

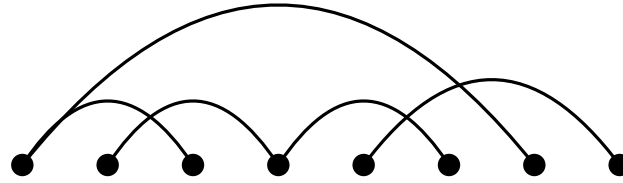
Forbidden Patterns in Mixed Linear Layouts

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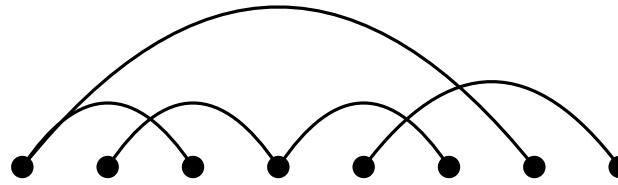
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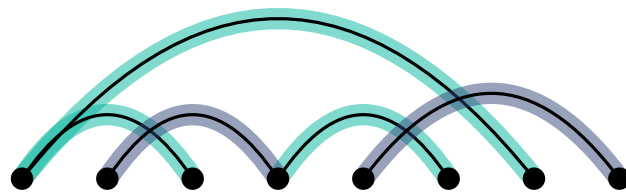



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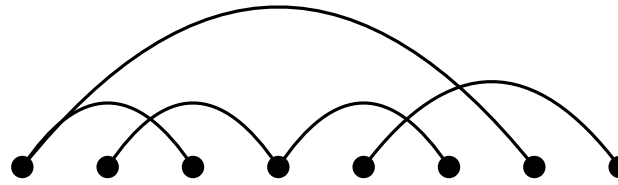
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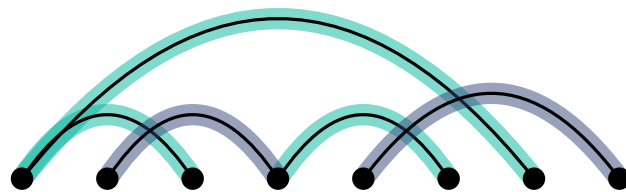
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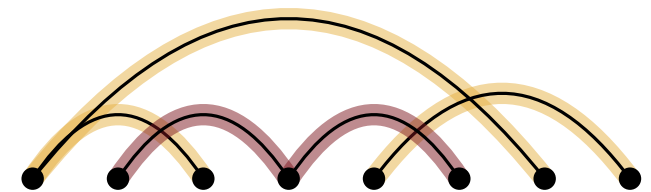



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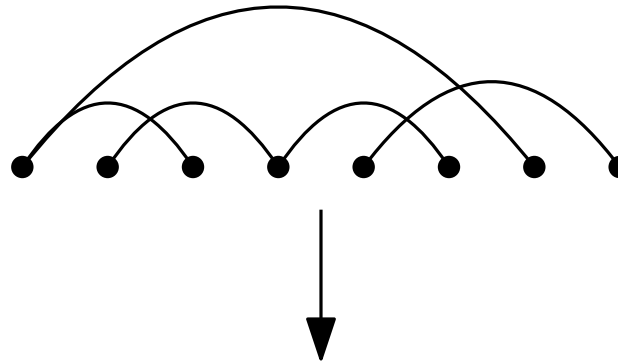
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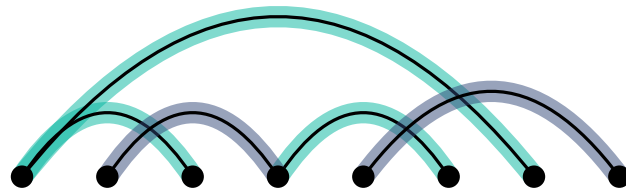
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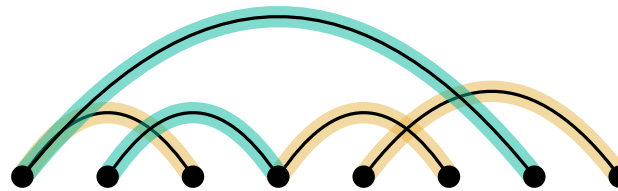


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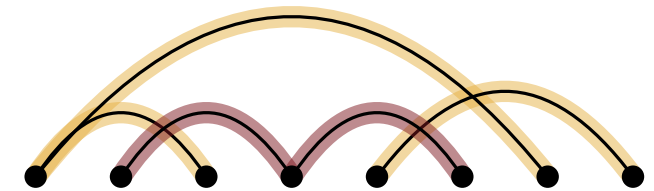
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Mixed Linear Layout



- partition into pages (stacks or queues)
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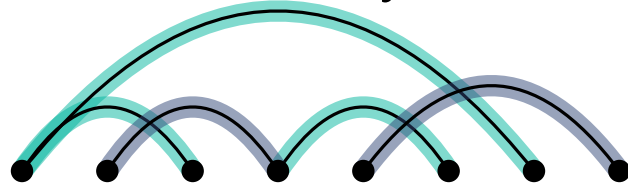
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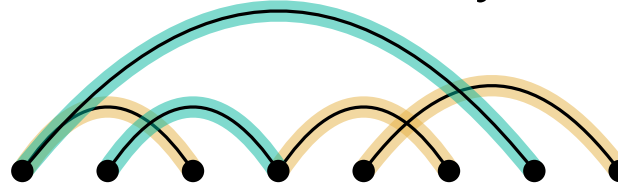
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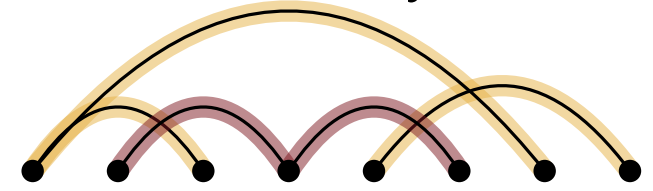
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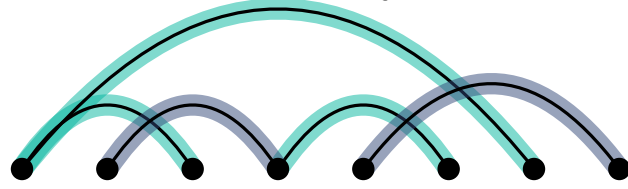


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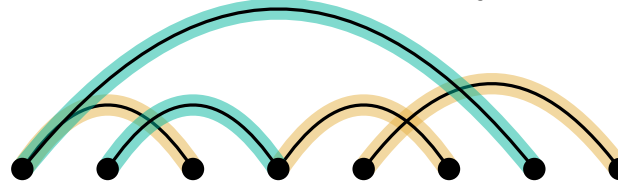


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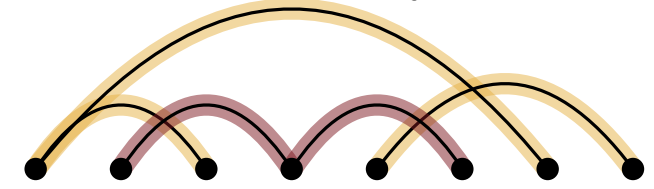
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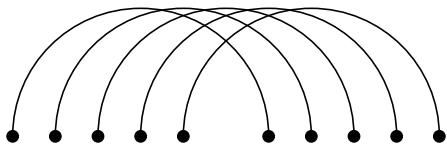


Queue Layout



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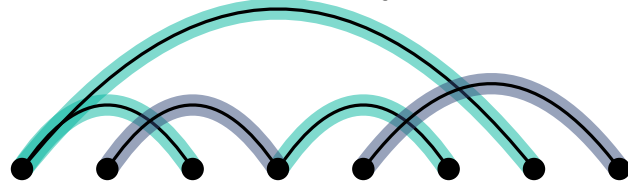


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[Davies, 2022]

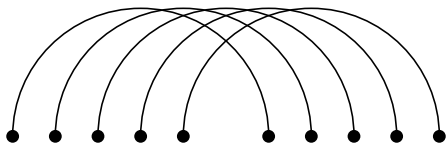
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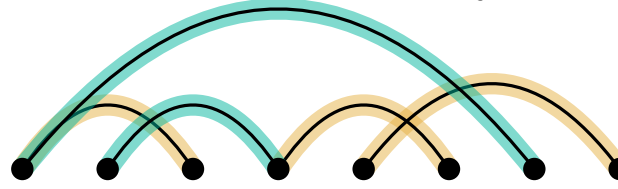
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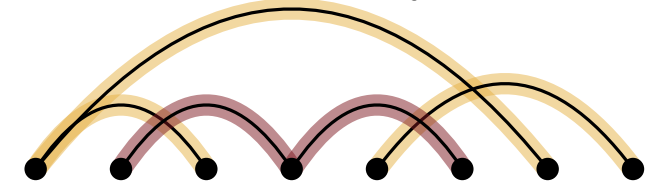
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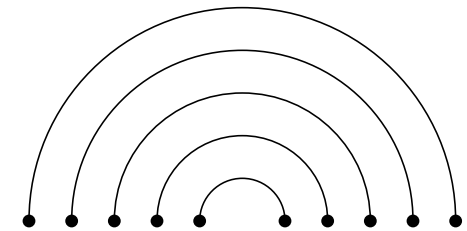


