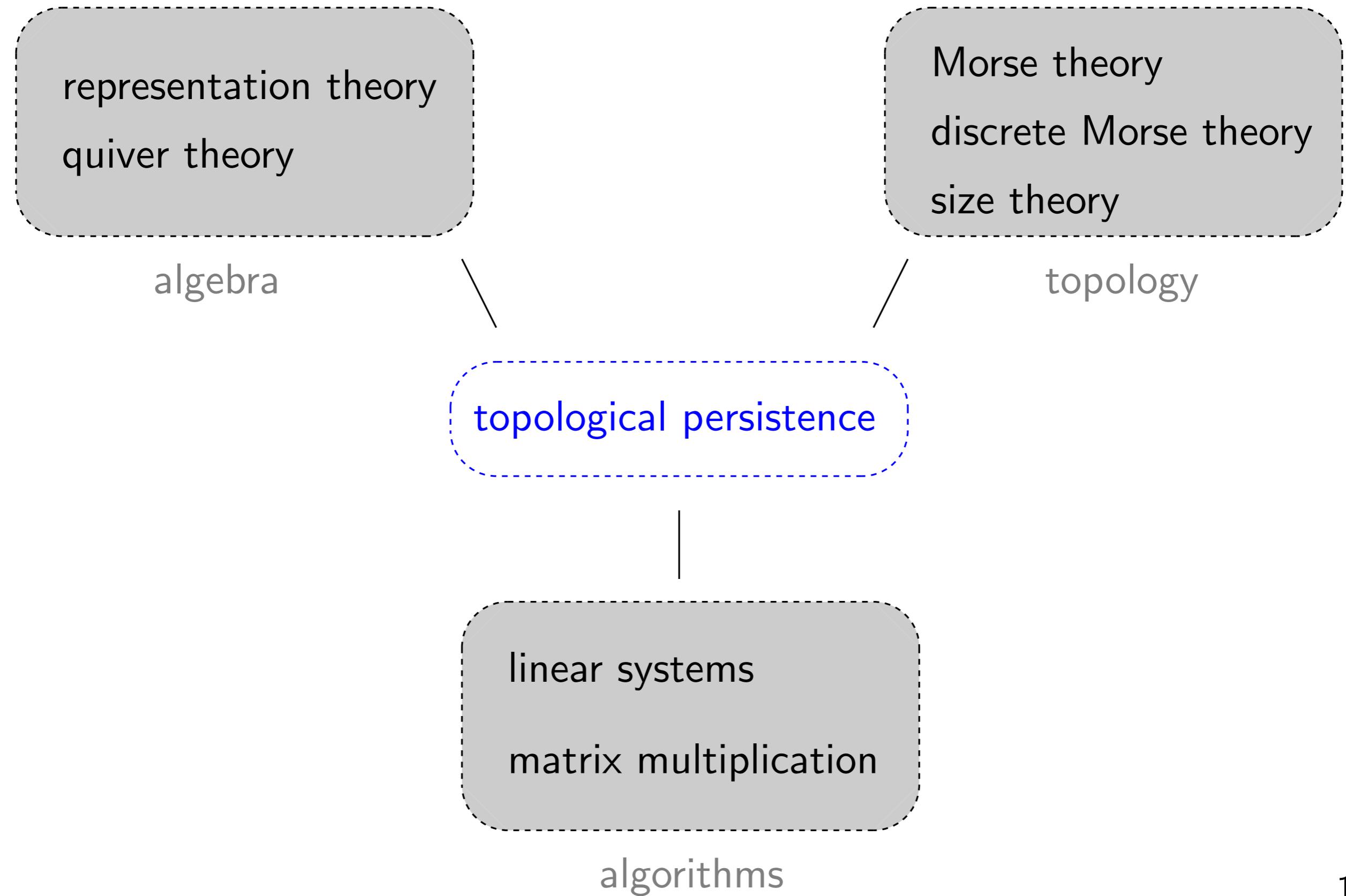
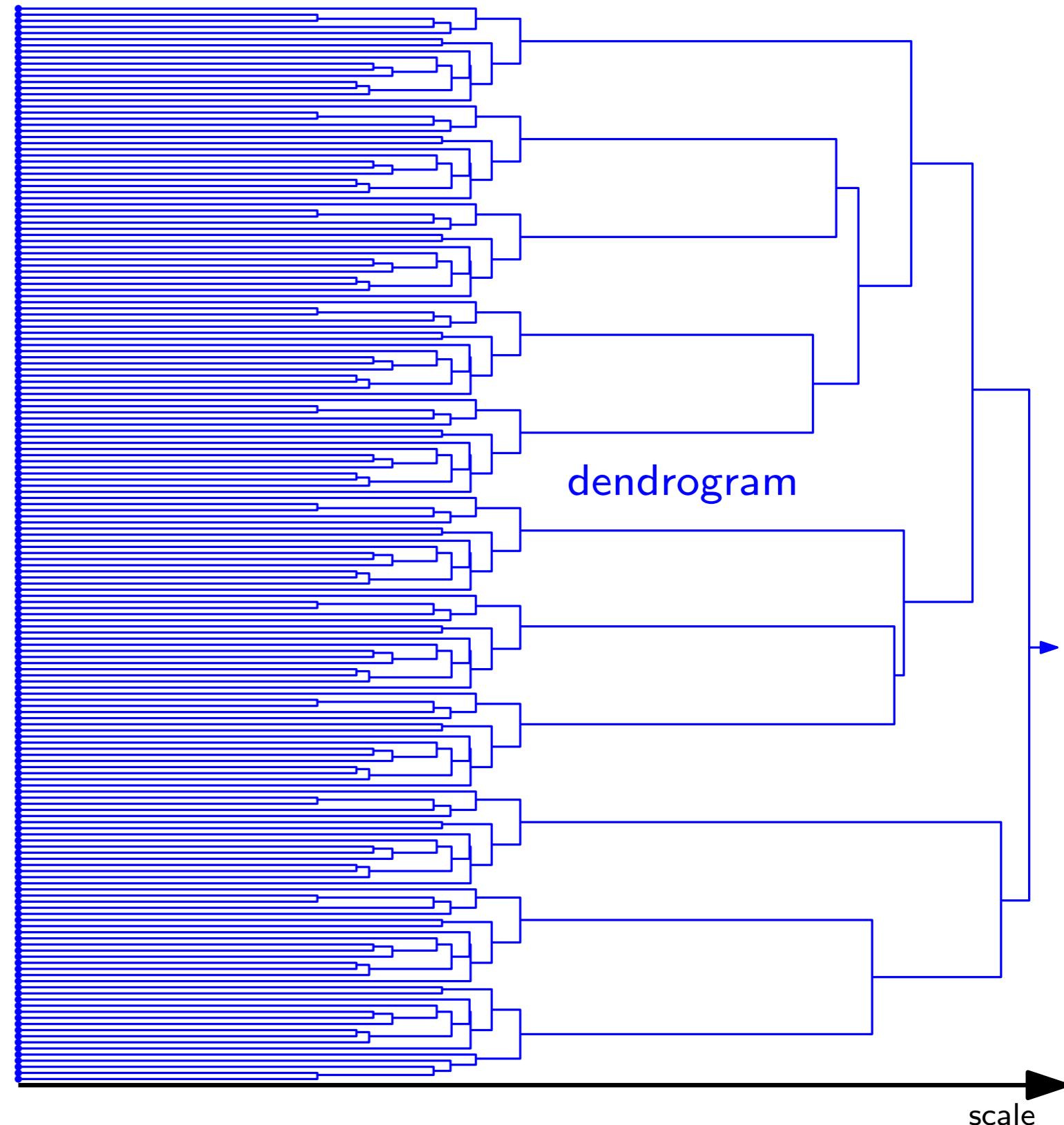
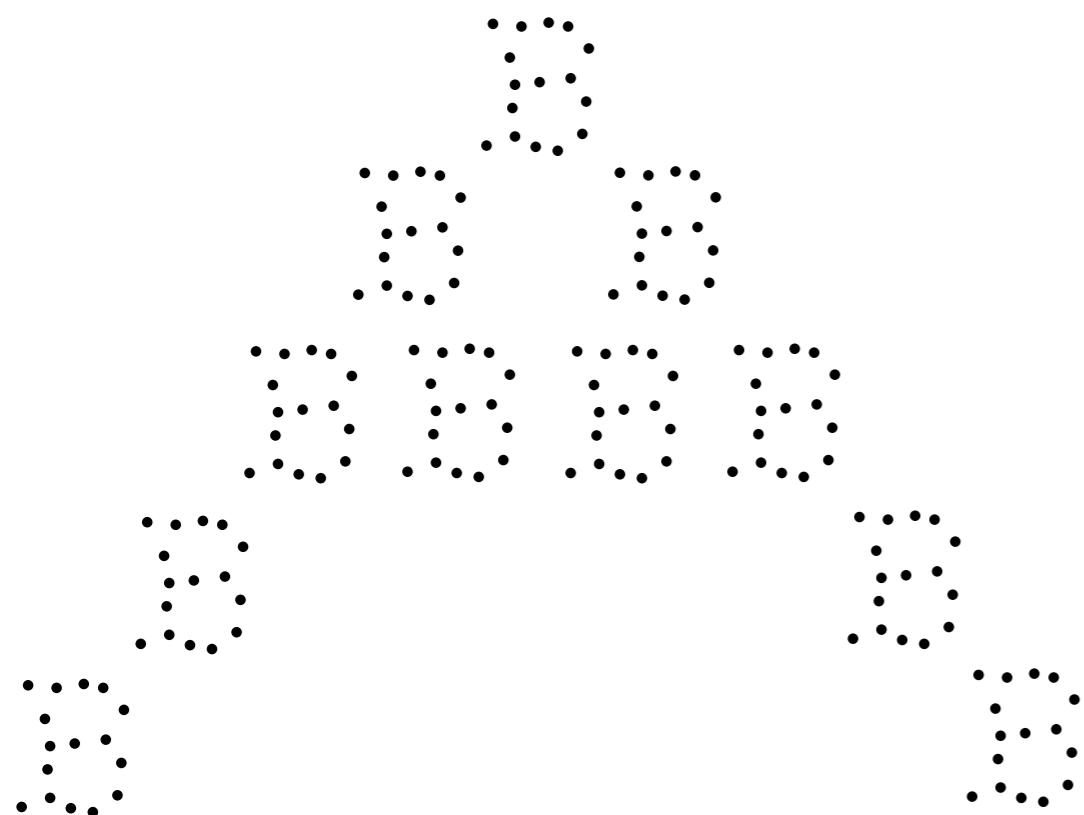


