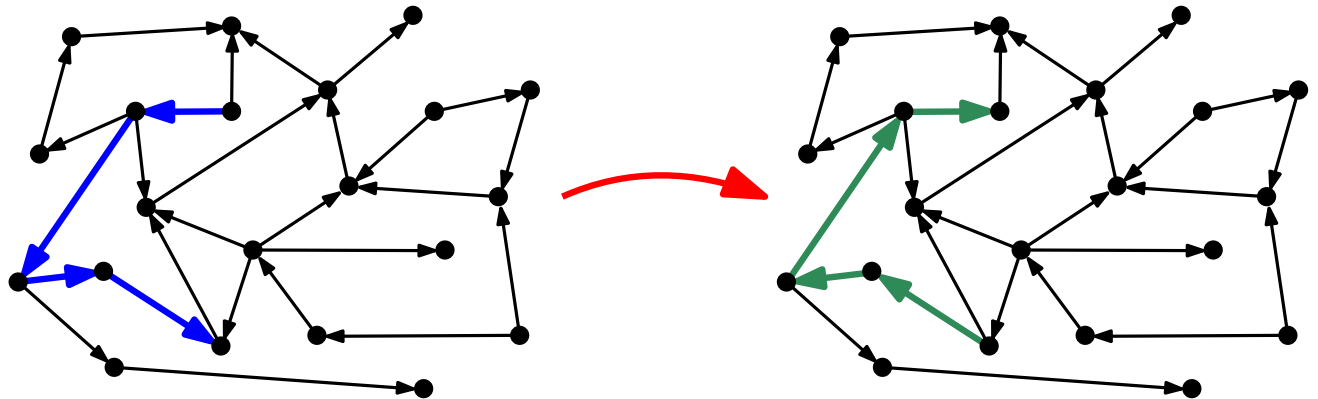
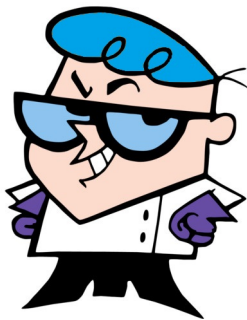
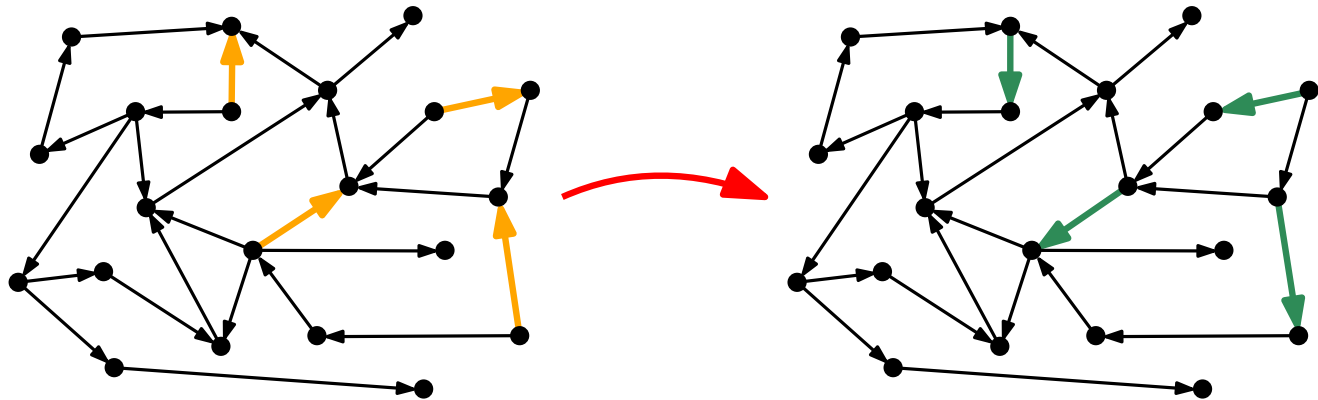
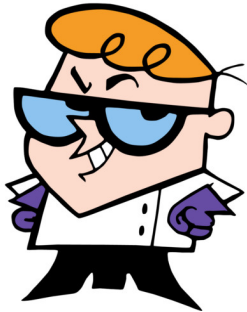
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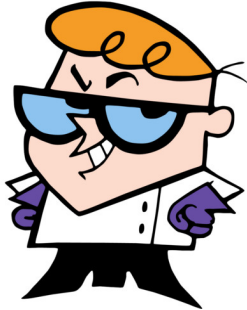
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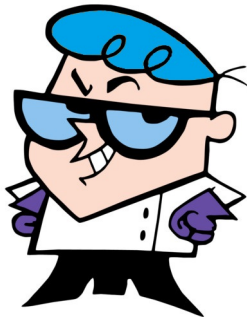
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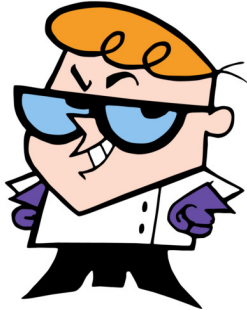
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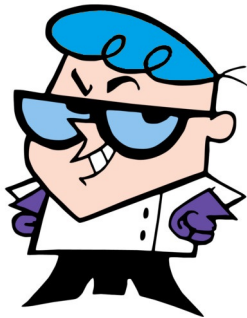


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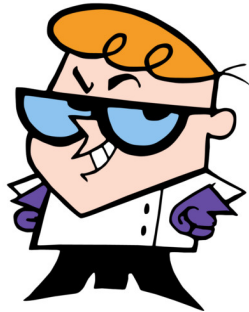
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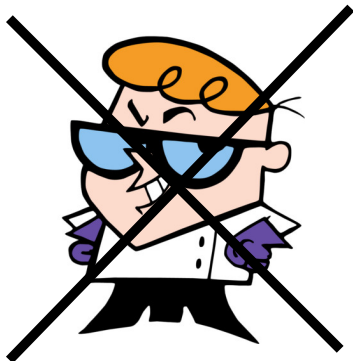
