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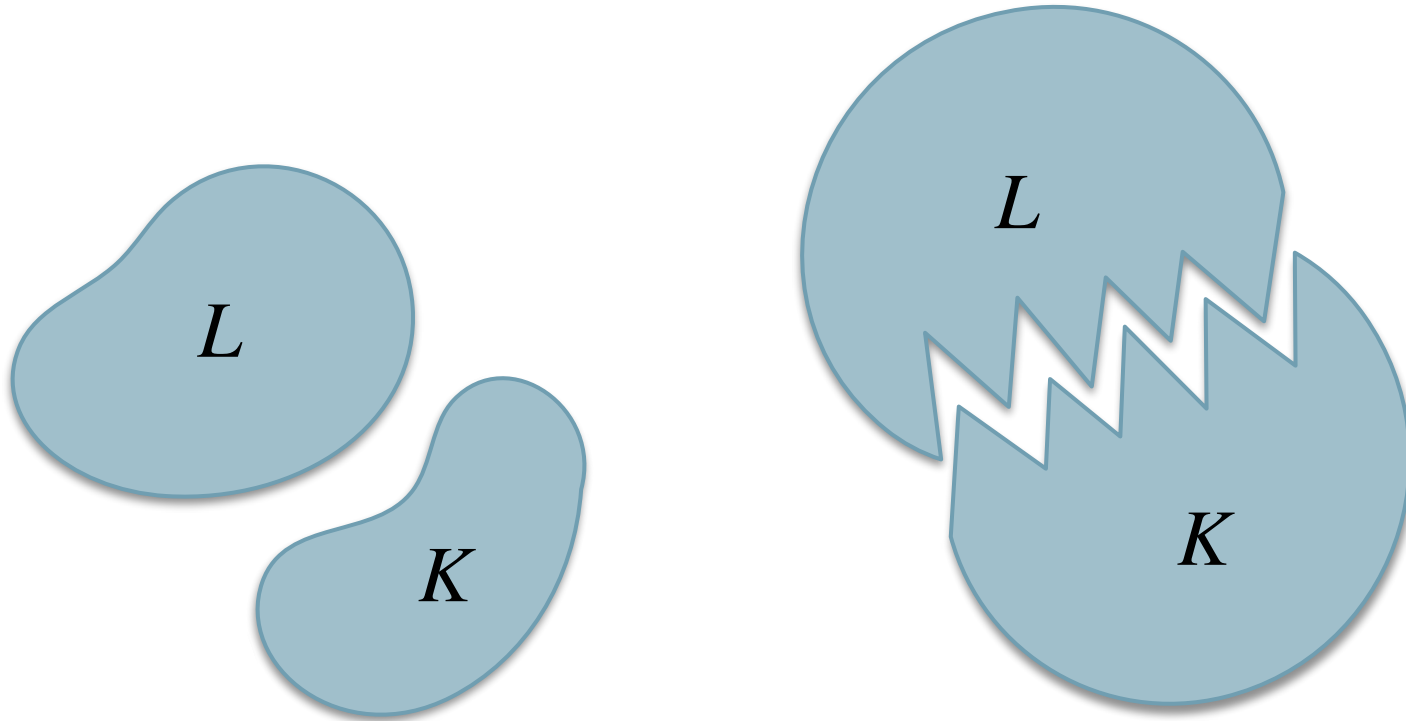
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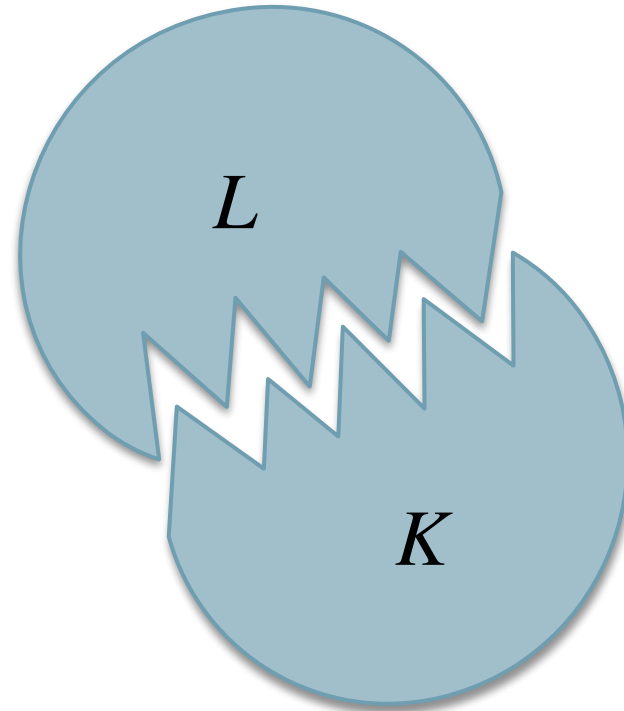
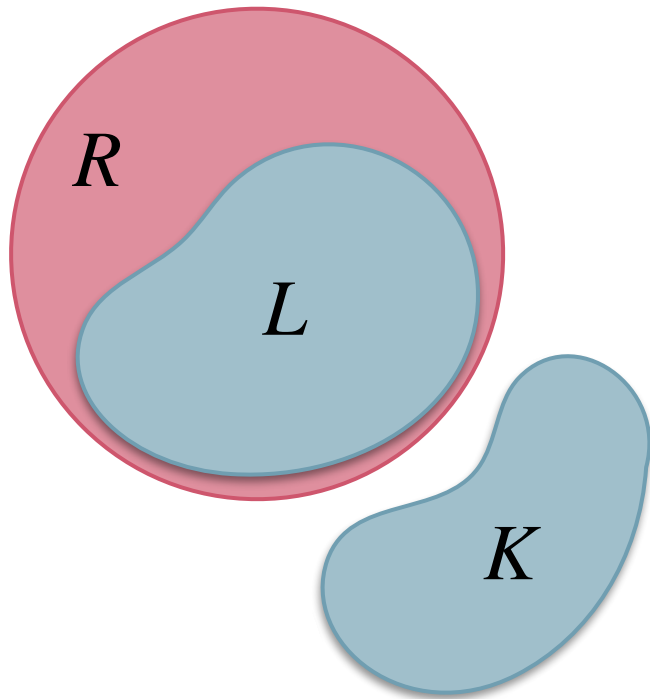
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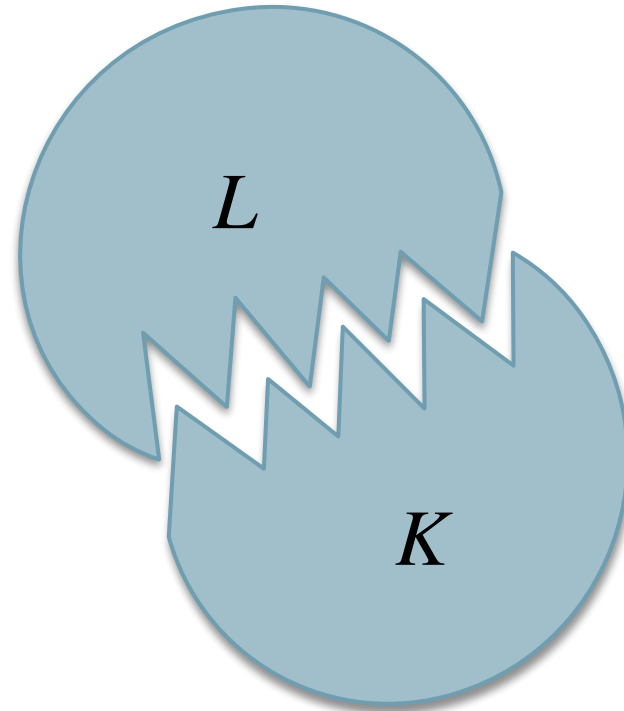
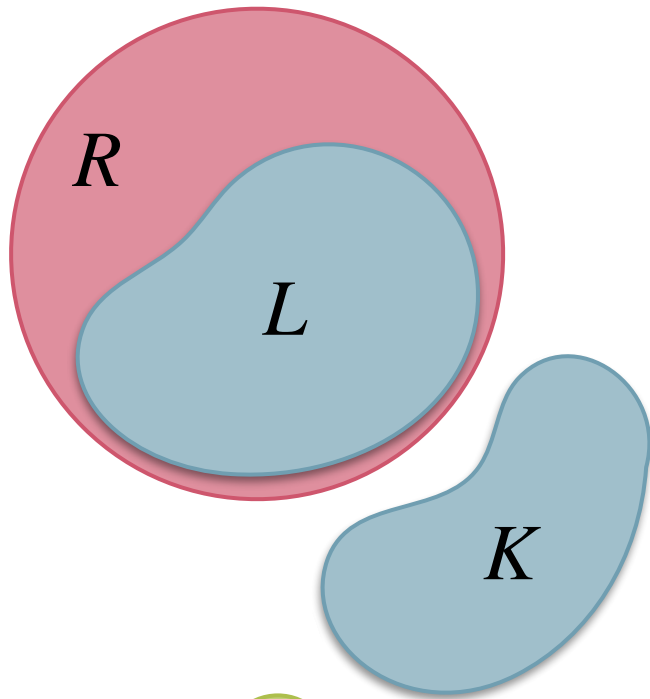
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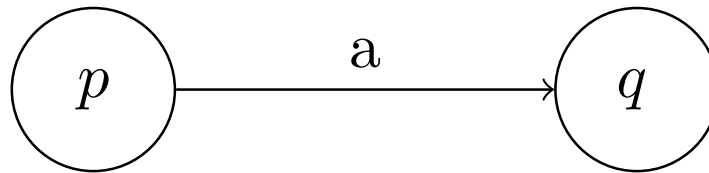
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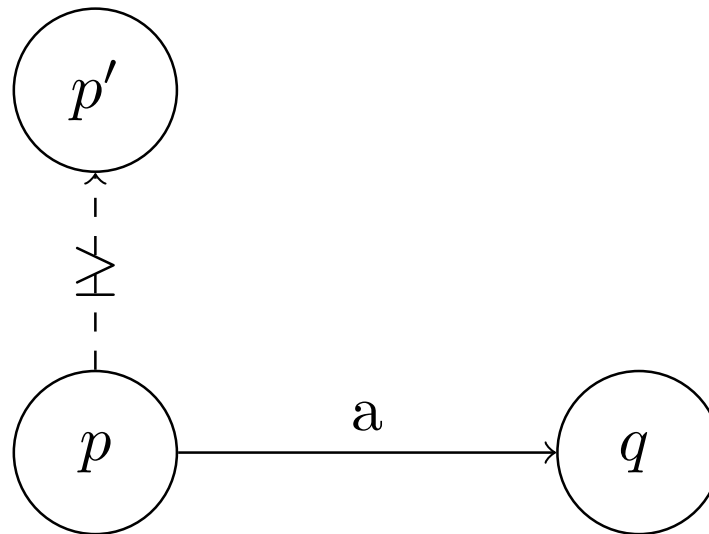
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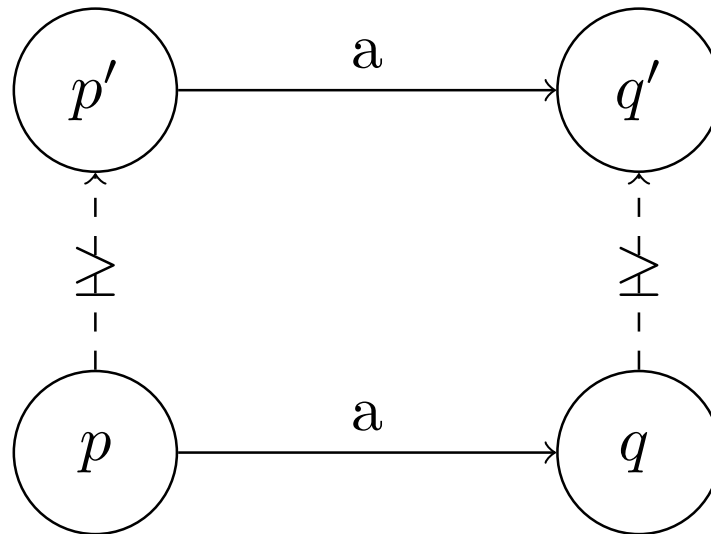
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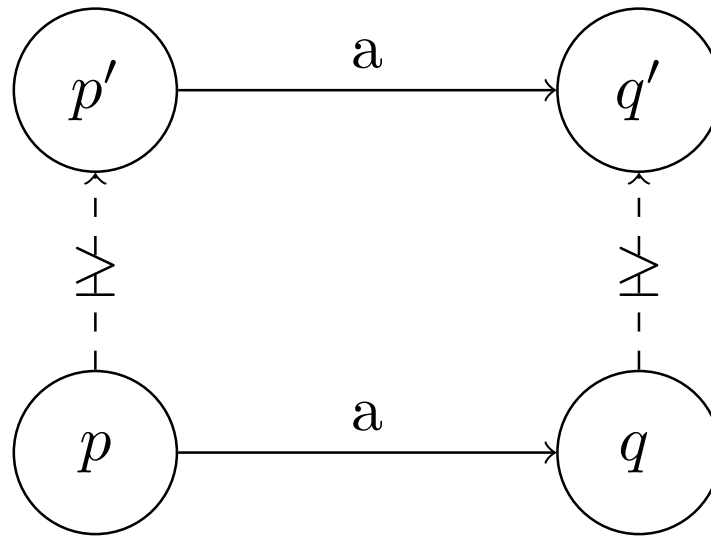
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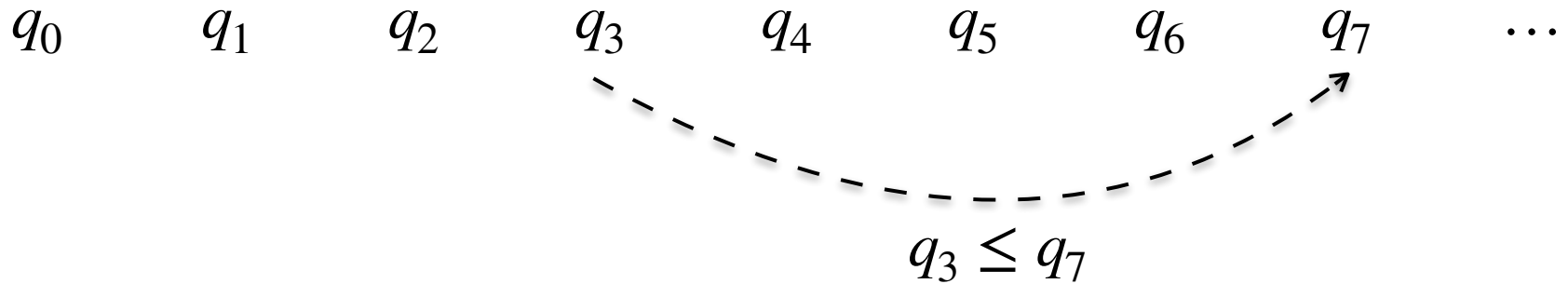
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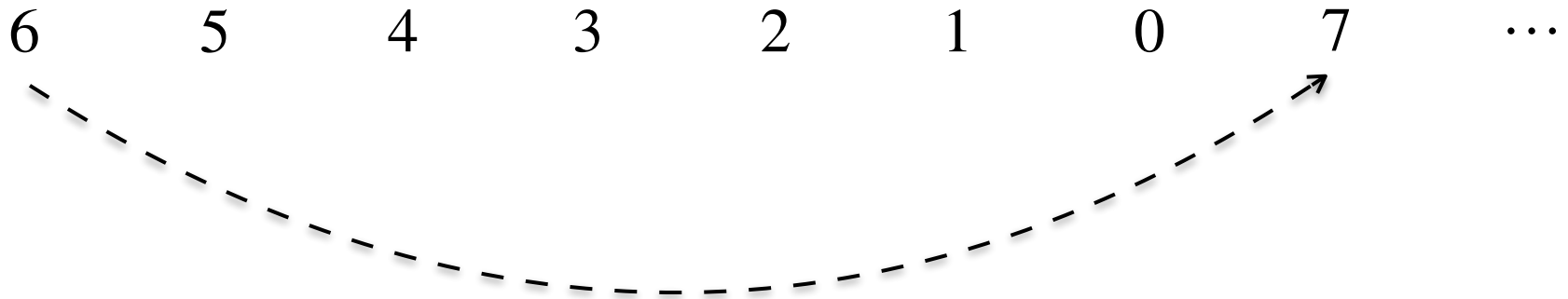
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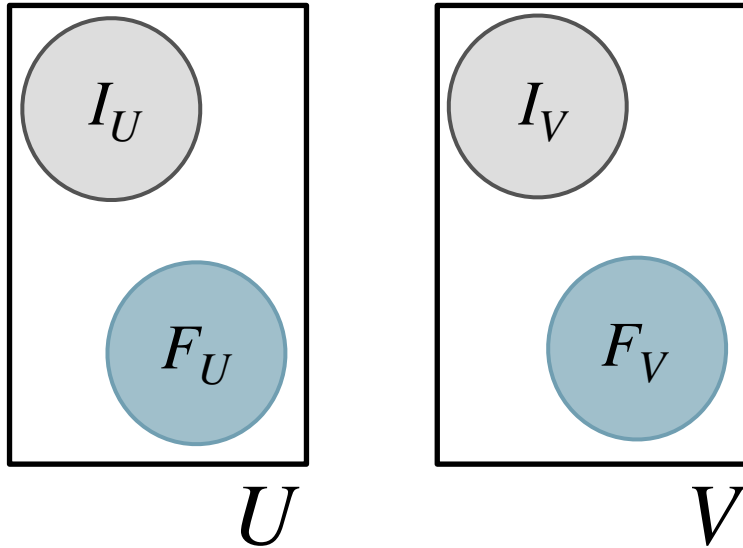