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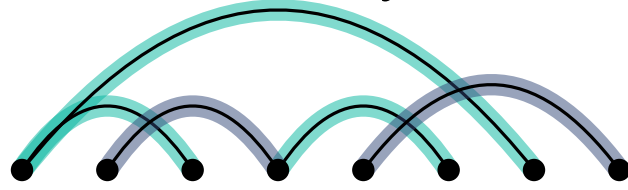


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[Heath, Rosenberg, 1992]

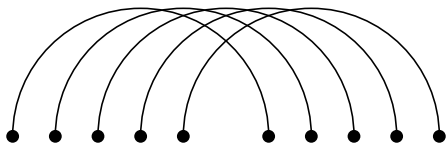
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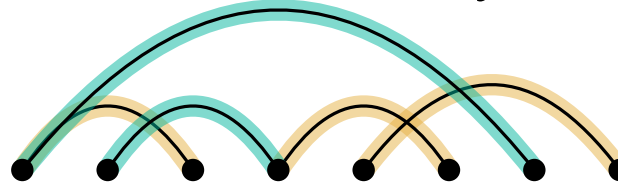
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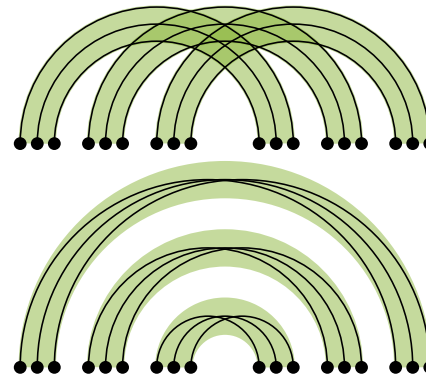
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Characterization via thick patterns?

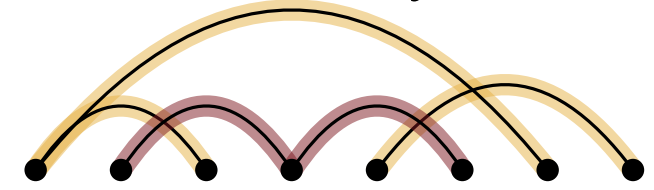
- 3-thick patterns (size 3×3):



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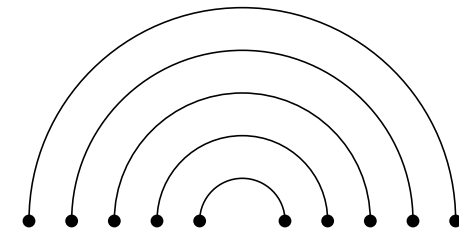
- $k \leq \text{mixed page number} \stackrel{?}{\leq} f(k)$

Queue Layout



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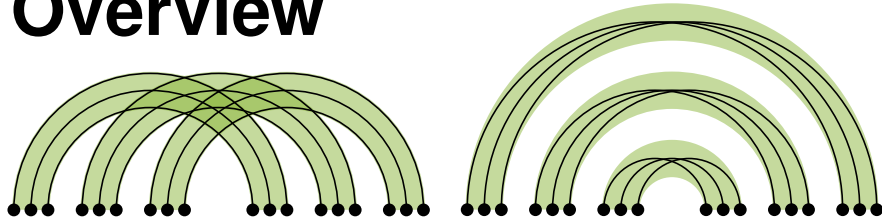
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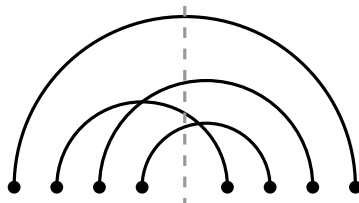
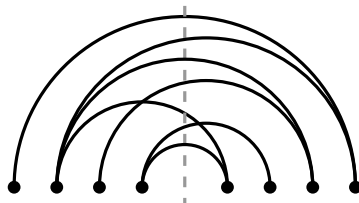
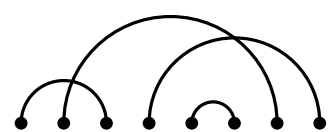

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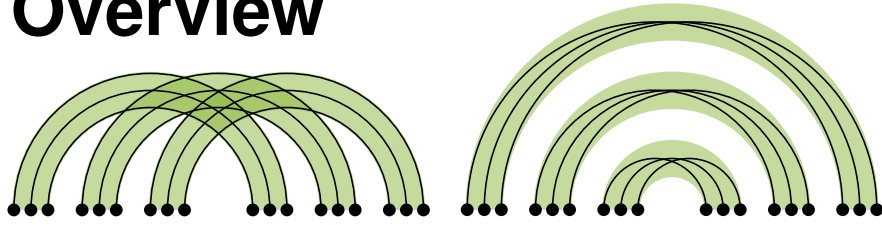
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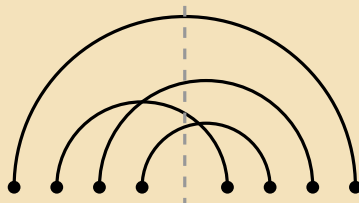
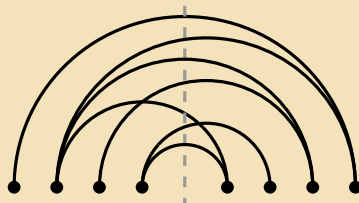
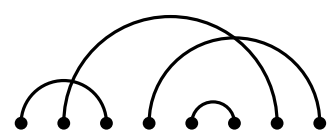

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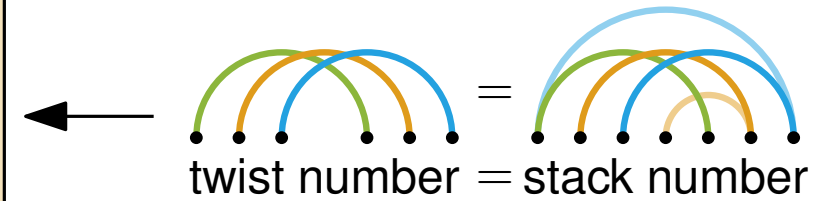
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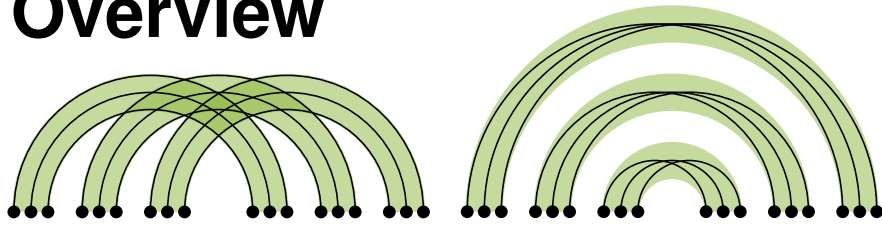


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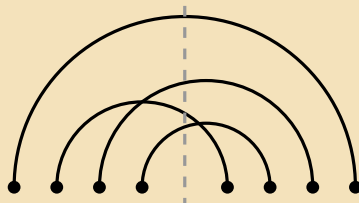
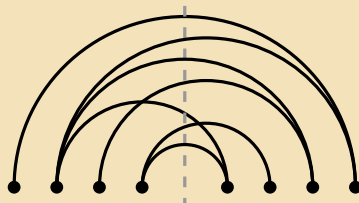
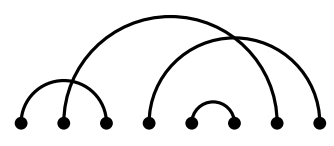
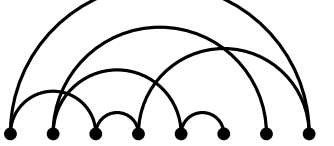
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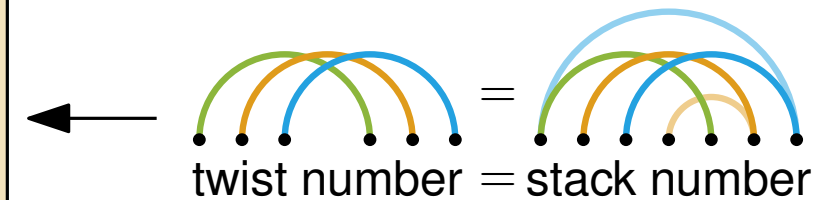