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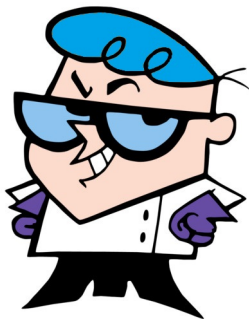
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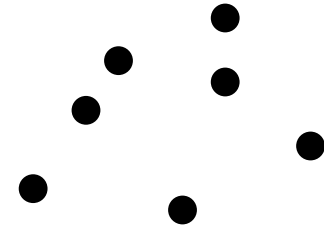
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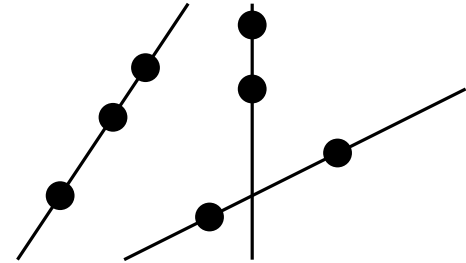
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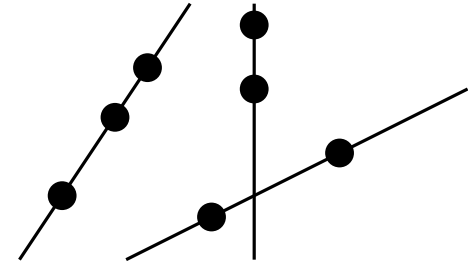
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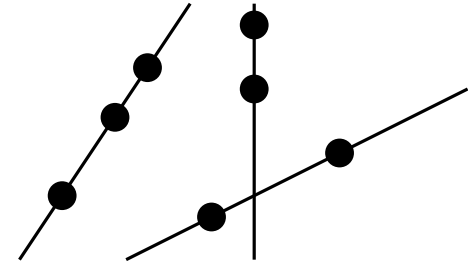
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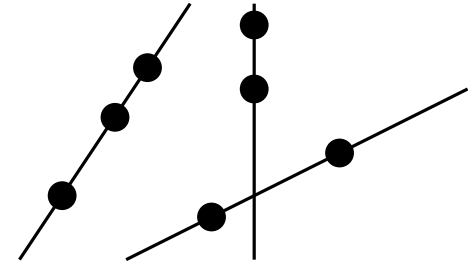
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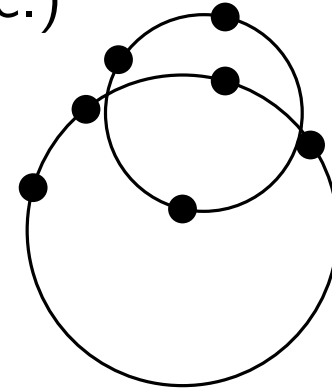
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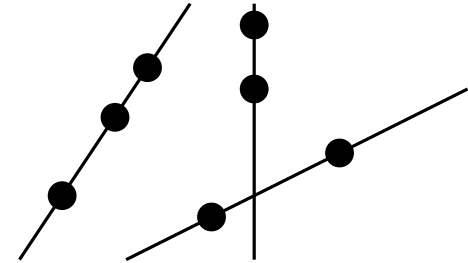