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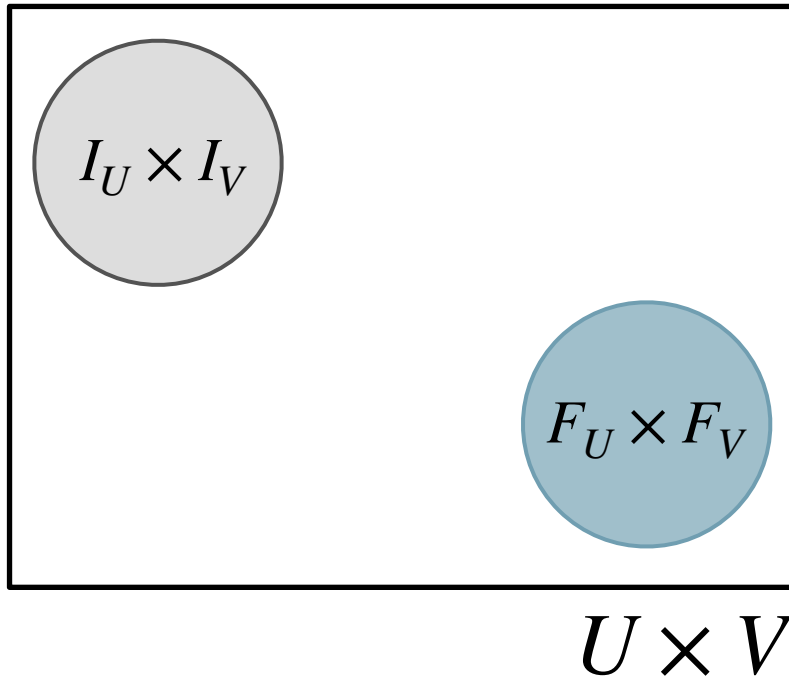
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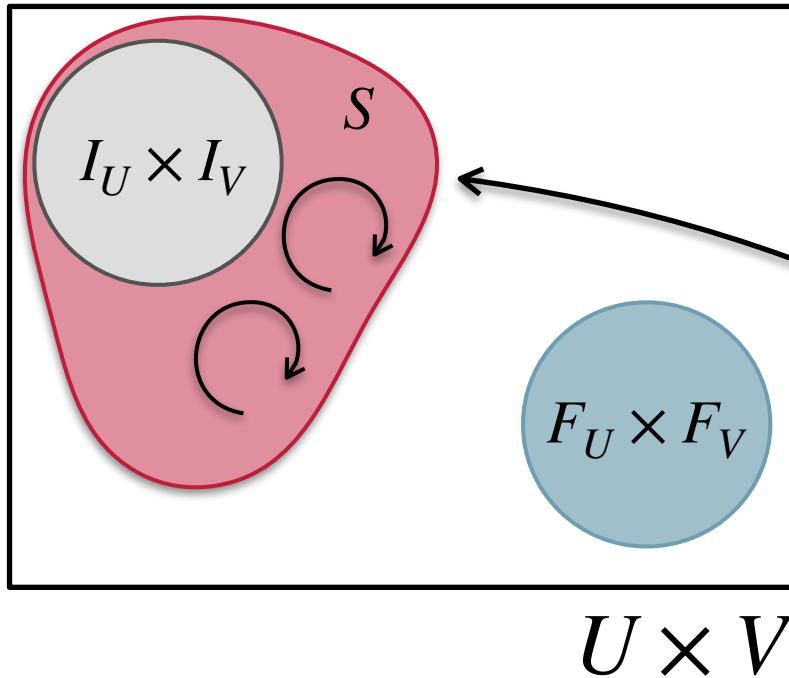
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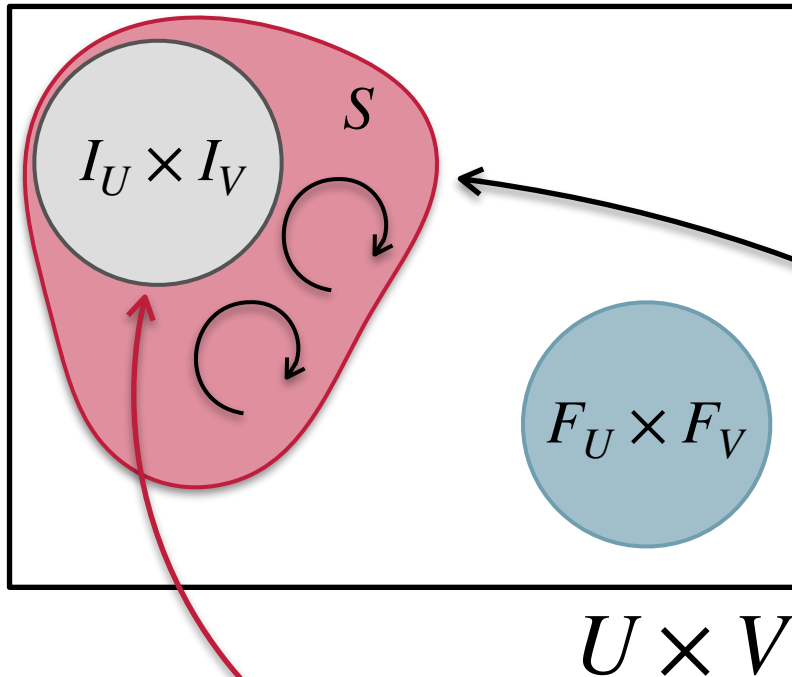
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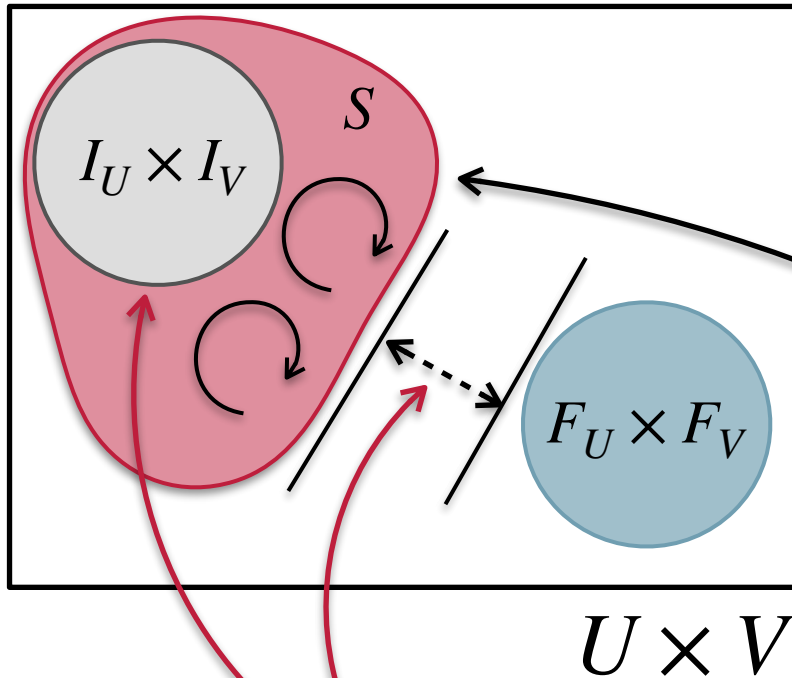
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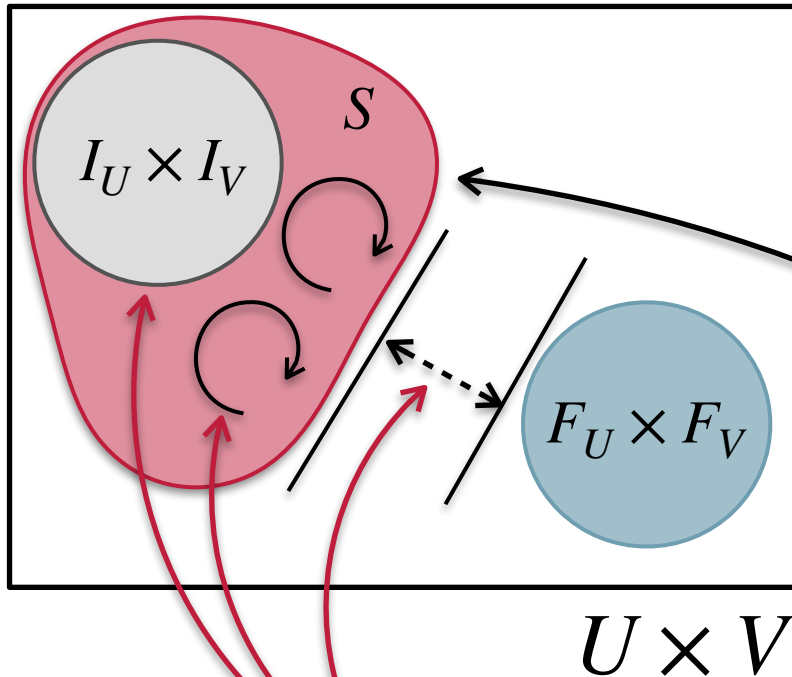
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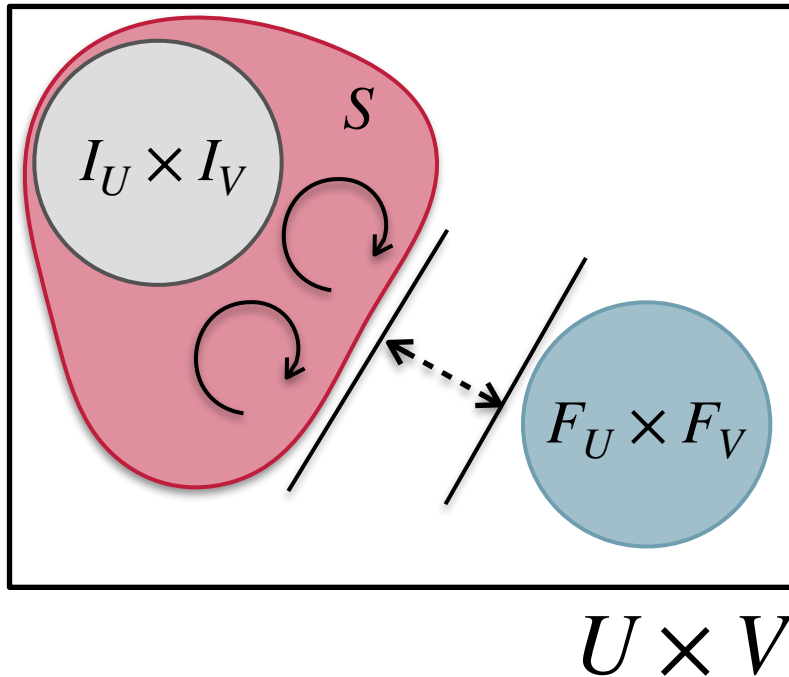
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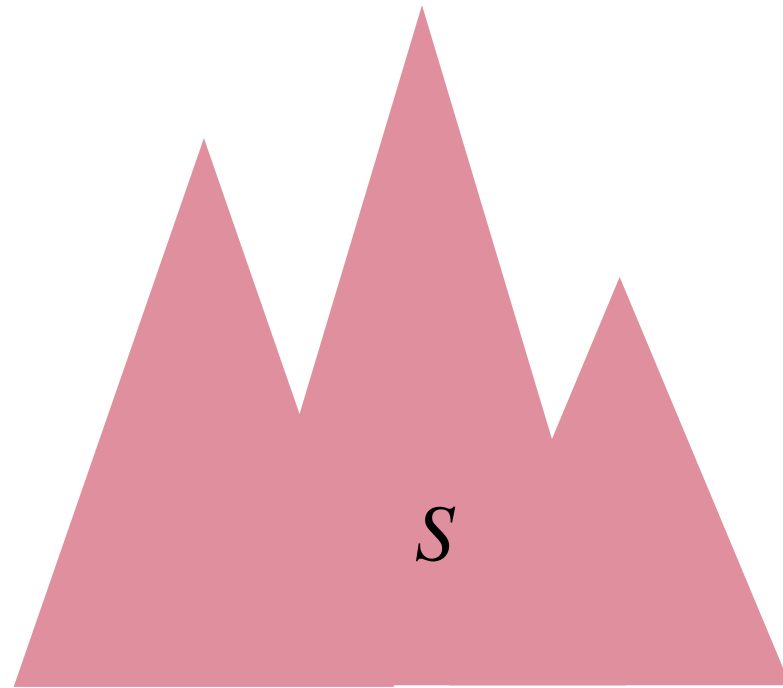