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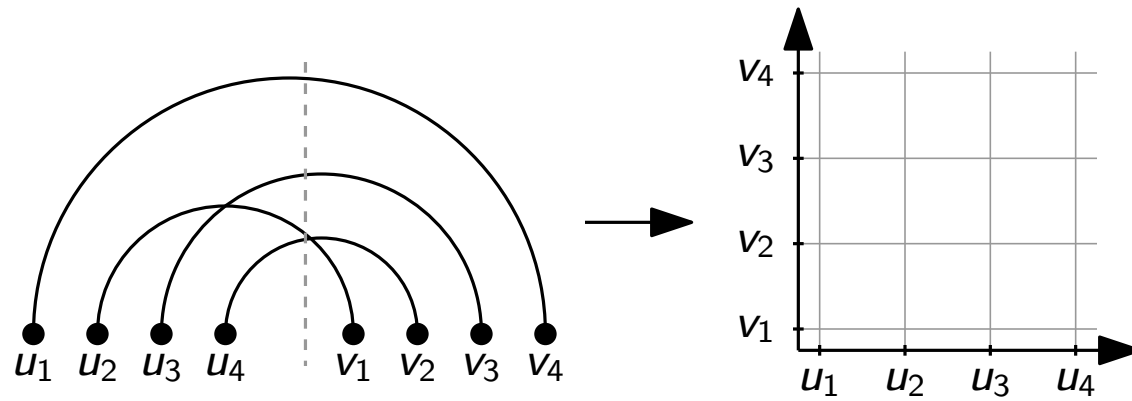
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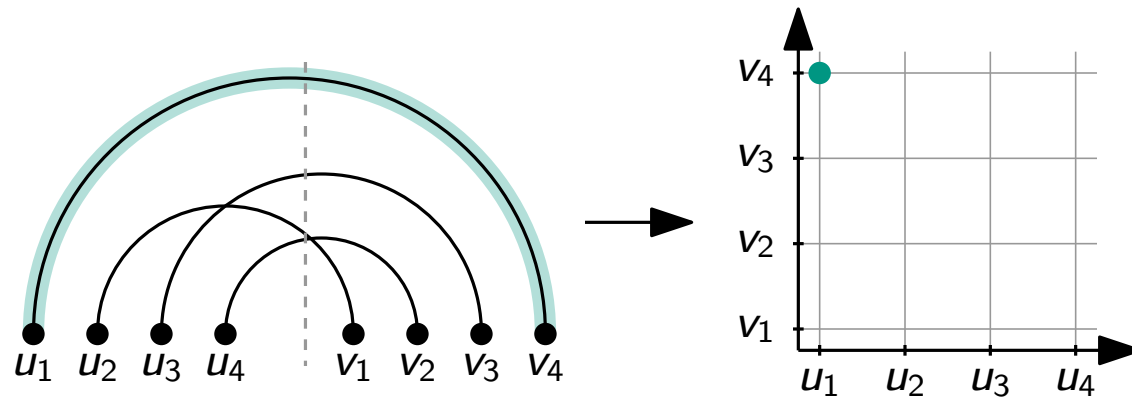


Plan:
 ■ separated matchings
 ■ non-separated matchings
 ■ non-matchings

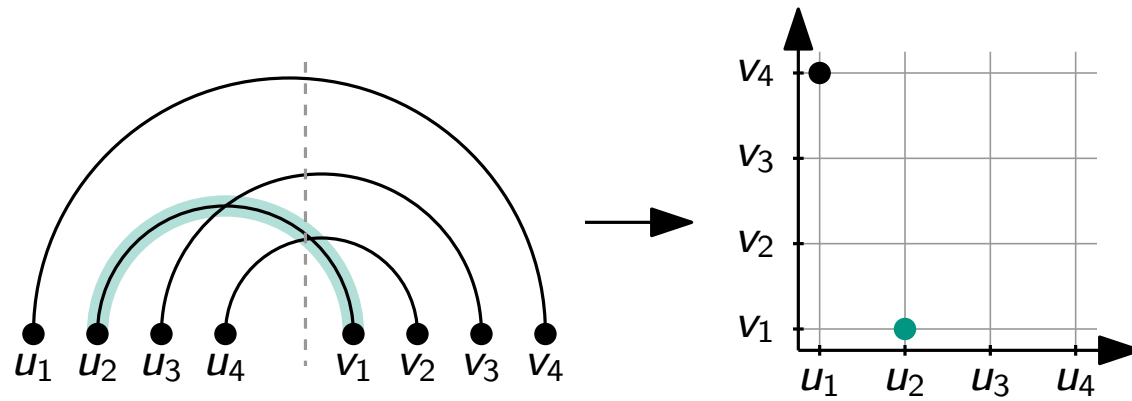
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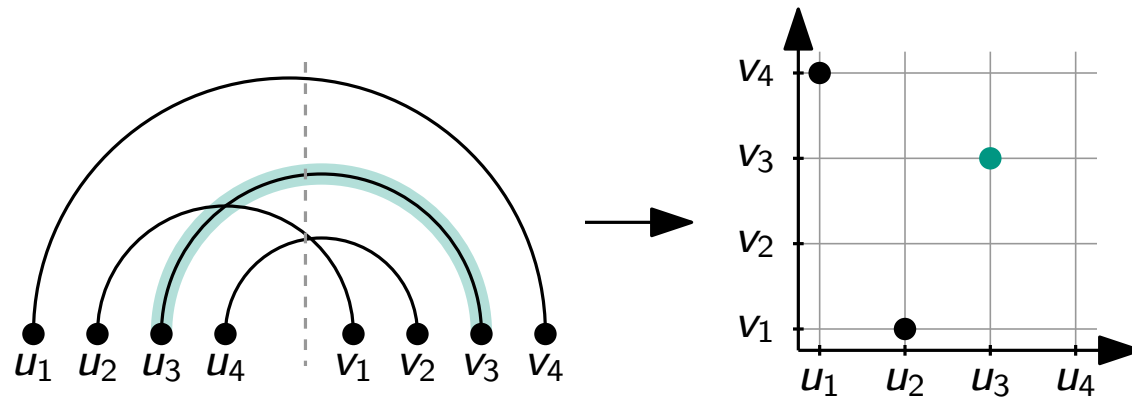
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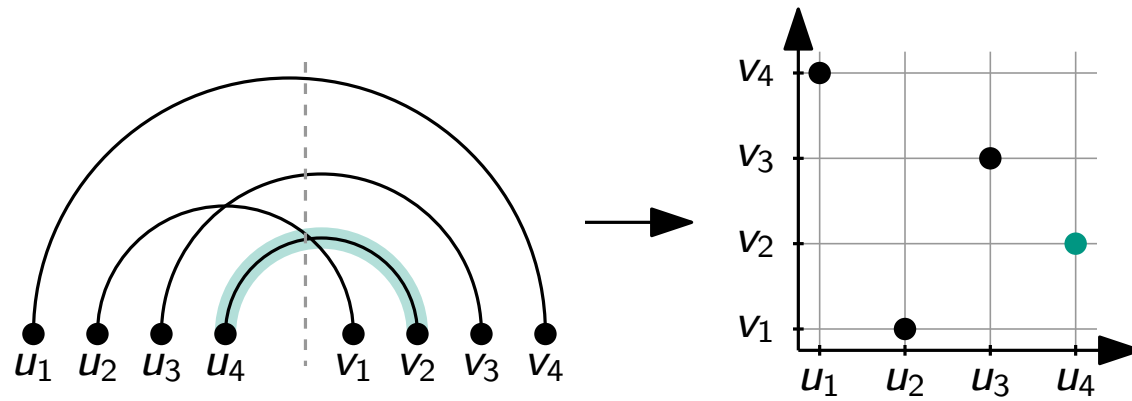
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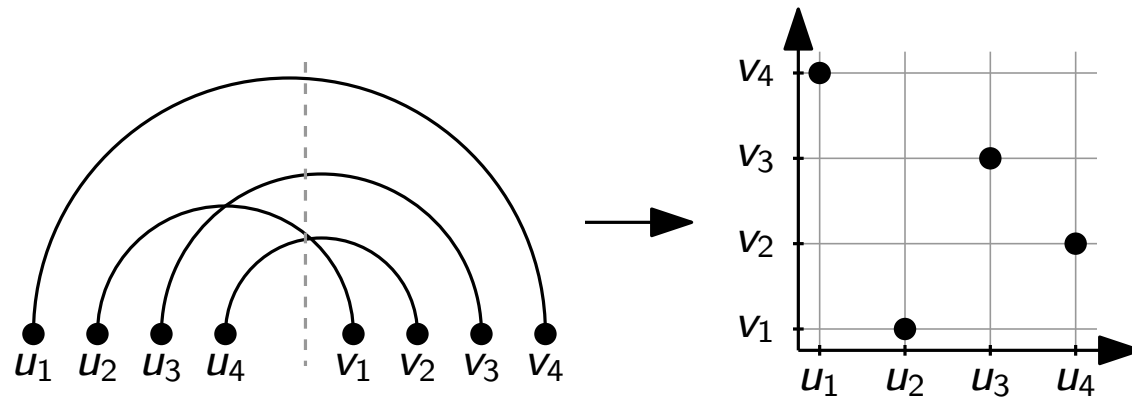
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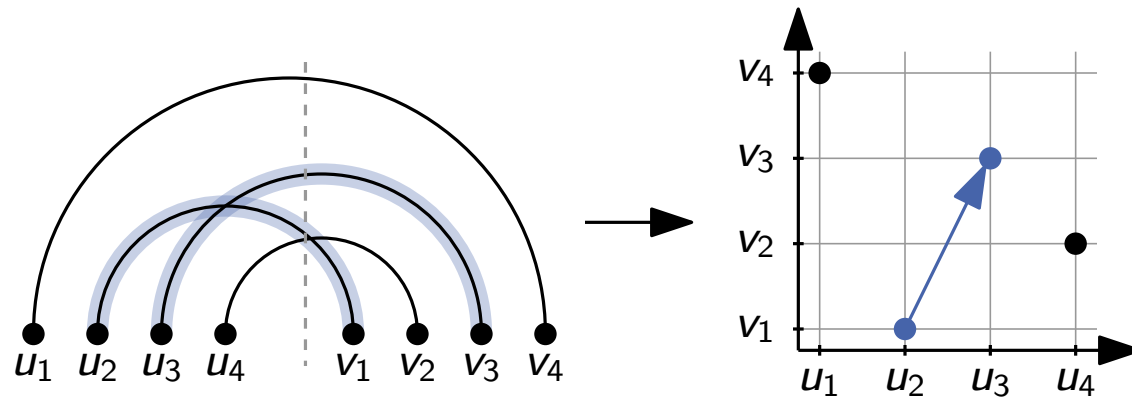
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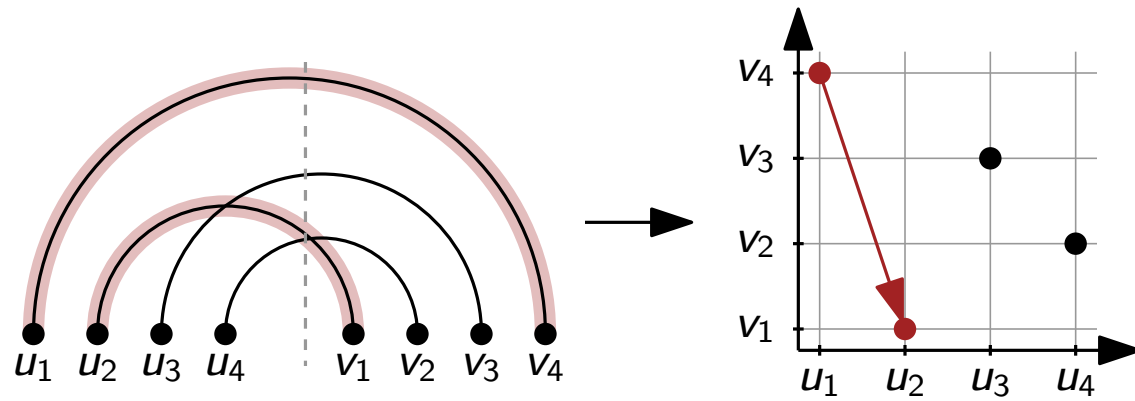


