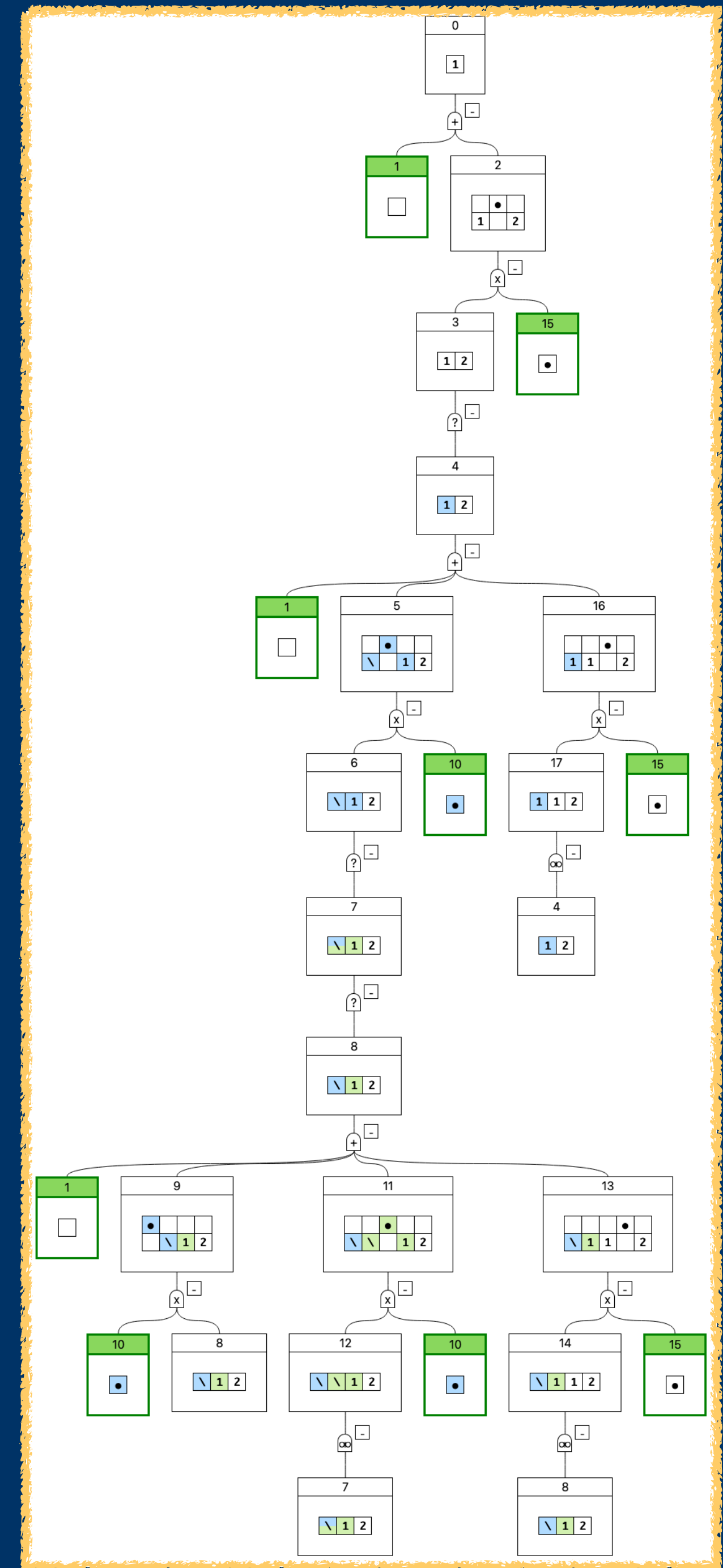
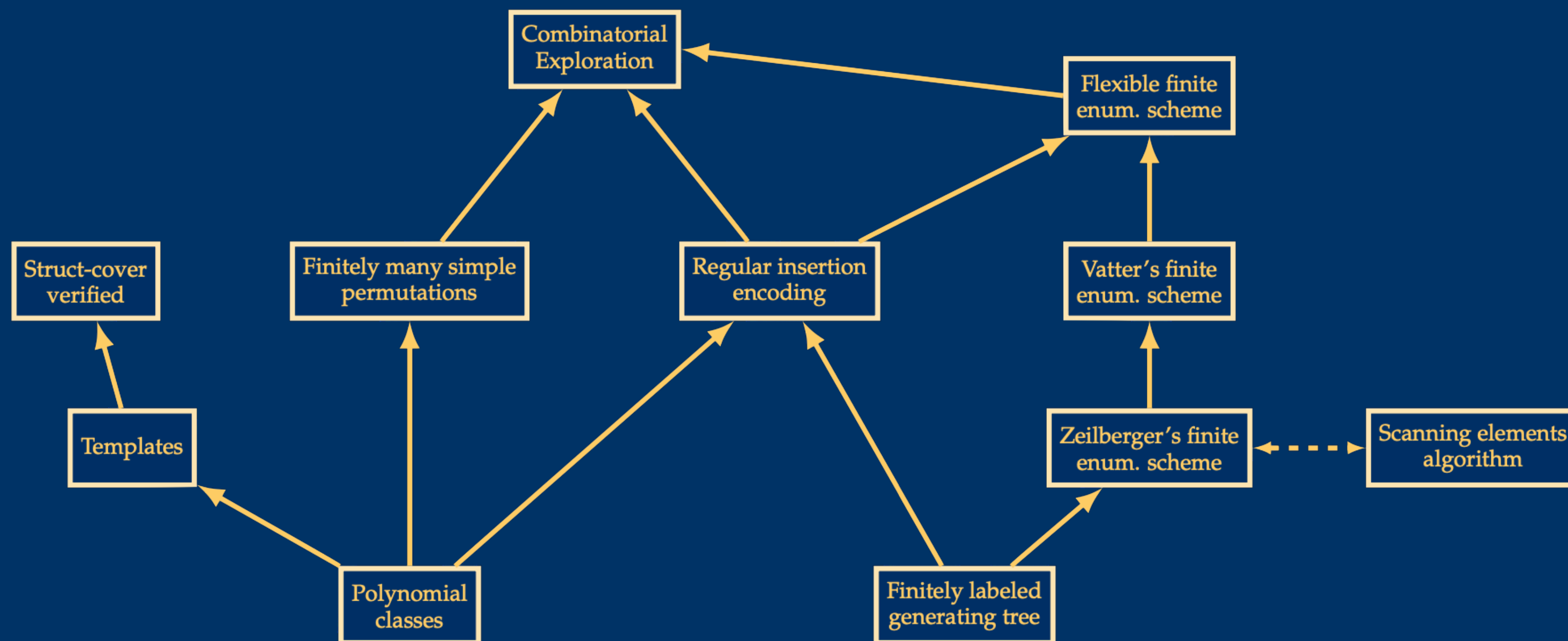


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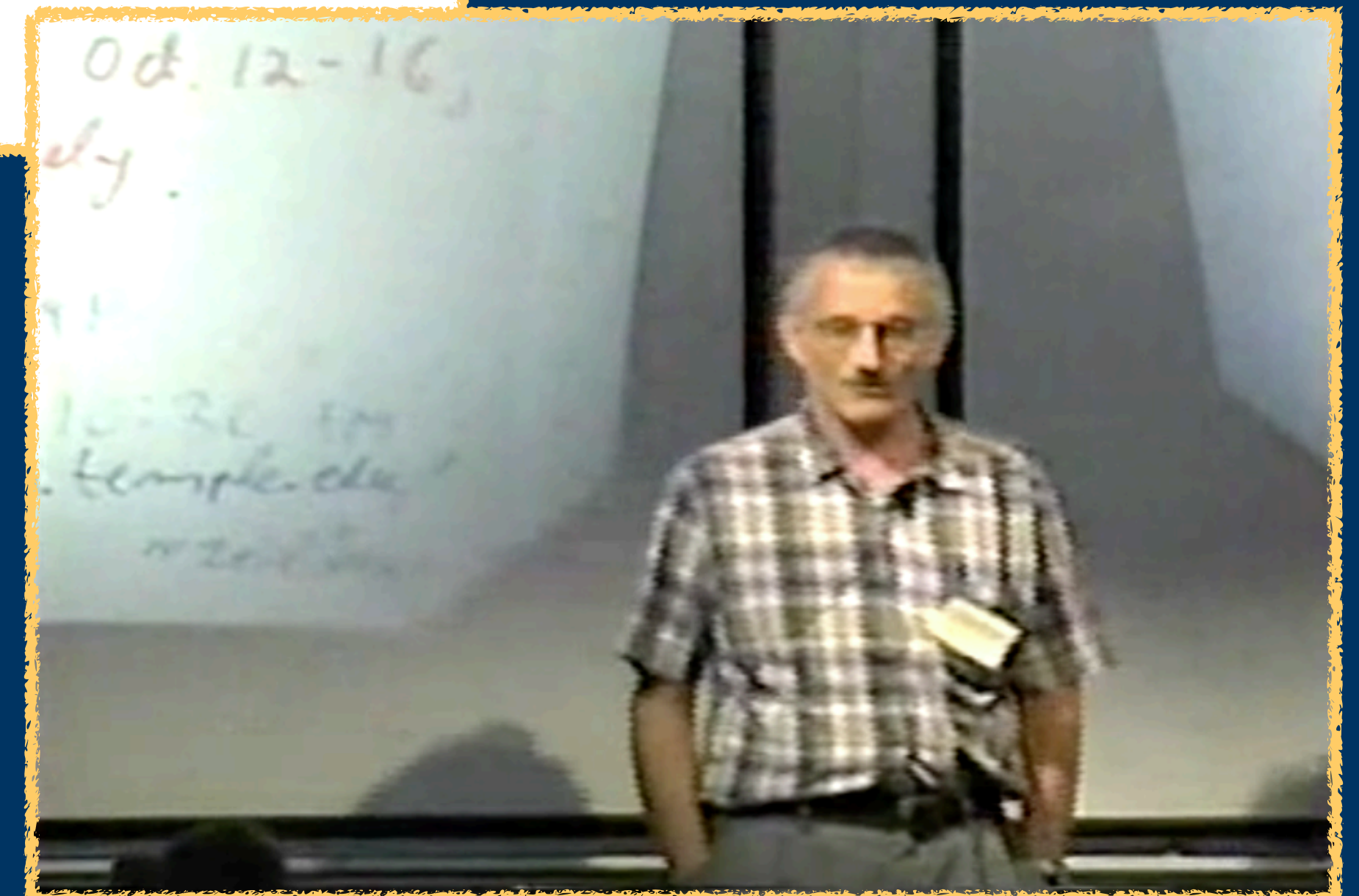
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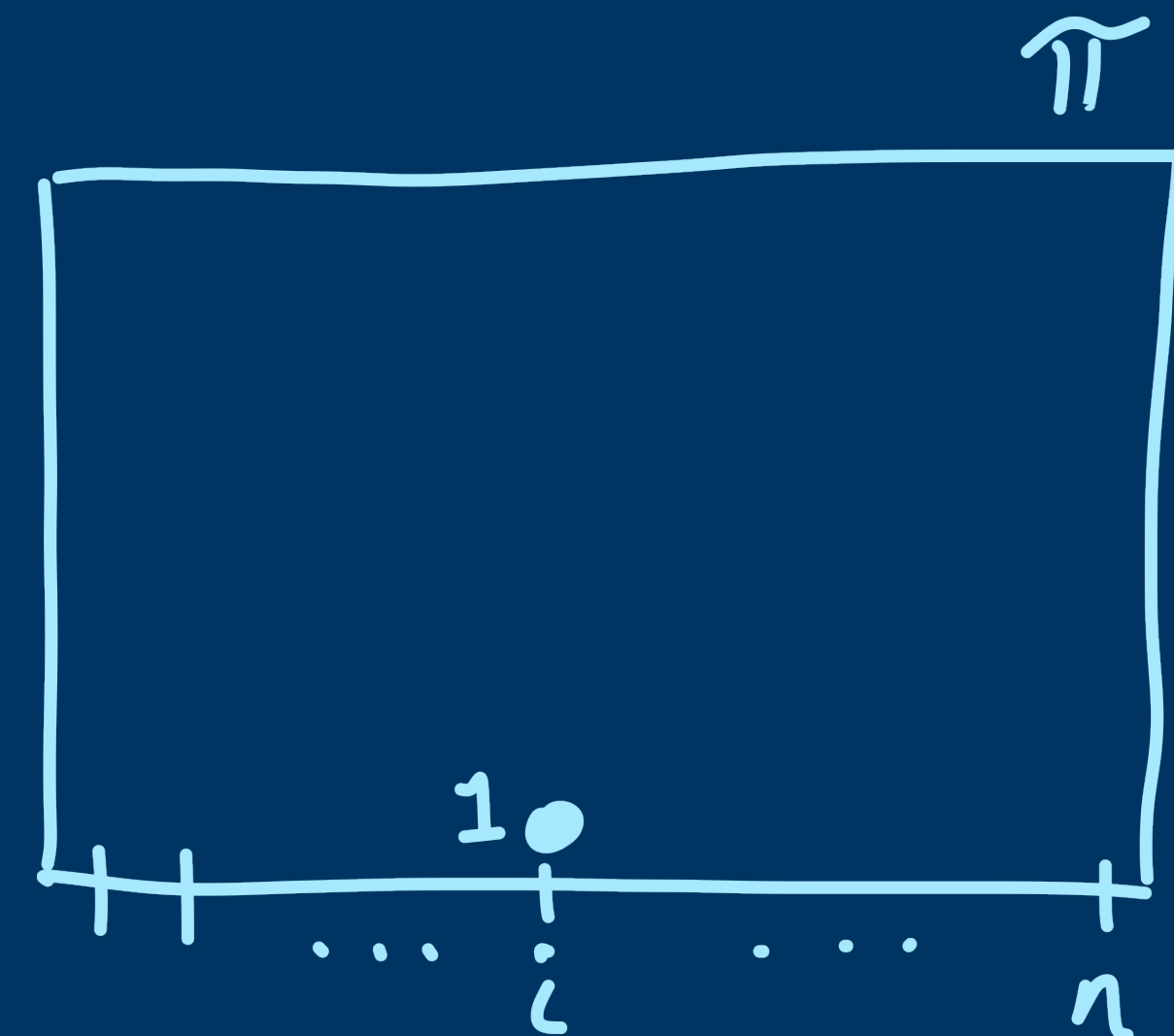
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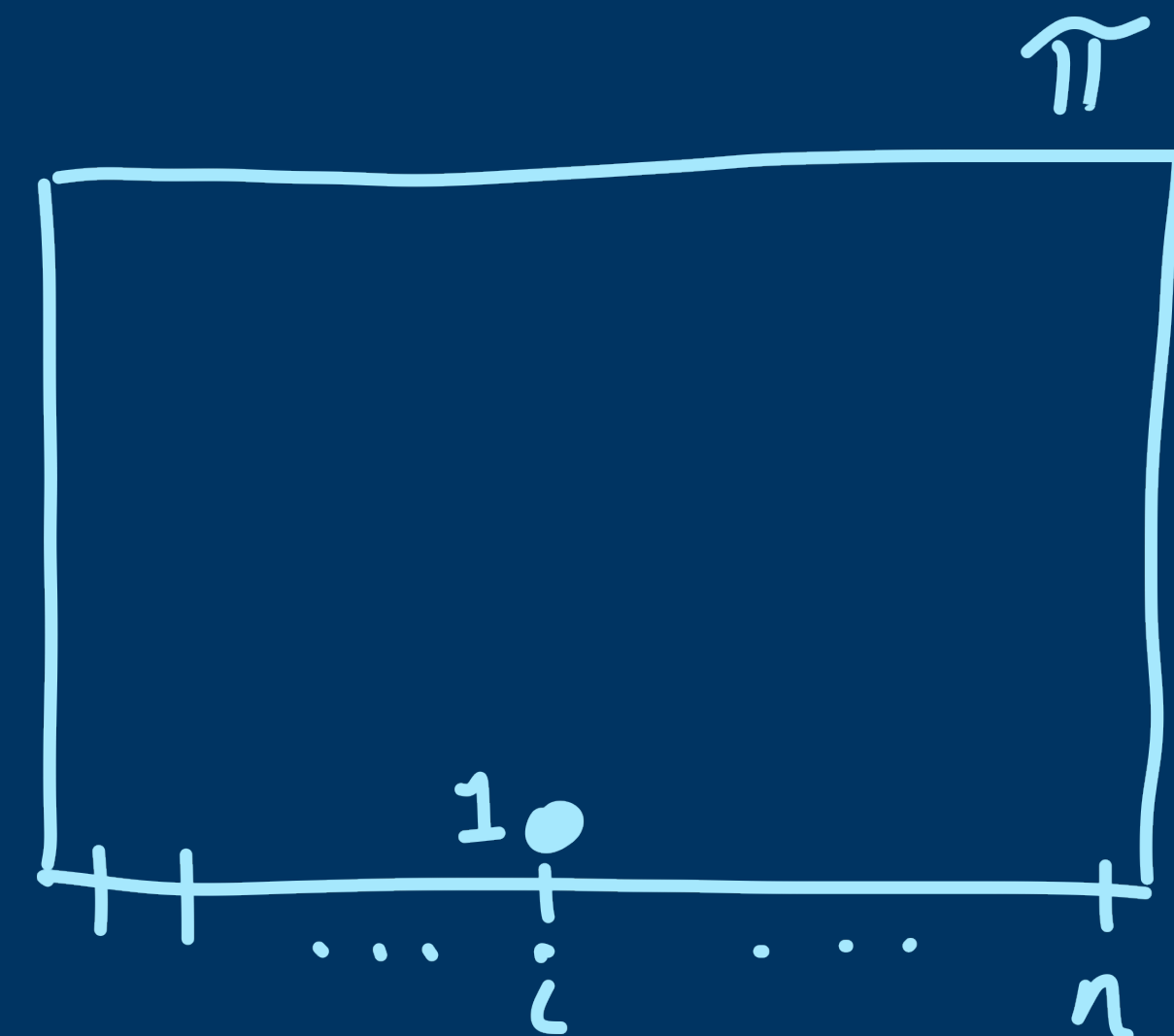
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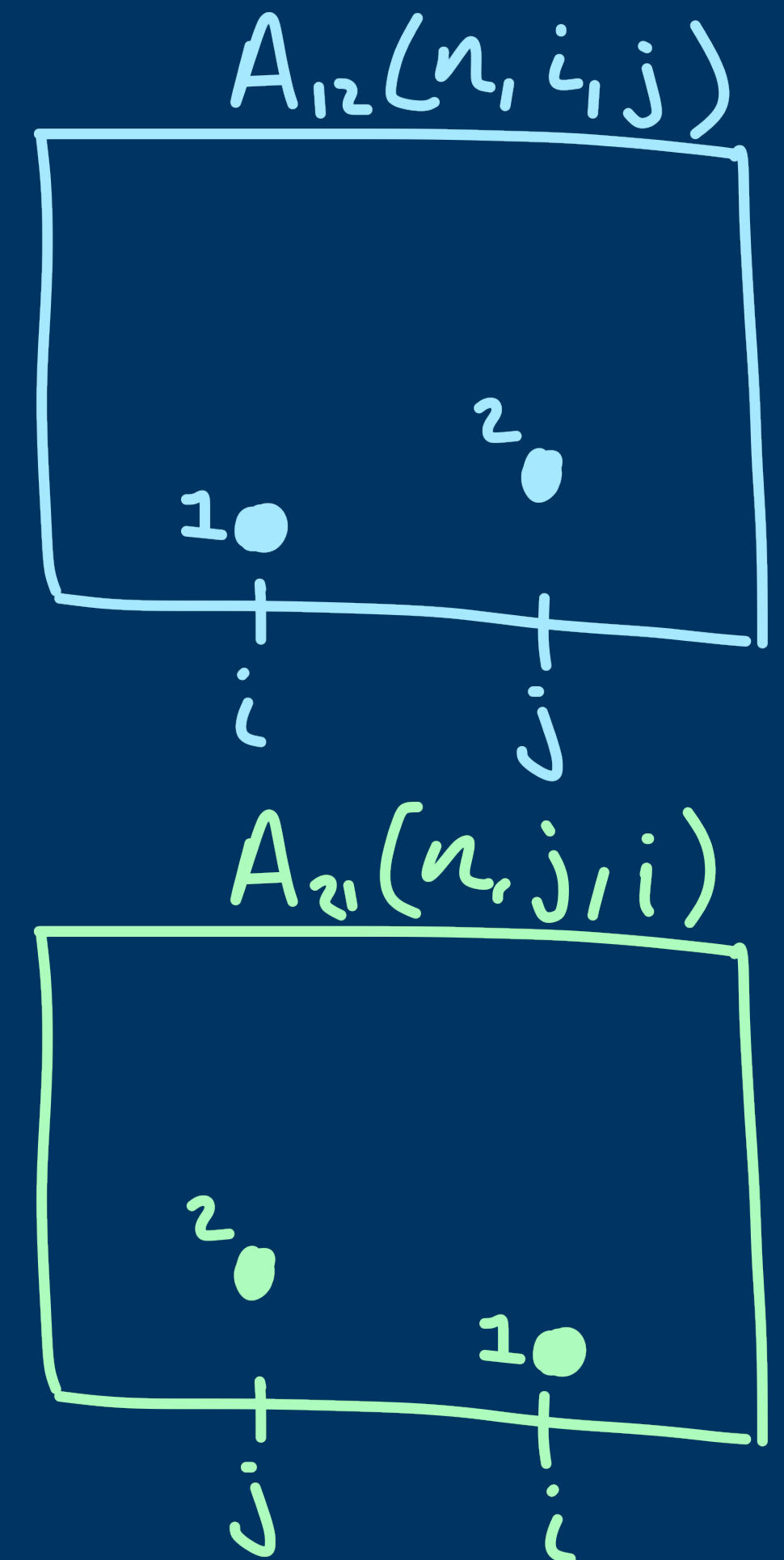
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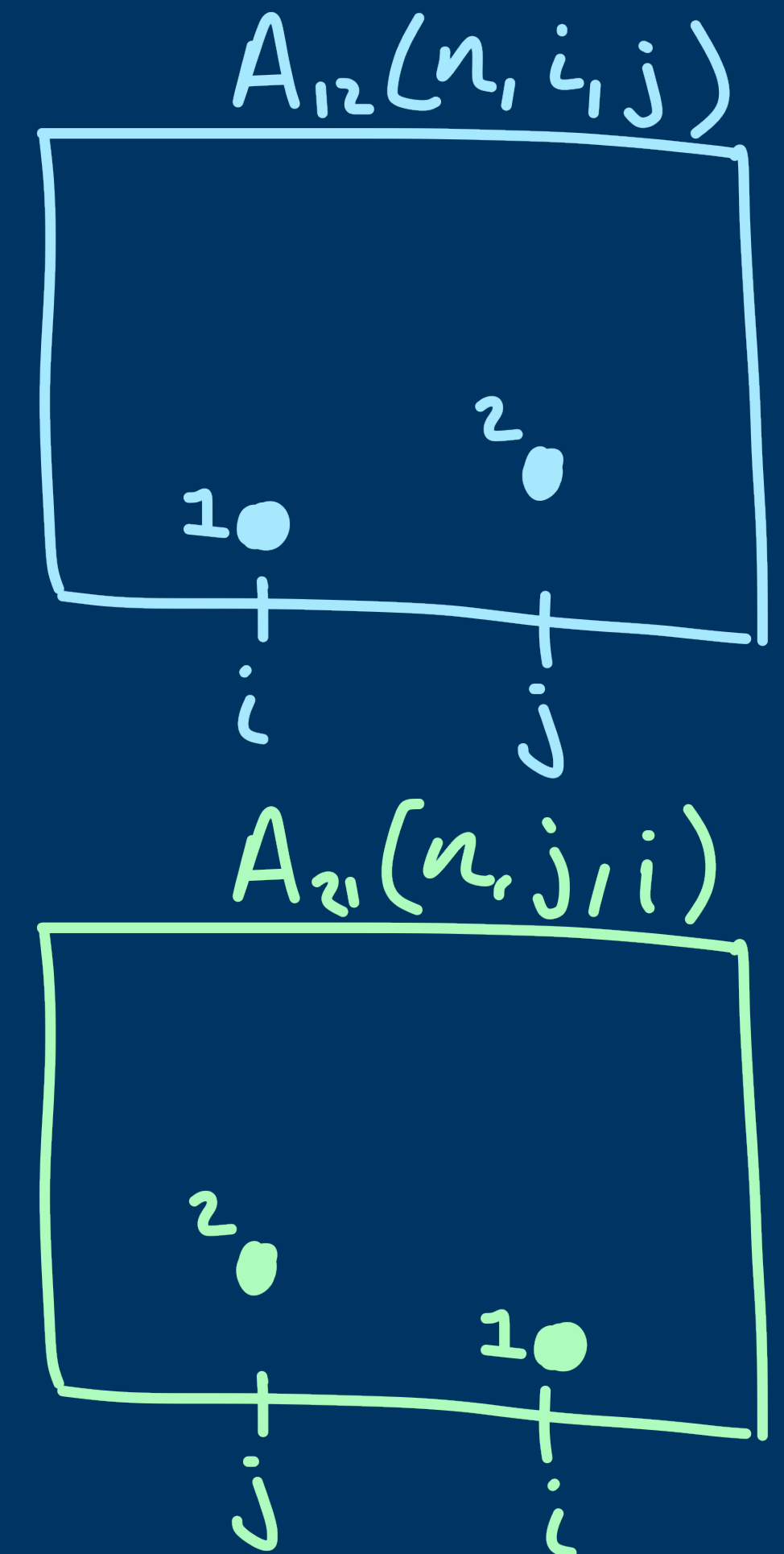
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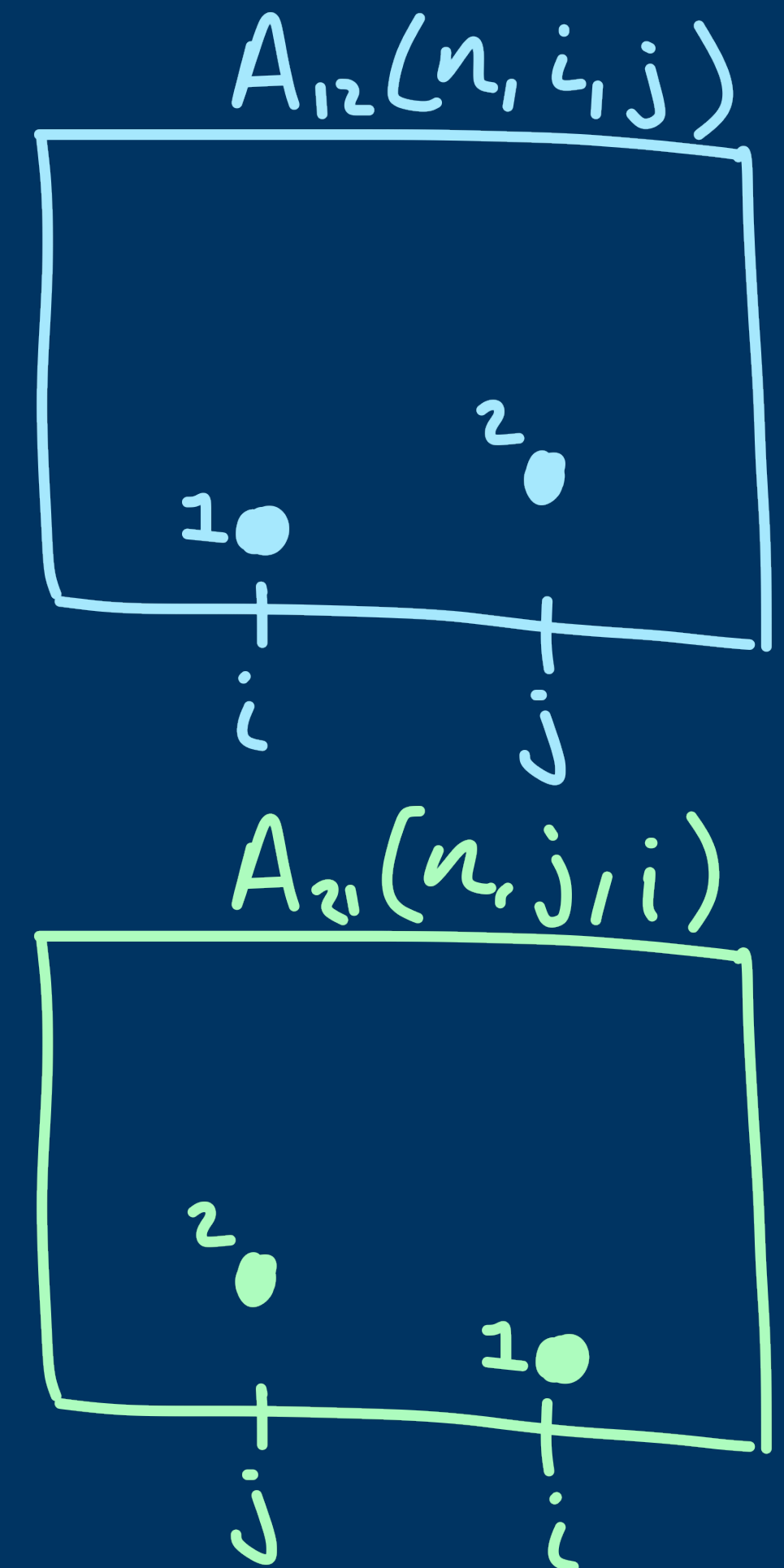
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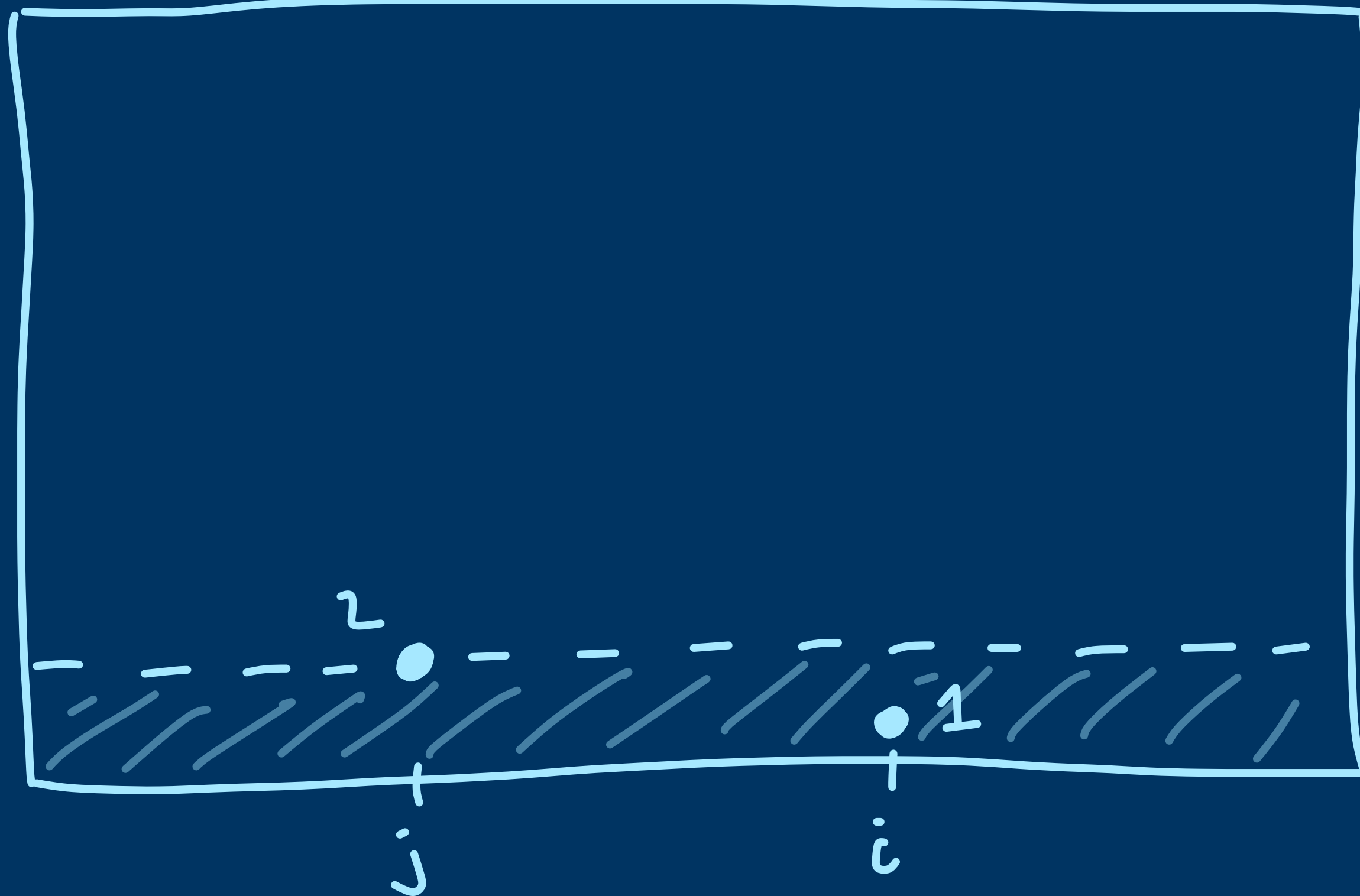
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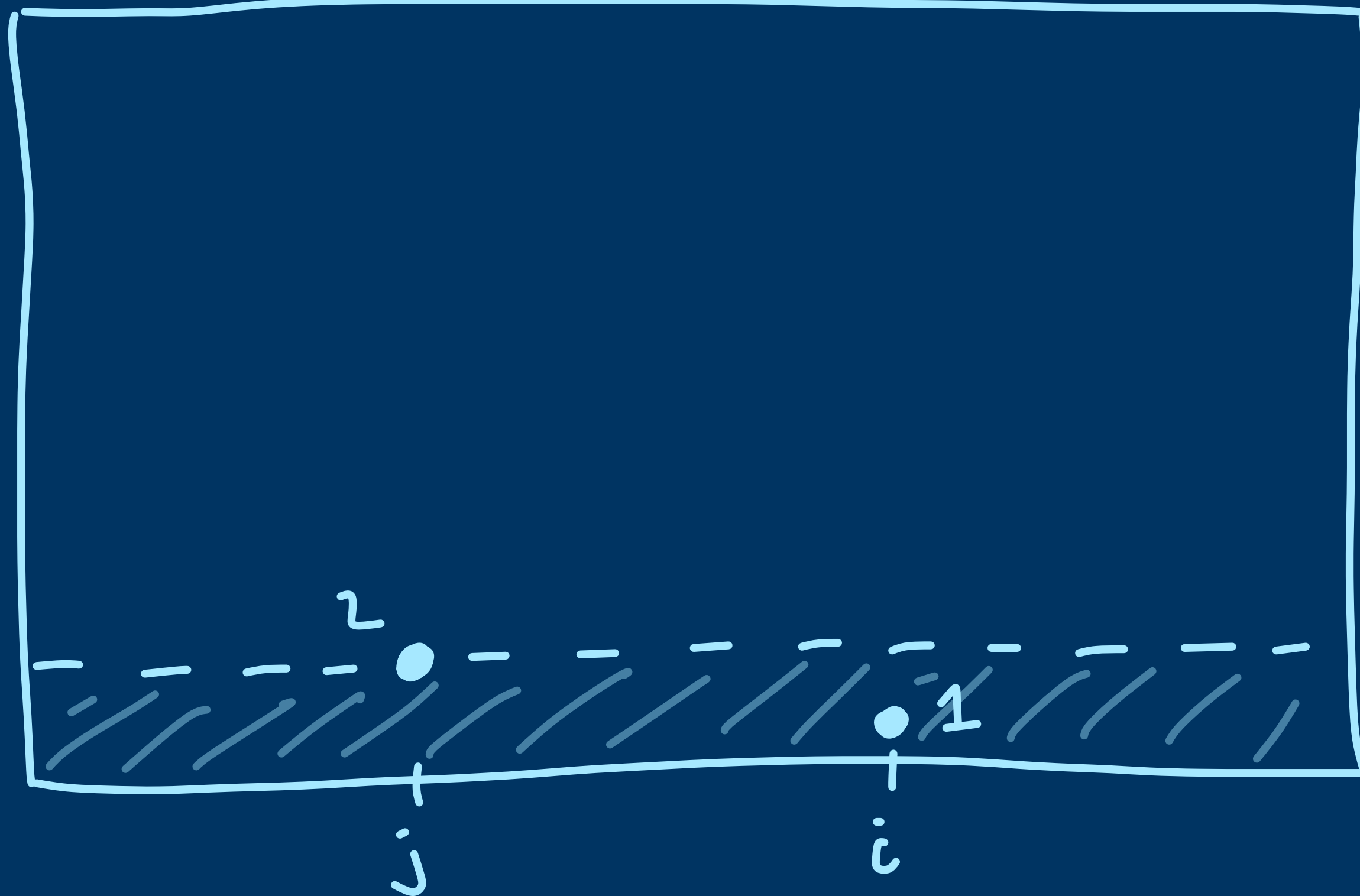