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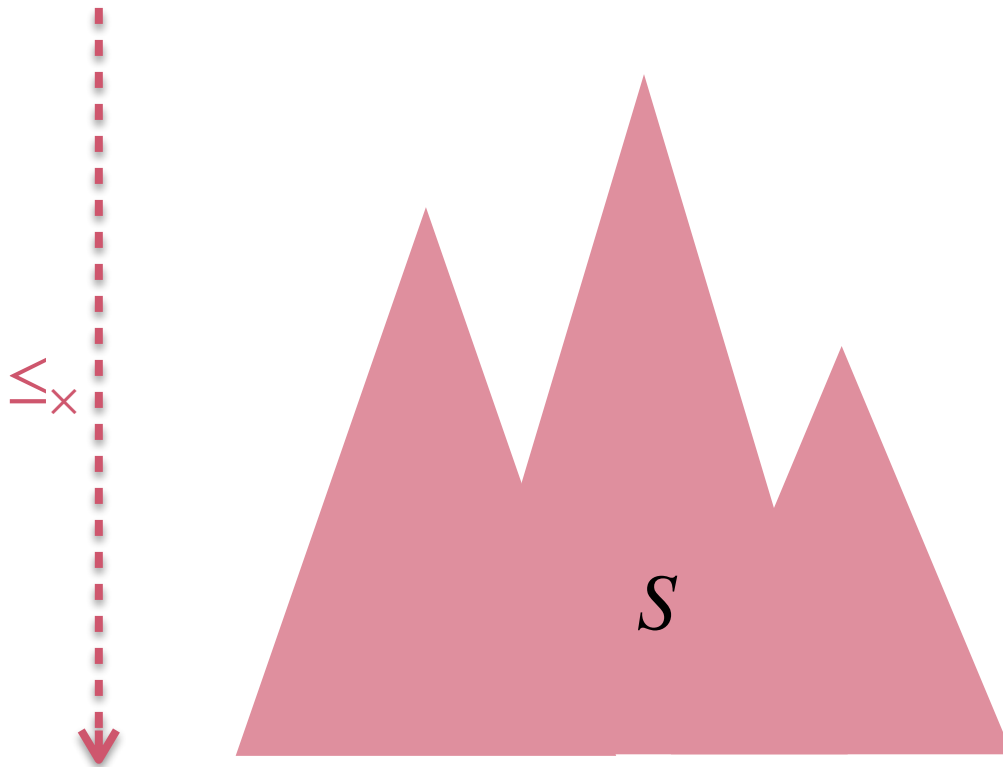
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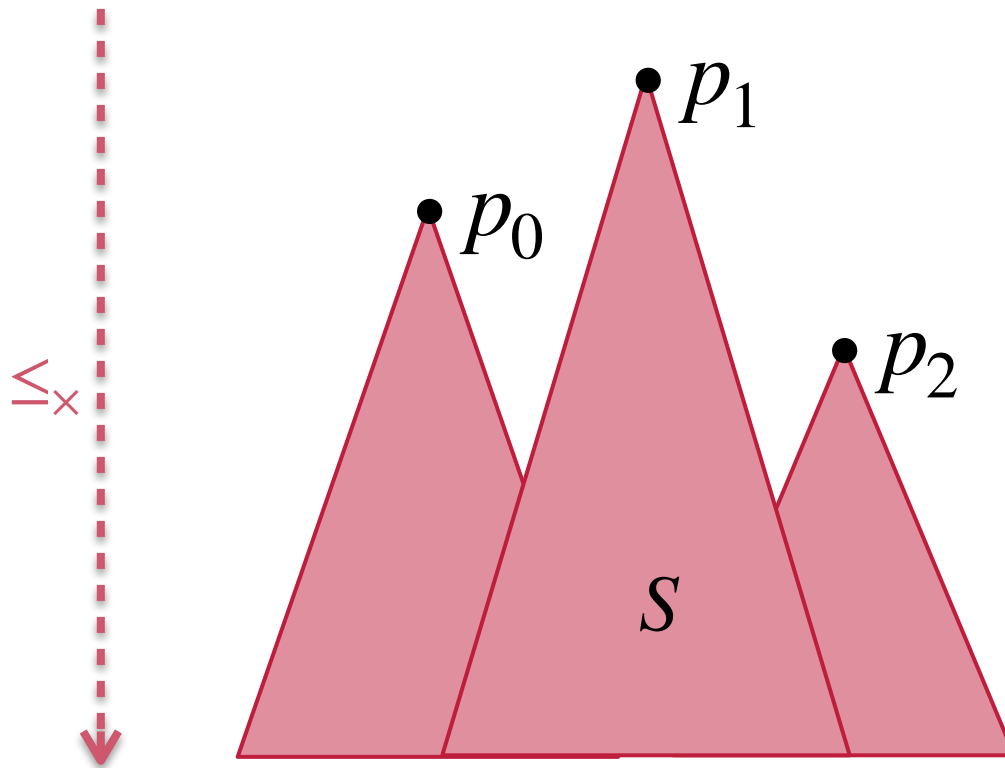
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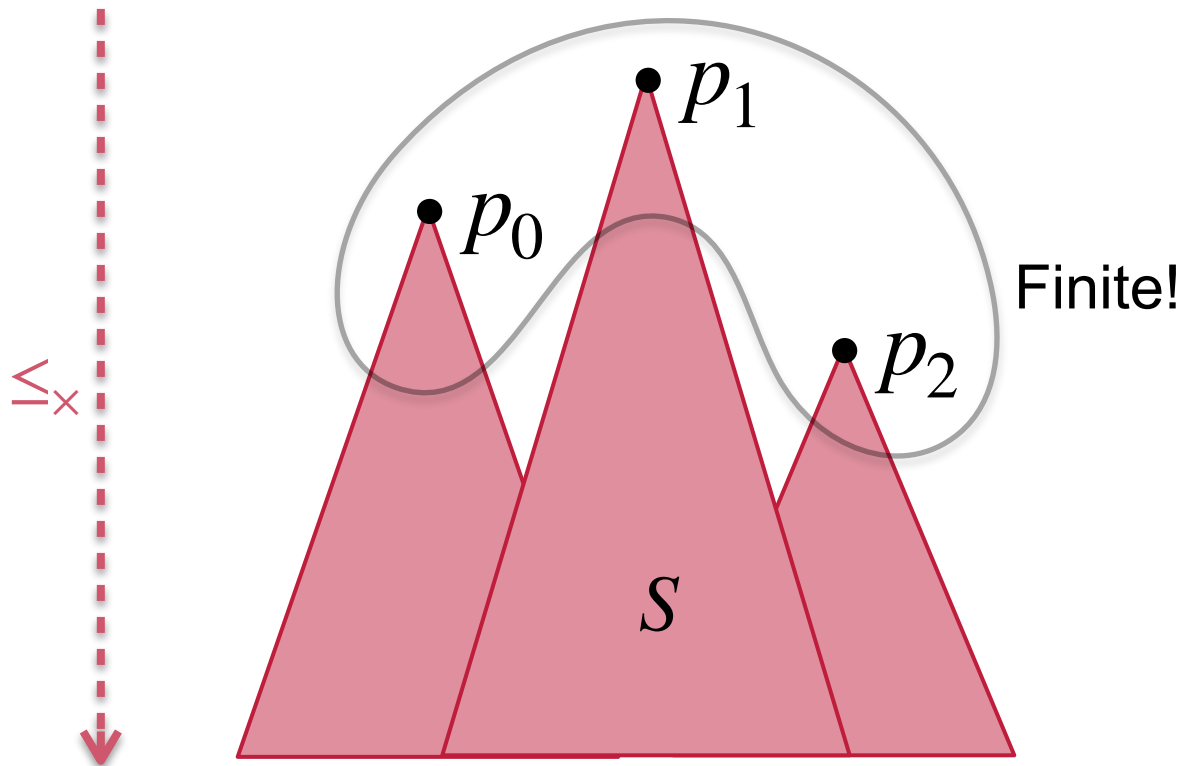
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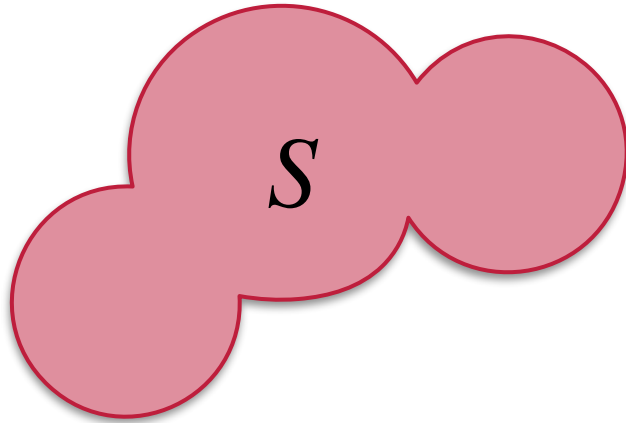
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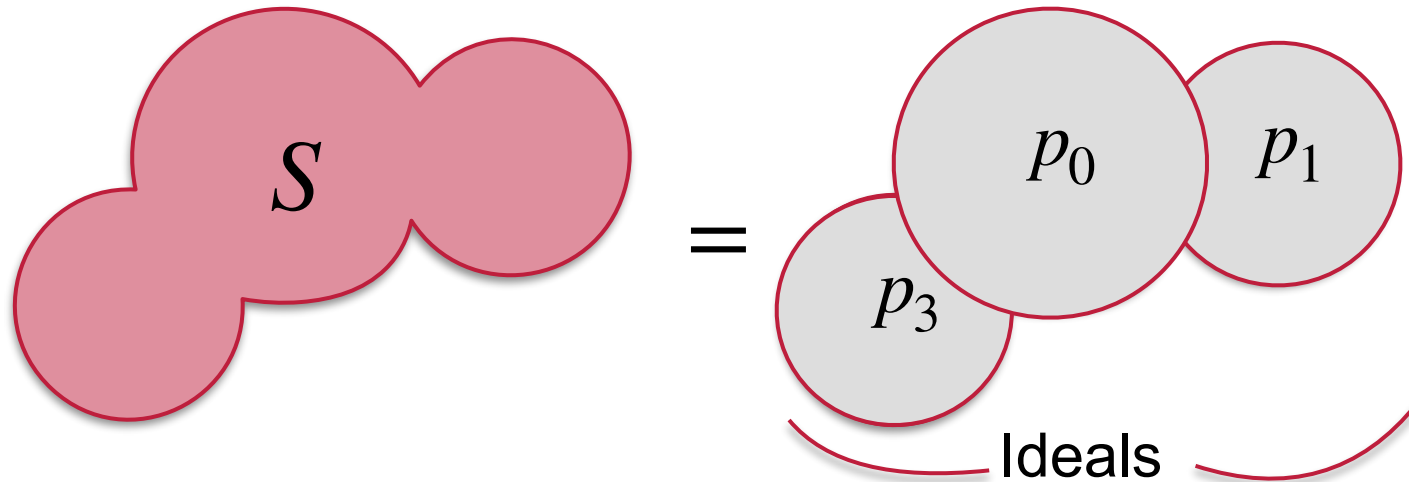
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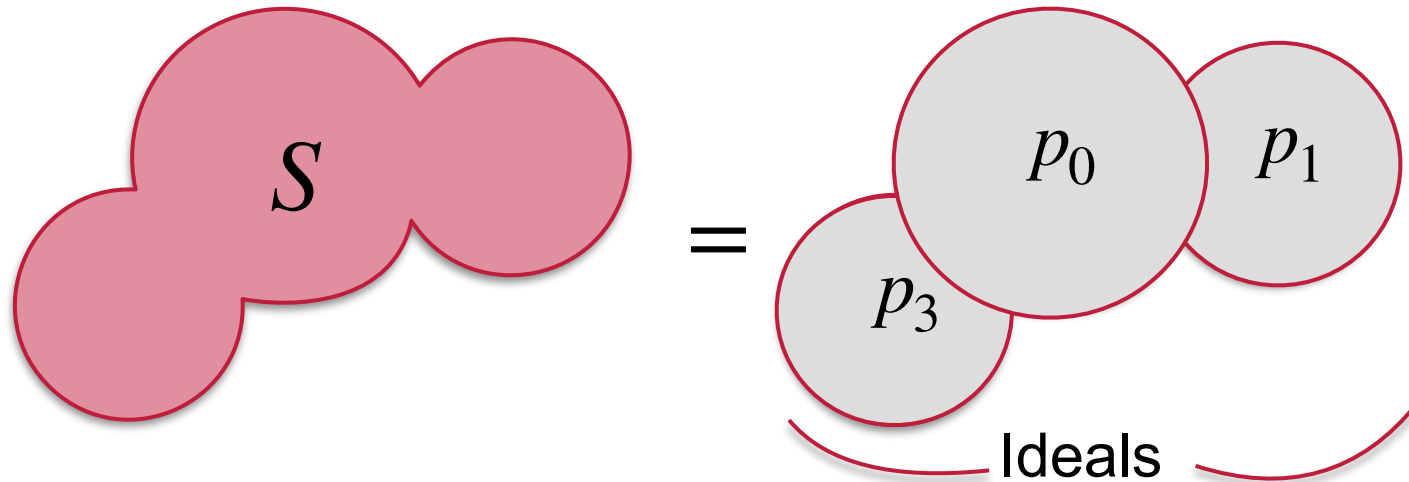
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**BUT:** Determinization breaks WQO