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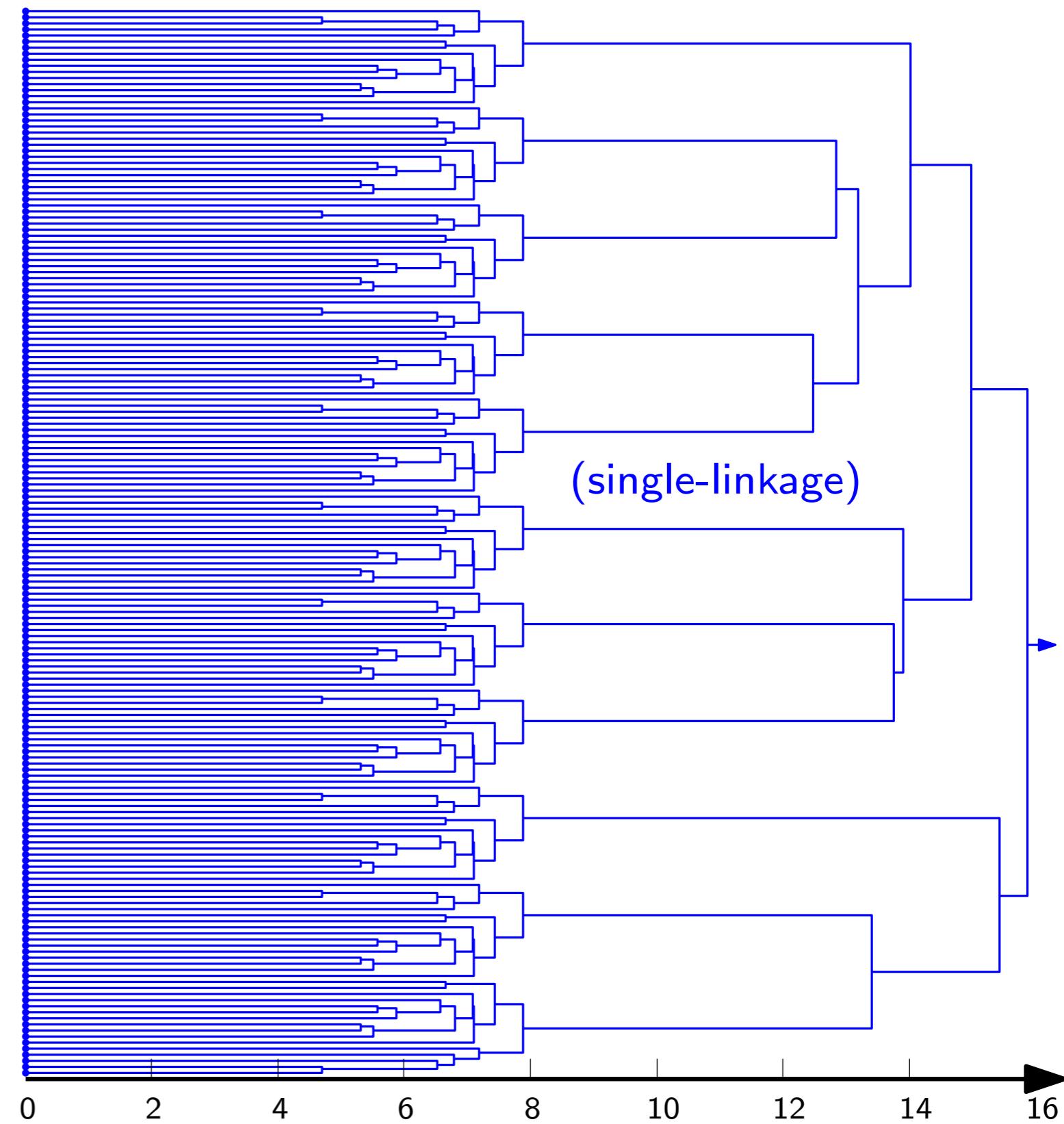
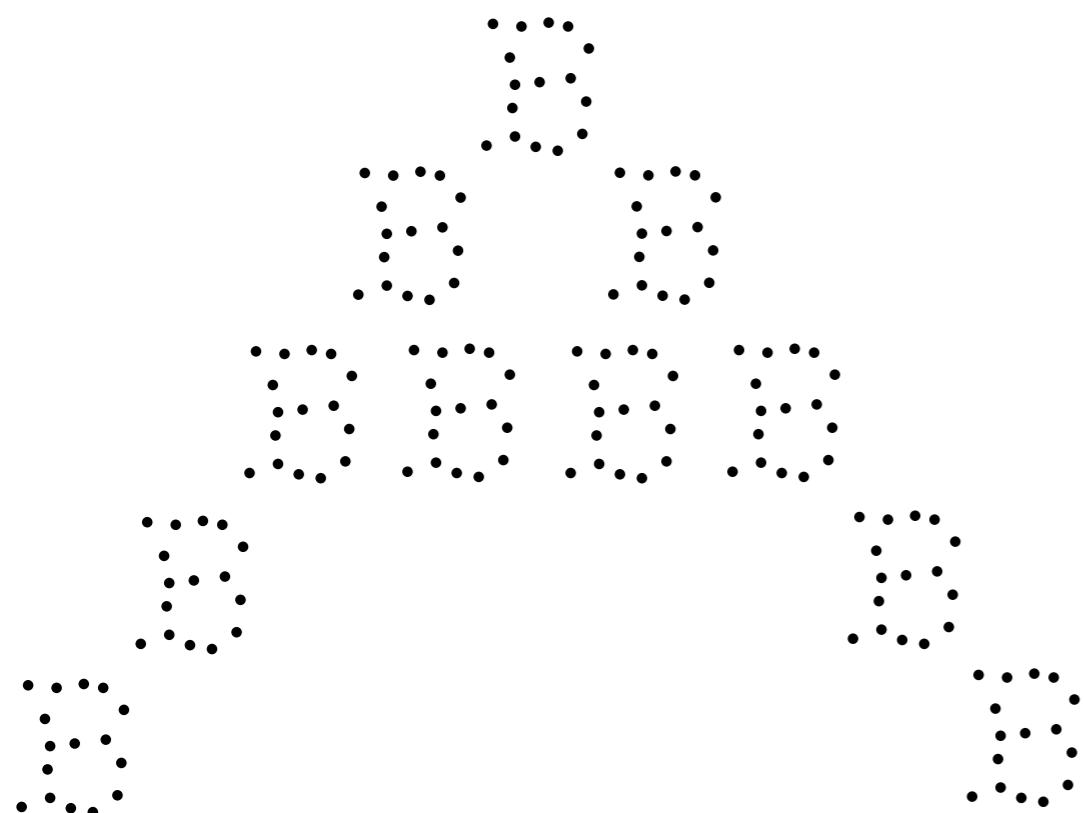
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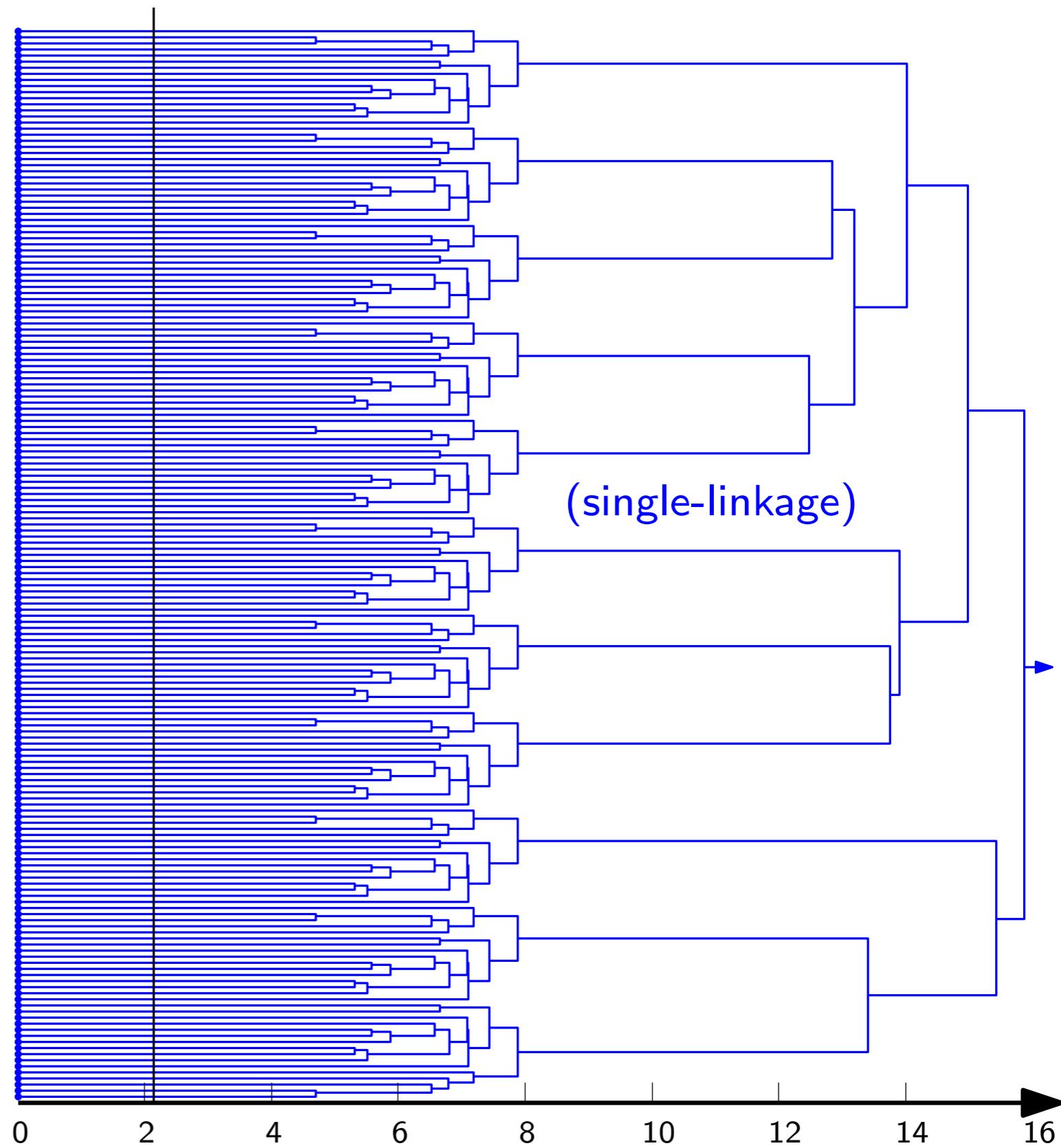
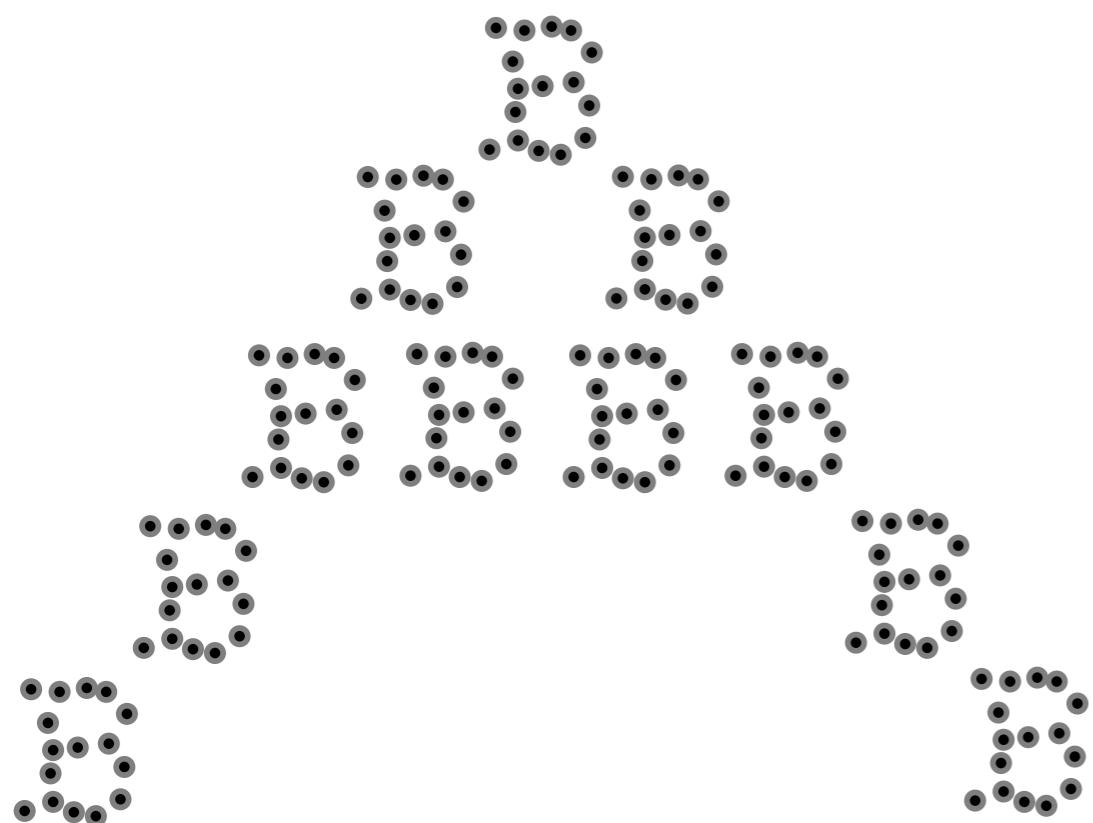
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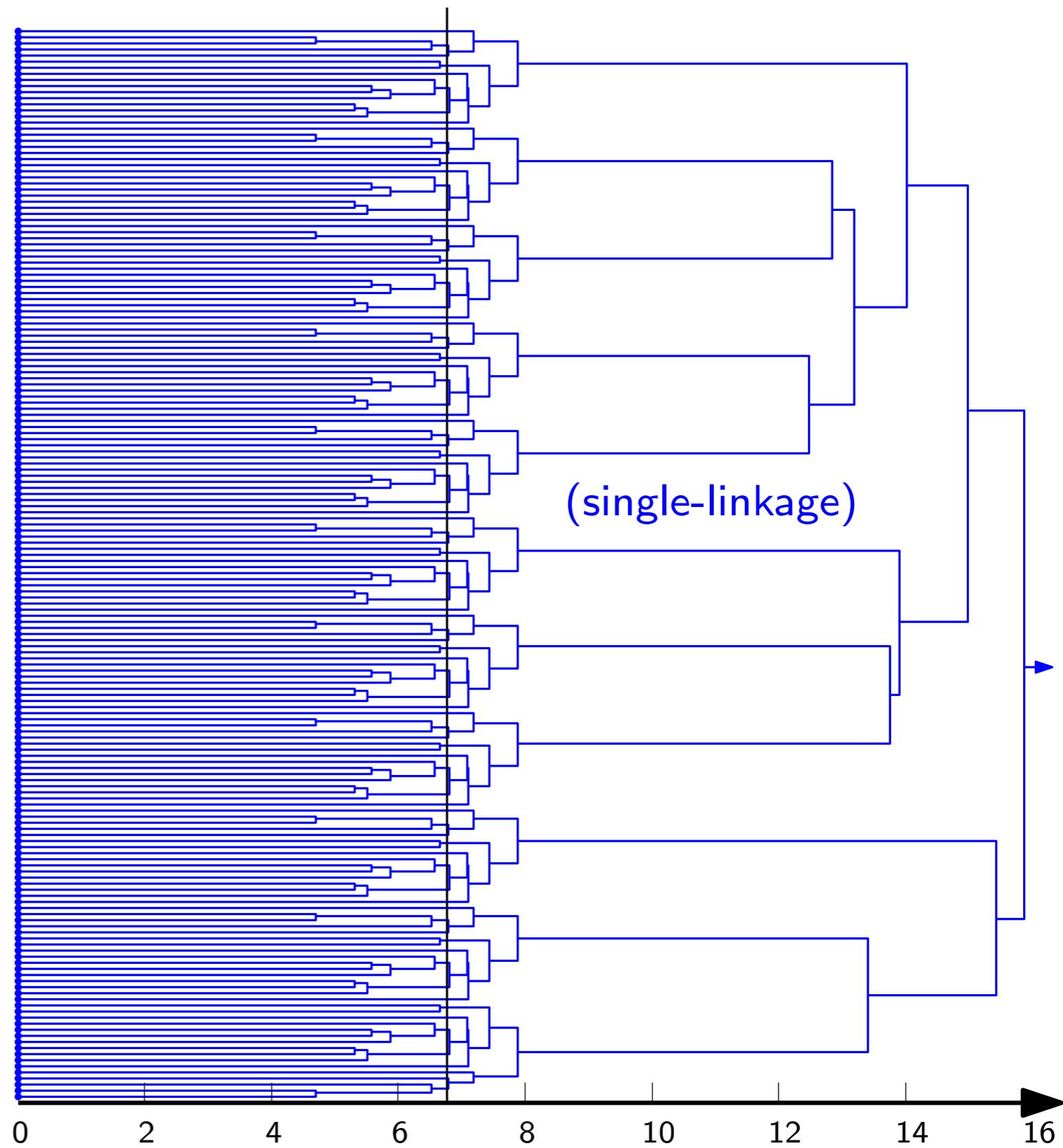
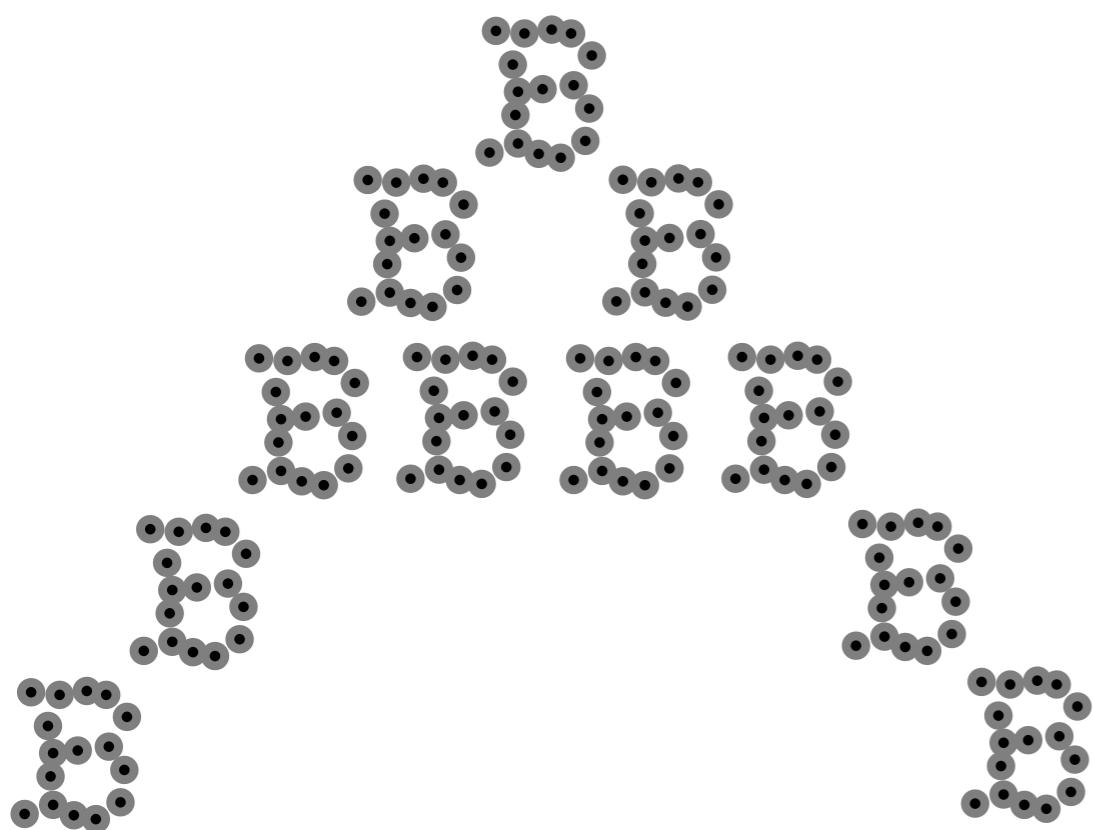
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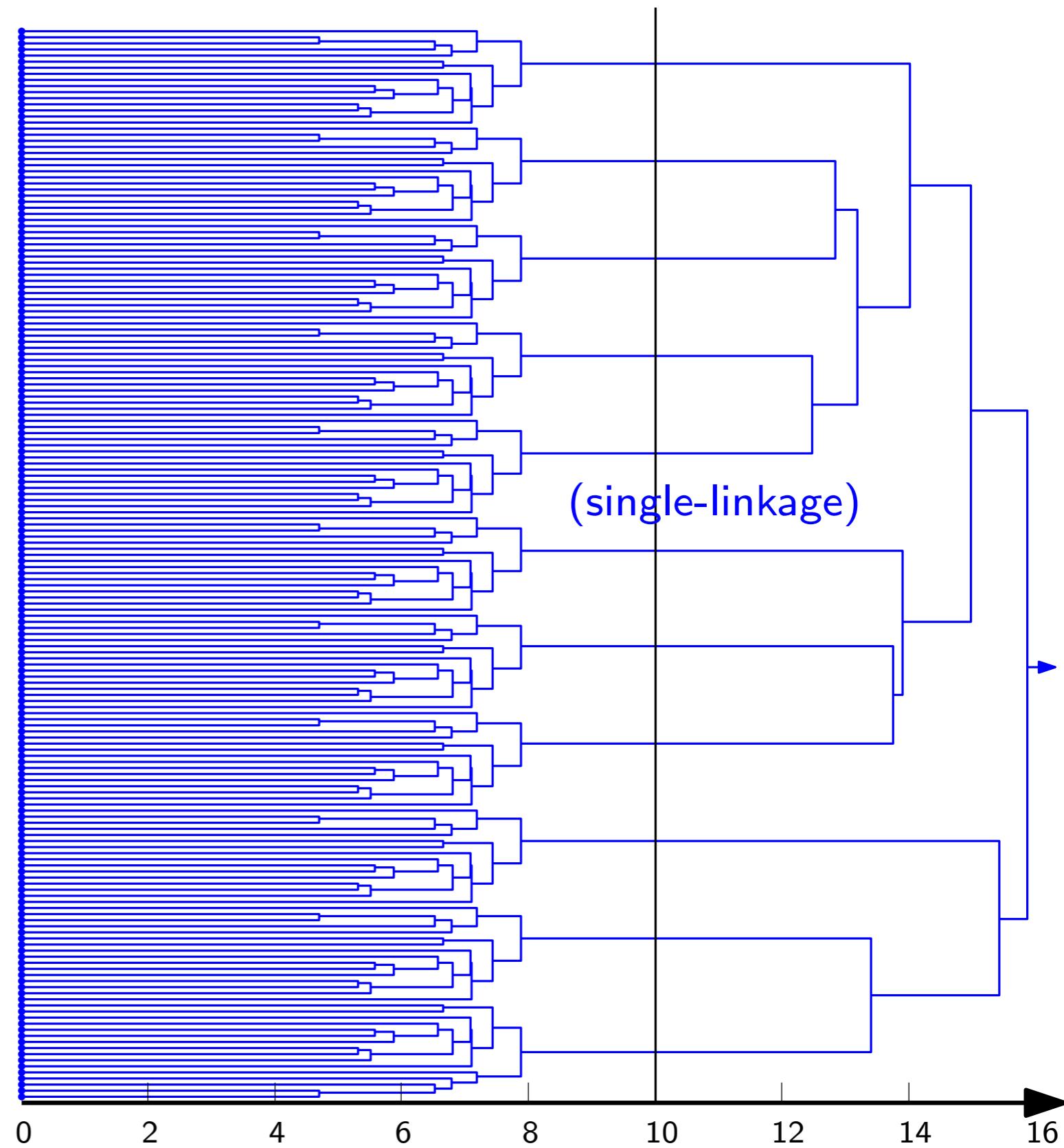
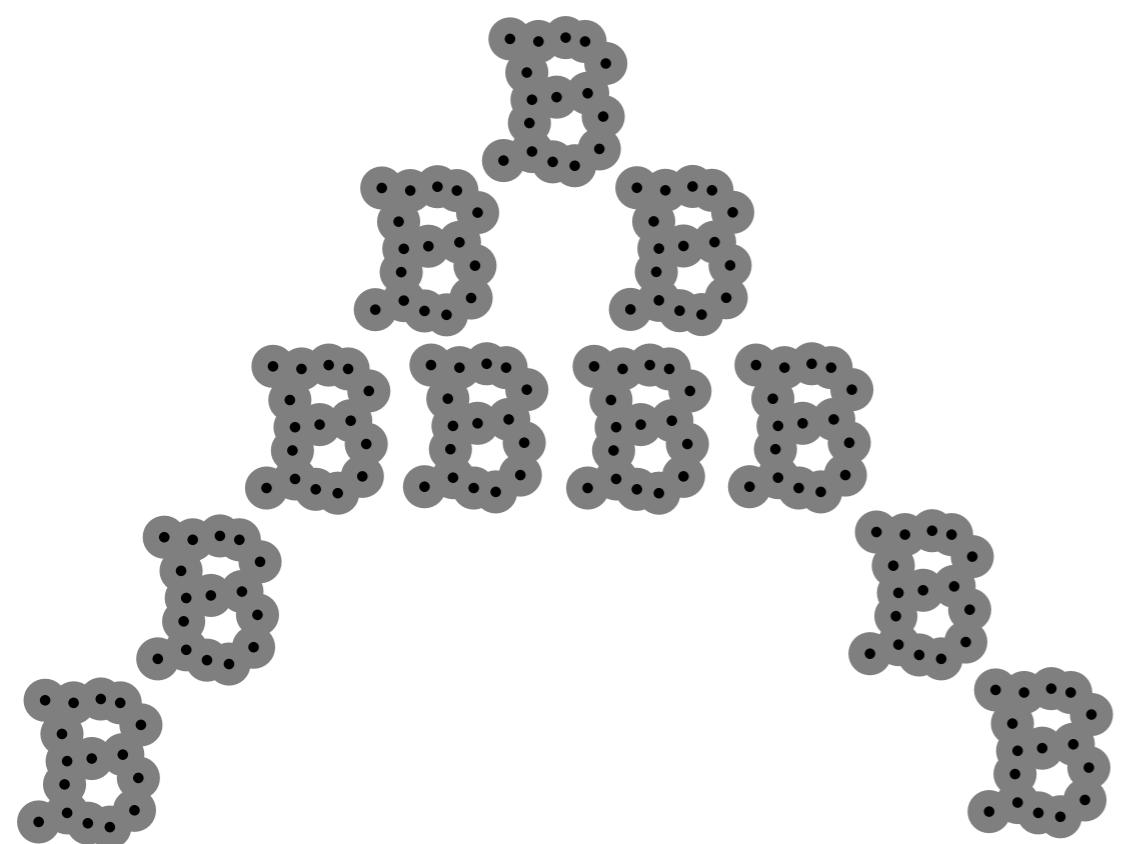
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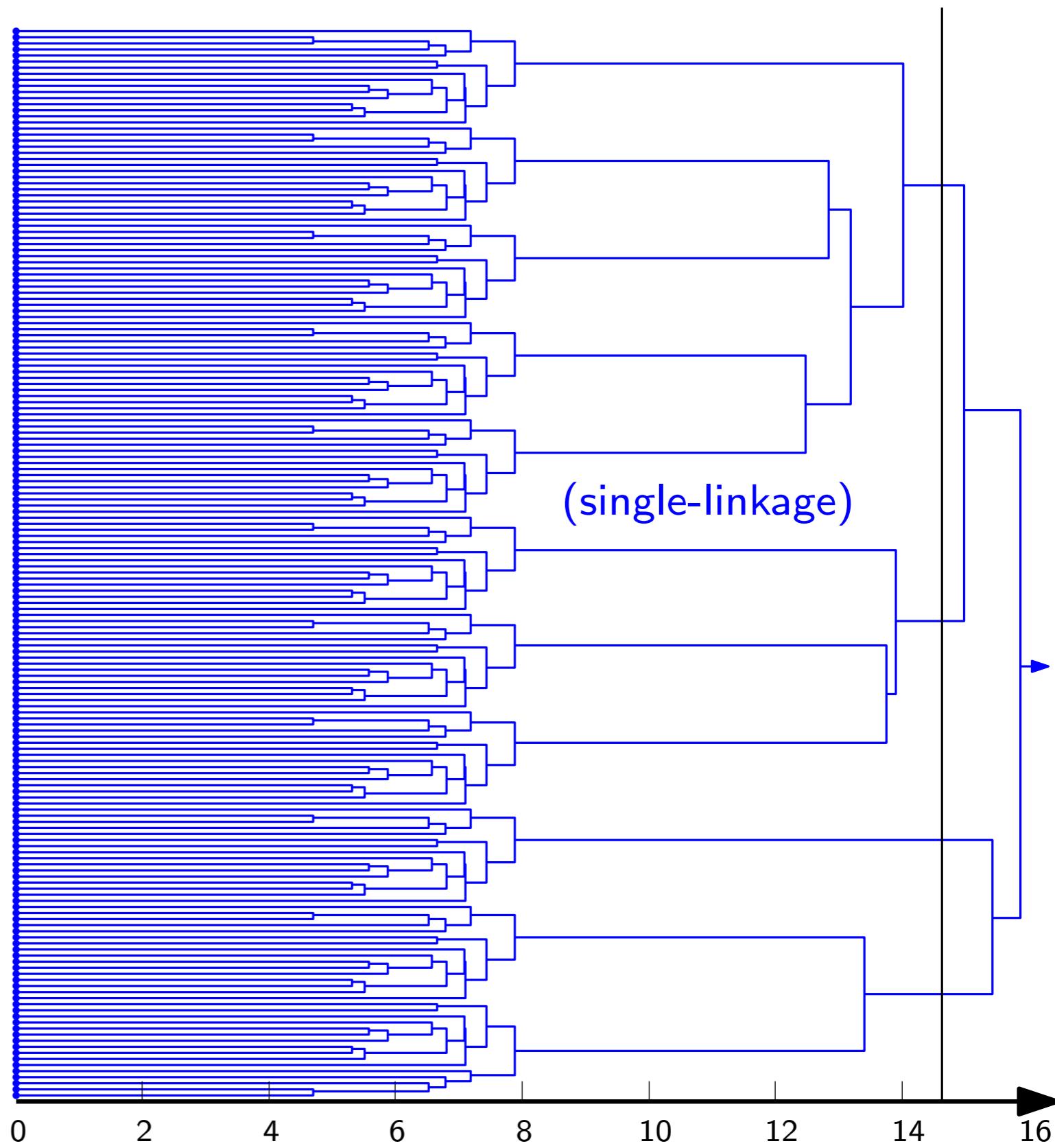
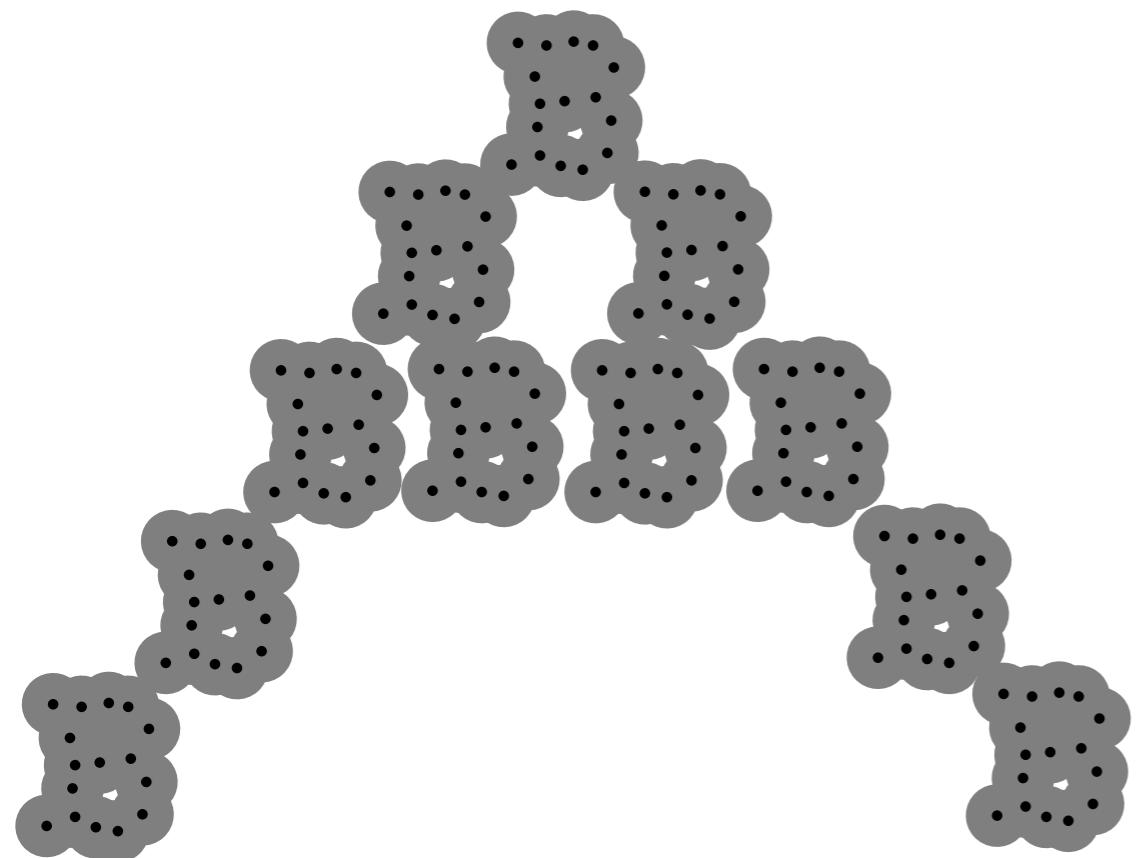
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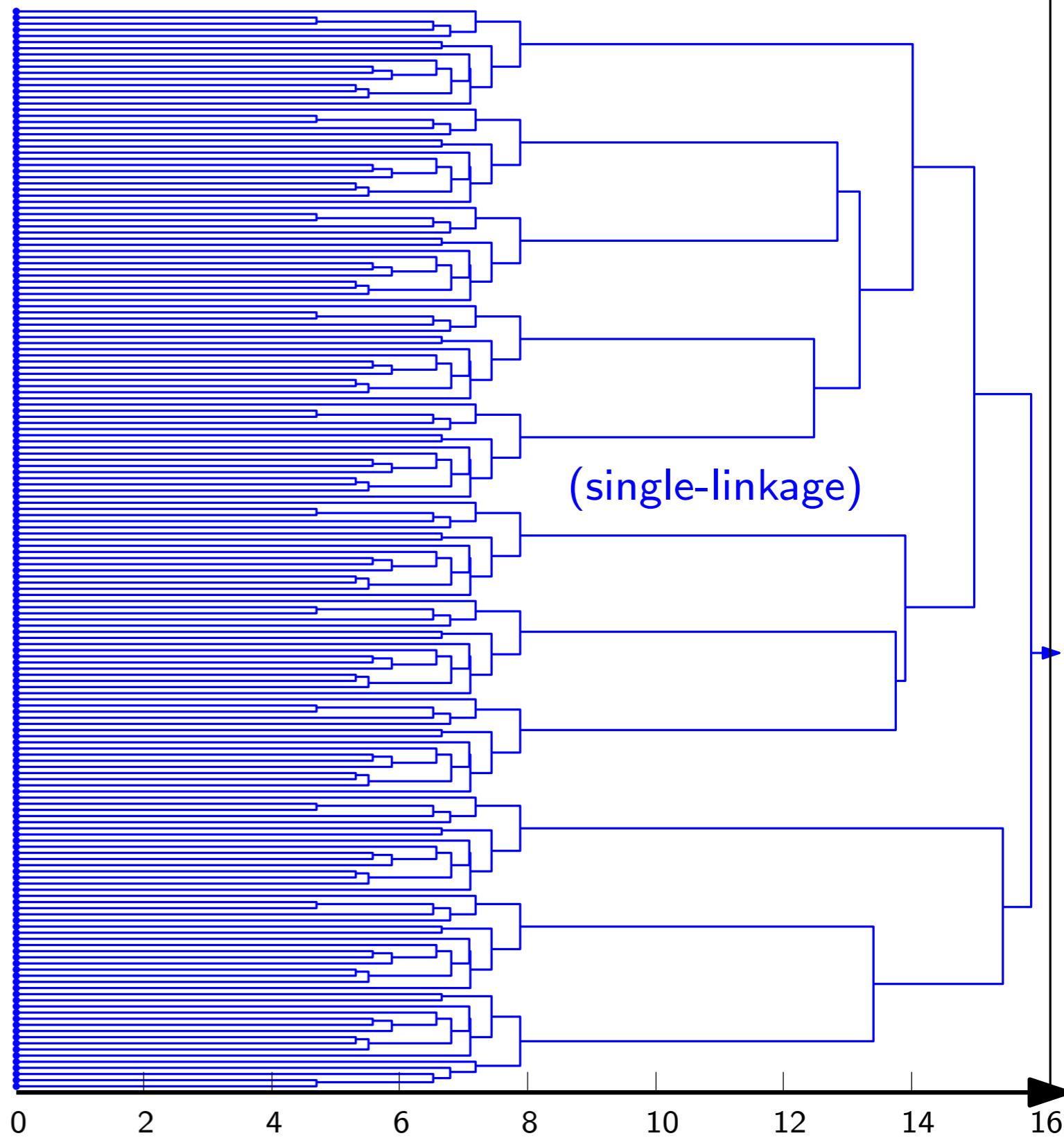
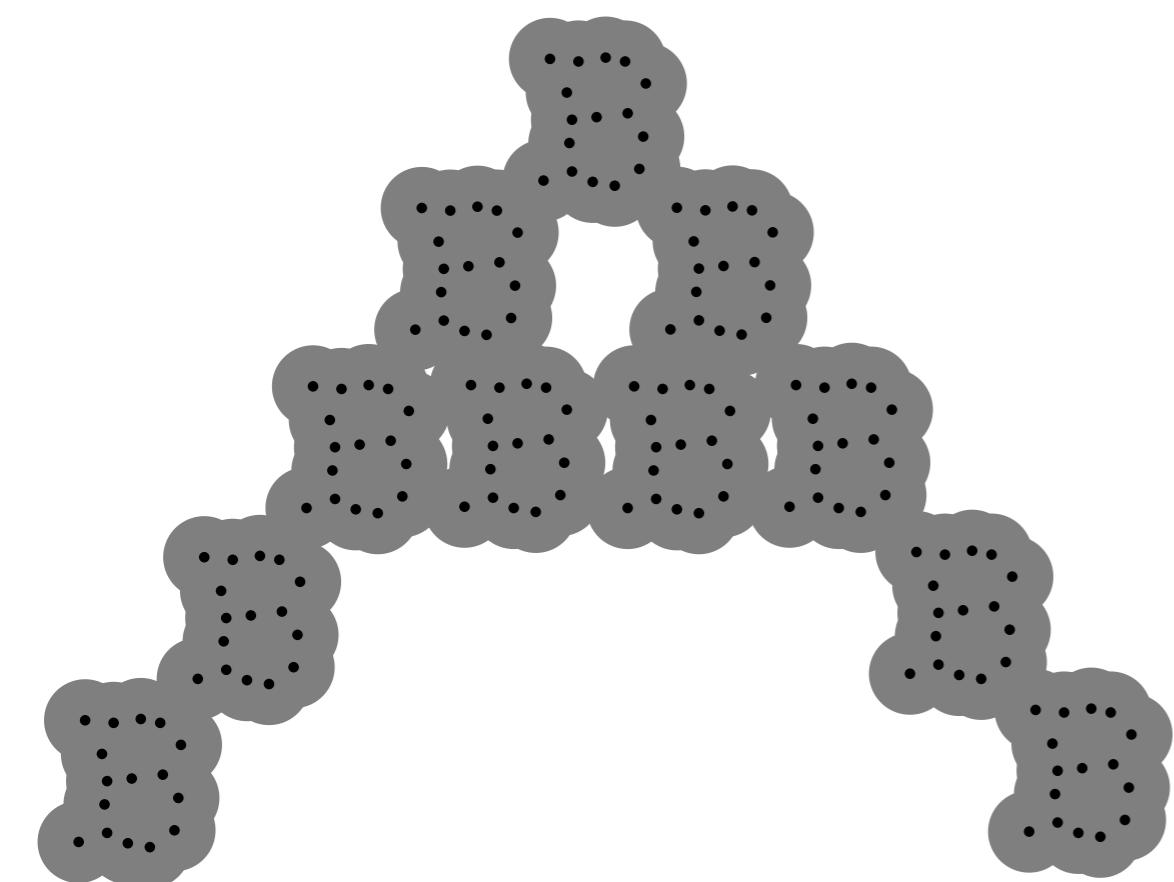
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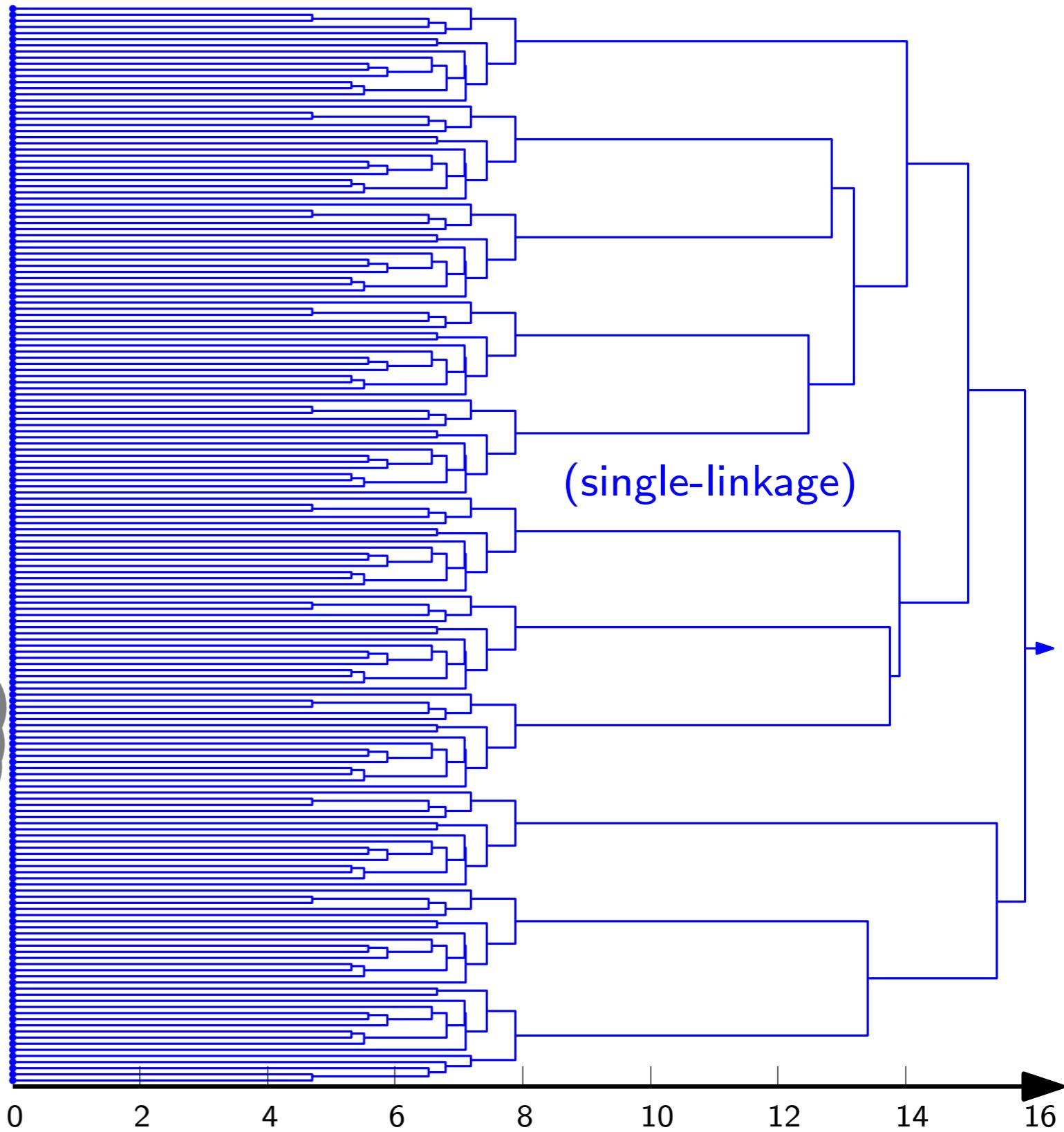
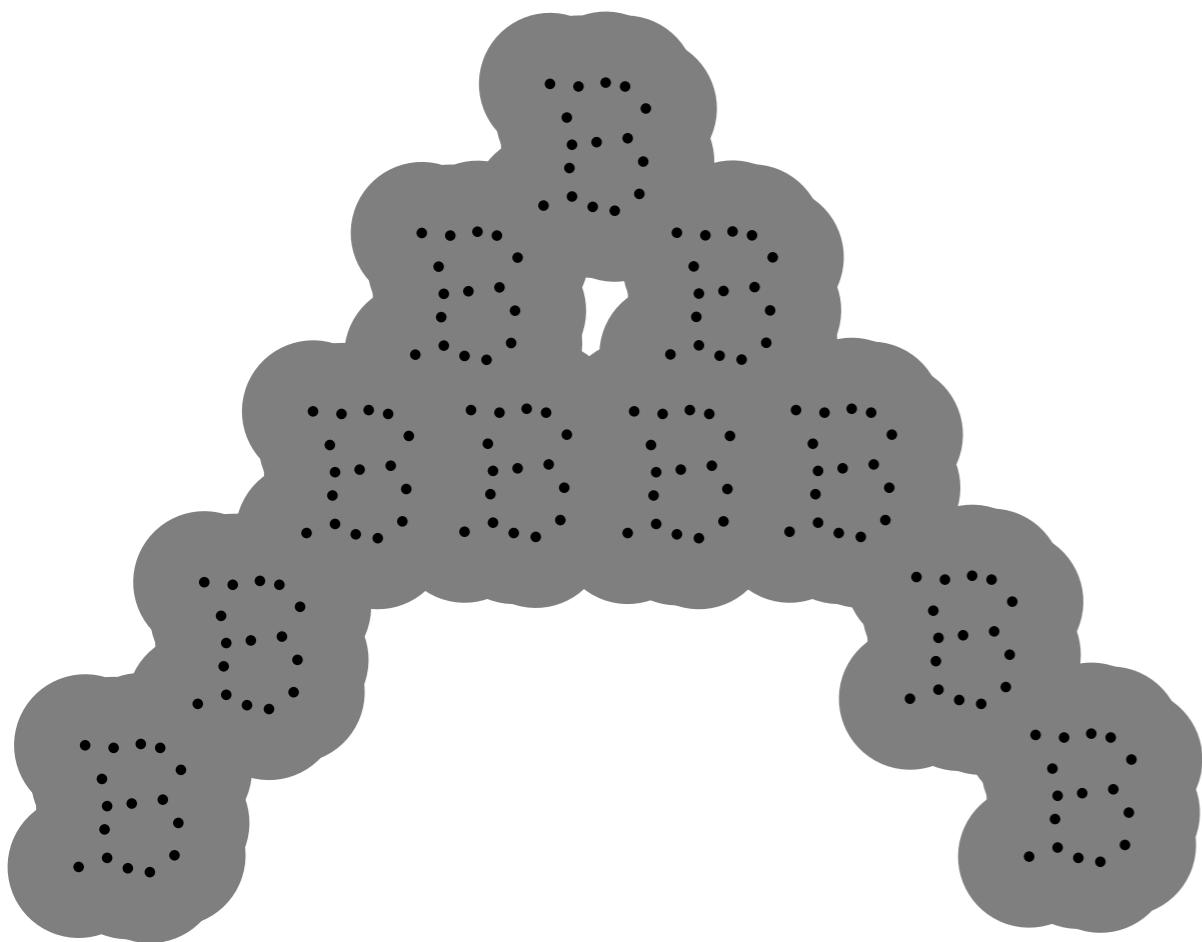
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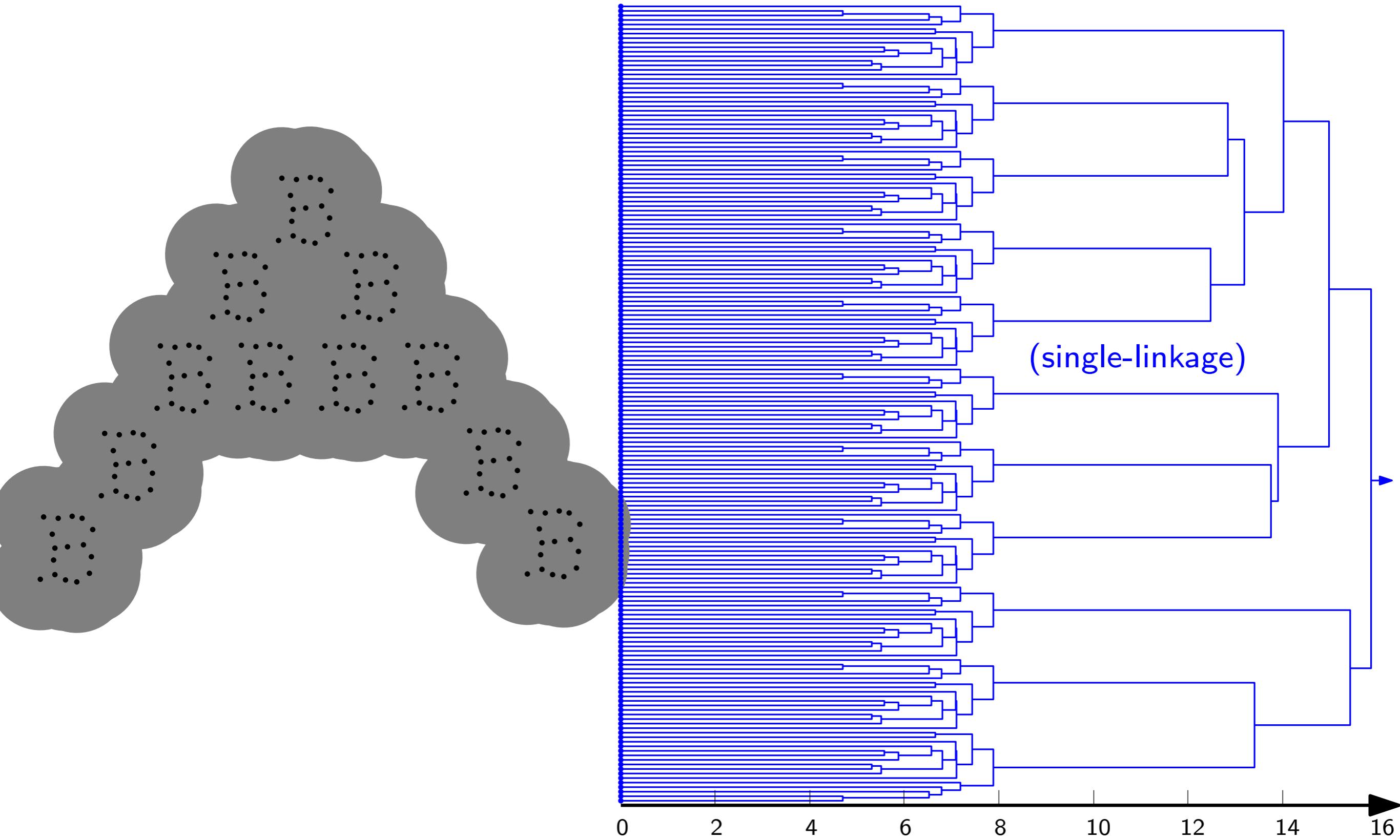
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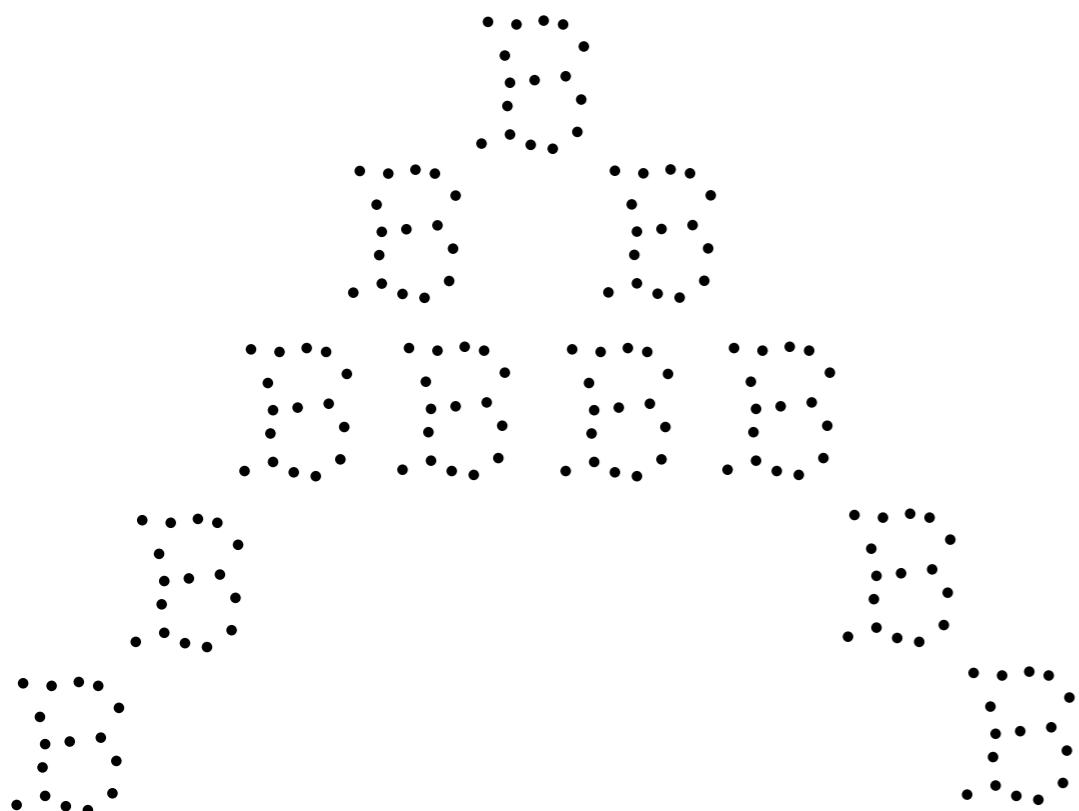
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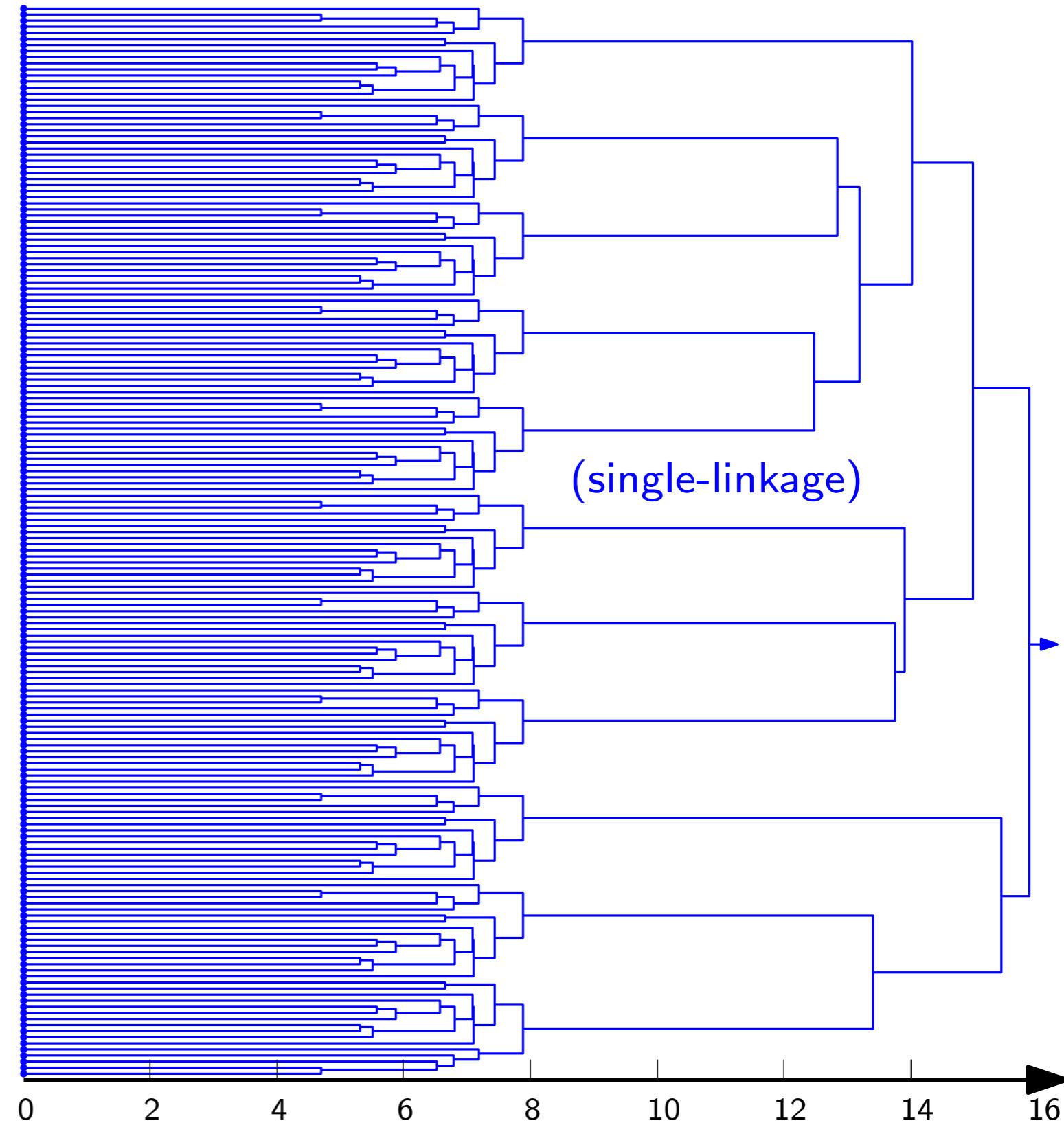