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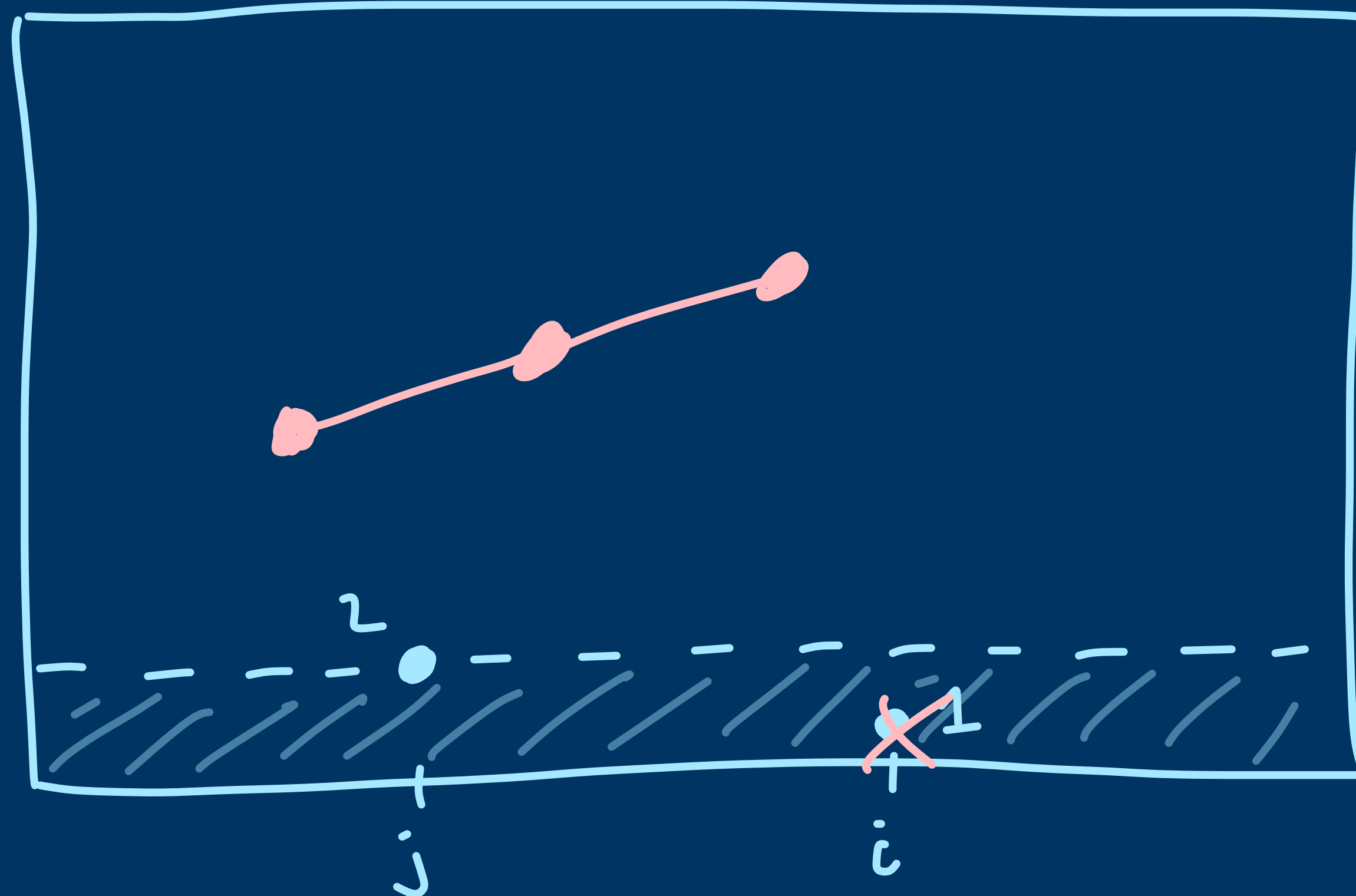
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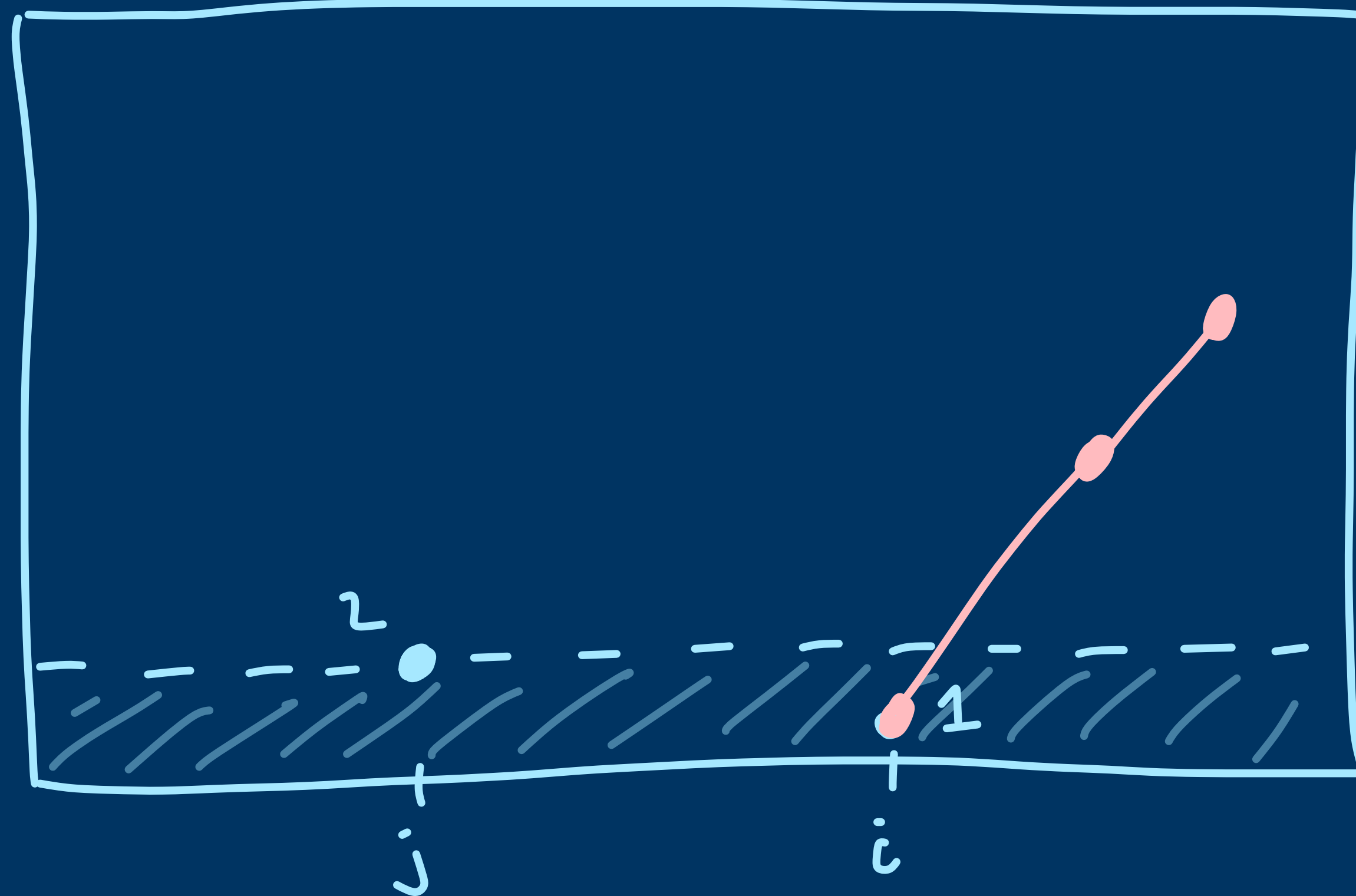
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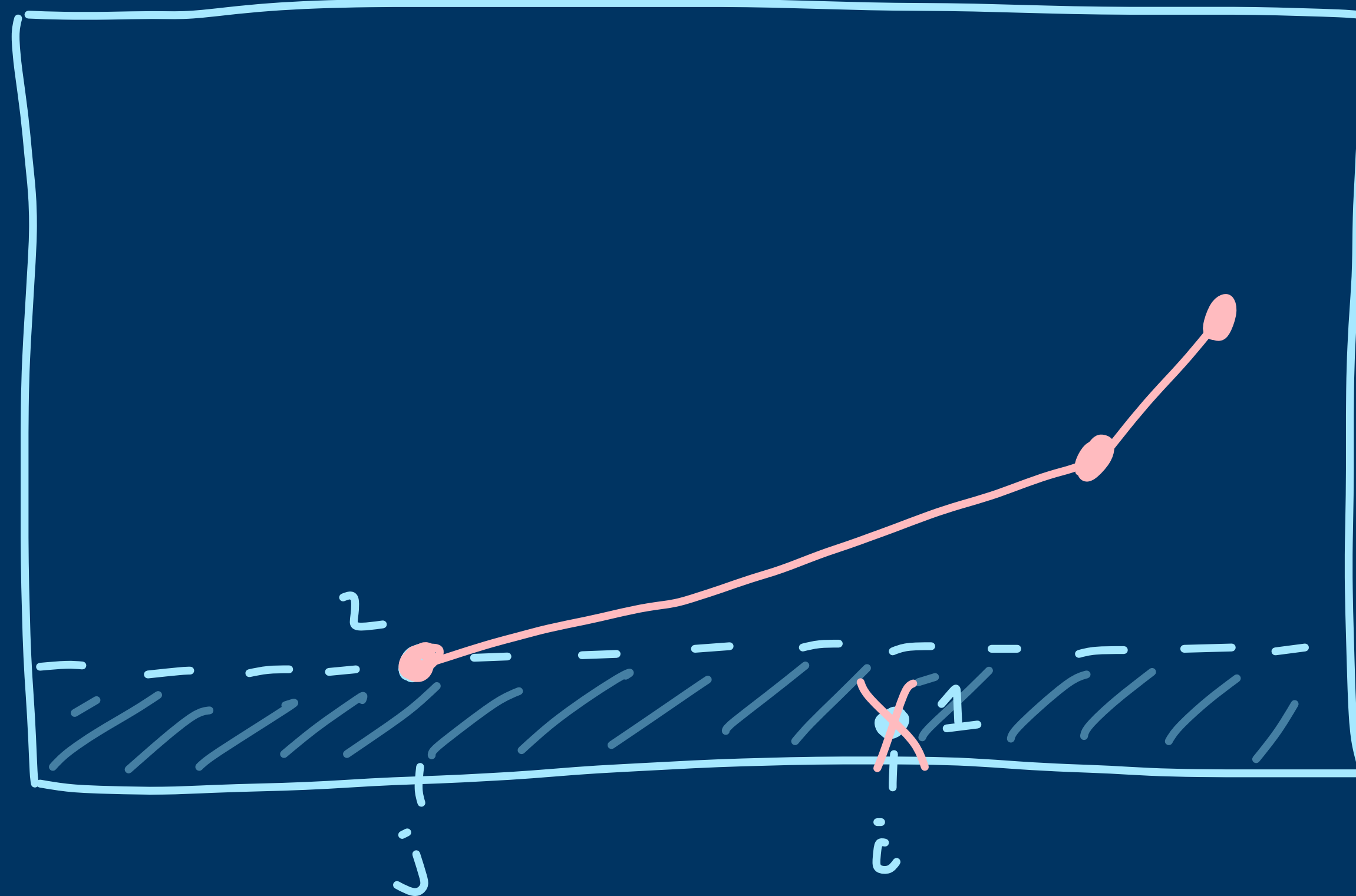
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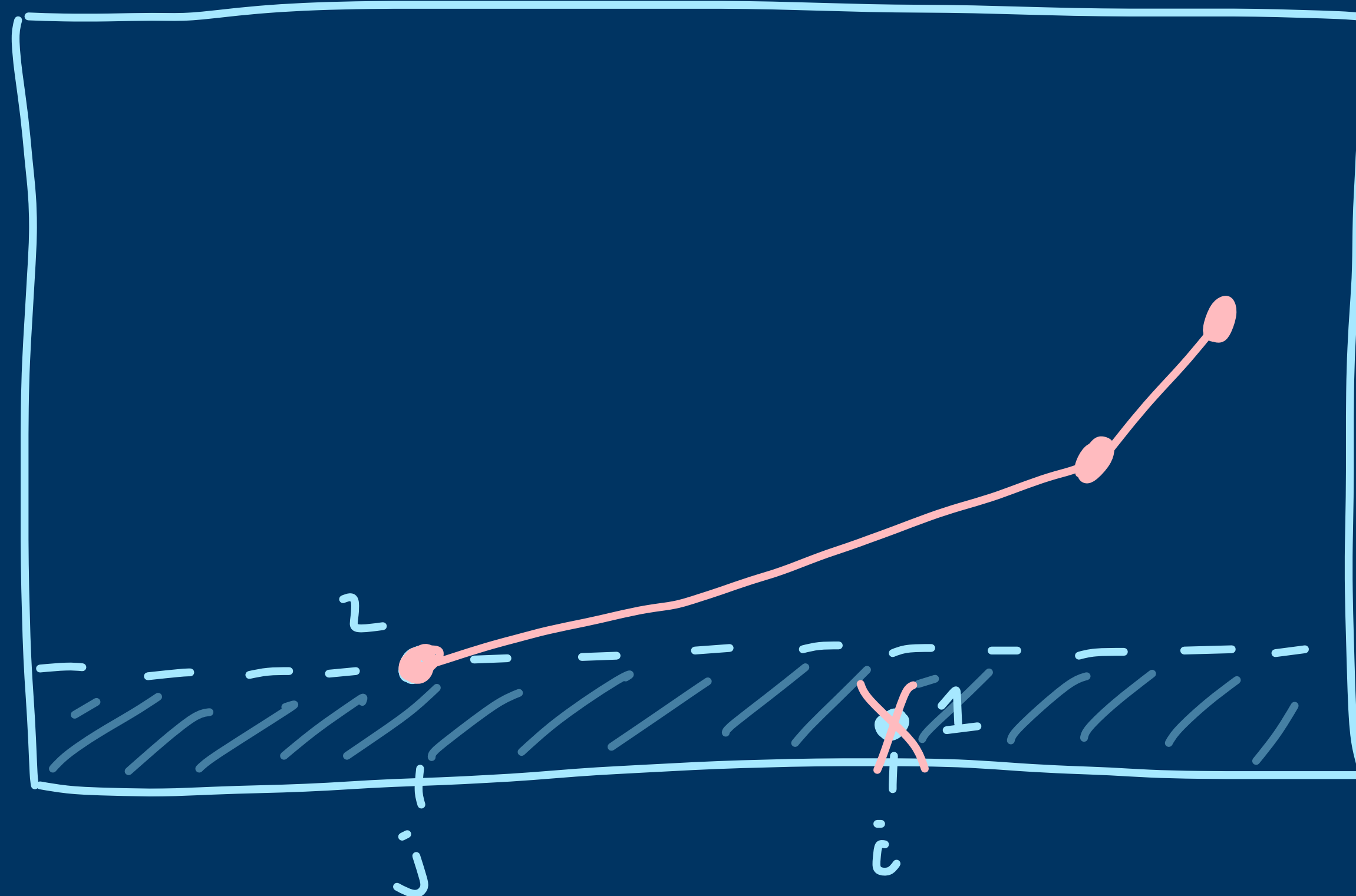
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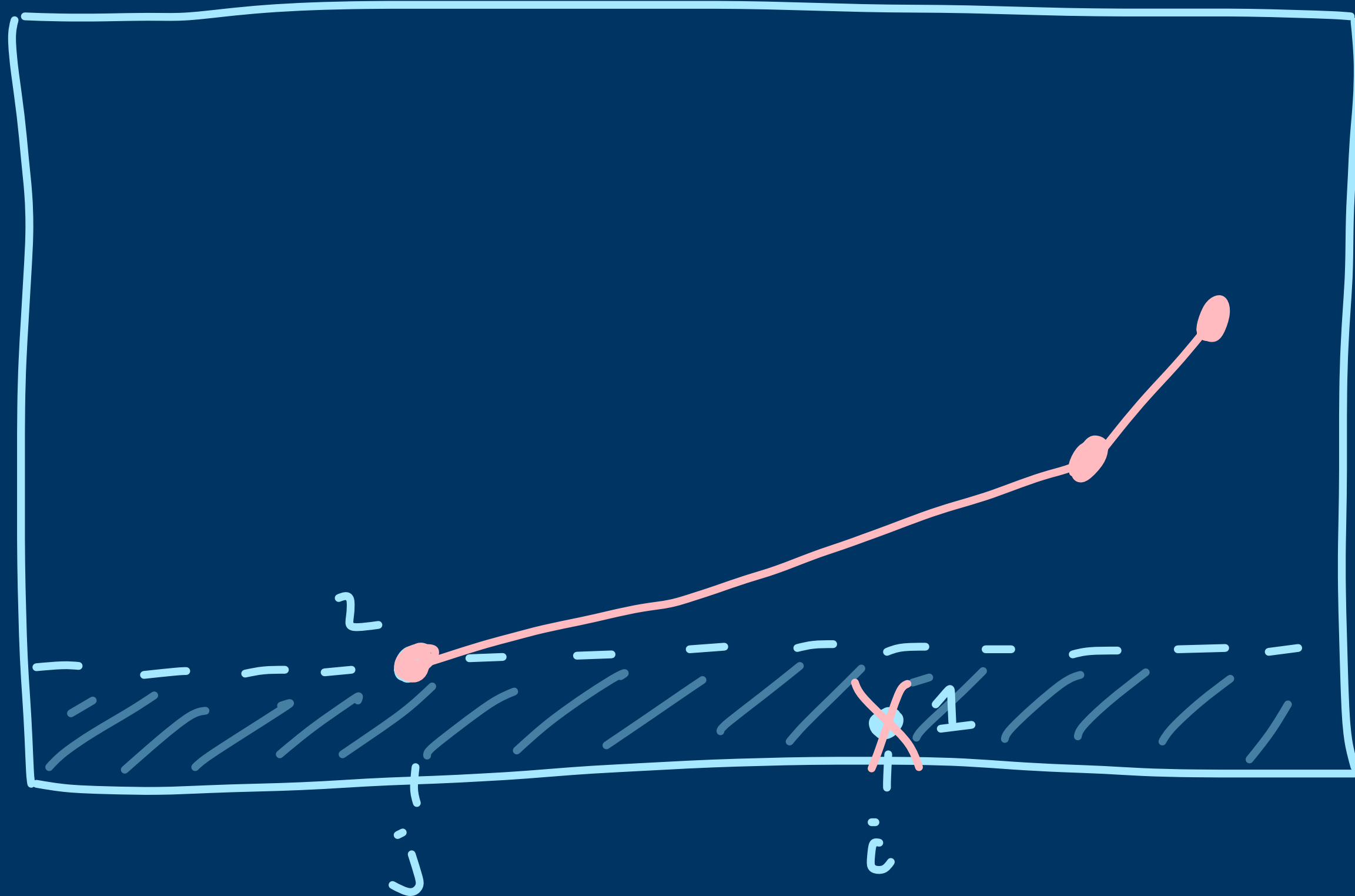
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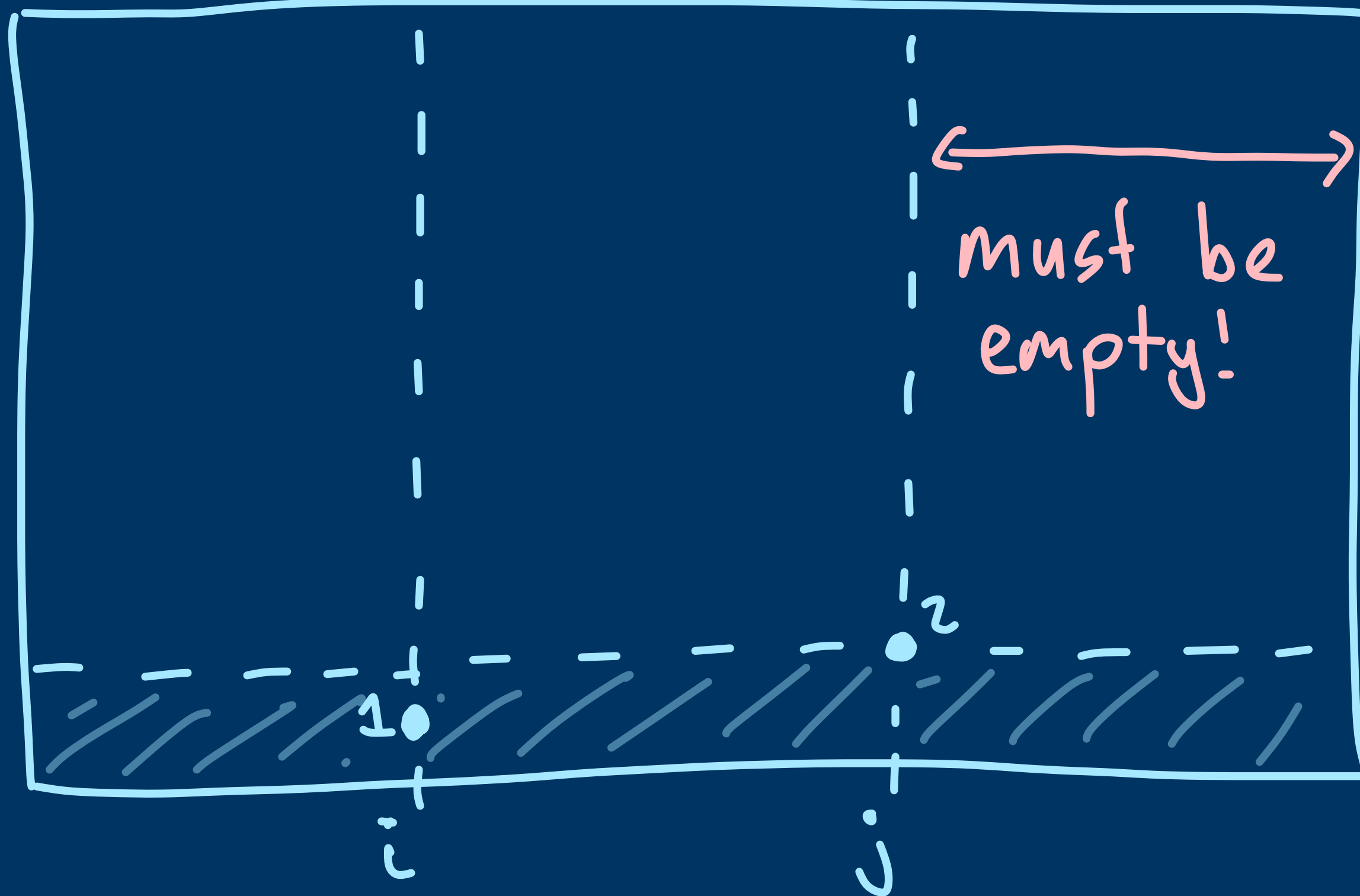
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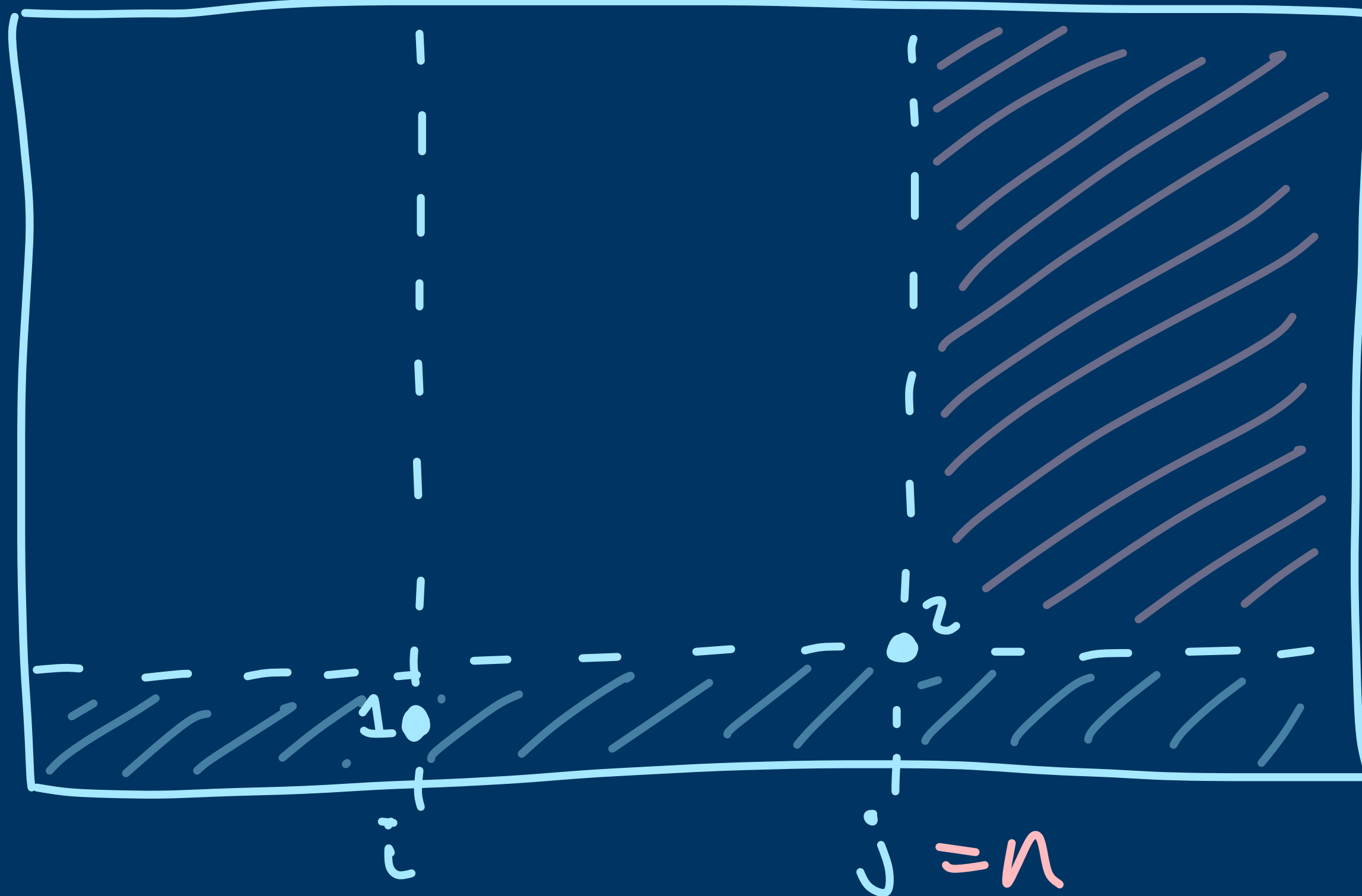
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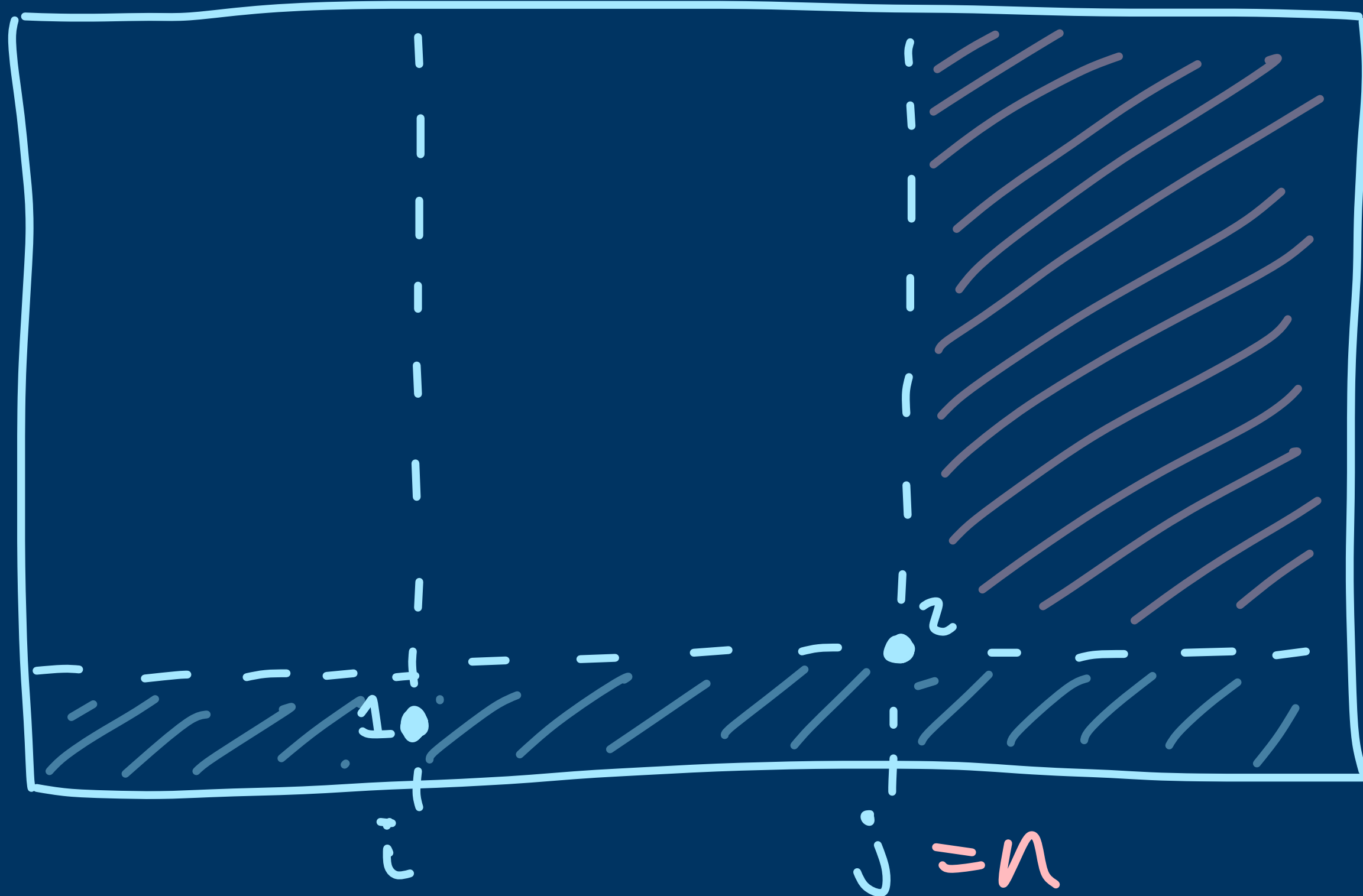
