

Coloring Mixed and Directional Interval Graphs

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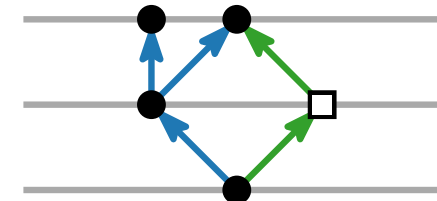
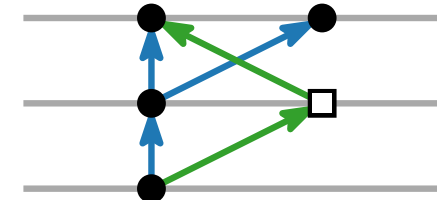
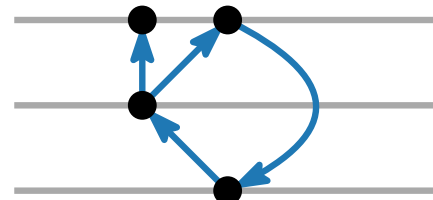
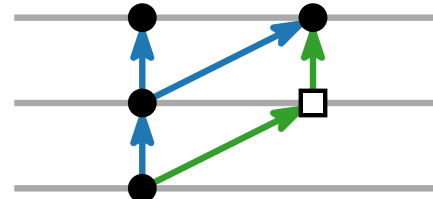
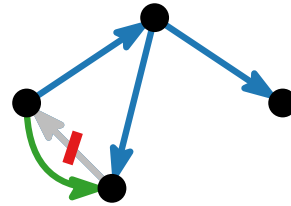
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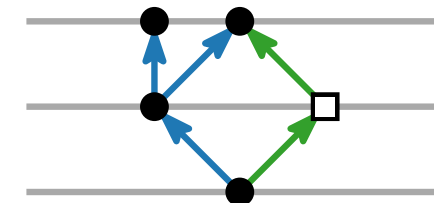
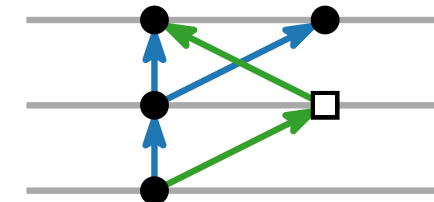
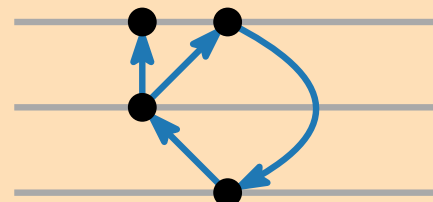
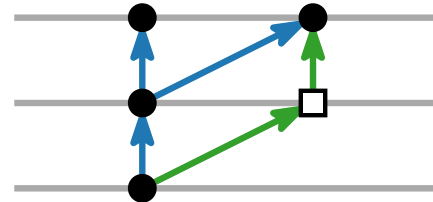
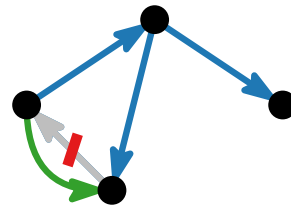
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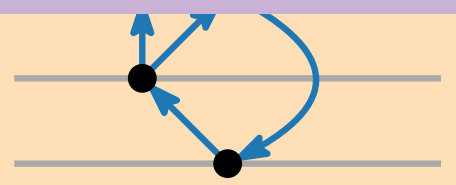
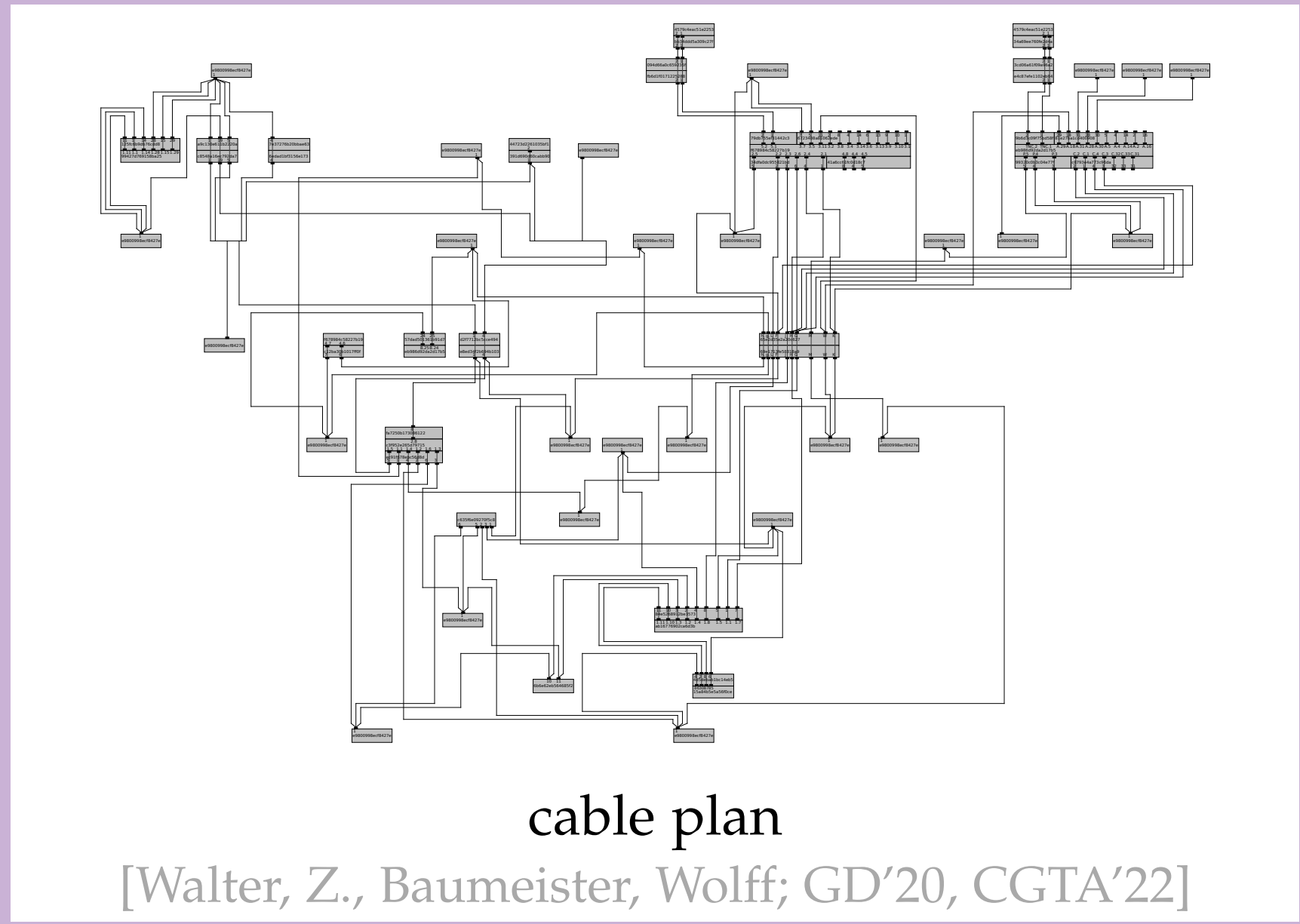
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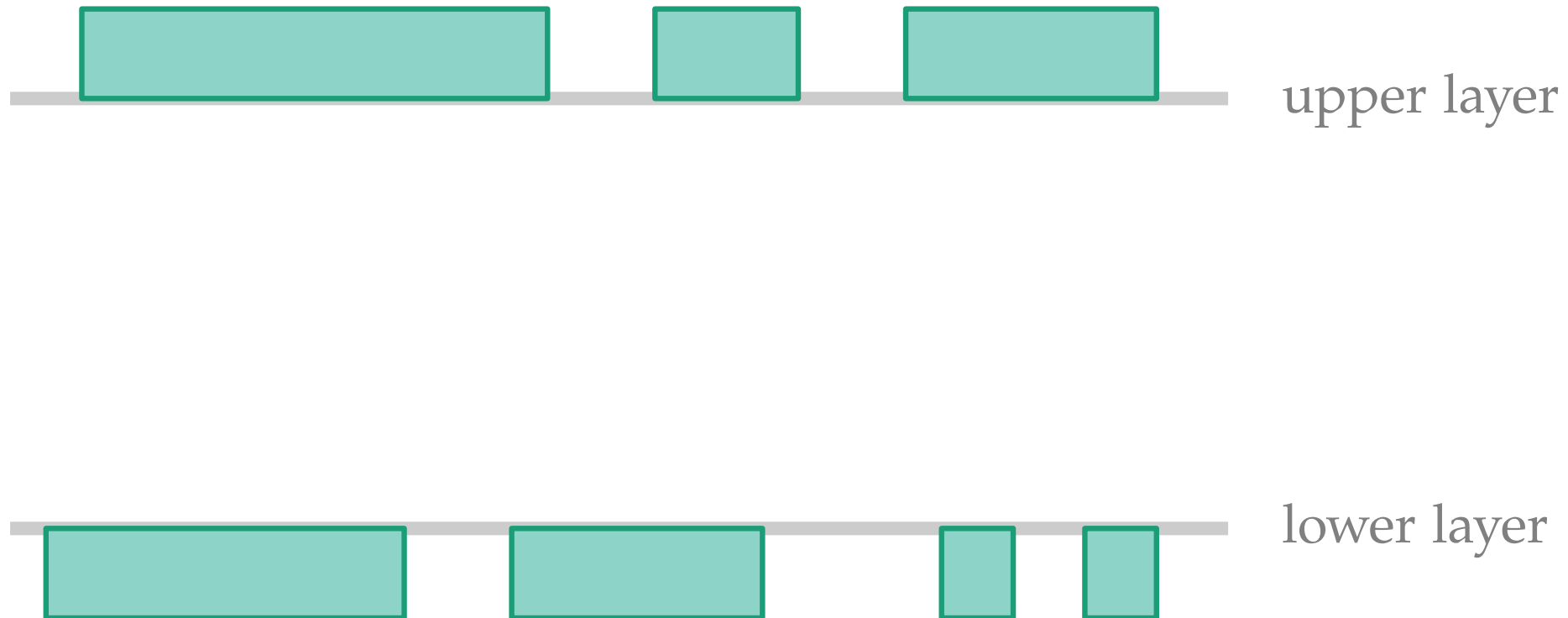
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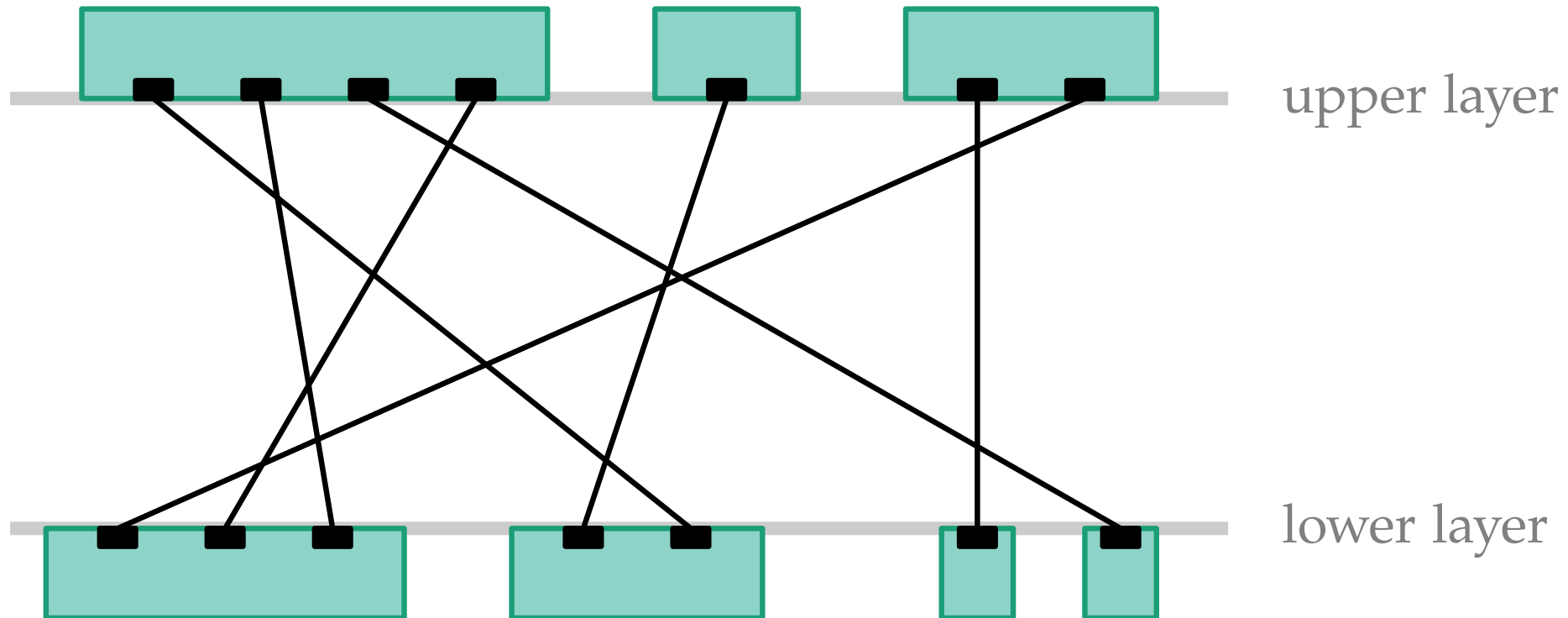
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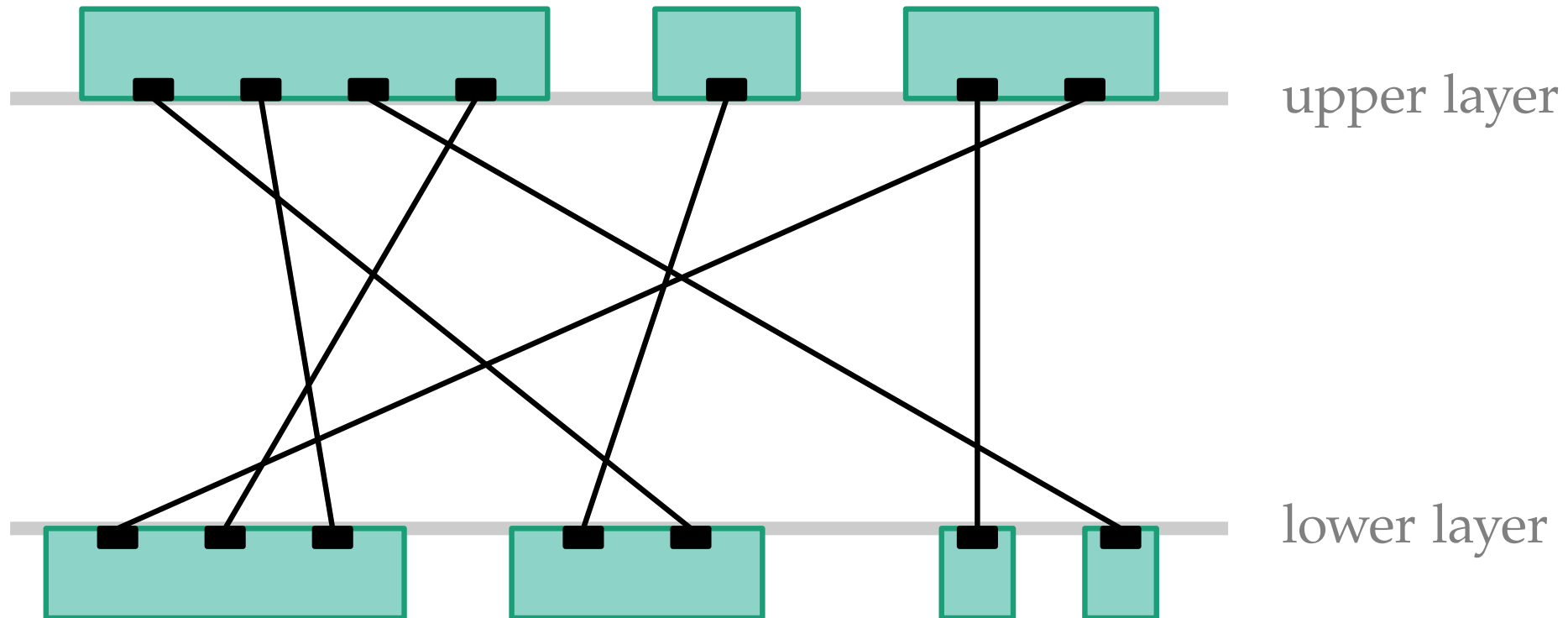
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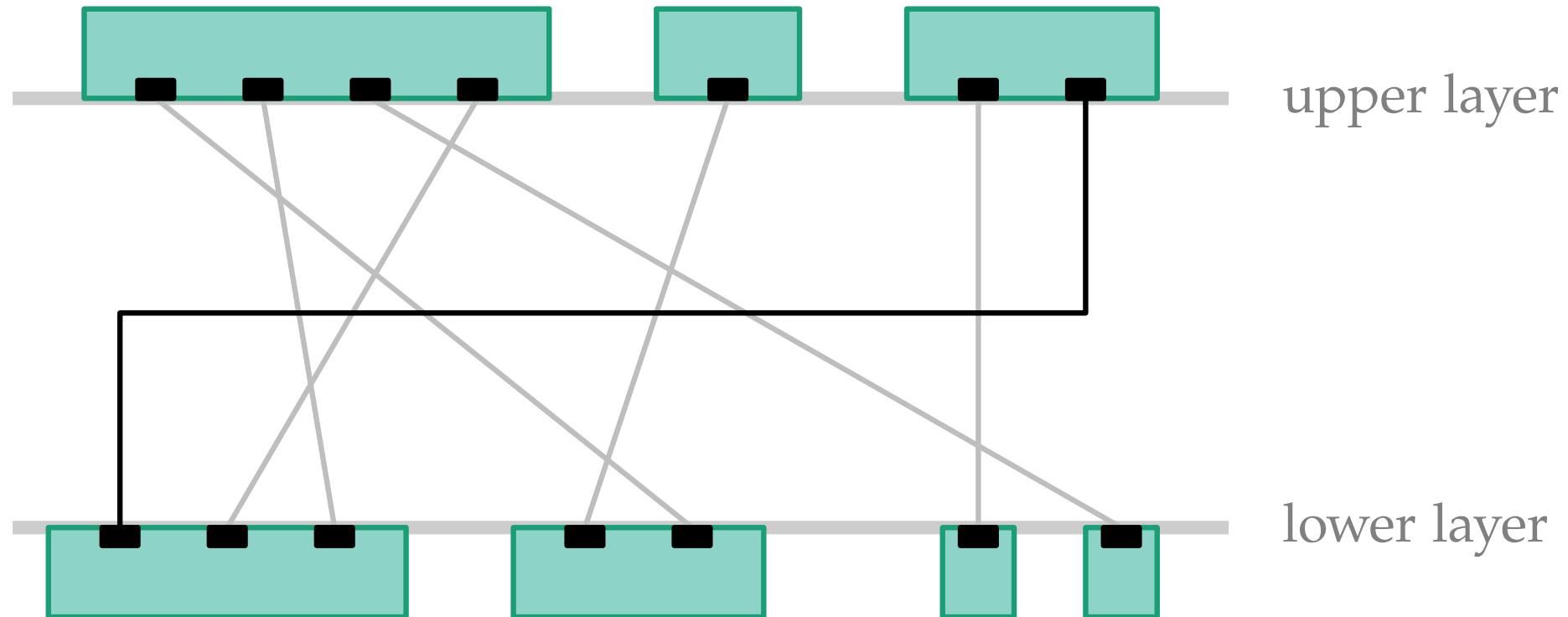
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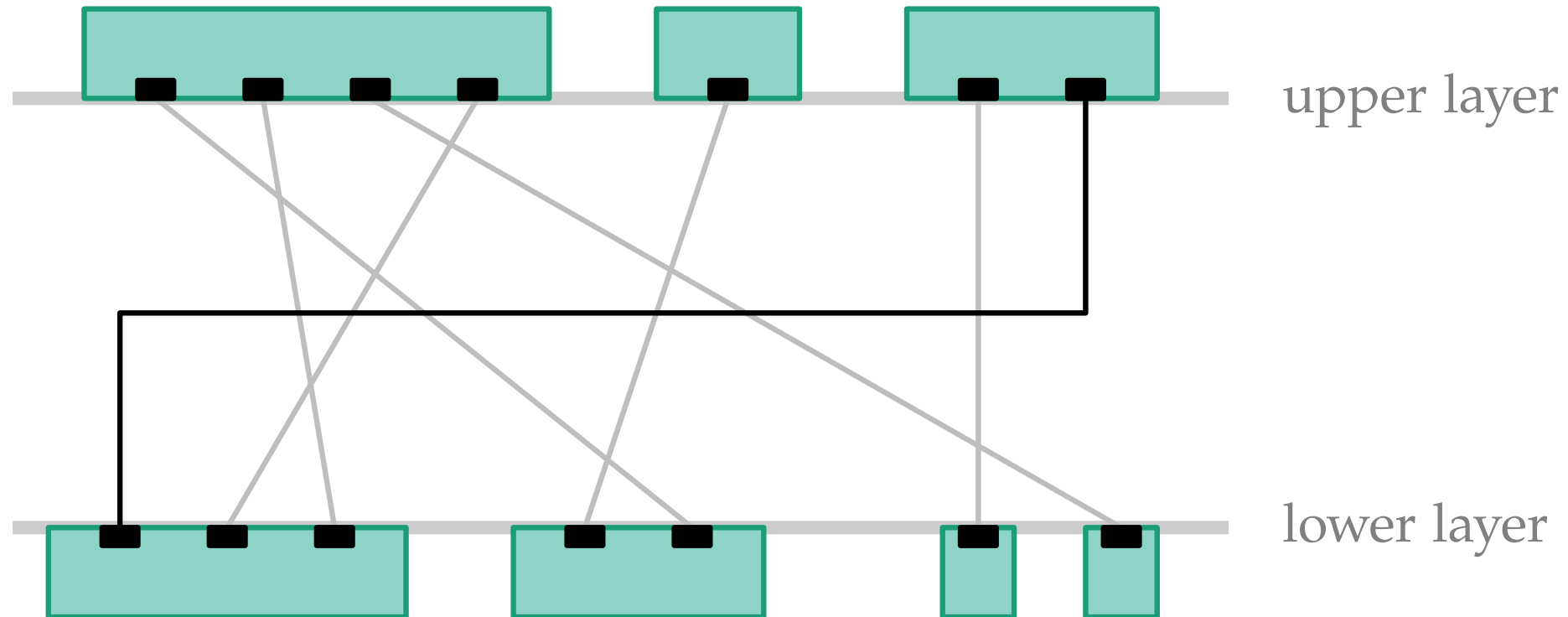
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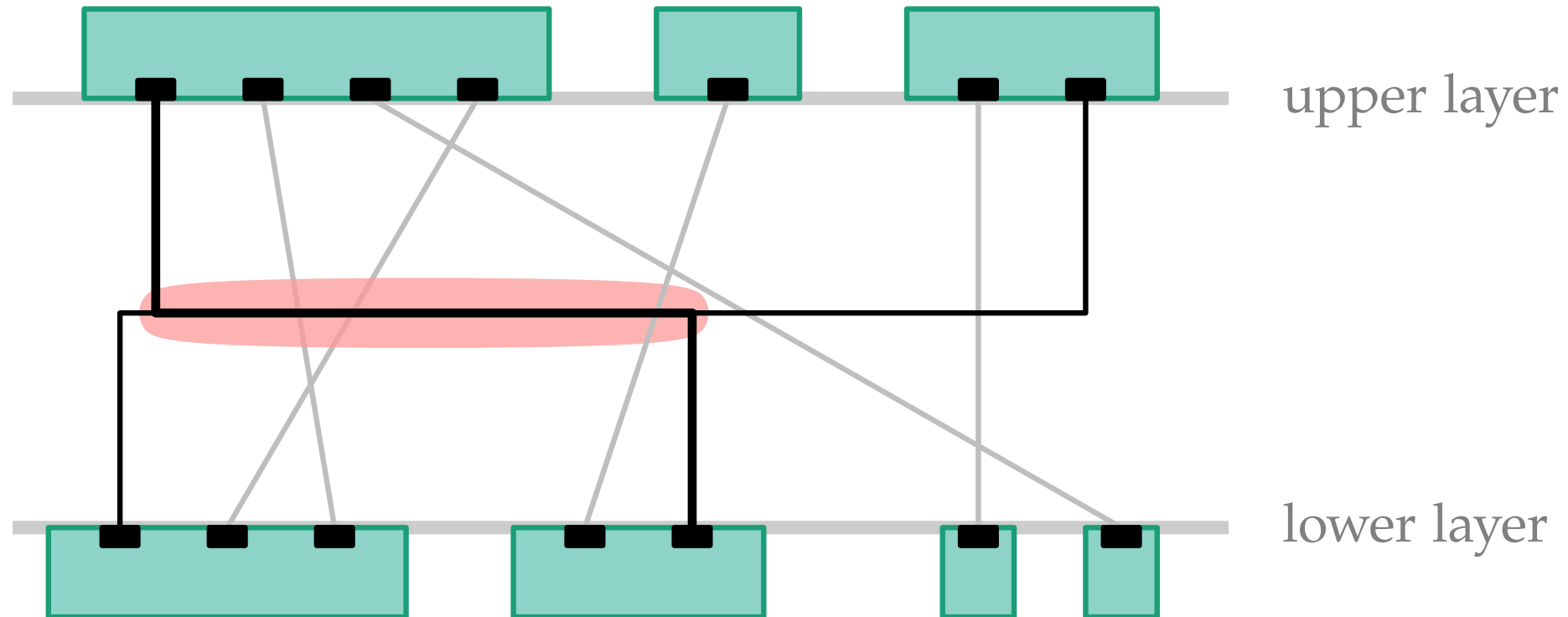
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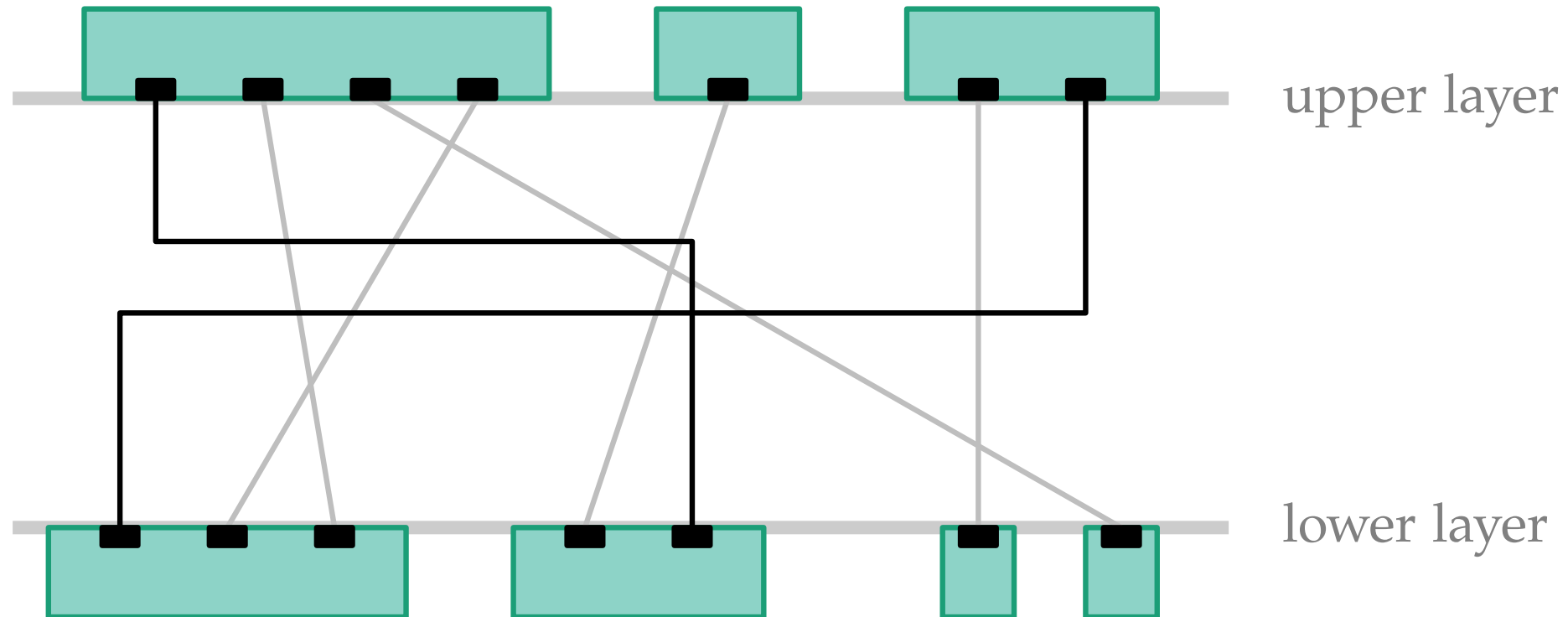
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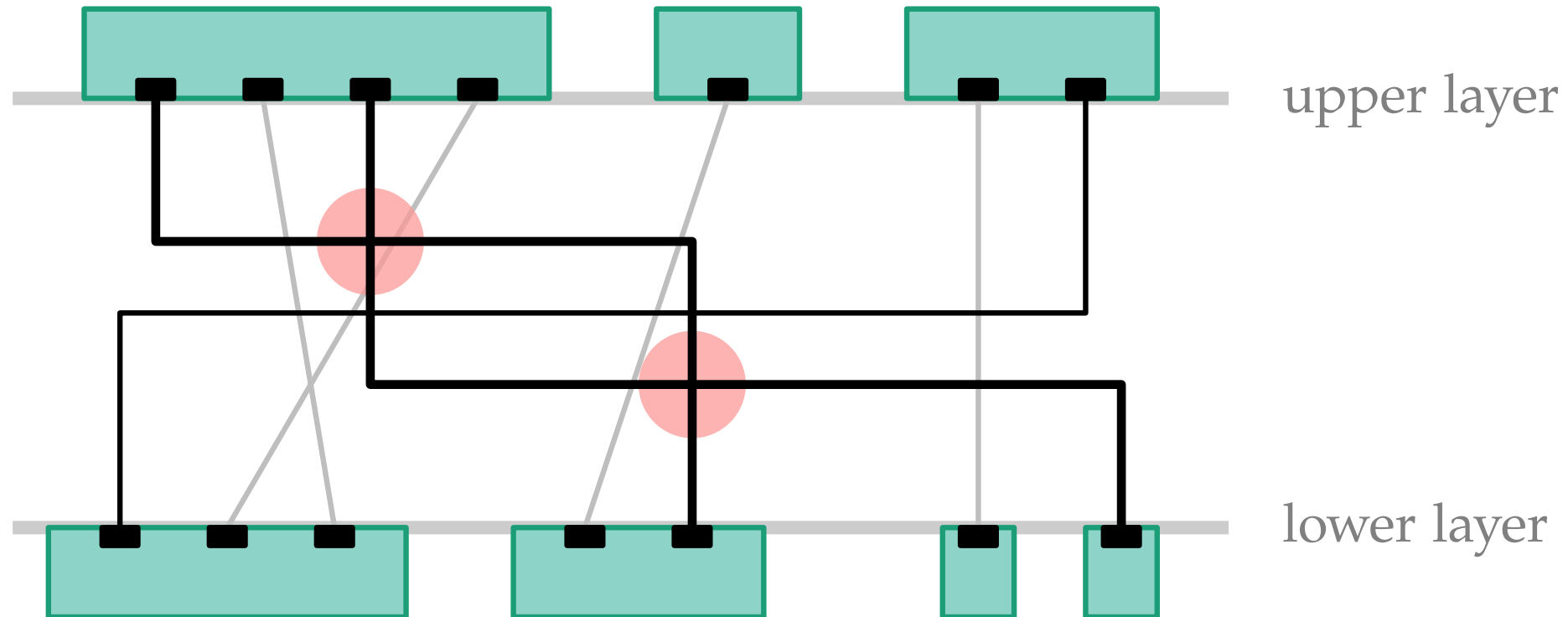
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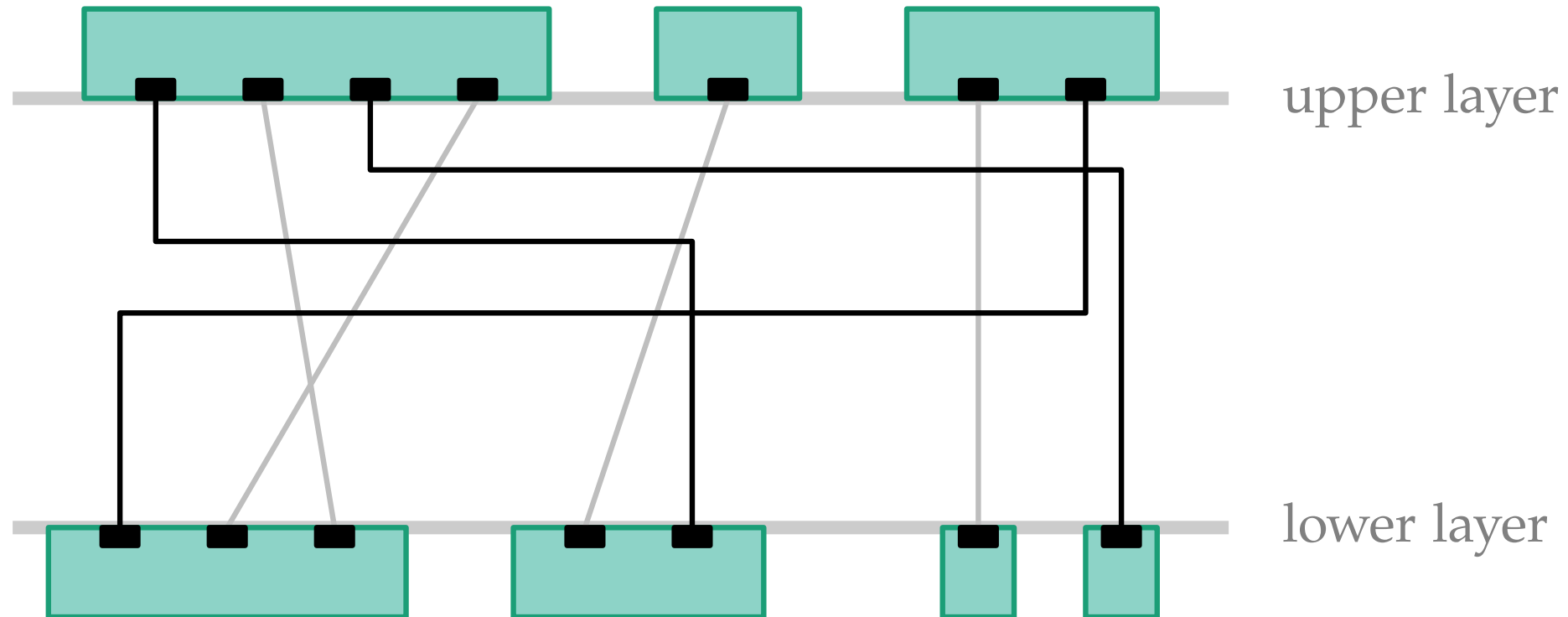
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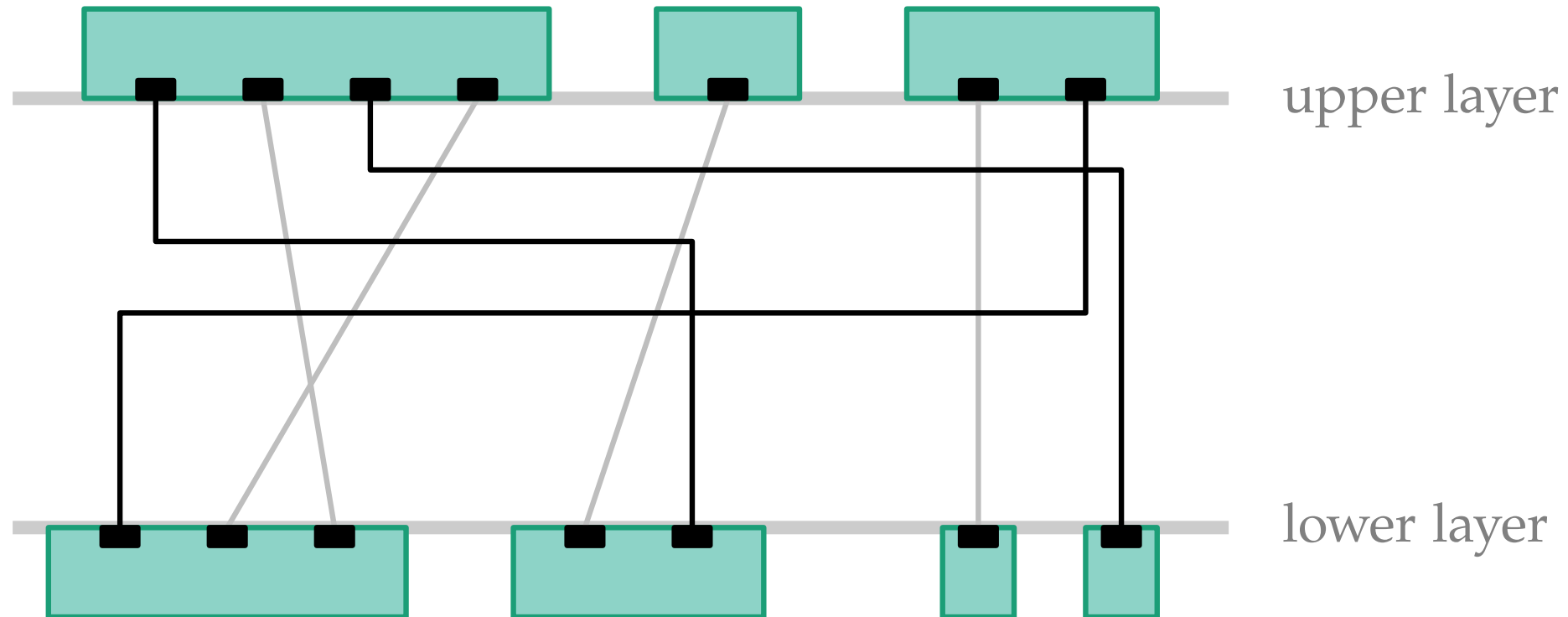
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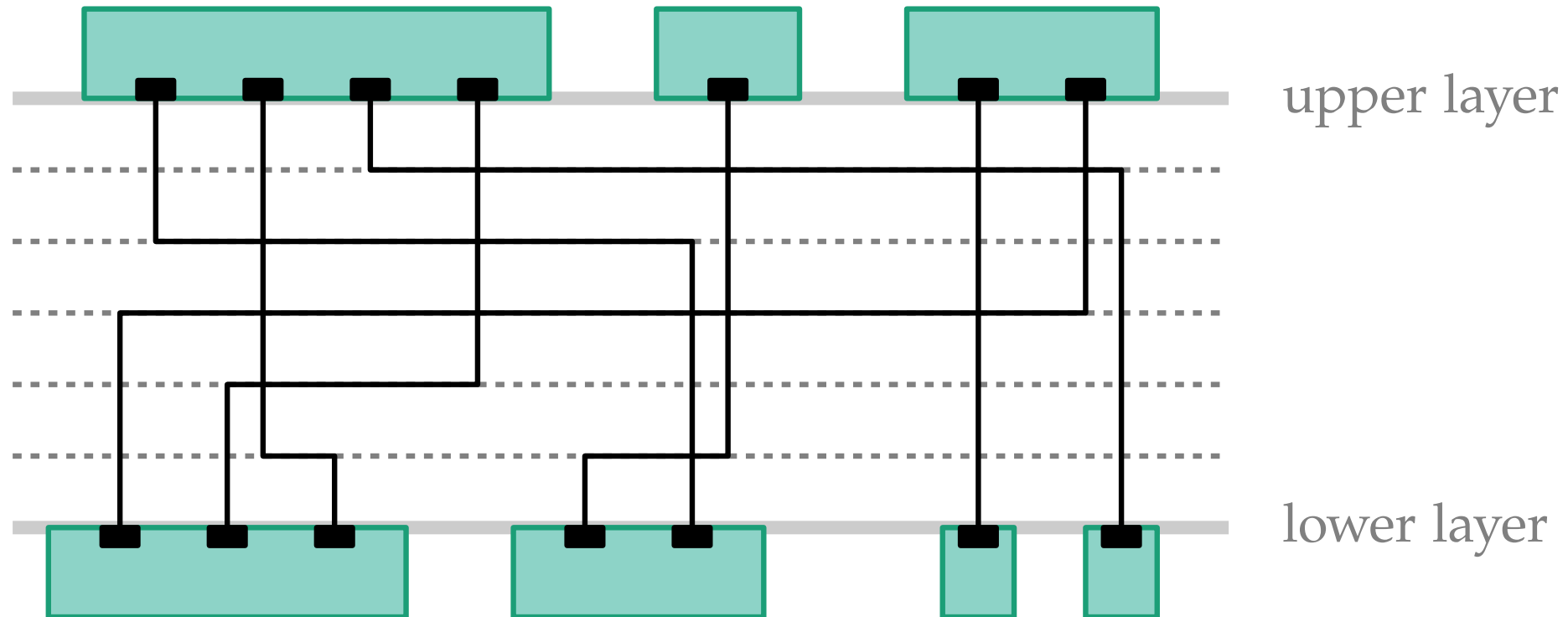
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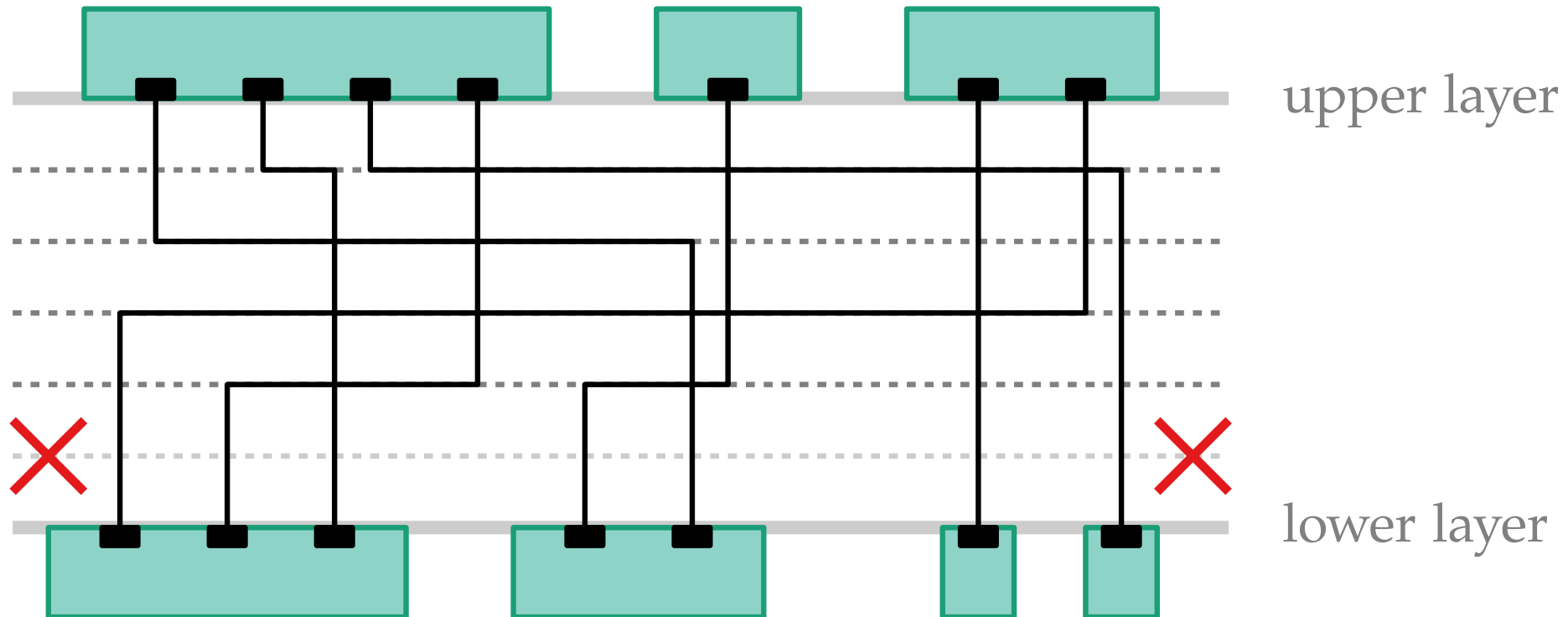
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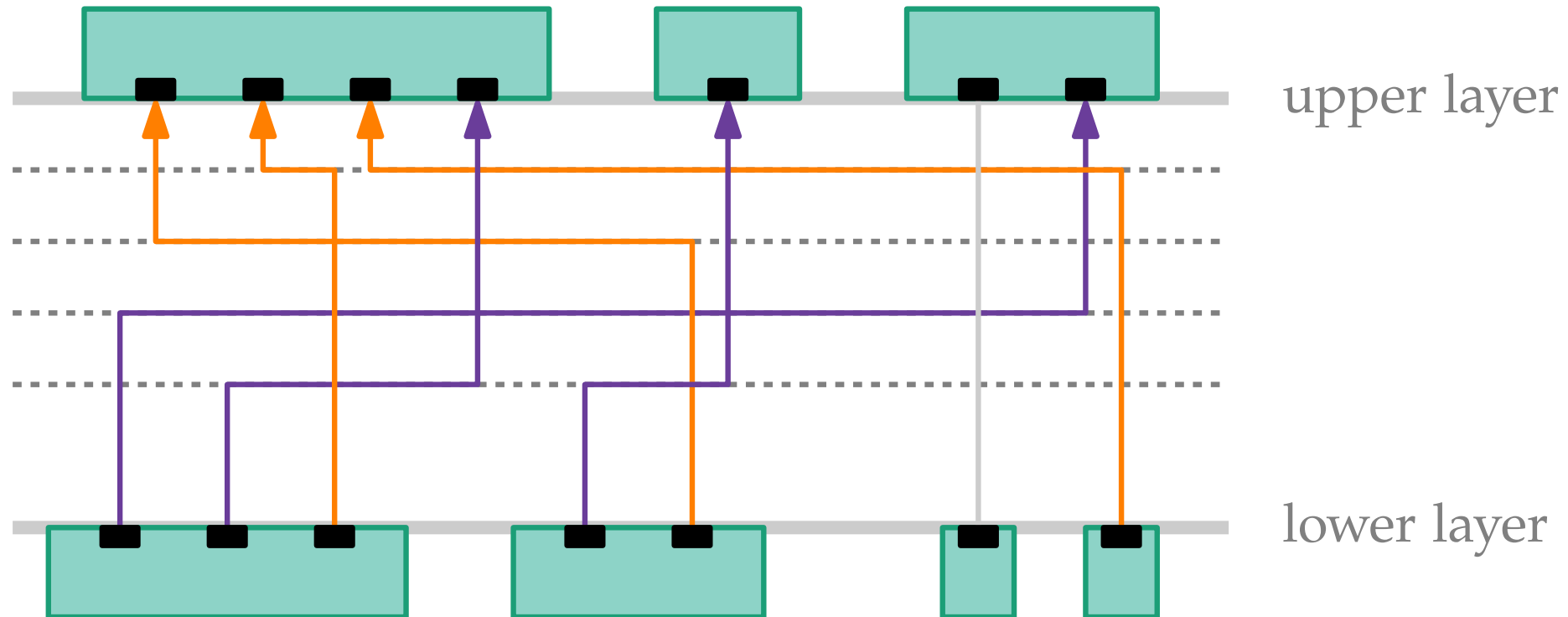
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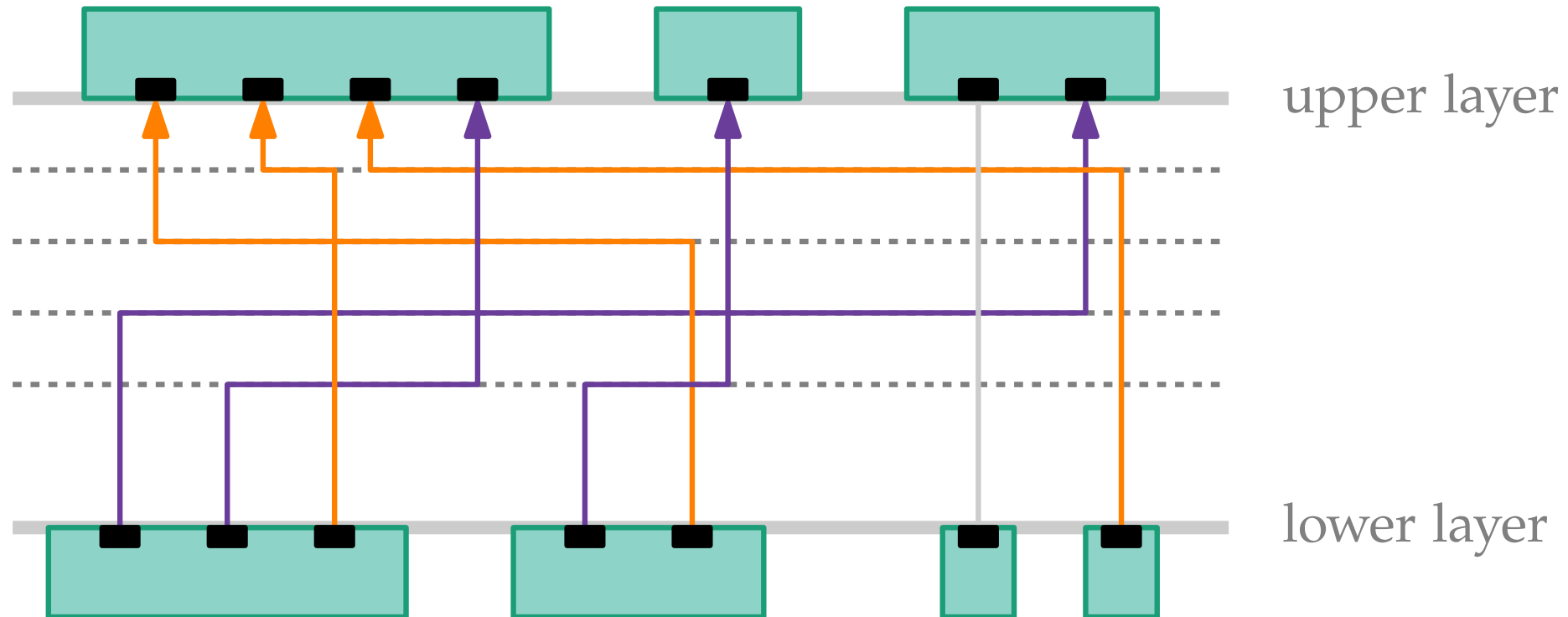
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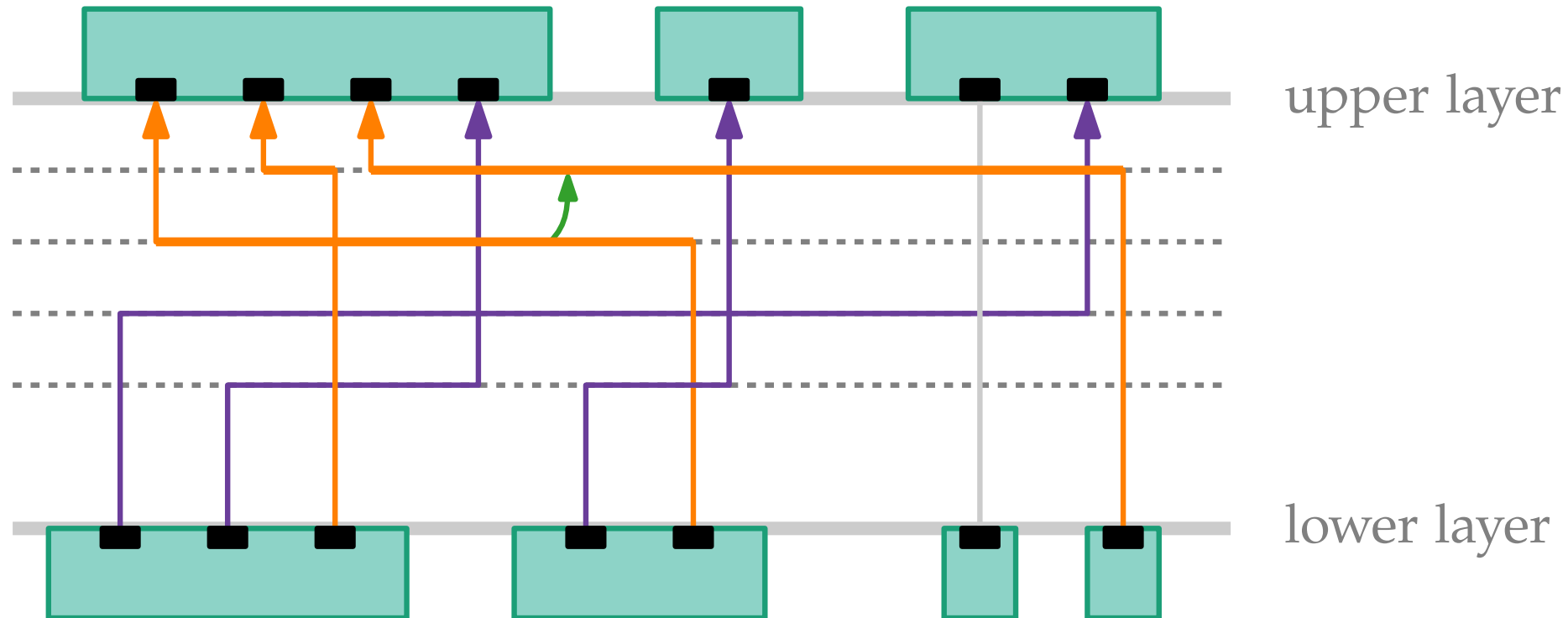
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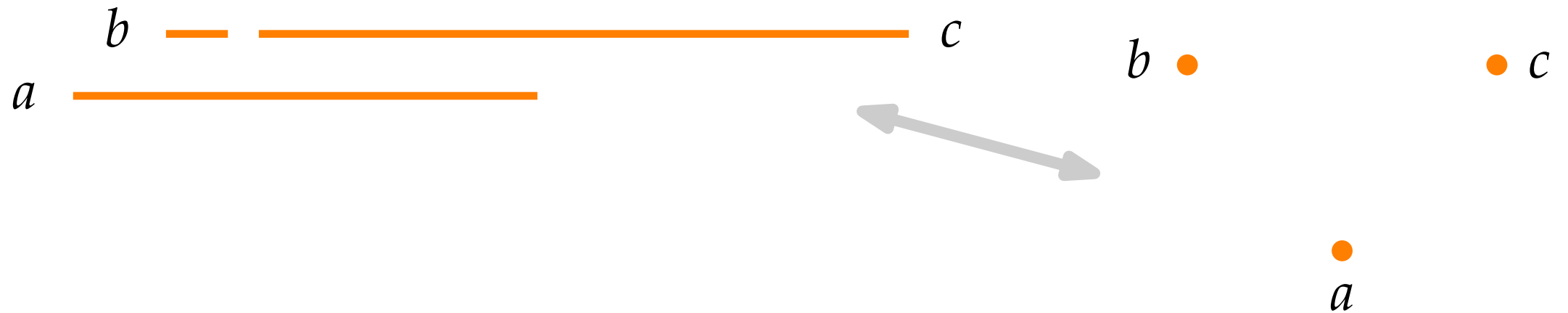