# Key Problem

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## Key Insight [Rado, 54]

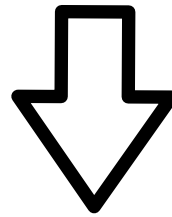
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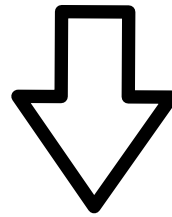
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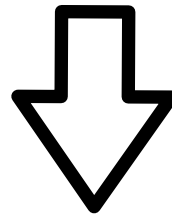
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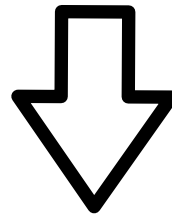


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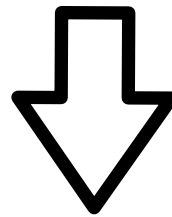
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Proof: Zorn's Lemma



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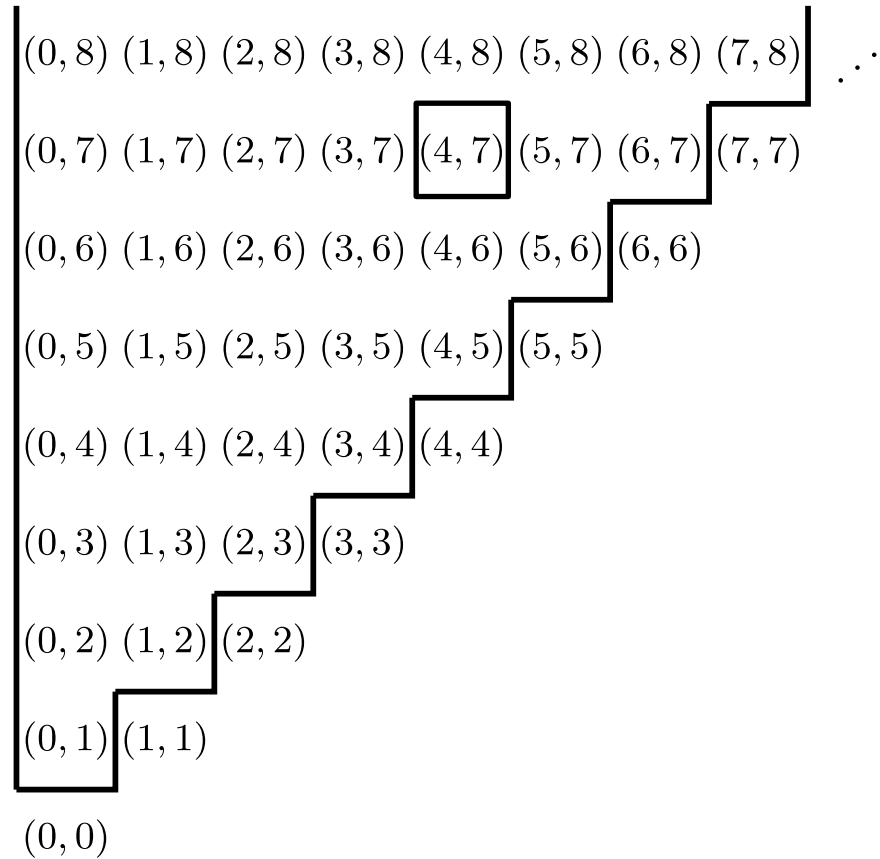
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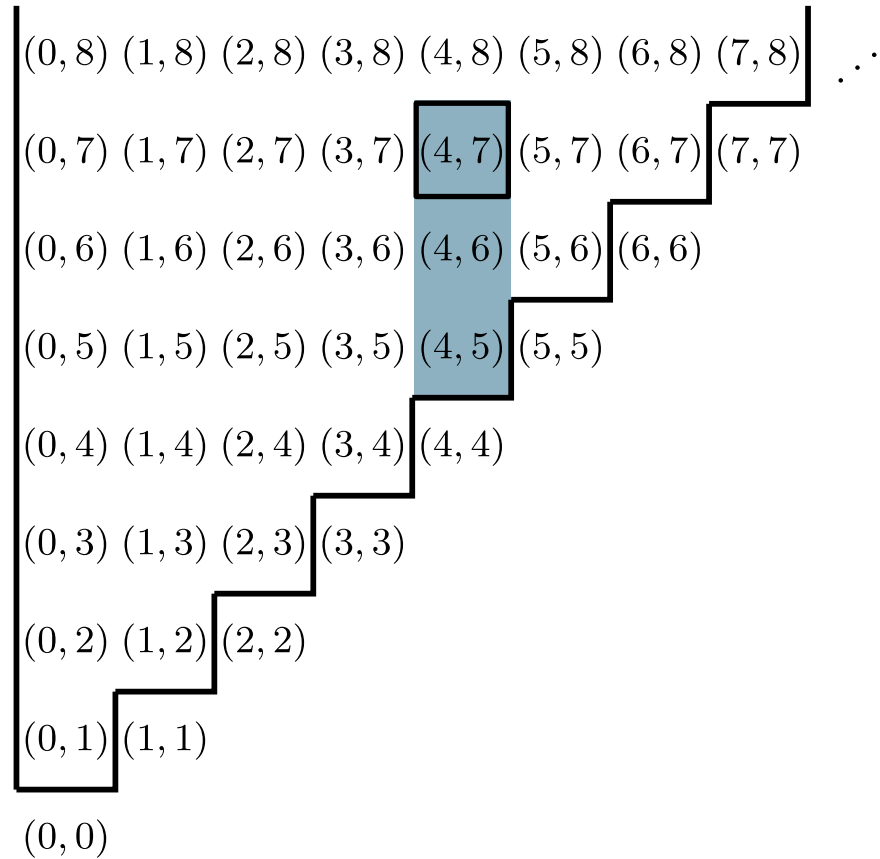
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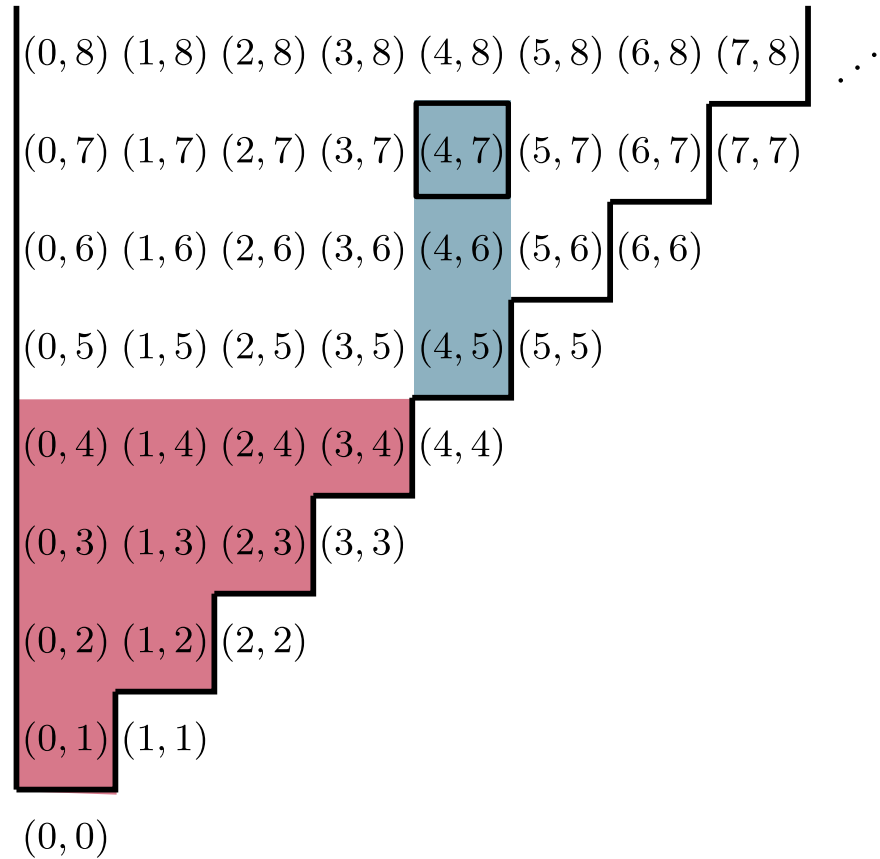
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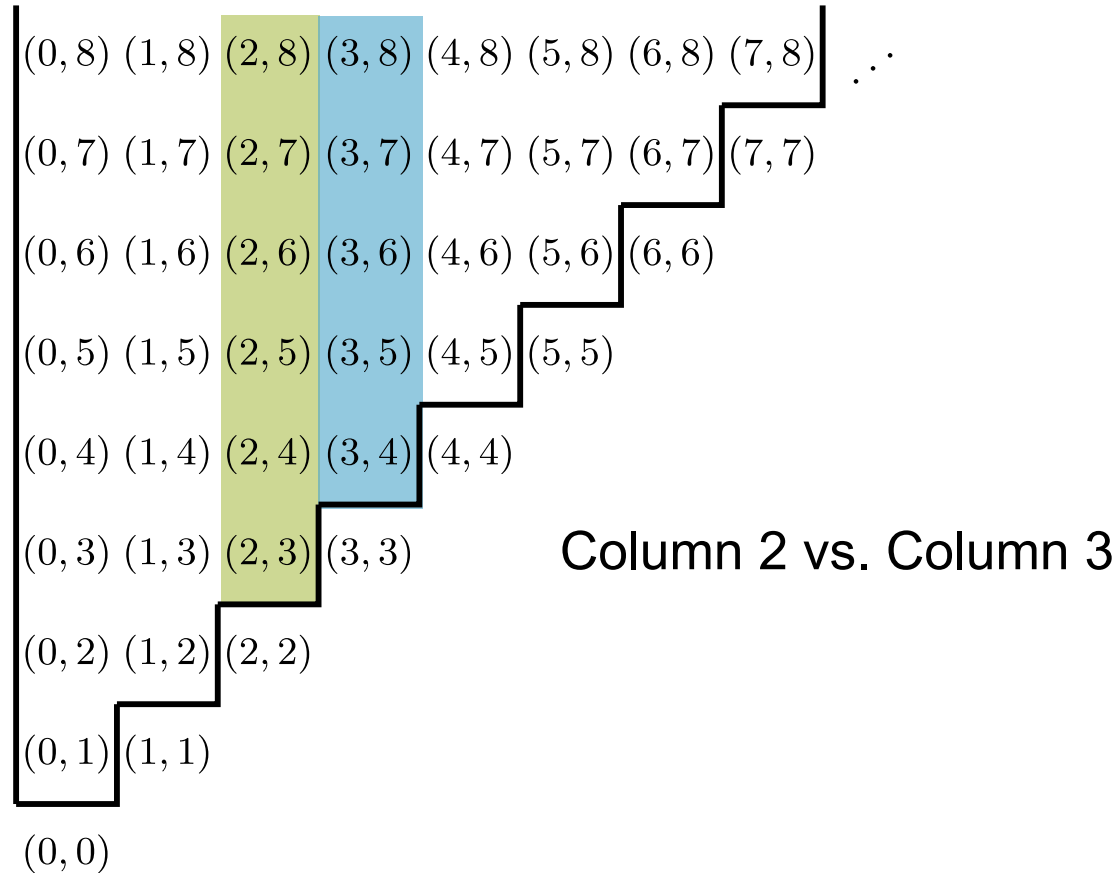