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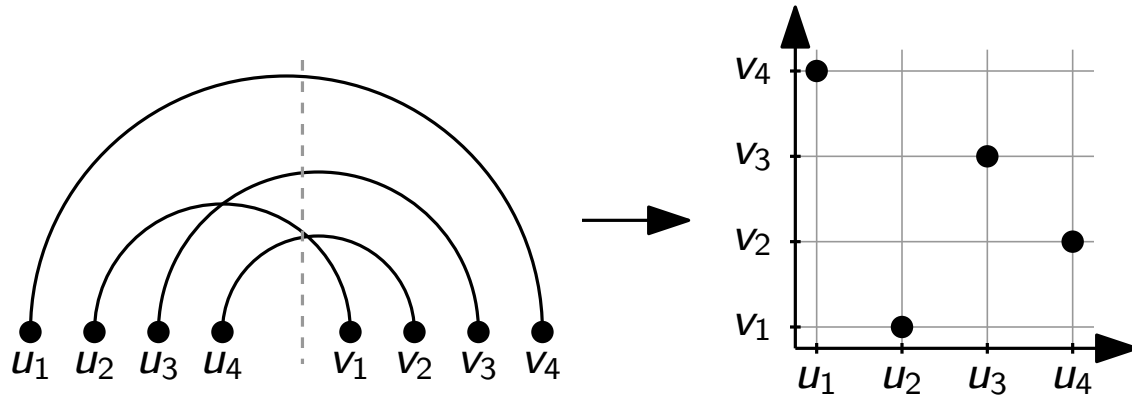
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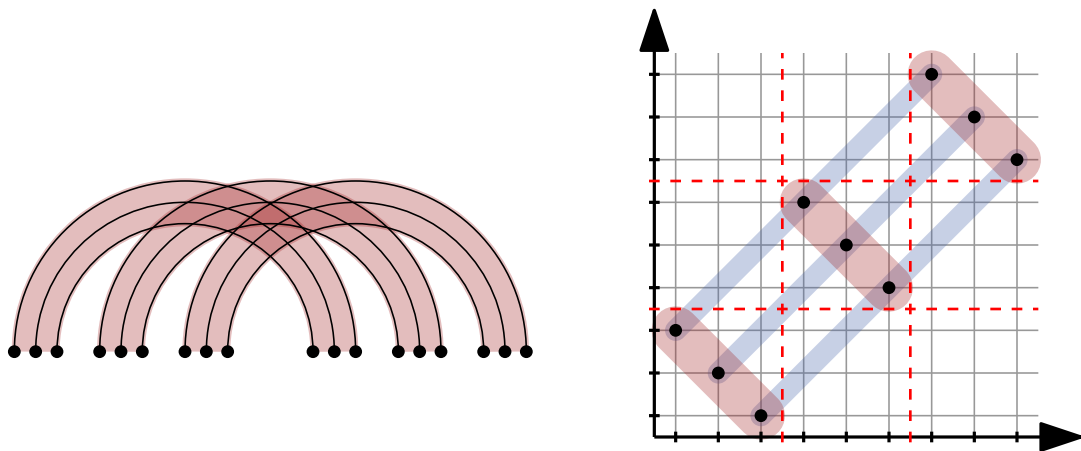