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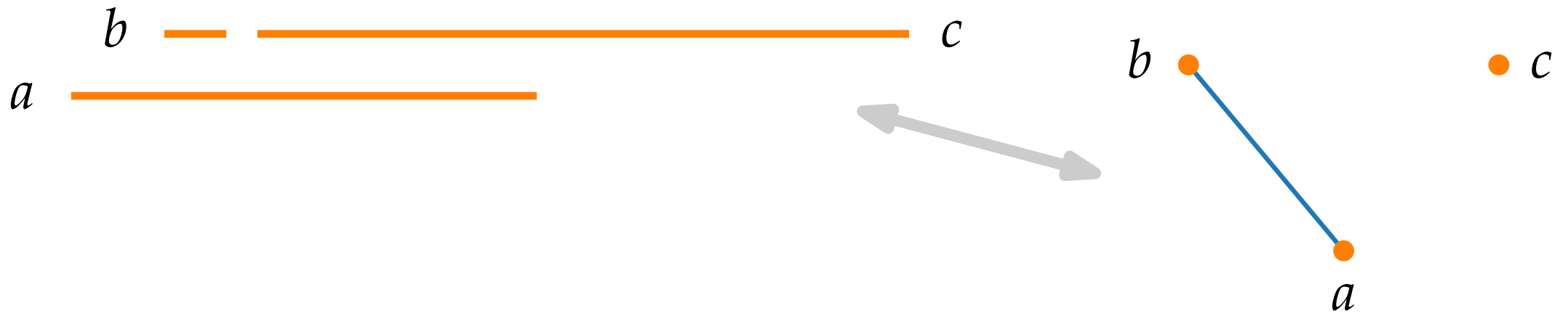


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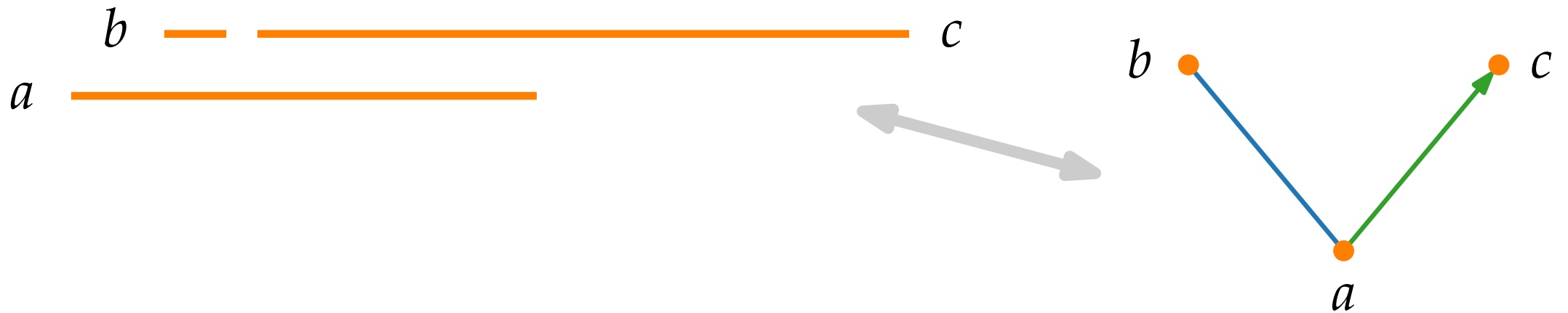


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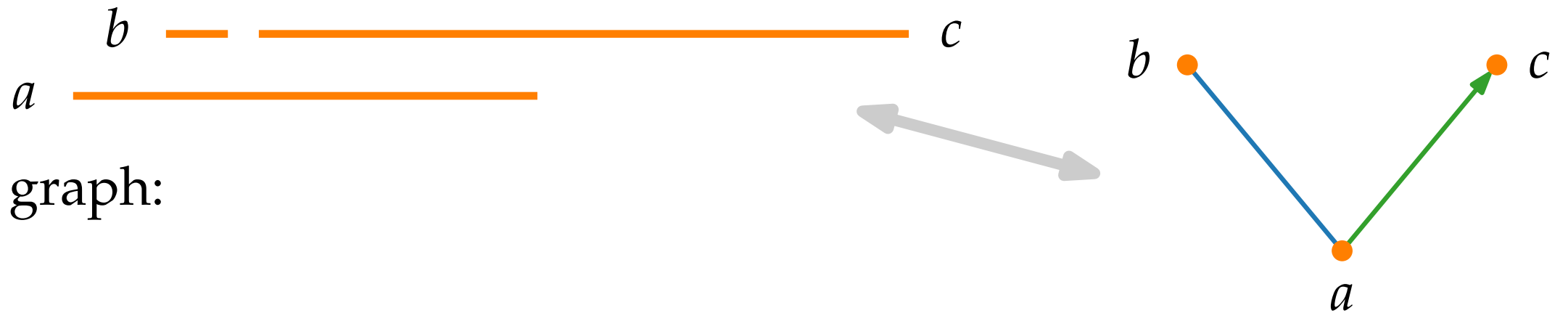