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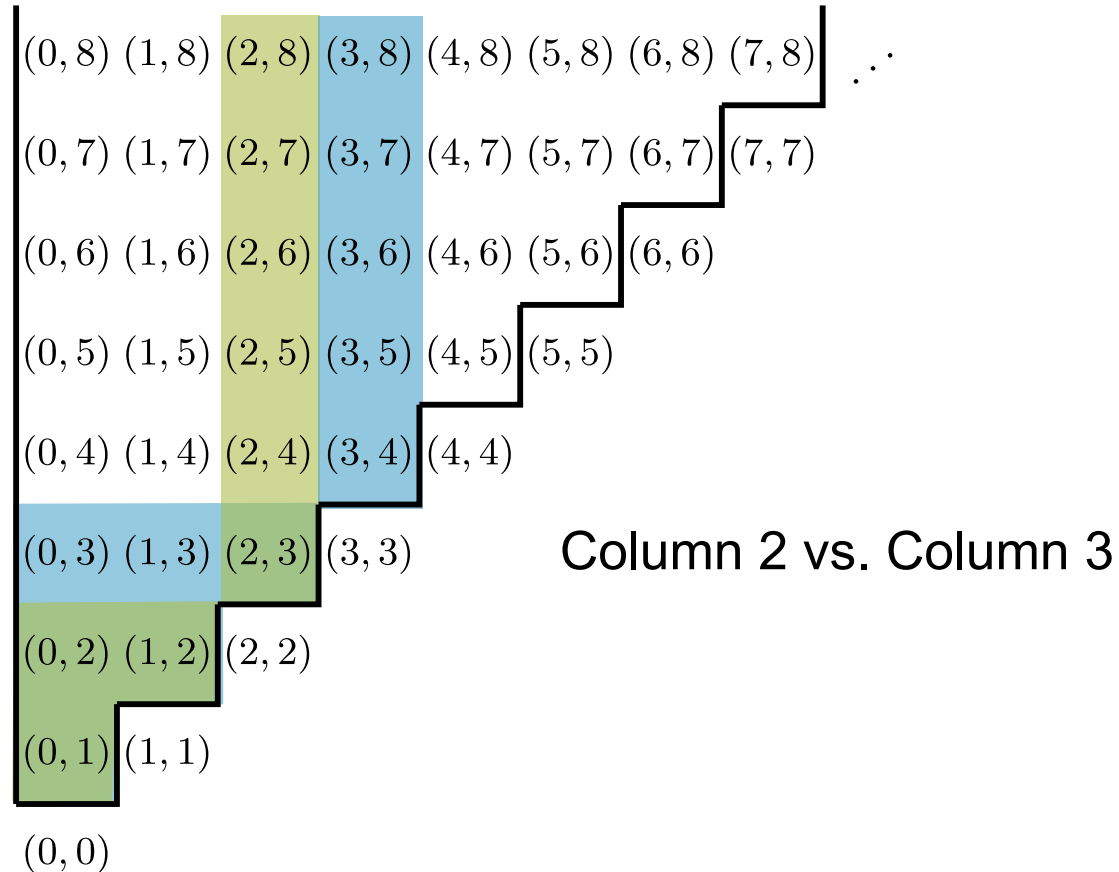
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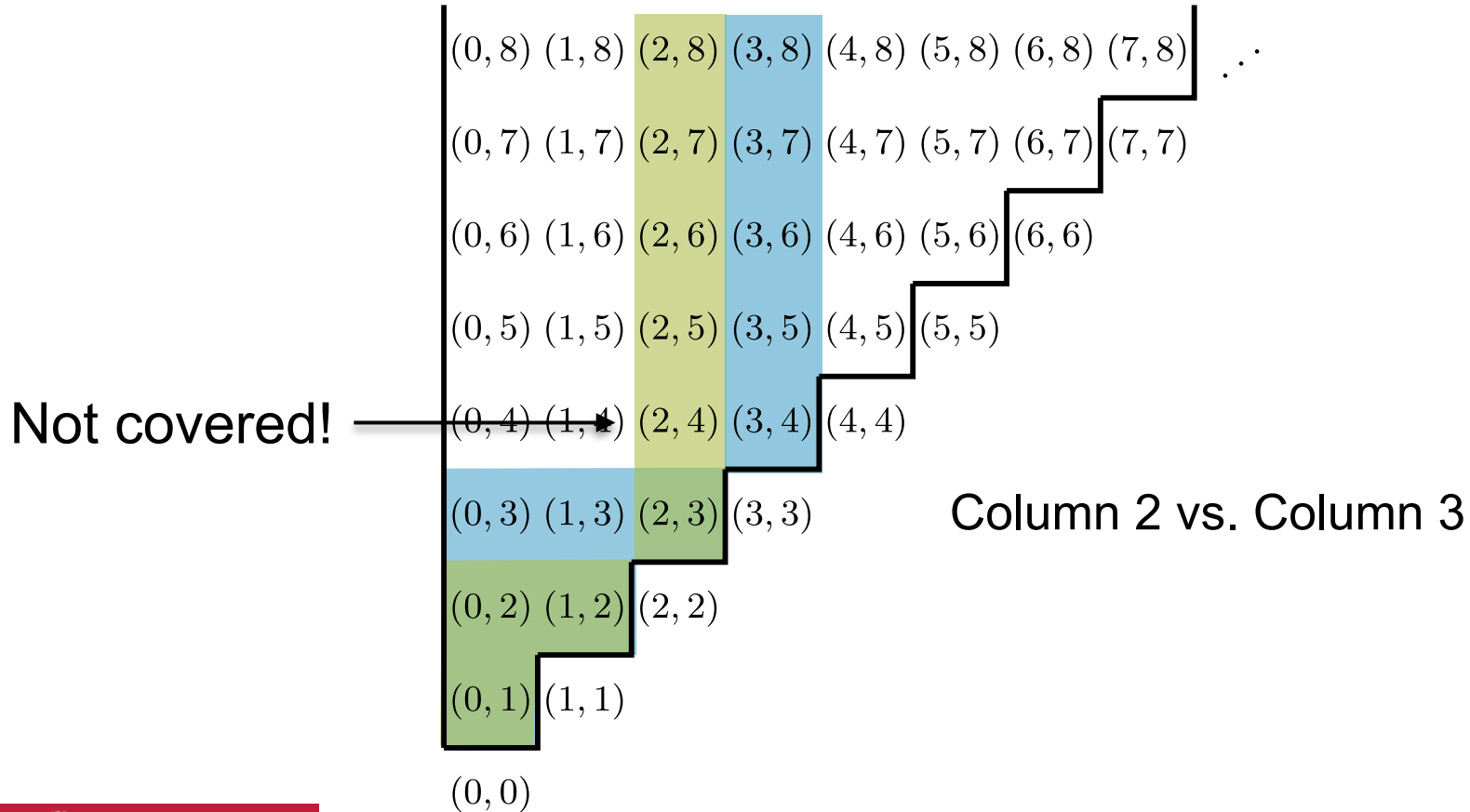
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