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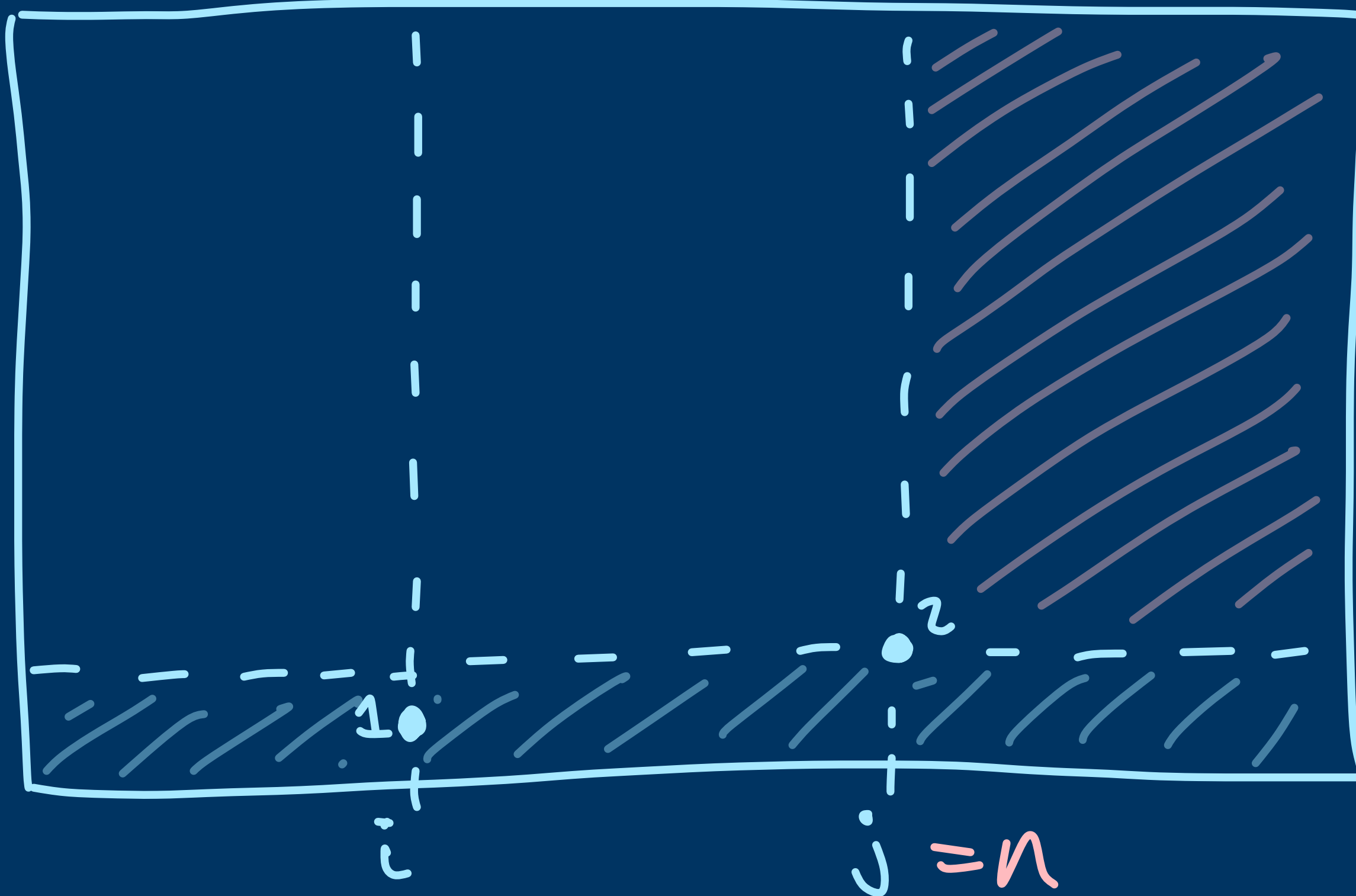
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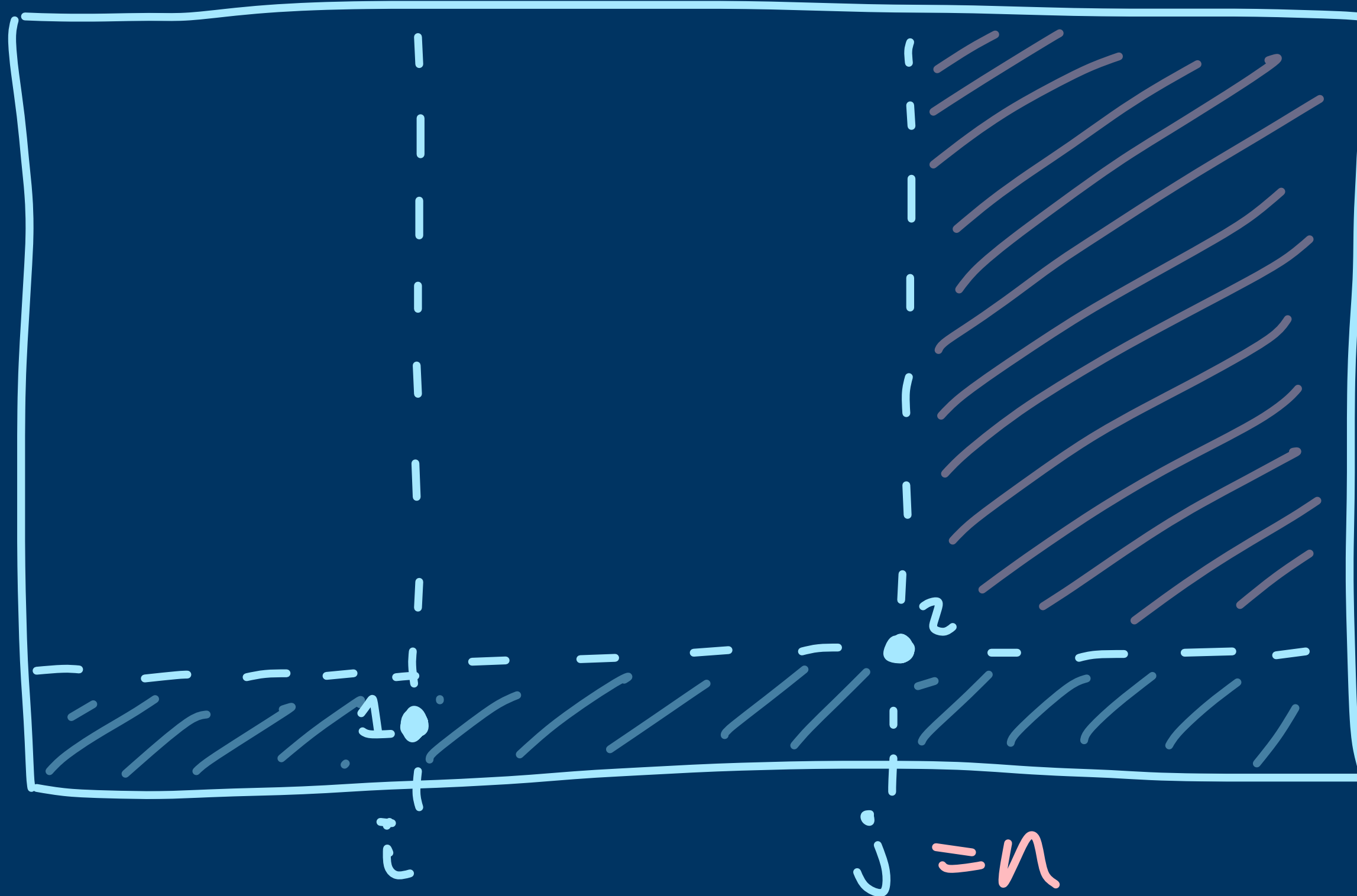
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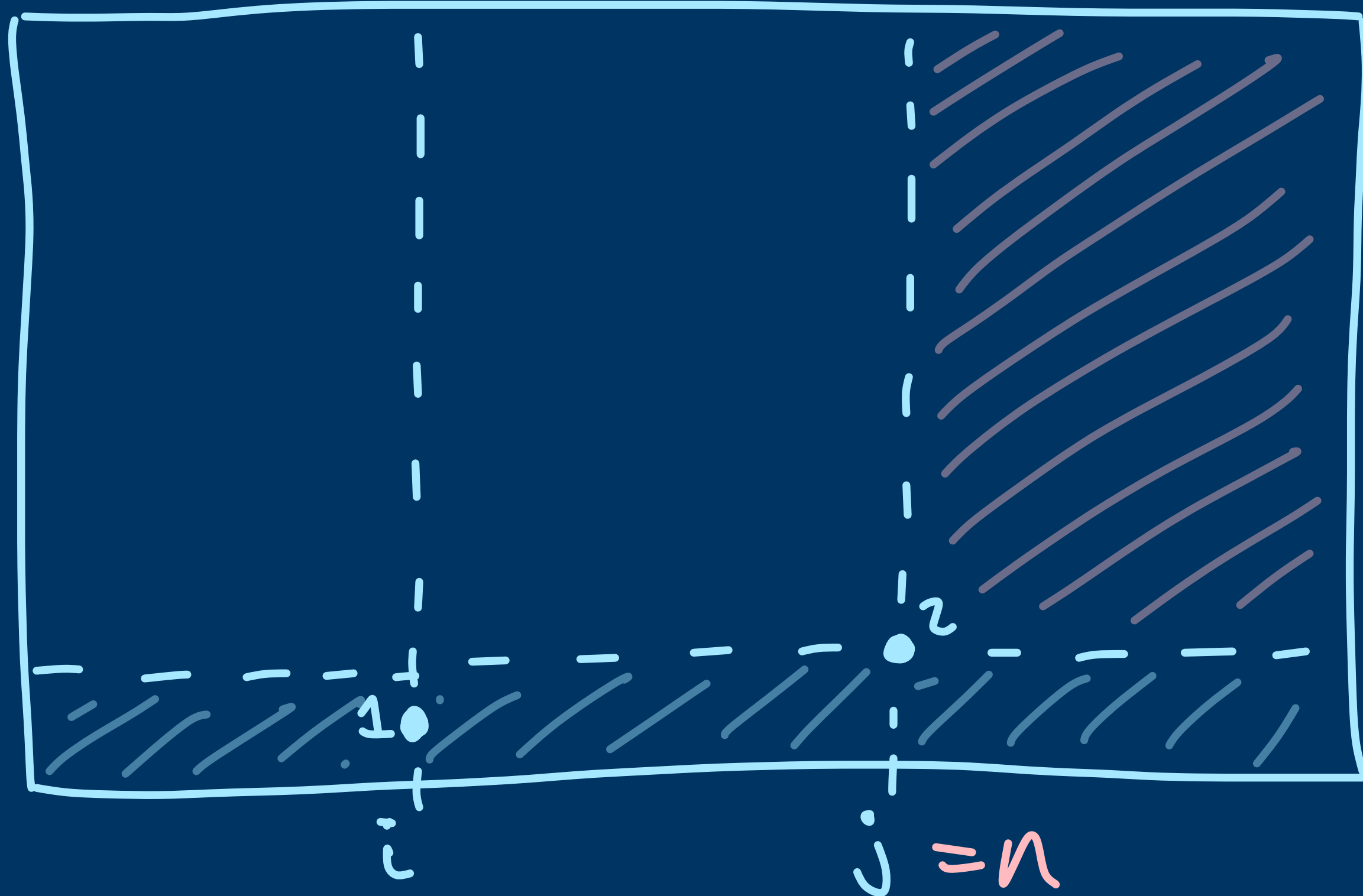
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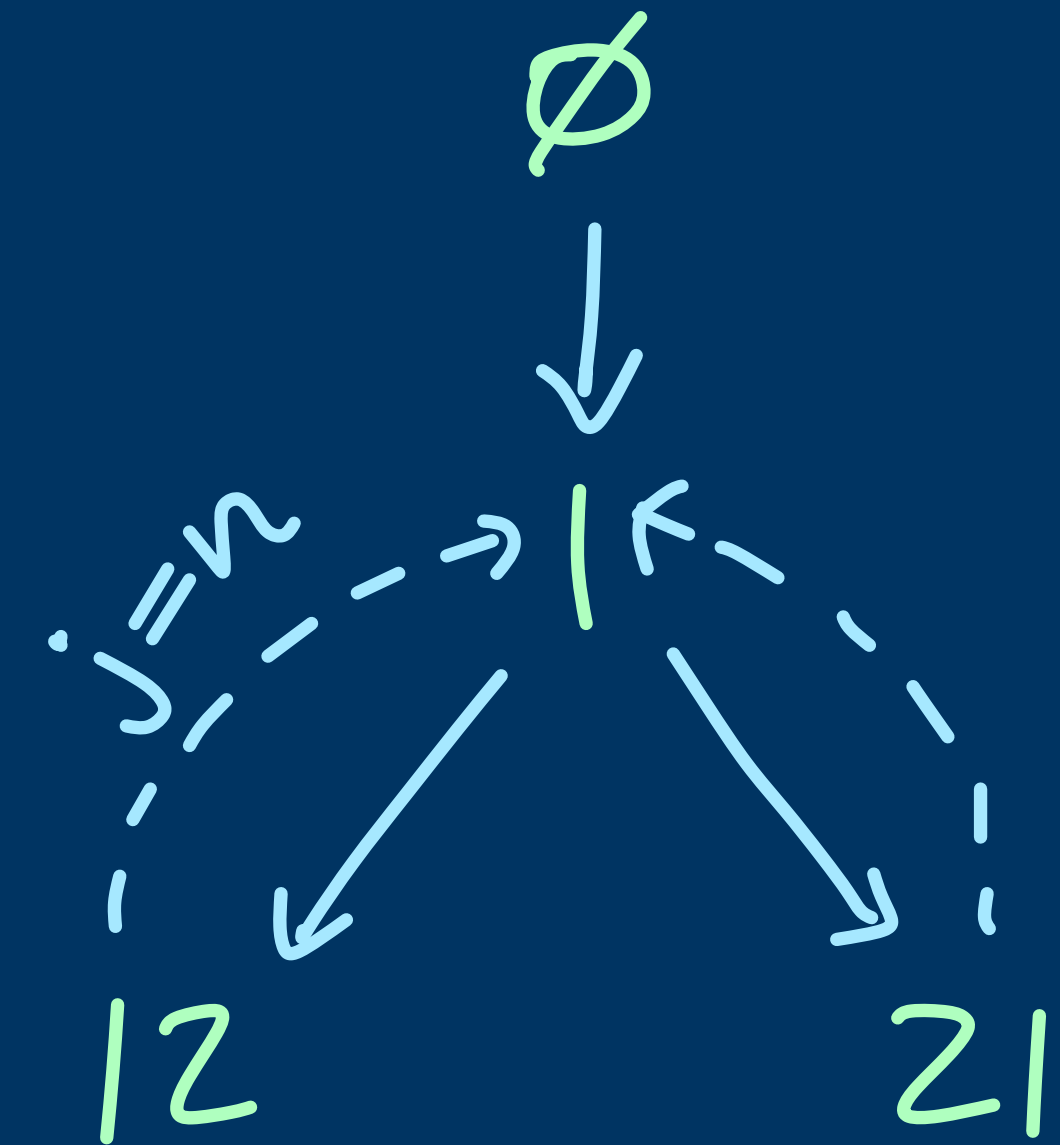
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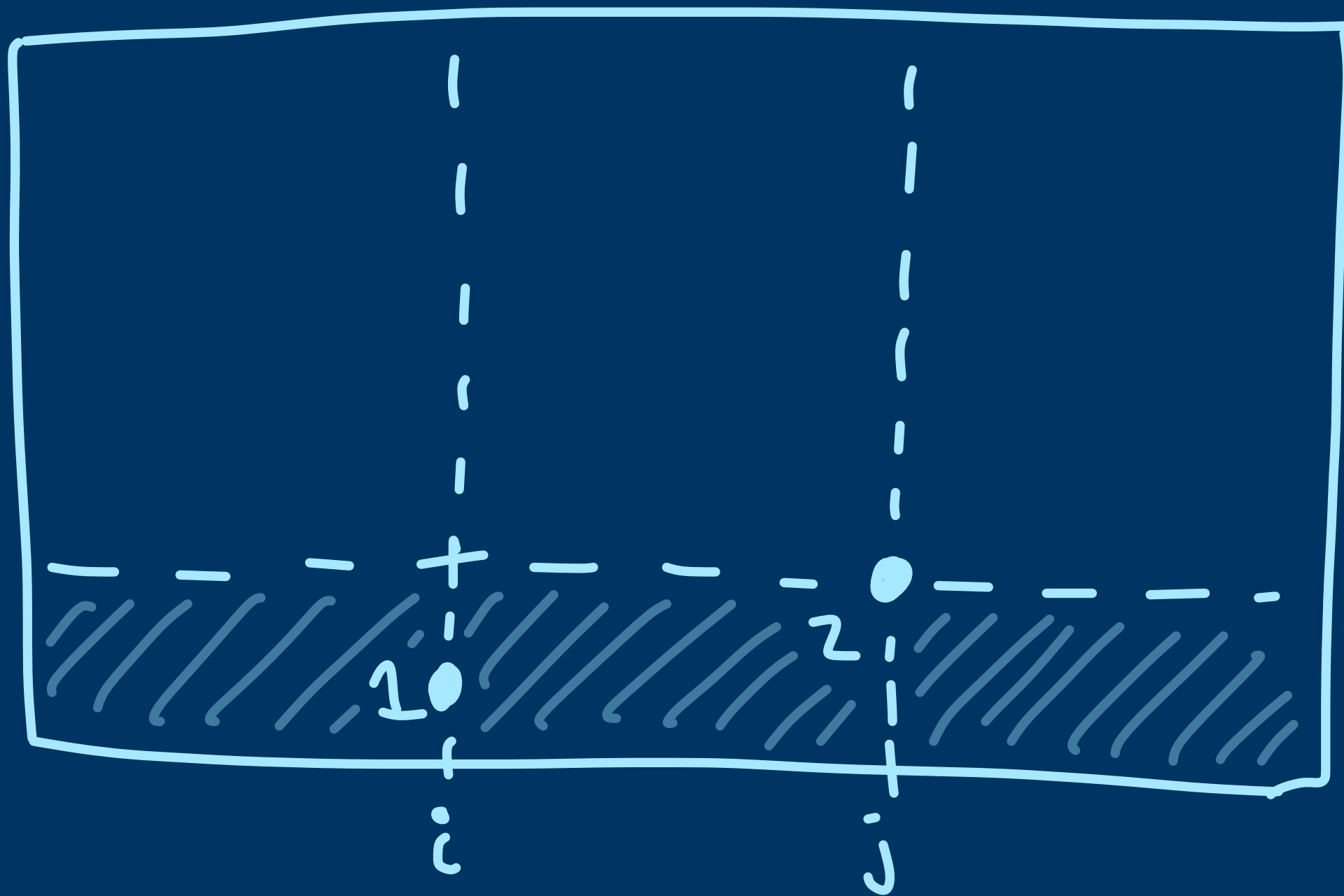
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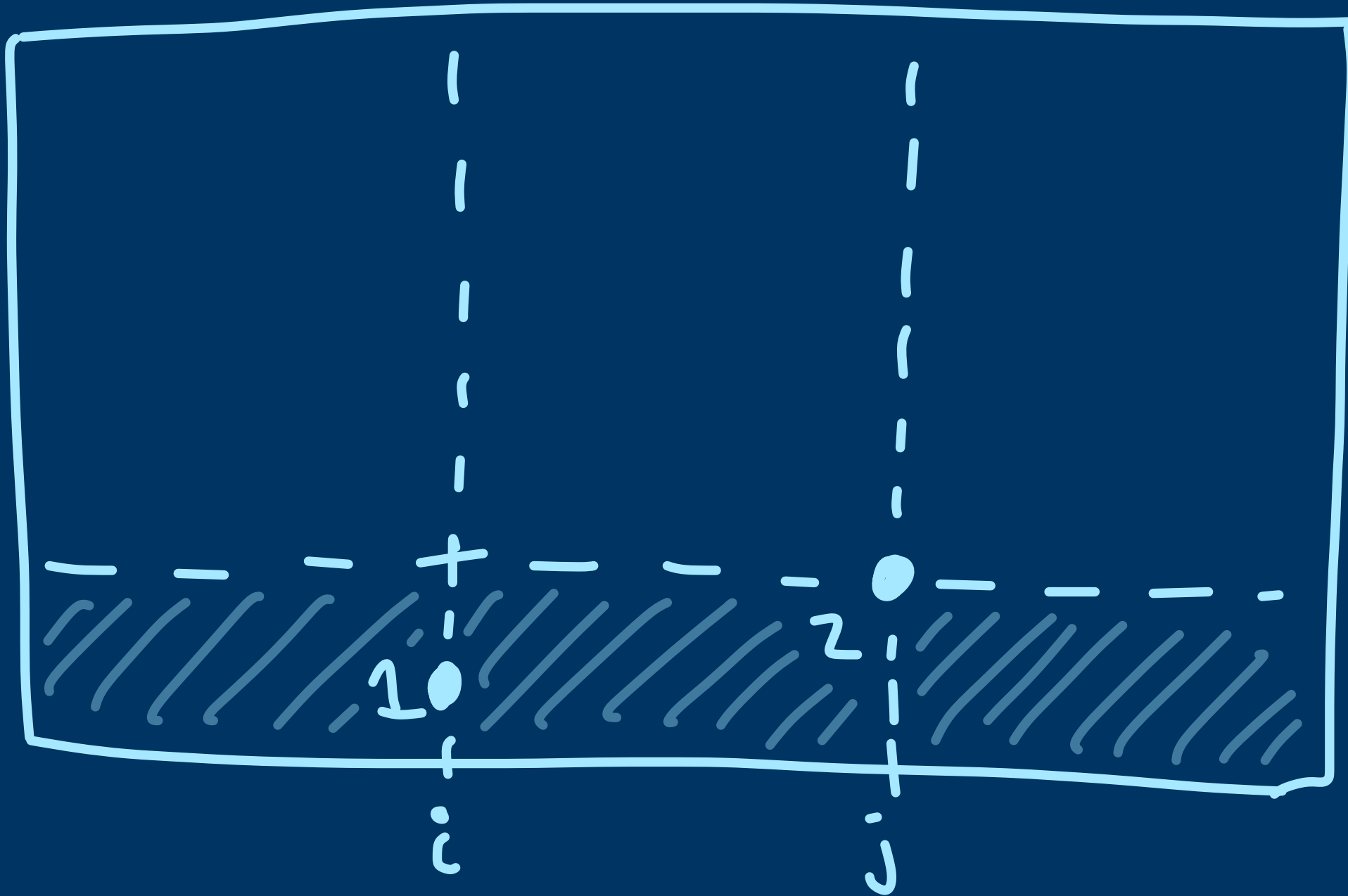
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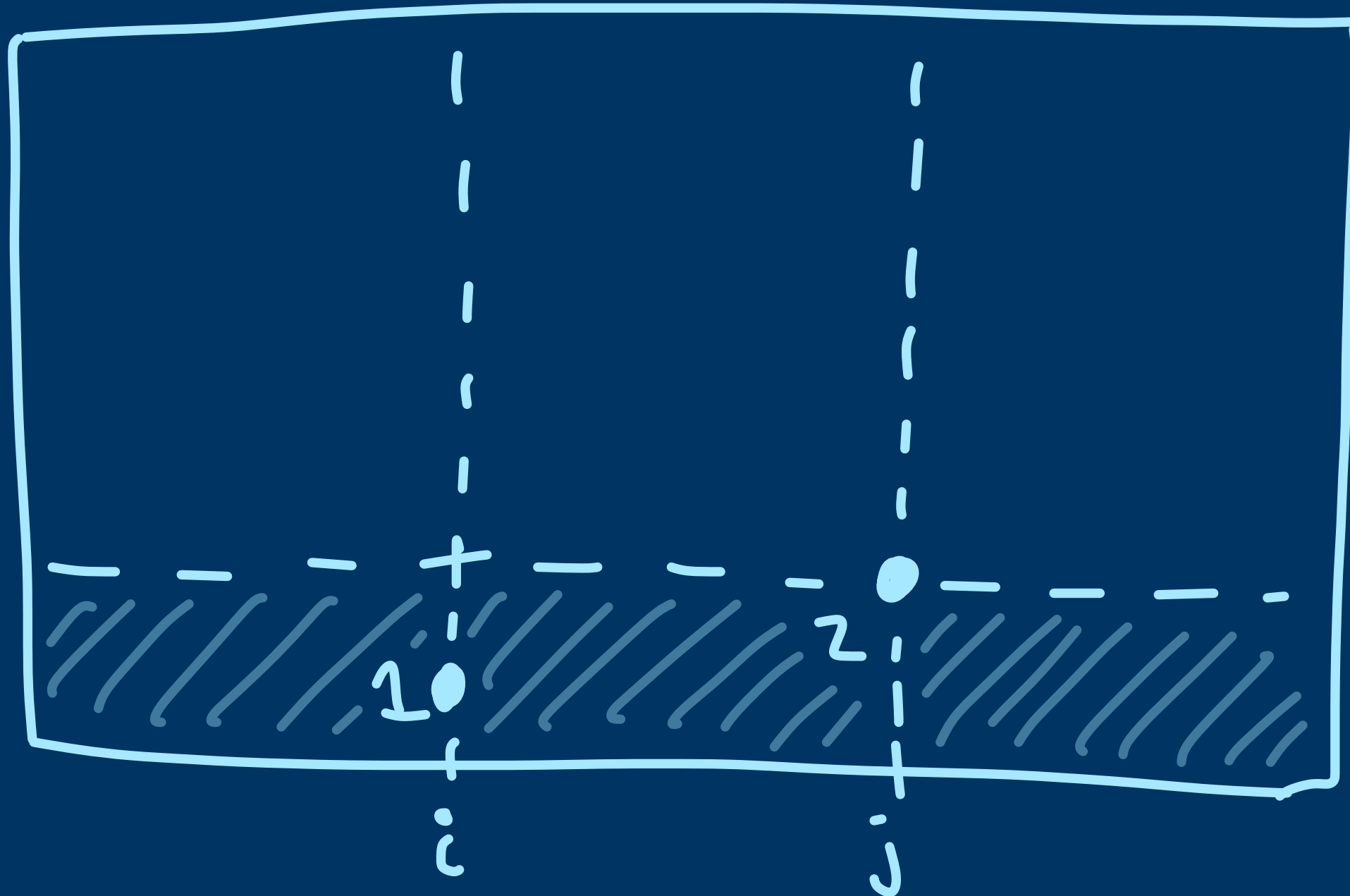
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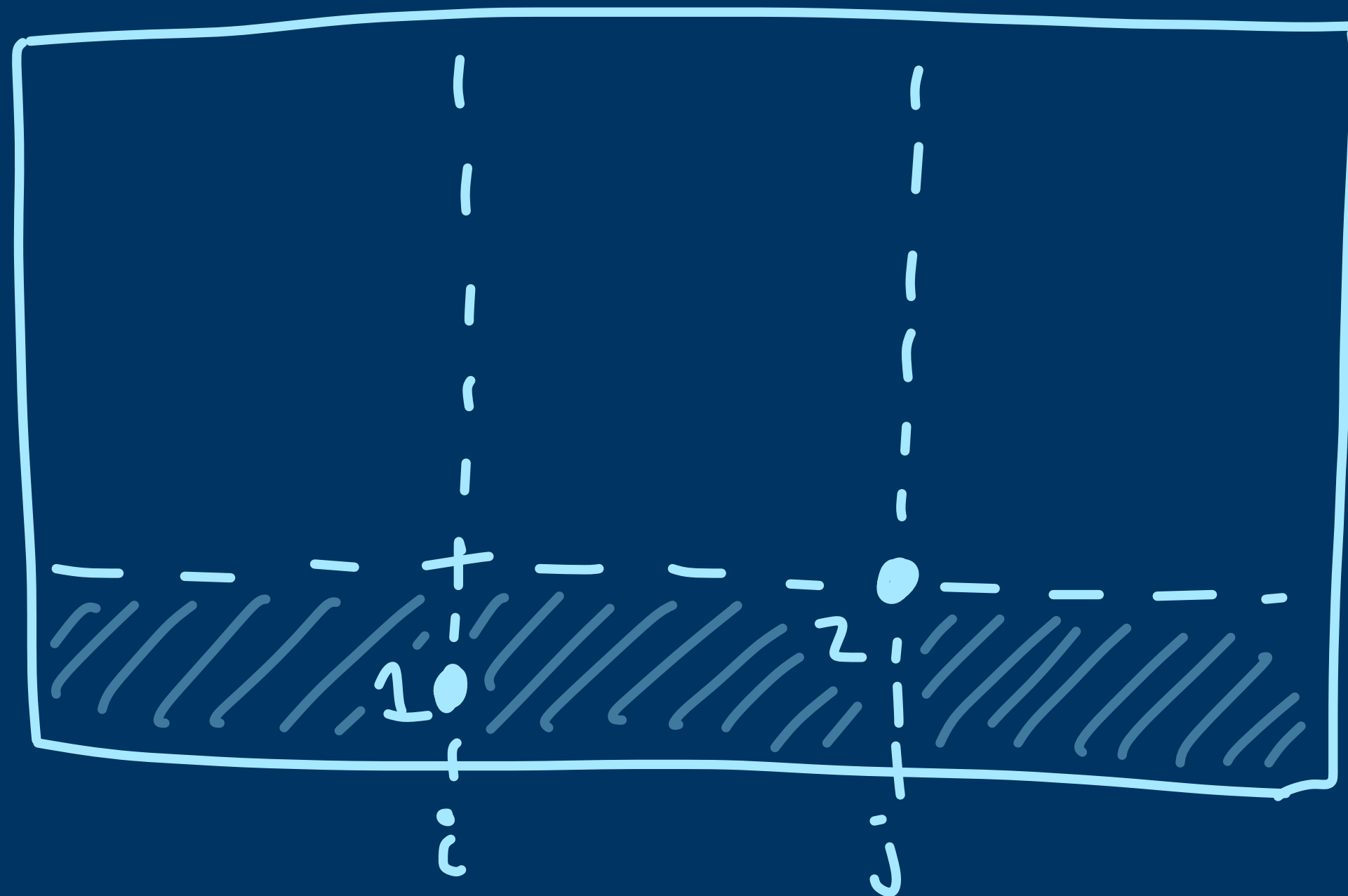
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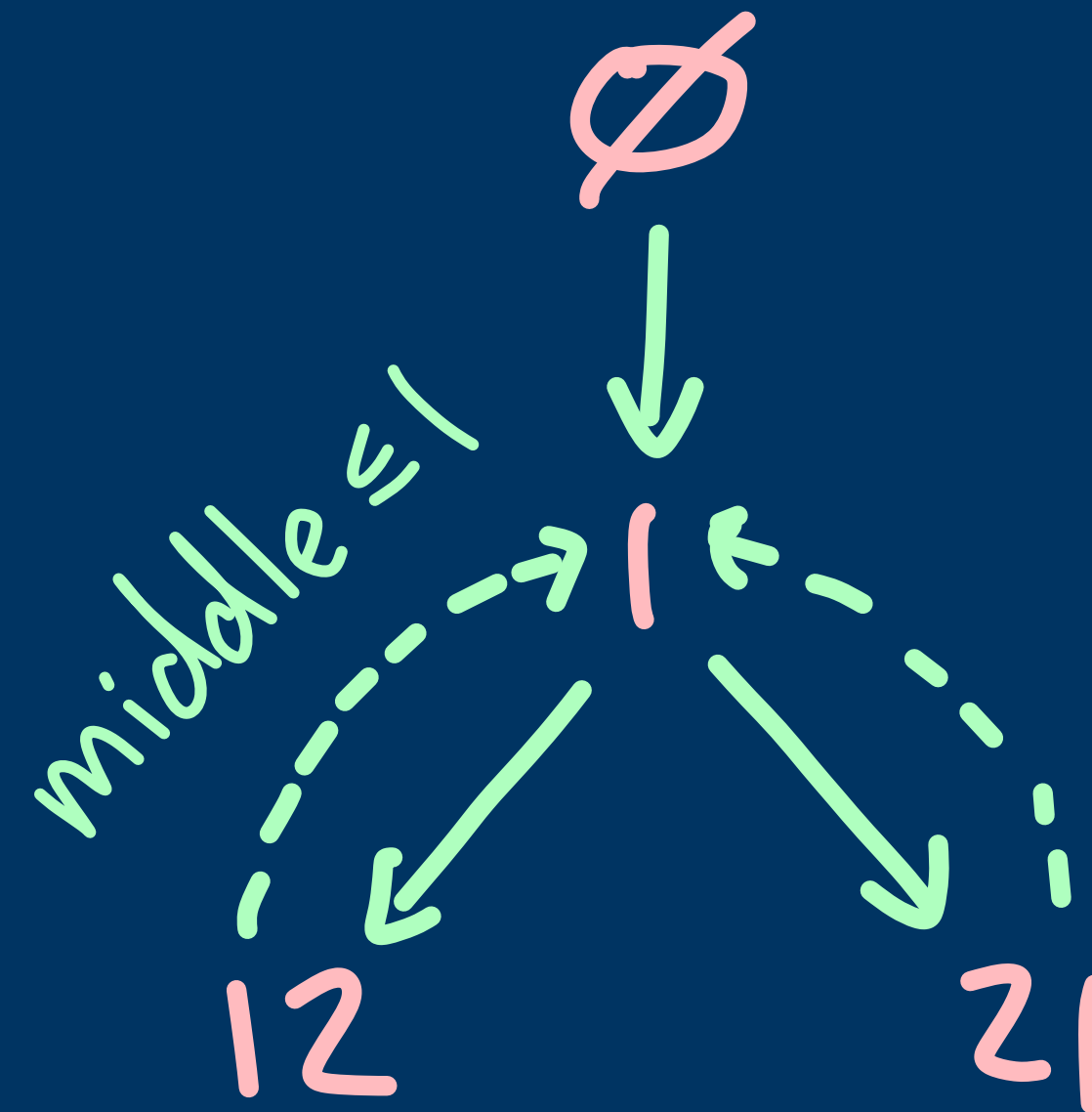