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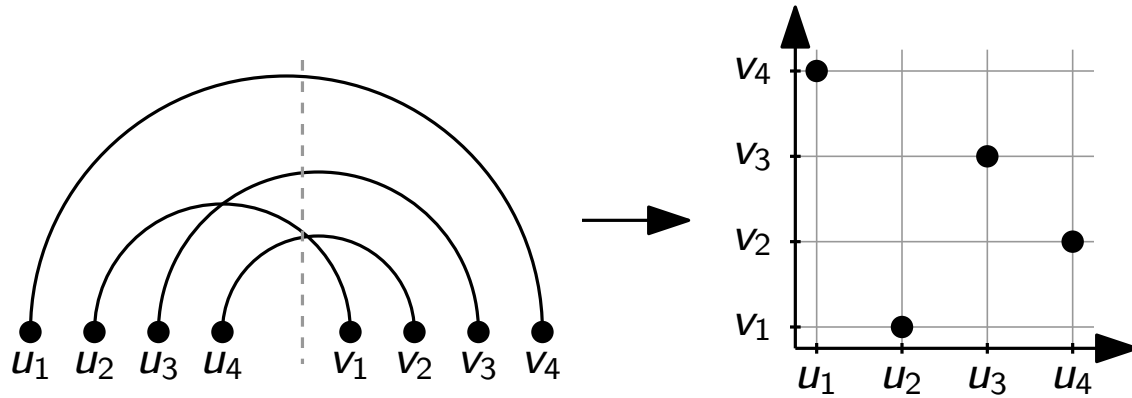
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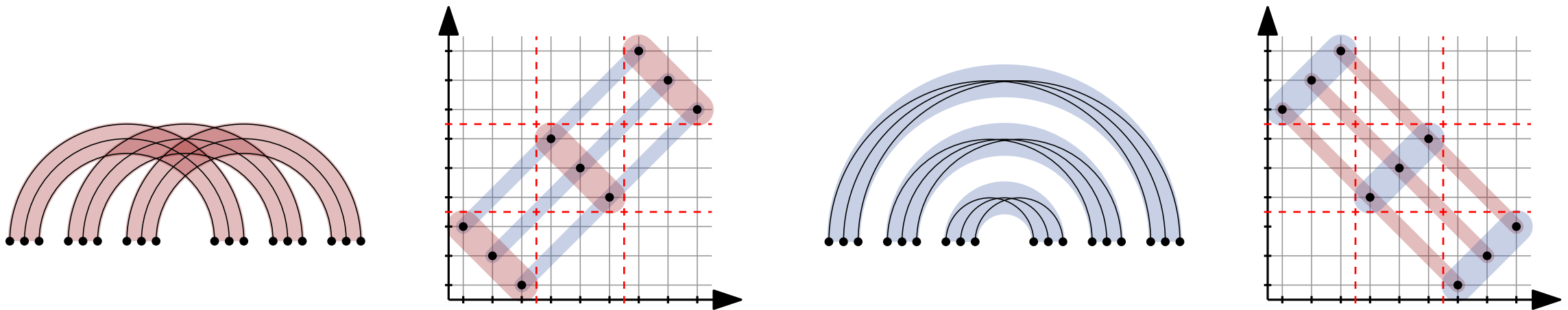
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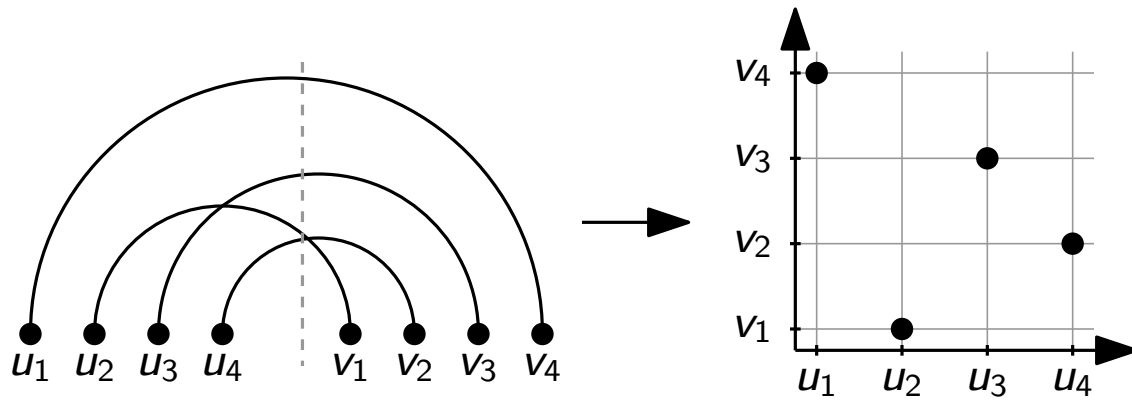
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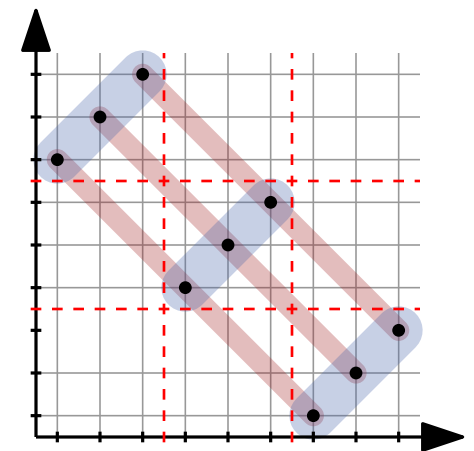
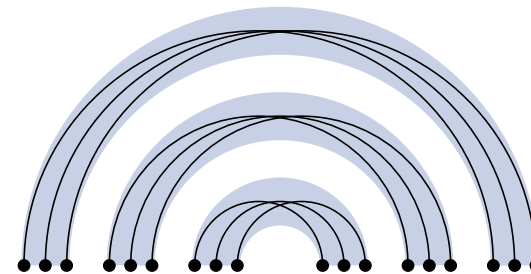
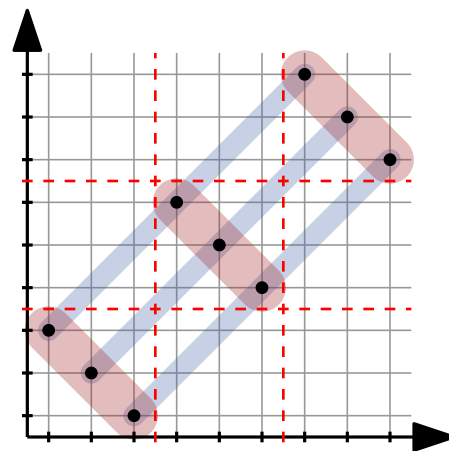
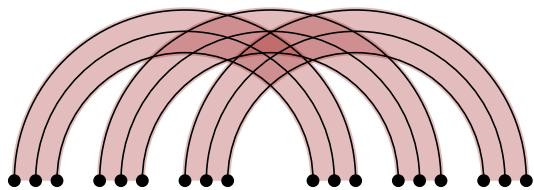
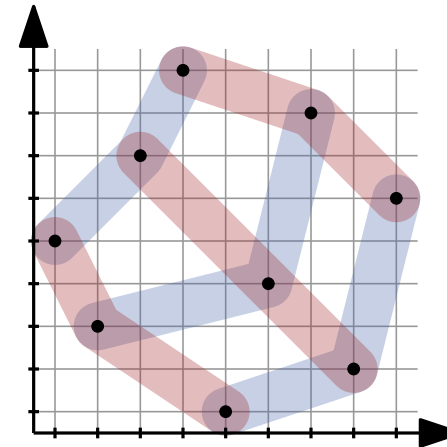


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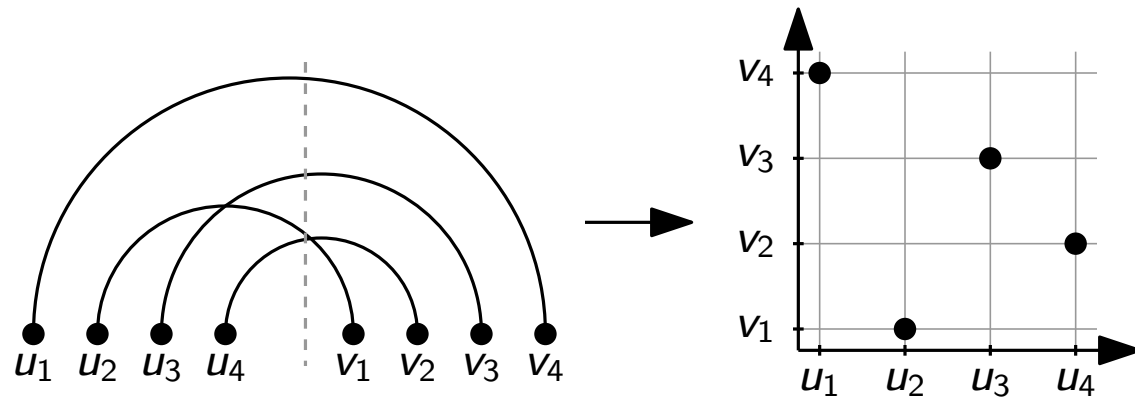


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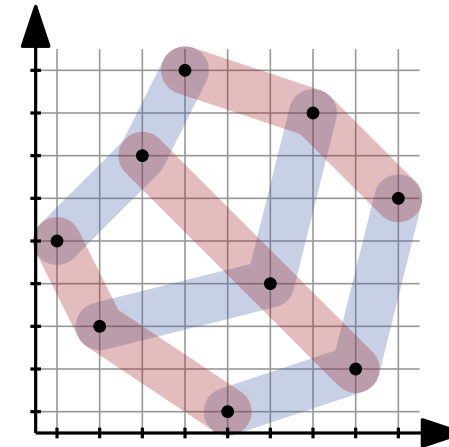


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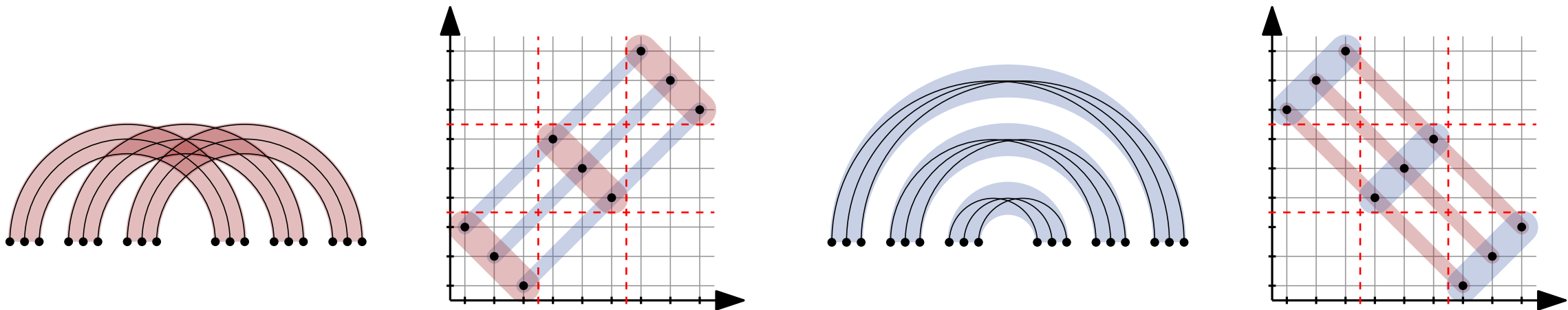
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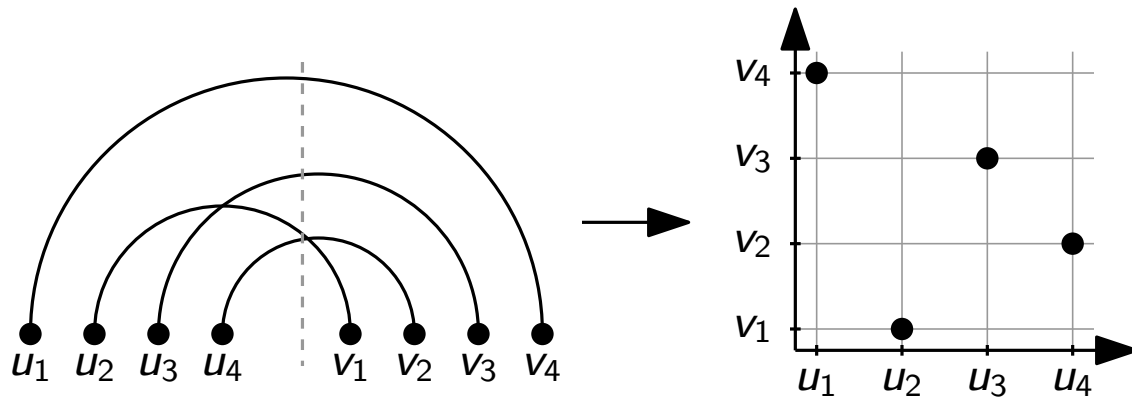