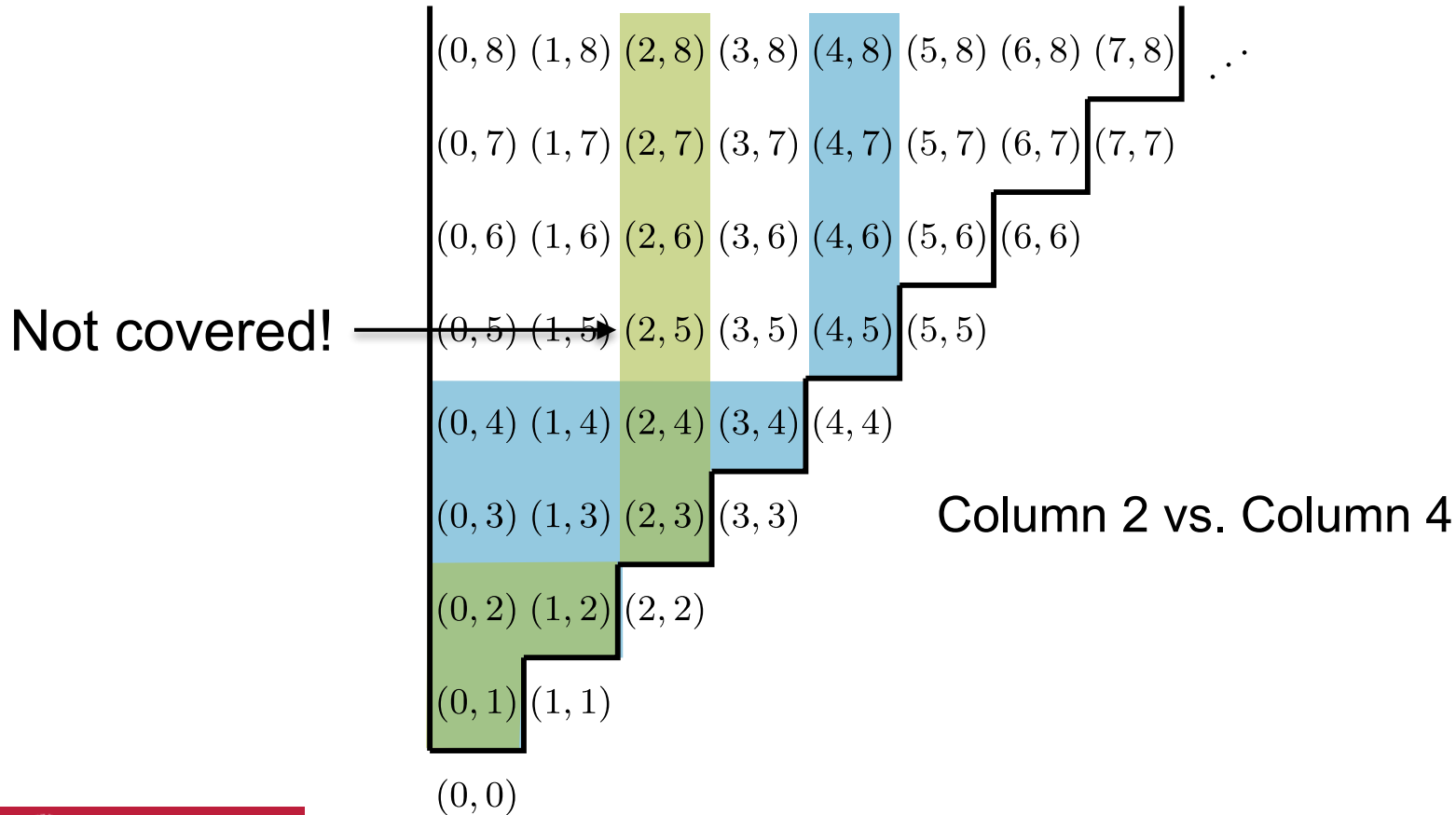
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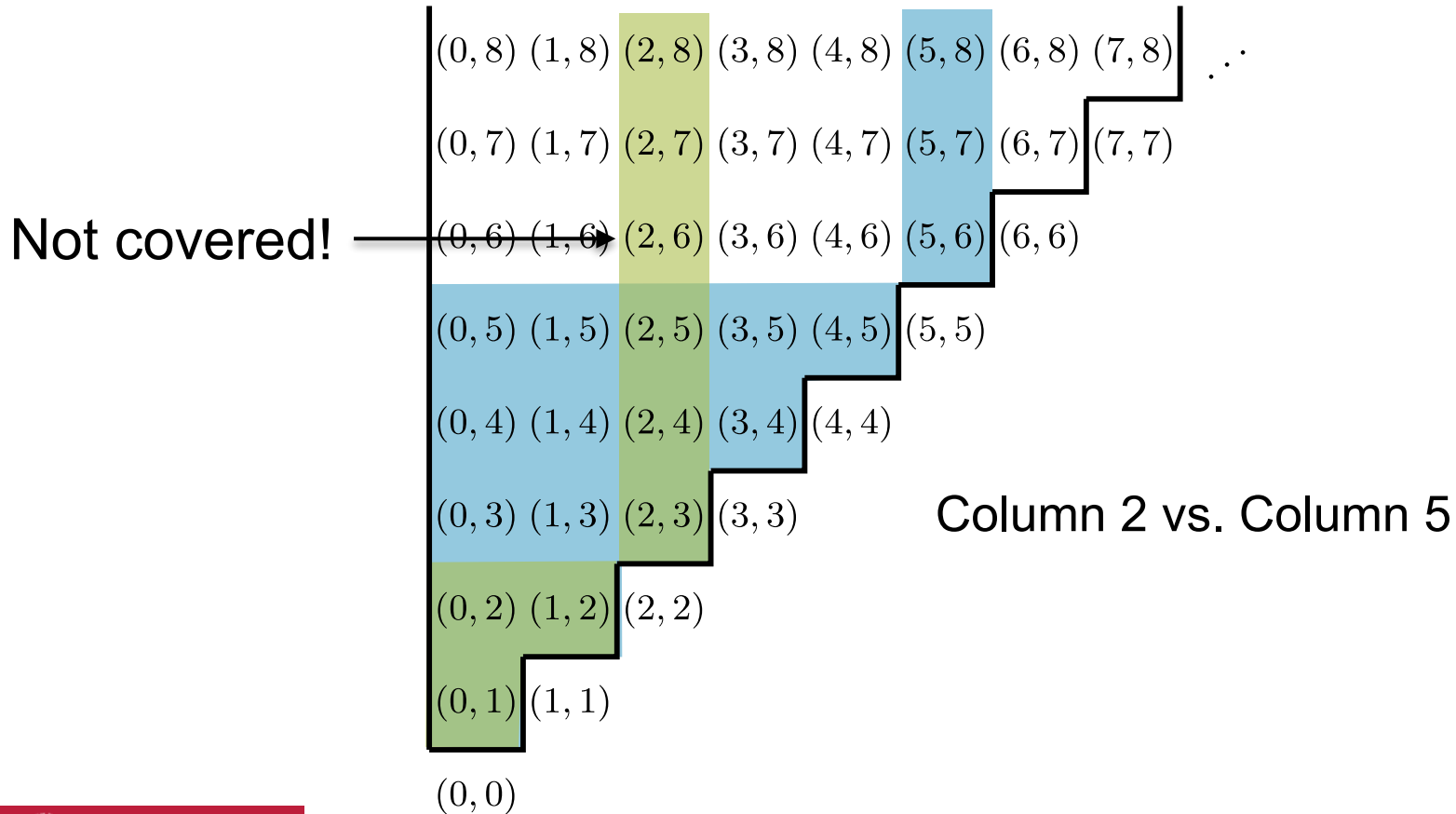
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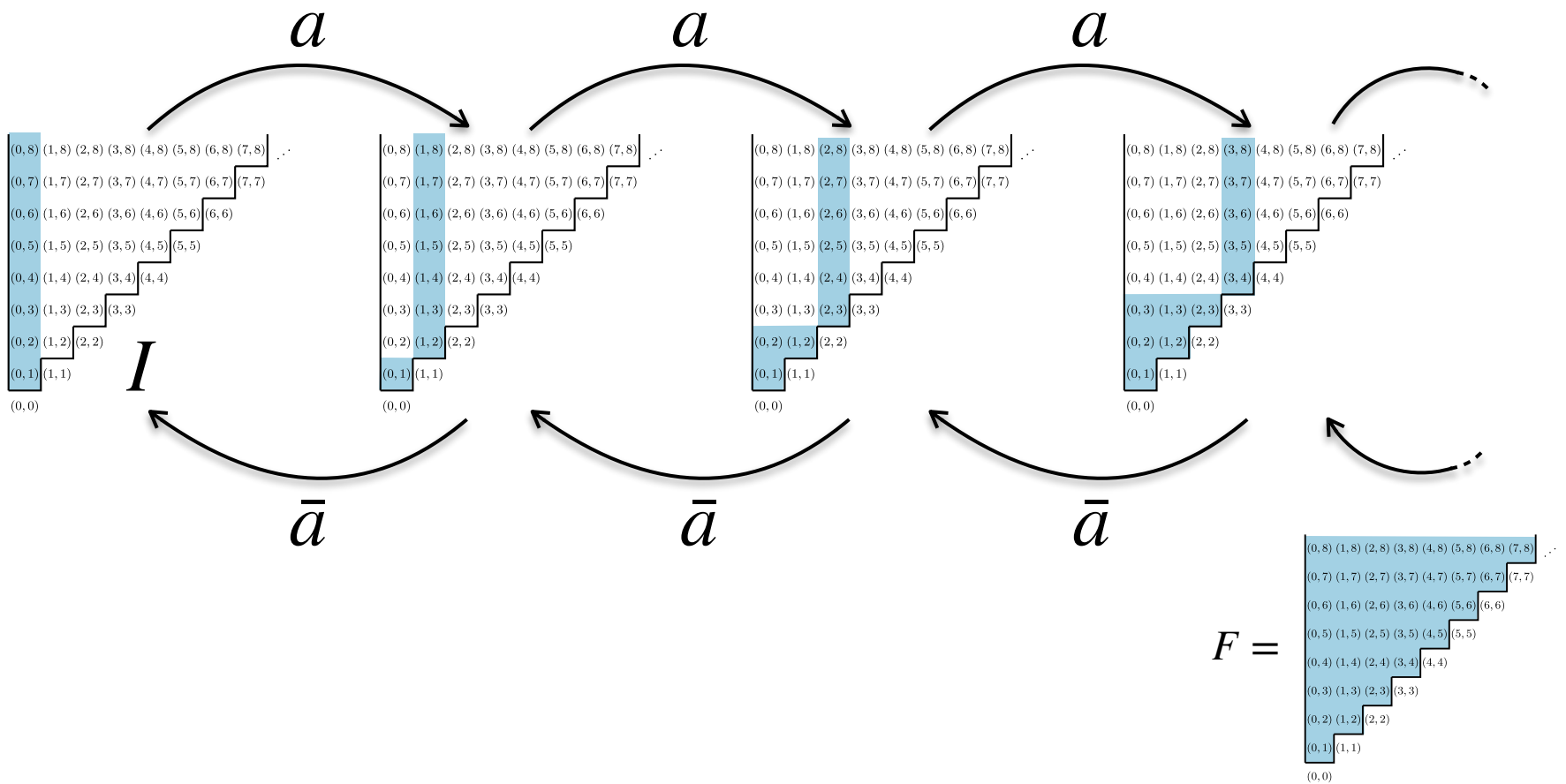