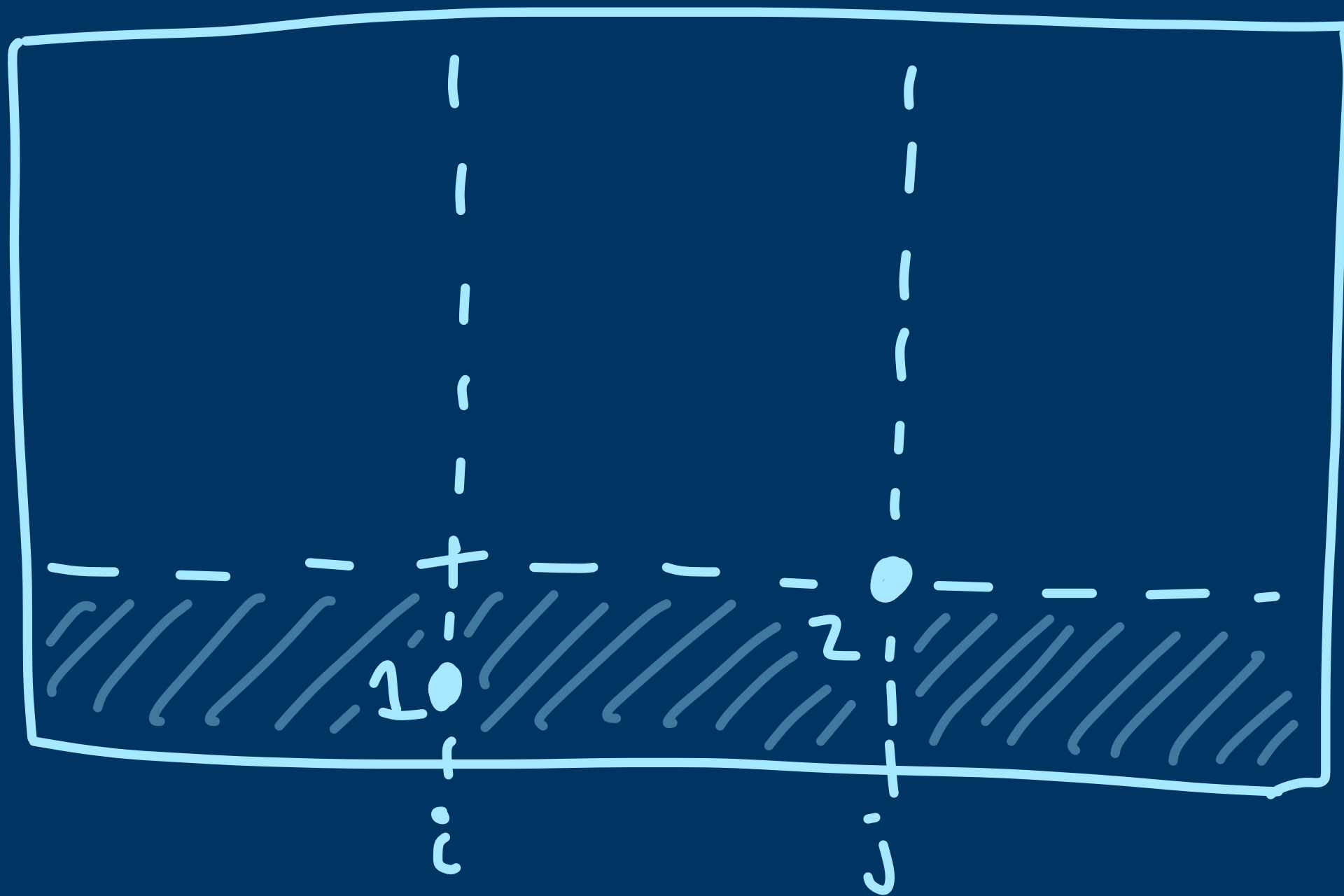
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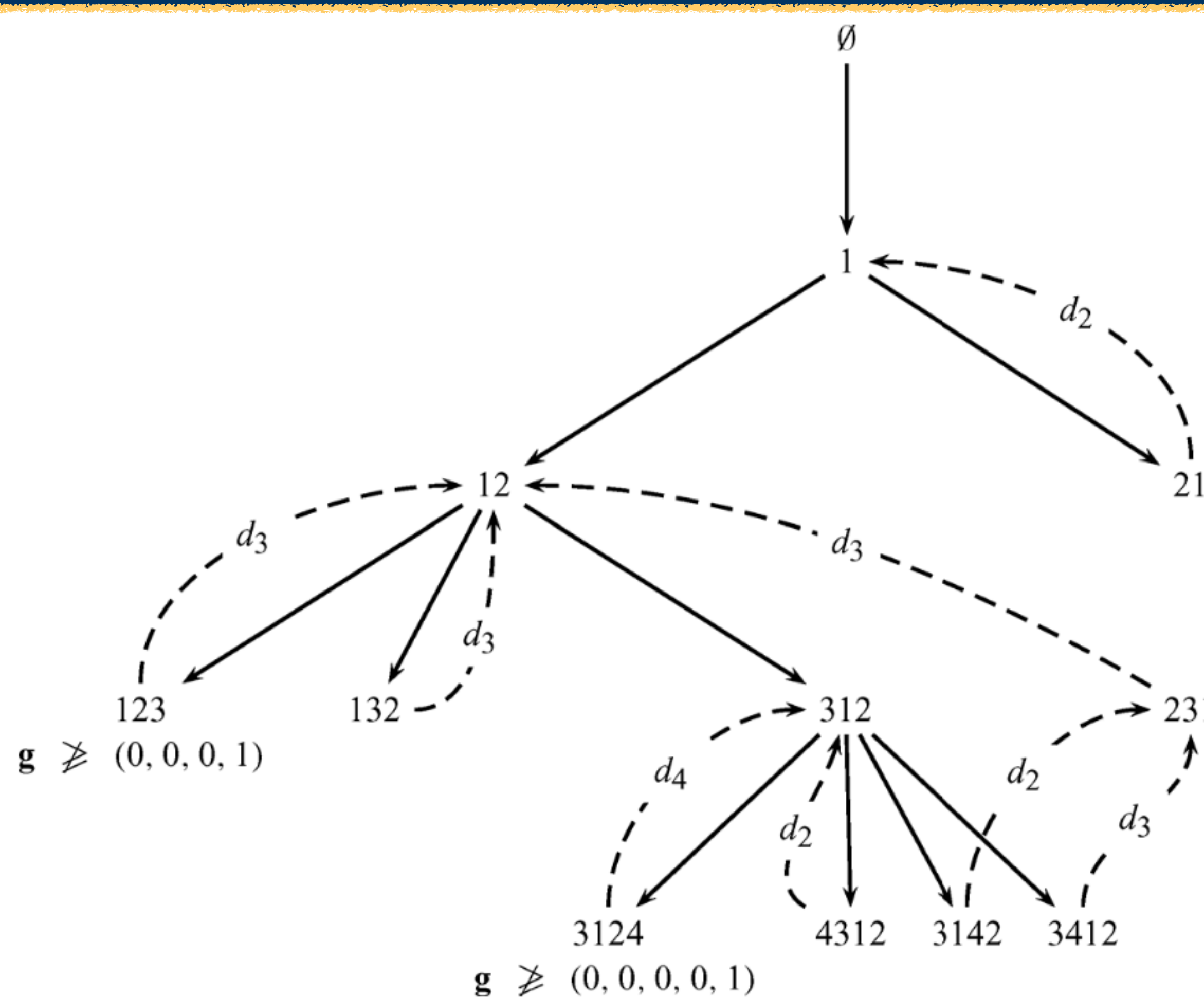


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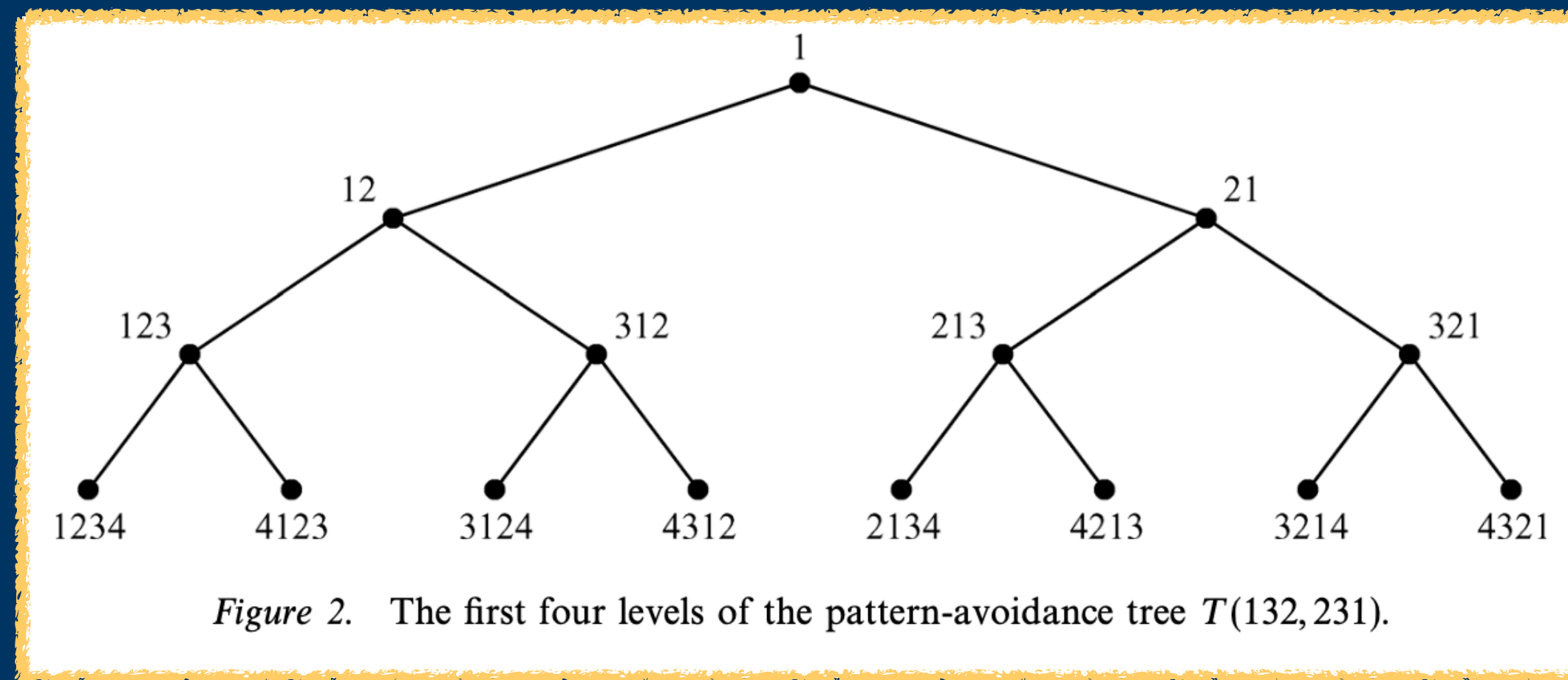
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Generating Trees

- A “generating tree” for a set of permutations is a way of rigorously representing its structure. It describes where new maximum entries can be inserted into permutations so that they remain in the set.



(Vatter 2007)

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Most of the methods described so far:

“expand a particular structure tree and hope it ends up being finite”

Struct is a software package that takes a permutation class as input and searches for a *set cover* that decomposes it into simpler disjoint parts.