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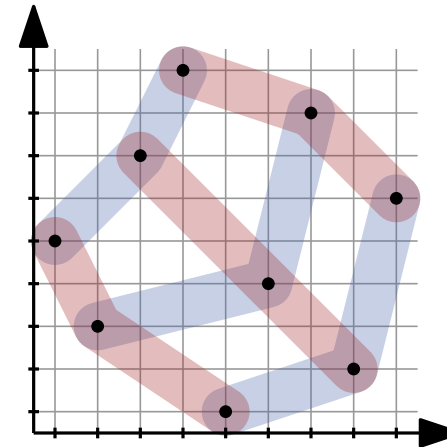
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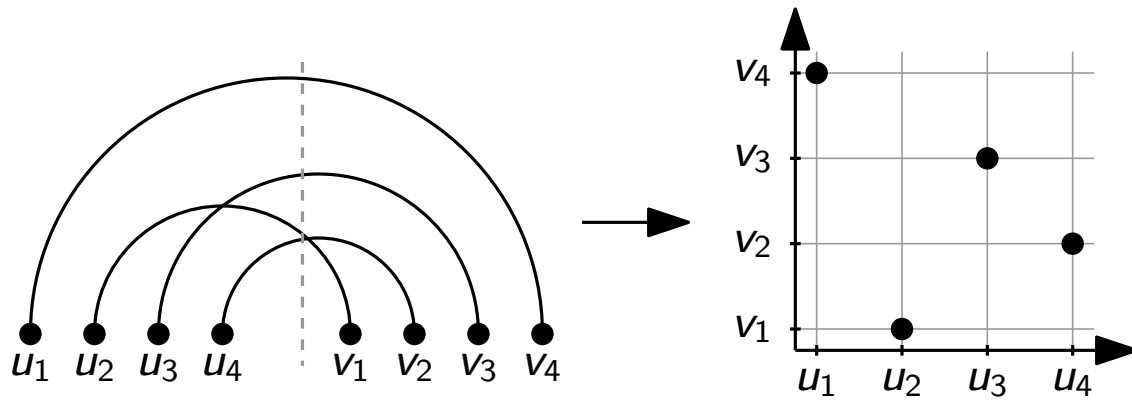
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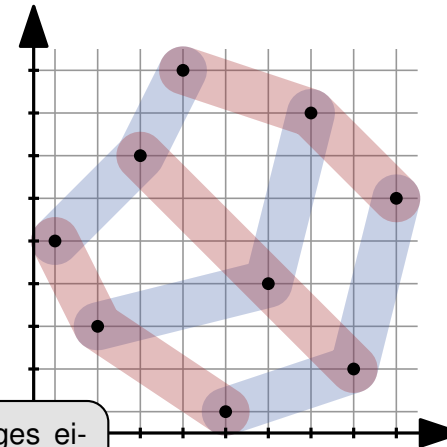


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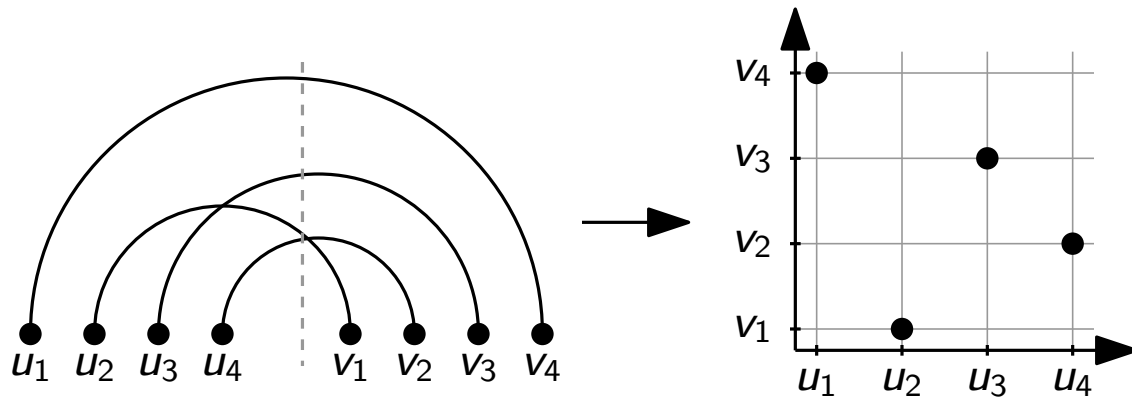
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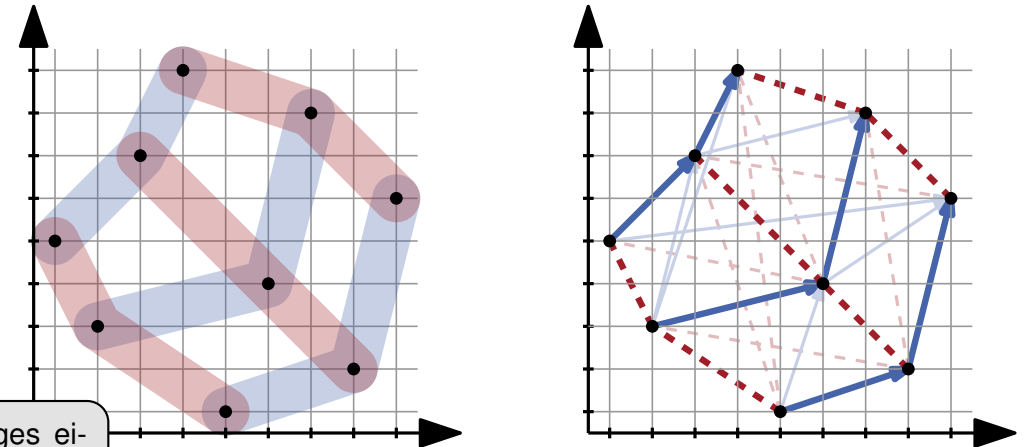