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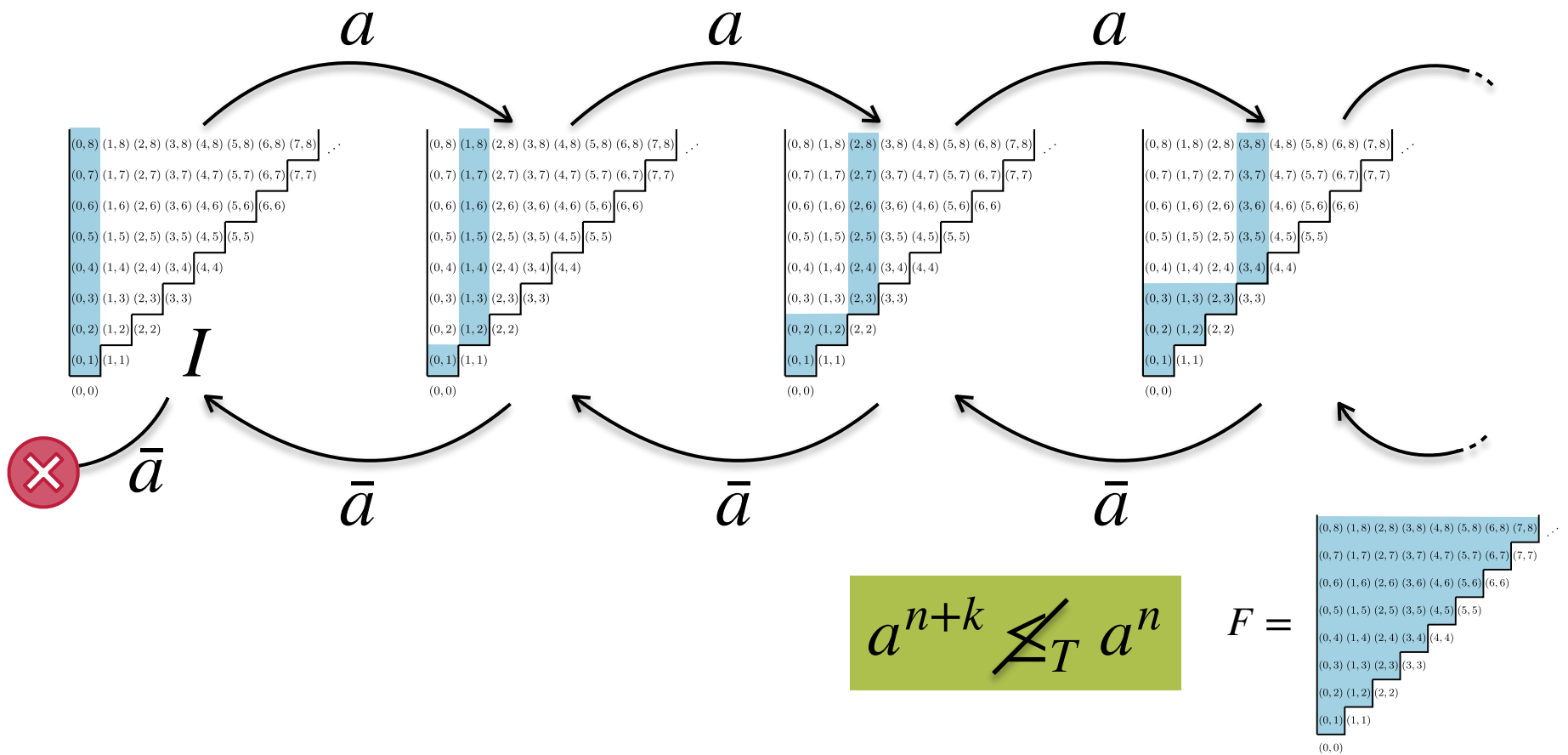
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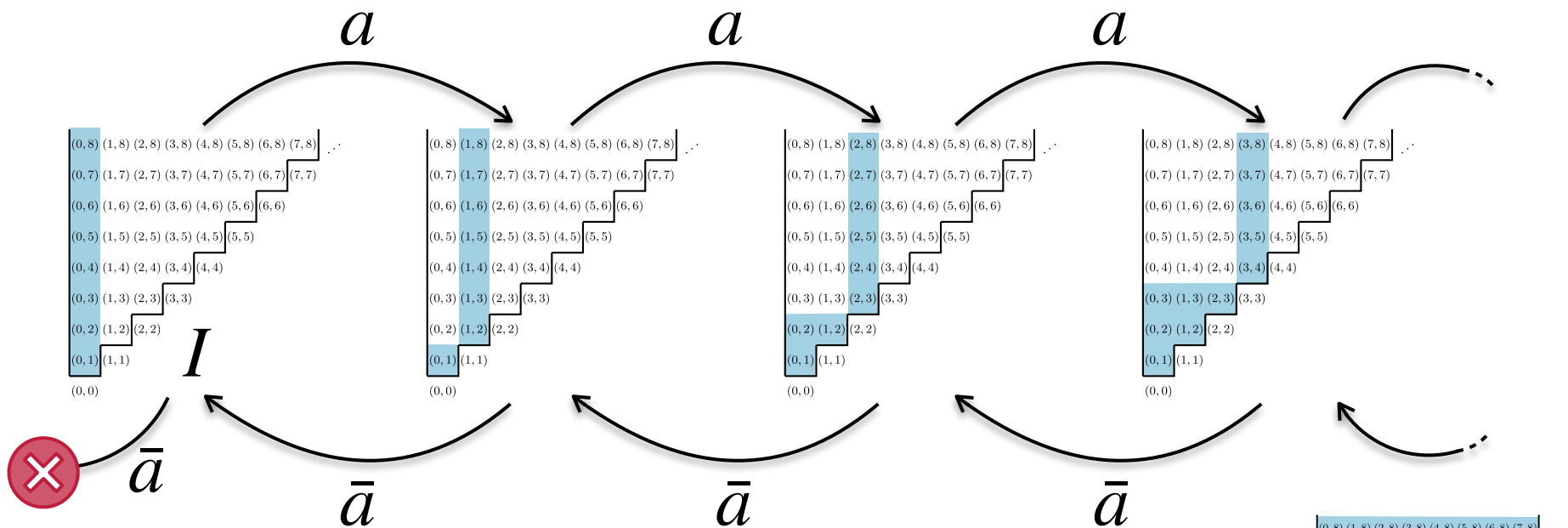
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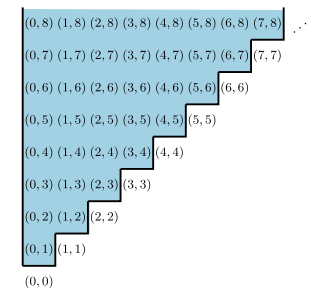