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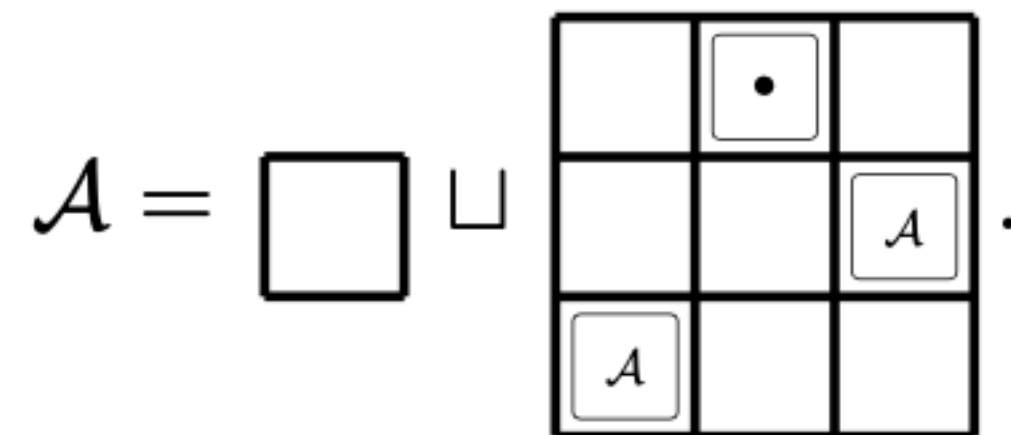
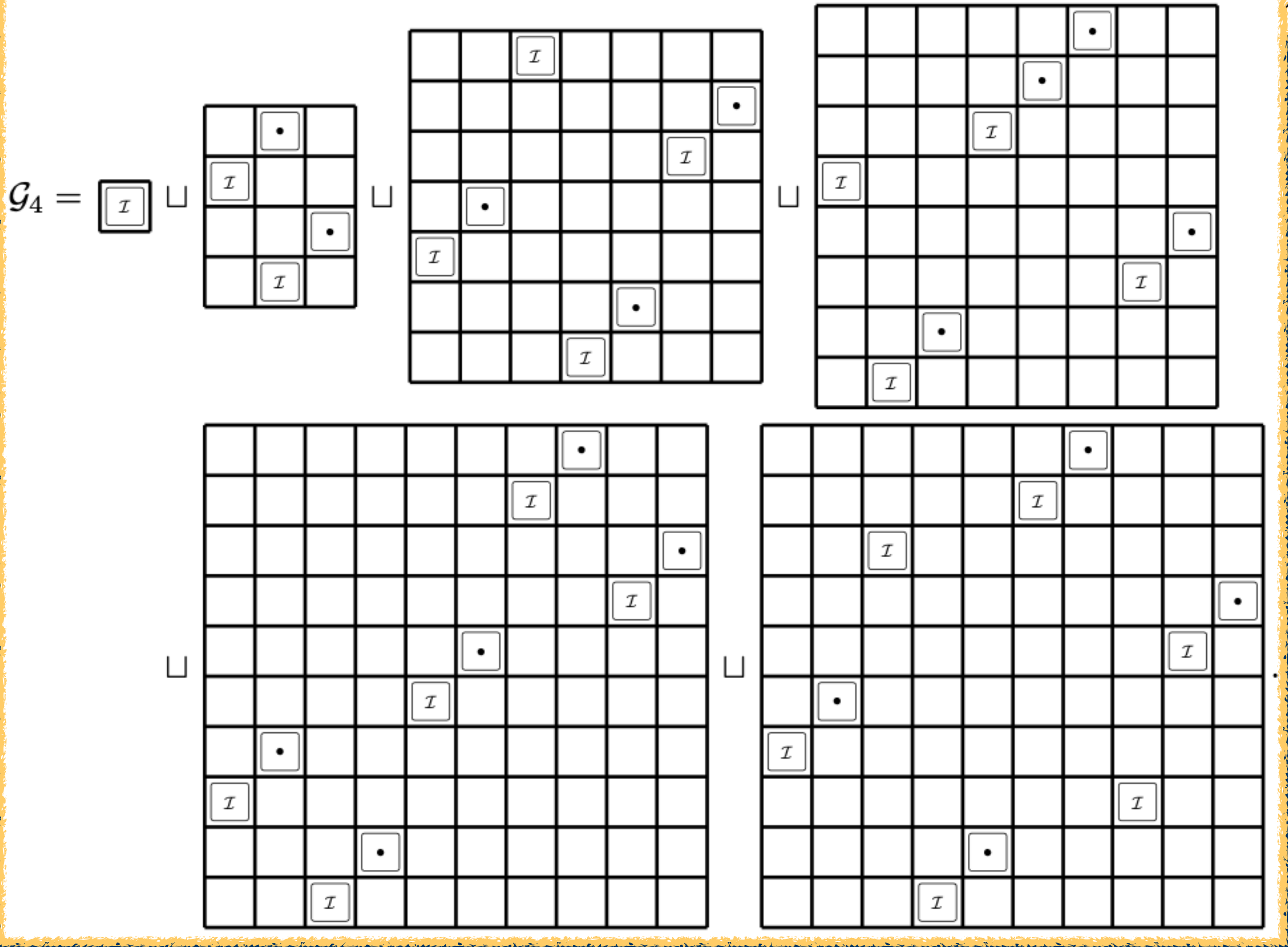


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Method:

- Construct a big list of grids that make subsets of the input class.
- Set up an integer linear programming problem to pick a subset of grids that forms a set cover (each permutation in the class gives one constraint).
- Feed it into an ILP solver like Gurobi and wait patiently for a solution.

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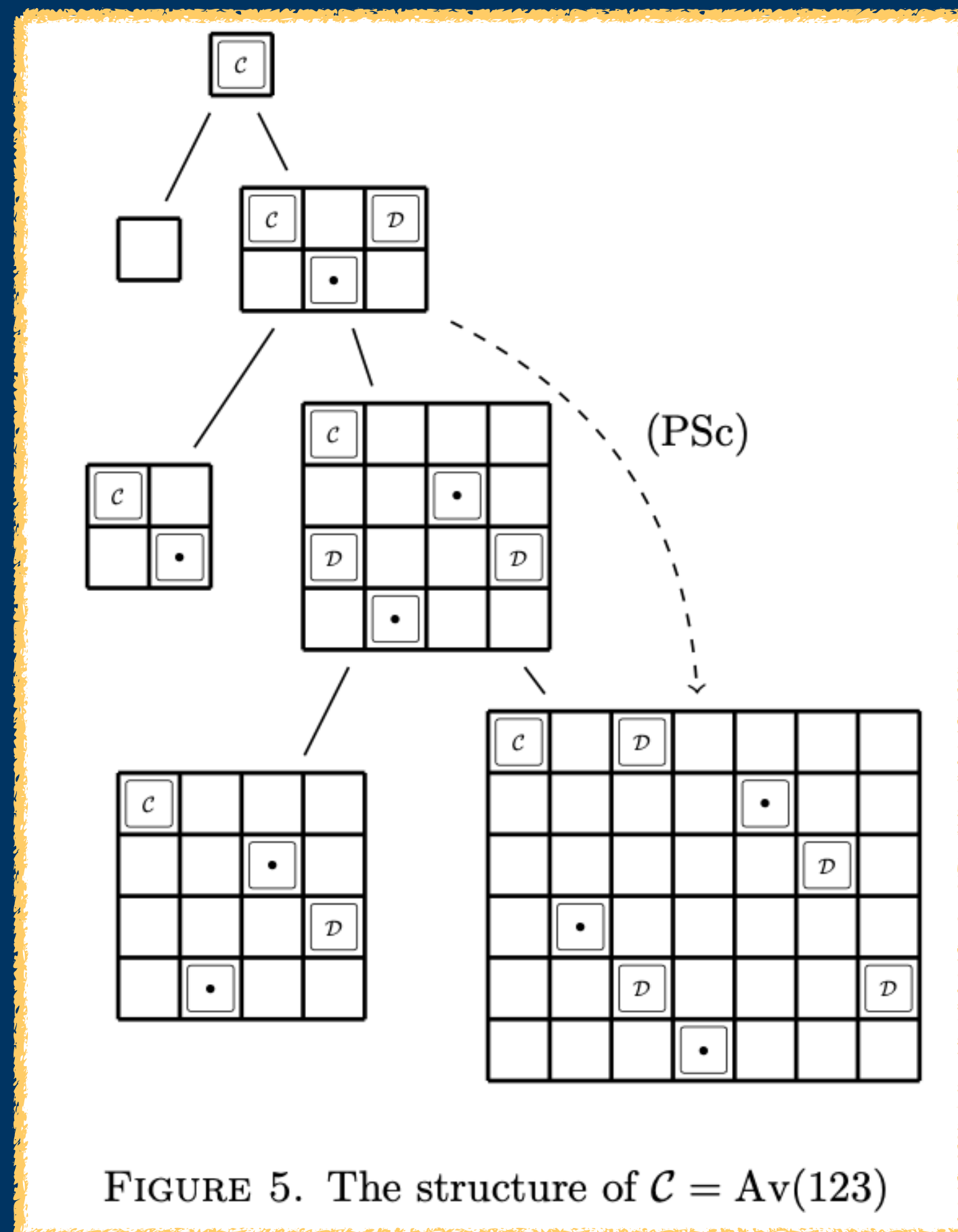
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6 years later...

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Combinatorial Exploration: An algorithmic framework for enumeration

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Combinatorial Exploration is a new domain-agnostic algorithmic framework to automatically and rigorously study the structure of combinatorial objects and derive their counting sequences and generating functions. We describe how it works and provide an open-source Python implementation. As a prerequisite, we build up a new theoretical foundation for combinatorial decomposition strategies and combinatorial specifications.