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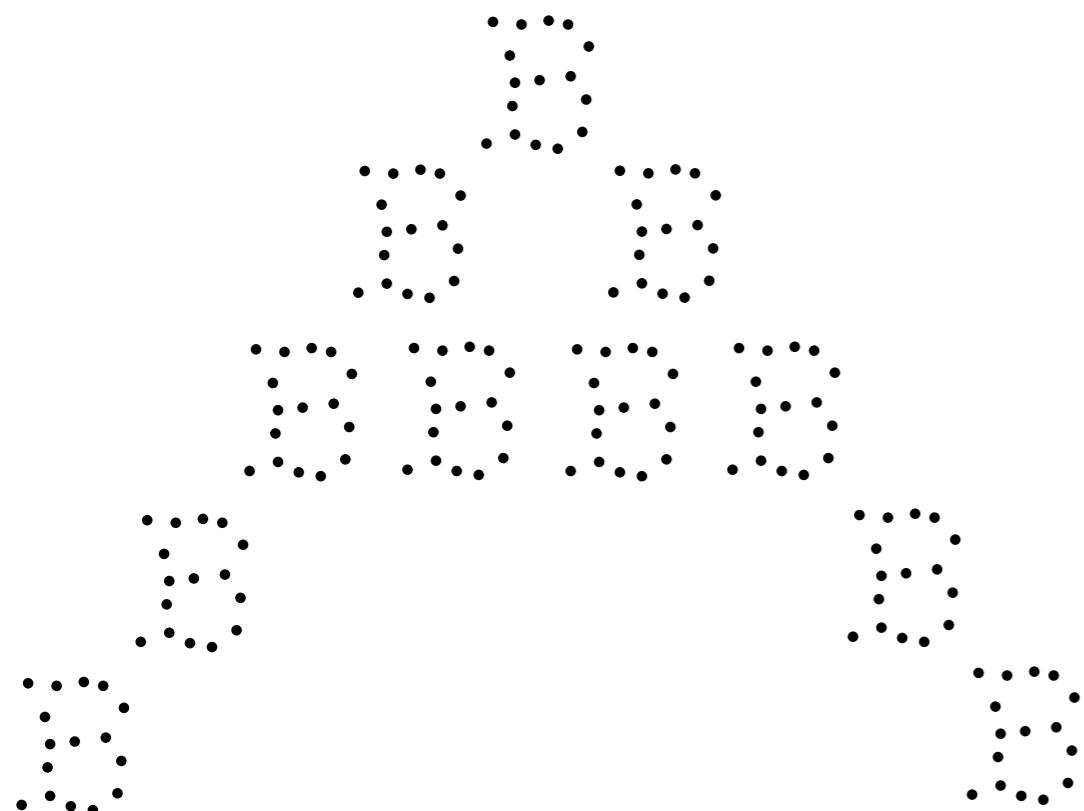


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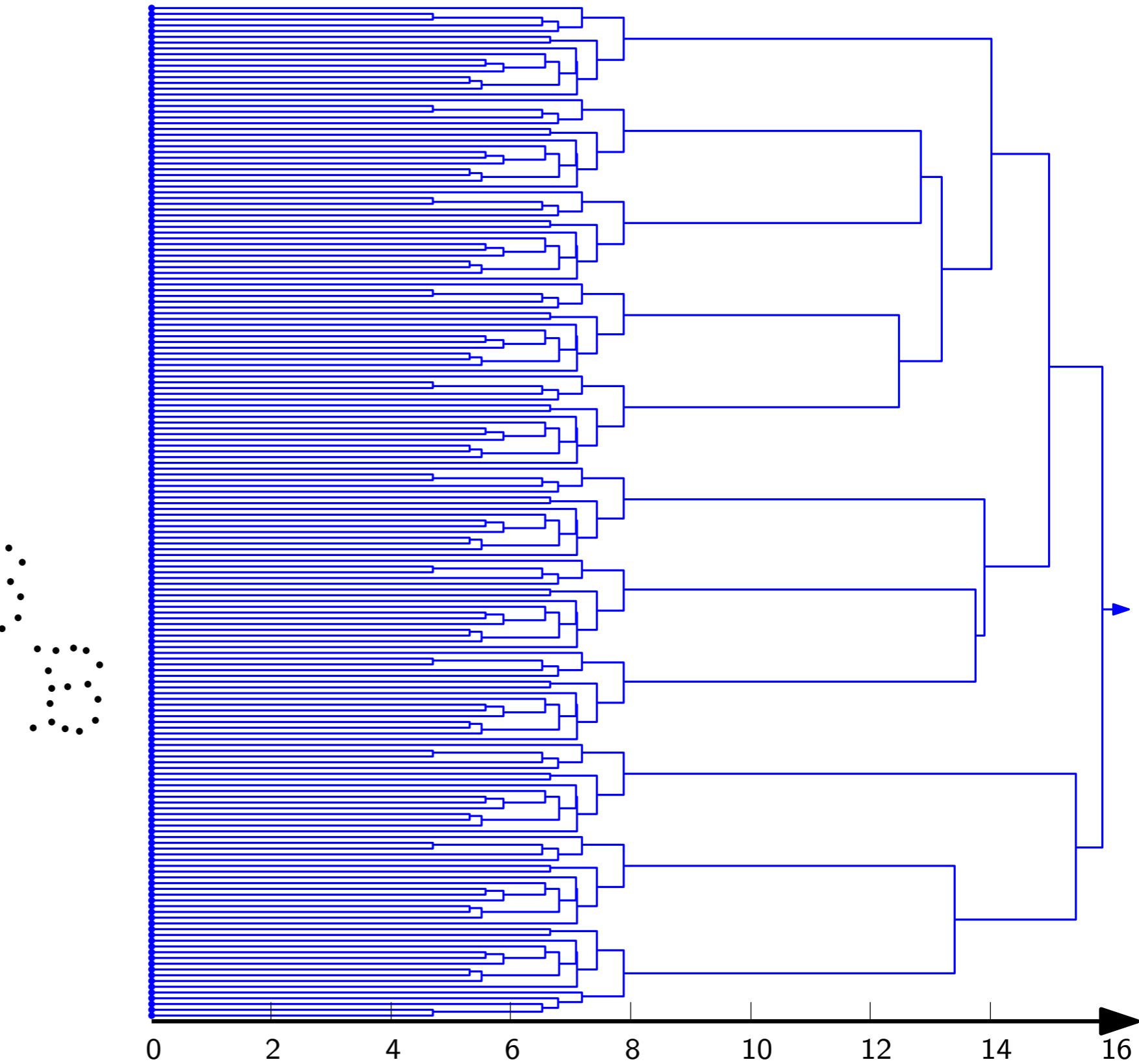
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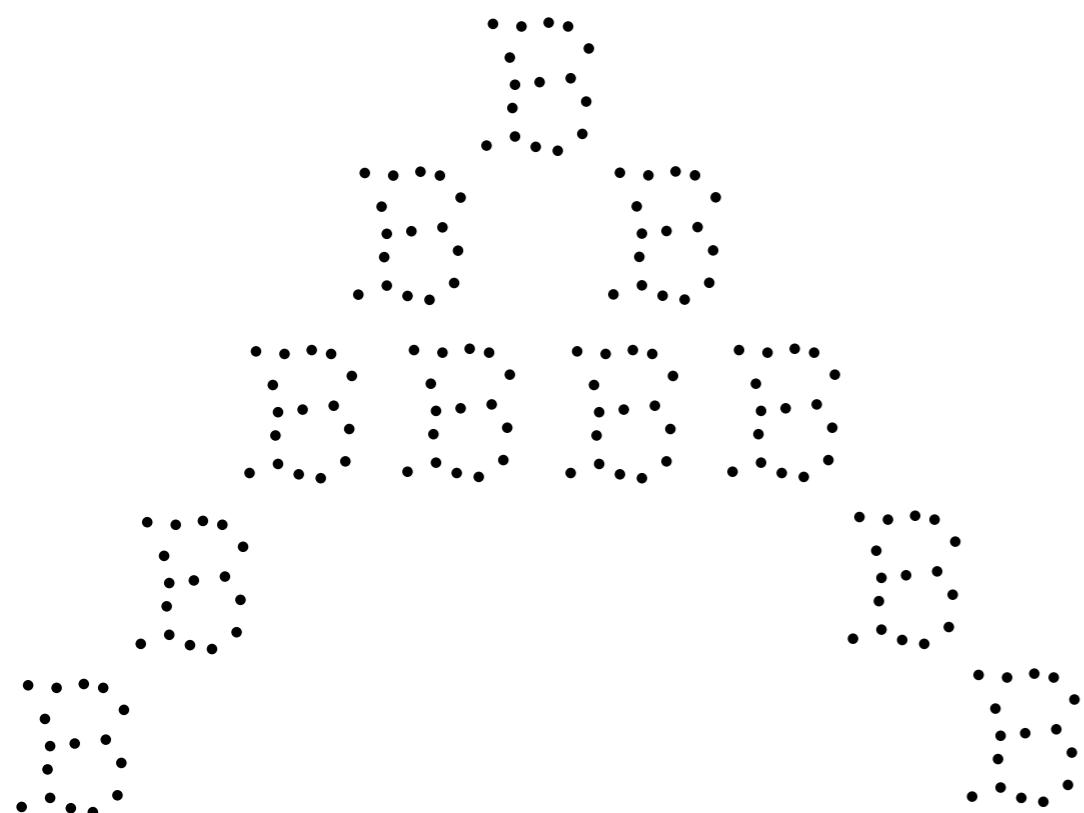
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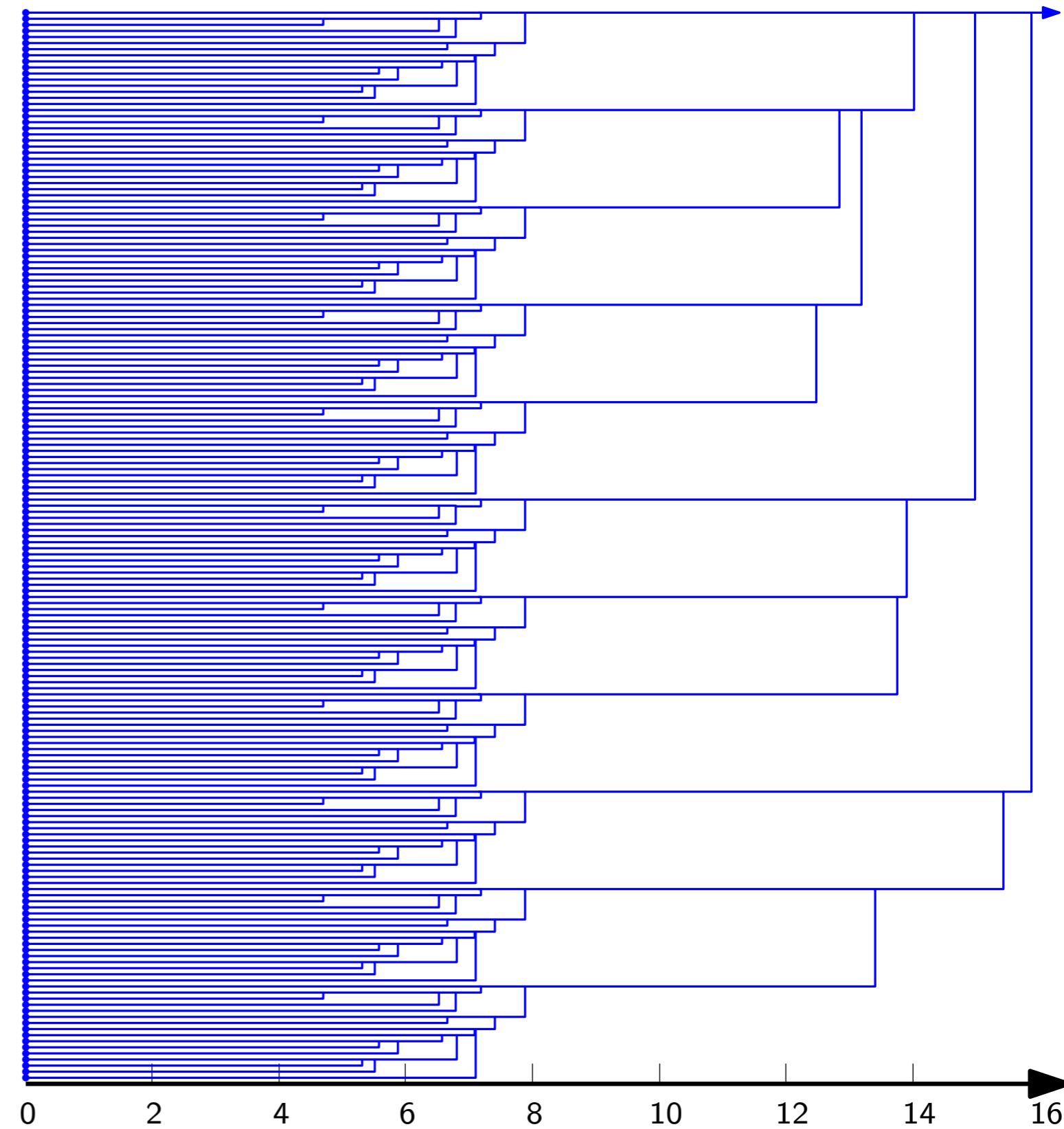
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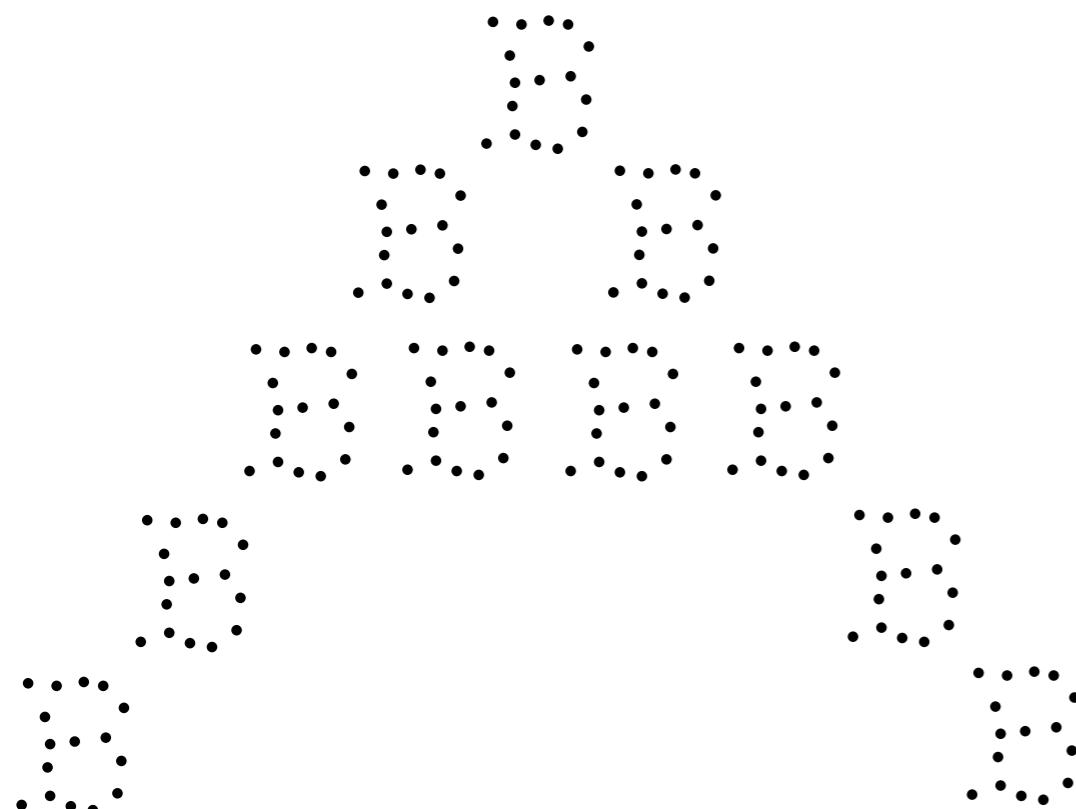
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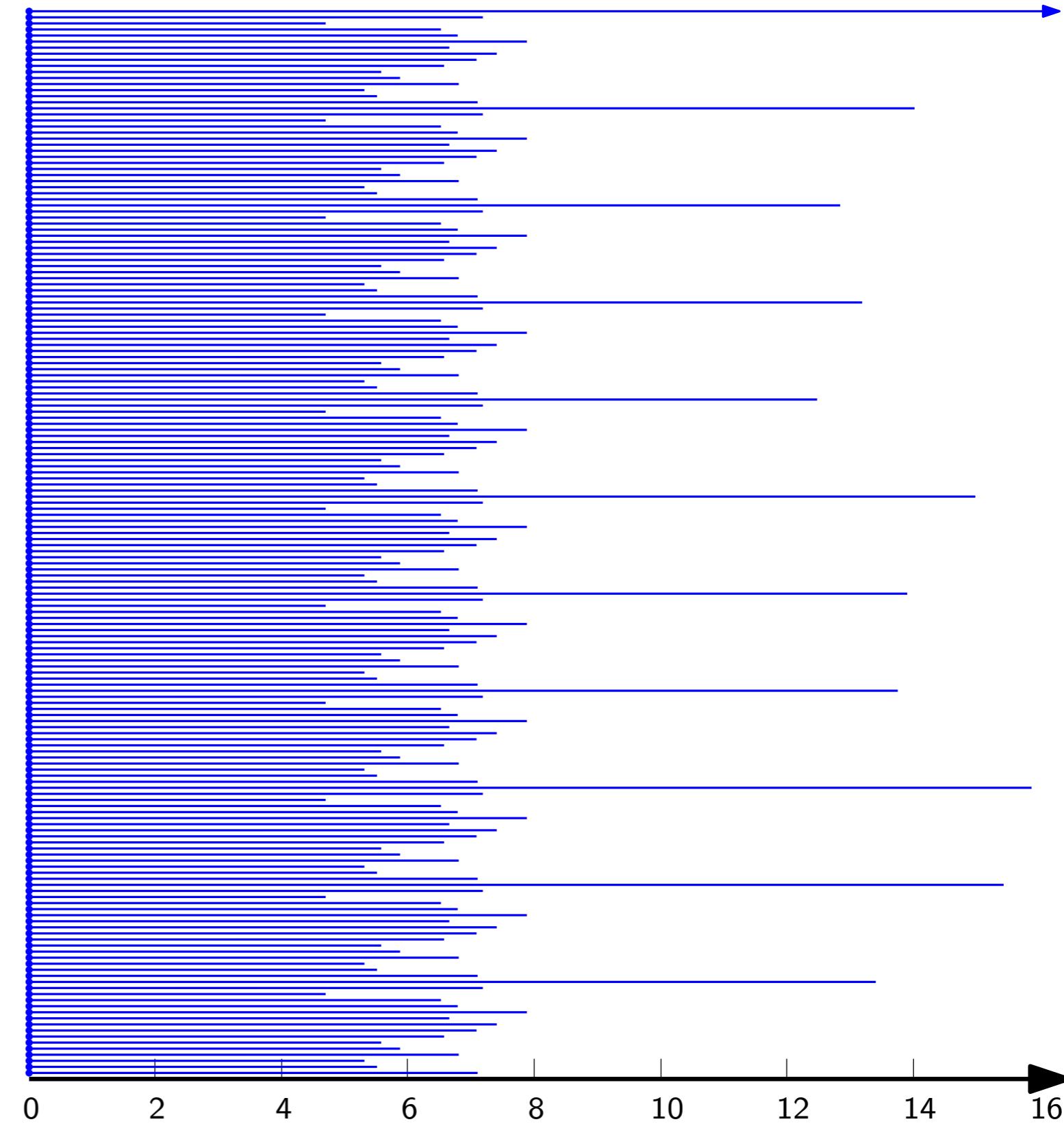
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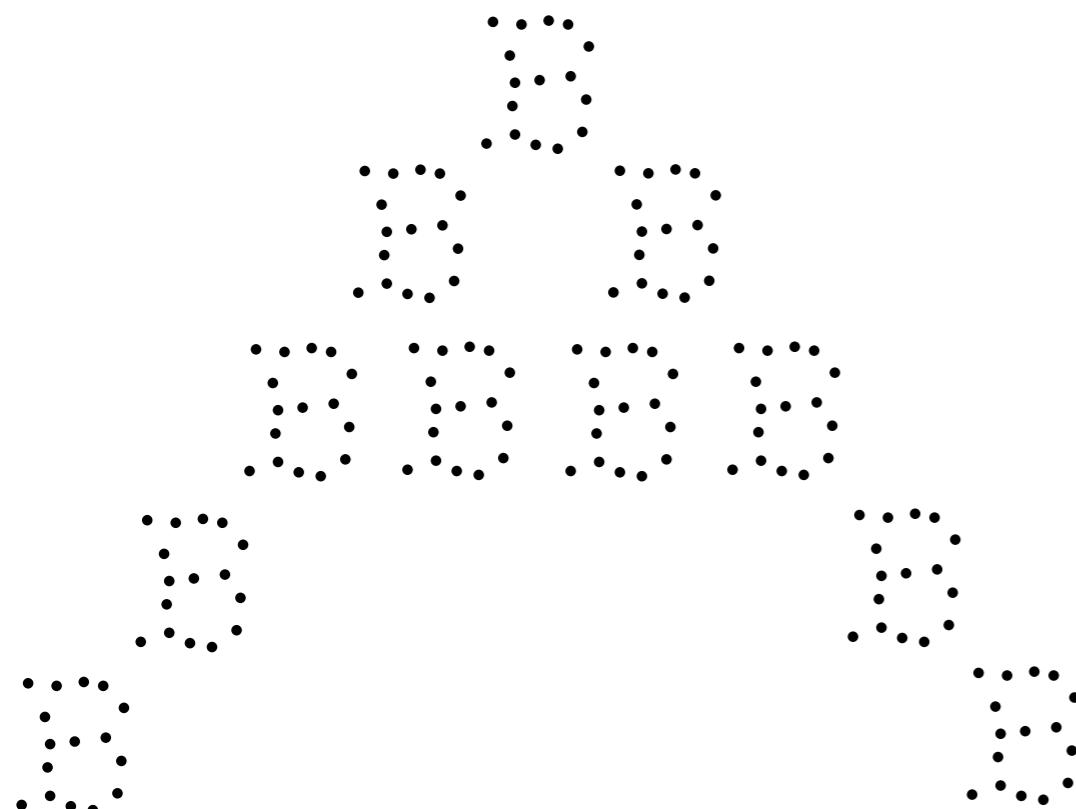
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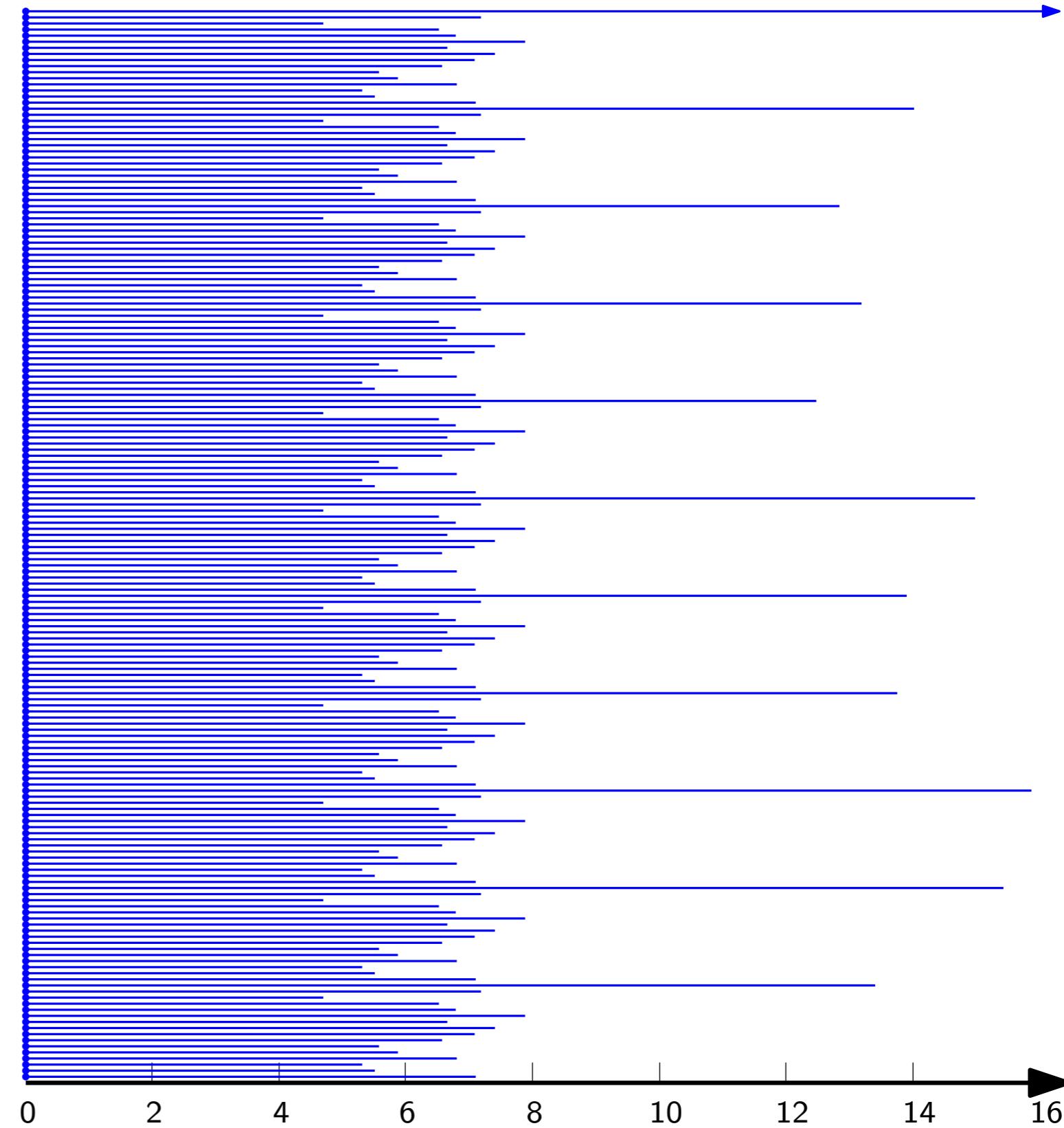