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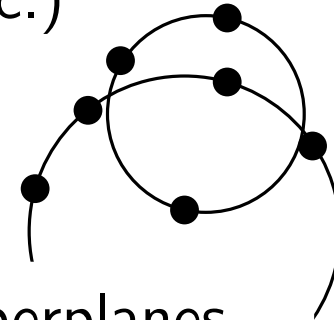
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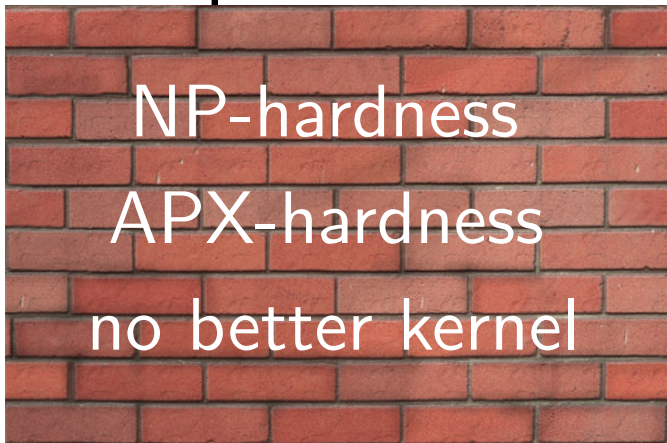
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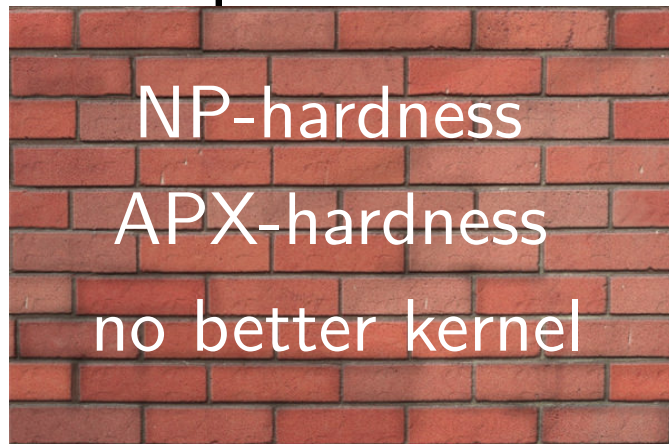
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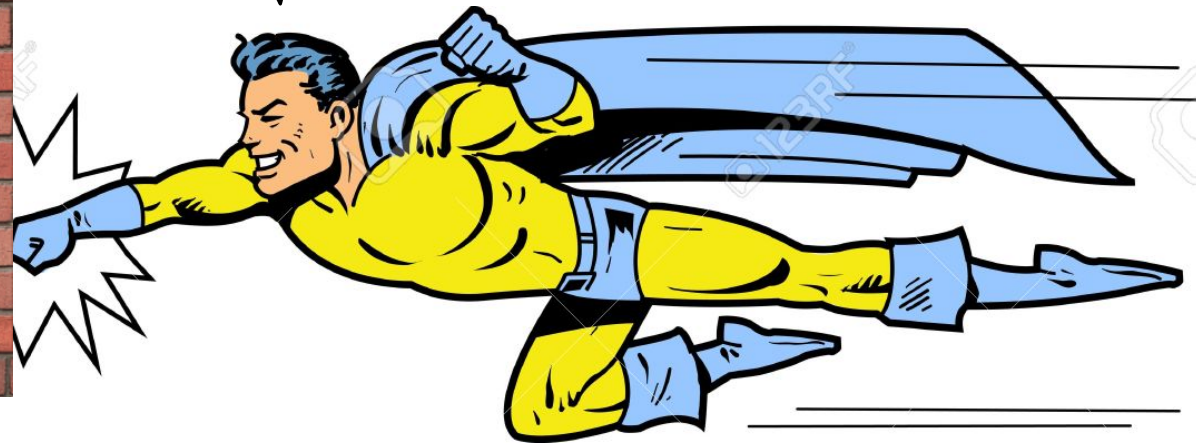


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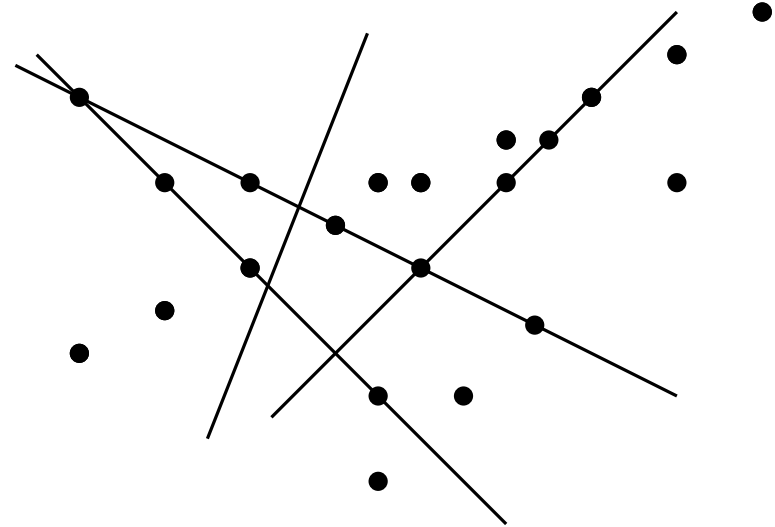
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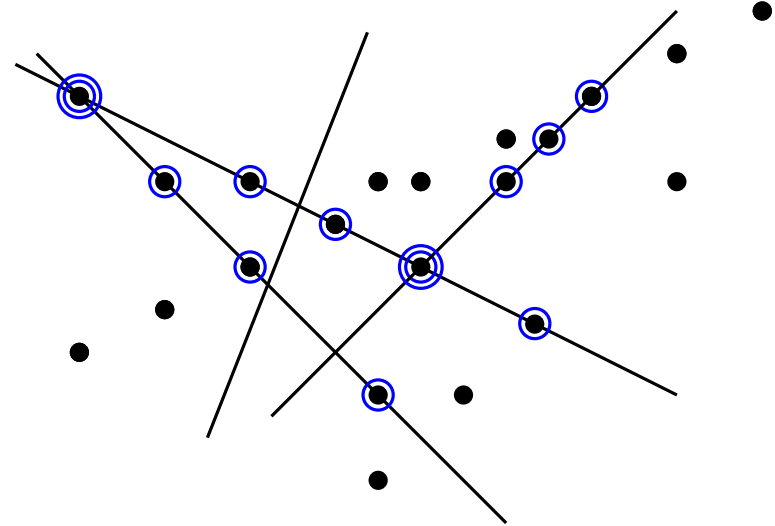
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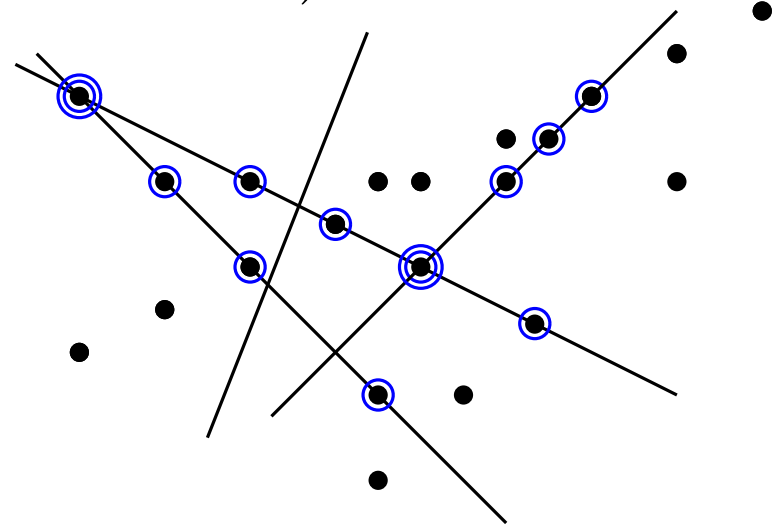


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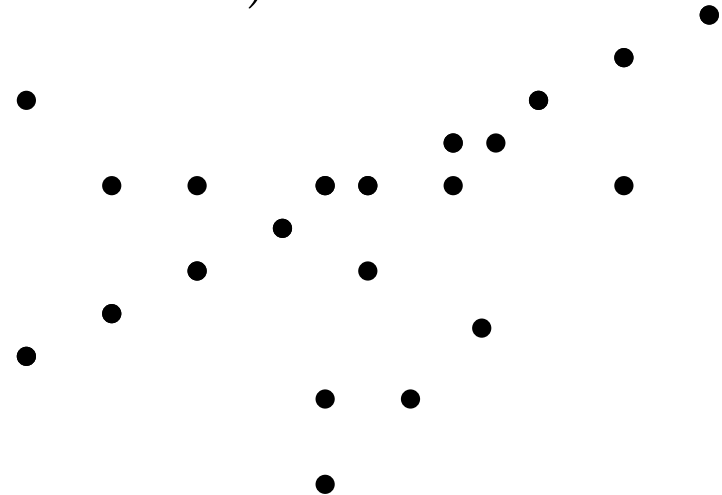