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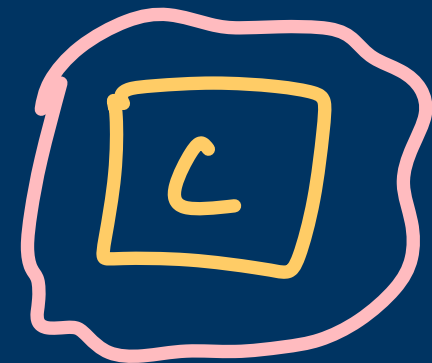
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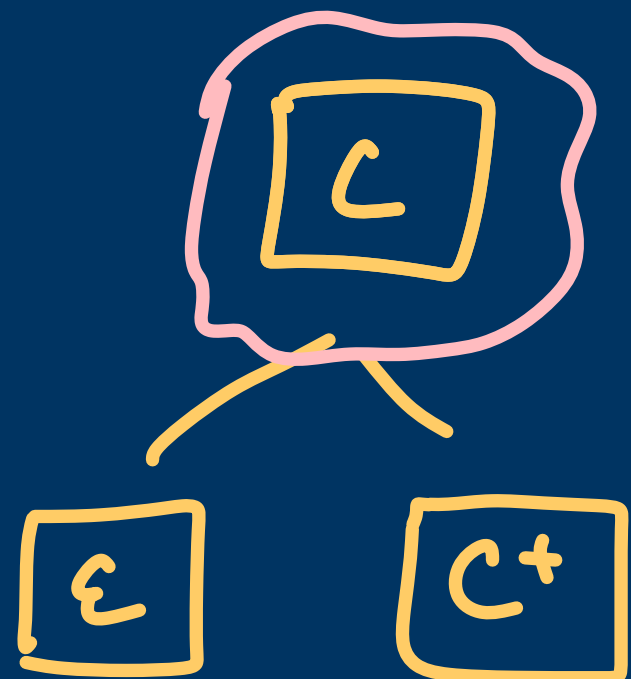
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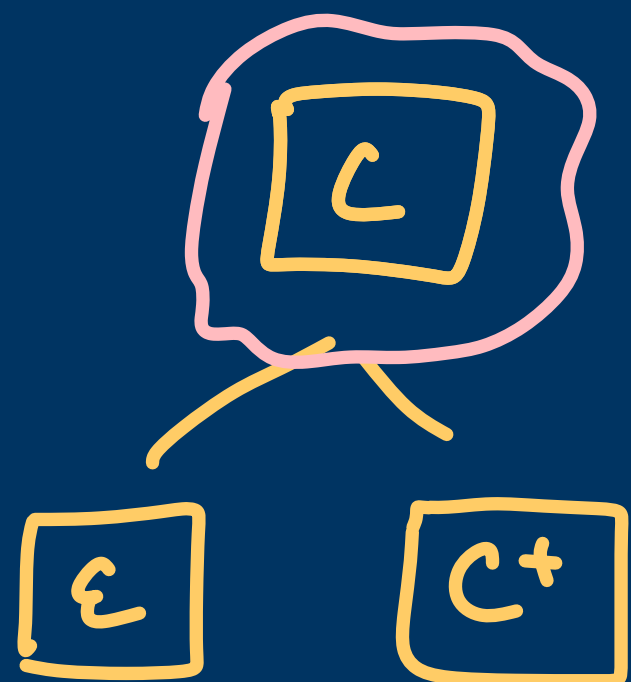
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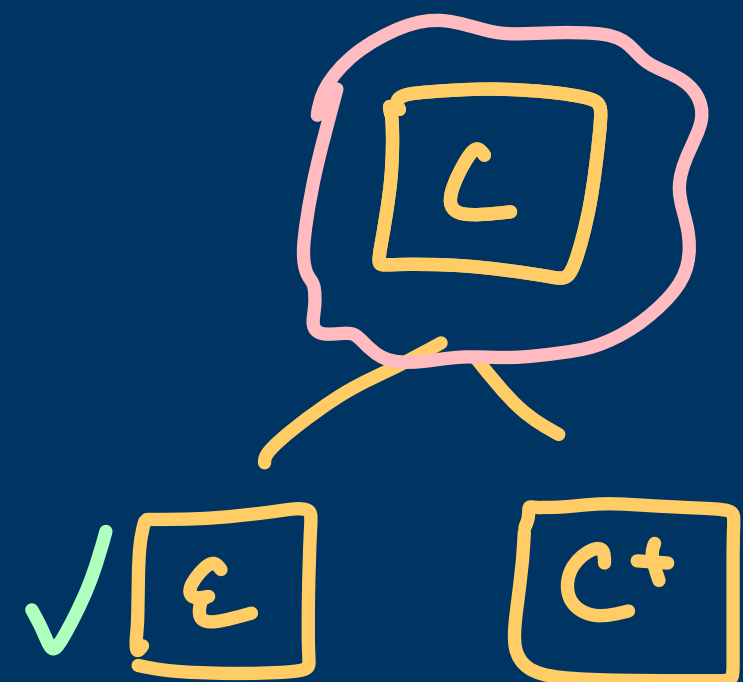
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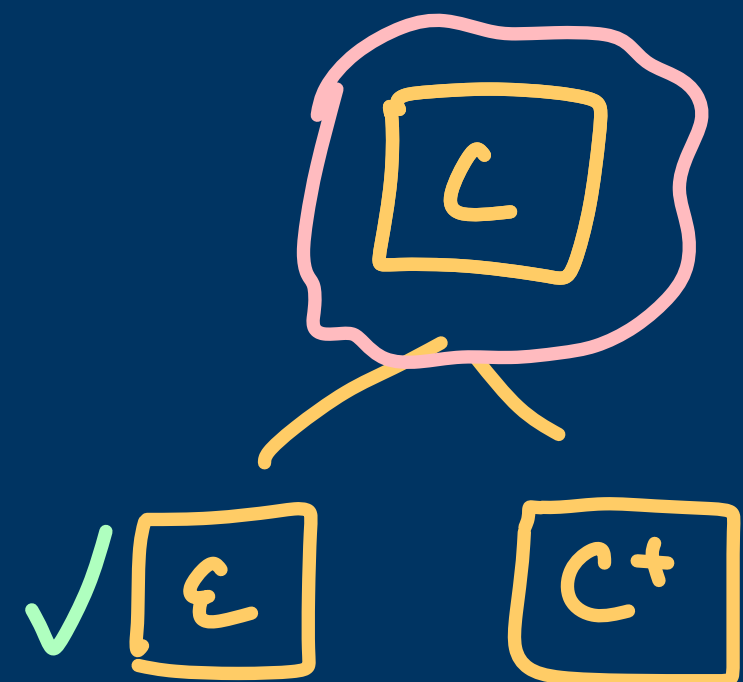
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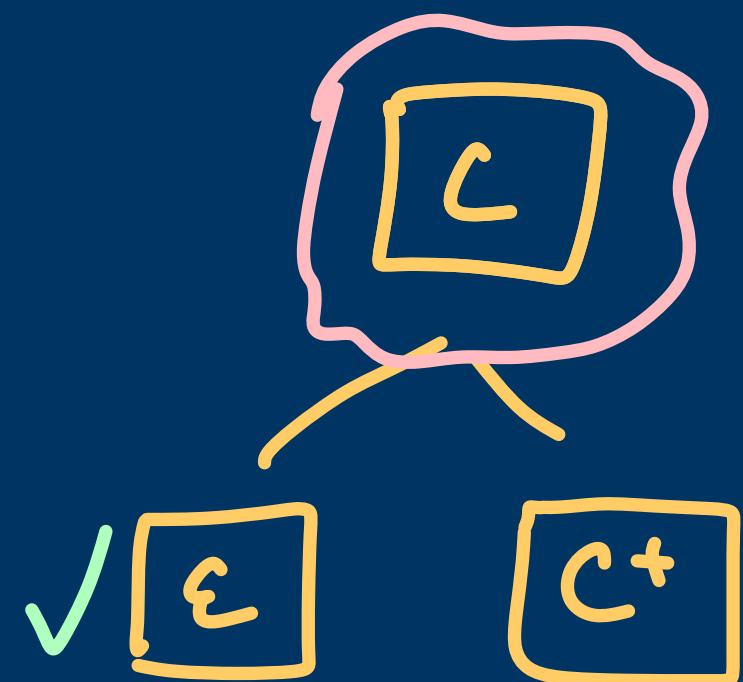
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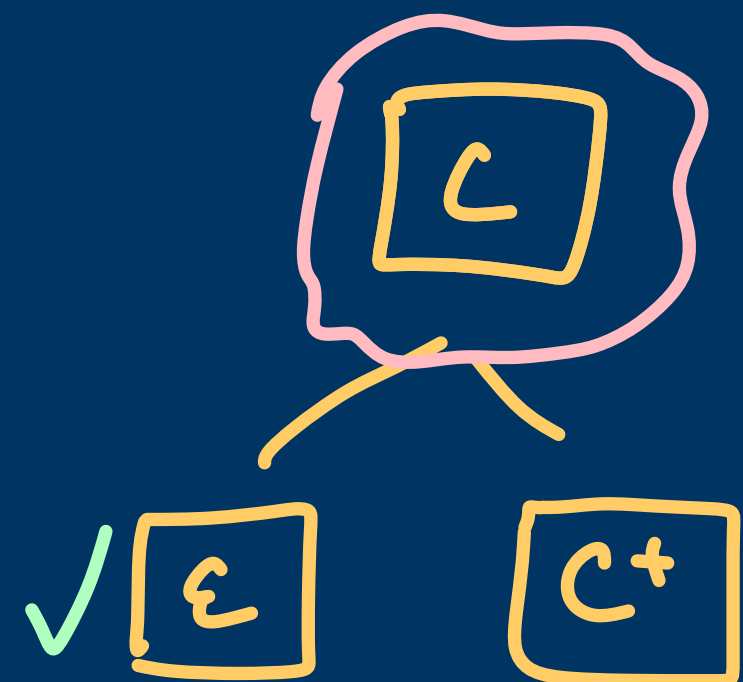
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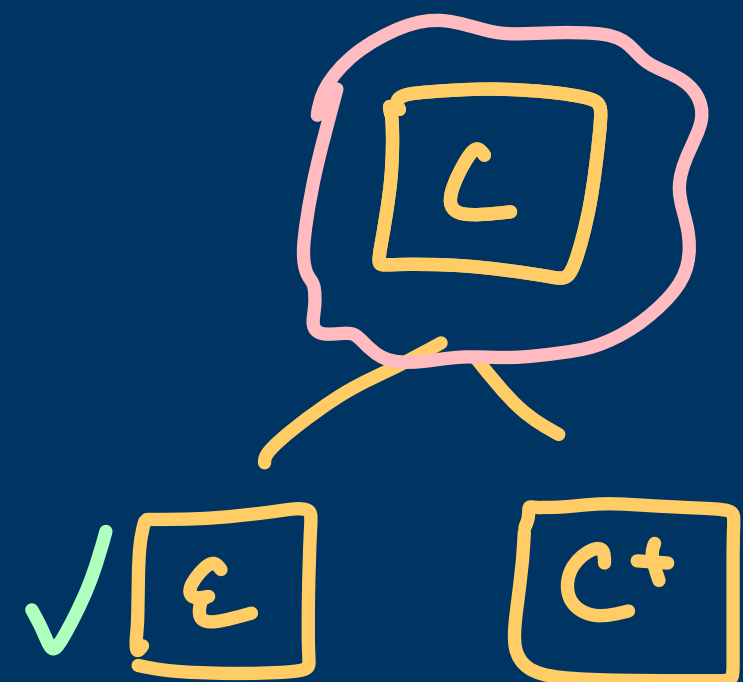
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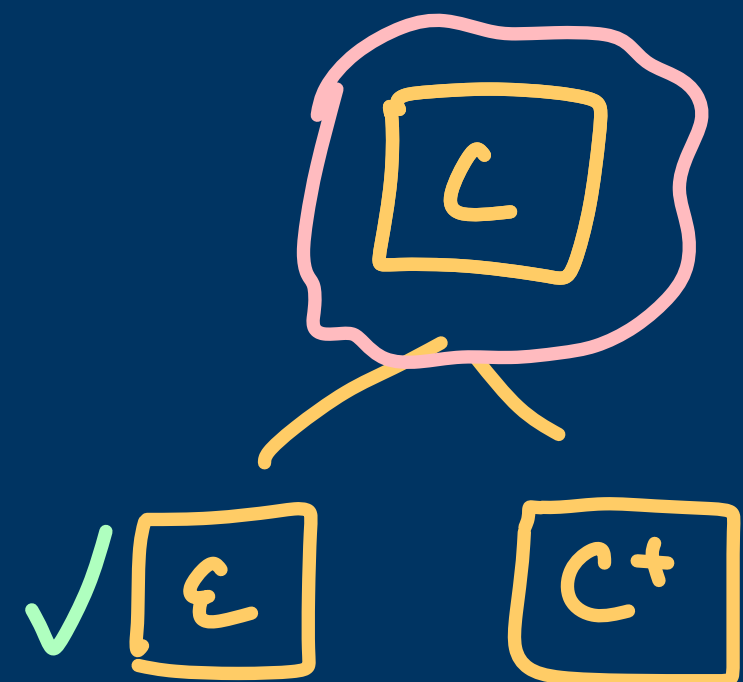
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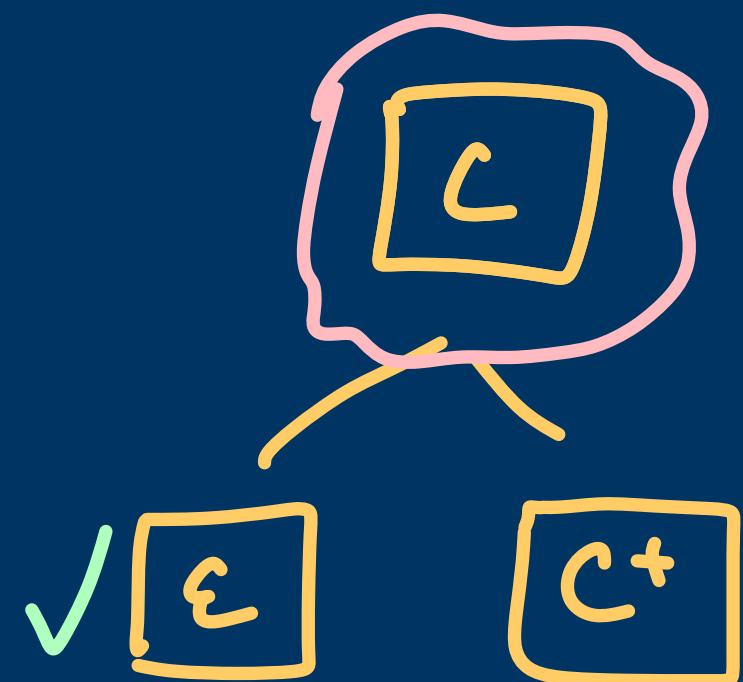
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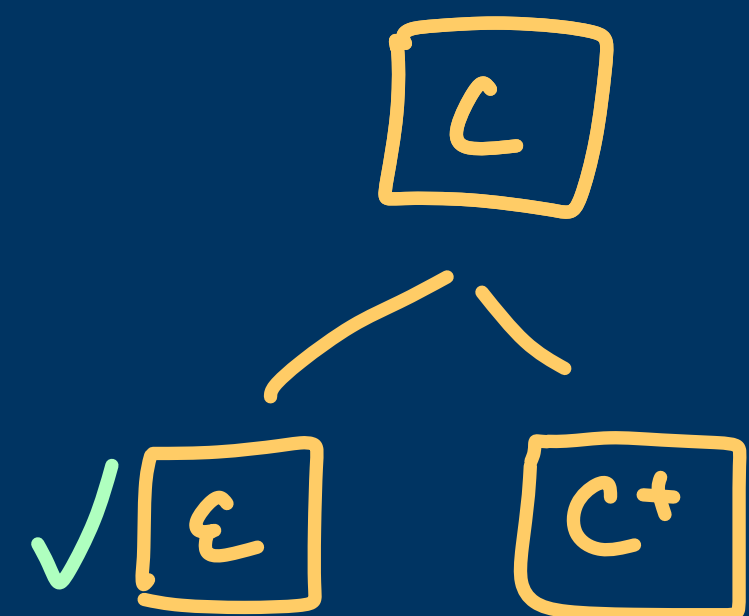
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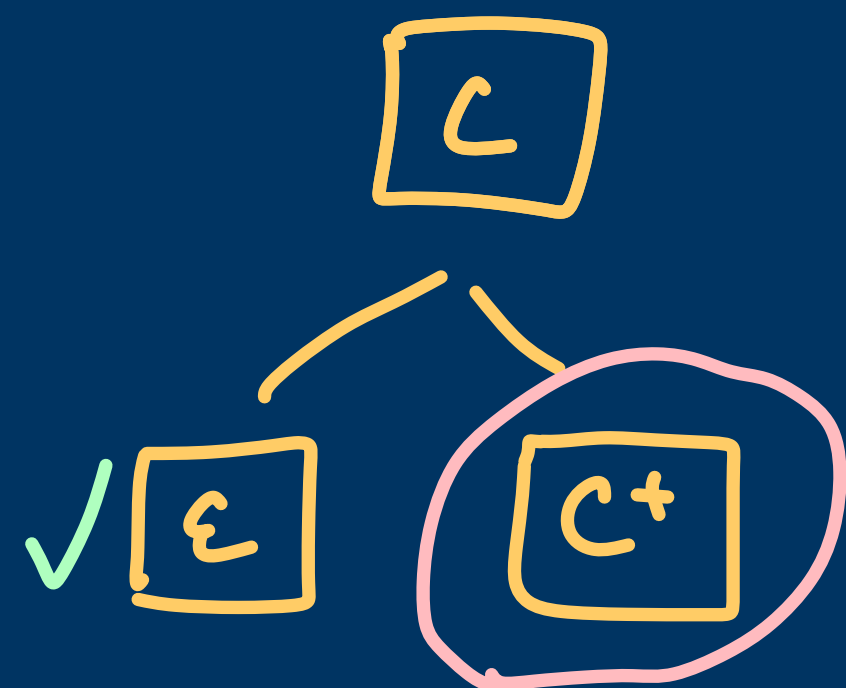
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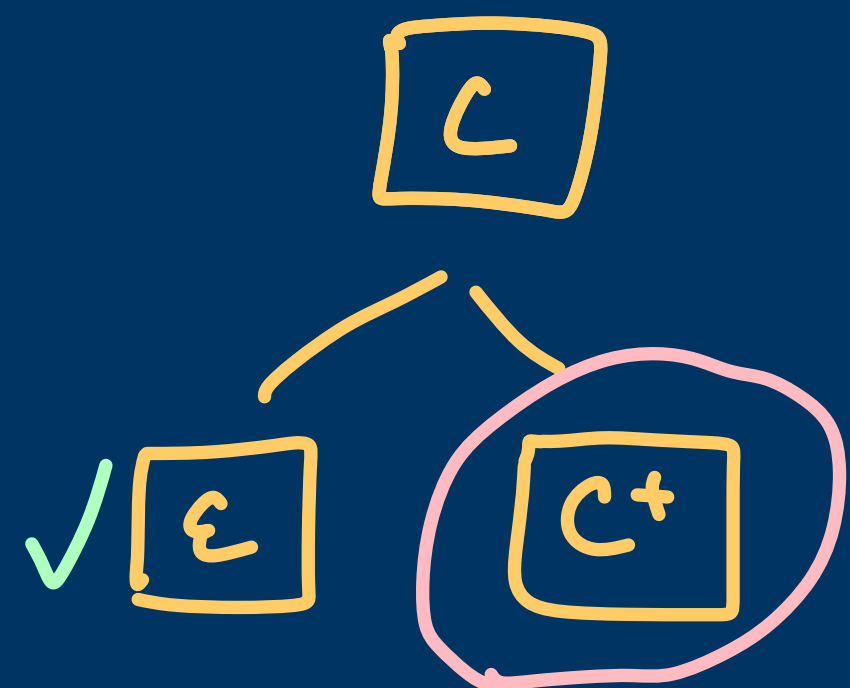
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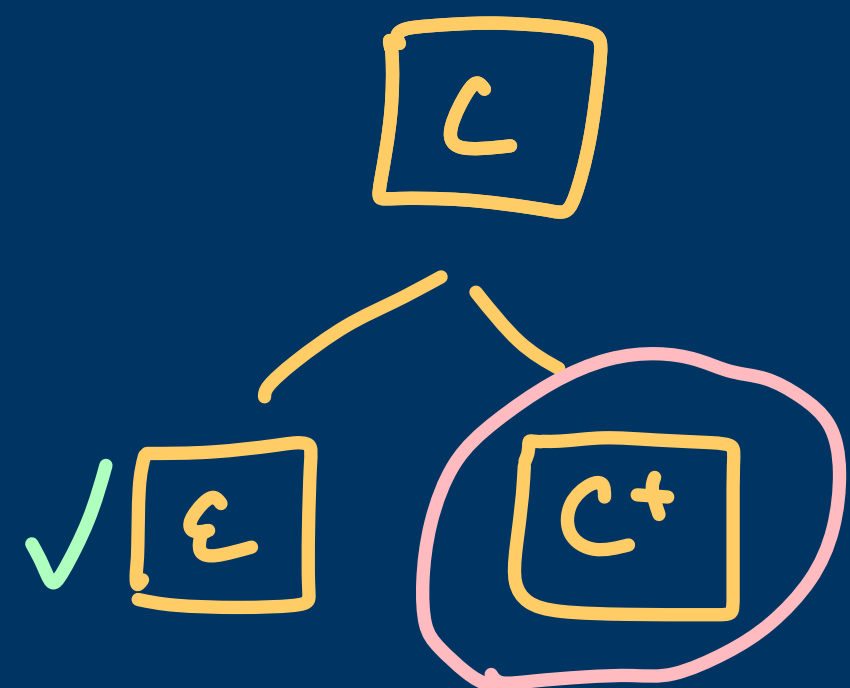