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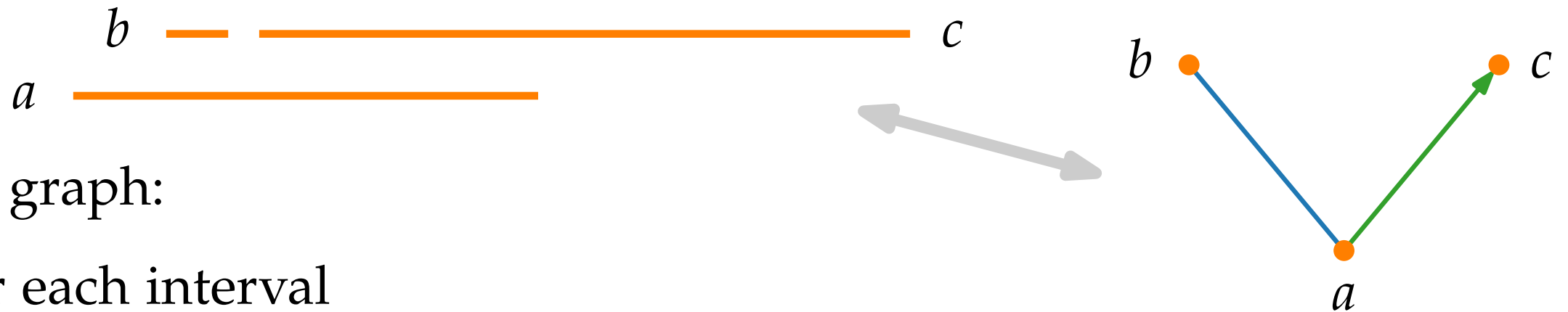
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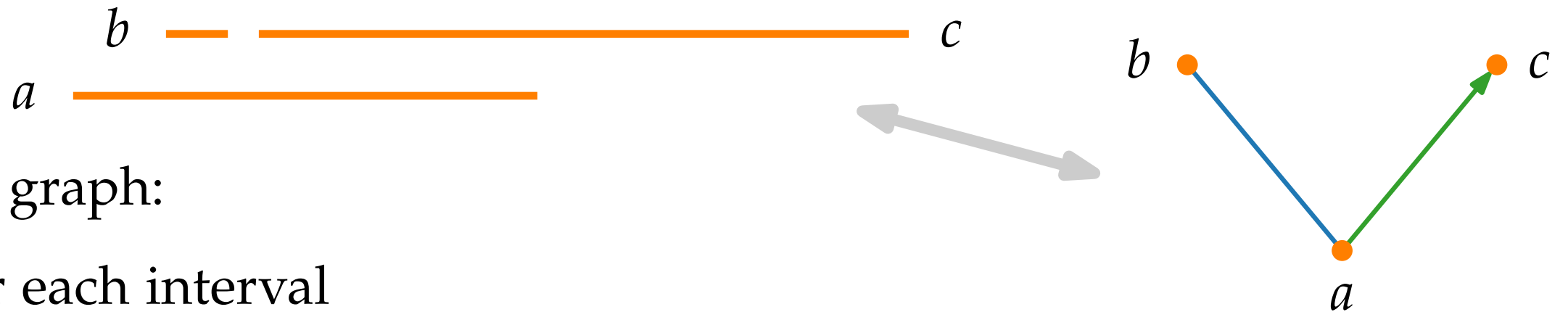
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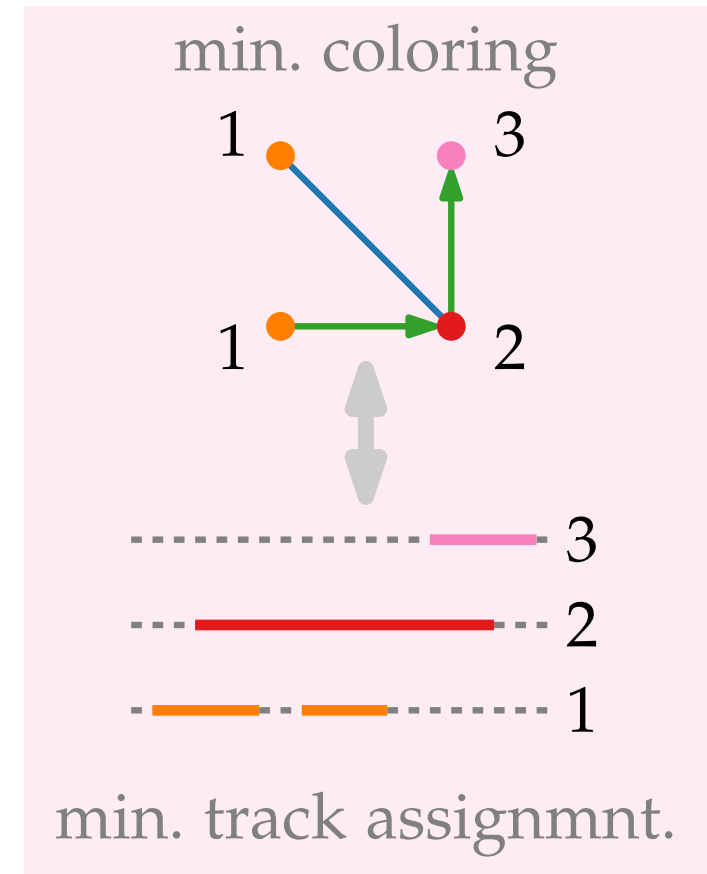
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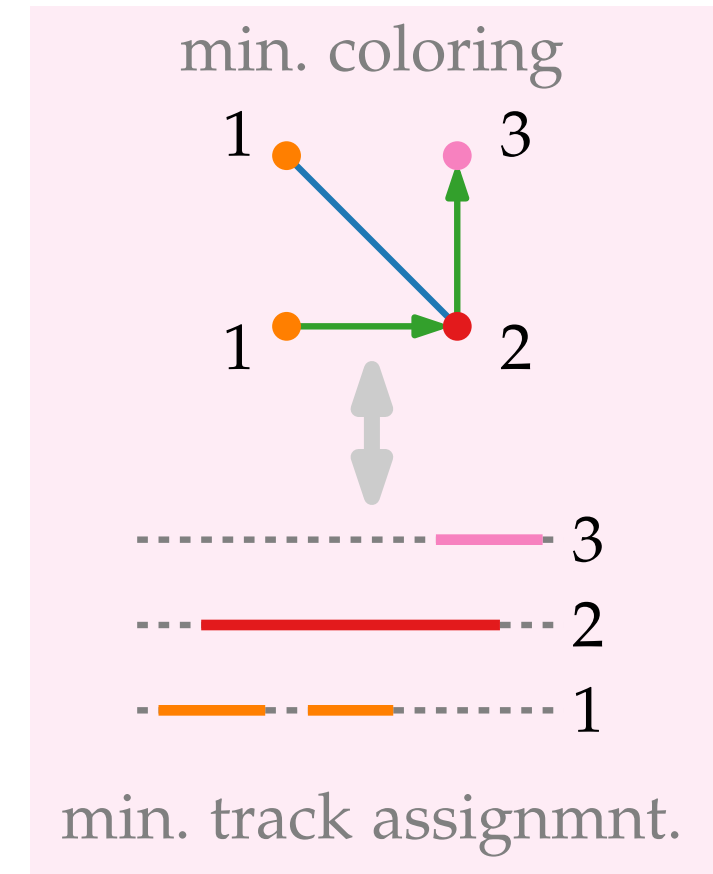
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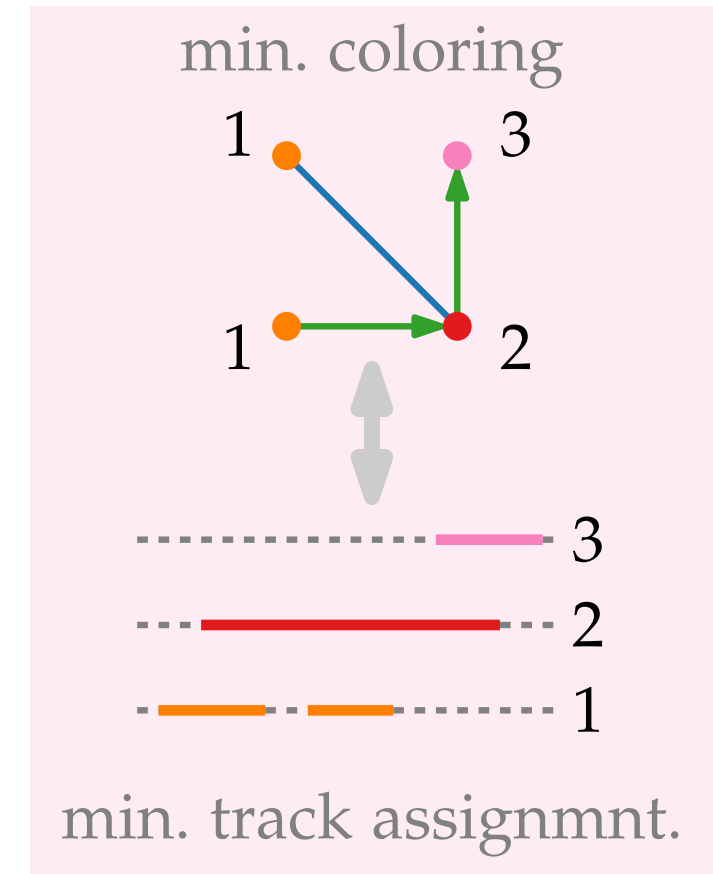
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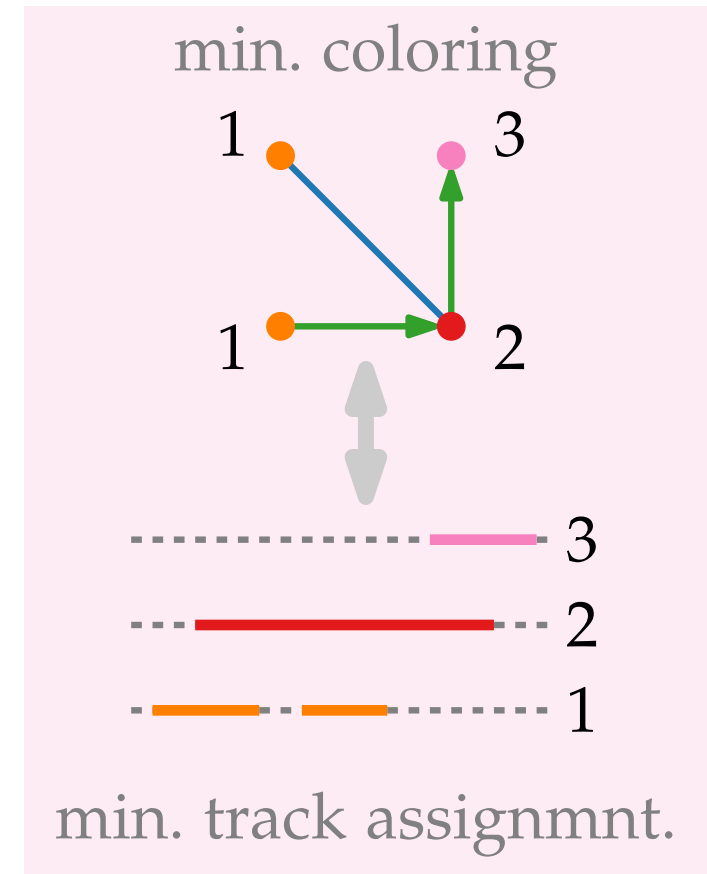
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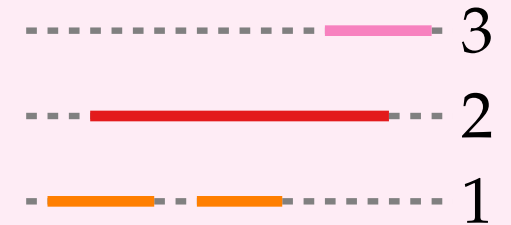
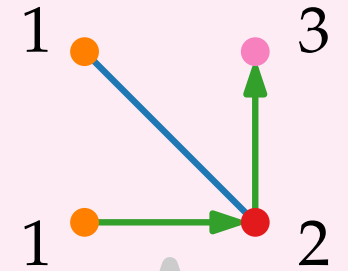
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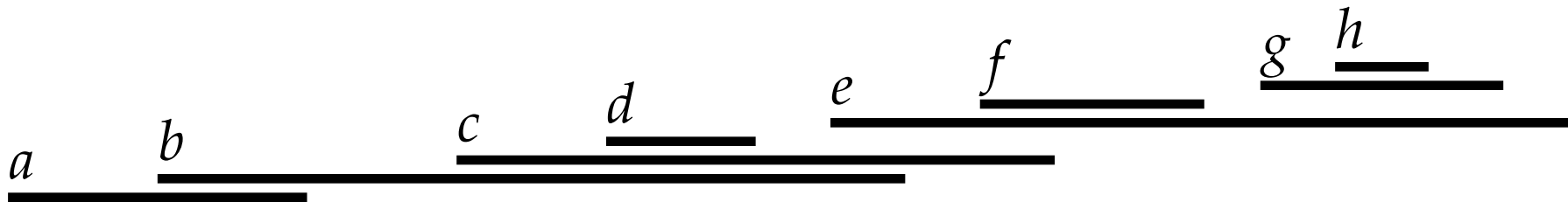
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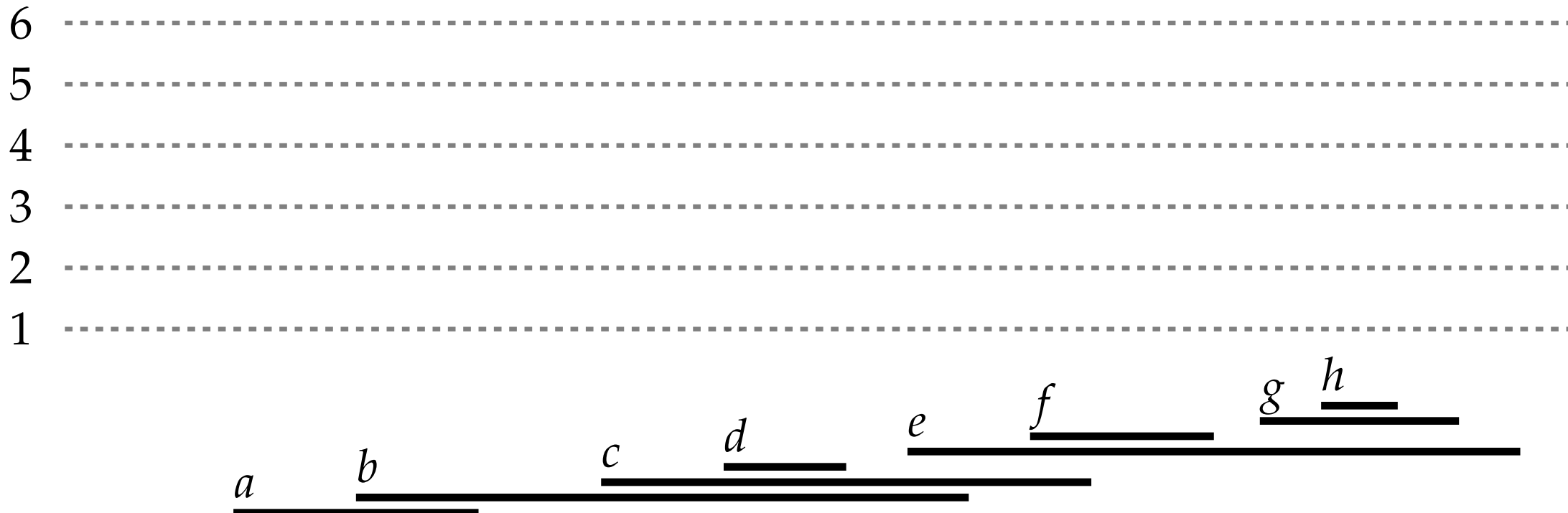


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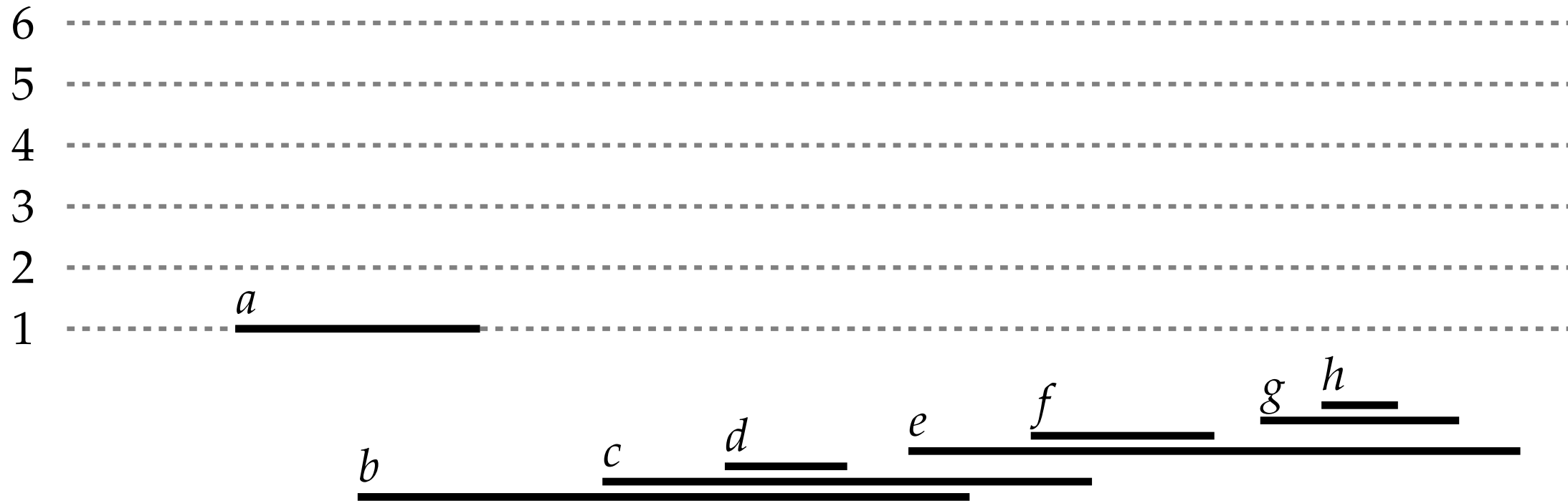


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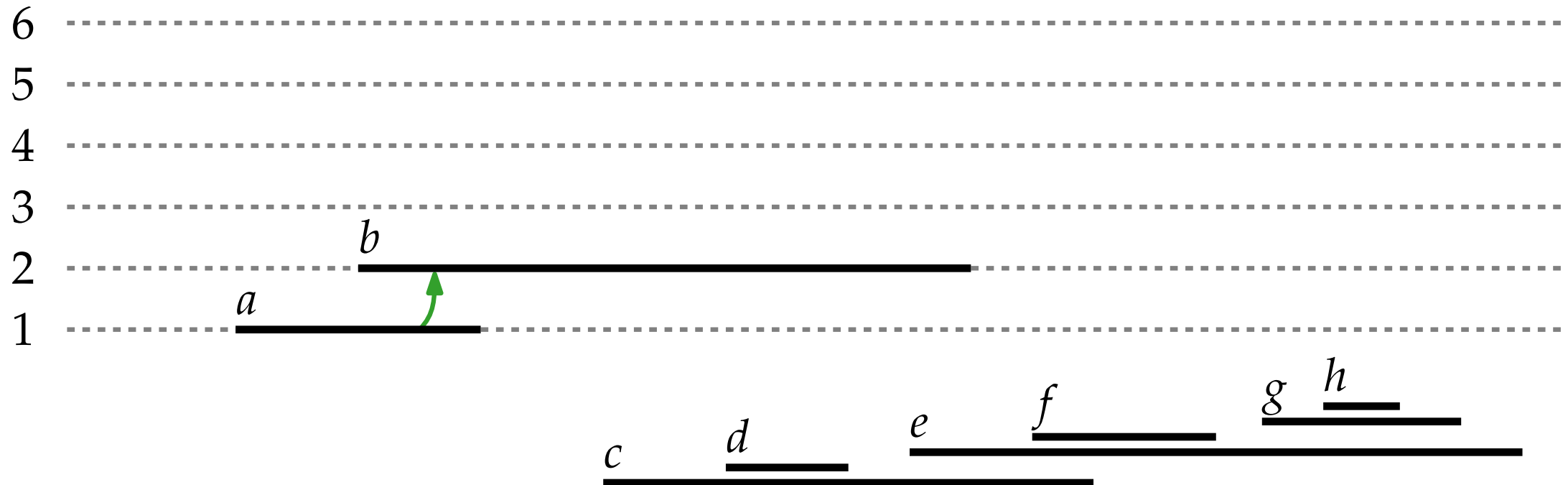


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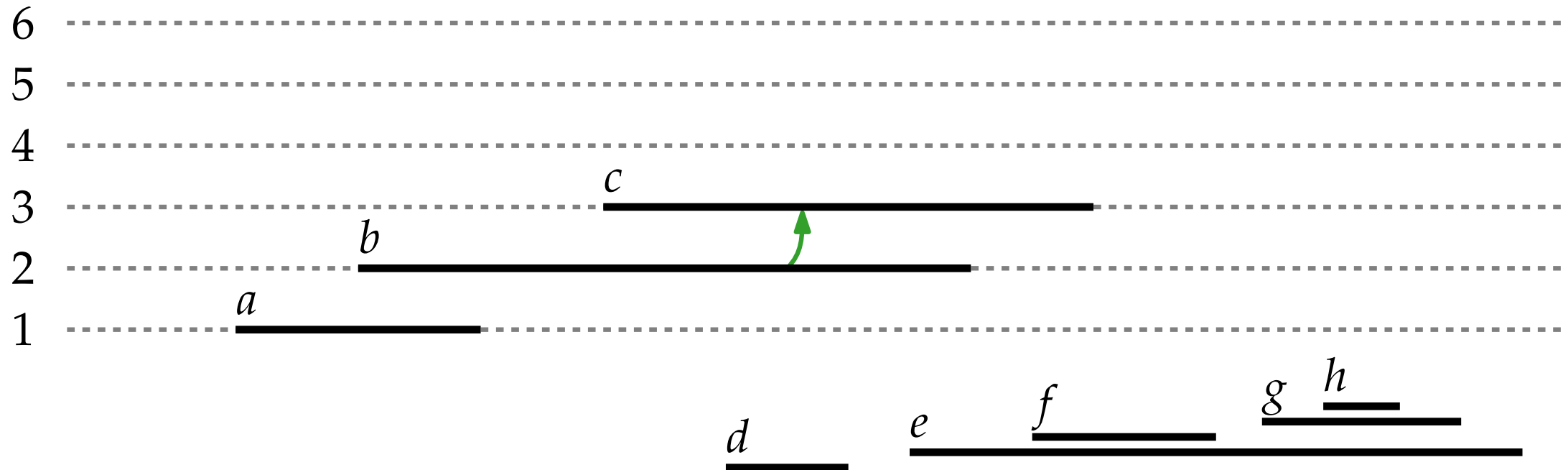


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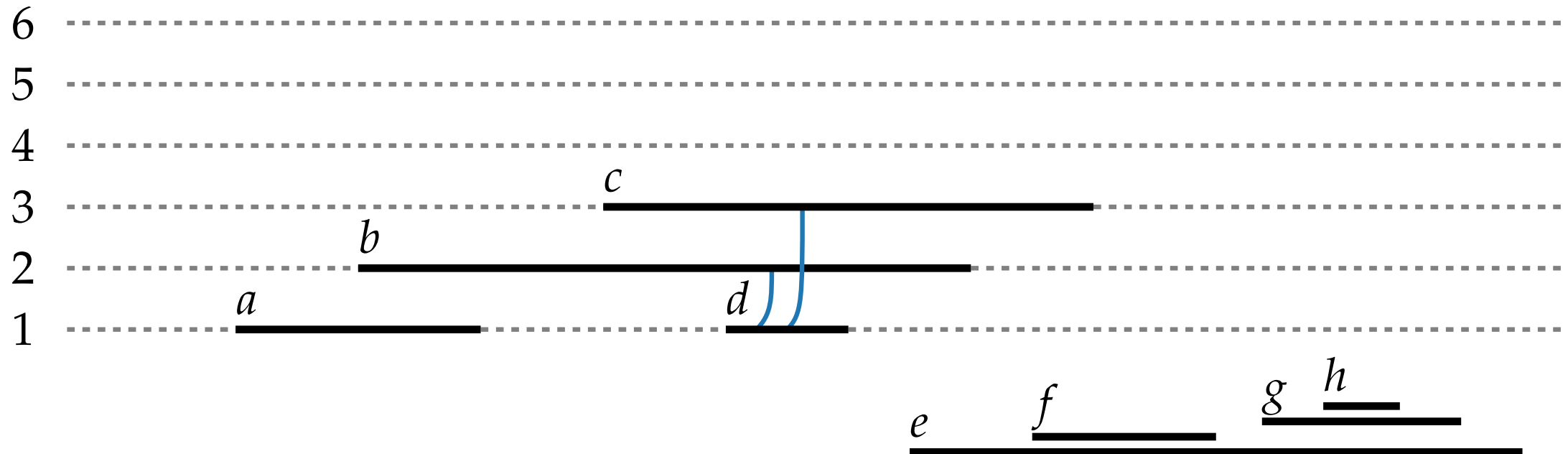


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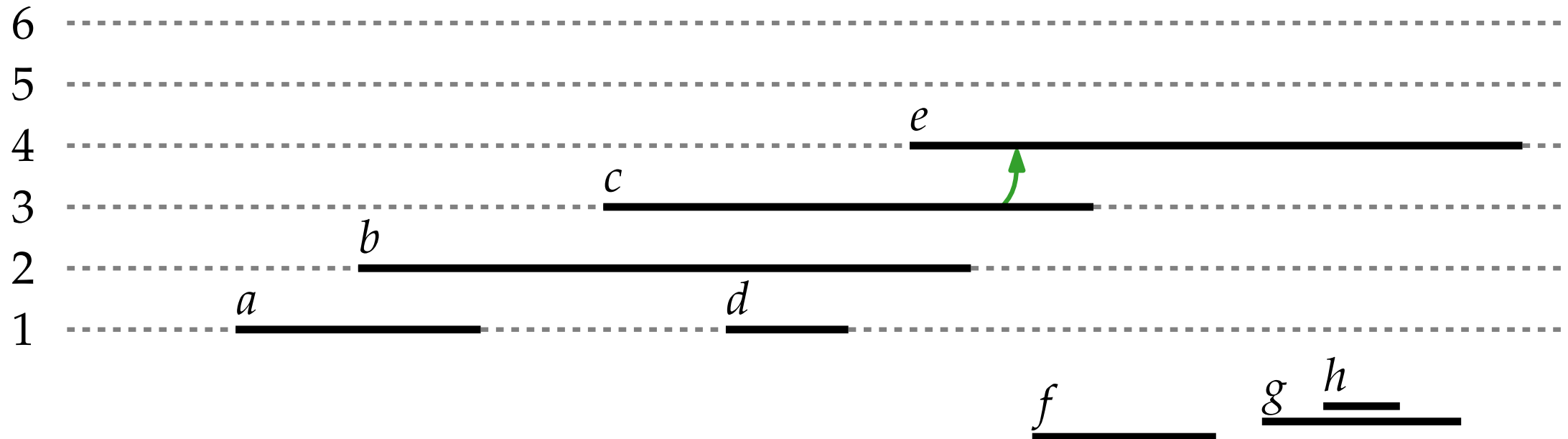


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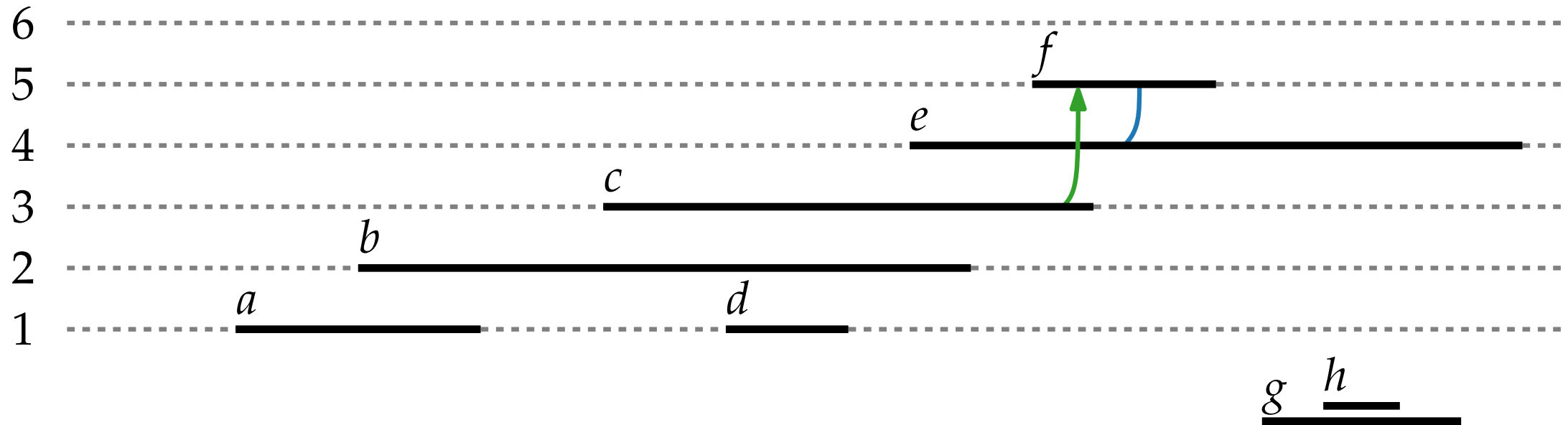