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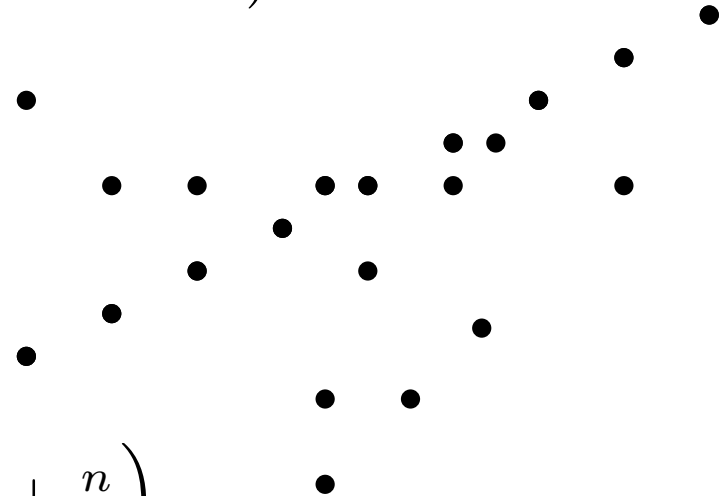


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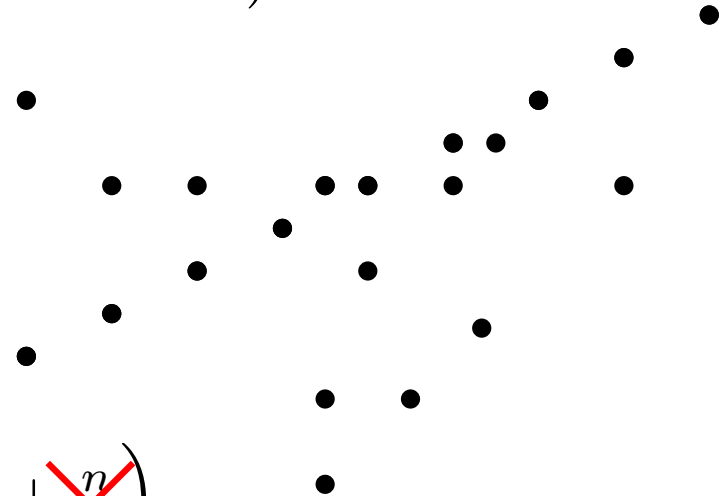


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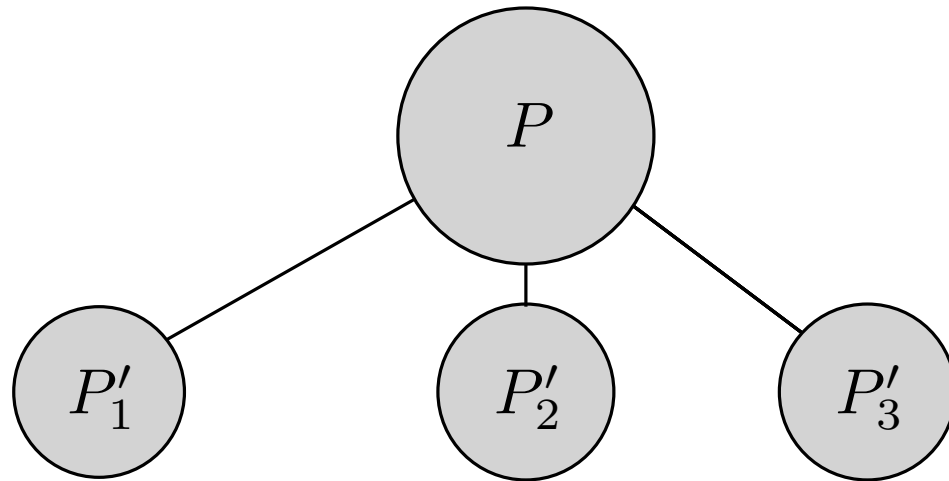
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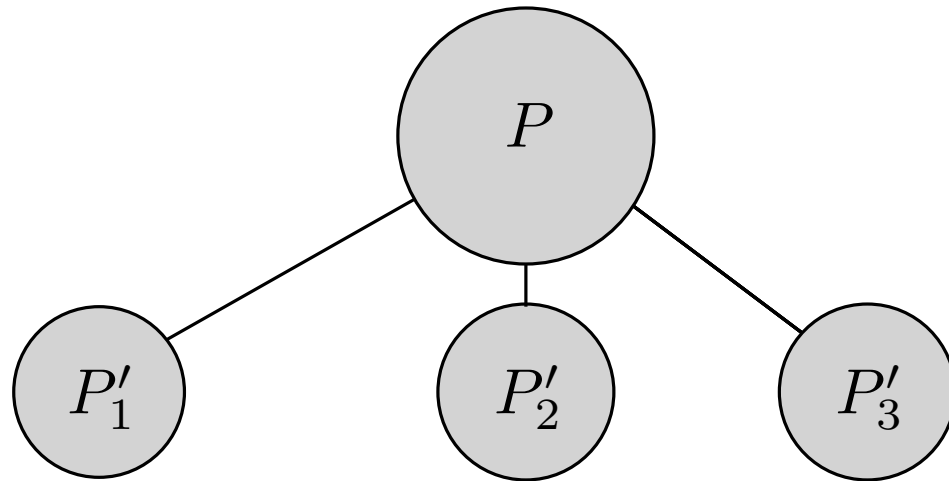
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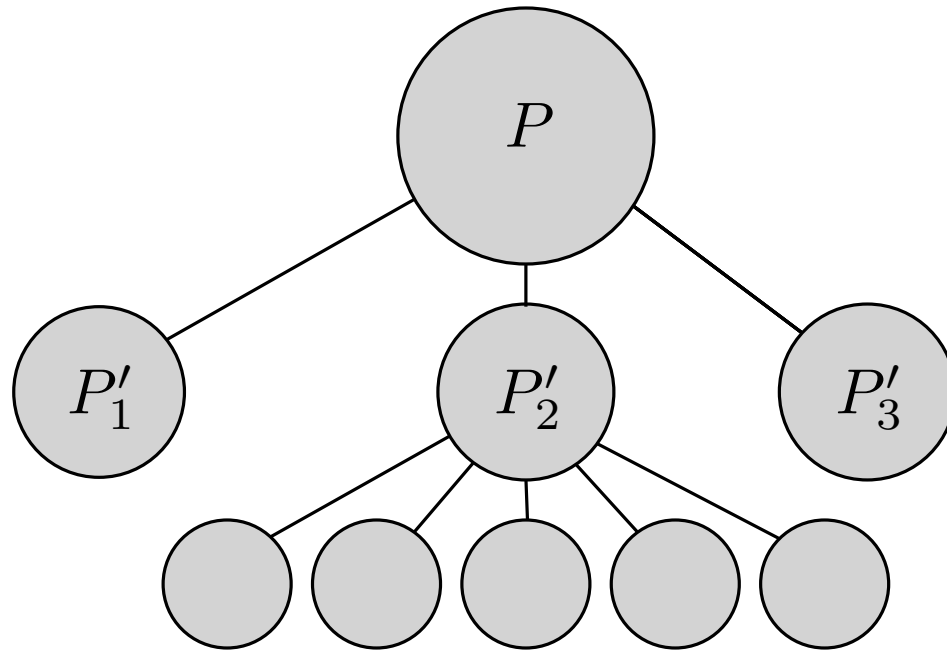
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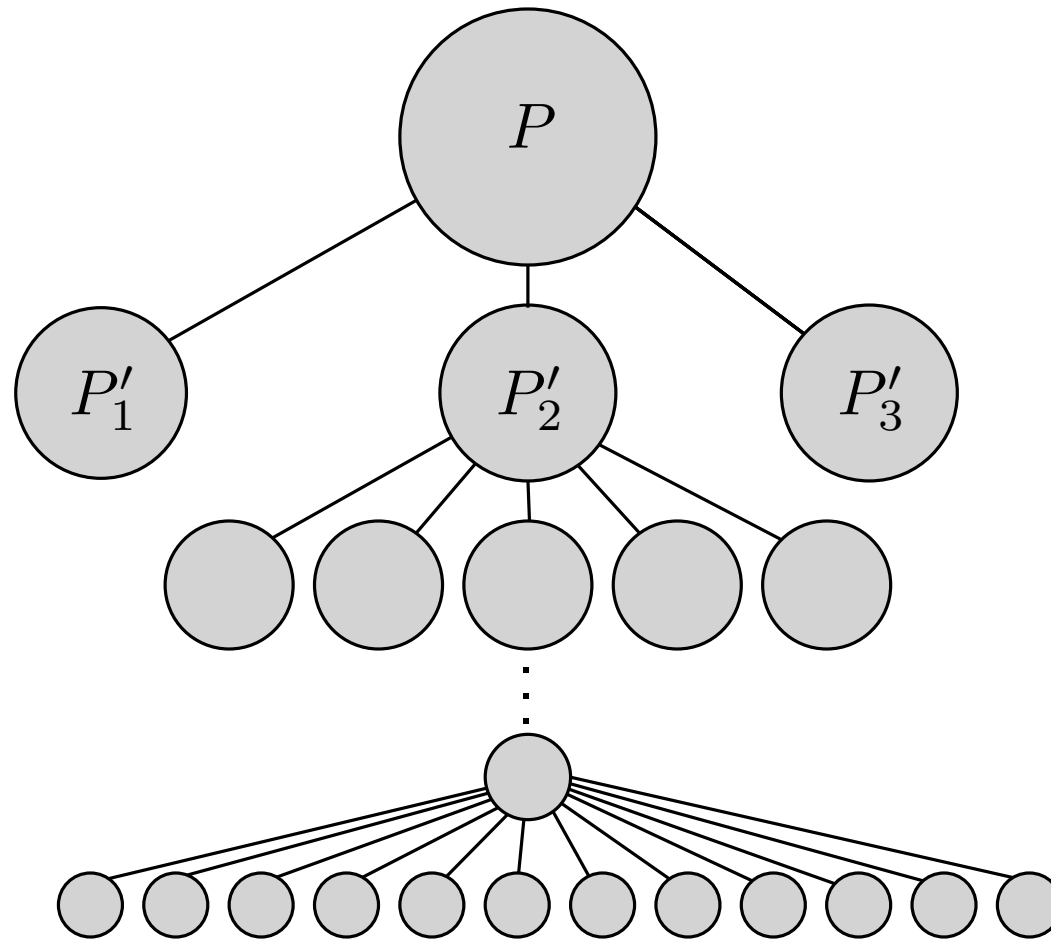
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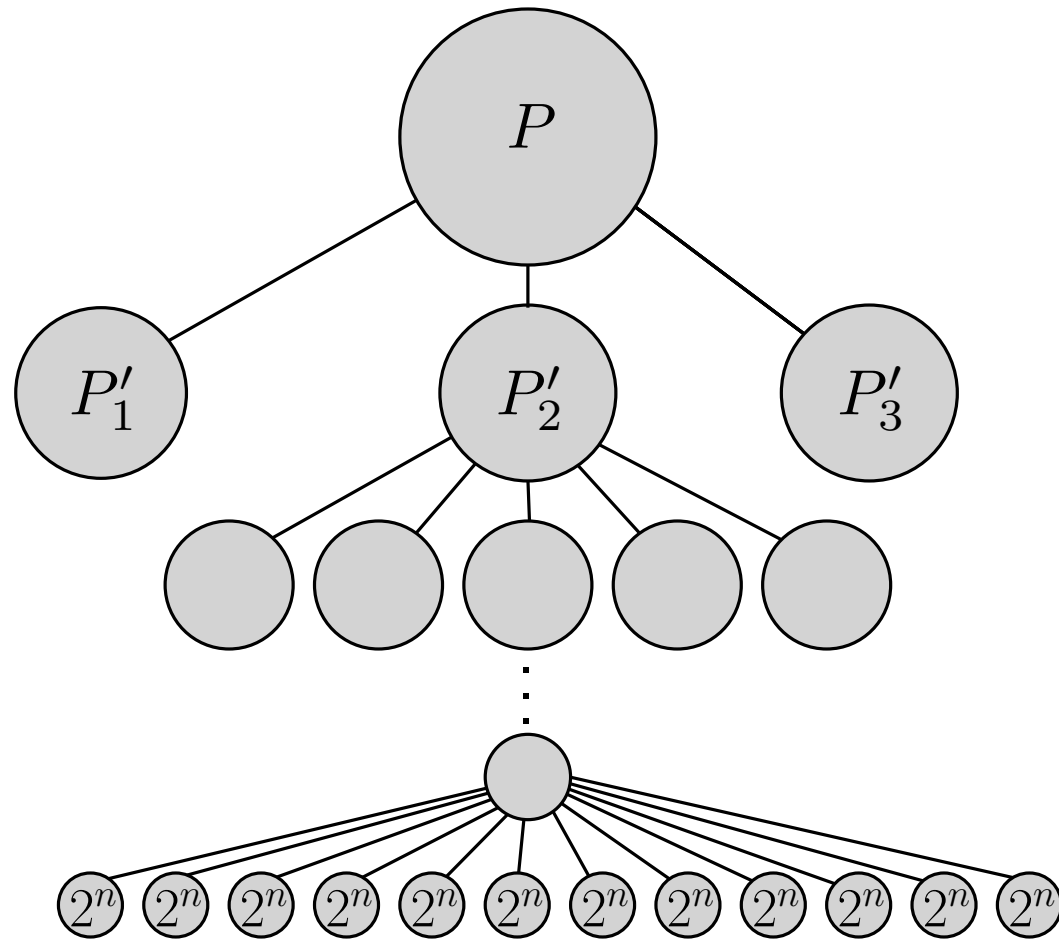
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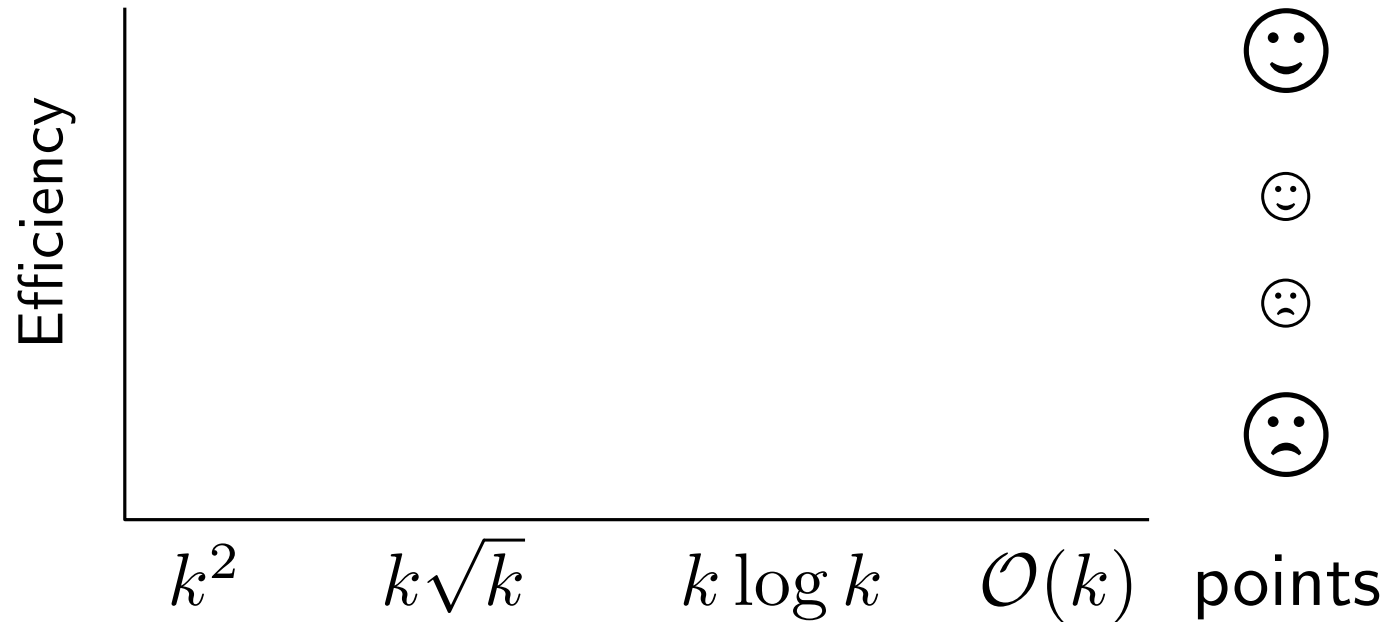