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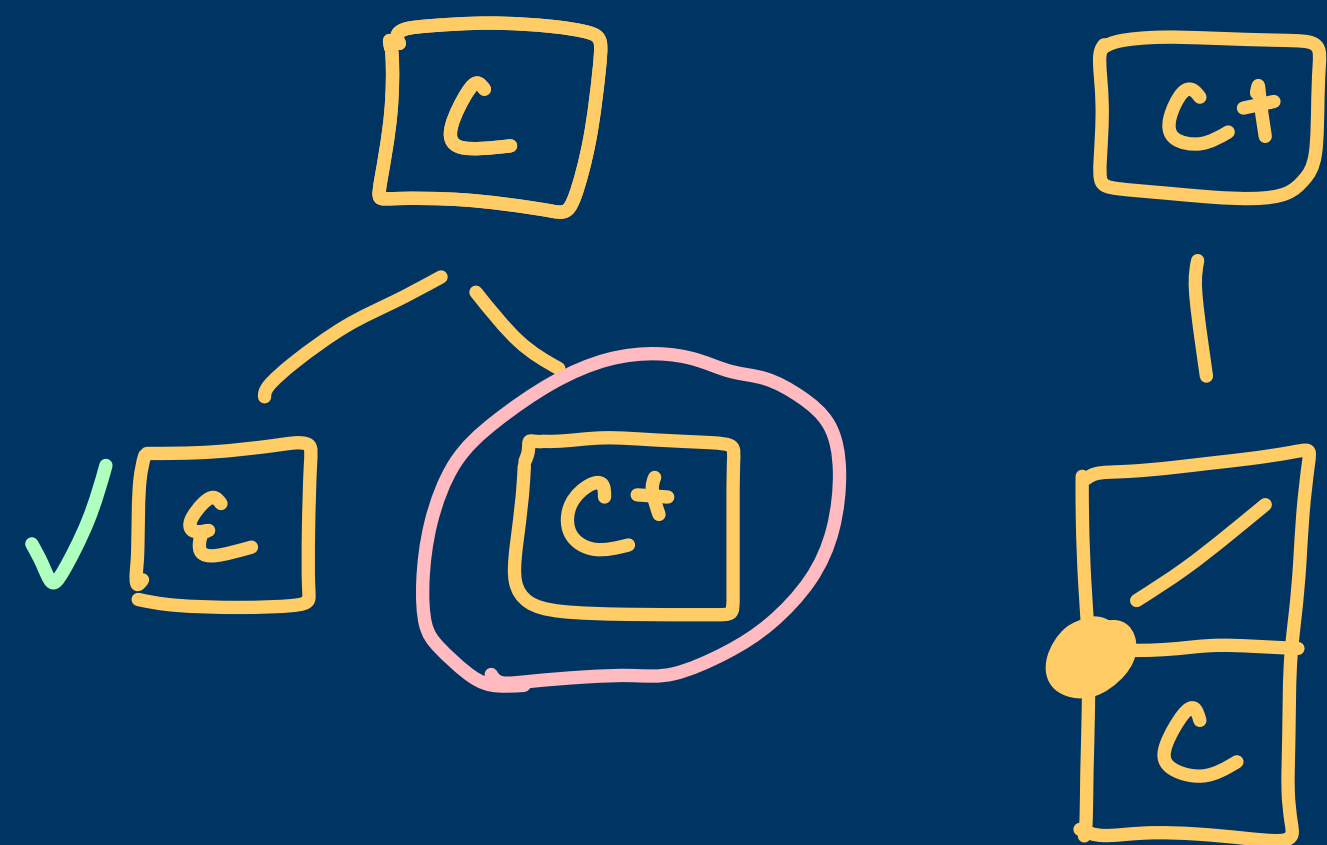
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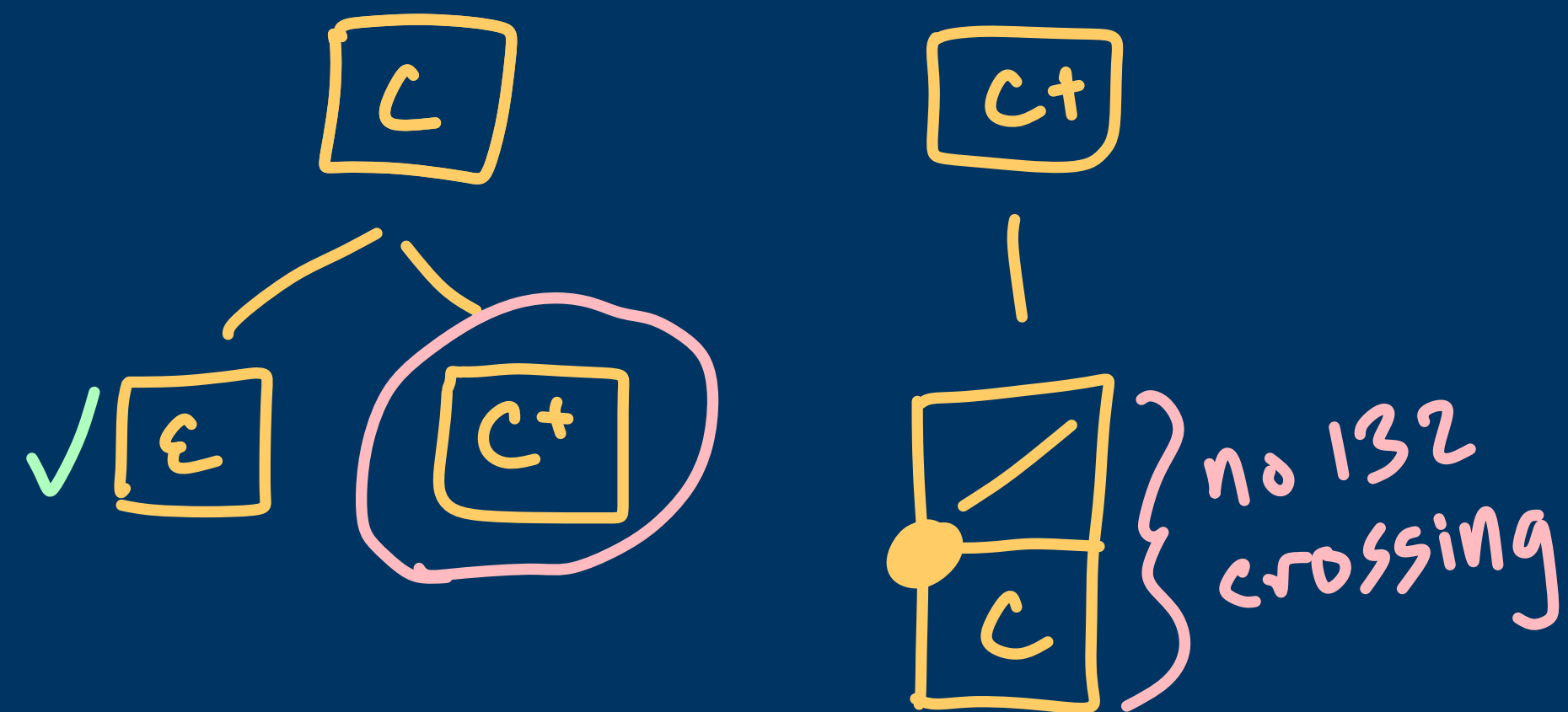
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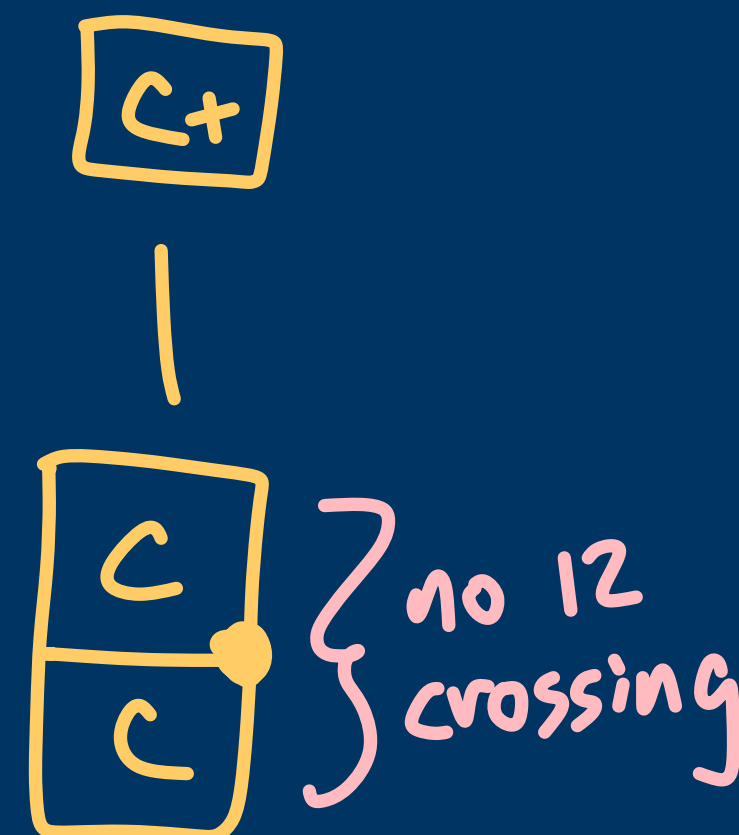
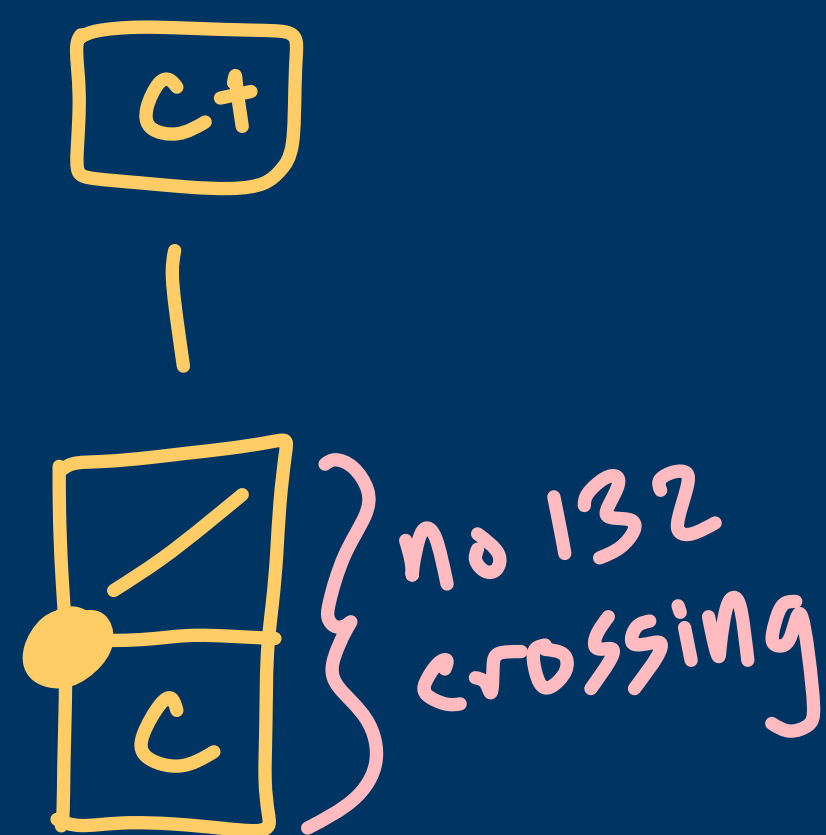
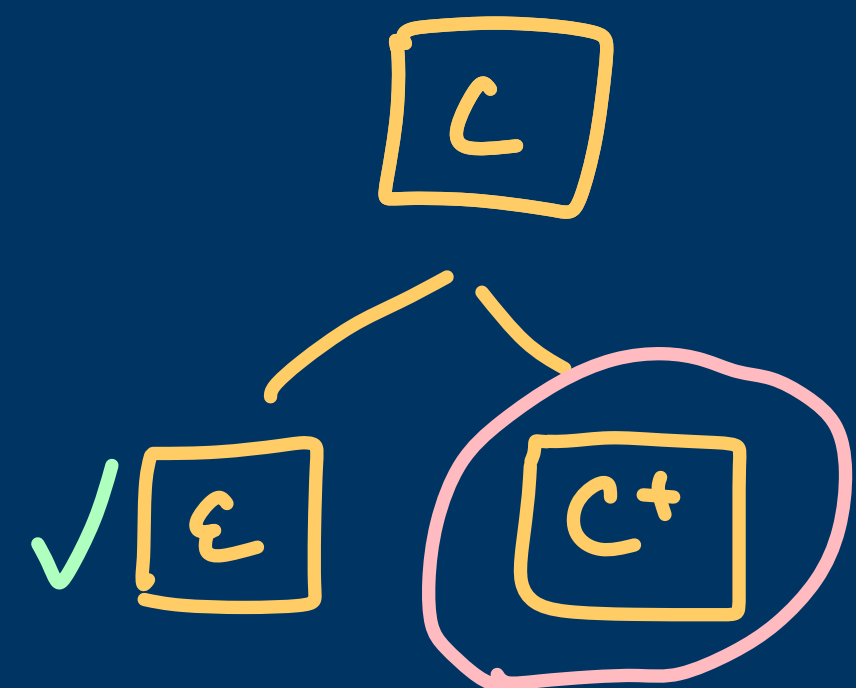
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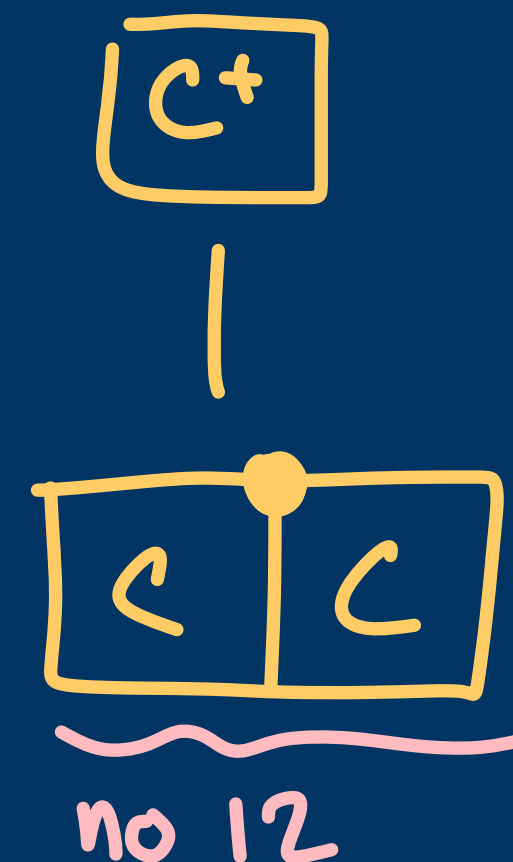
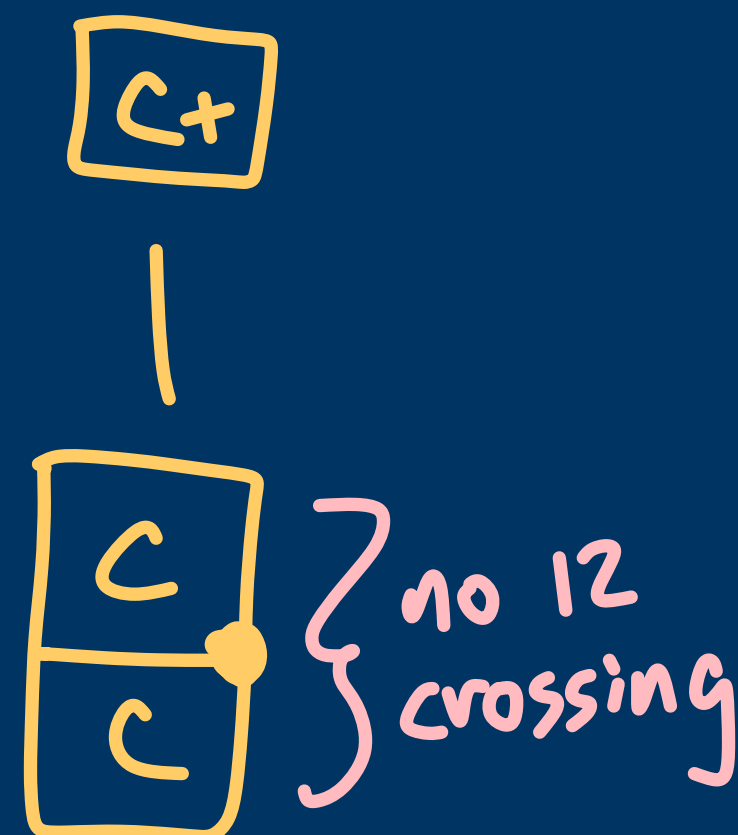
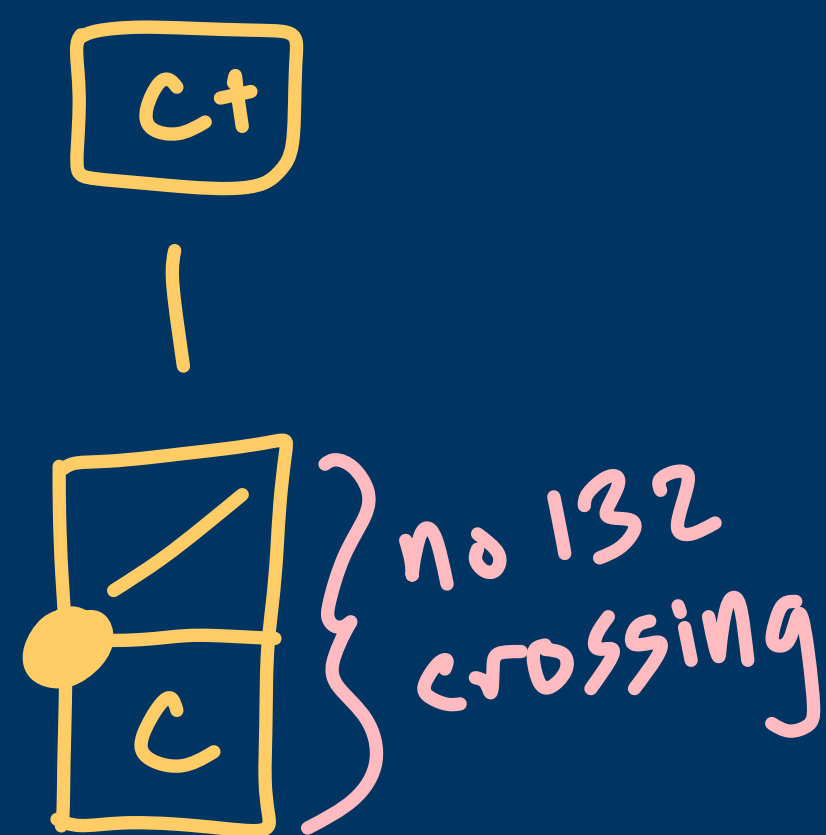
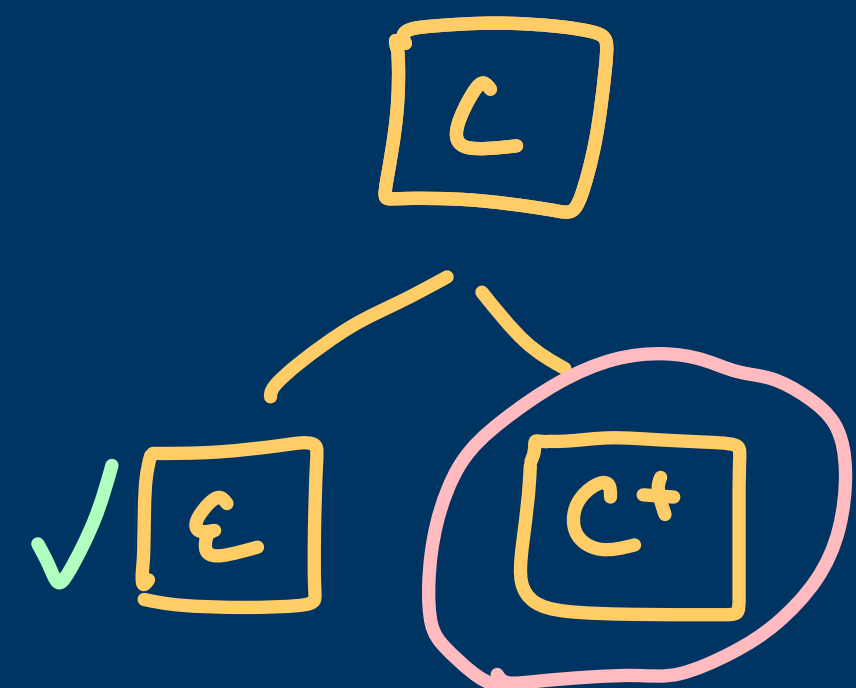
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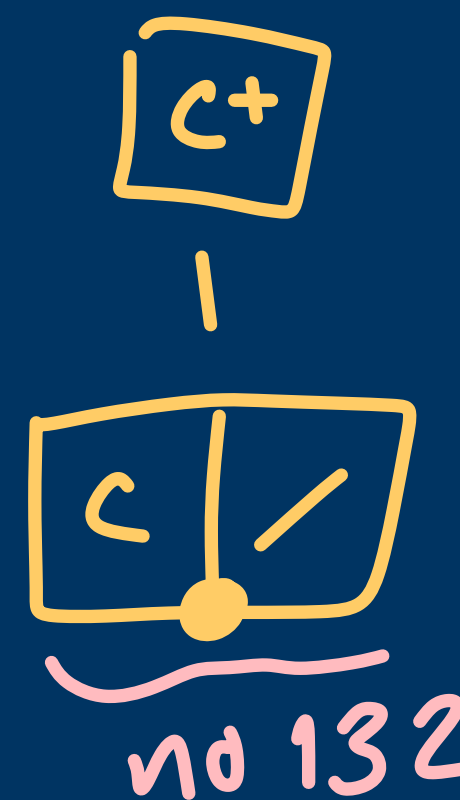
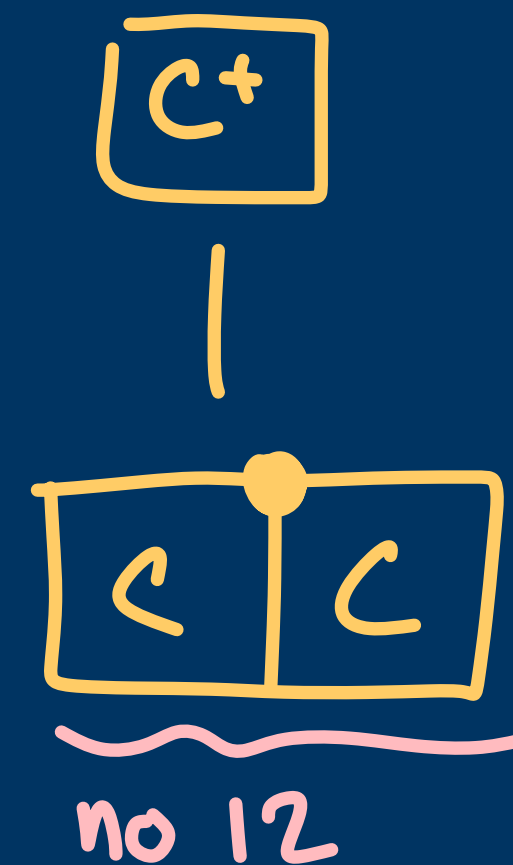
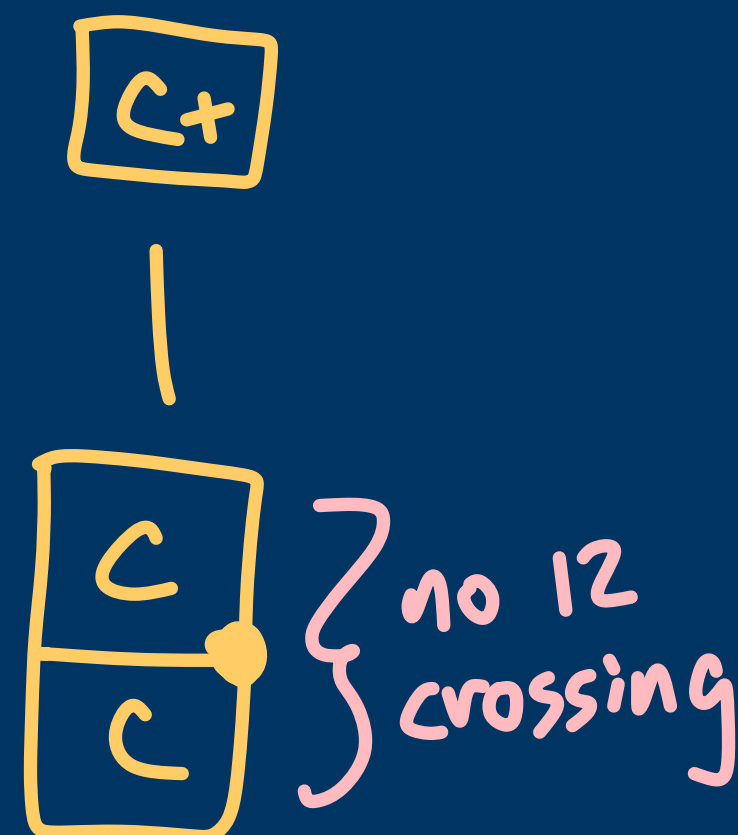
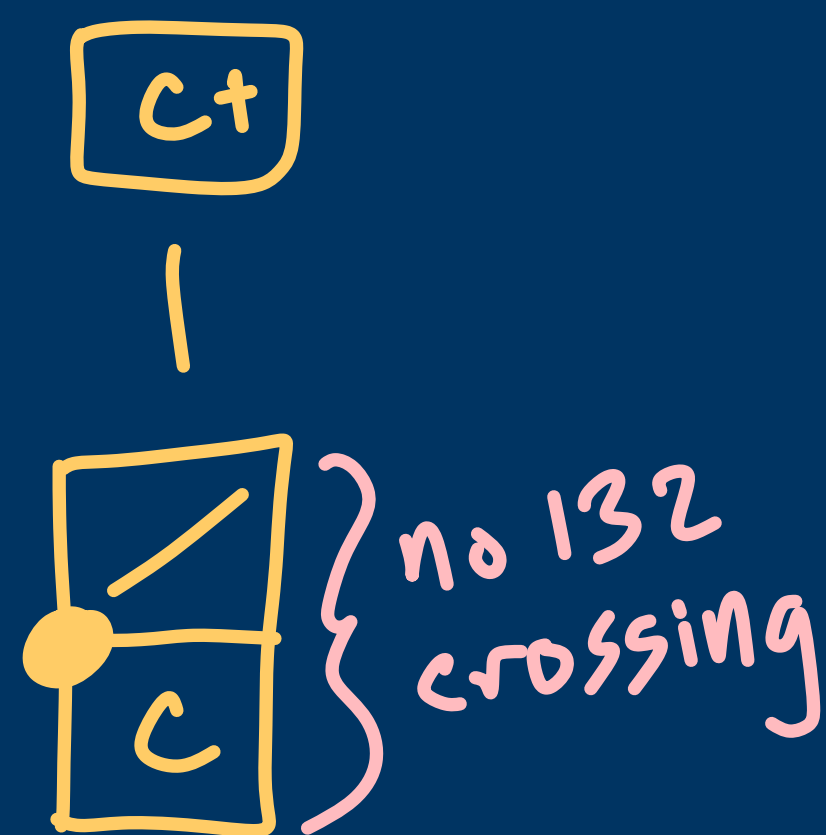
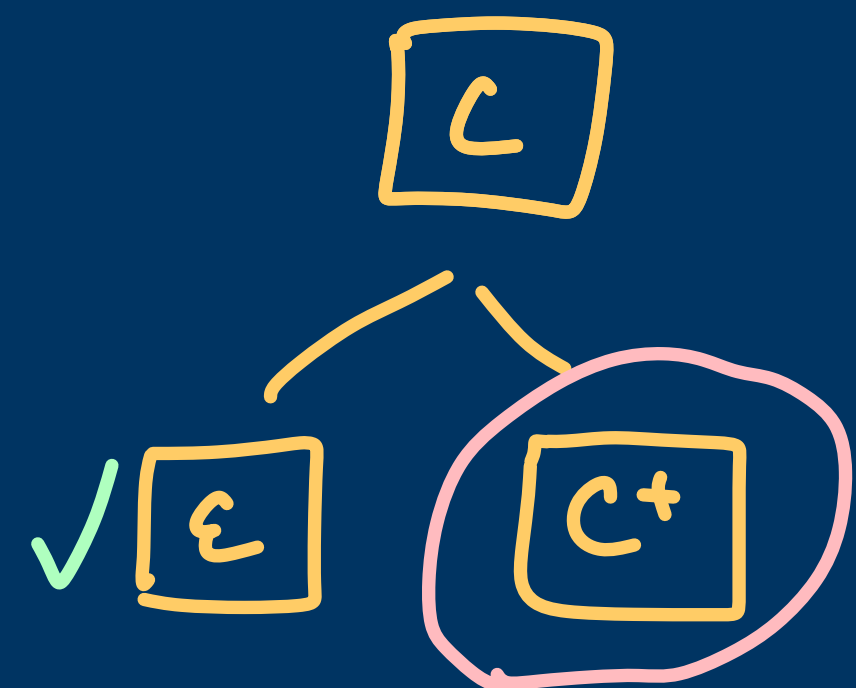
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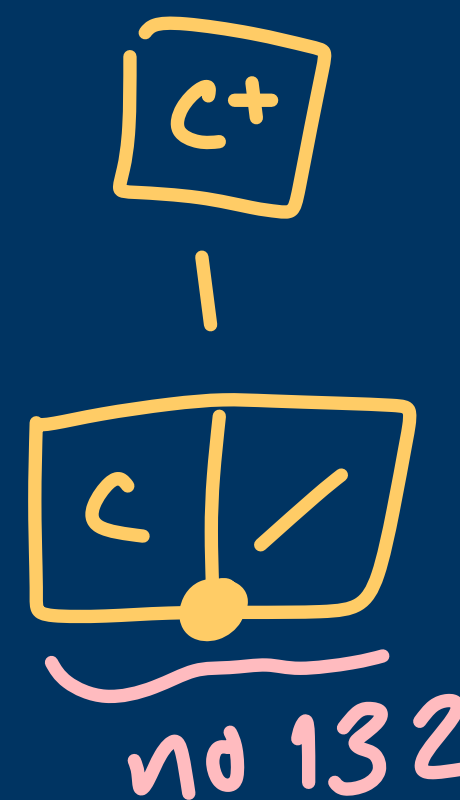
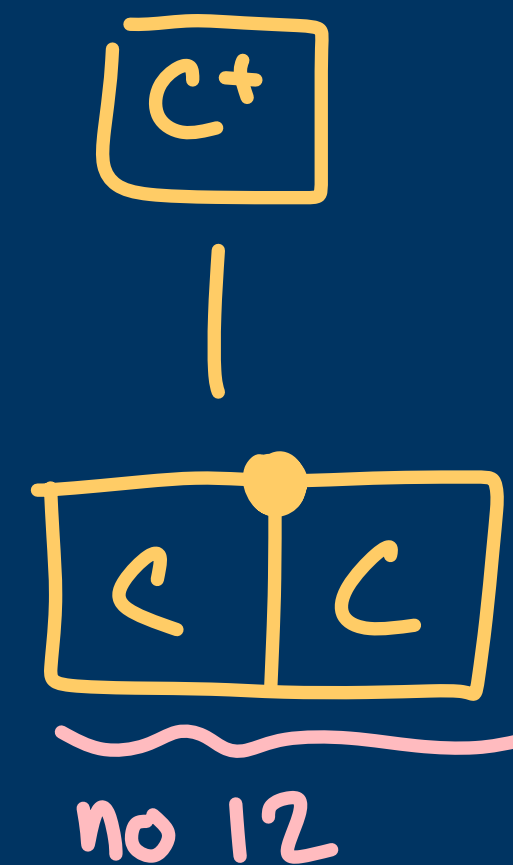
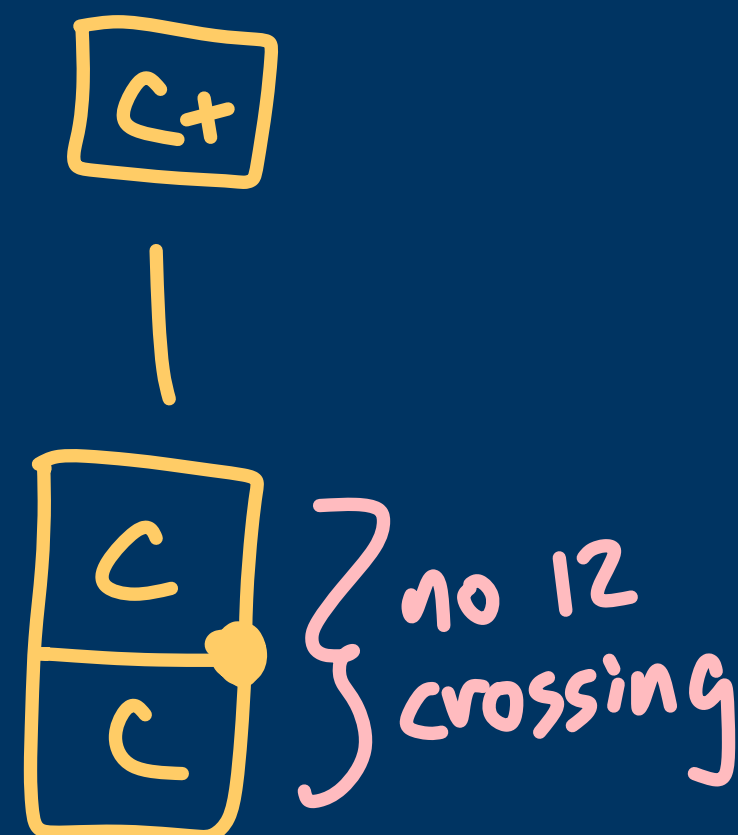
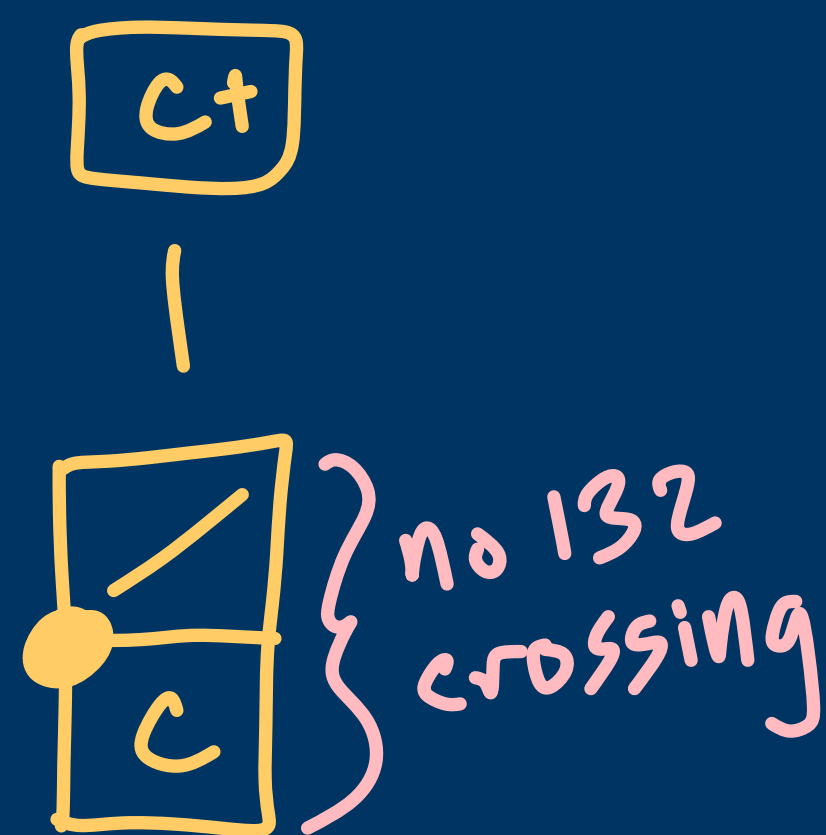
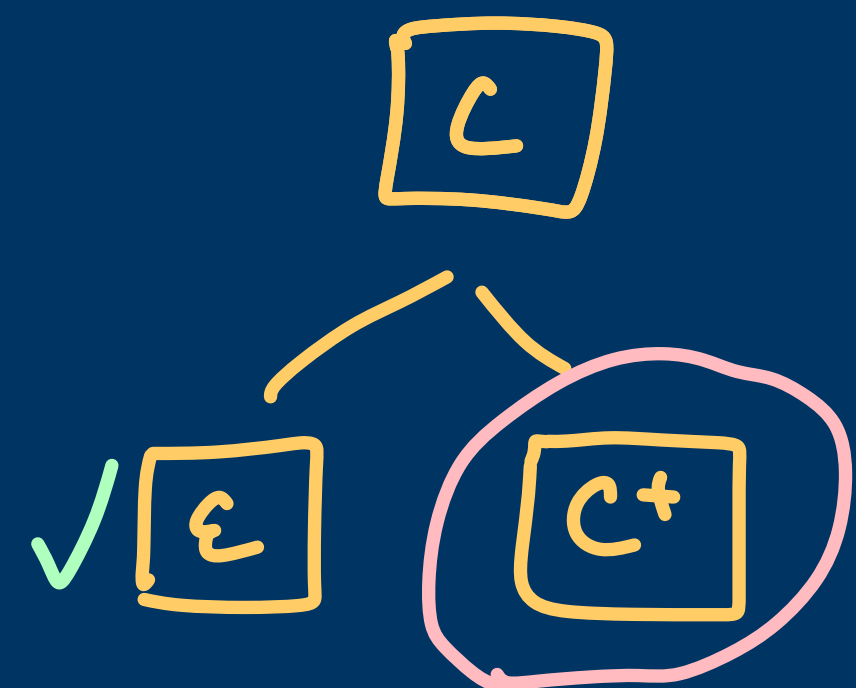
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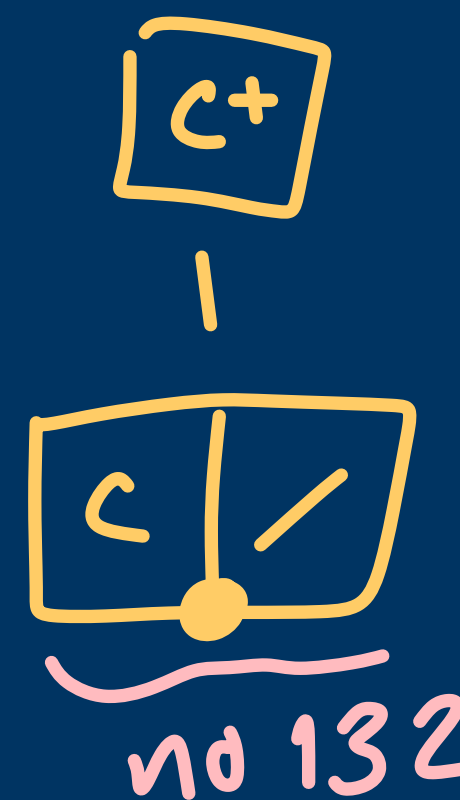
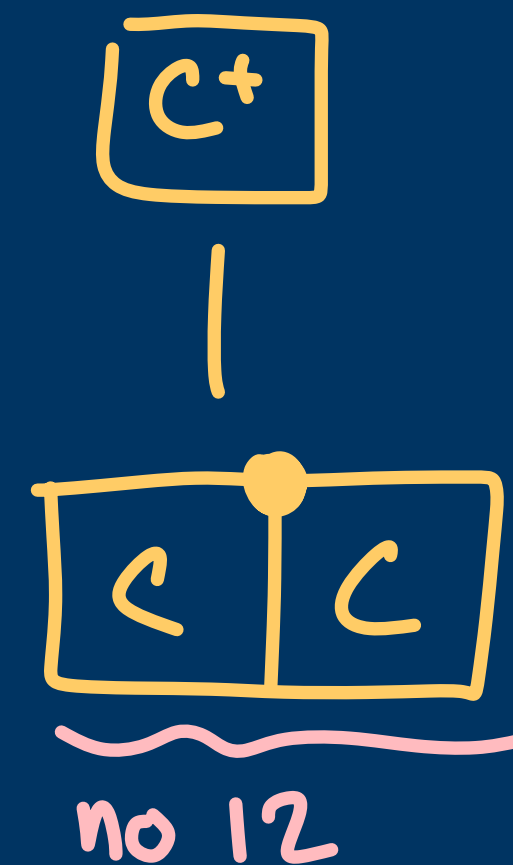