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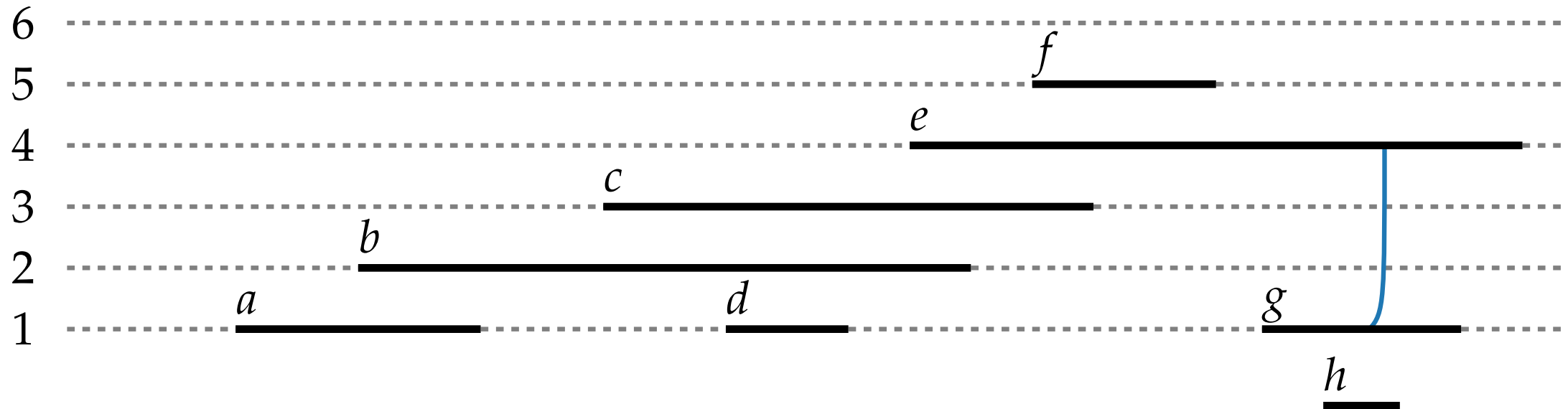


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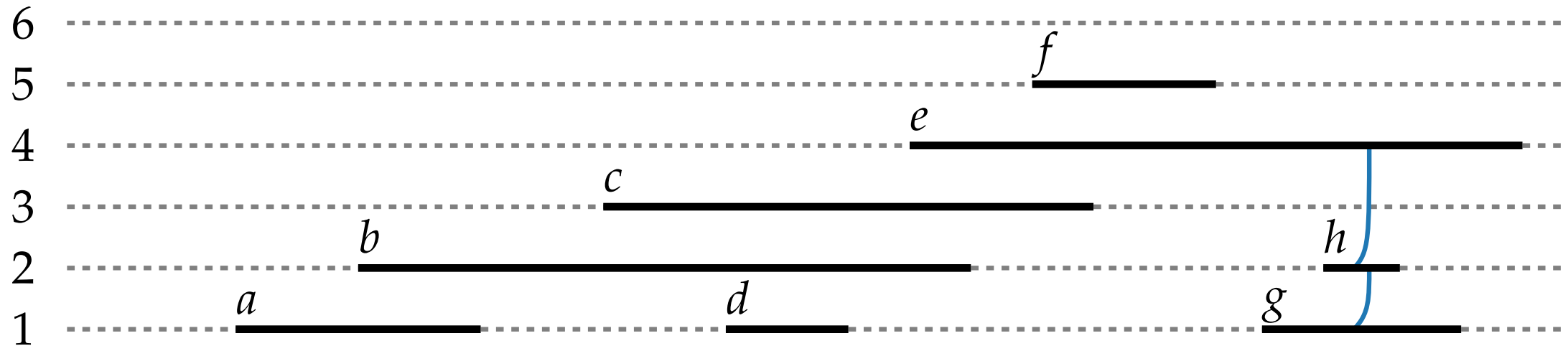


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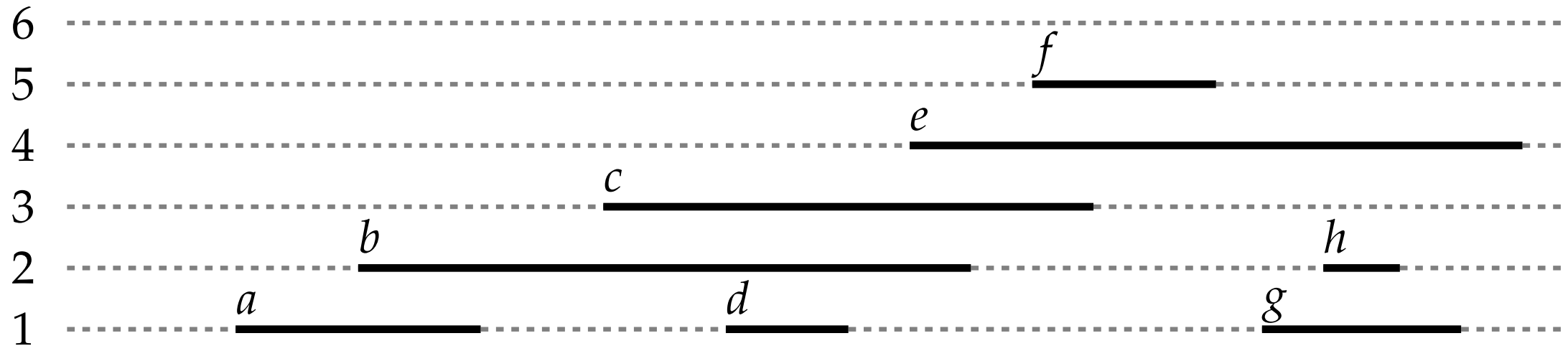