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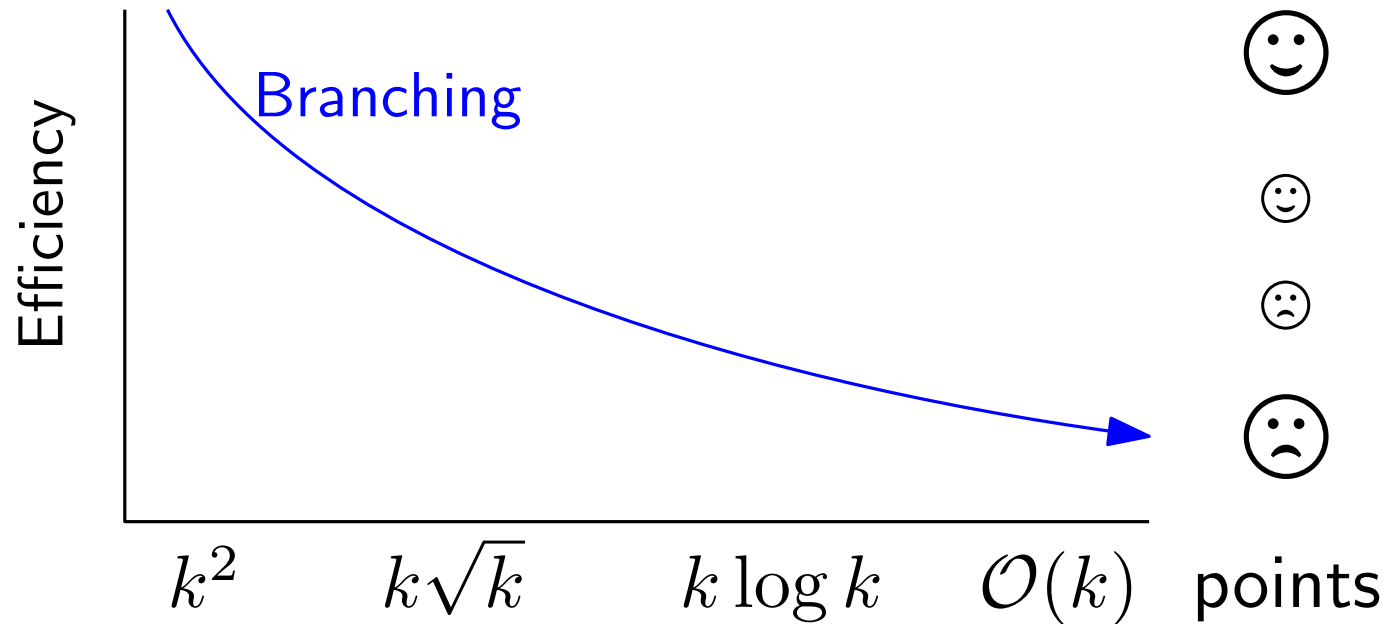
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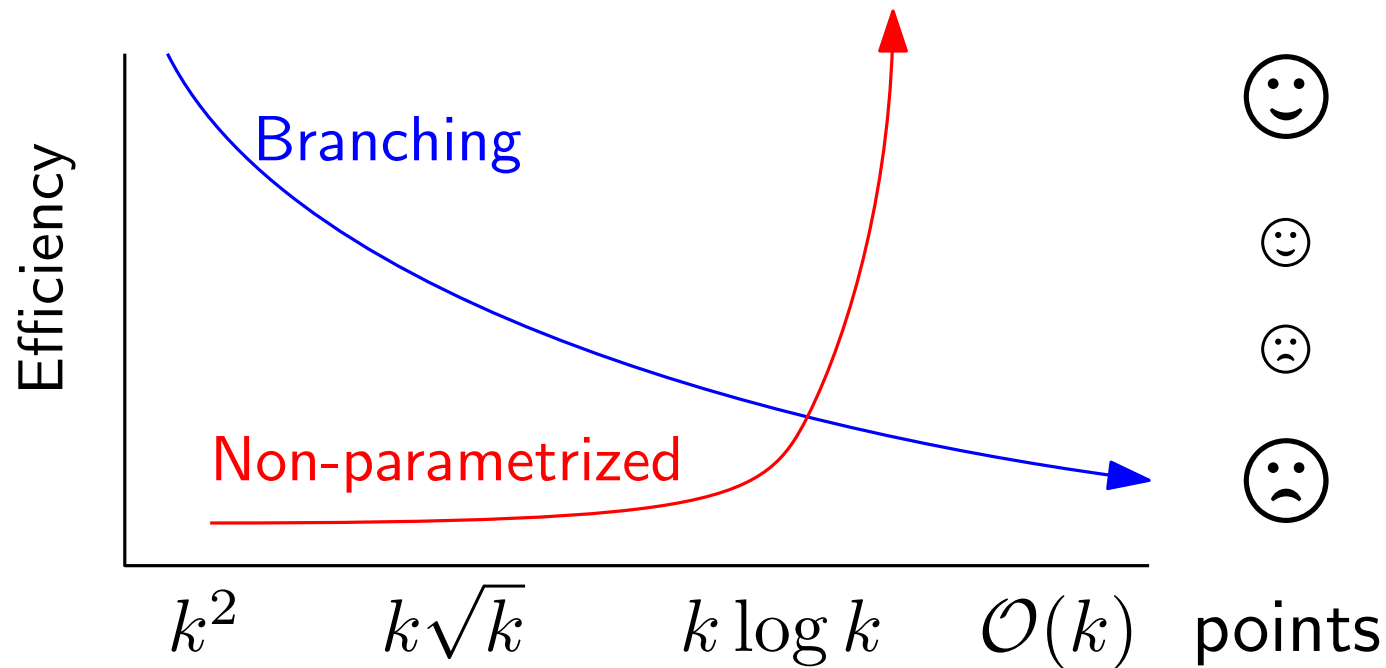
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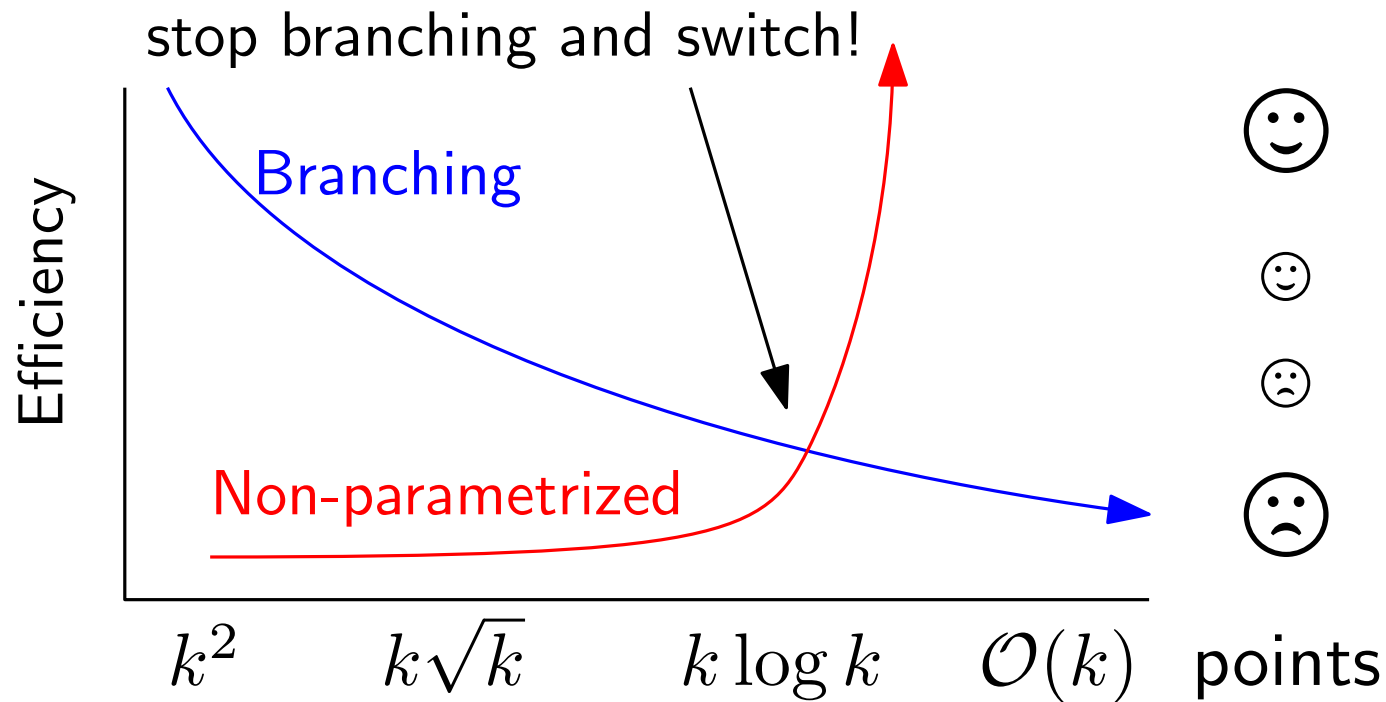
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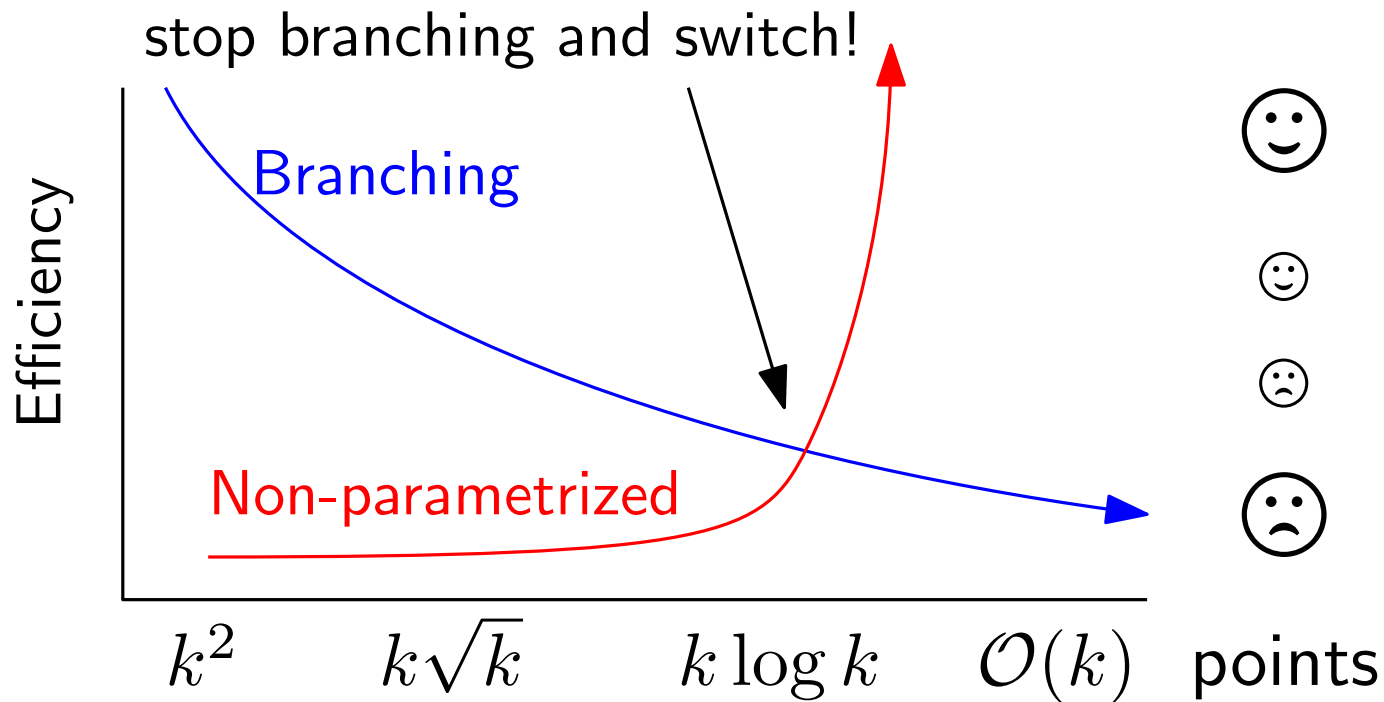
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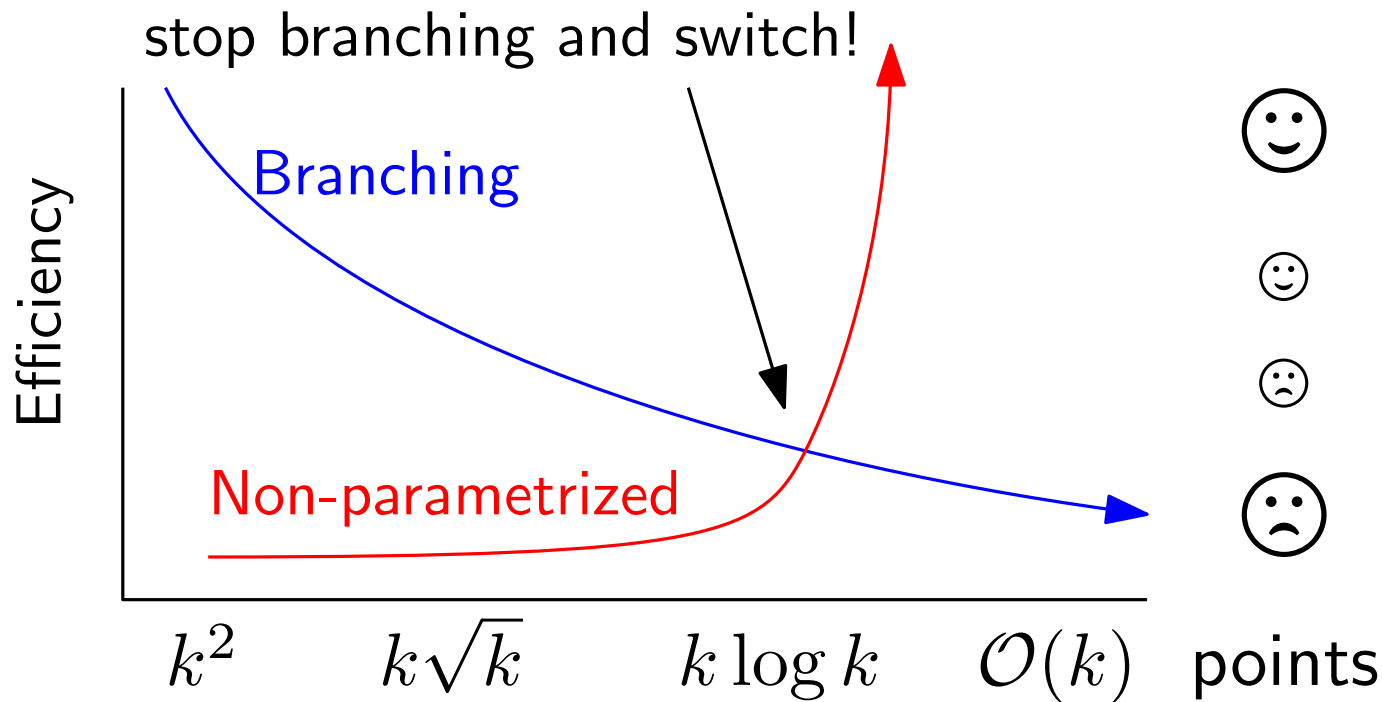
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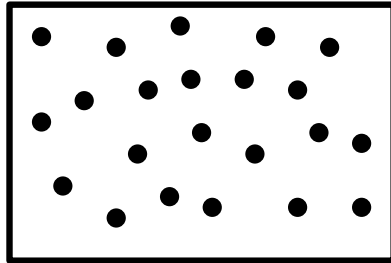
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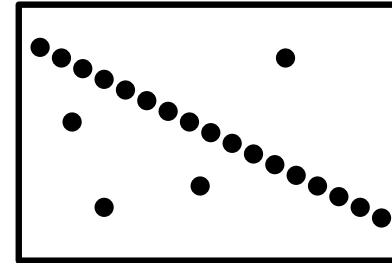
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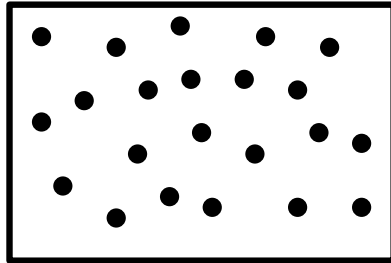