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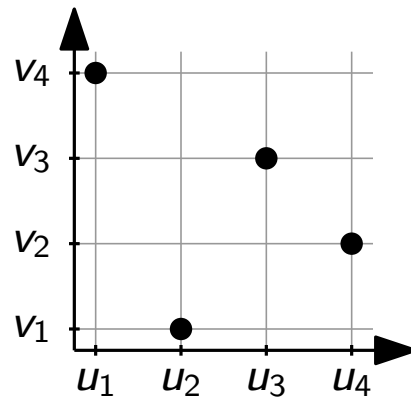
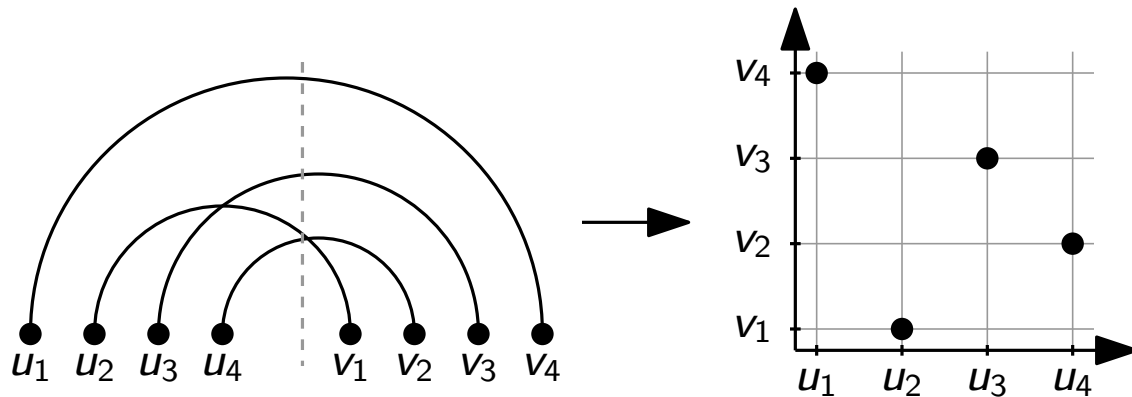
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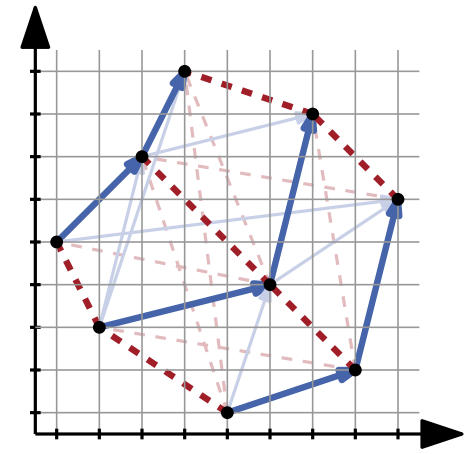
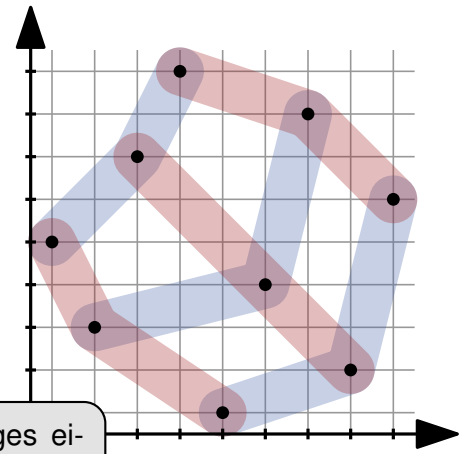
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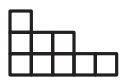
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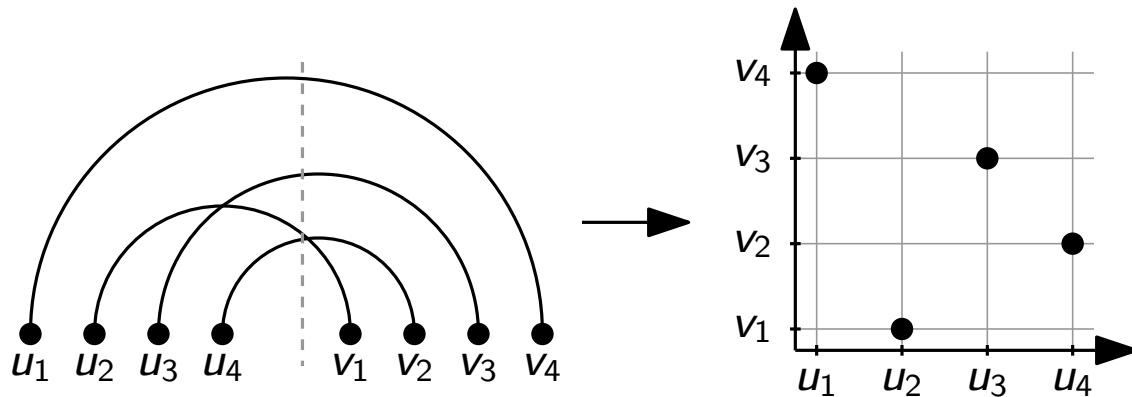
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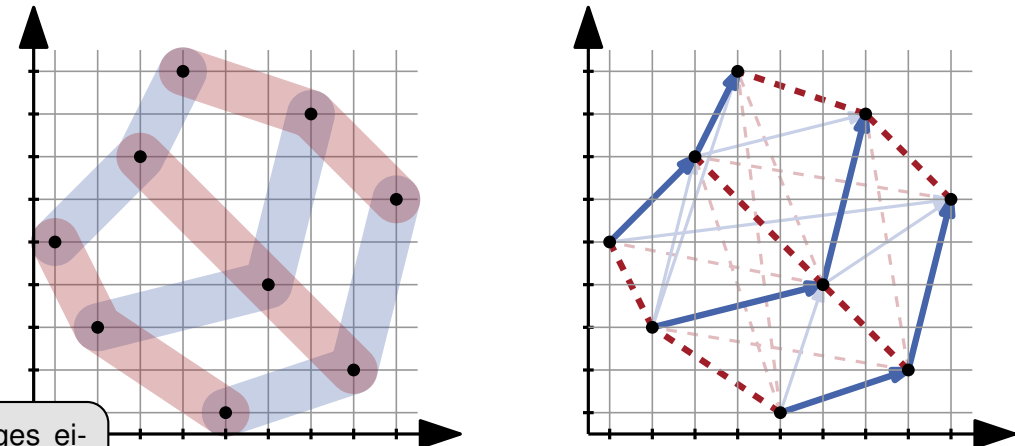


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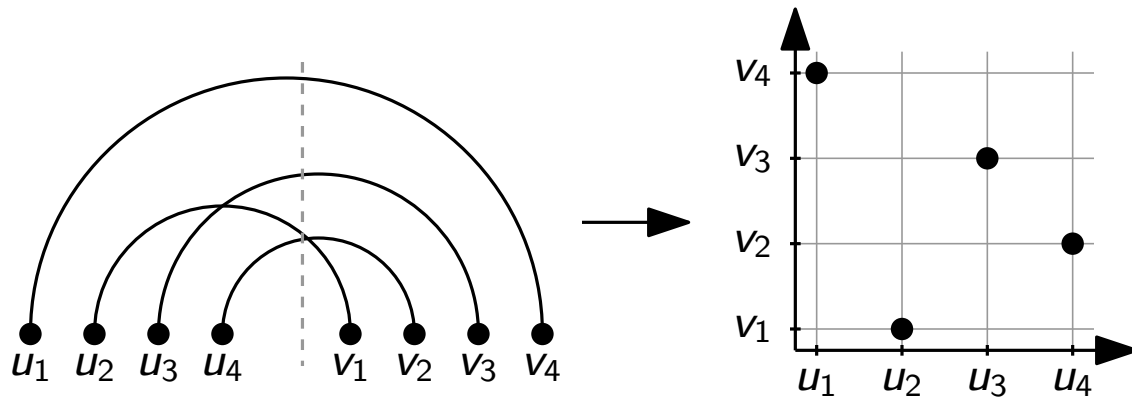
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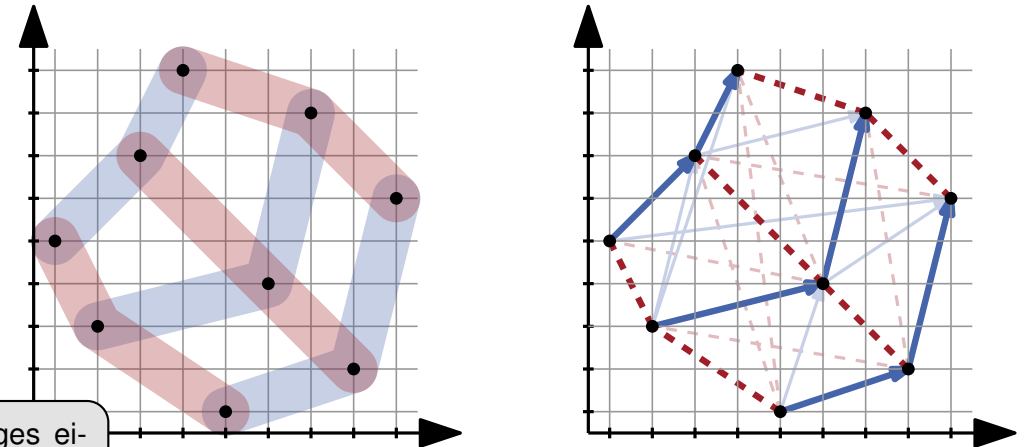
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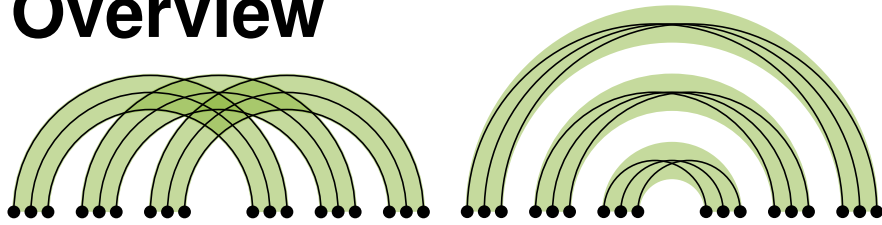
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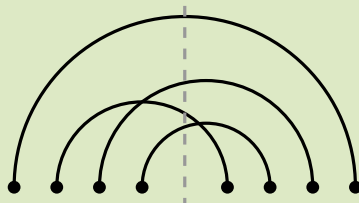
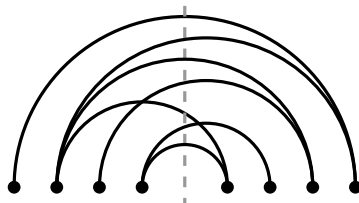
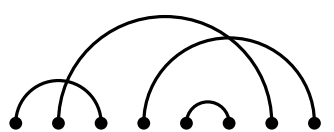