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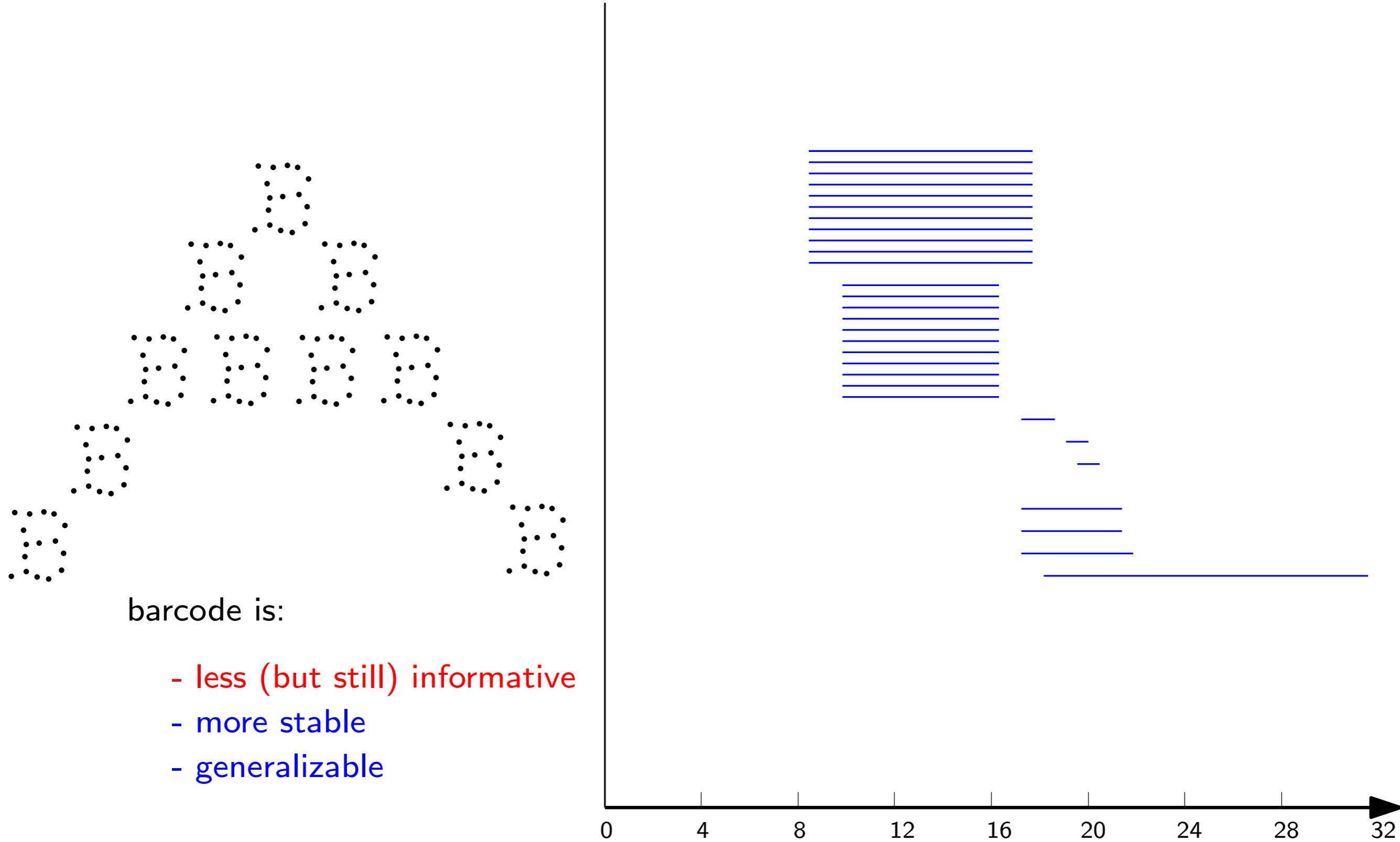


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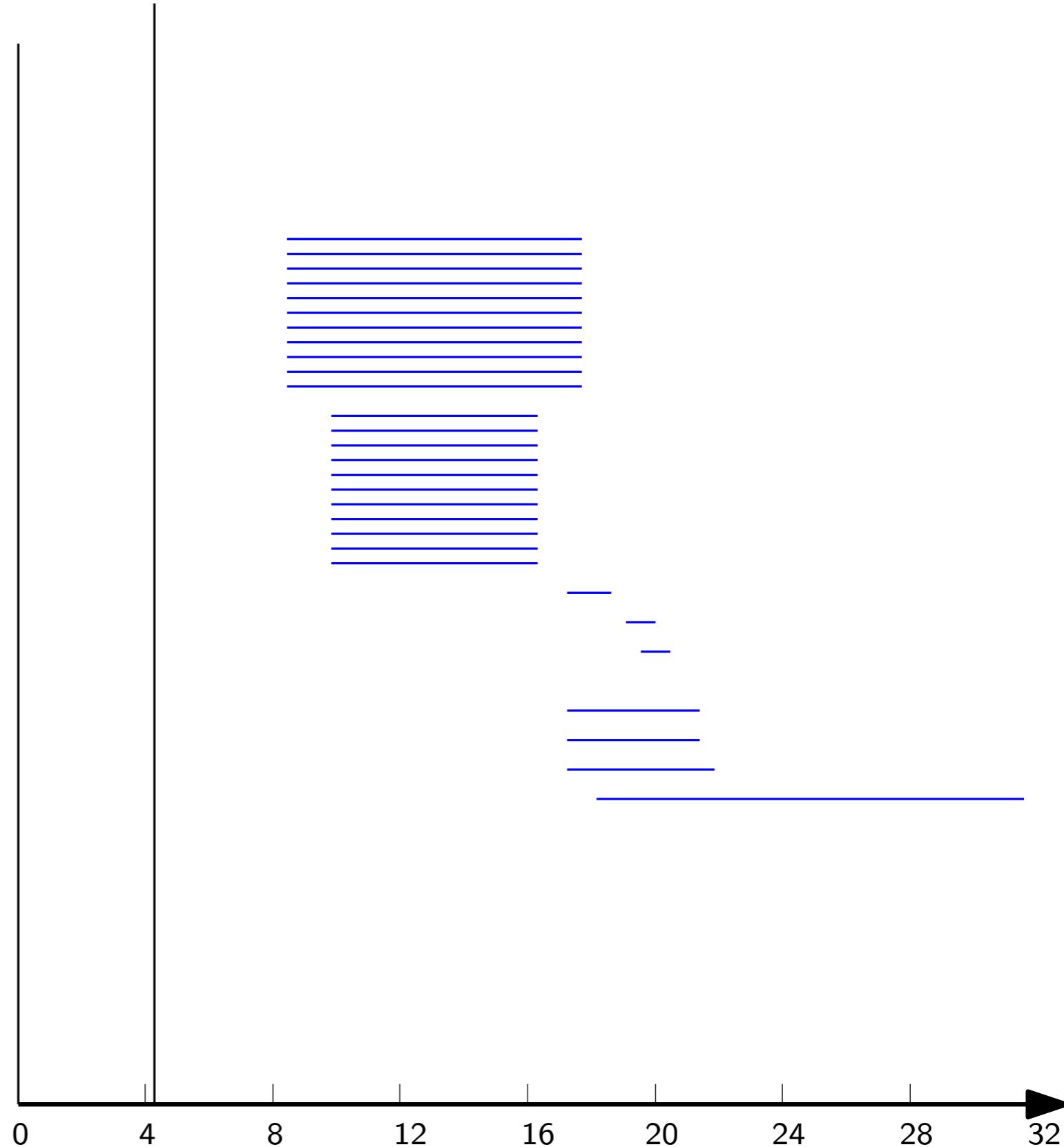
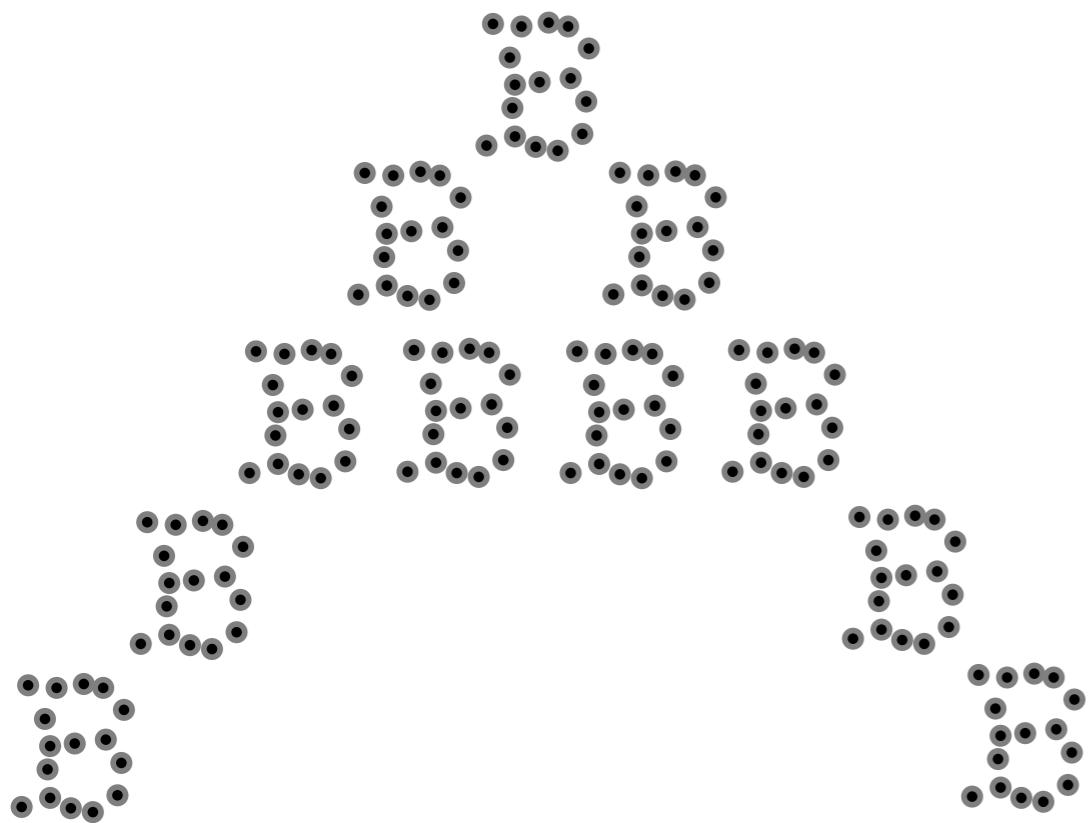
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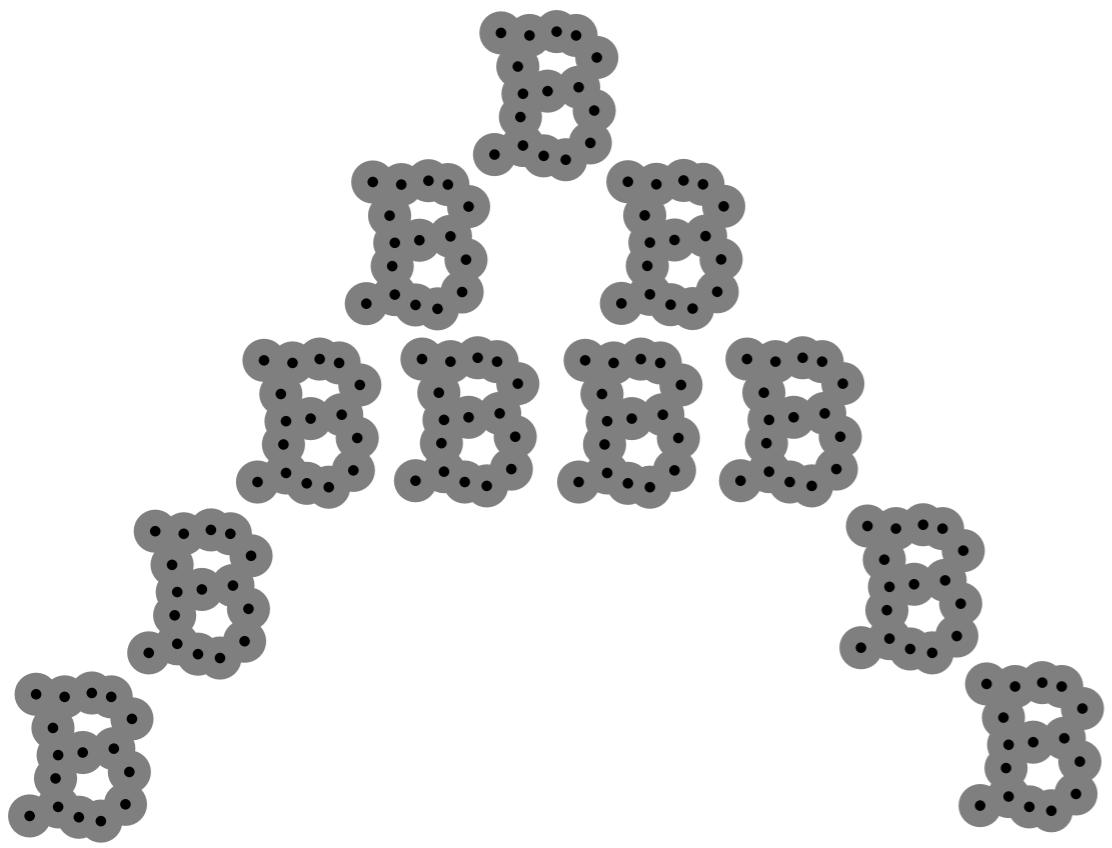
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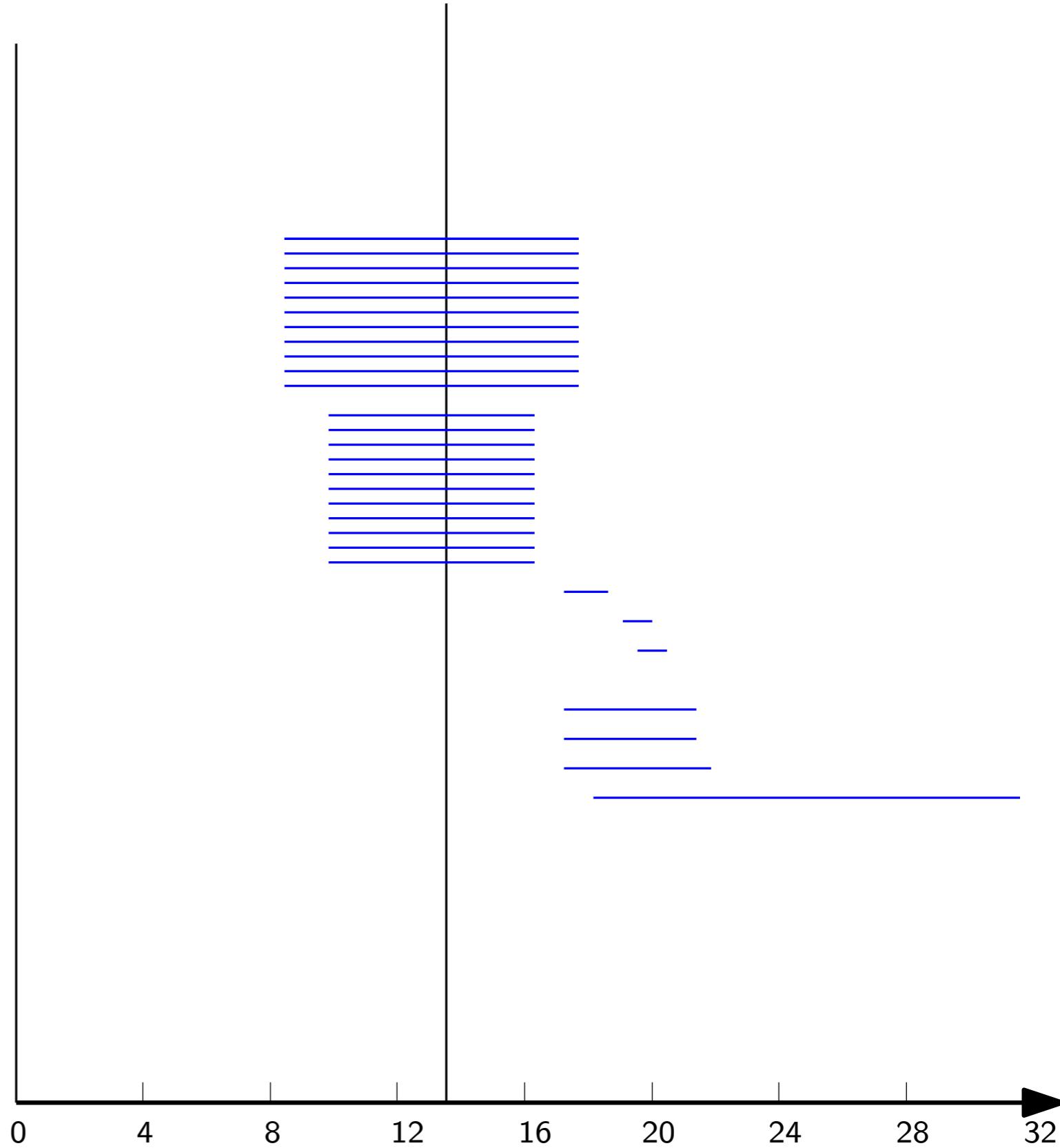
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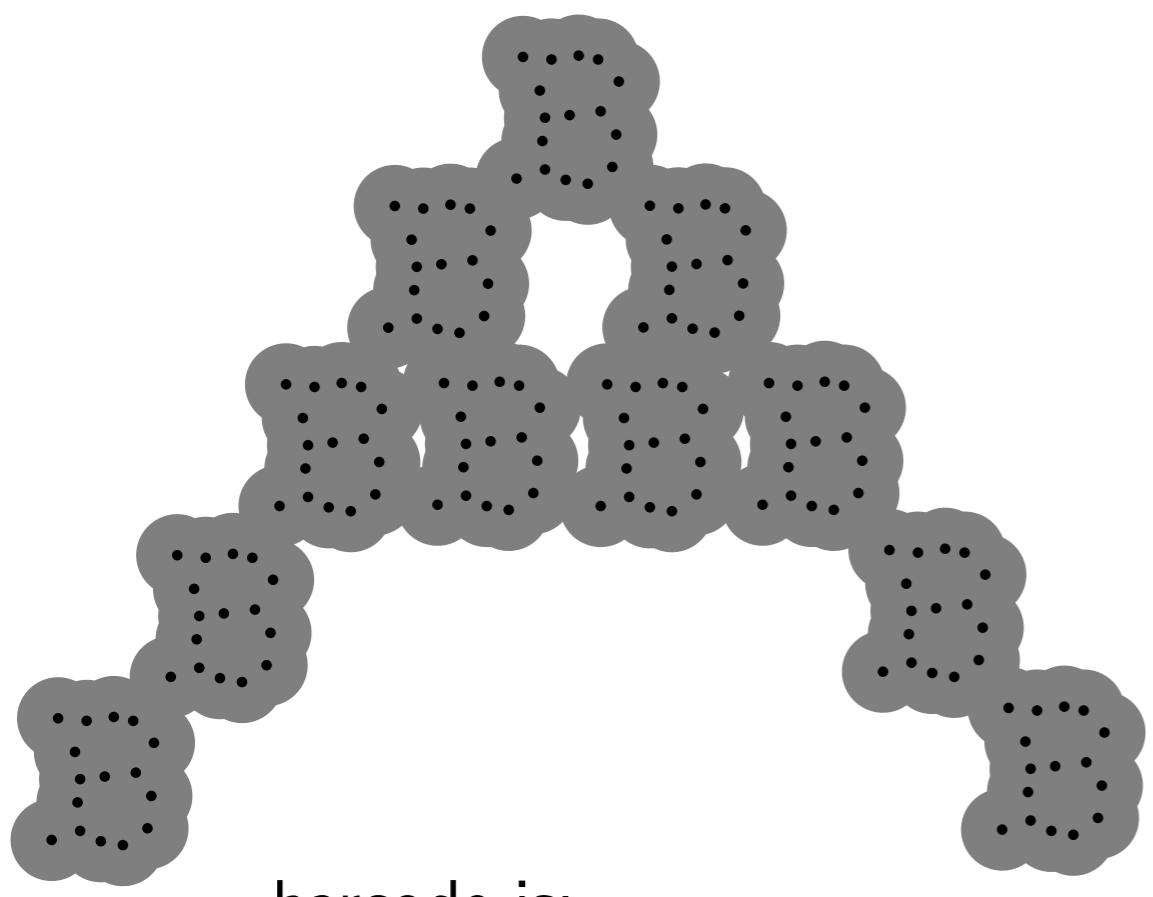


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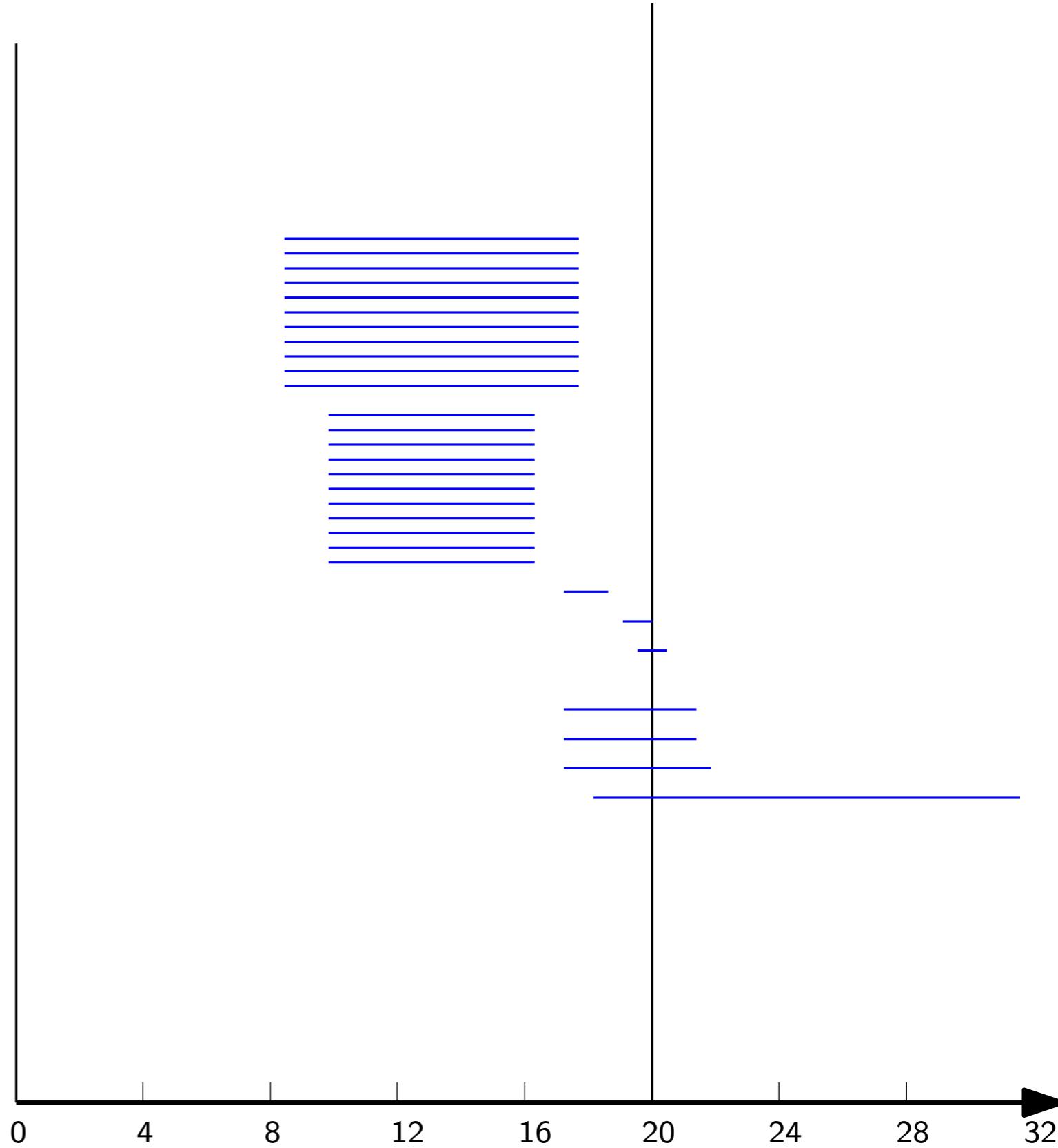