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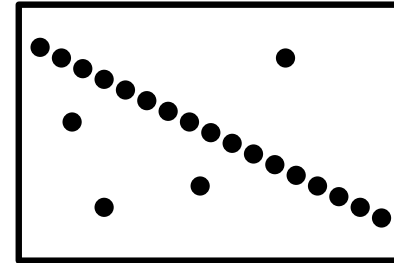
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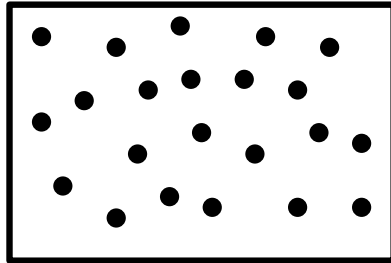
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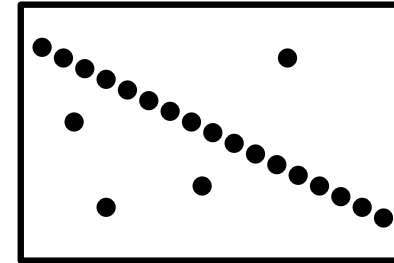
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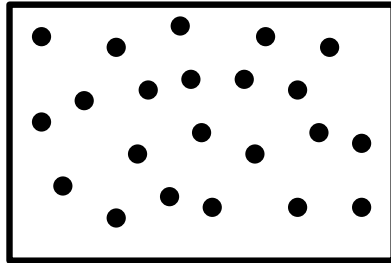
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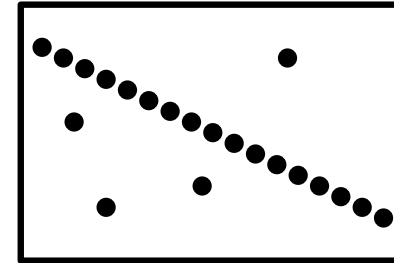
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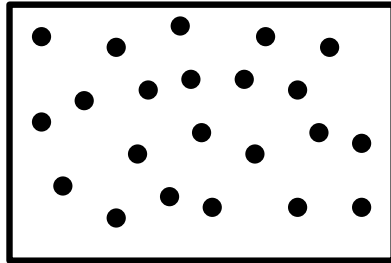
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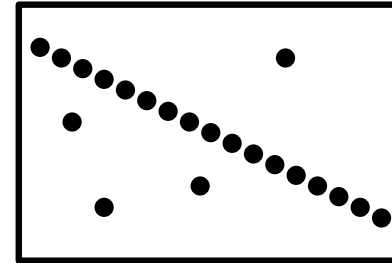
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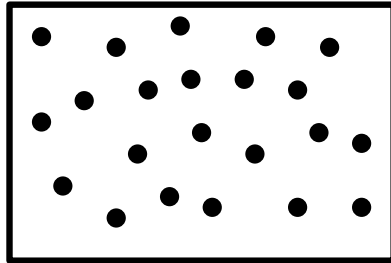