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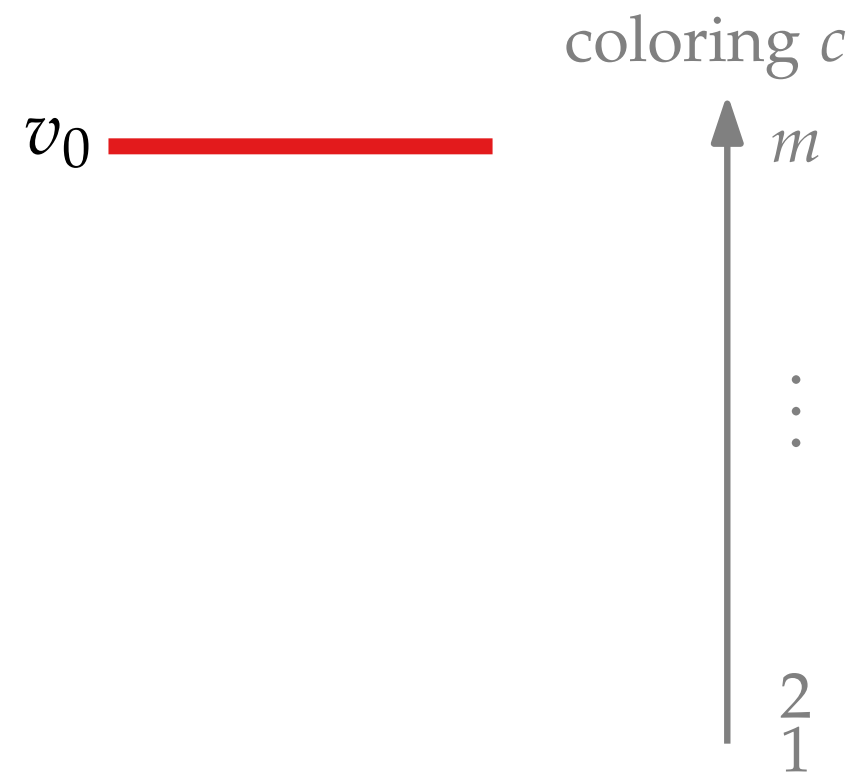
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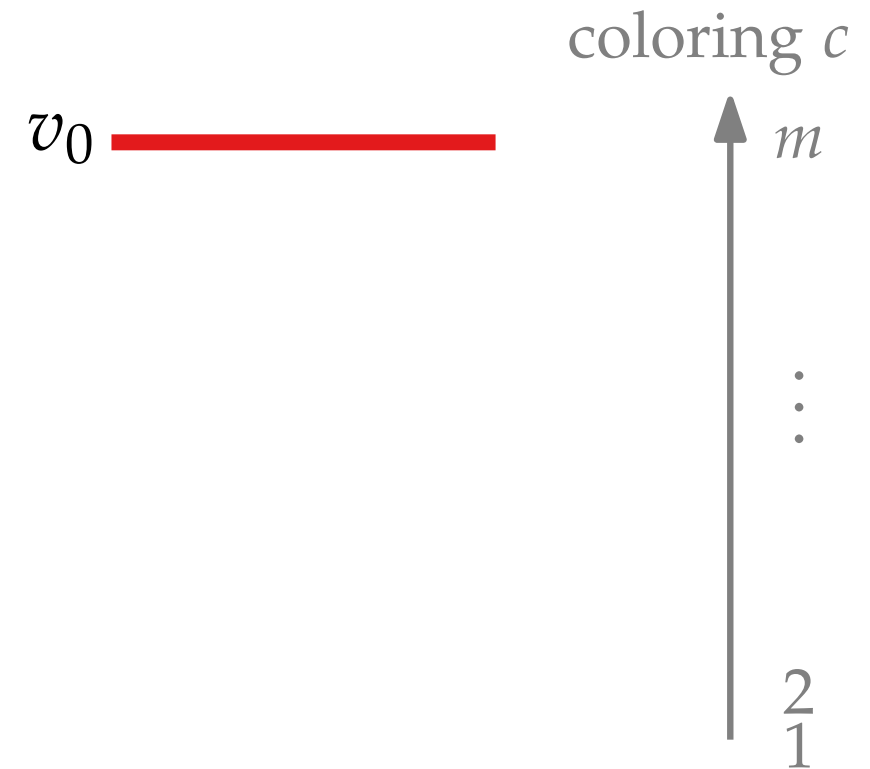
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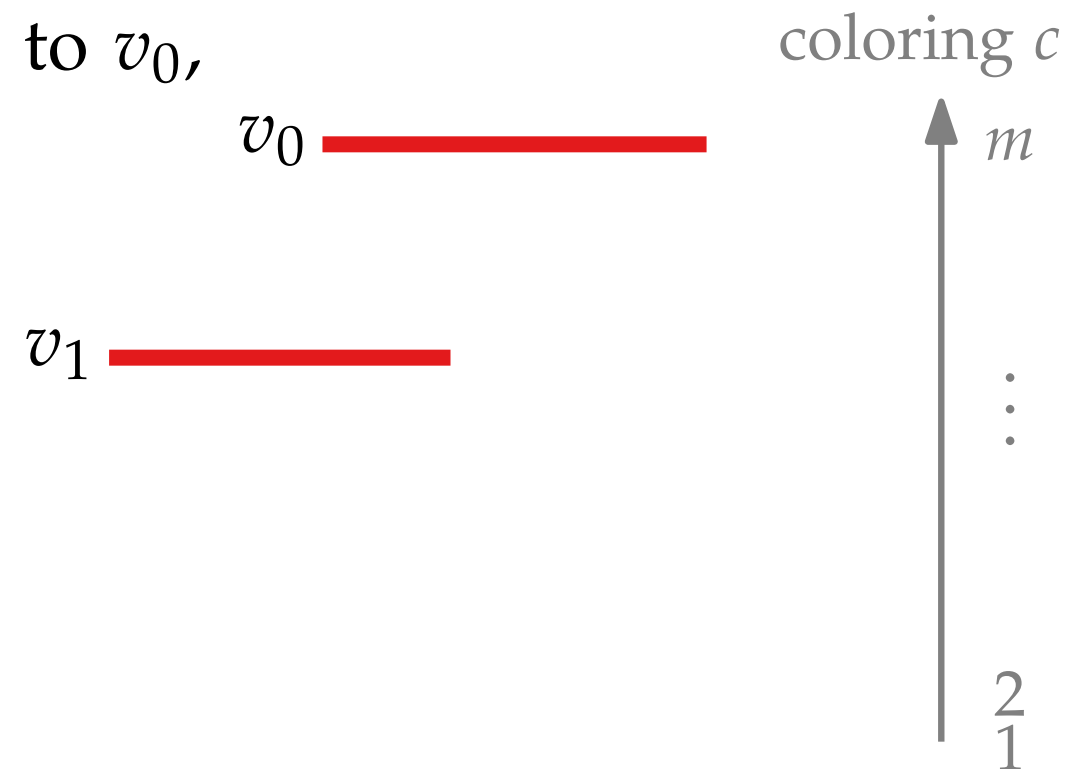
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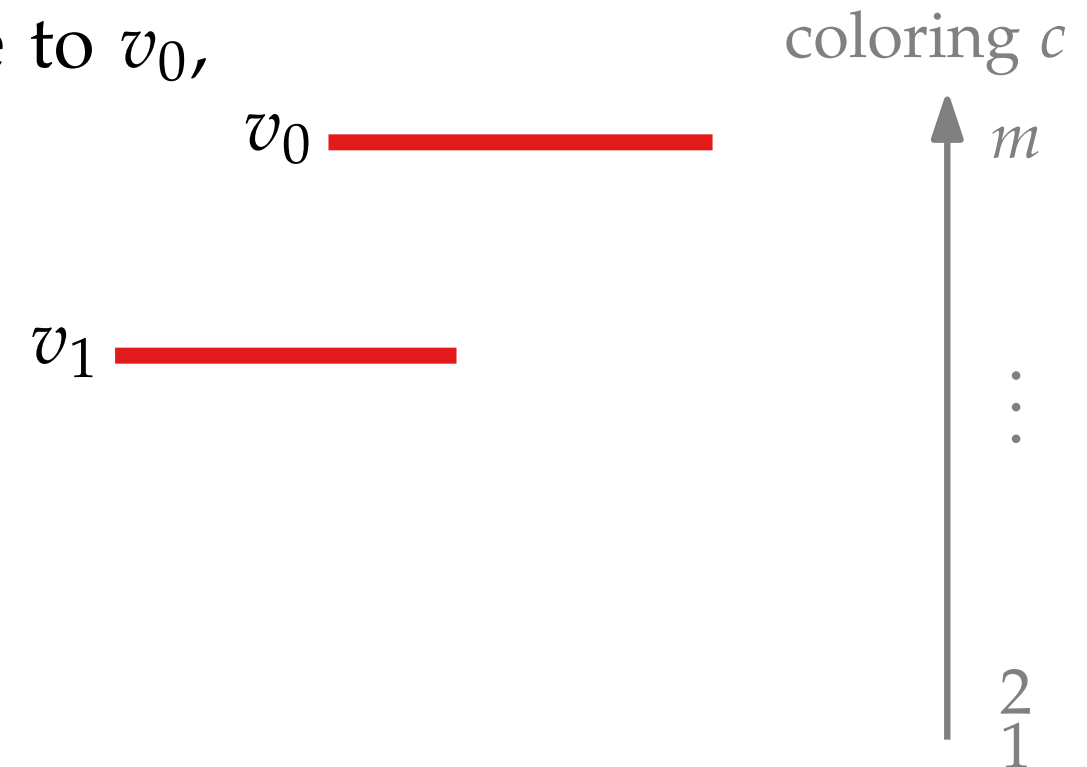
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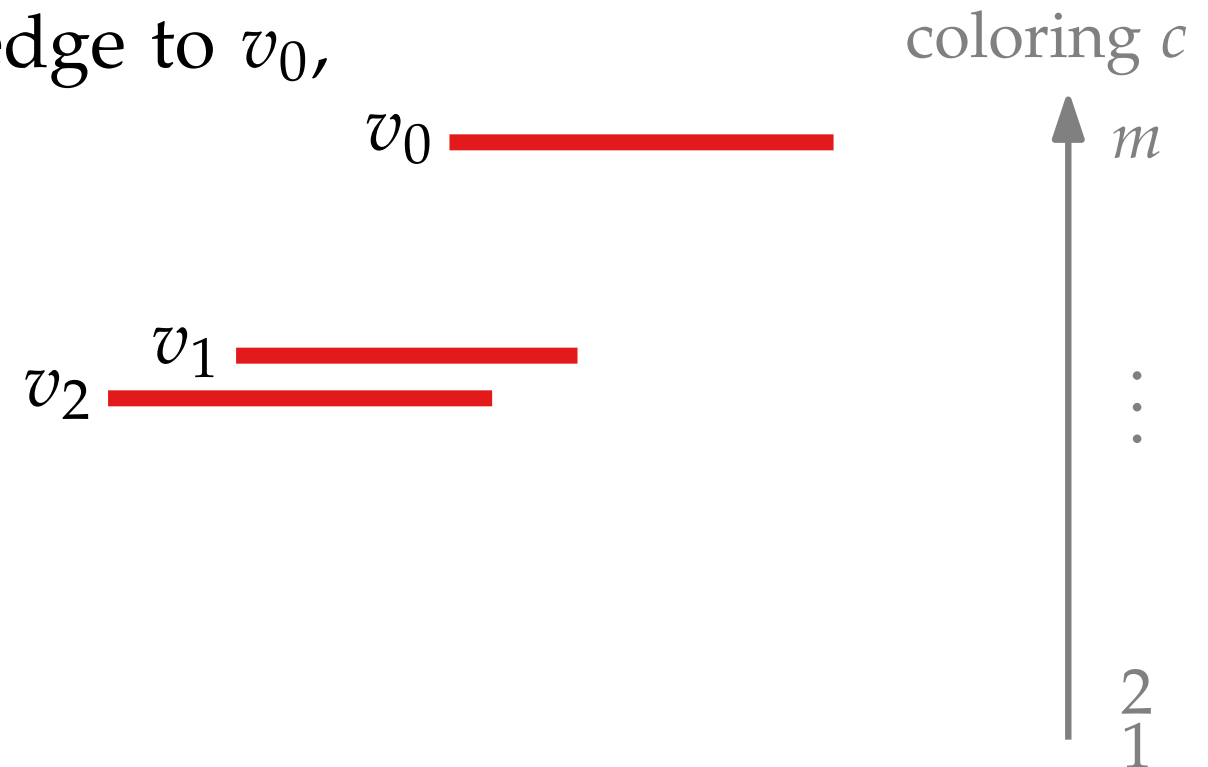
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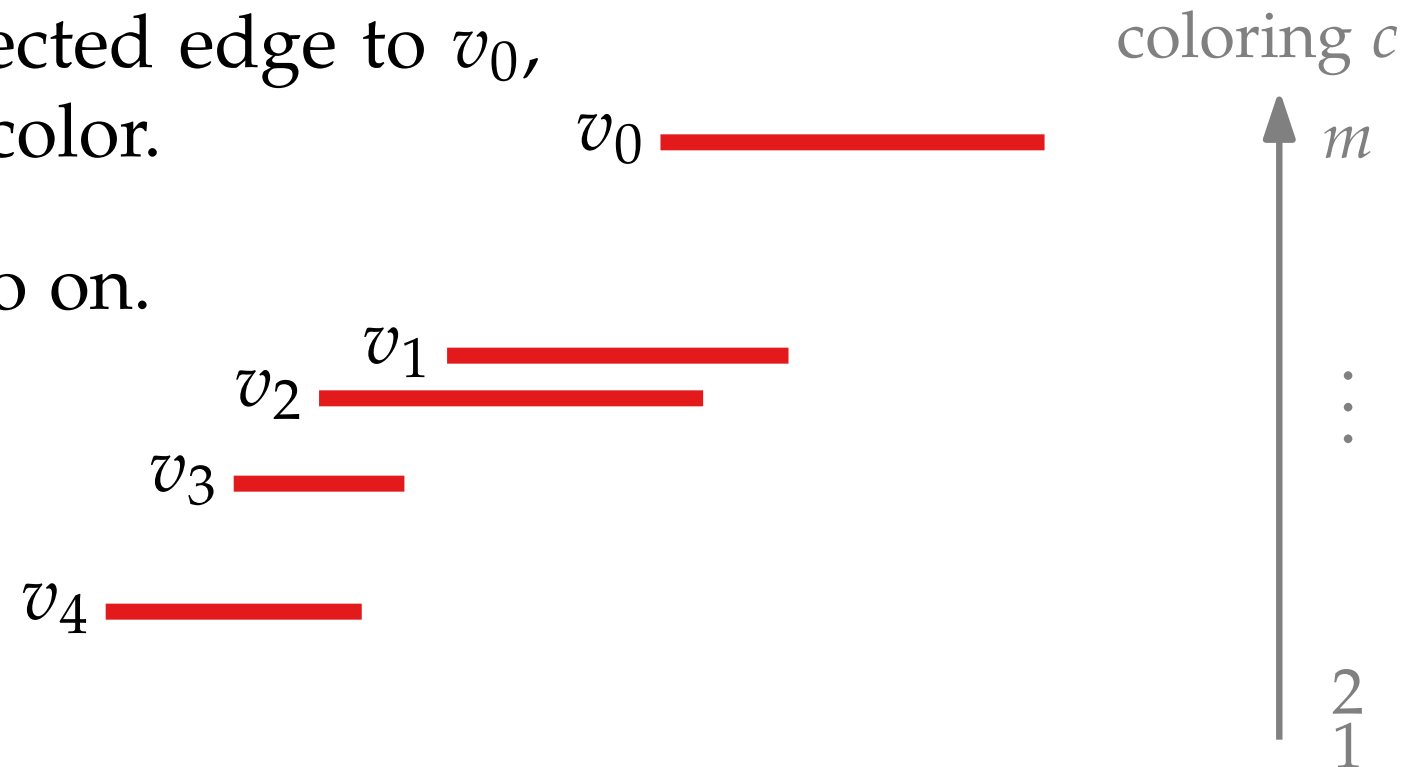
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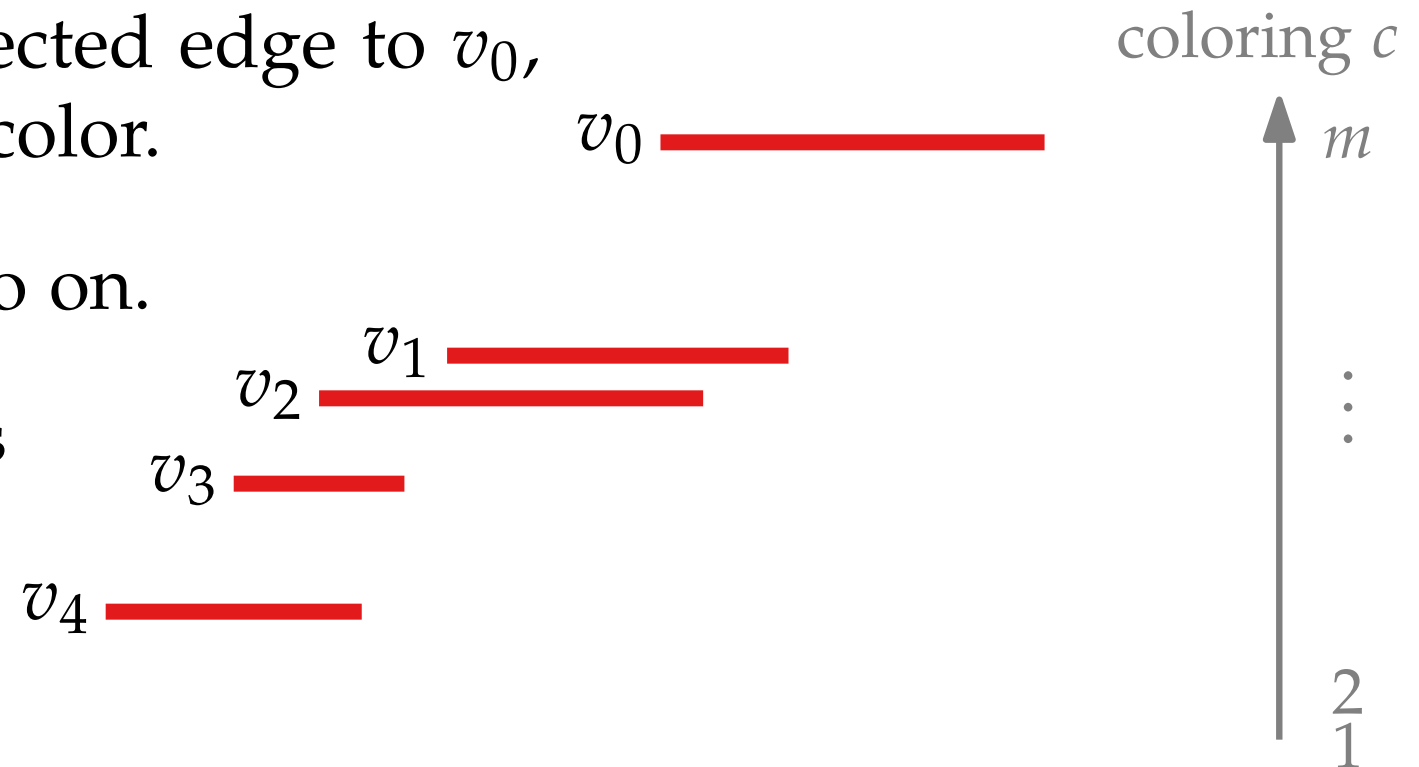
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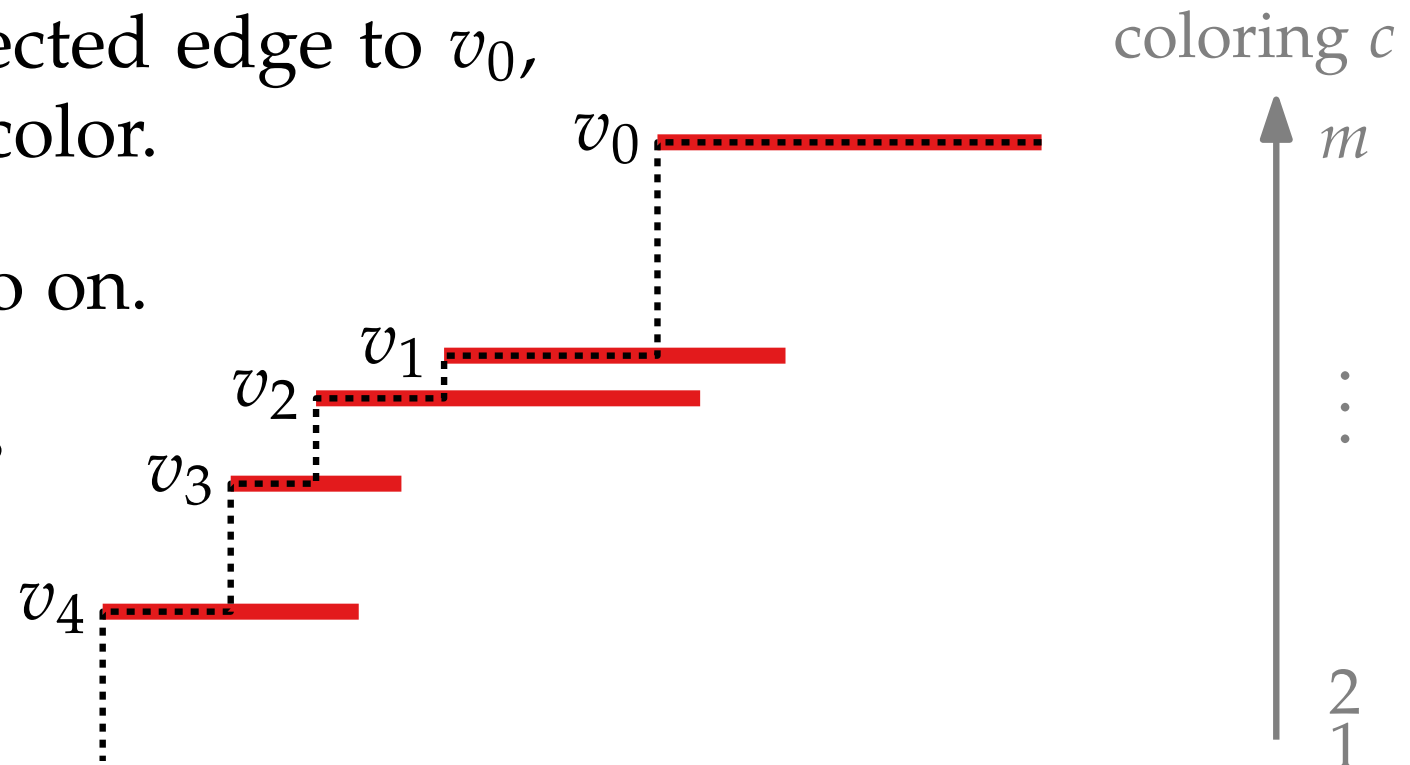
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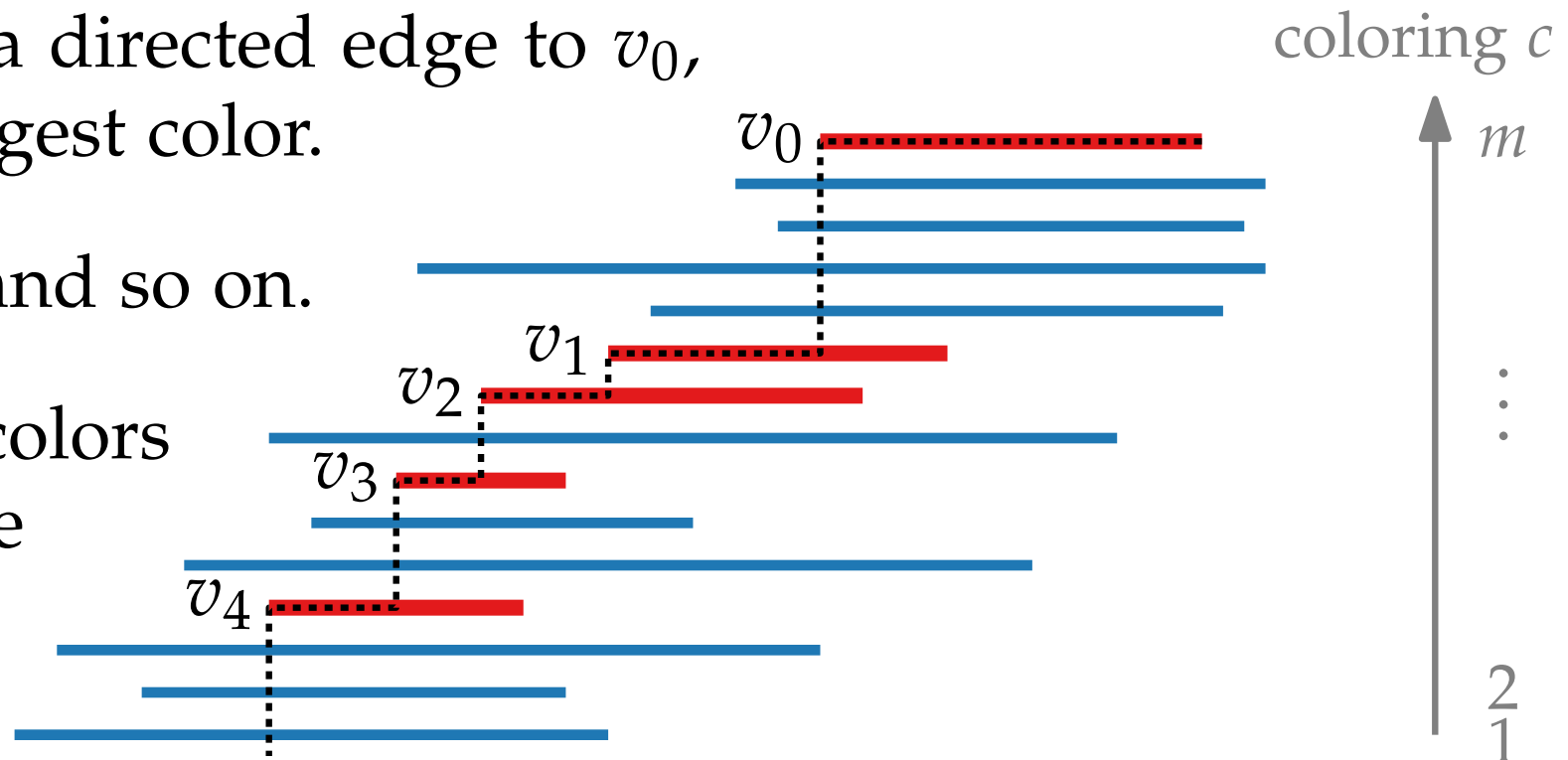
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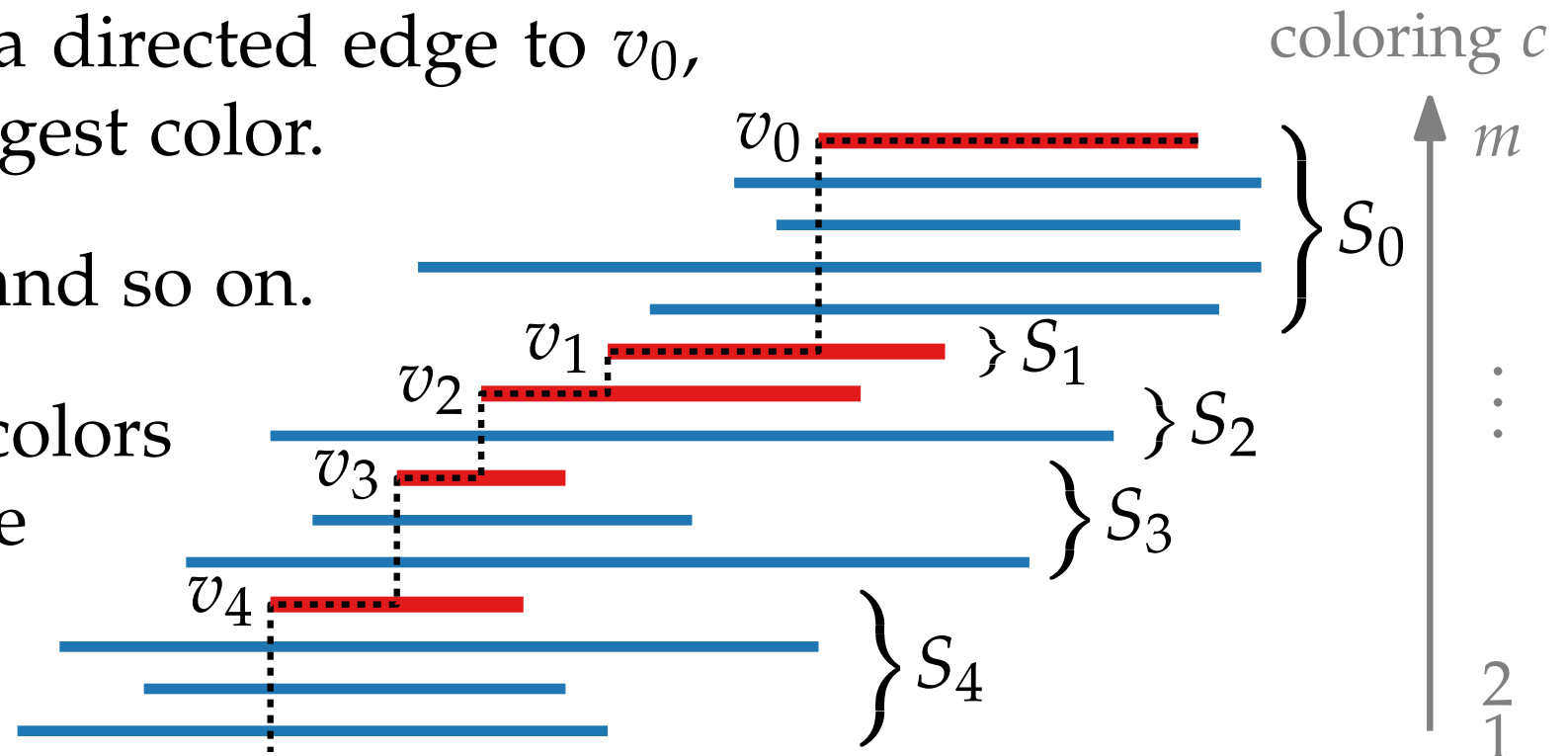
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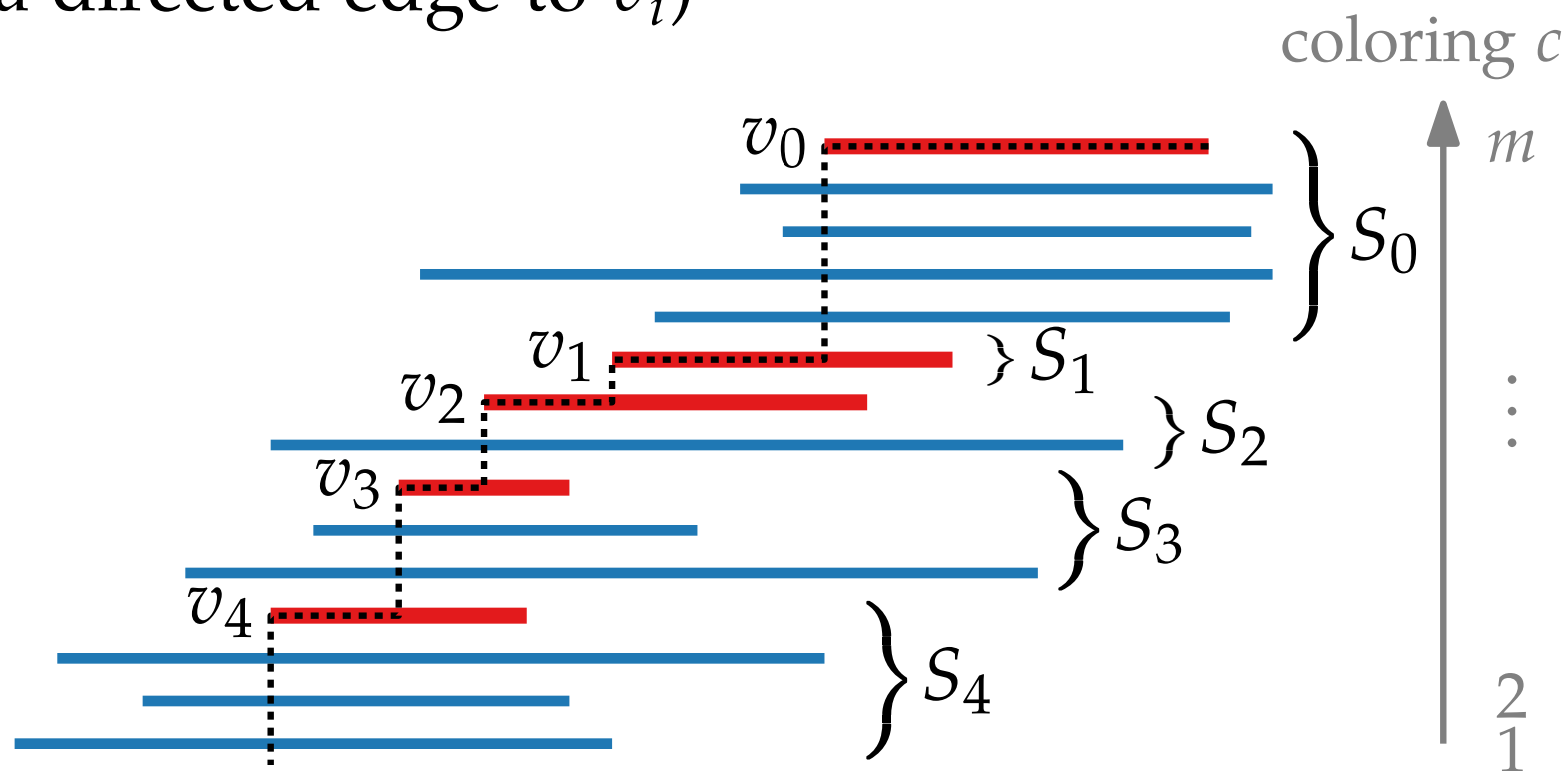