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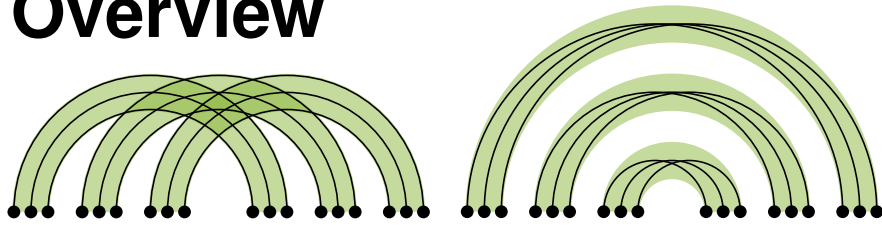
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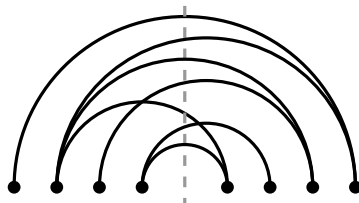
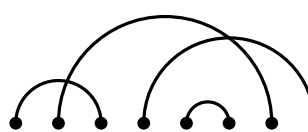
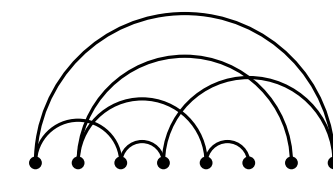
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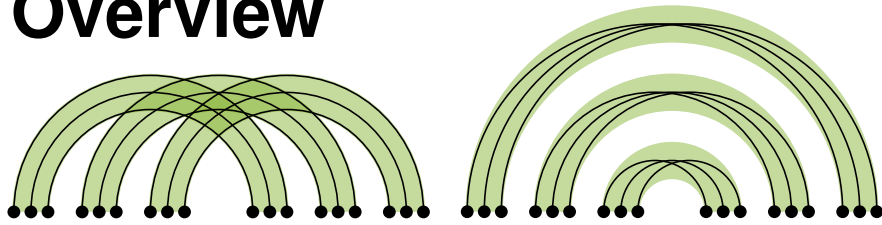
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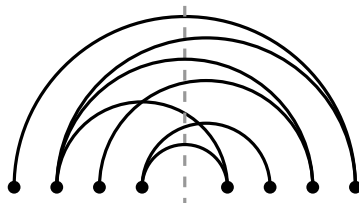
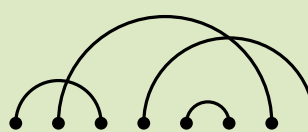
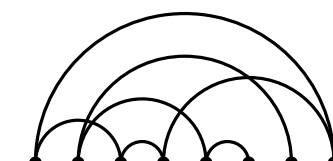
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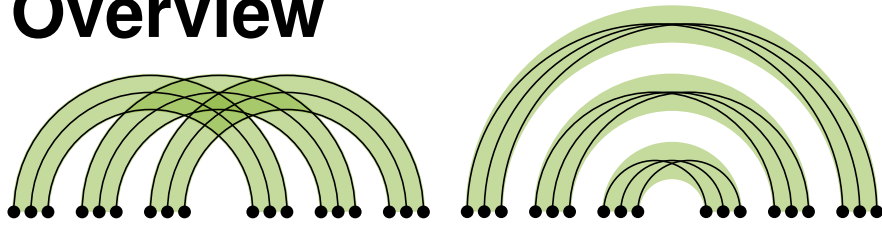
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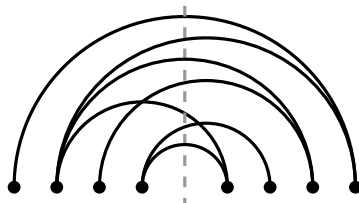
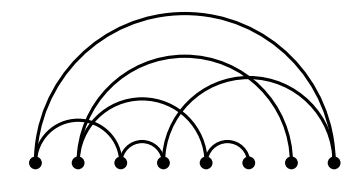
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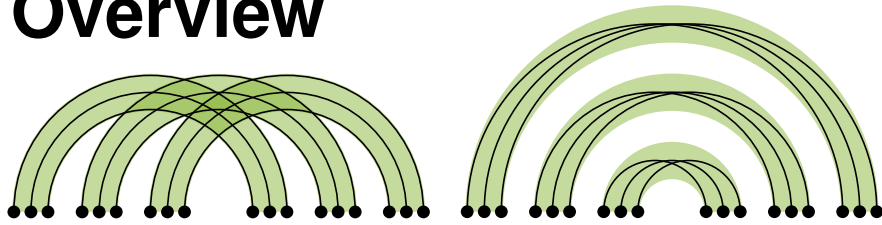
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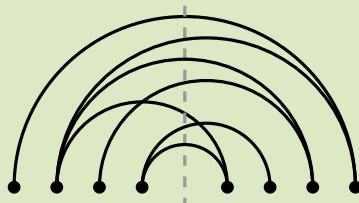
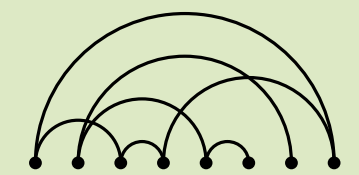
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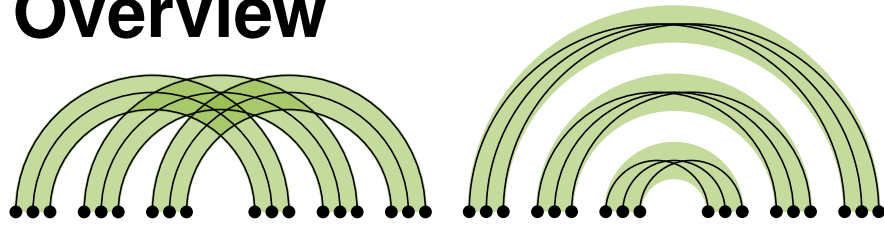
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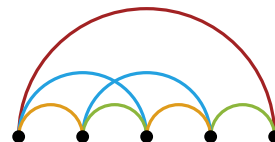
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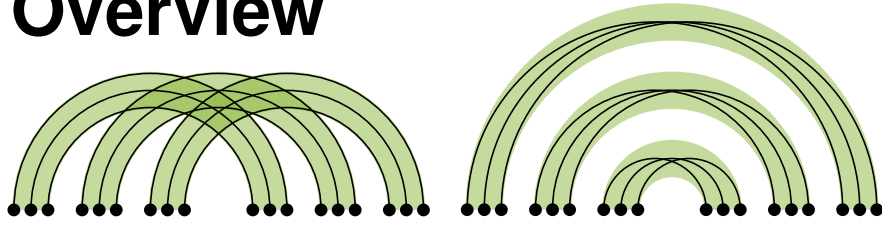


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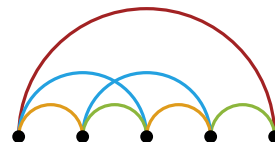
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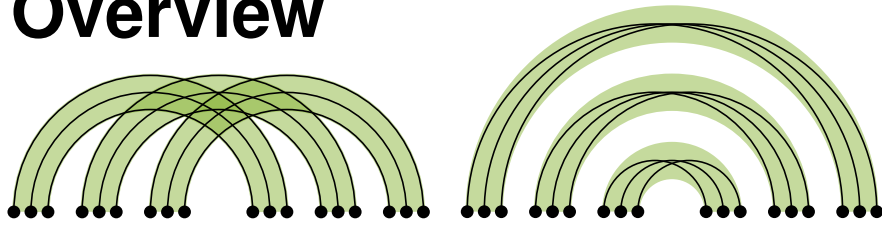
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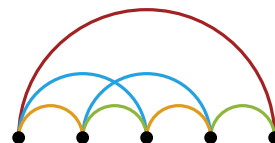
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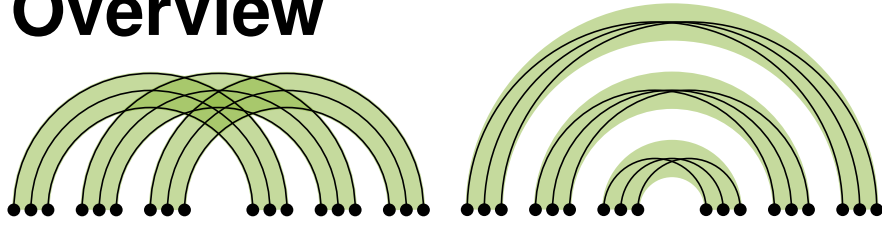
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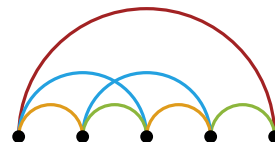
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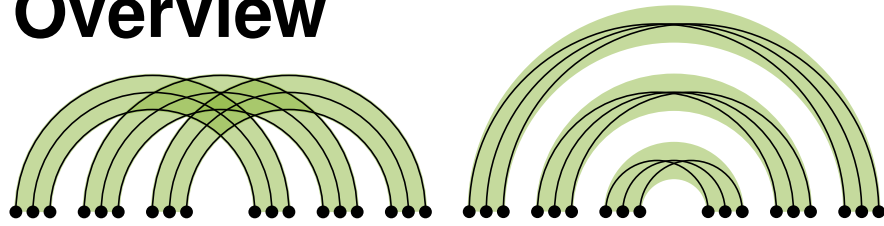


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