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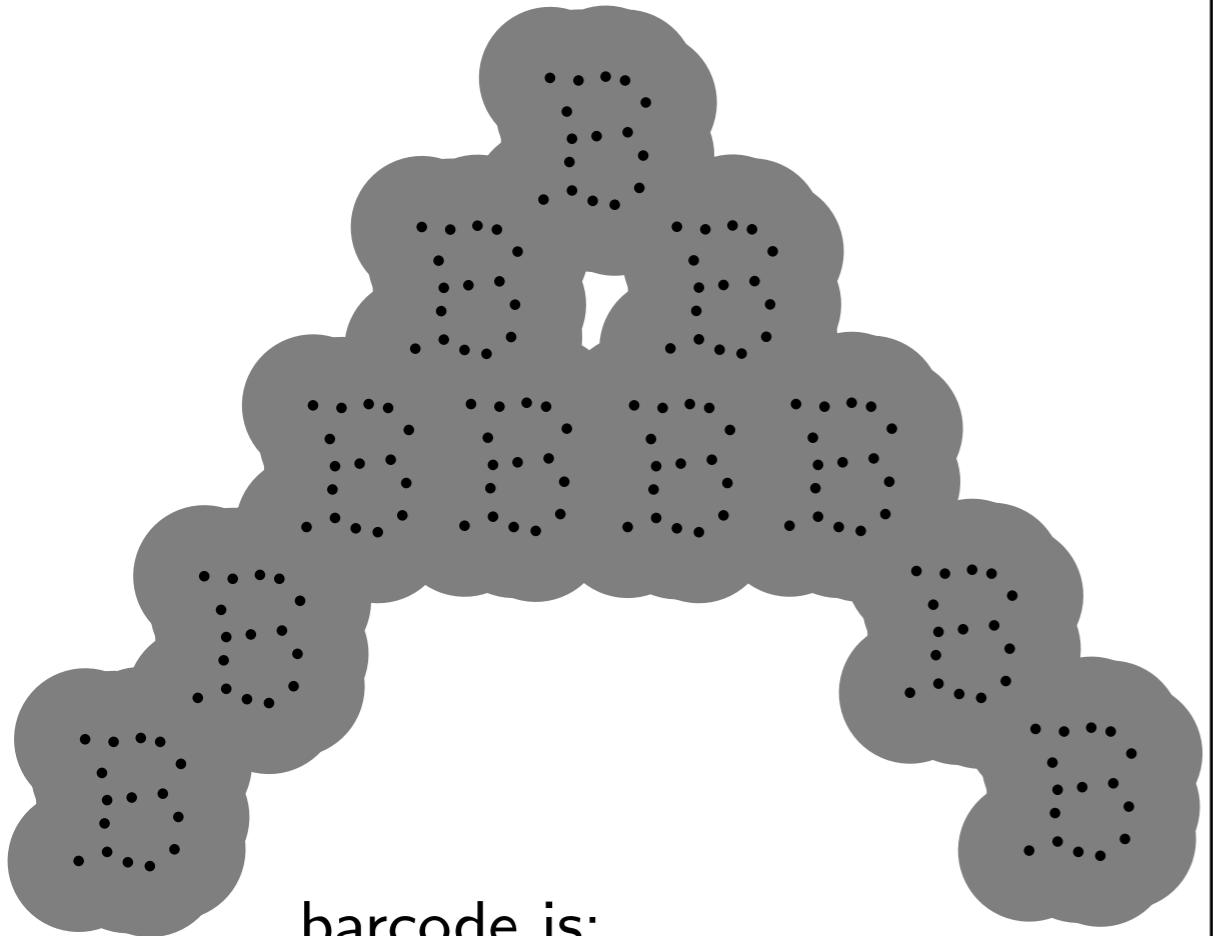


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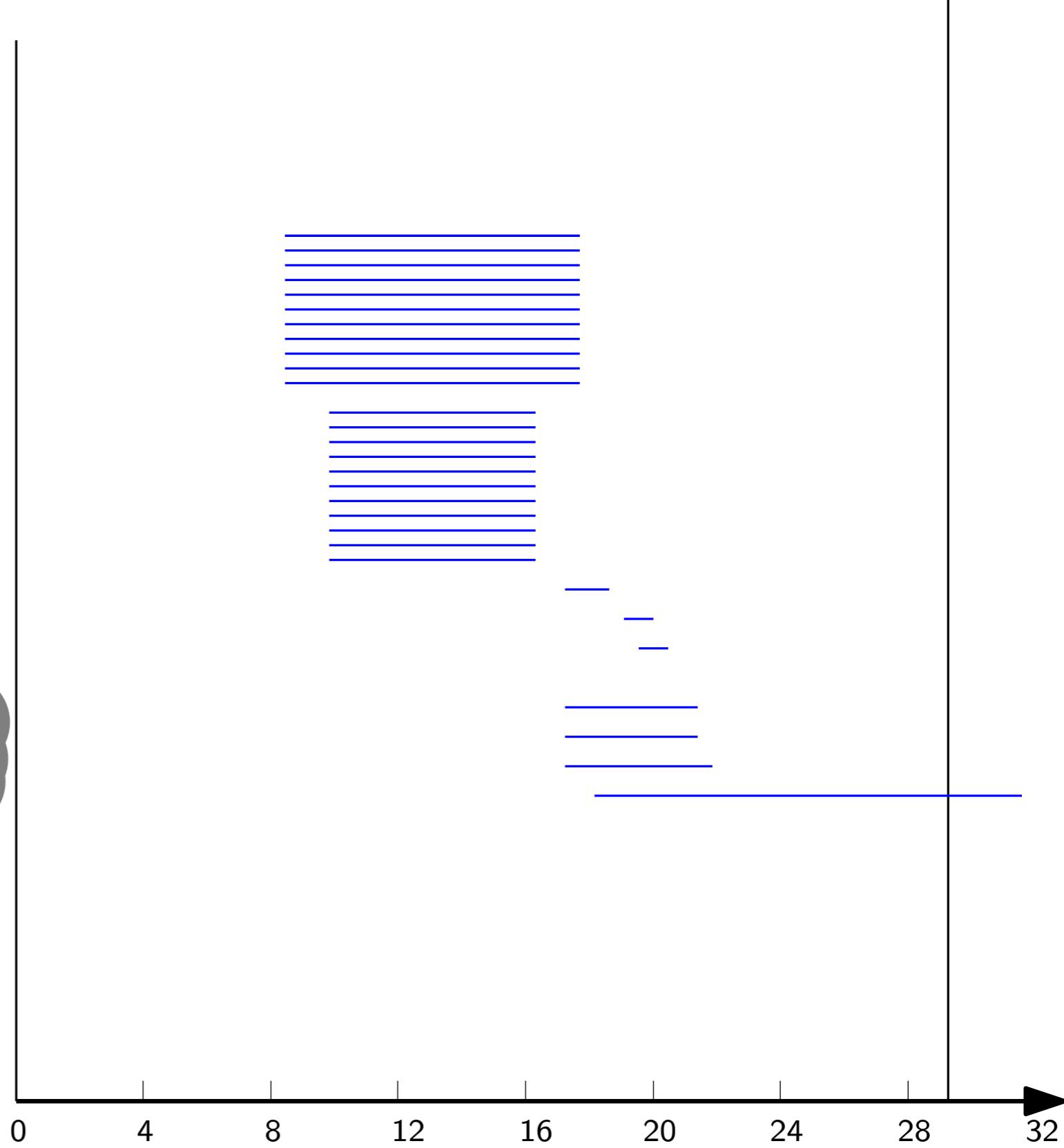


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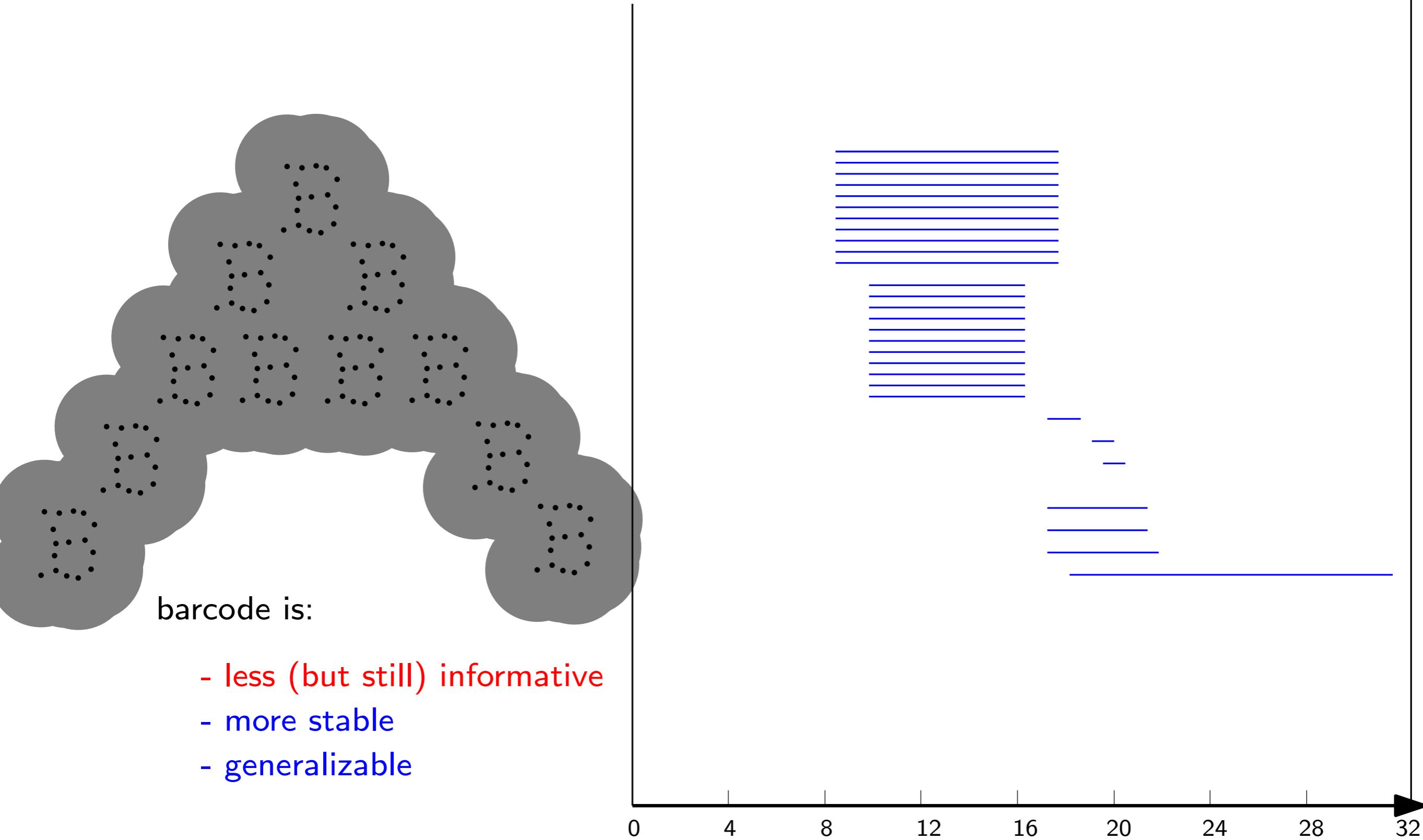