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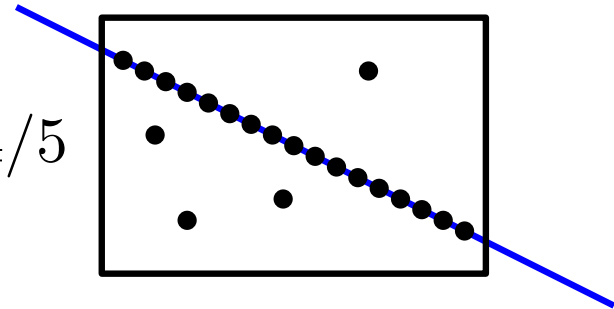
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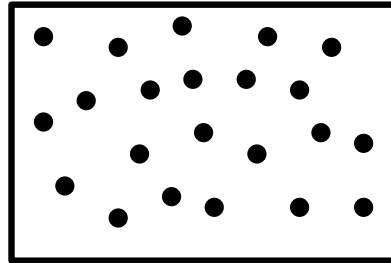
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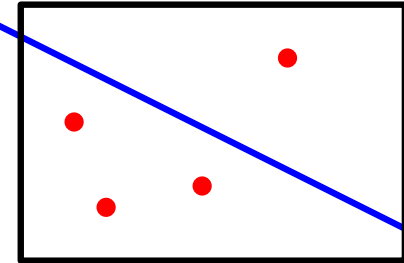
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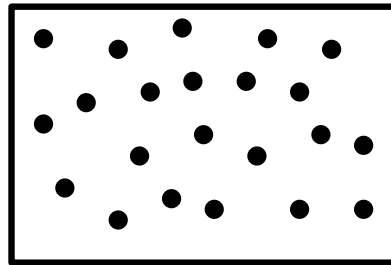
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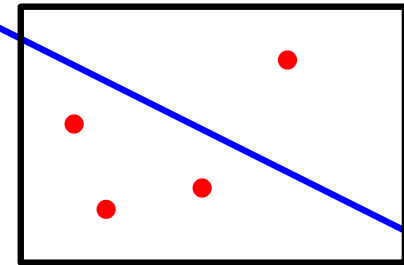
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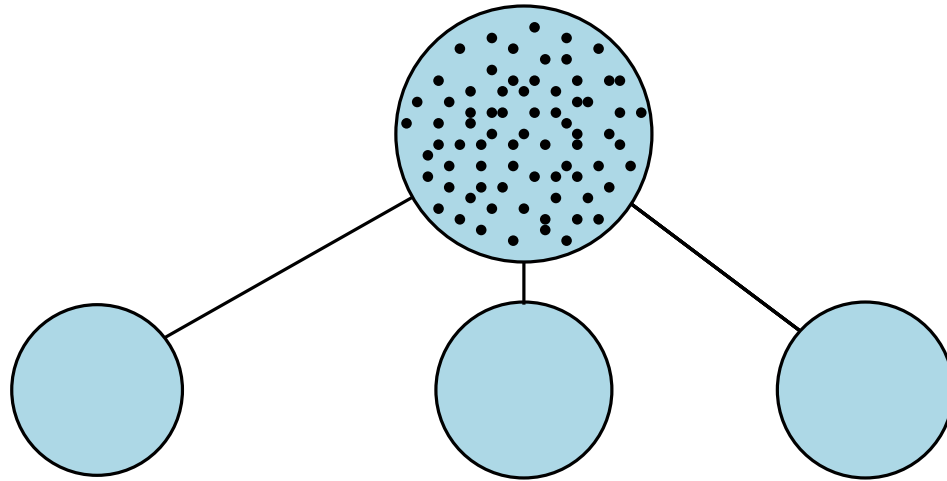
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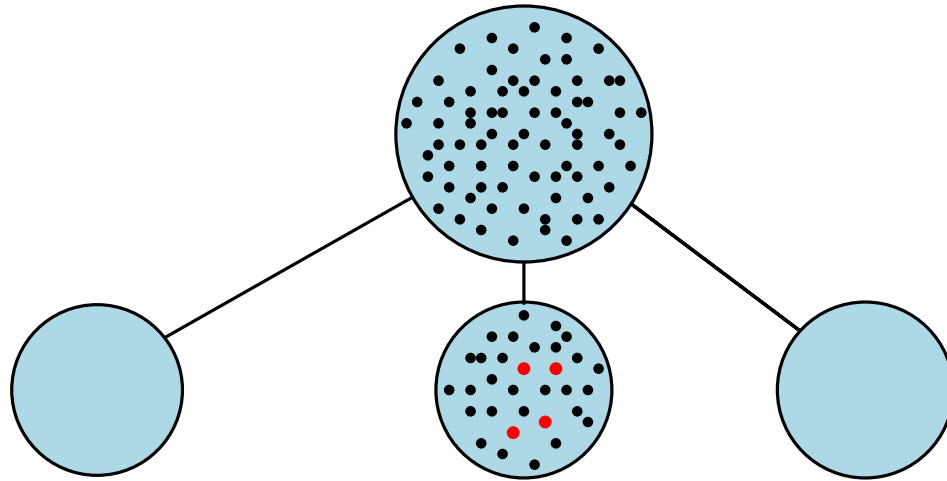
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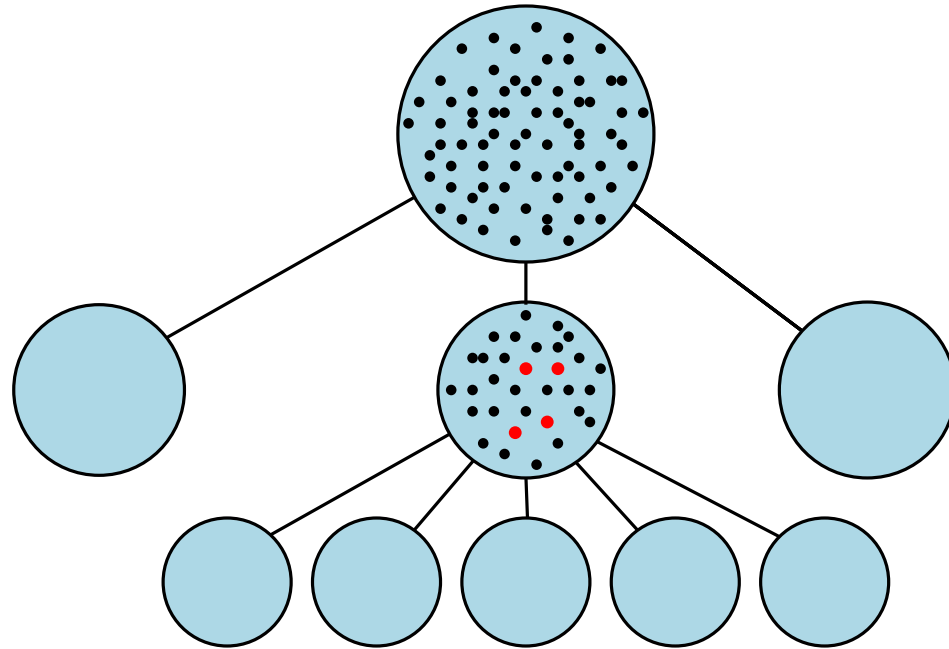