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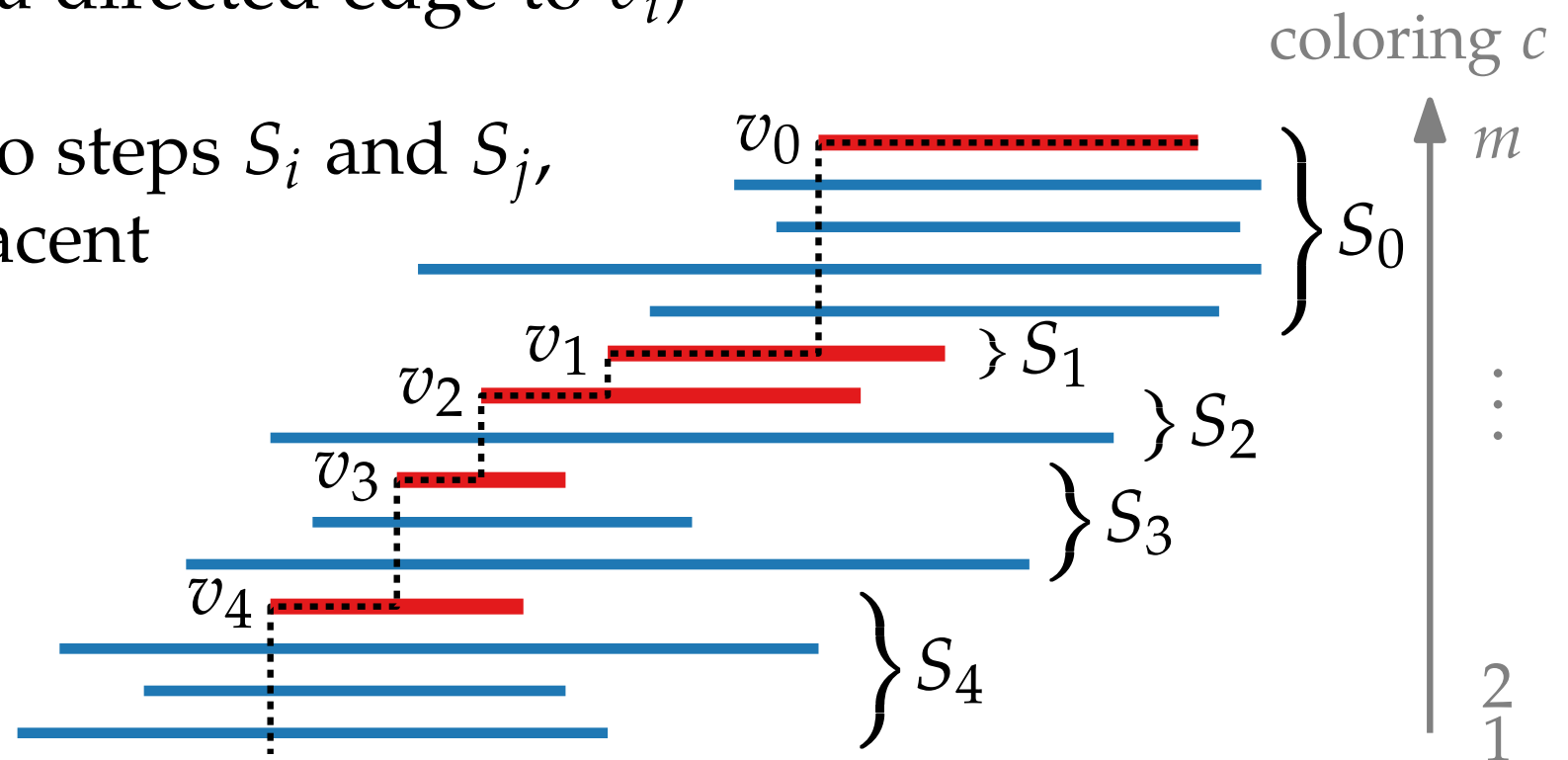
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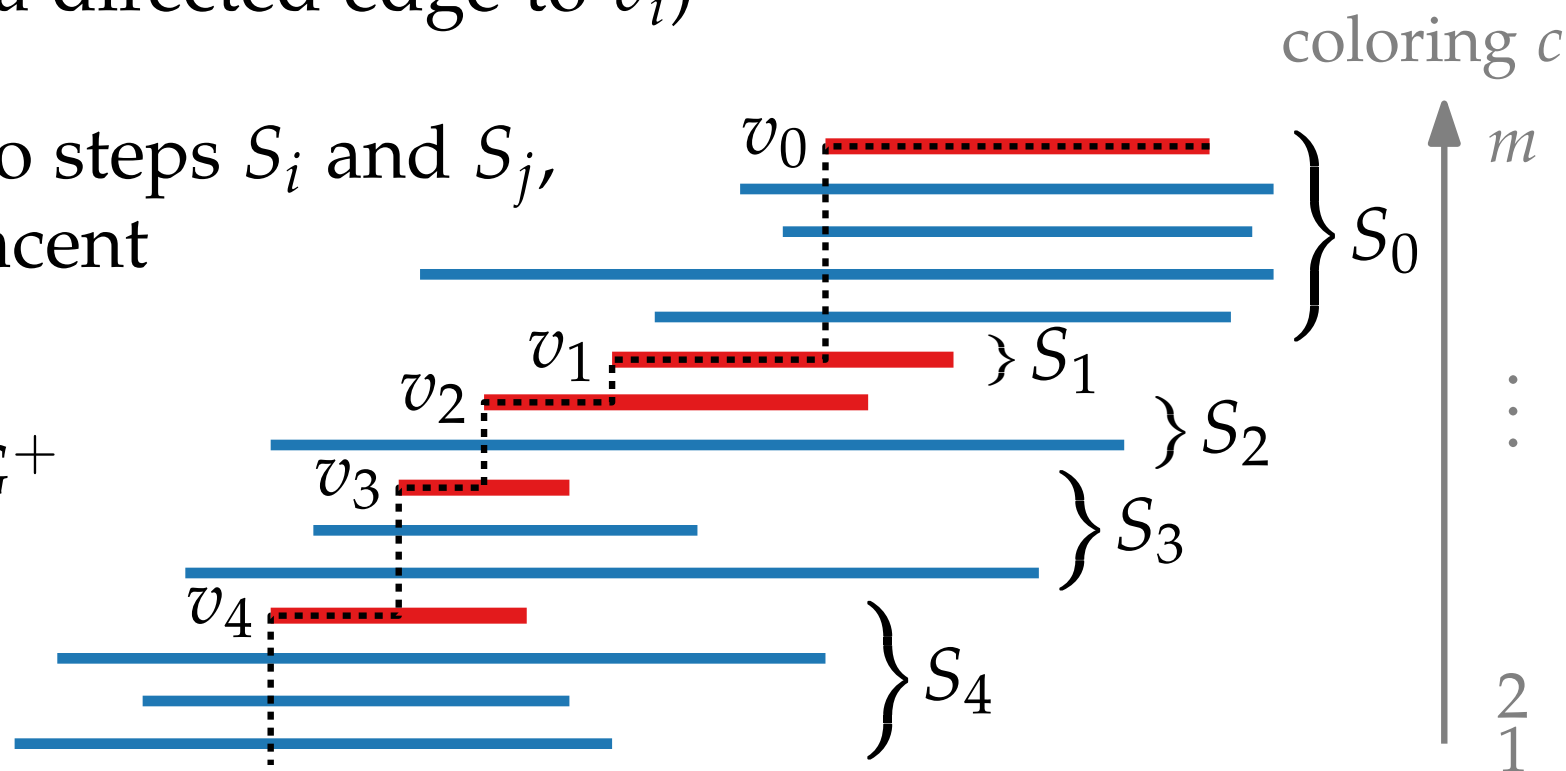
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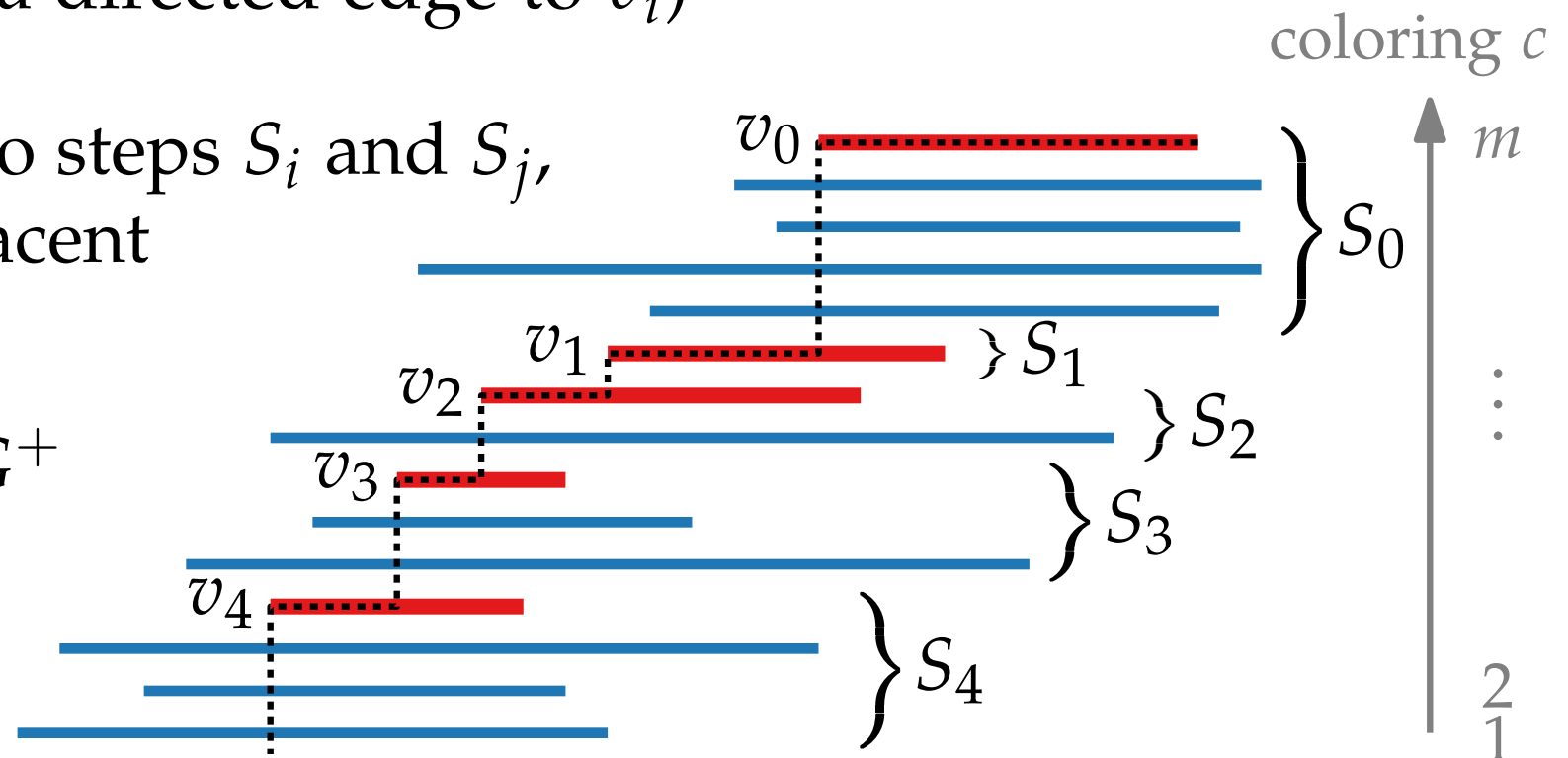
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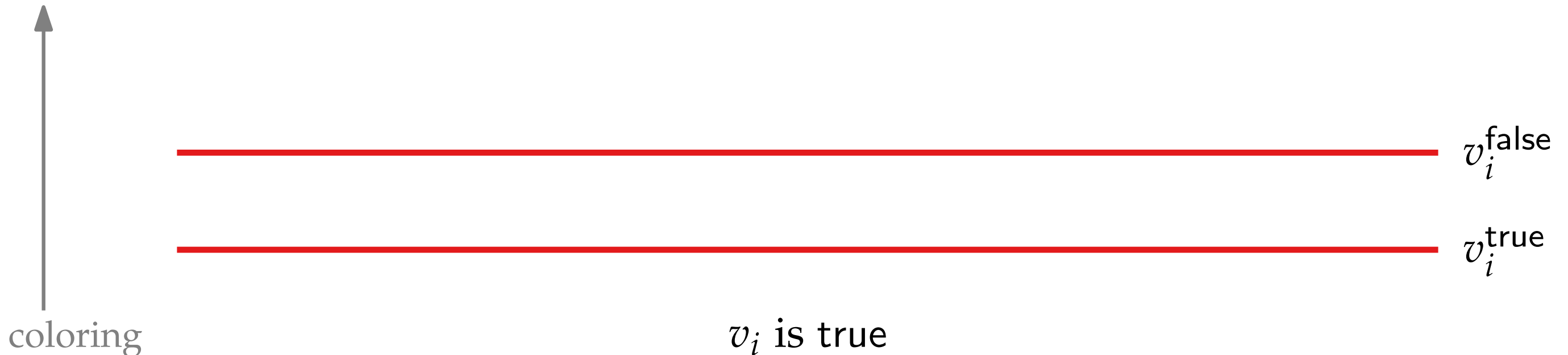
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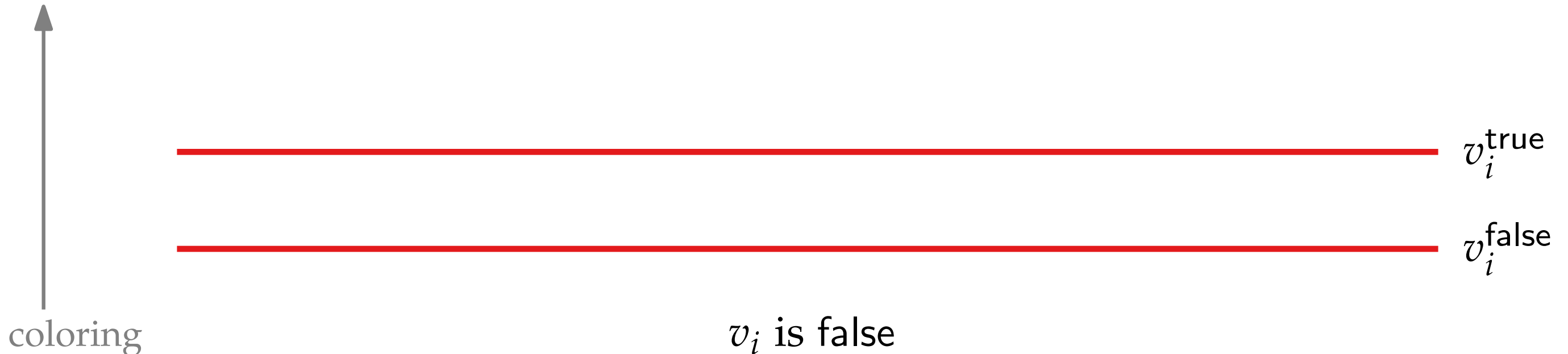
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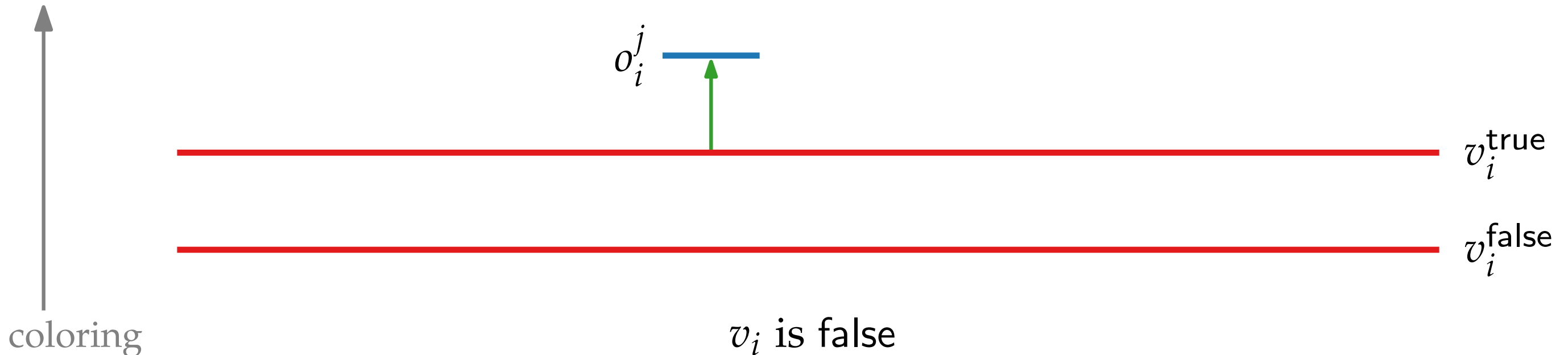
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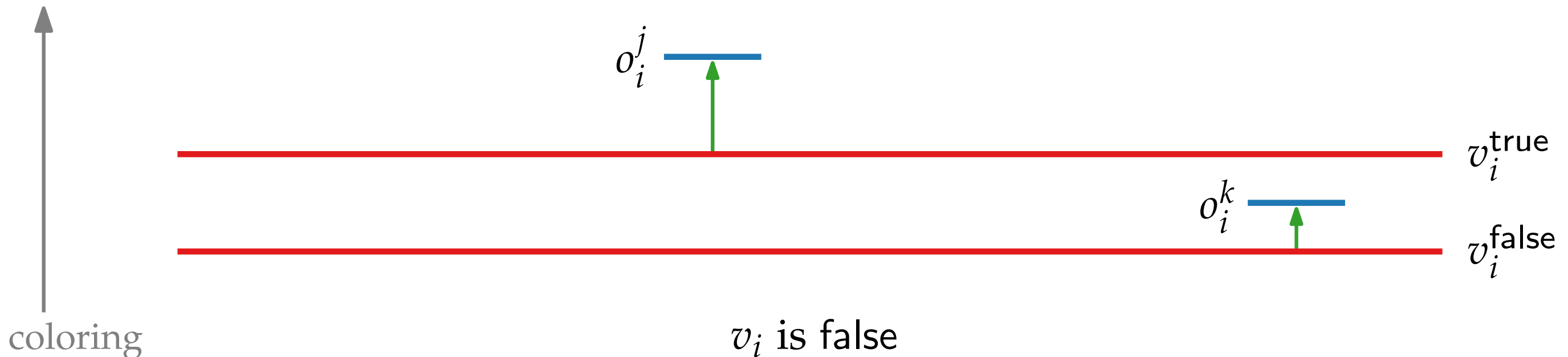
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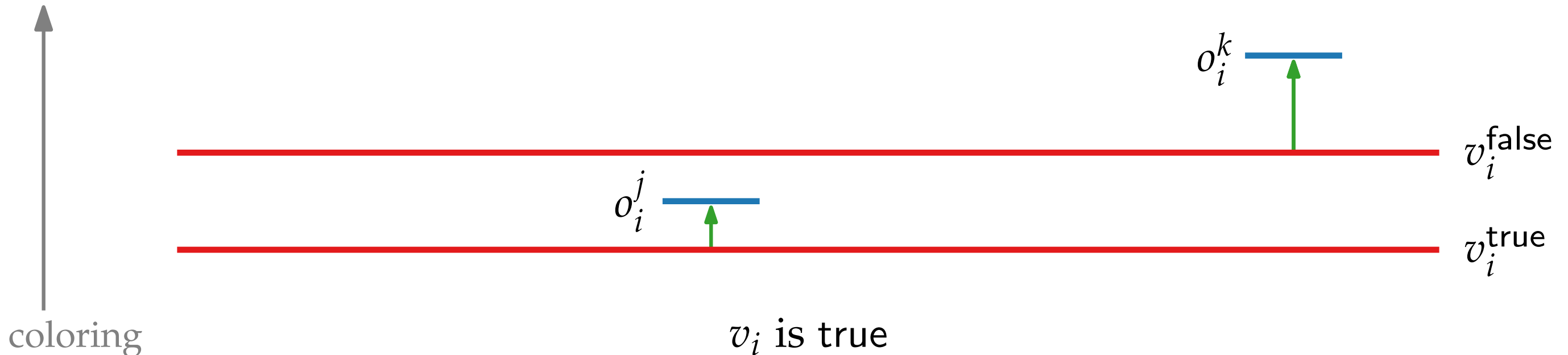
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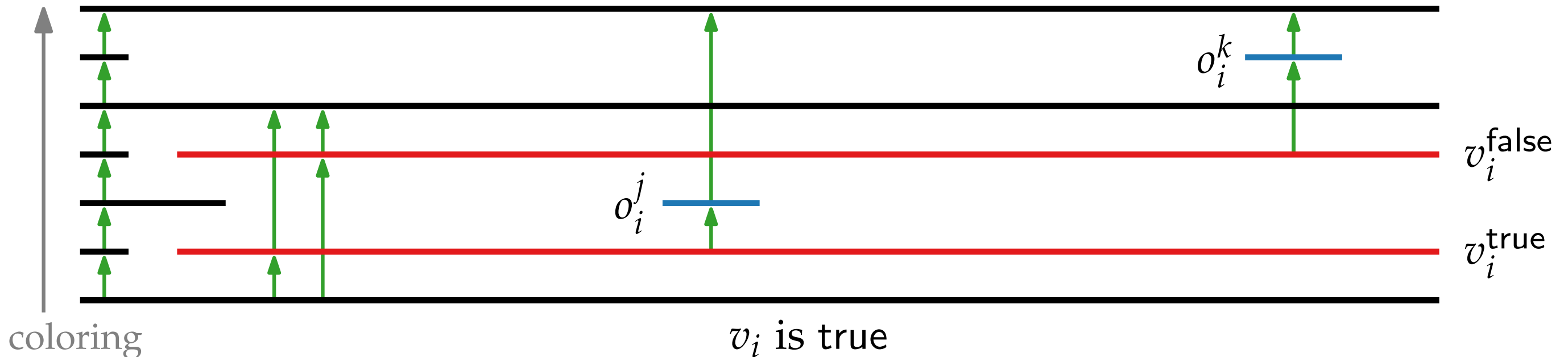
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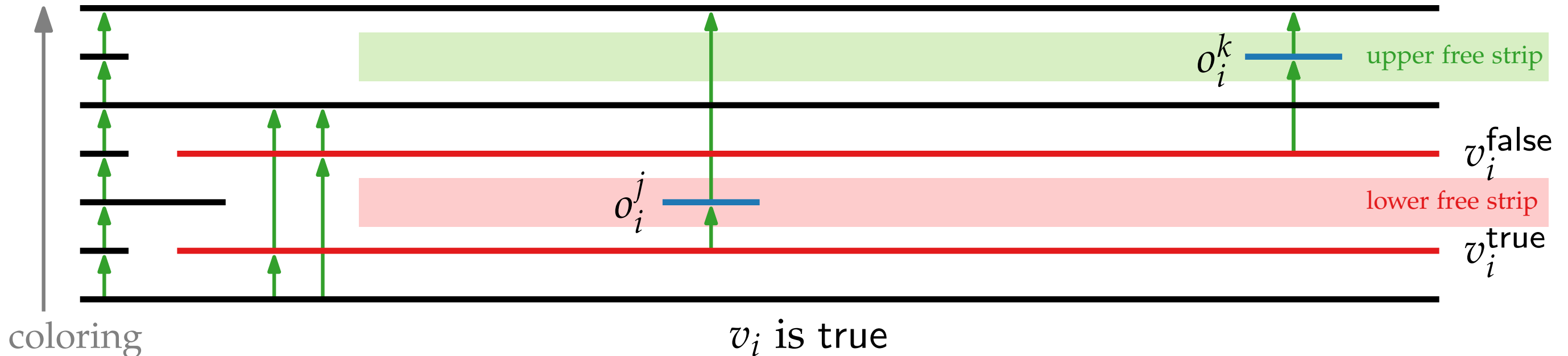
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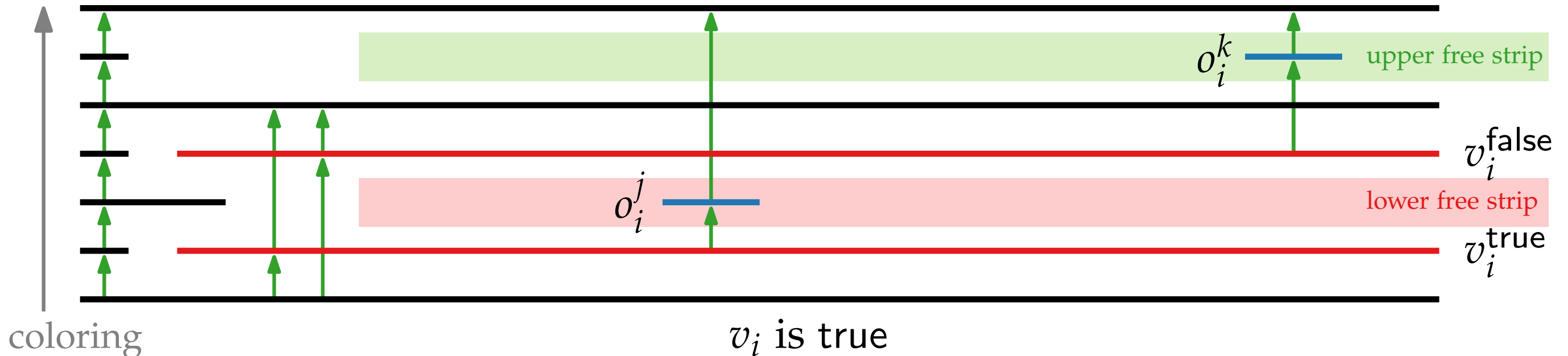
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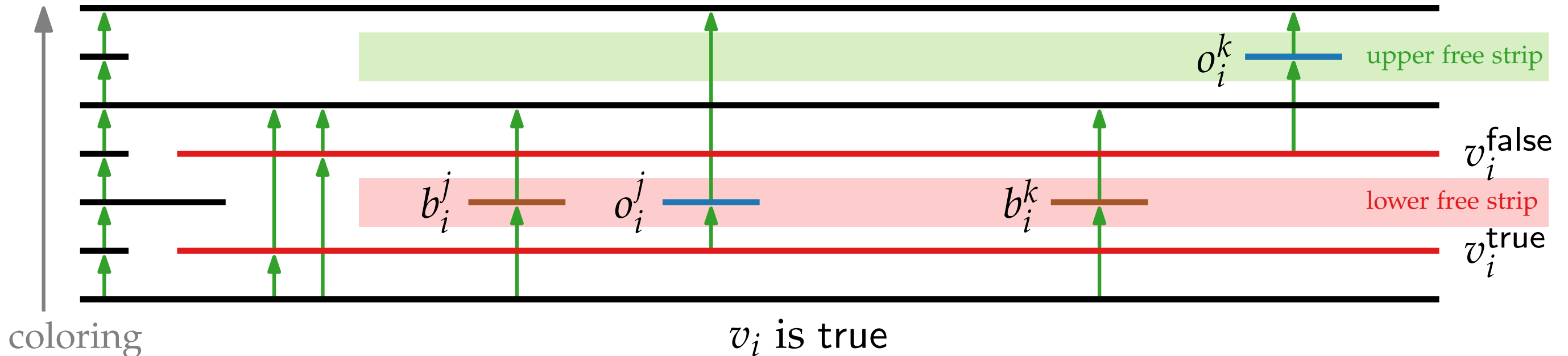