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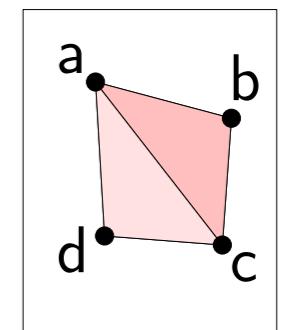
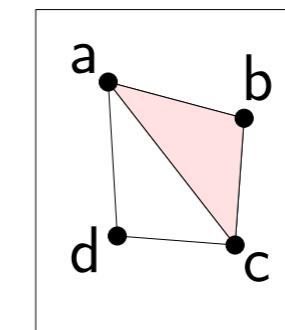
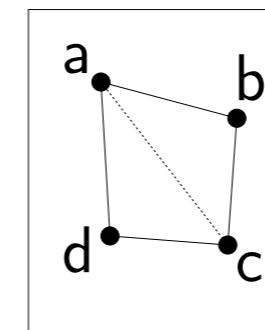
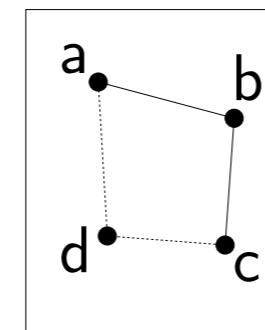
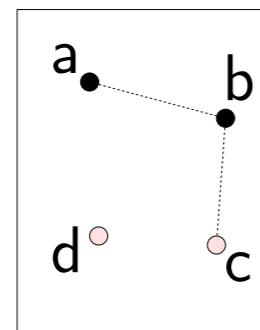
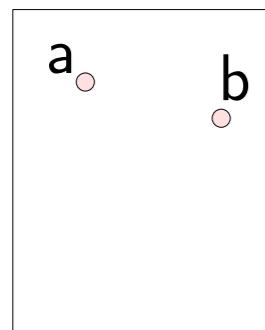
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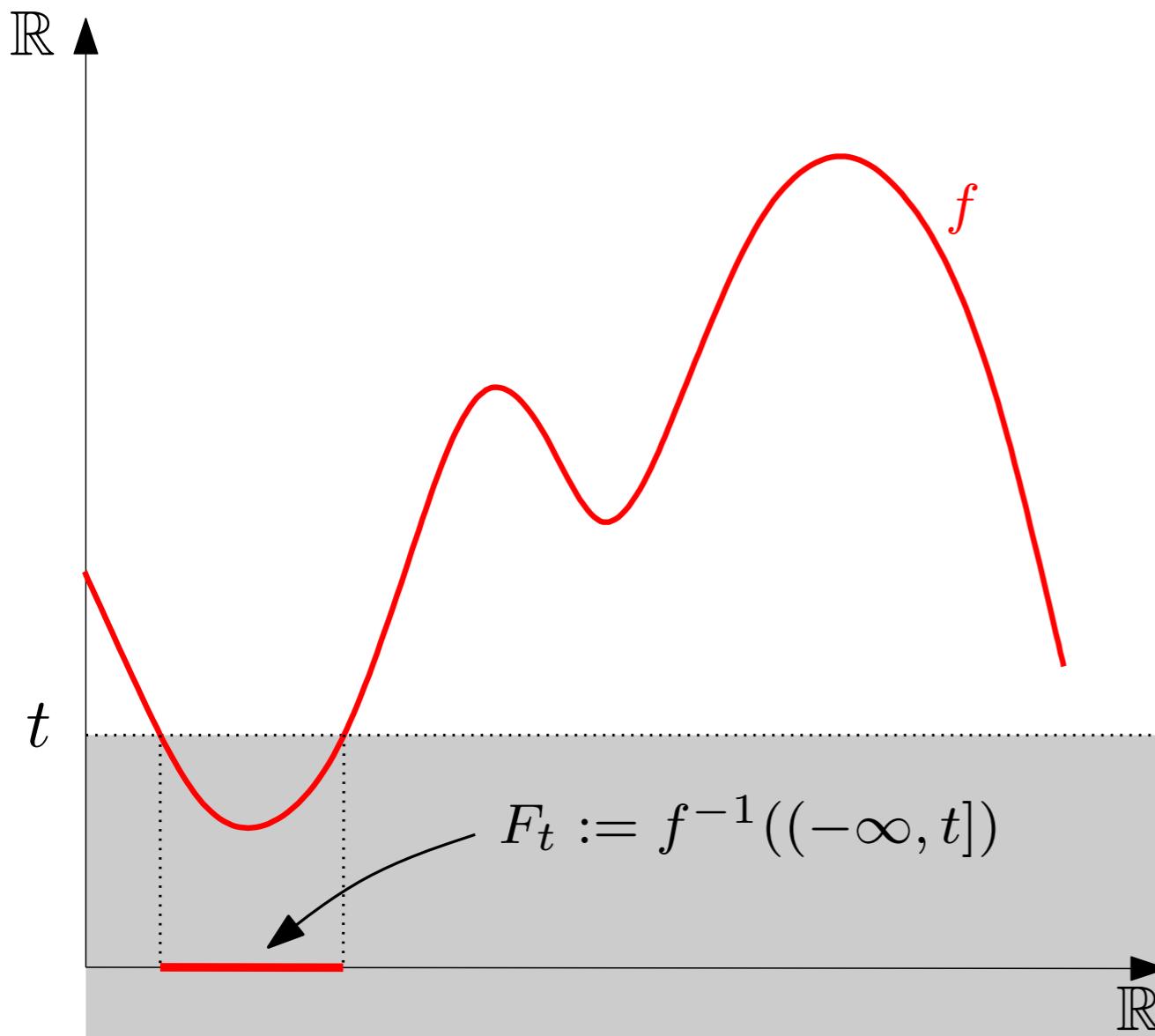
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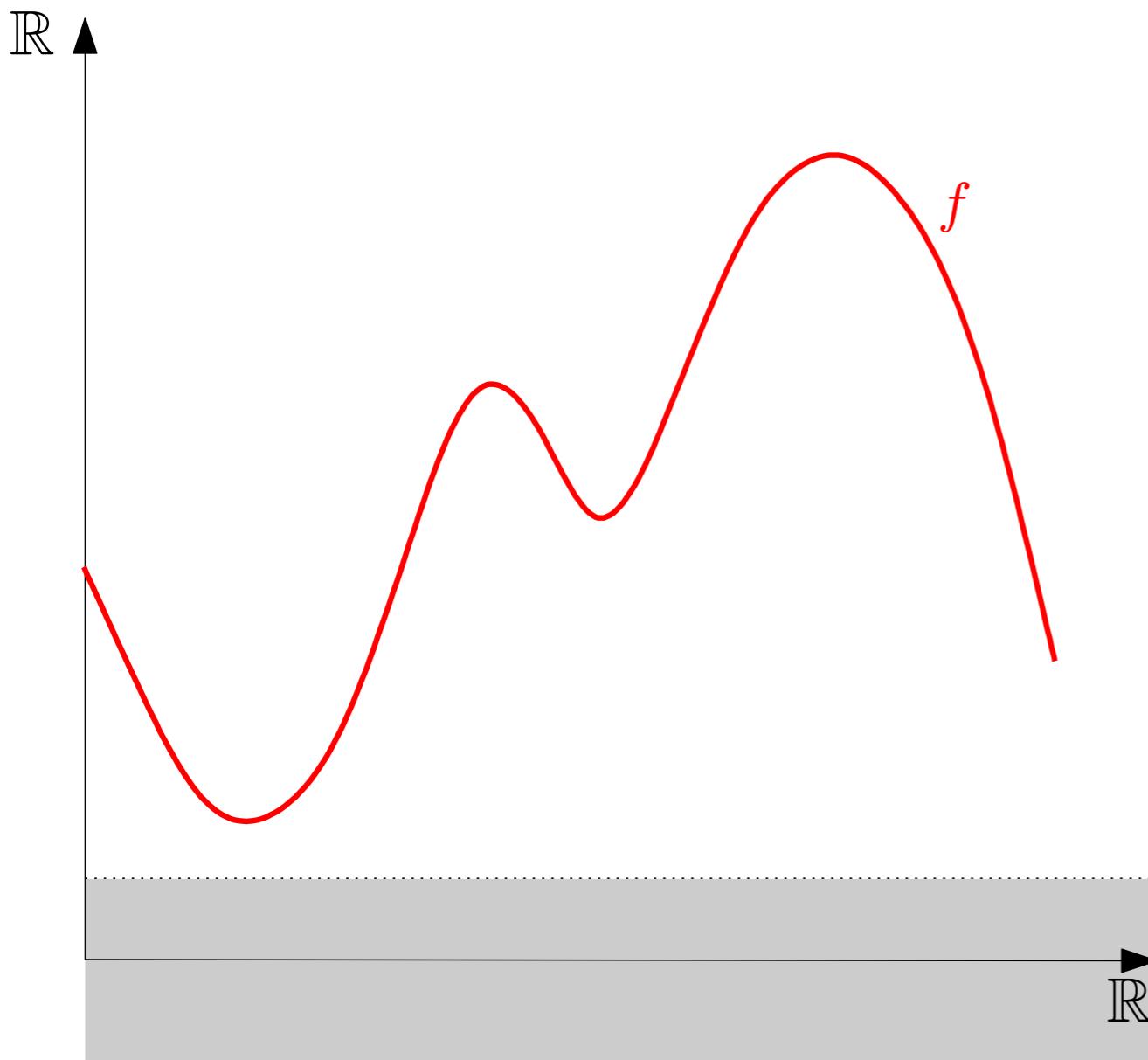
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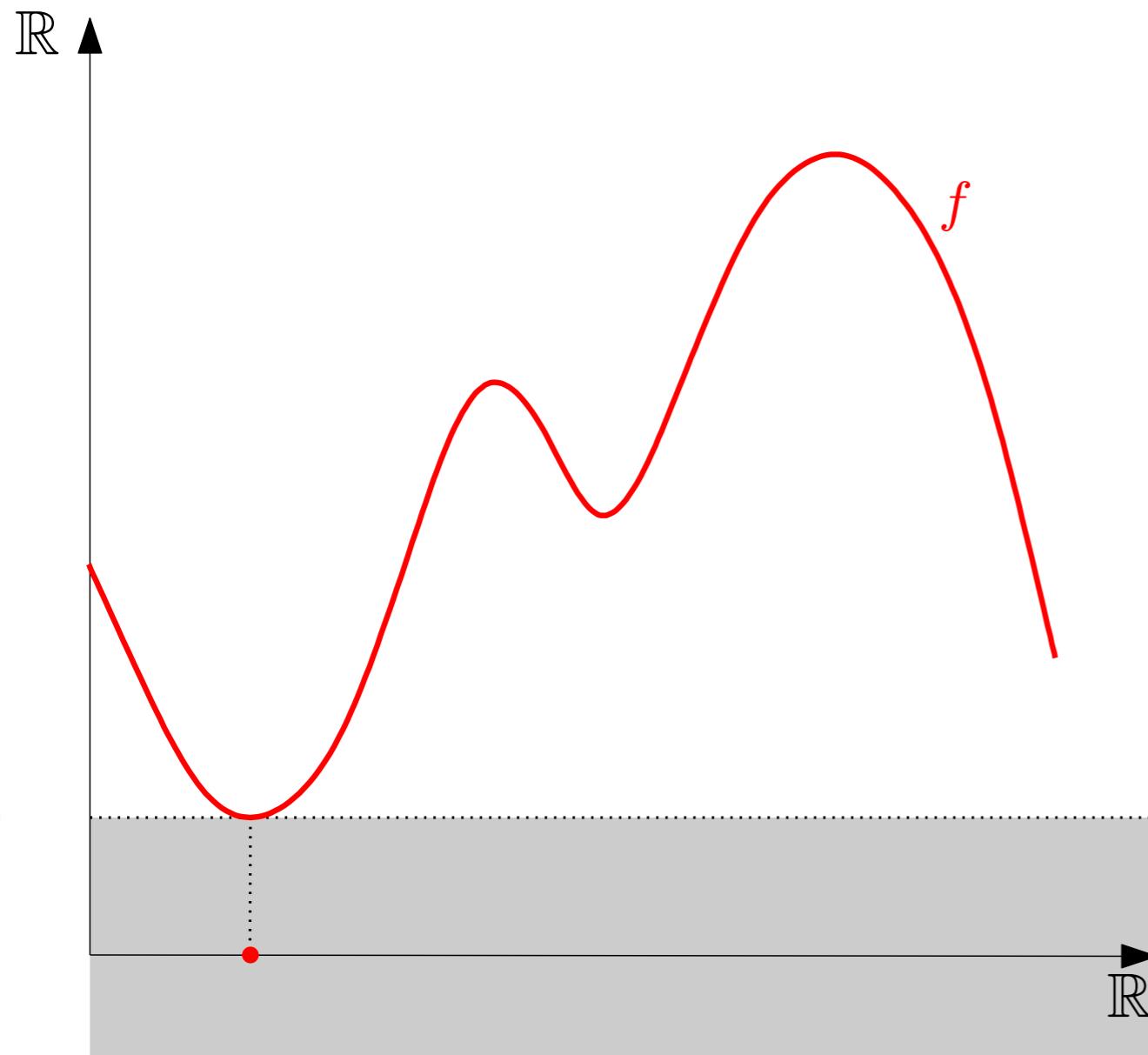
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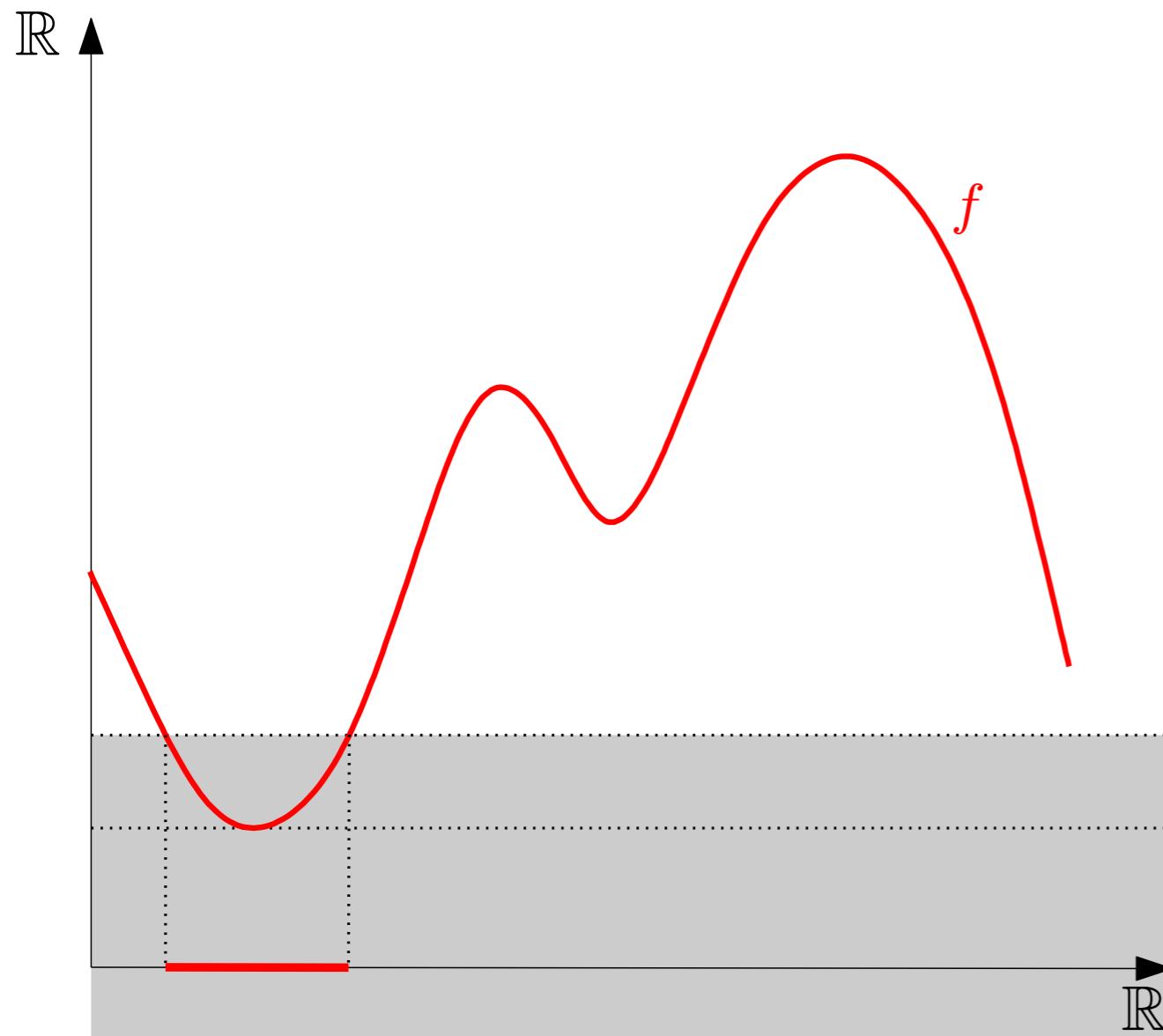
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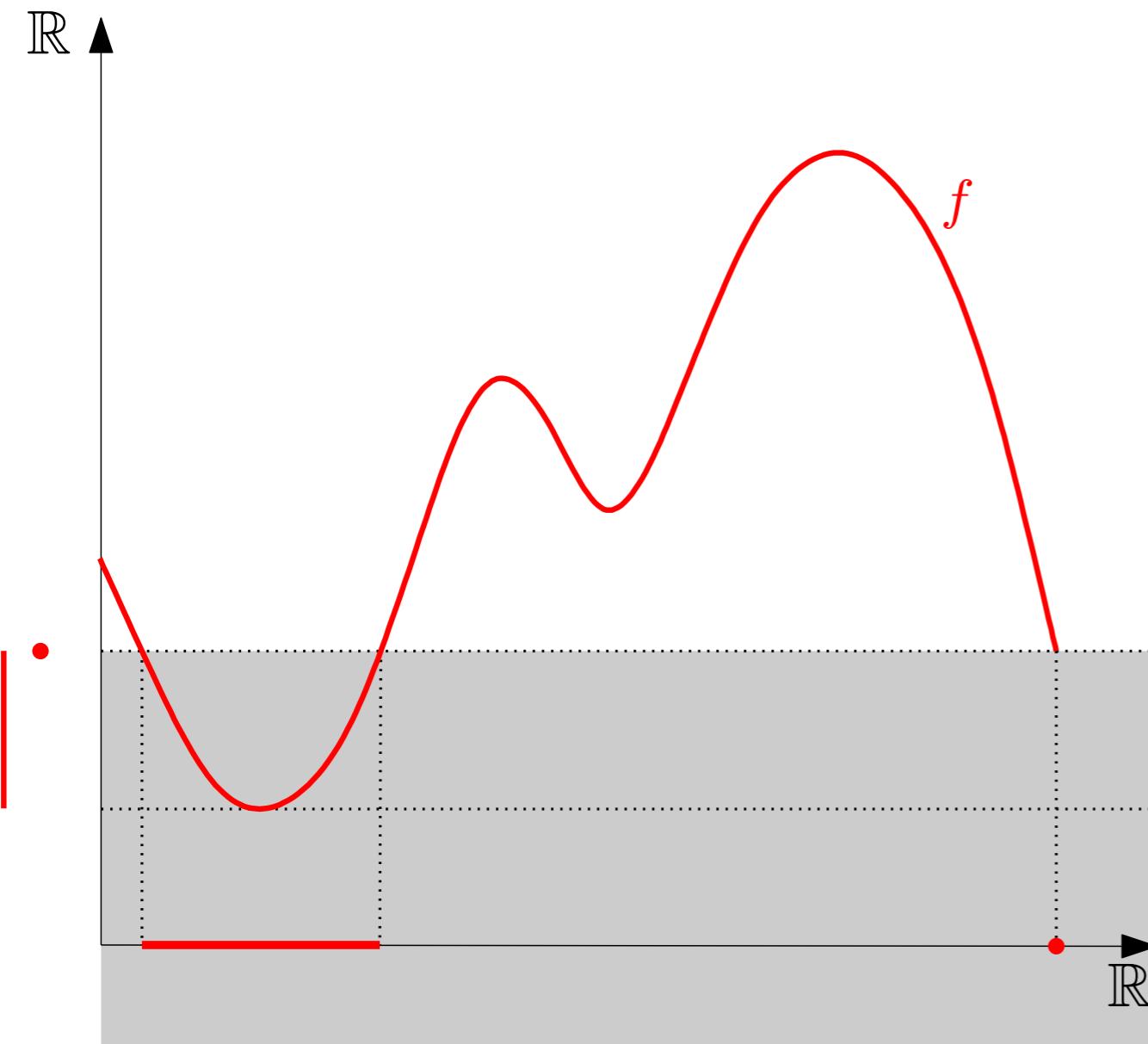
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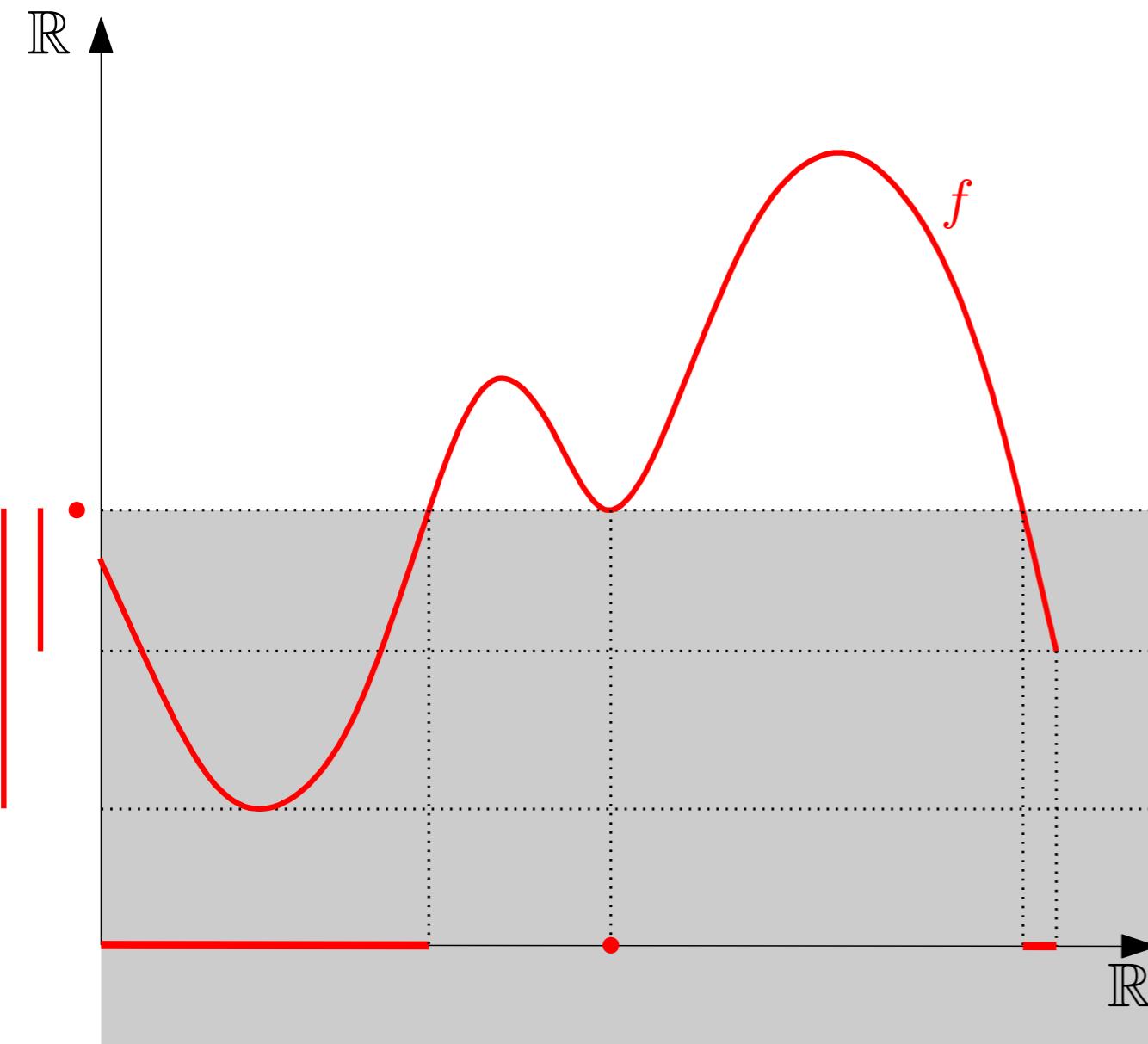
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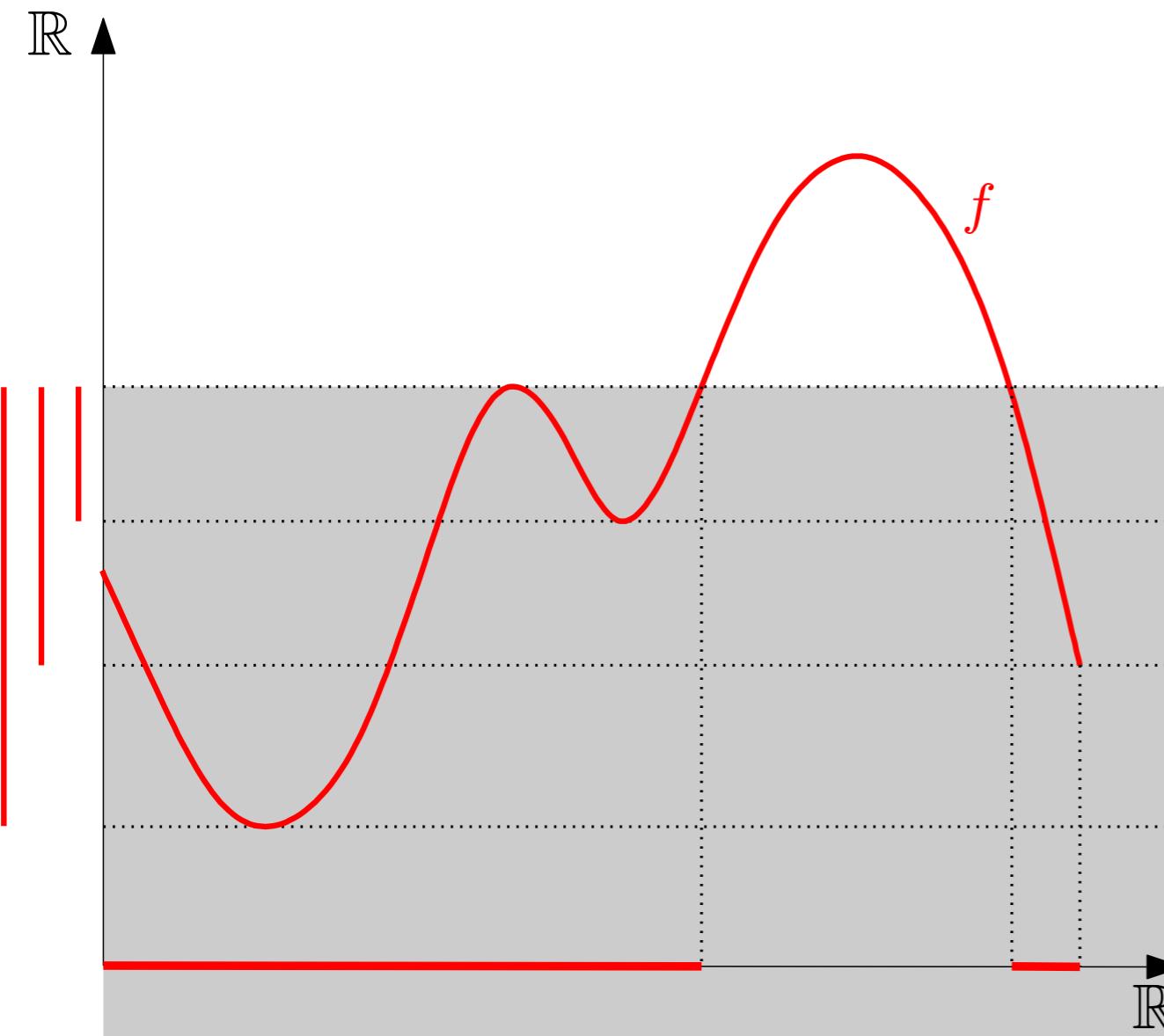
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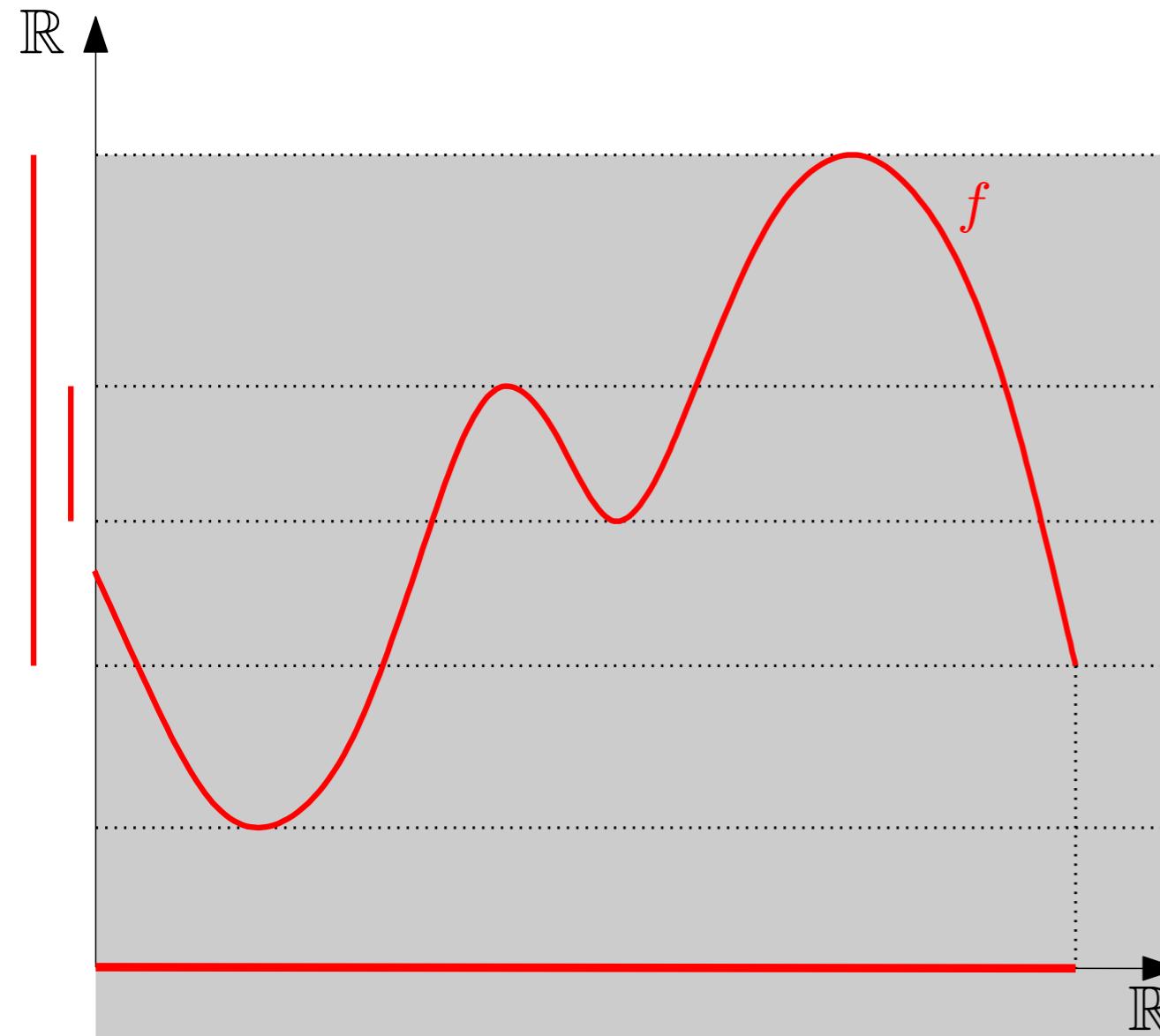
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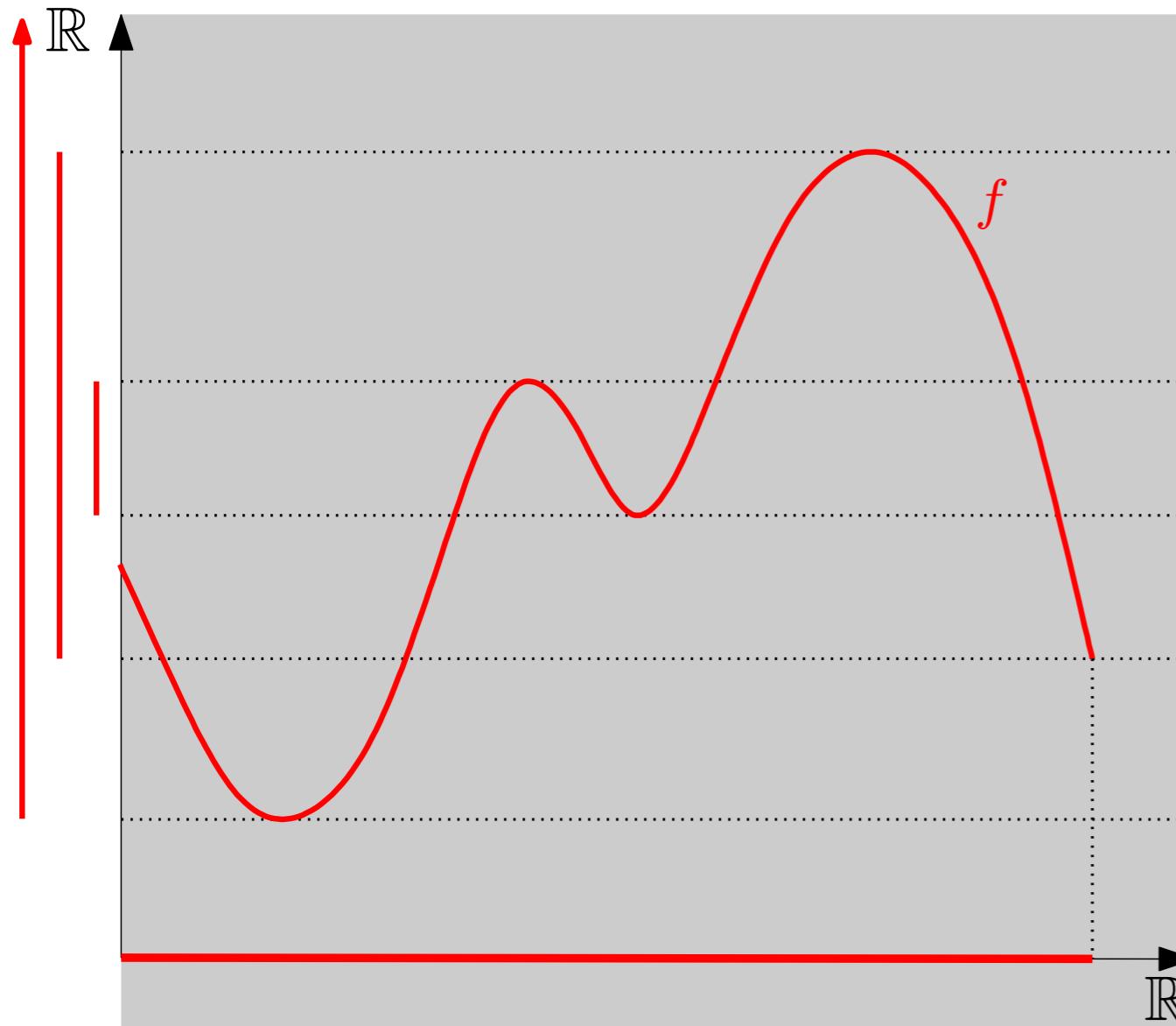
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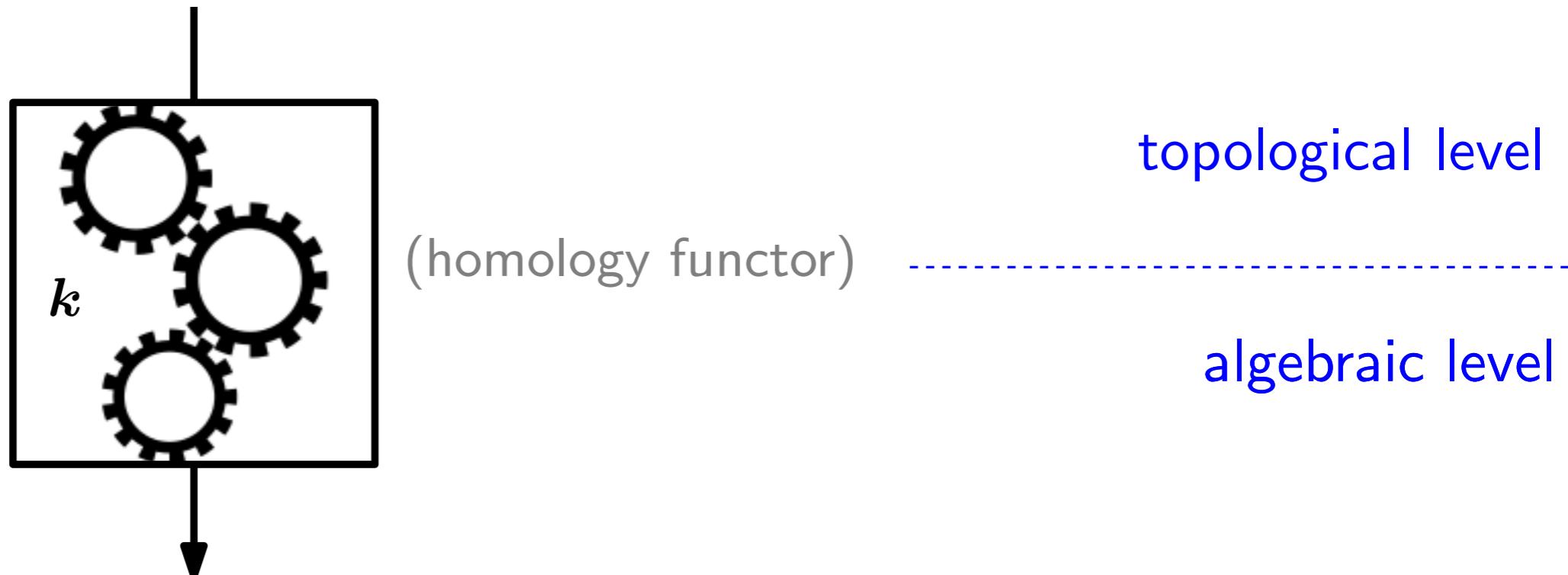
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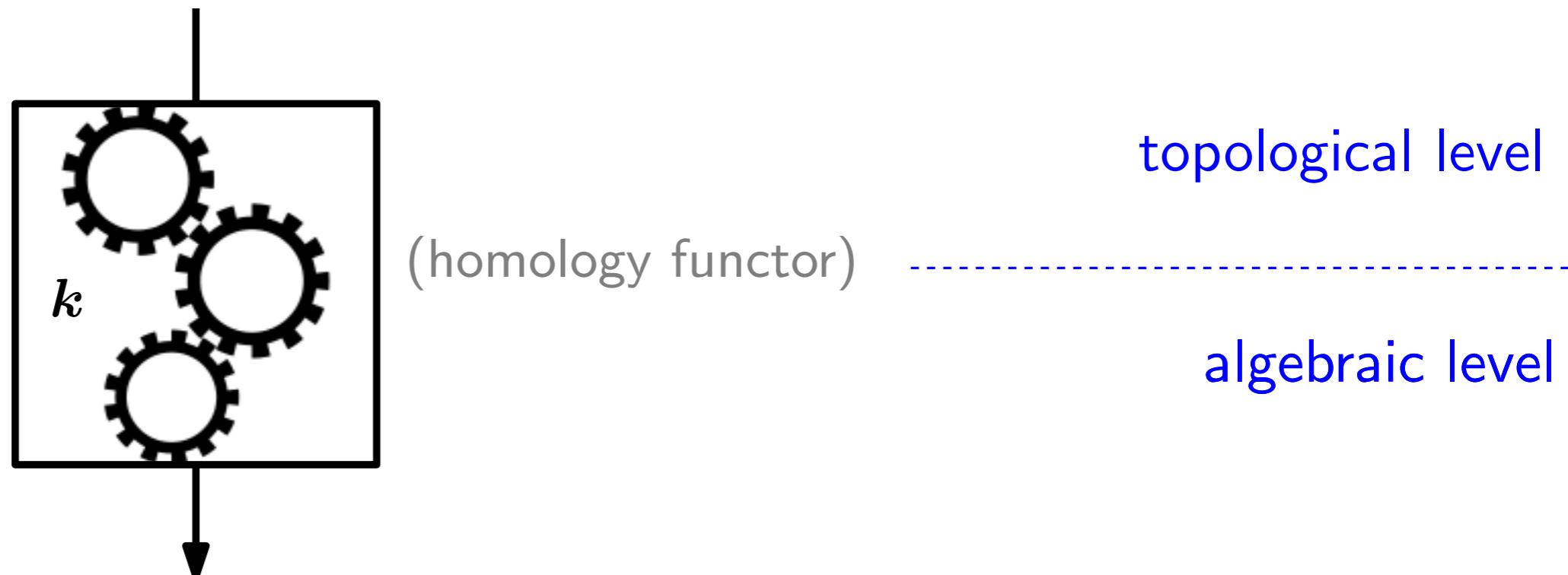
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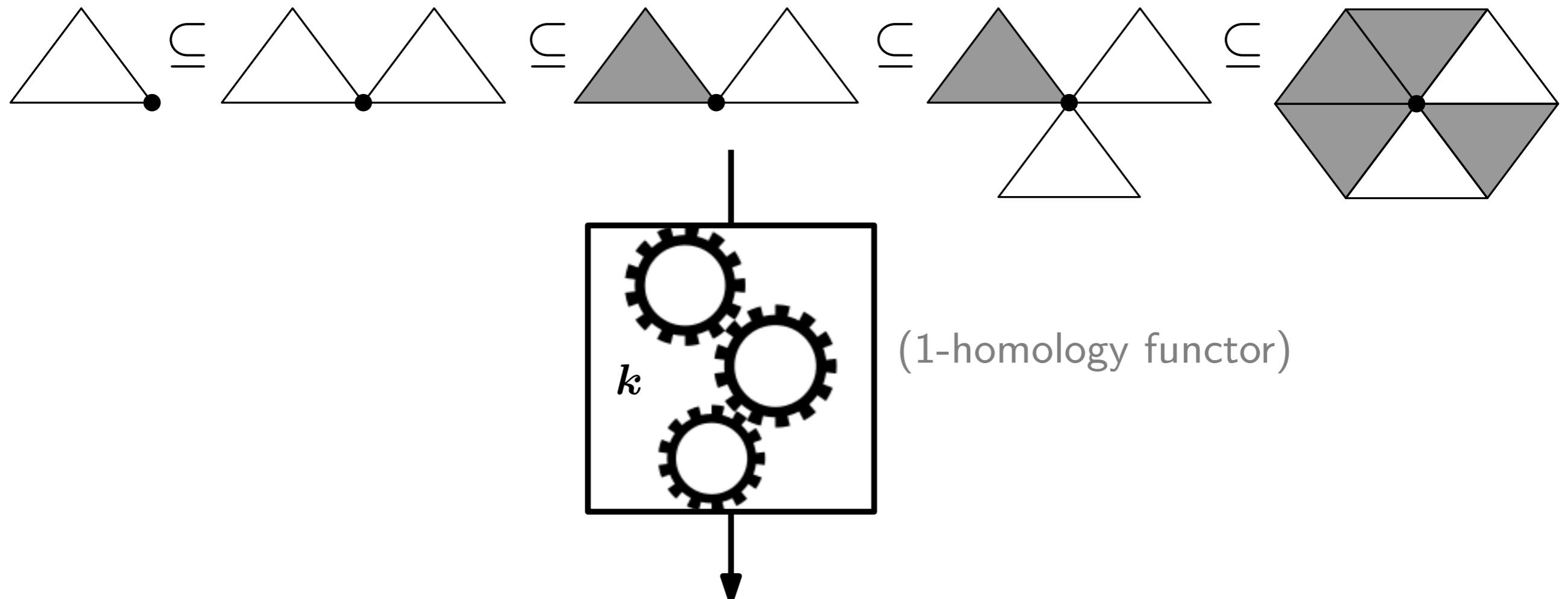


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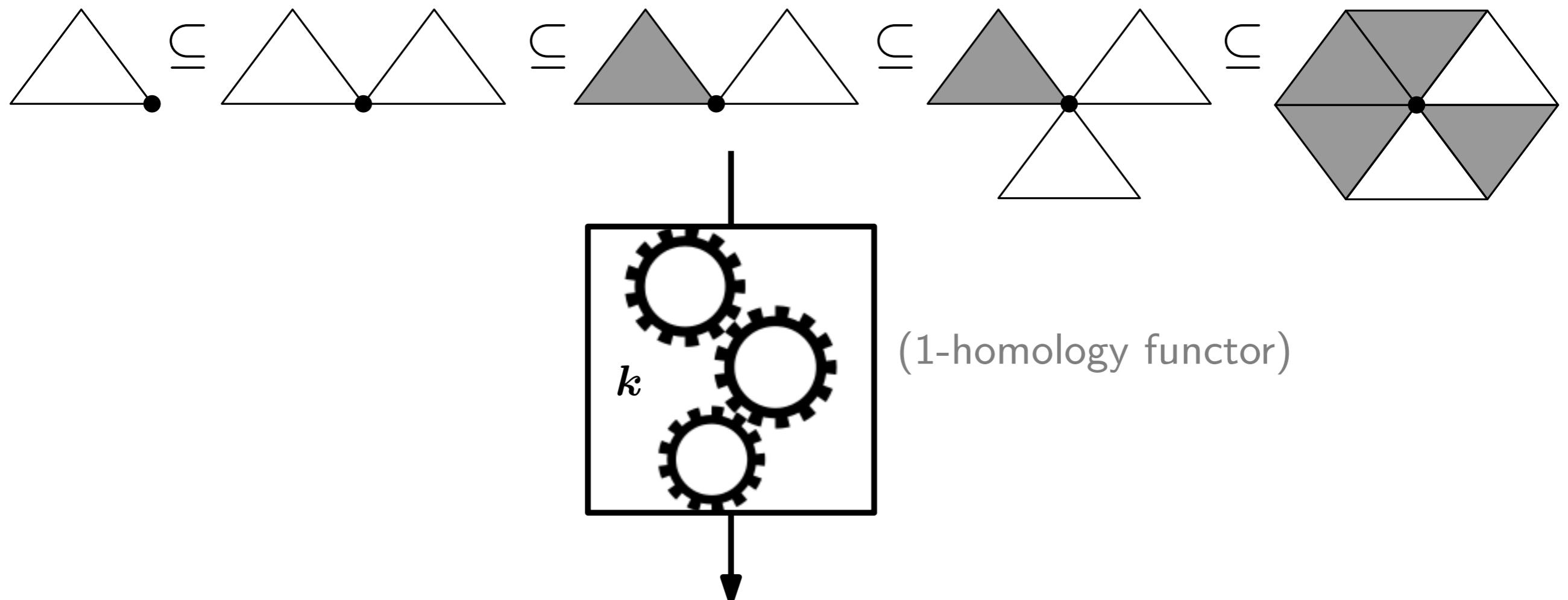
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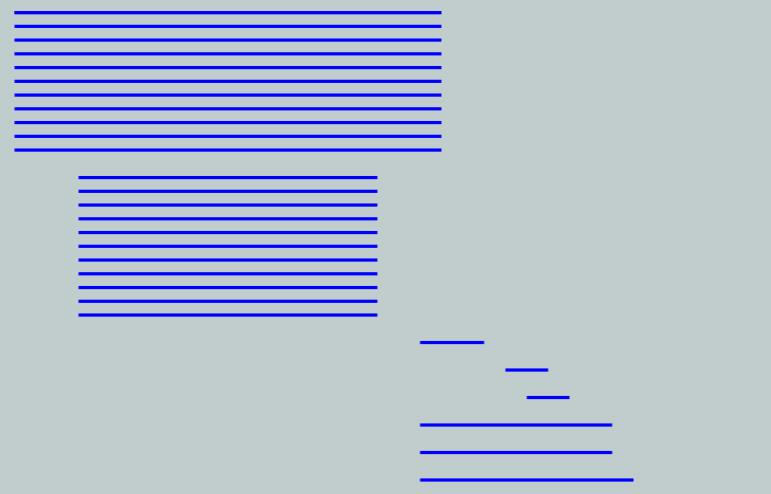