Column 0: Stable under *zero*

Column  $n$ : Fails after  $zero^n$

$$a^n \not\leq_T a^{n+k}$$

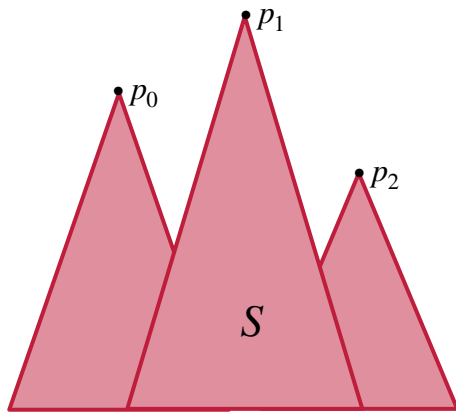
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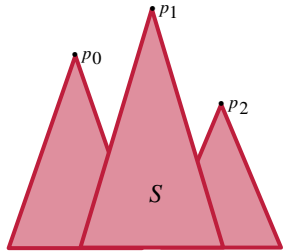
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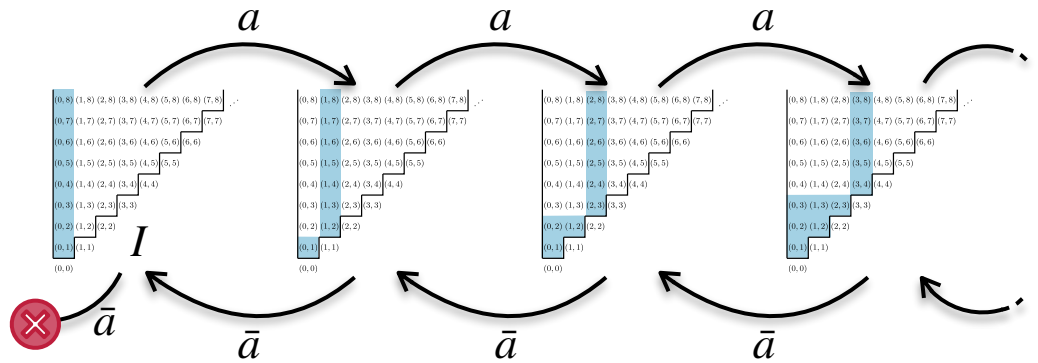
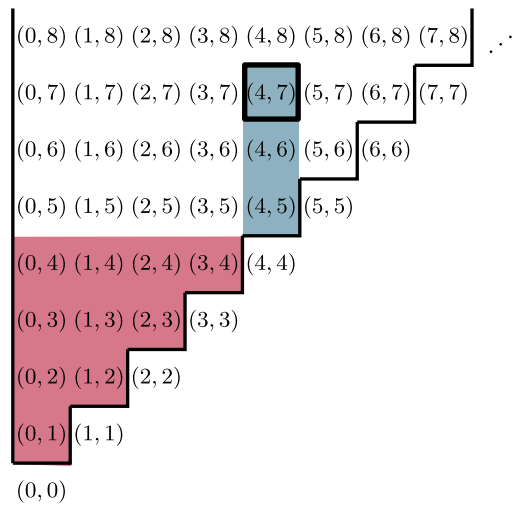
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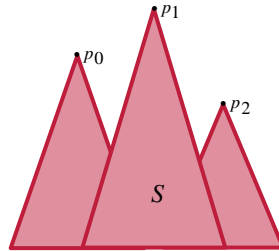
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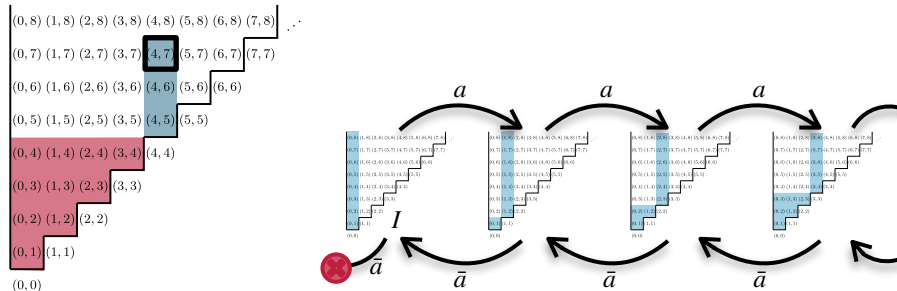
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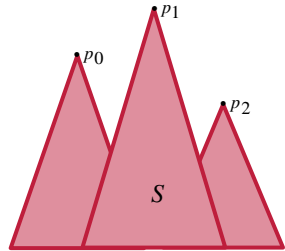
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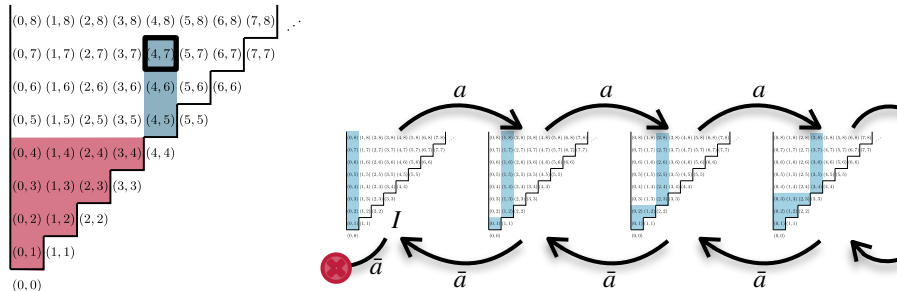
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 ... and many more relationships between the classes!

# Appendix

Closed Form of a Fragment of the witness language  $T$

$$T \cap a^* \bar{a}^* \text{zero}^* = \{a^n \bar{a}^n \text{zero}^k \mid n, k \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \\ \{a^n \bar{a}^k \text{zero}^l \mid n, k, l \in \mathbb{N}, n - k > l\}$$