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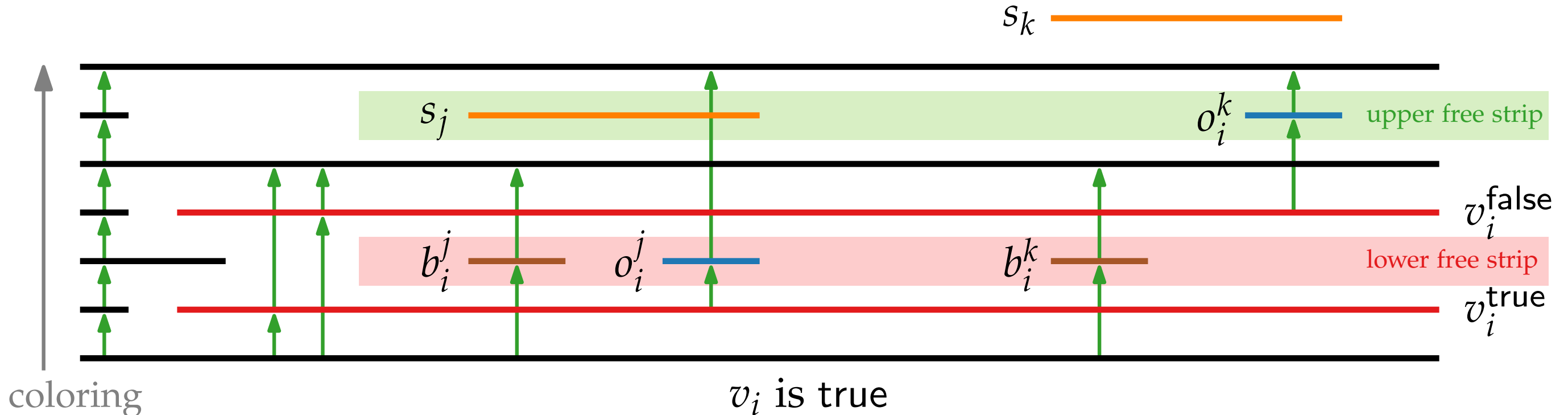
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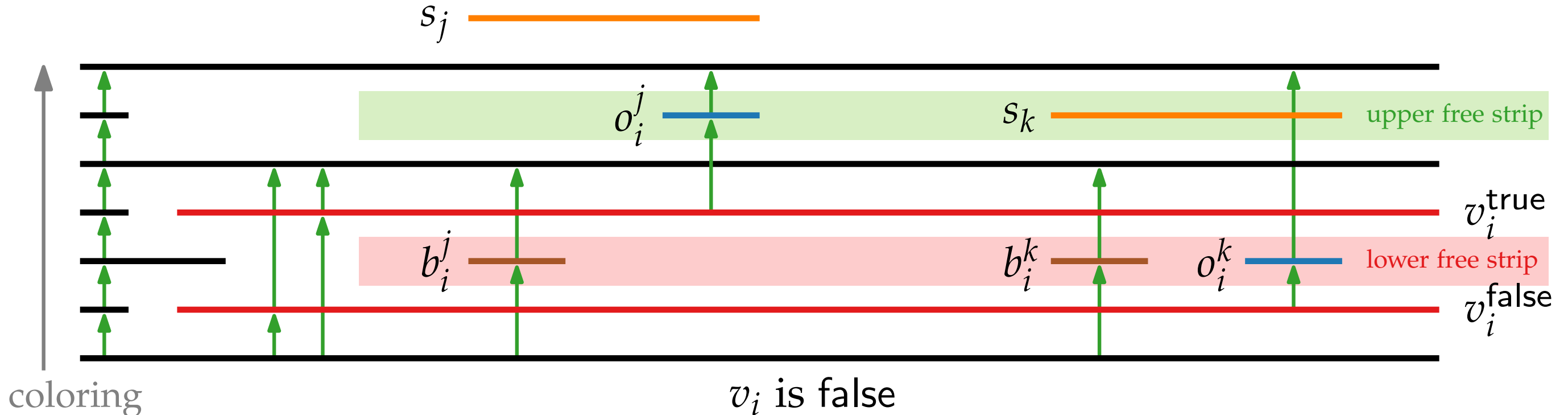
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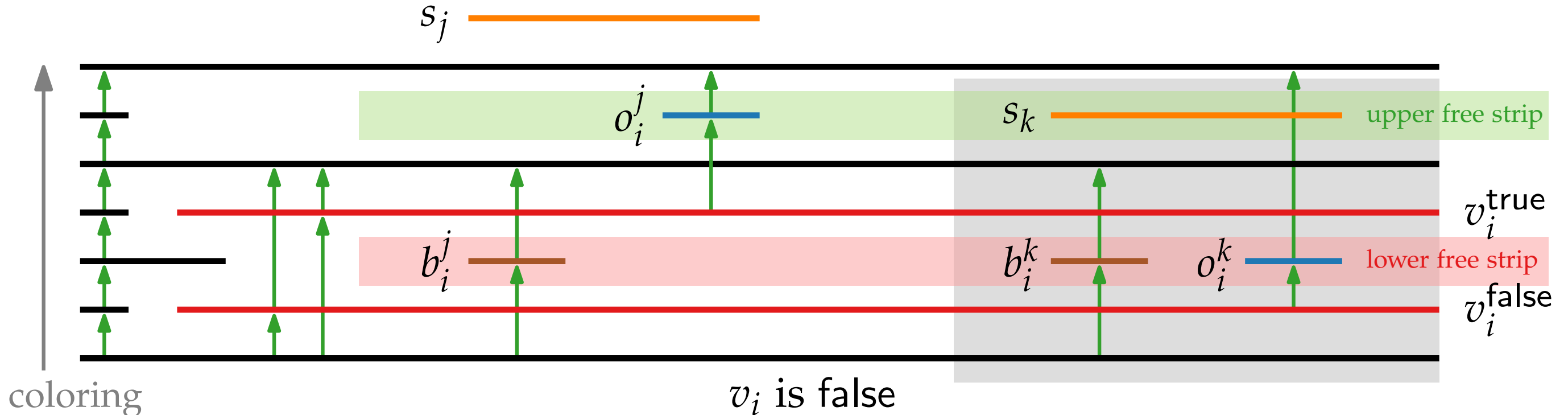
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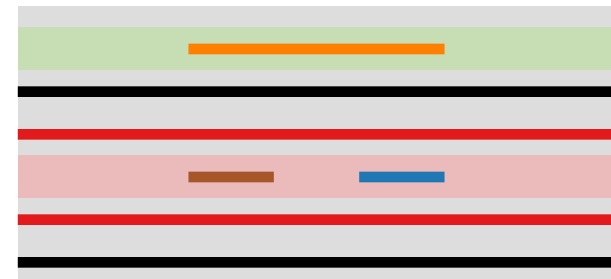
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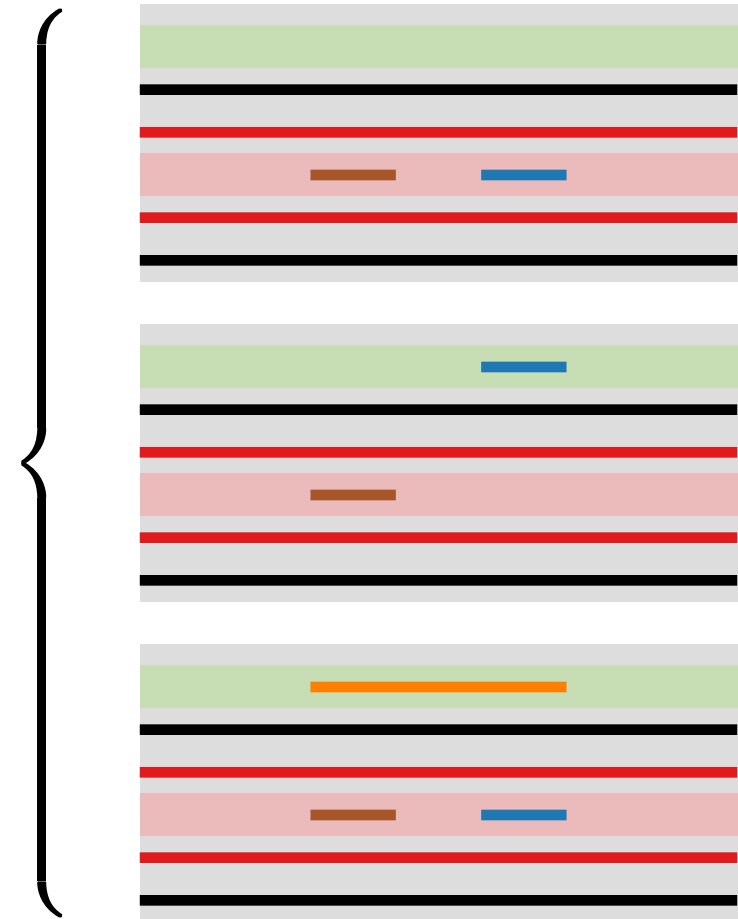
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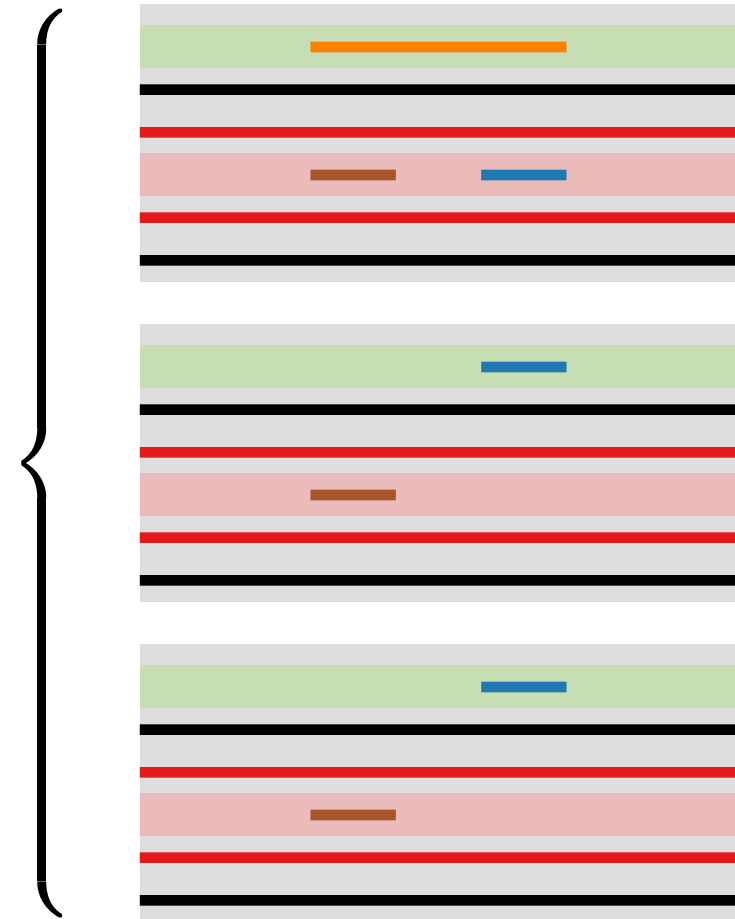
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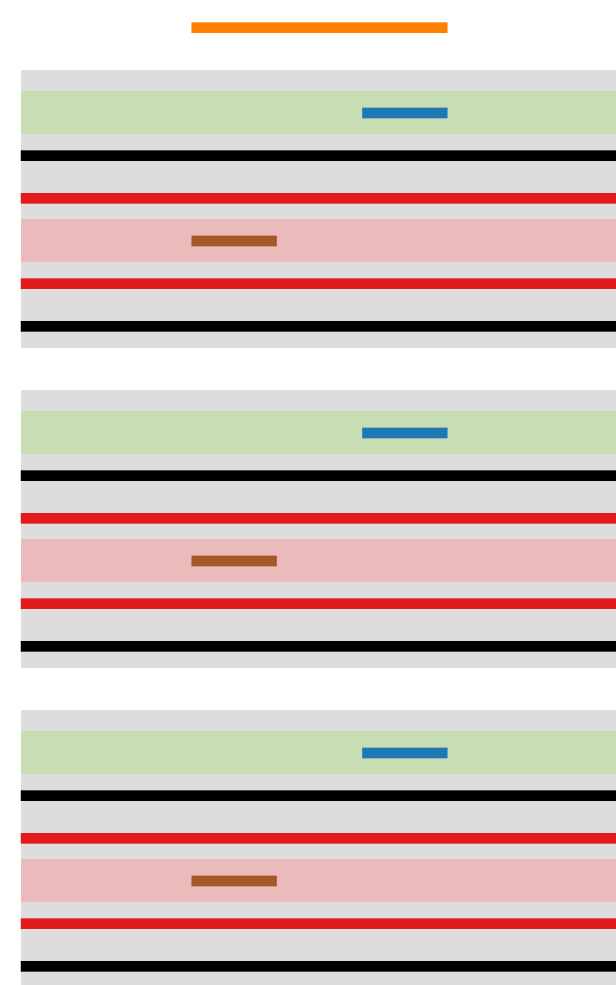
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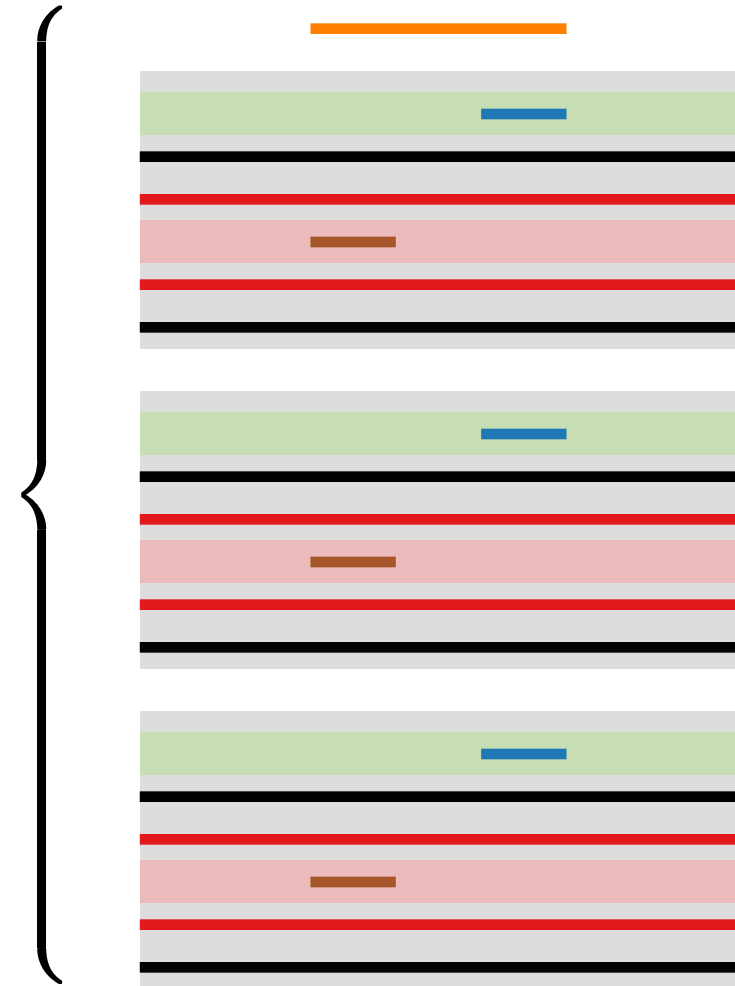
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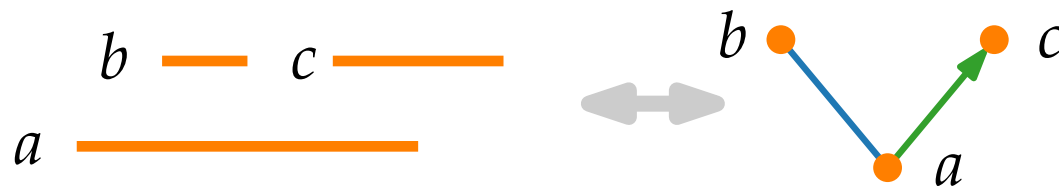
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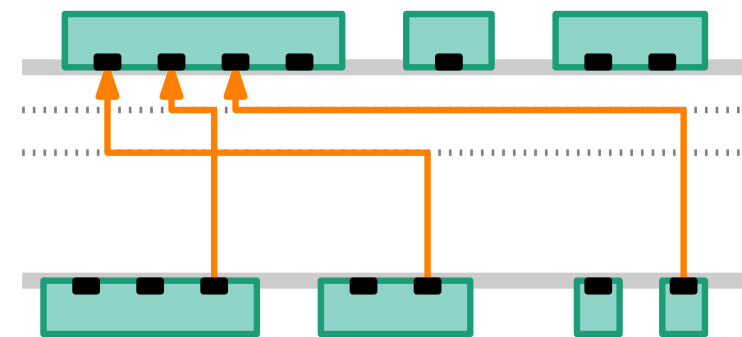
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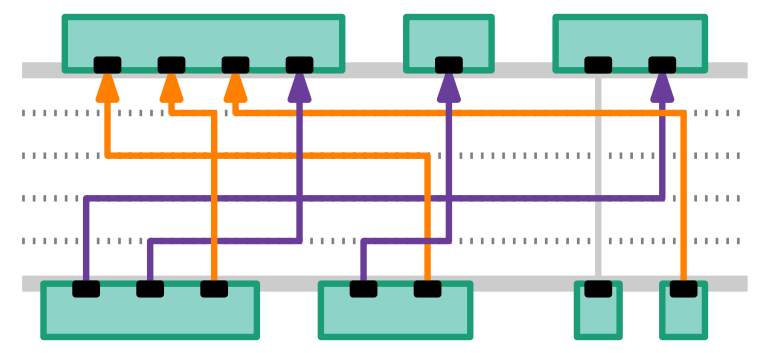