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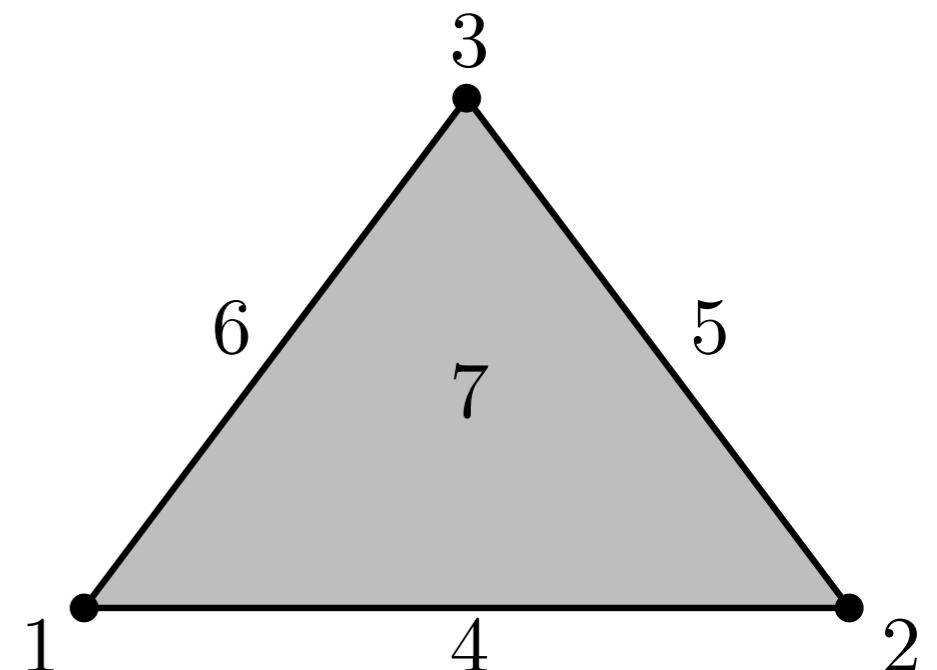
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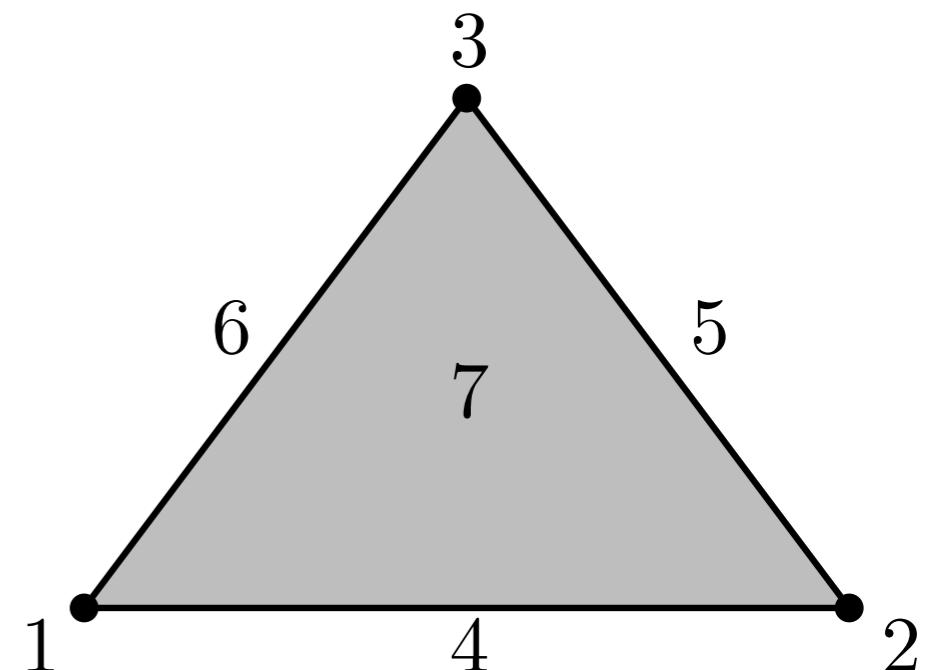


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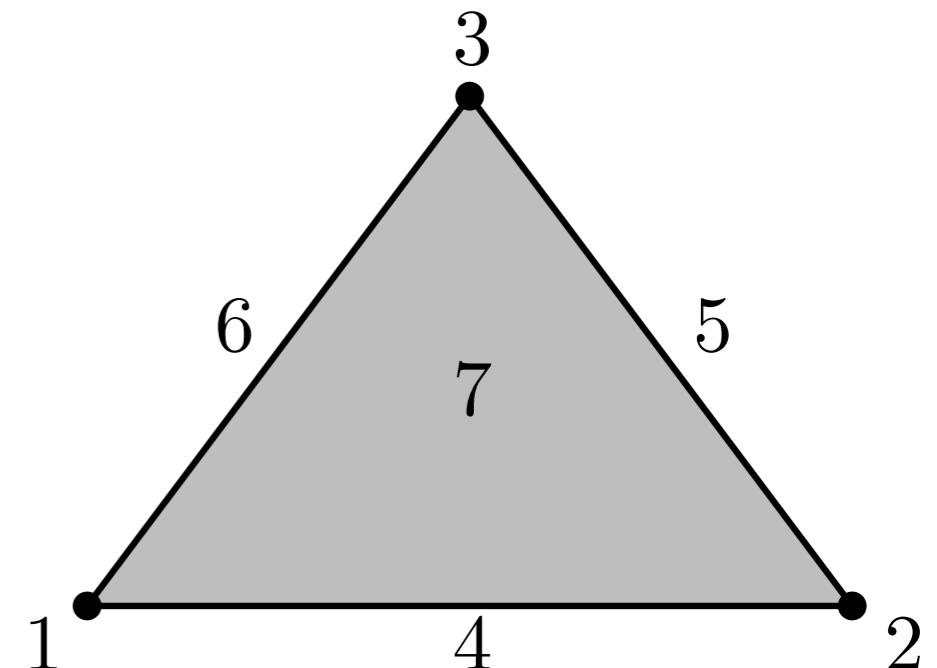
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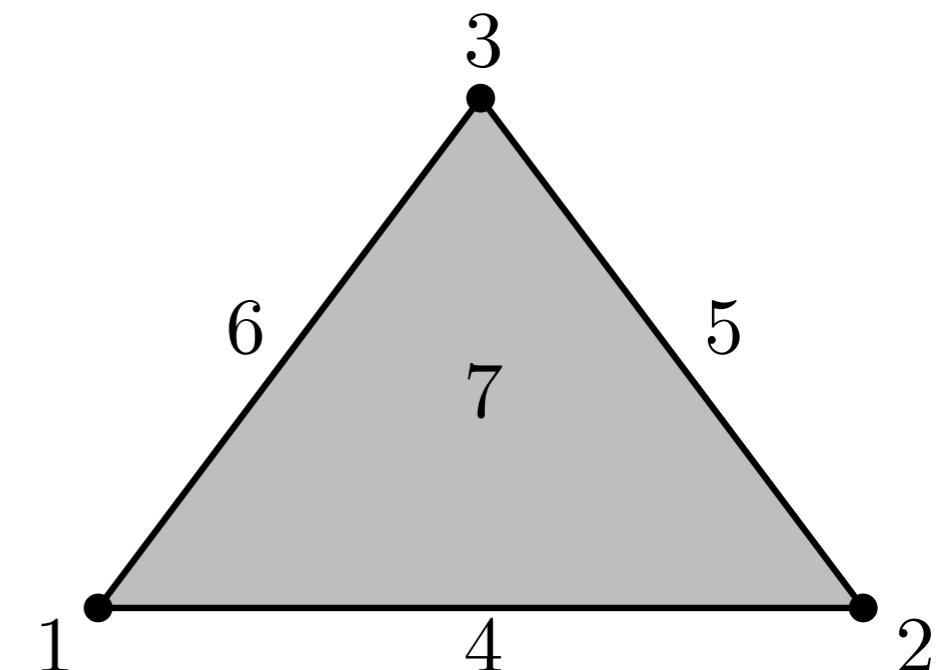
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$[2, 4), [3, 5), [6, 7)$

unpaired simplices give infinite intervals:  $[1, +\infty)$



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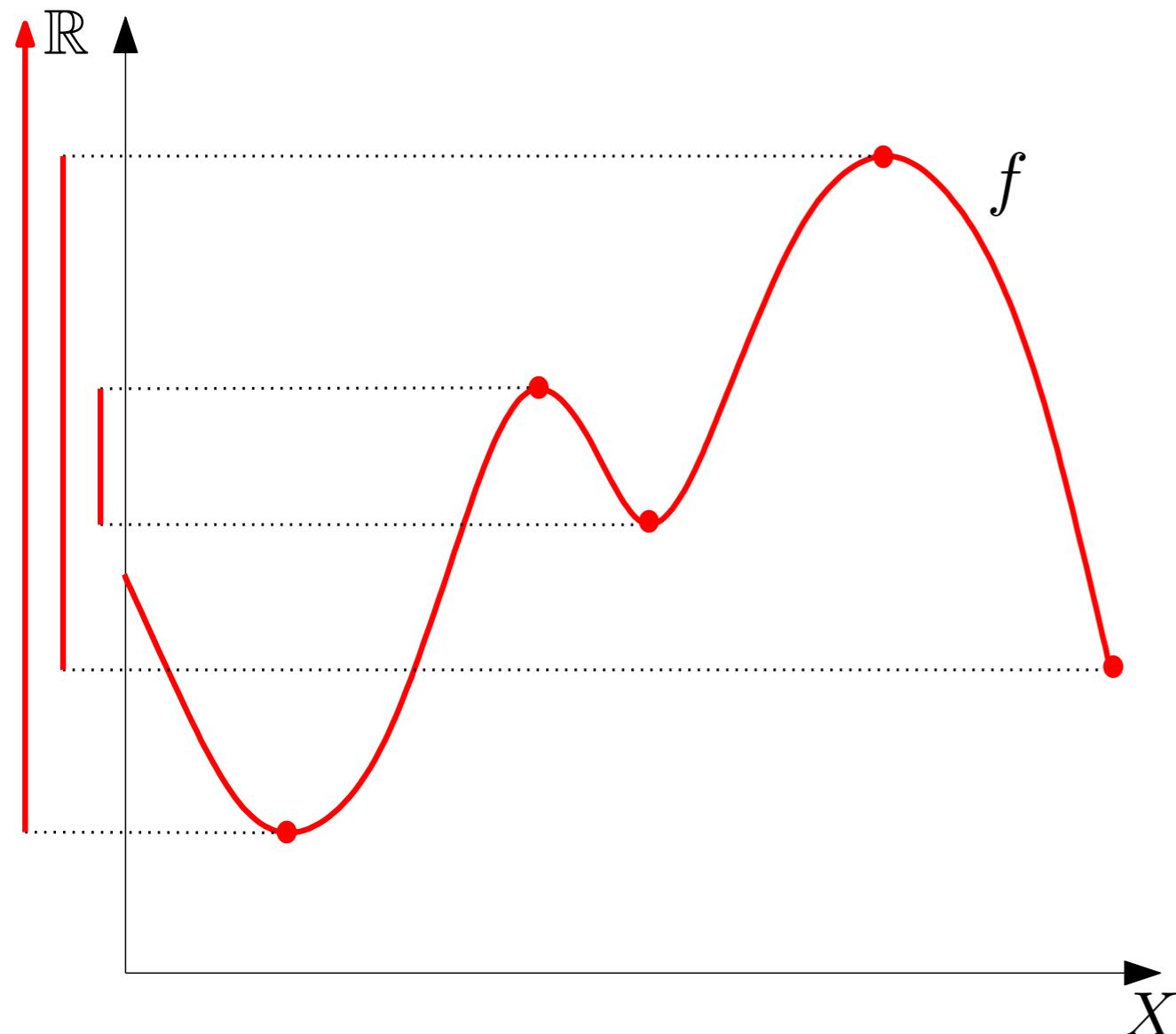
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  - PLEX / JavaPLEX (<http://appliedtopology.github.io/javaplex/>)
  - Dionysus (<http://www.mrzv.org/software/dionysus/>)
  - Perseus (<http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~vnanda/perseus/>)
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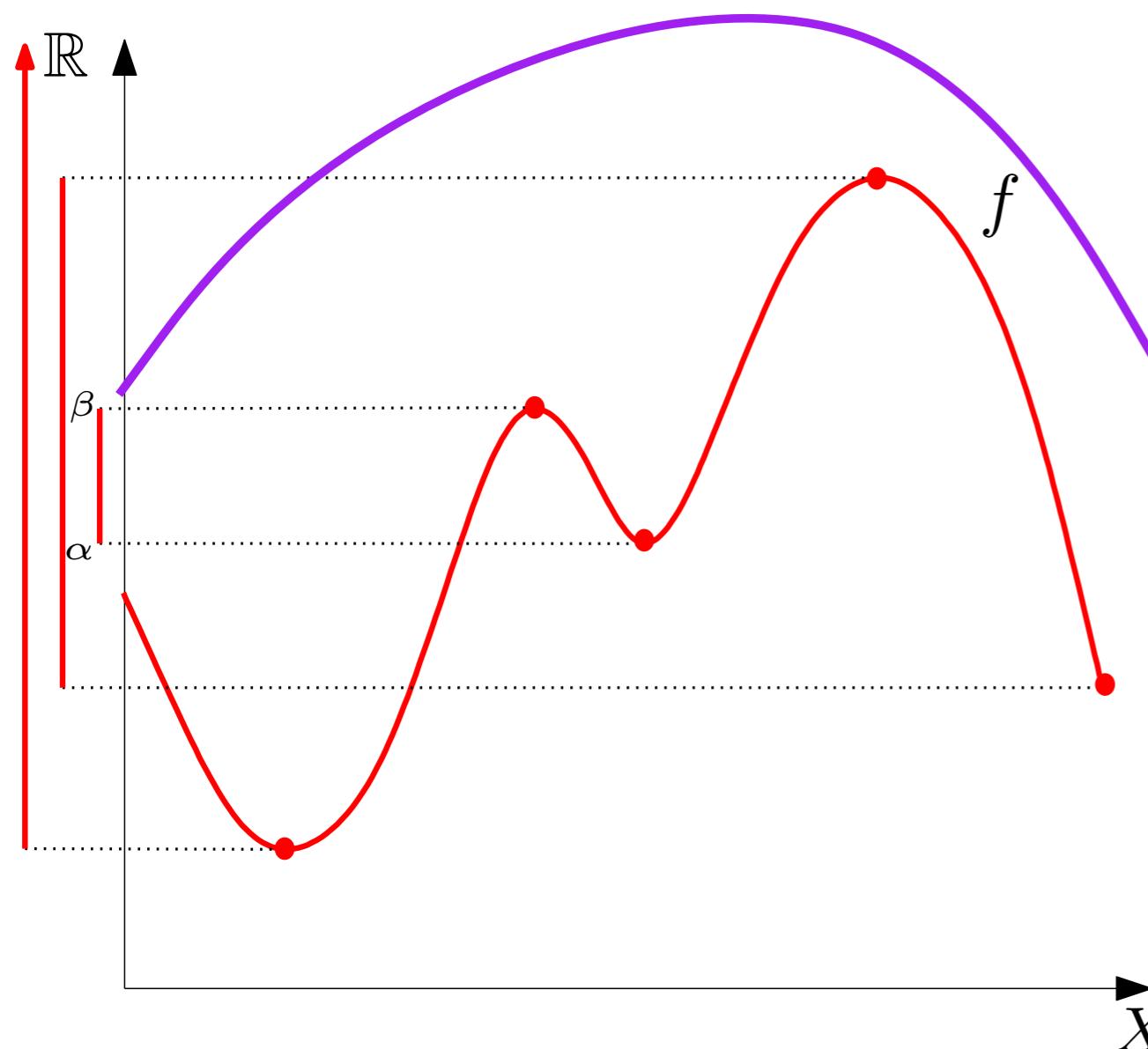
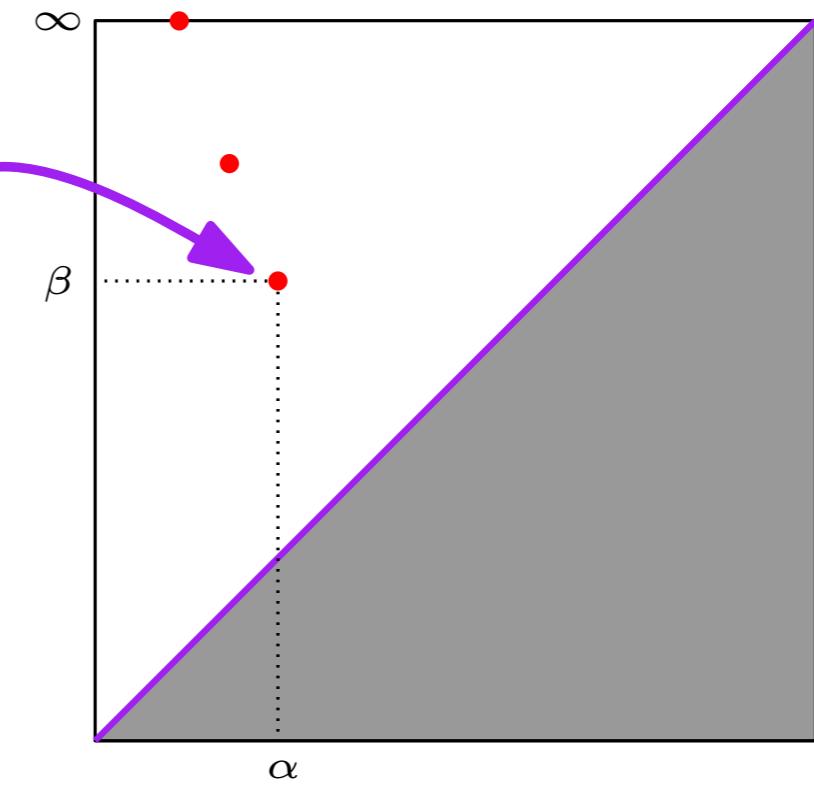


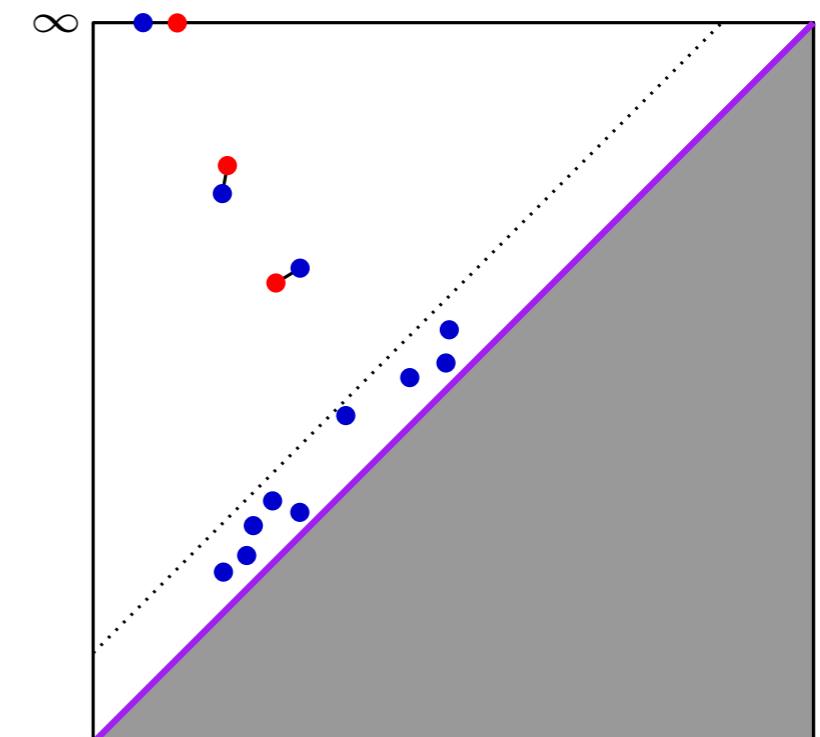
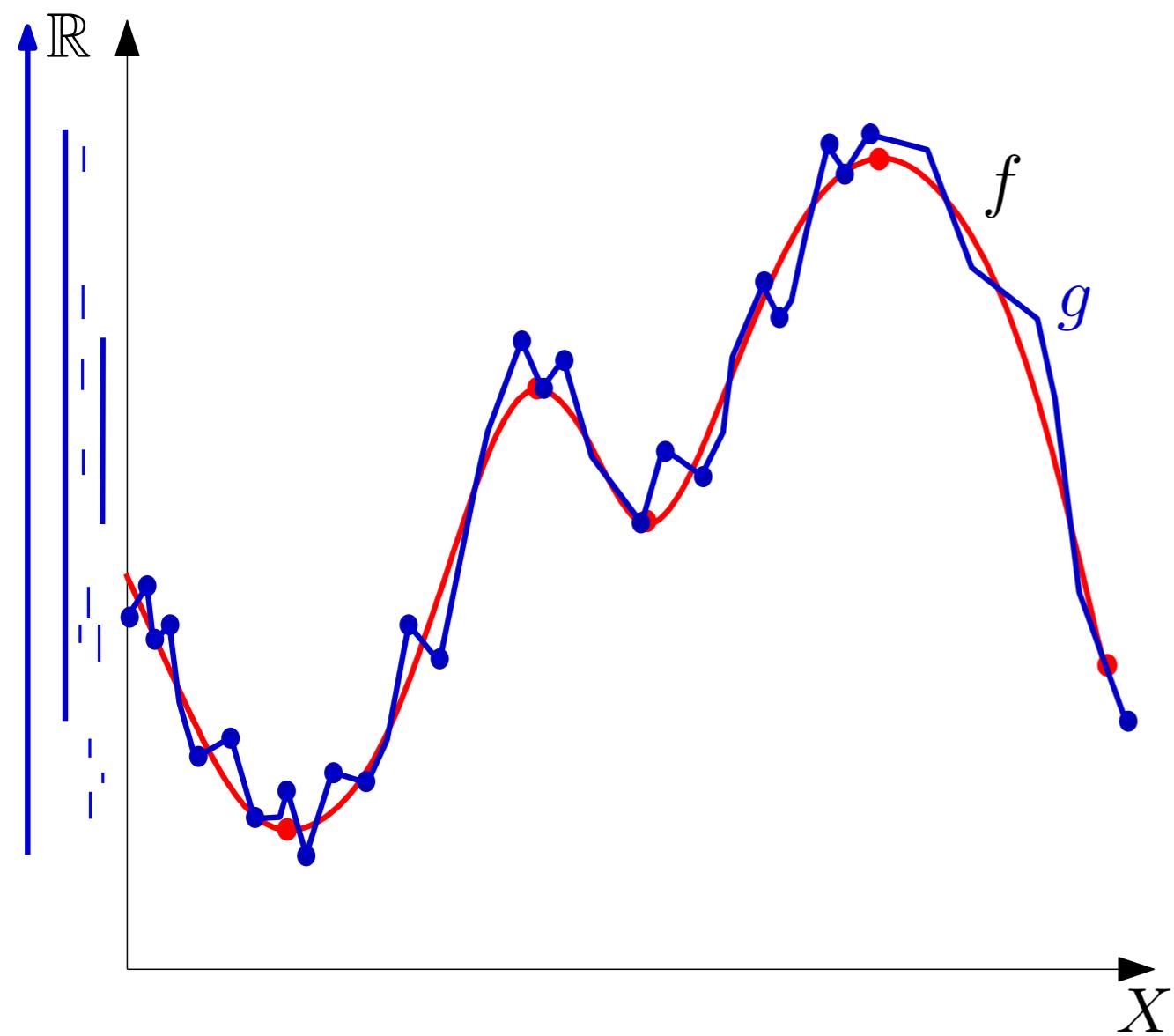
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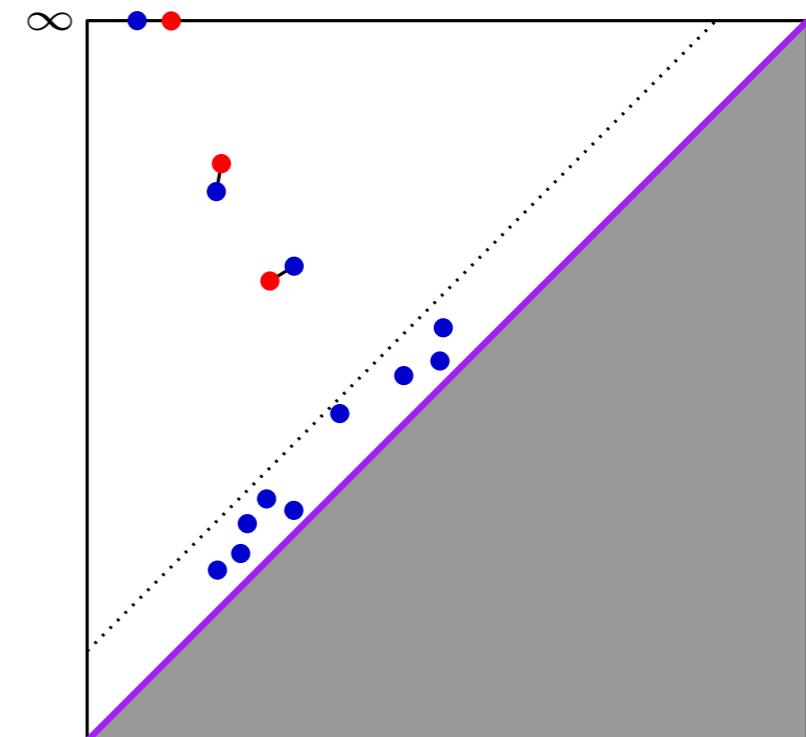
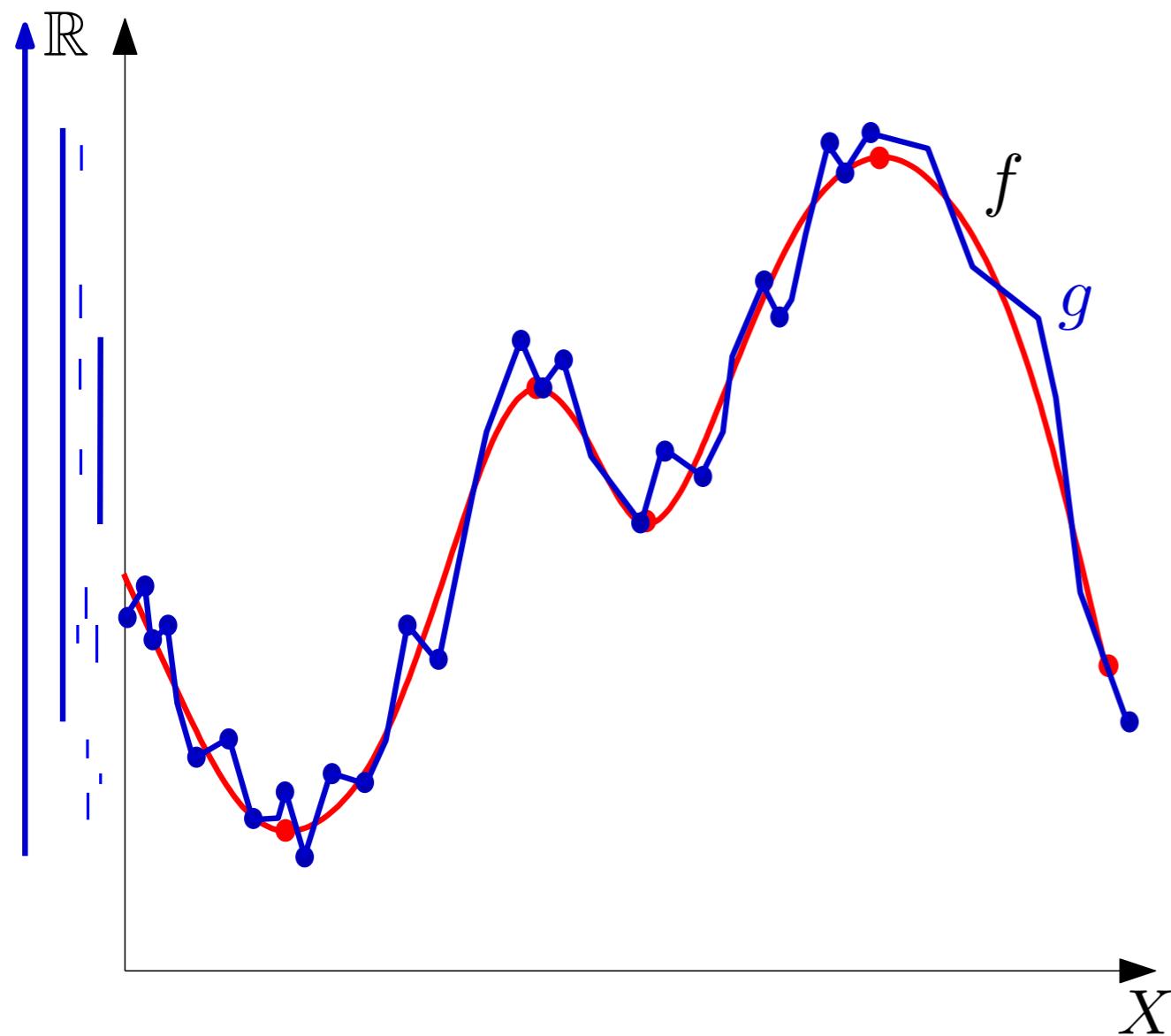
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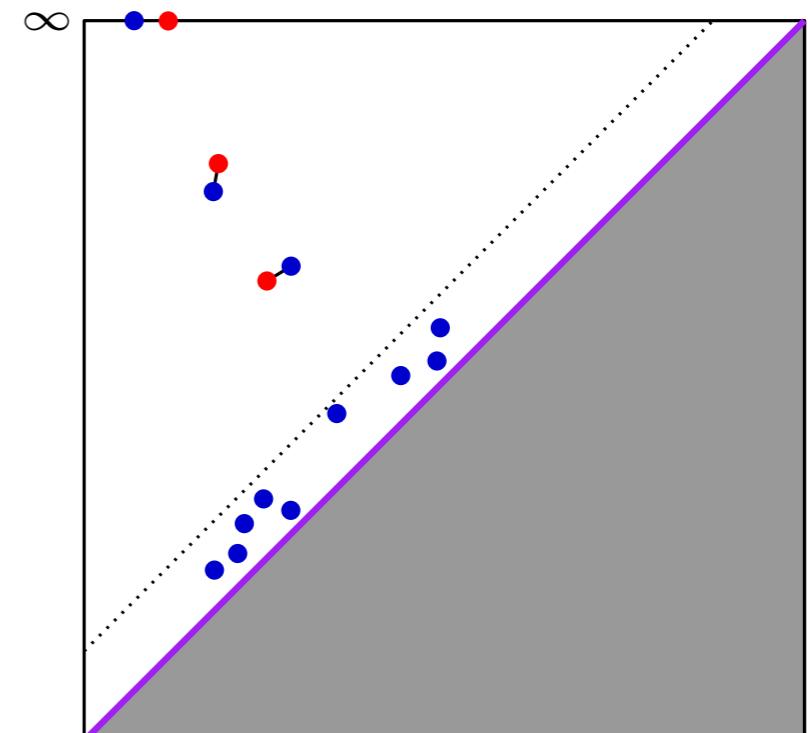
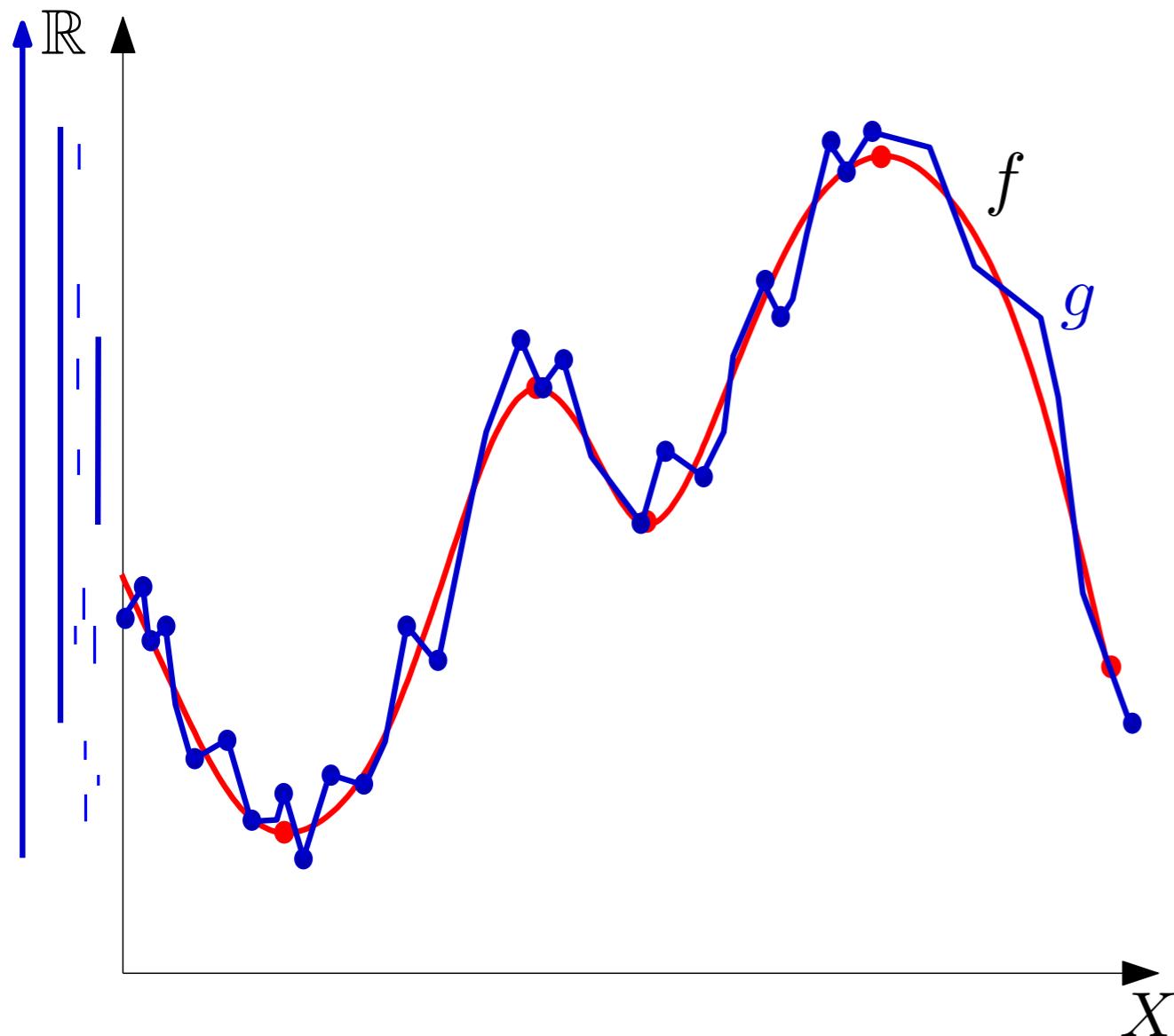