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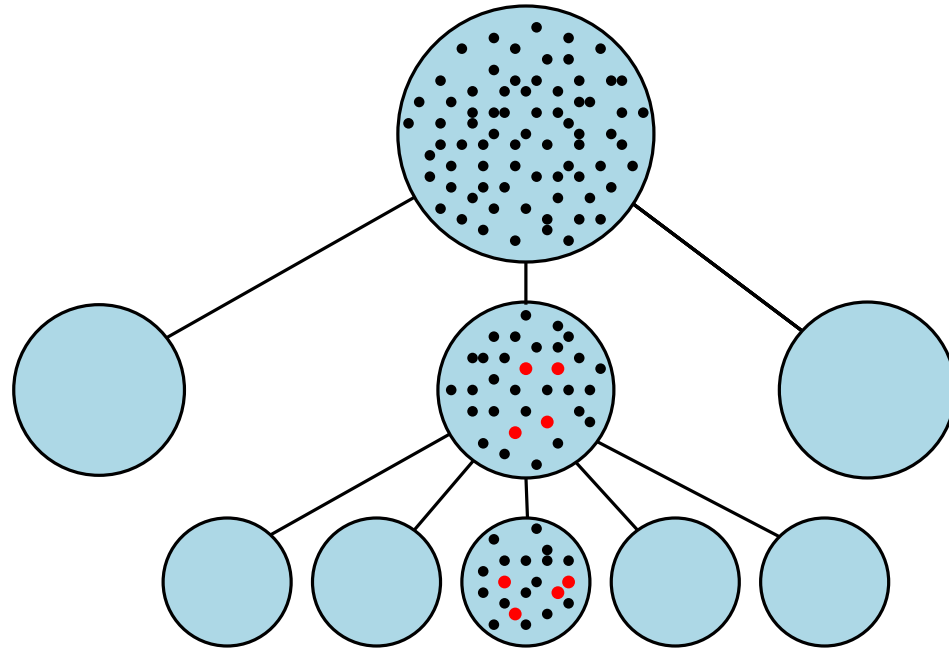
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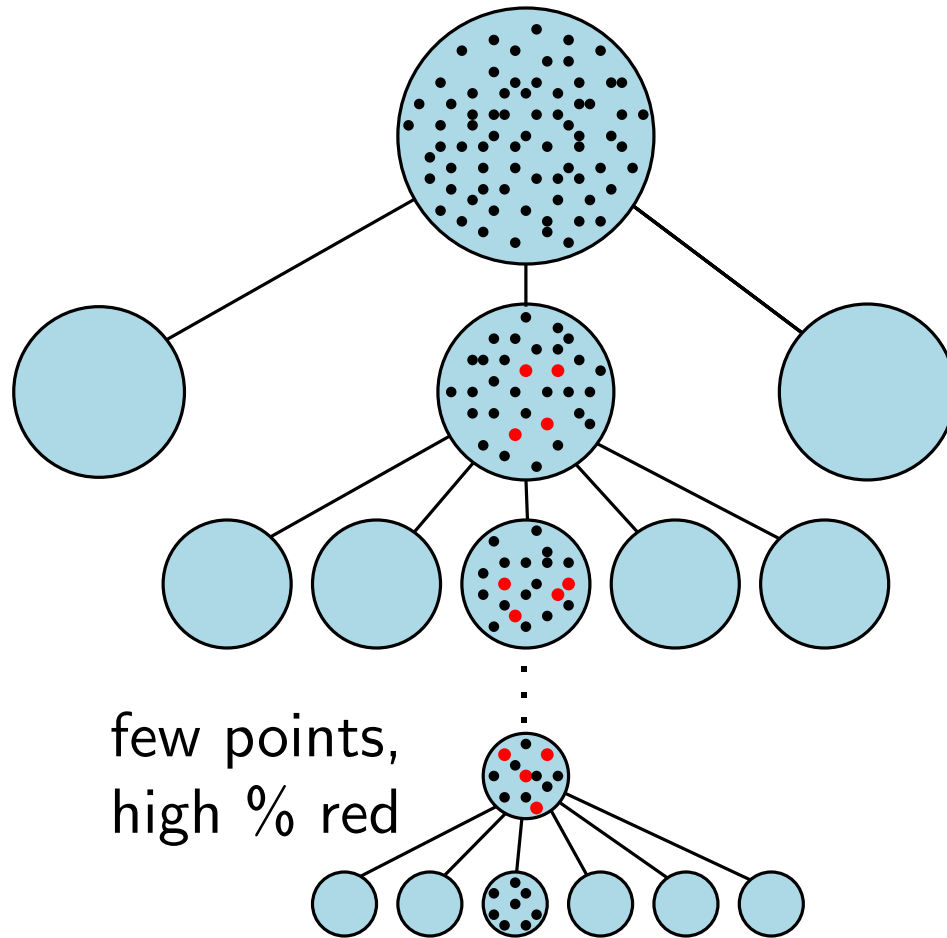
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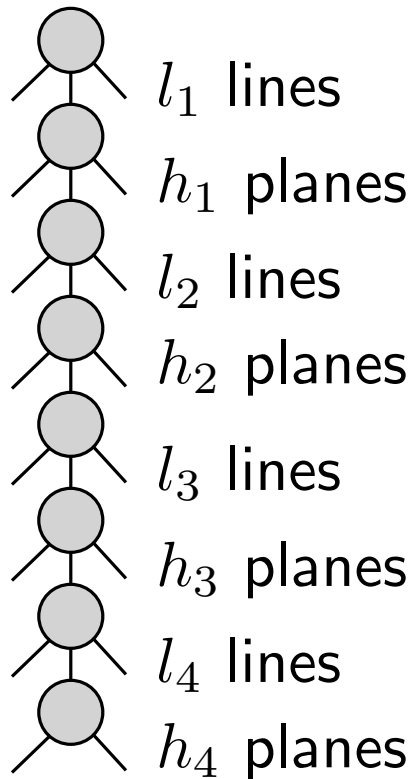
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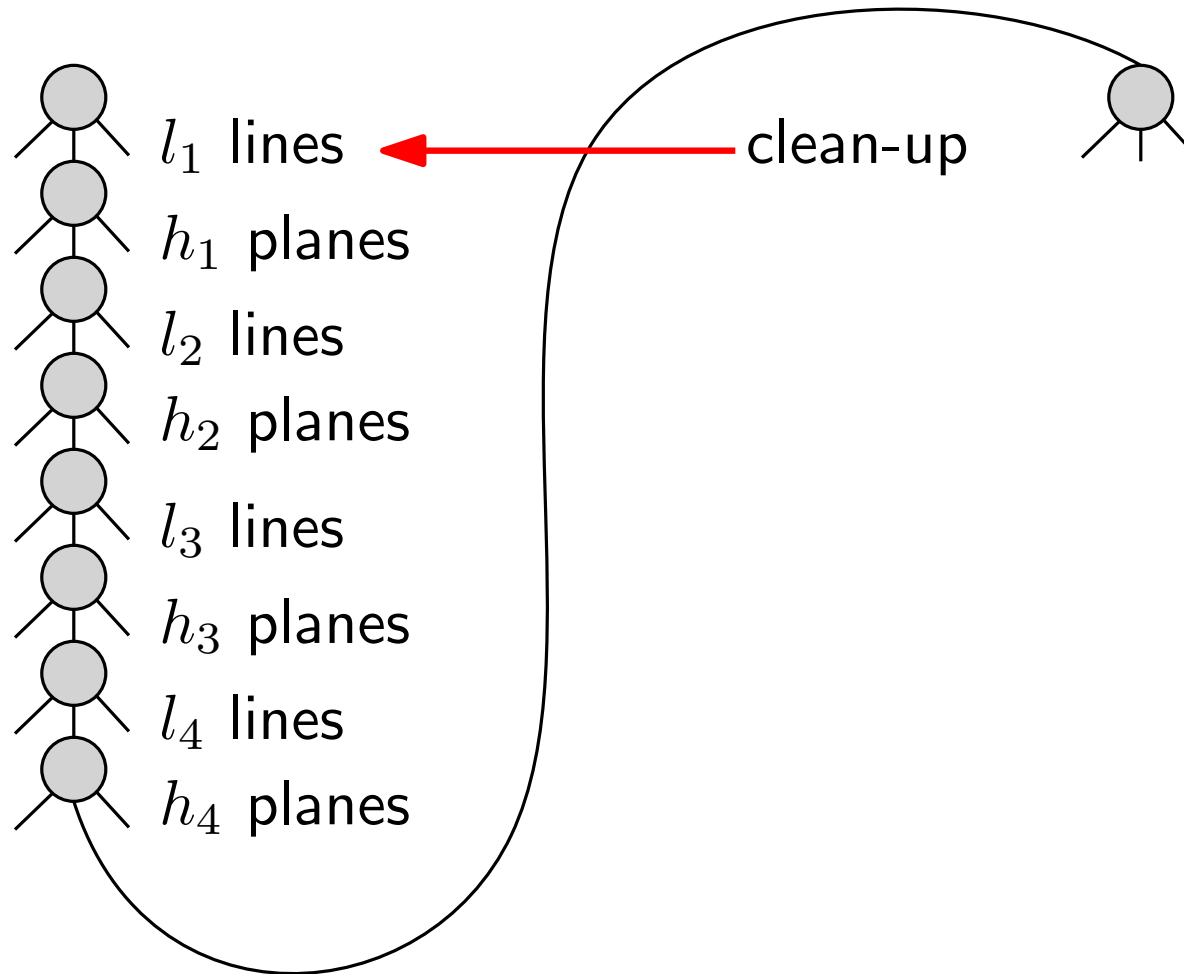
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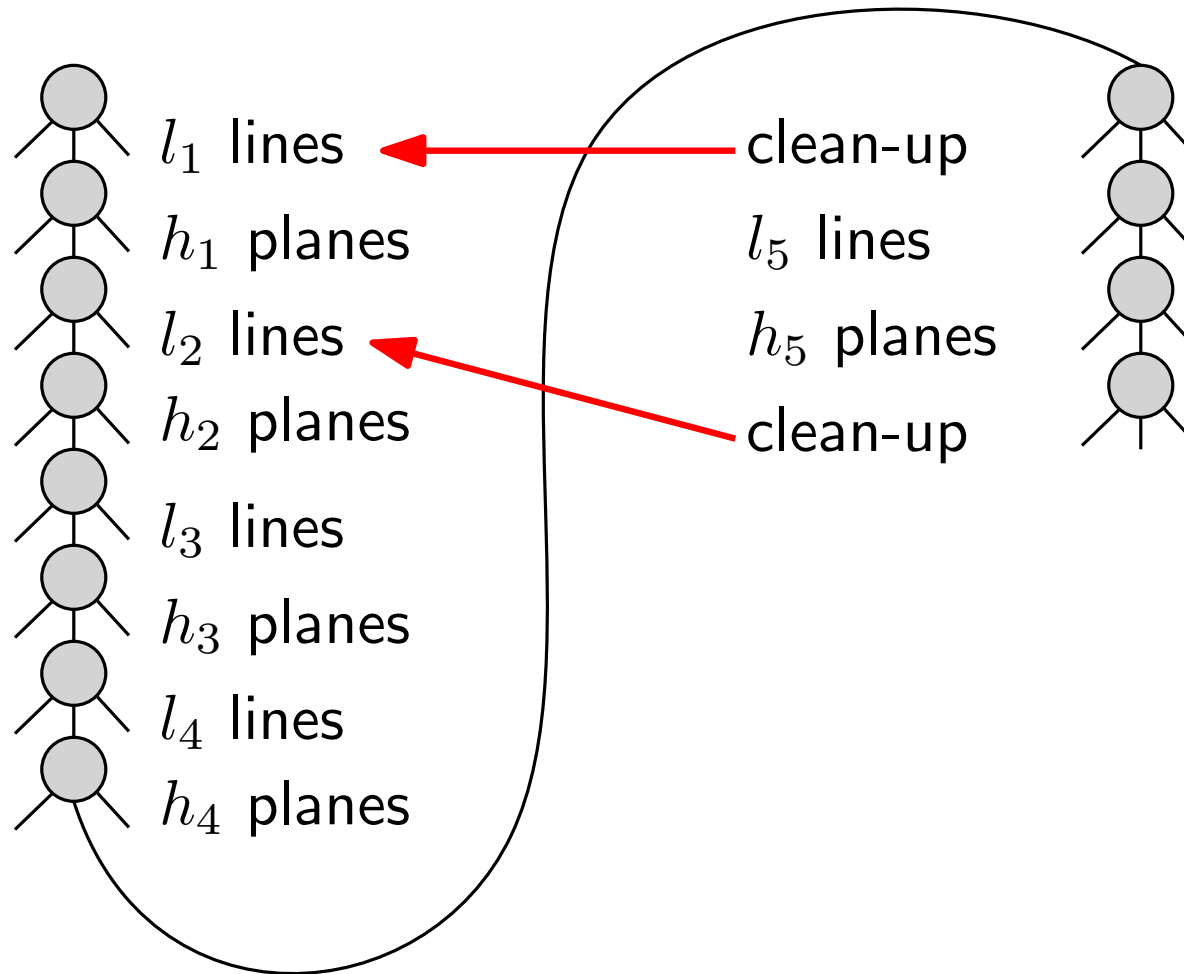
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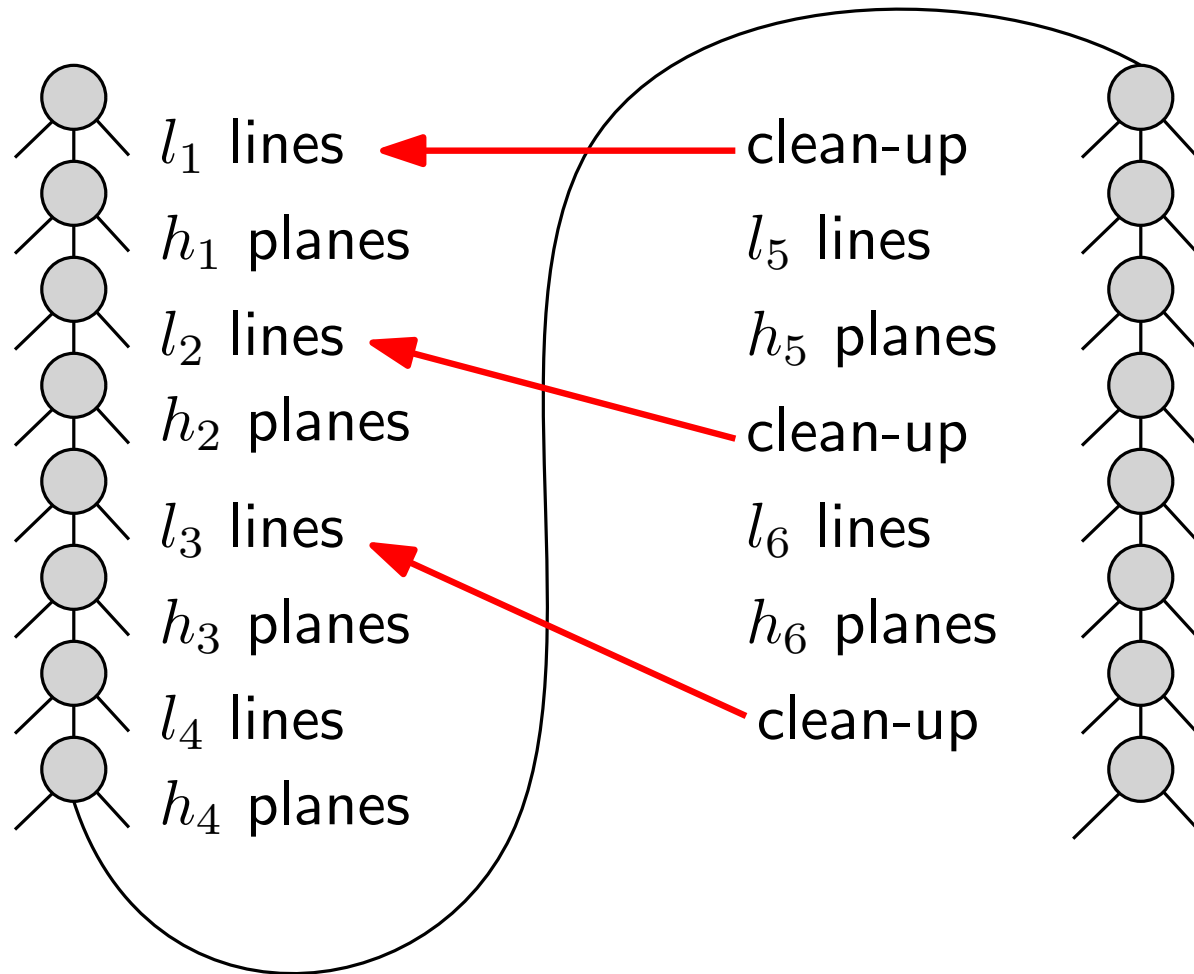
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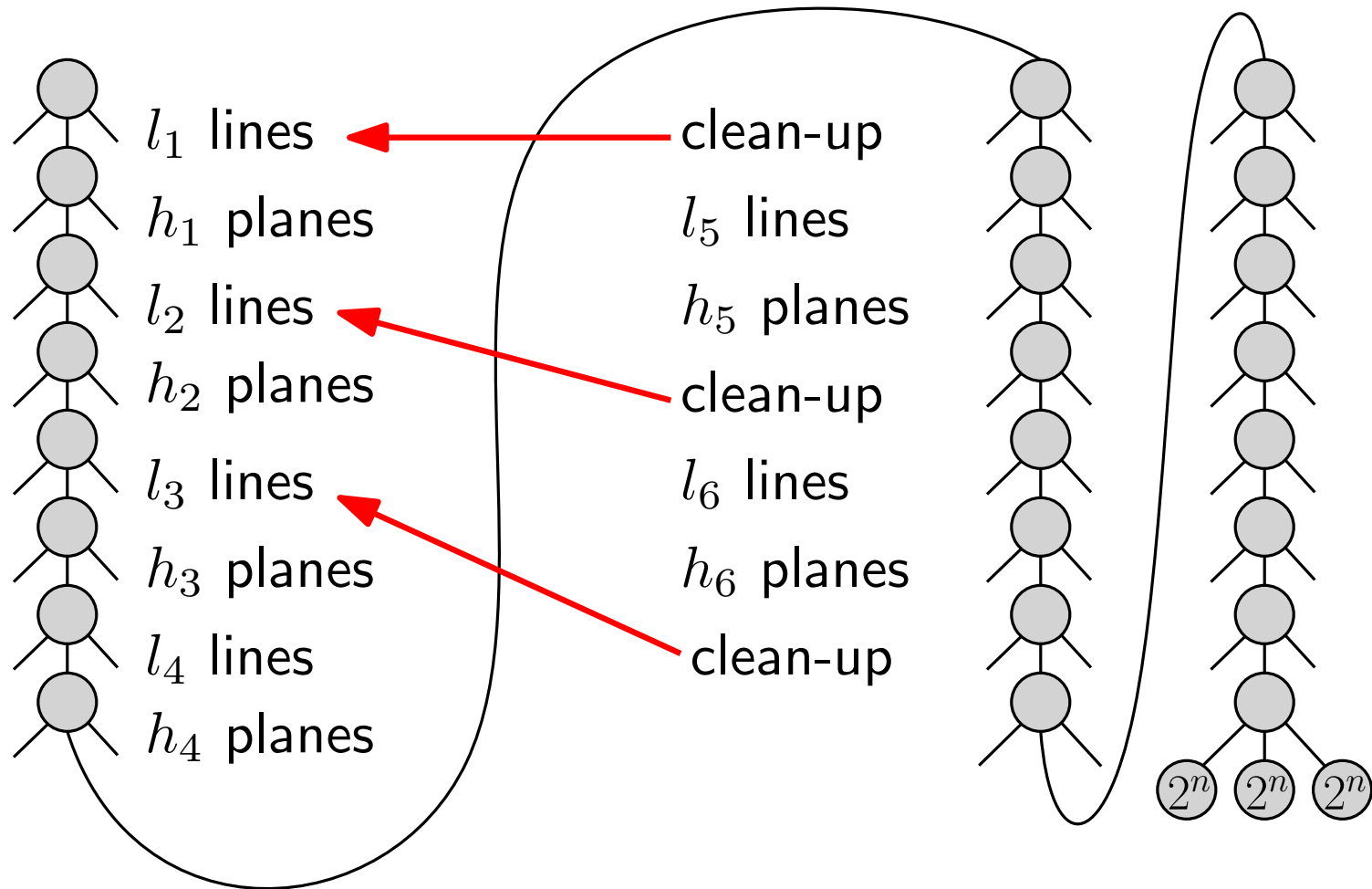
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