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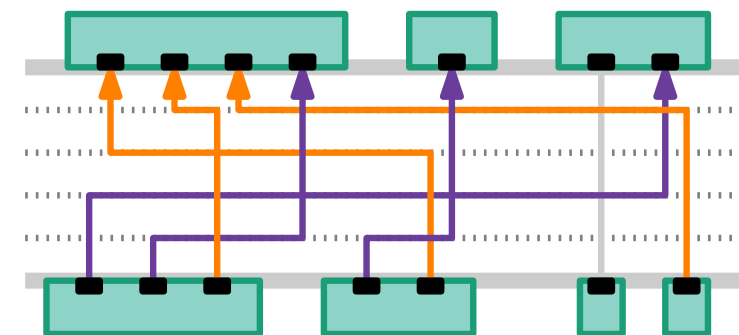
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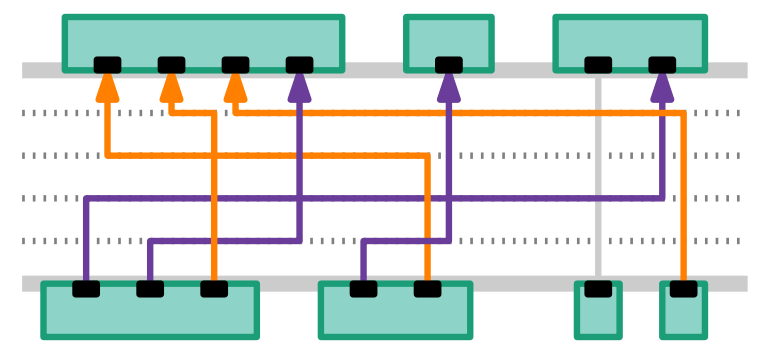
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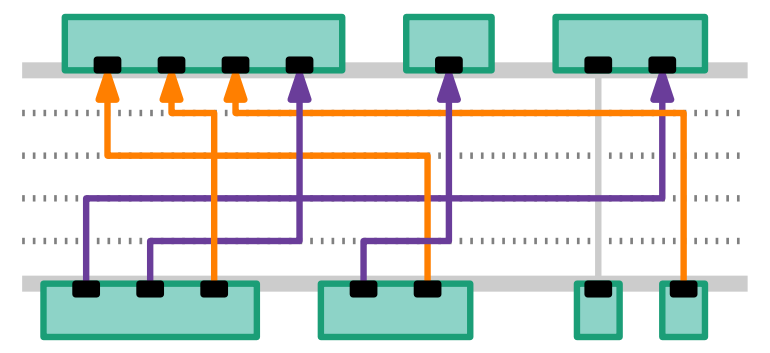
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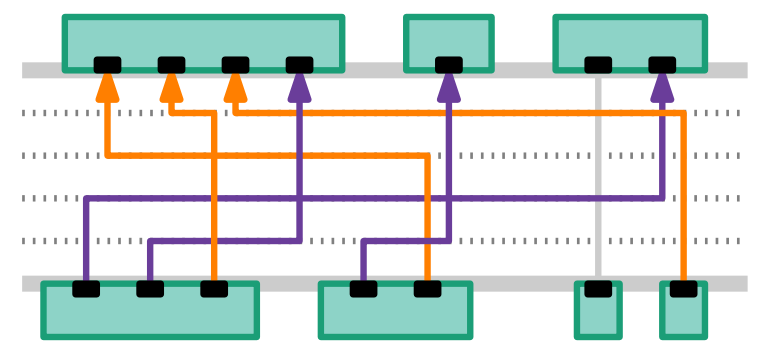
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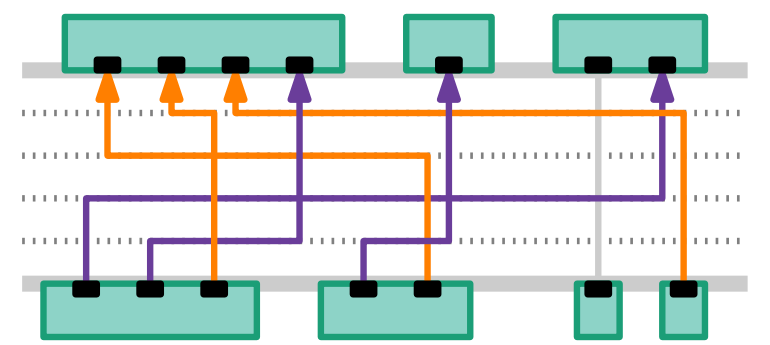
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- We have introduced the natural concept of directional interval graphs.
- A simple greedy algorithm colors these graphs optimally in $O(n \log n)$ time.
- In layered graph drawing, this corresponds to routing “left-going” edges orthogonally to the fewest horizontal tracks. (Symmetrically “right-going”.)

$n := \# \text{ vertices}$

⇒ Combining the drawings of left-going and right-going edges yields a 2-approximation for the number of tracks. (bidirectional interval graphs)



can we do better?

- In our paper, we present a constructive $O(n^2)$ -time algorithm for recognizing directional interval graphs, which is based on PQ-trees.

bidirectional?

- For the more general case of mixed interval graphs, coloring is NP-hard. (Remark: NP-hardness requires both directed and undirected edges.)