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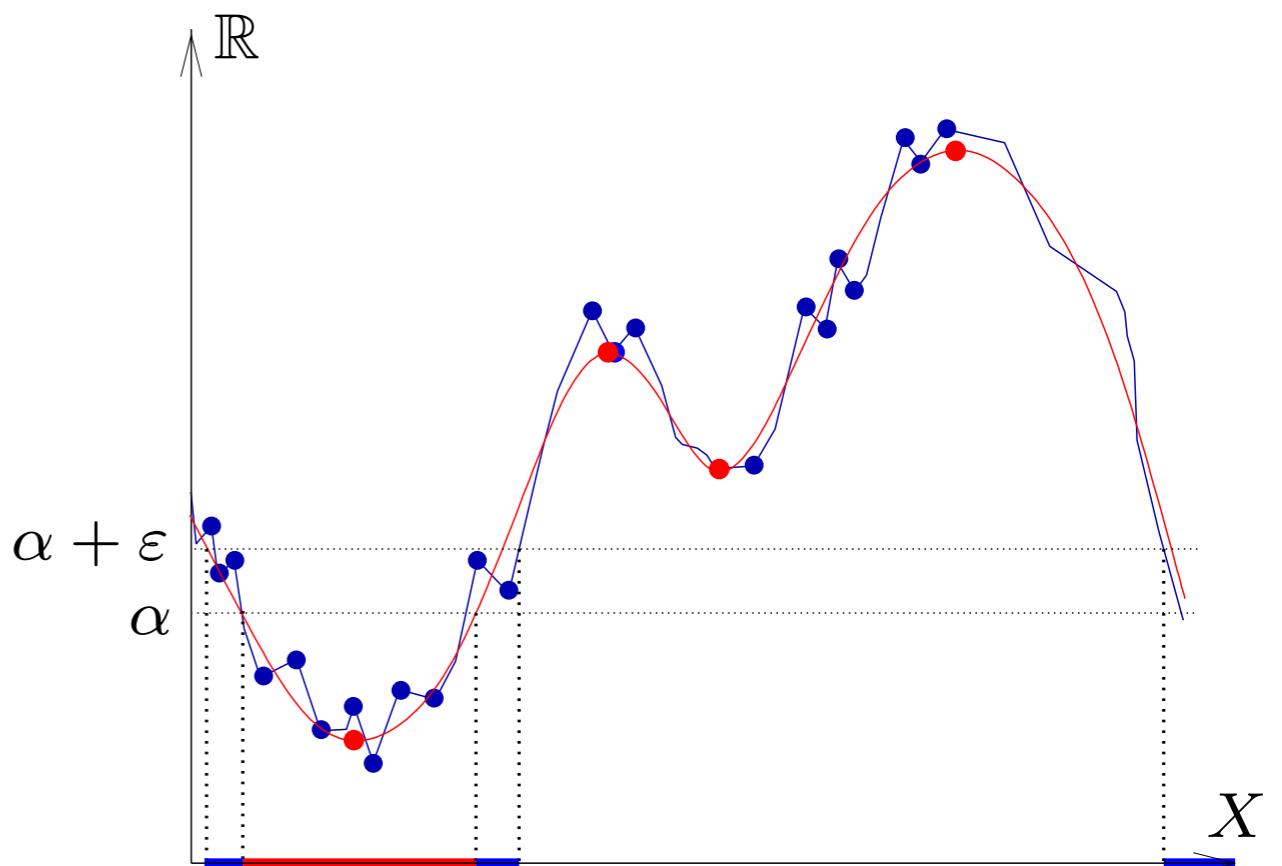
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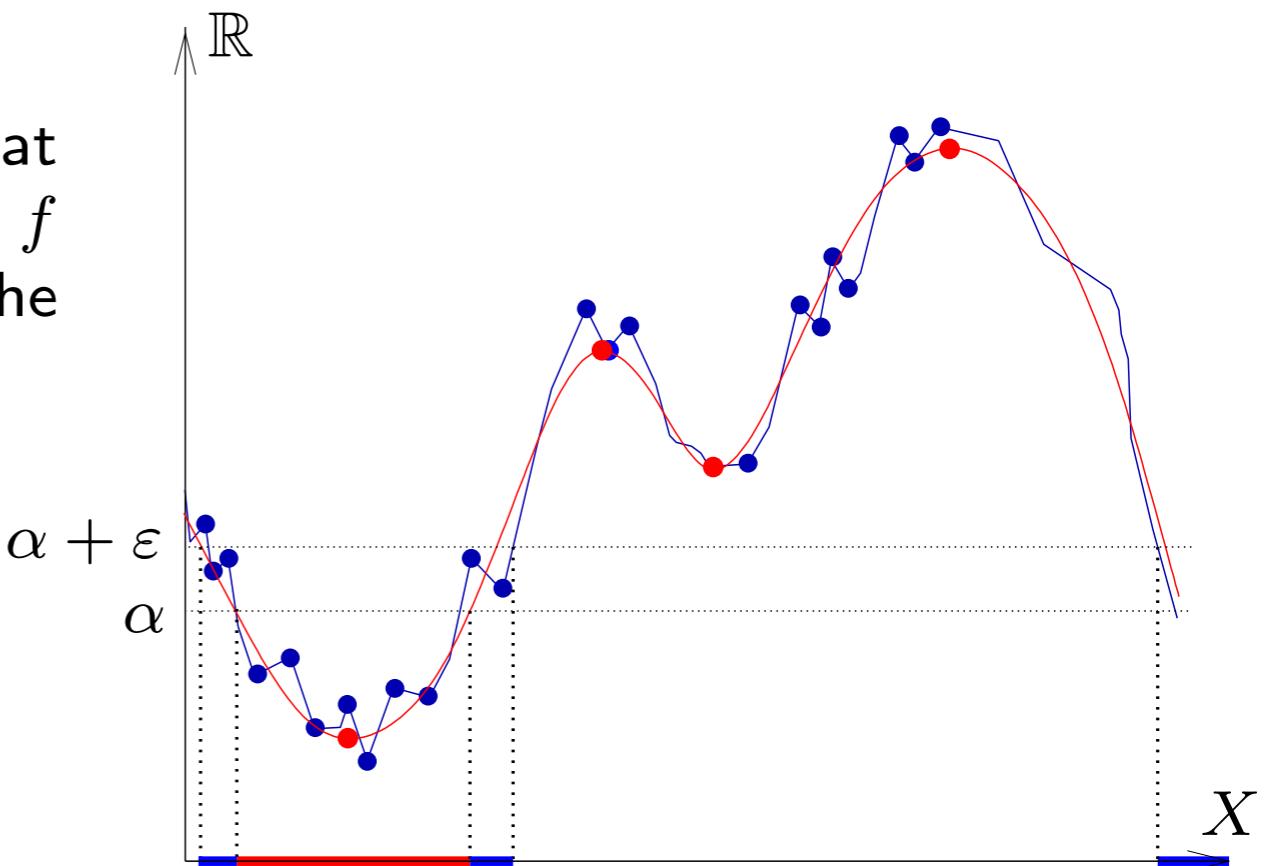
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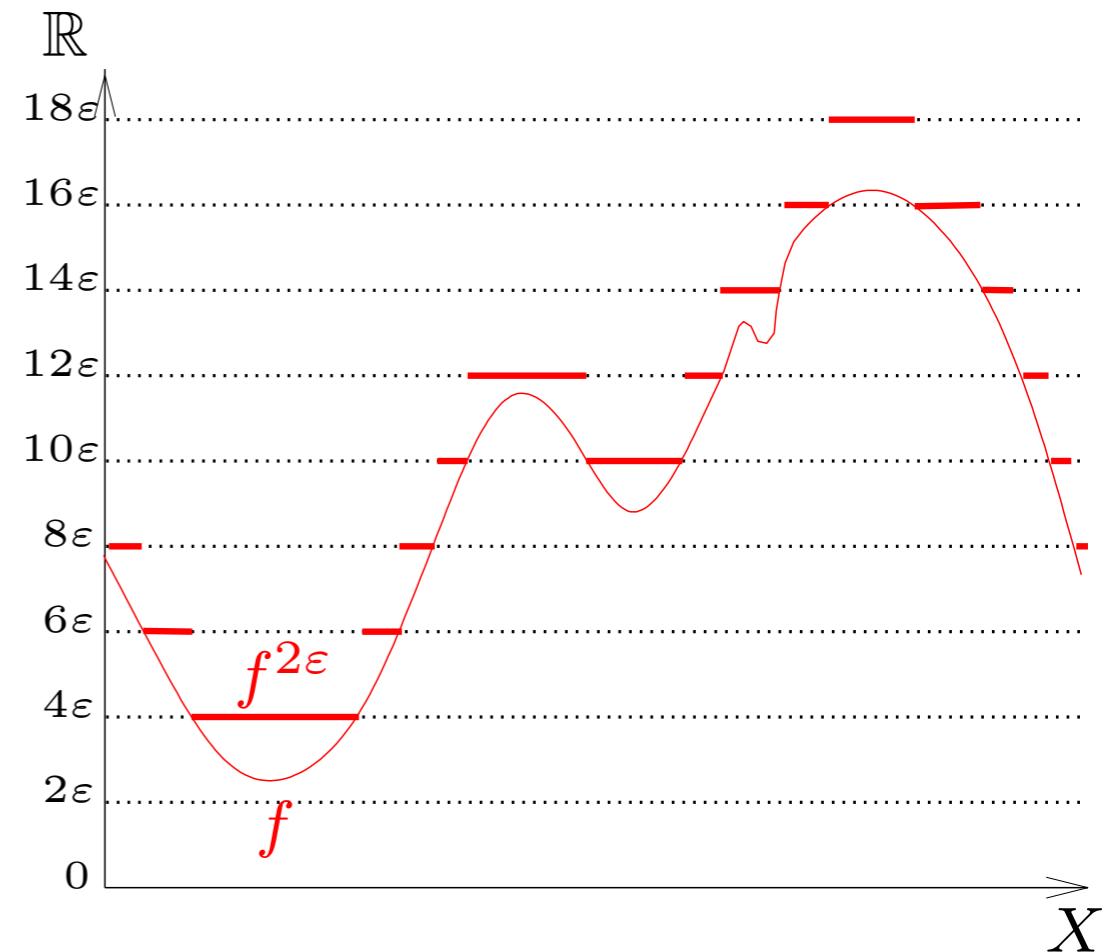
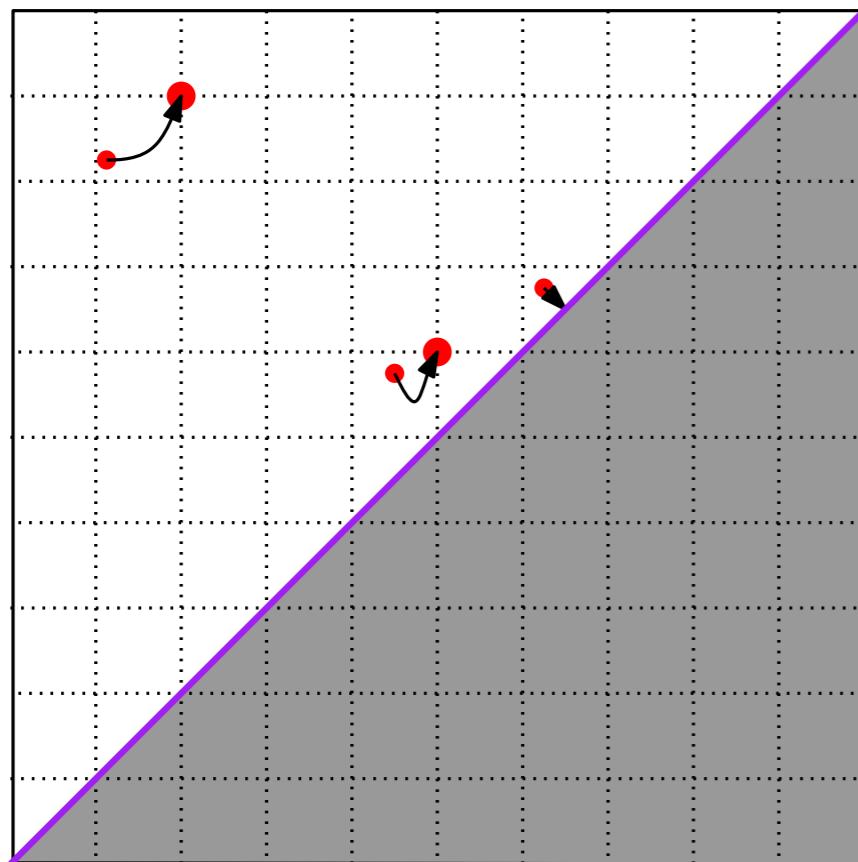
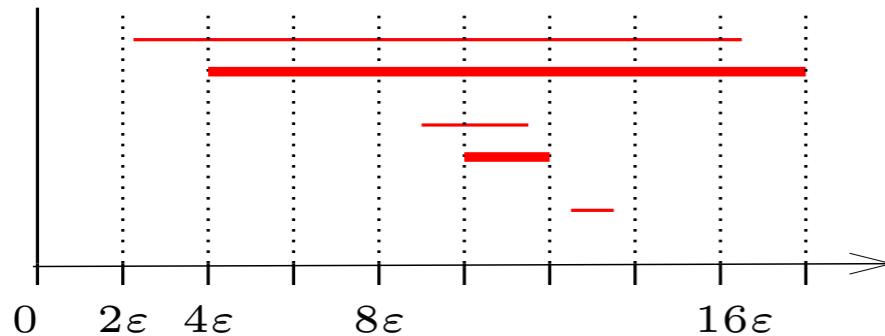
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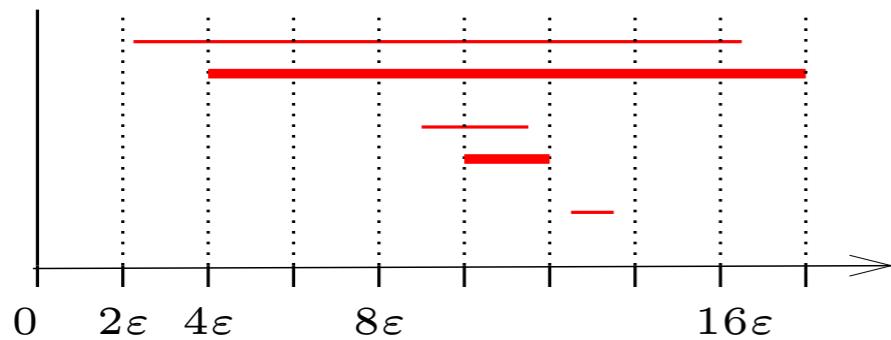


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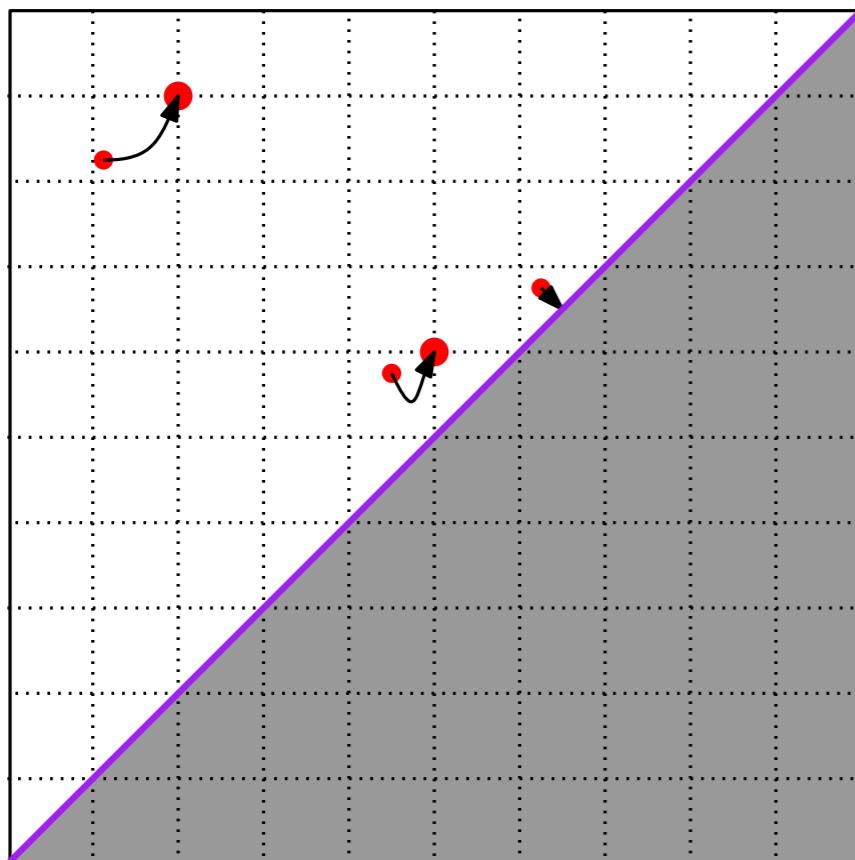
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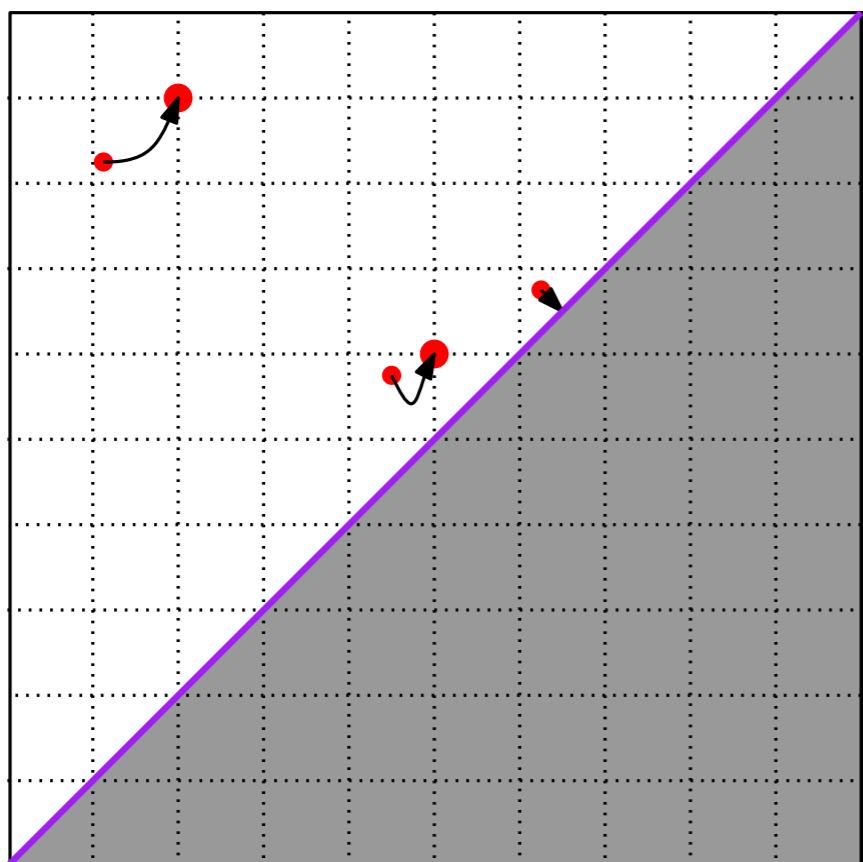
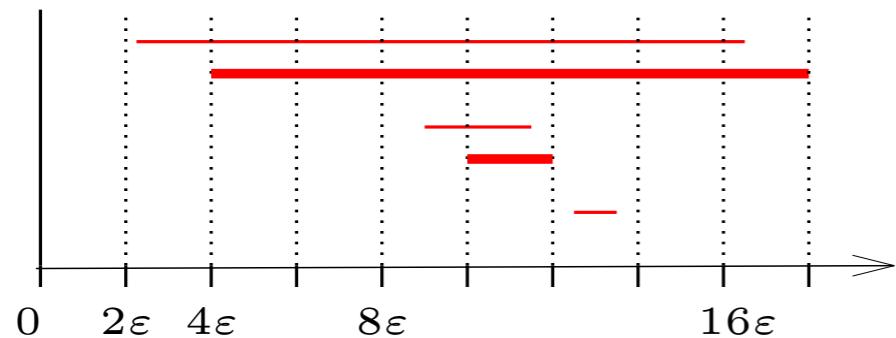
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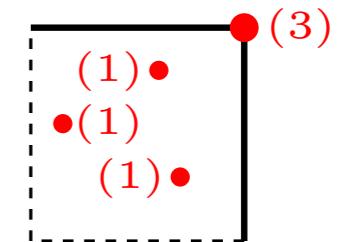
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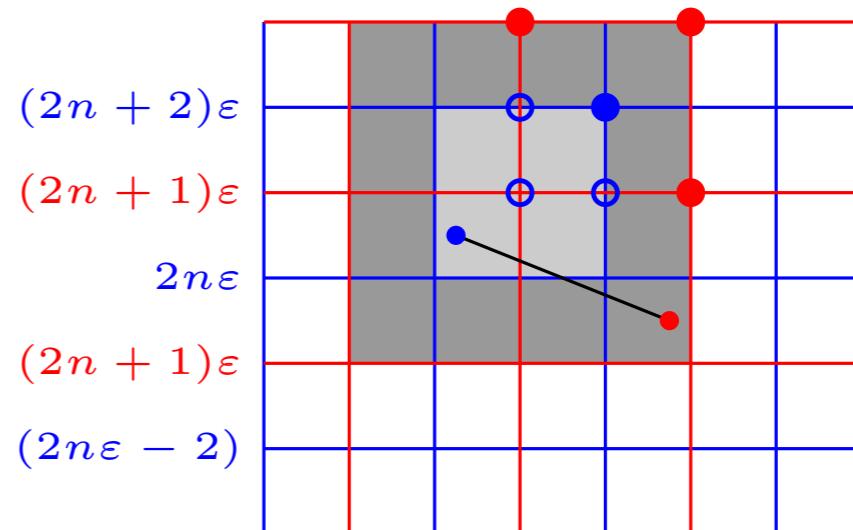
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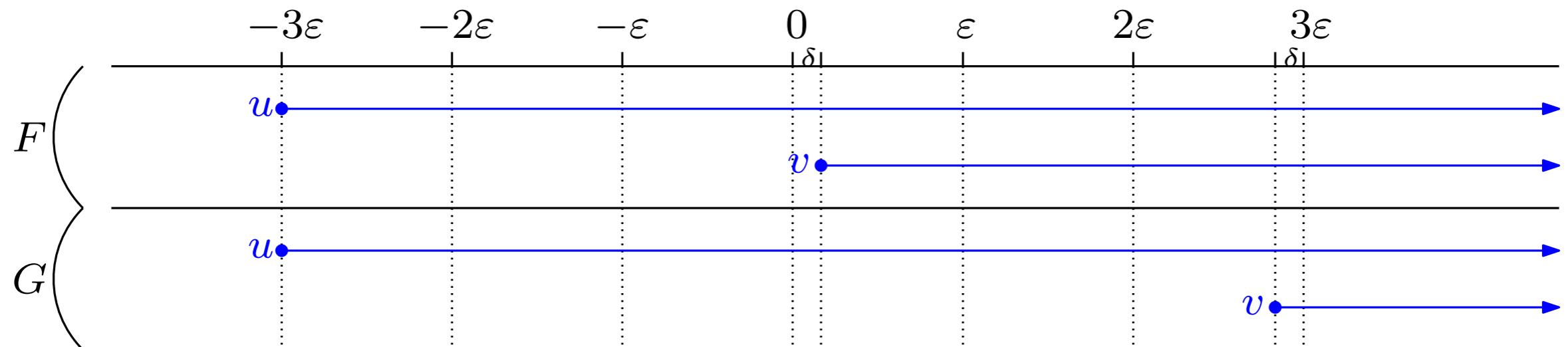
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# at the functional level (requires extra conditions)

[Cohen-Steiner, Edelsbrunner, Harer 2005]

# at the algebraic level directly ( $\rightarrow$  **isometry theorem**)

[Chazal, Cohen-Steiner, Glisse, Guibas, O. 2009] [Chazal, de Silva, Glisse, O. 2016]

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# Recap'

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- decomposition theorems ( $\exists$  barcodes)
- algorithms (computation of barcodes)
- stability theorems (barcodes as stable descriptors)