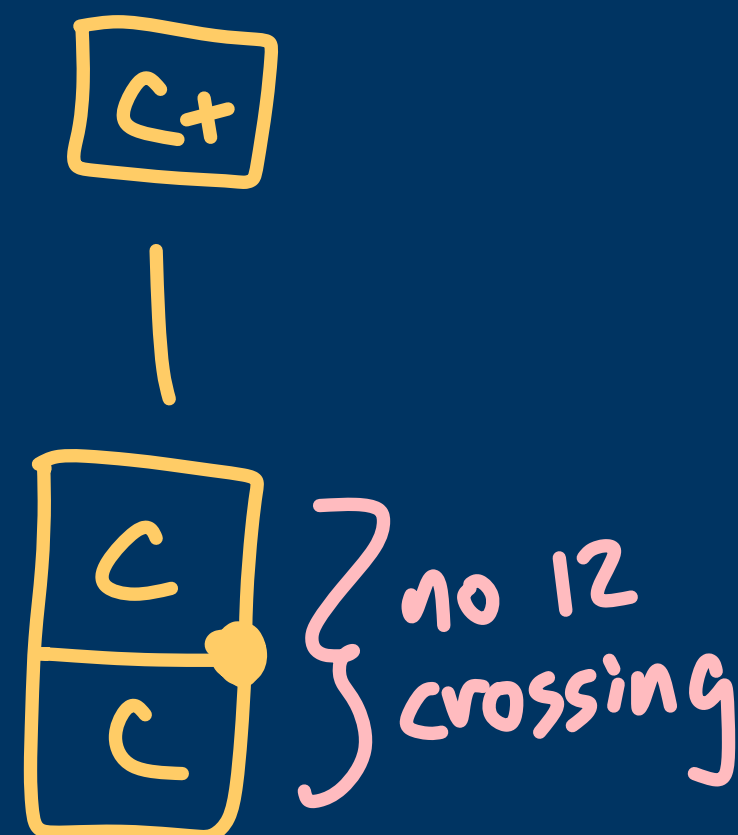
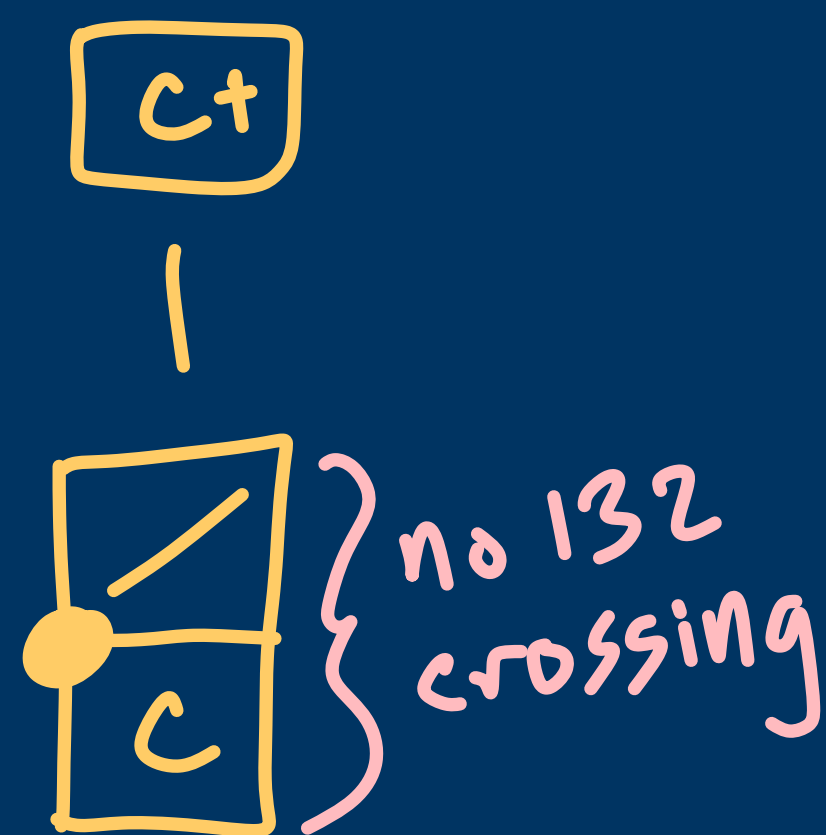
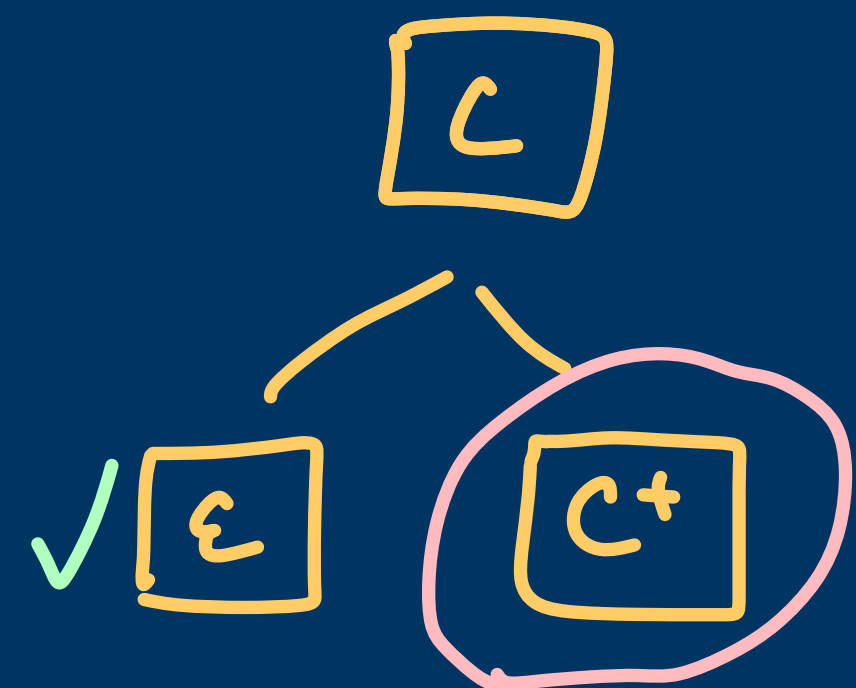
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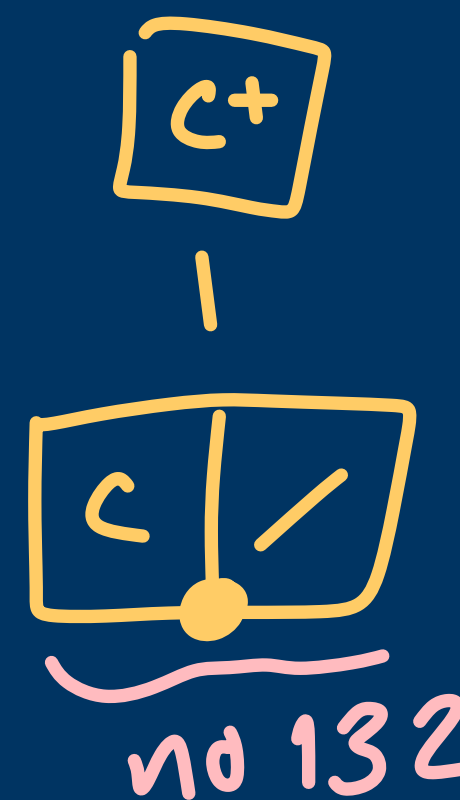
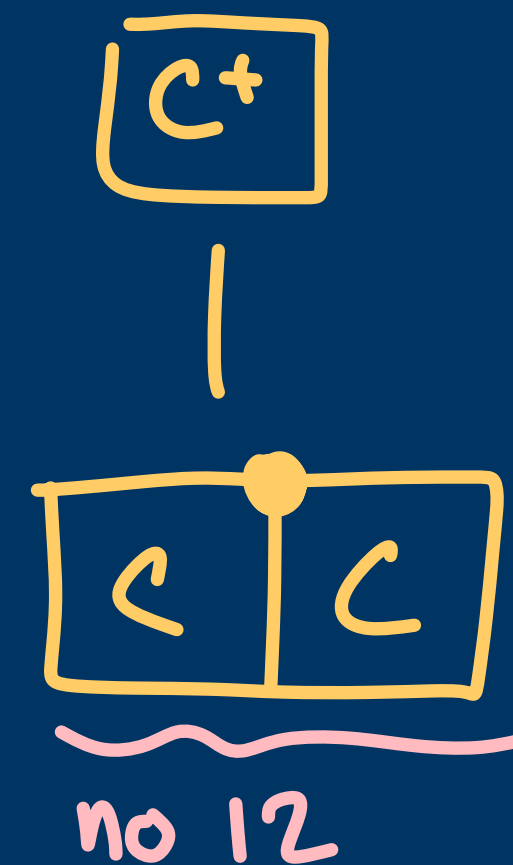
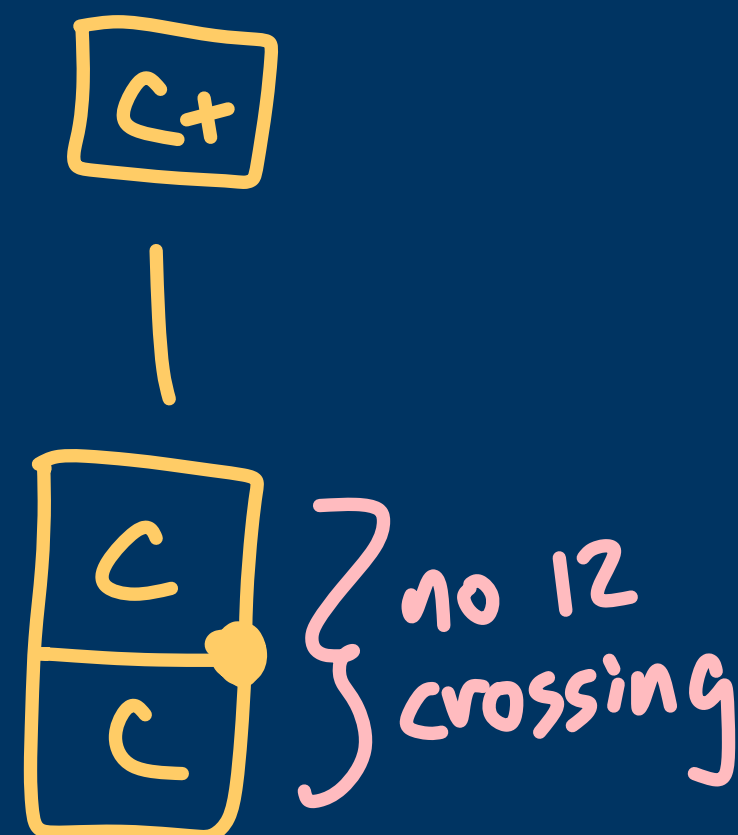
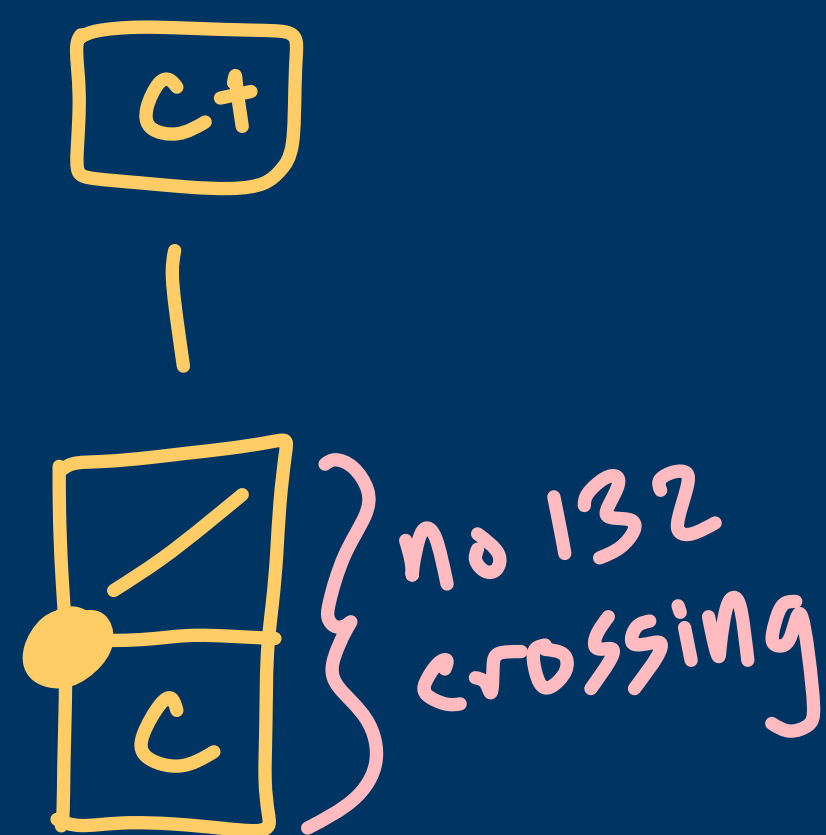
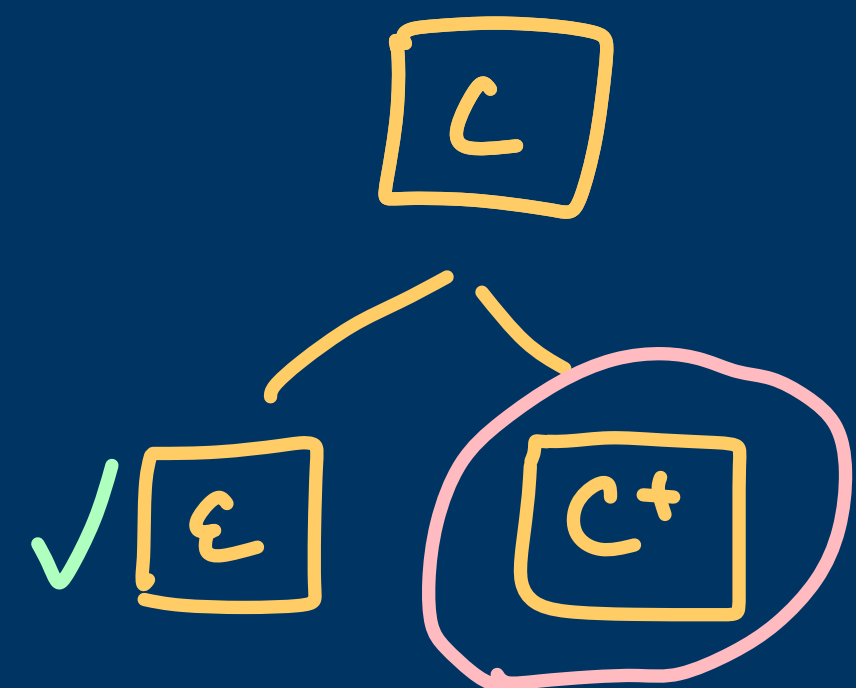
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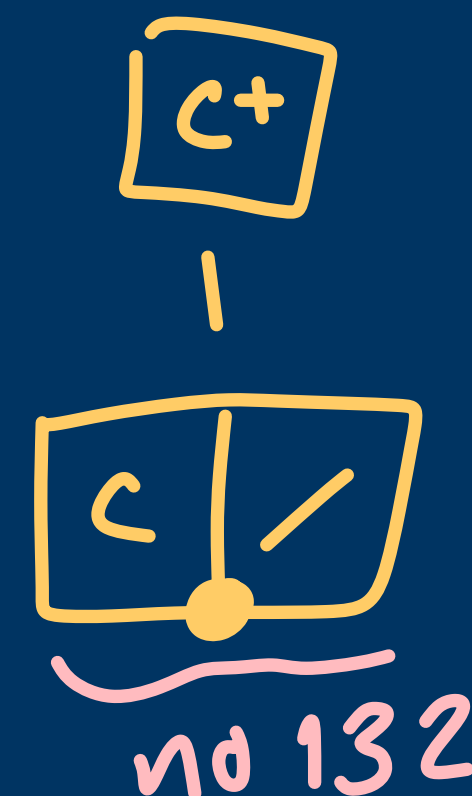
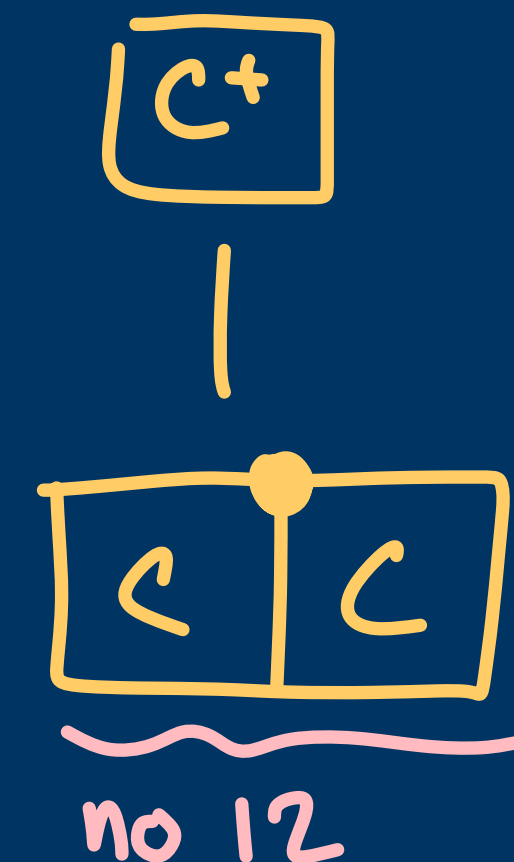
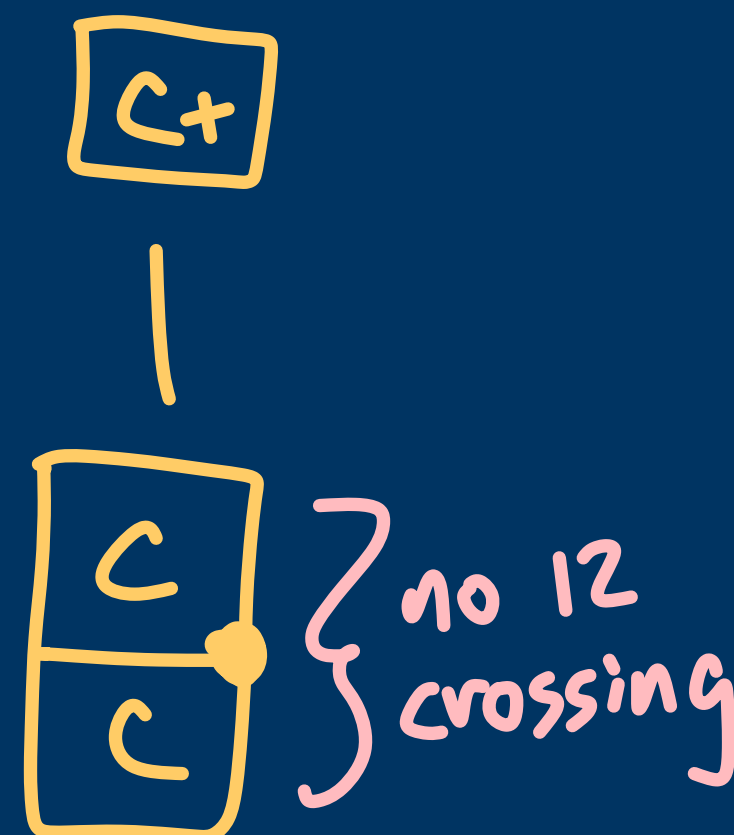
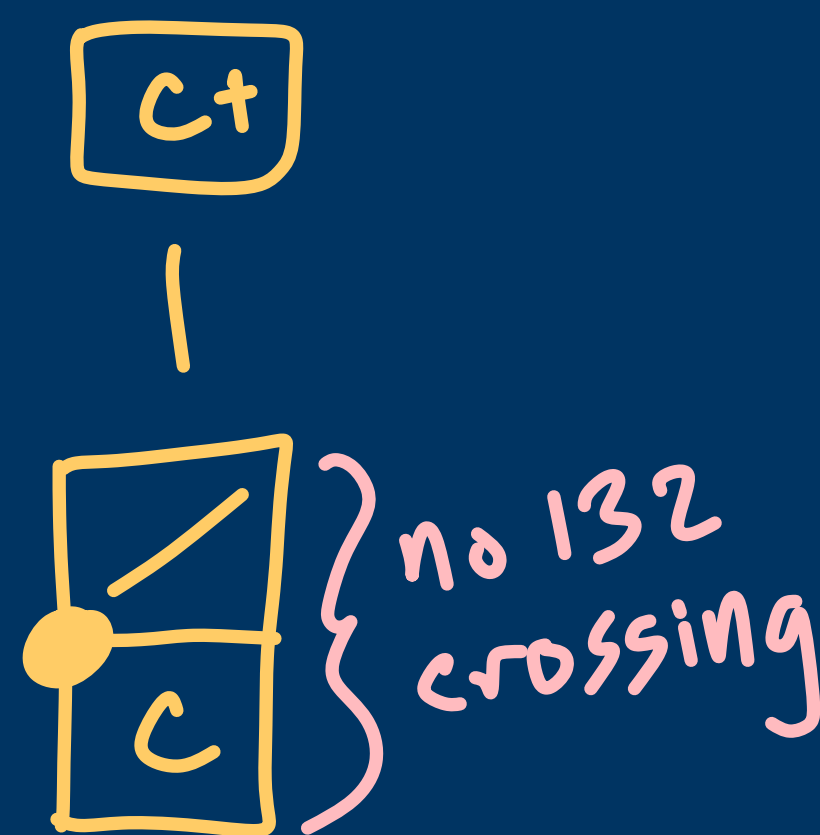
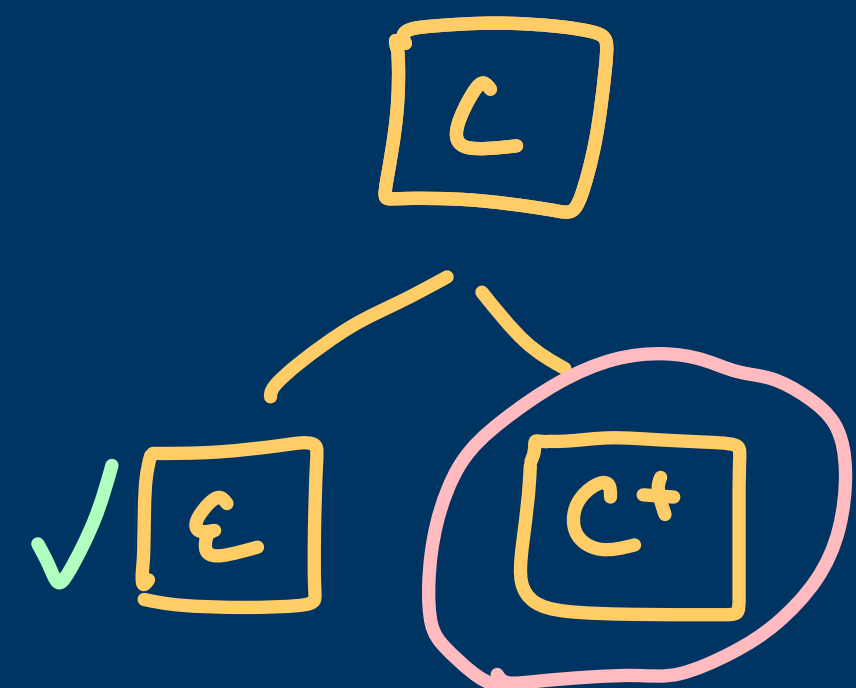
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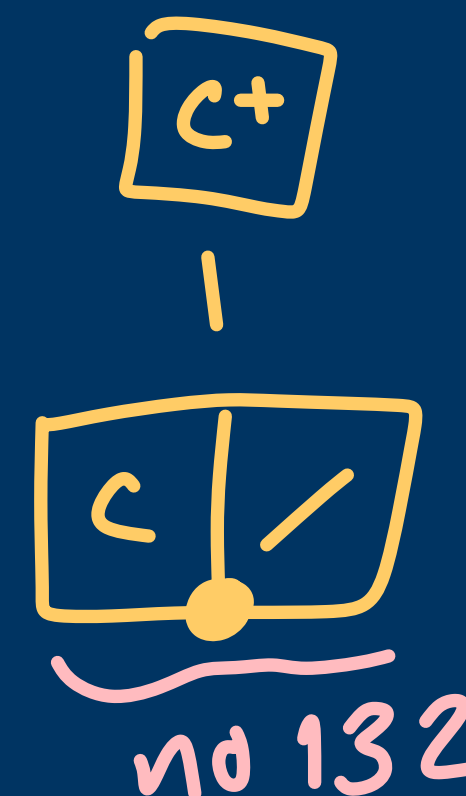
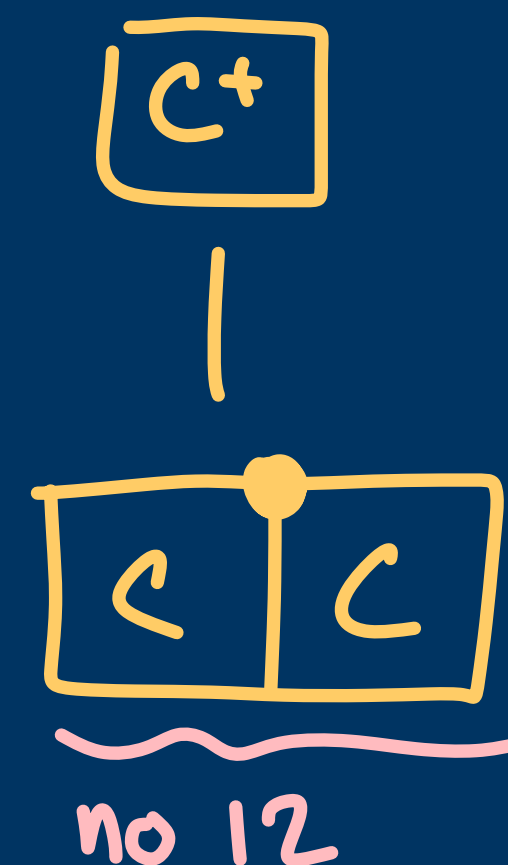
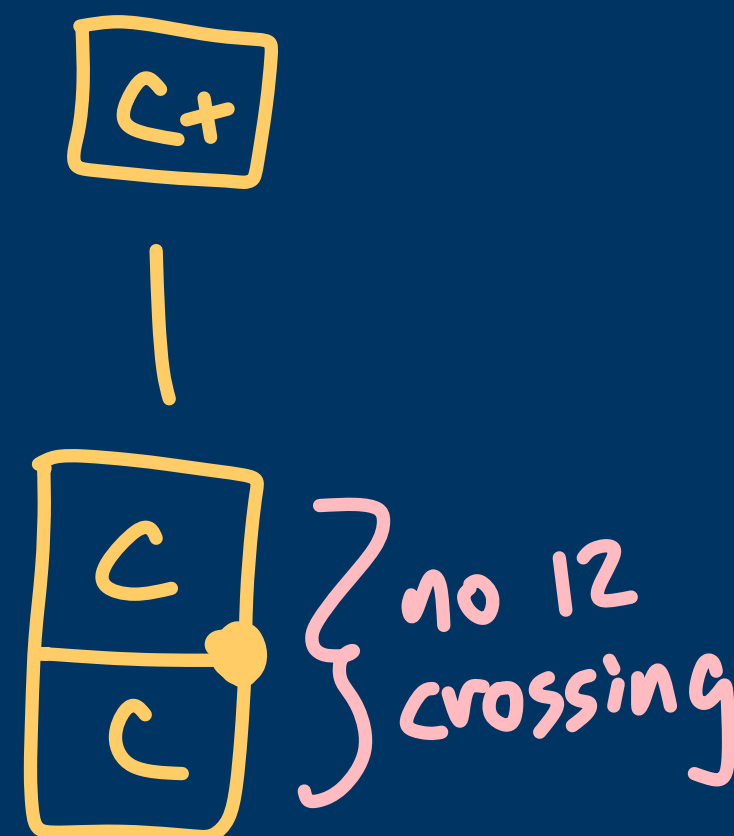
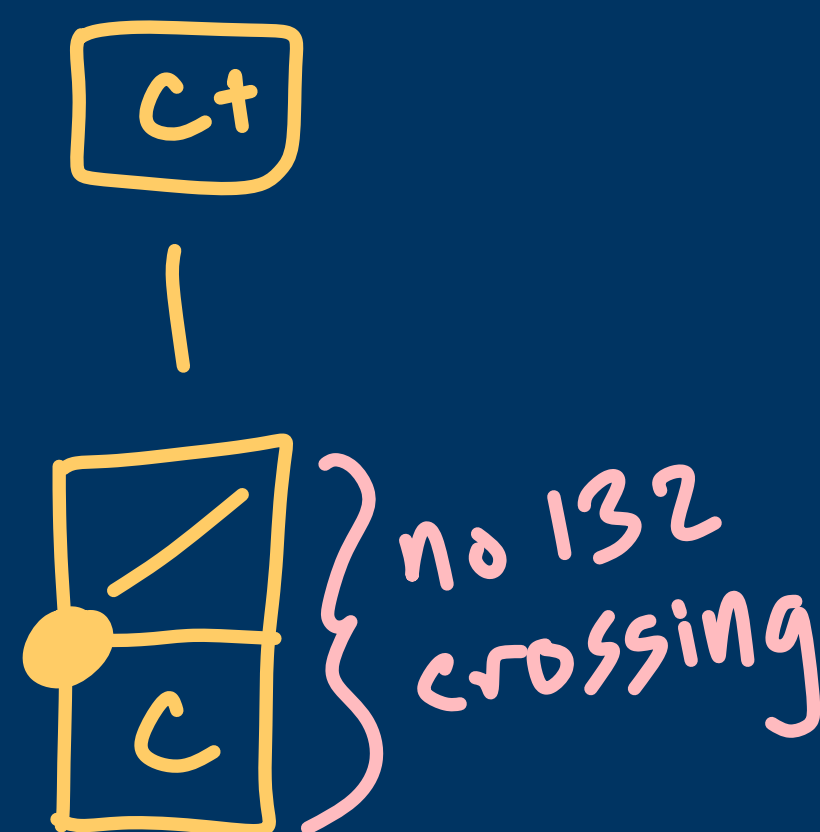
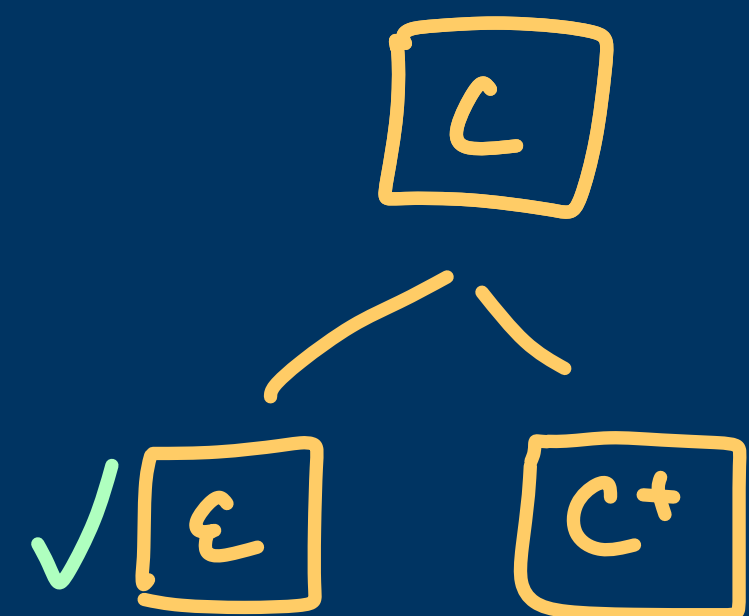
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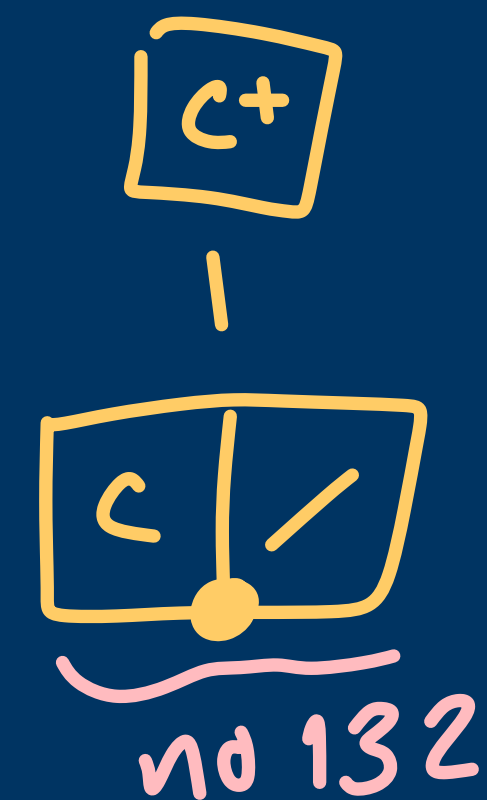
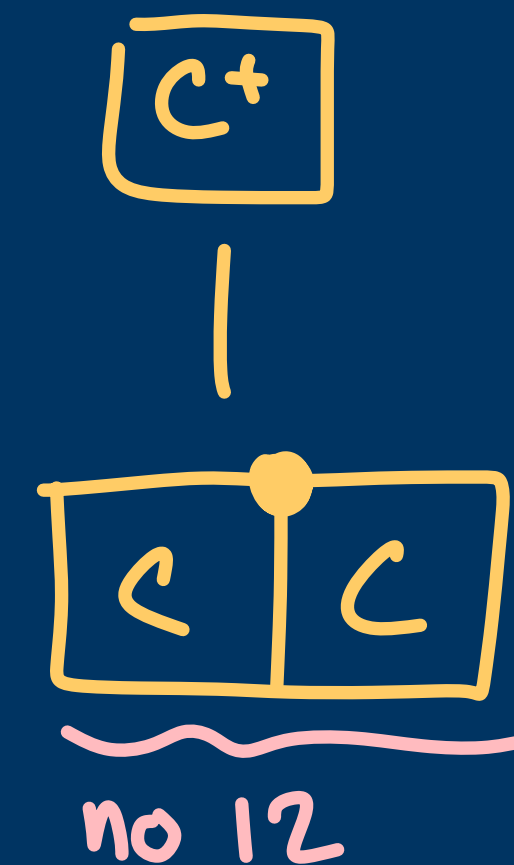
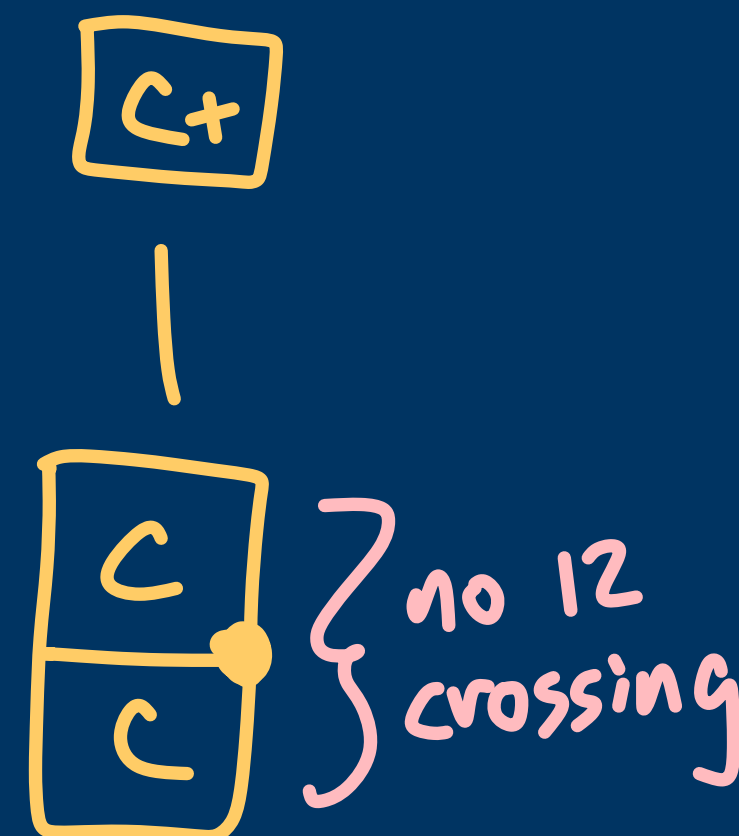
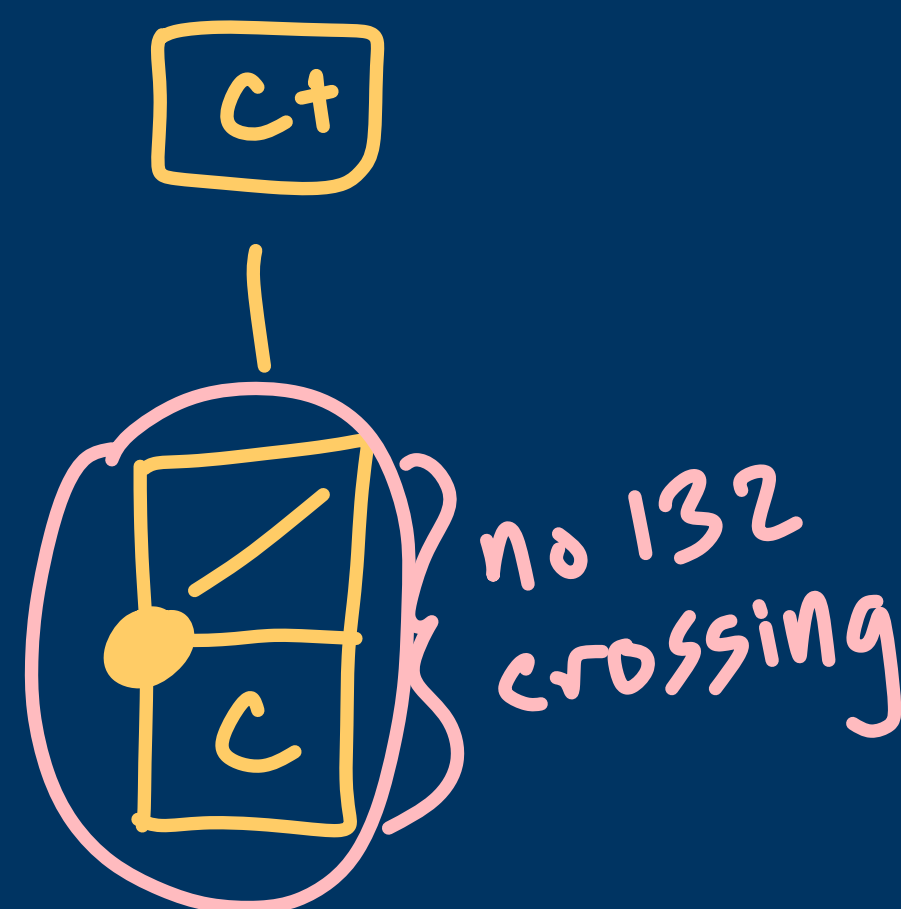
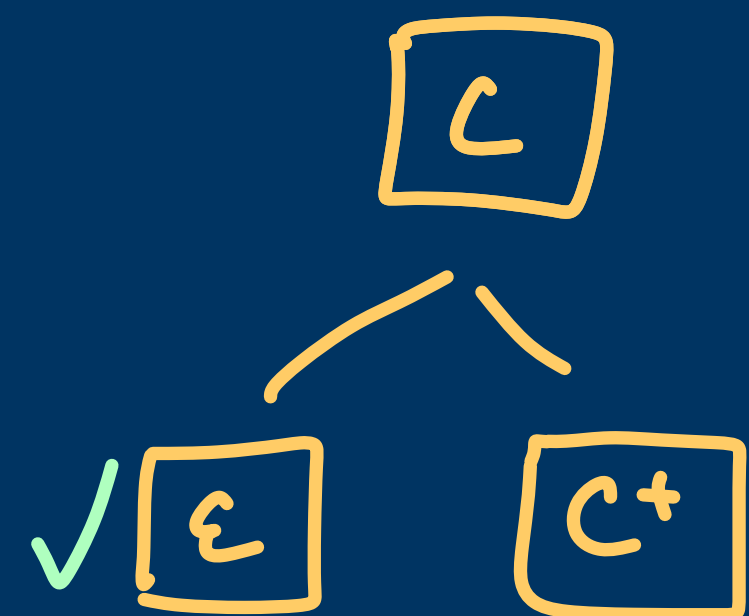
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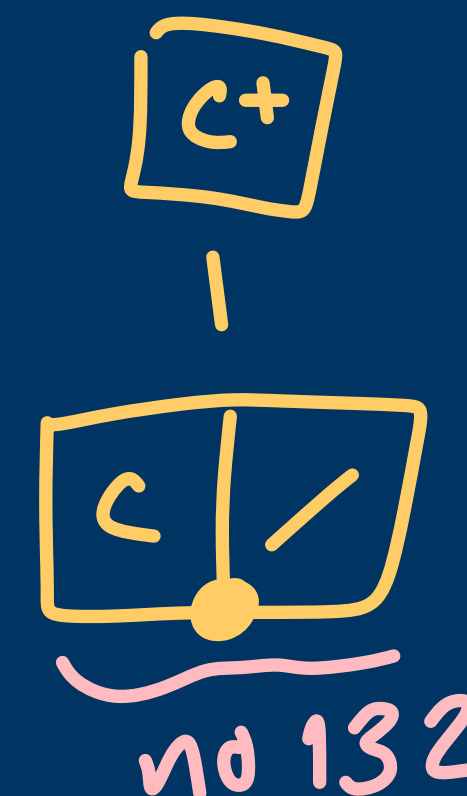
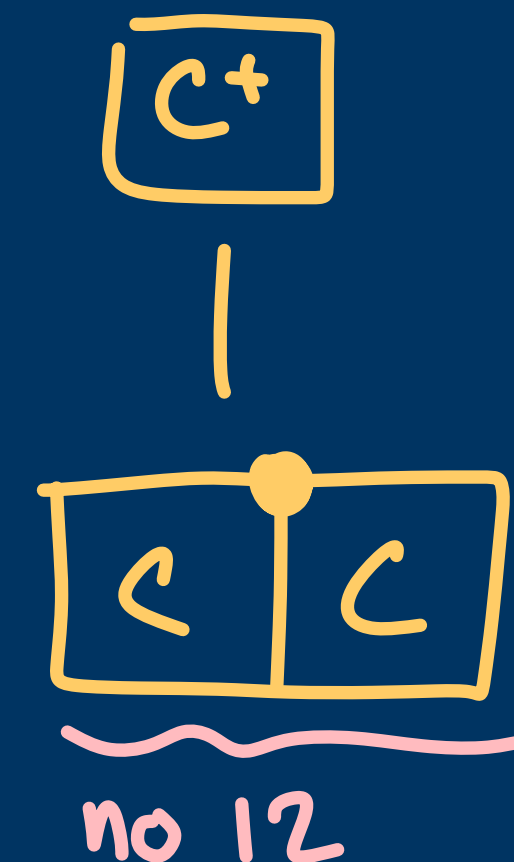
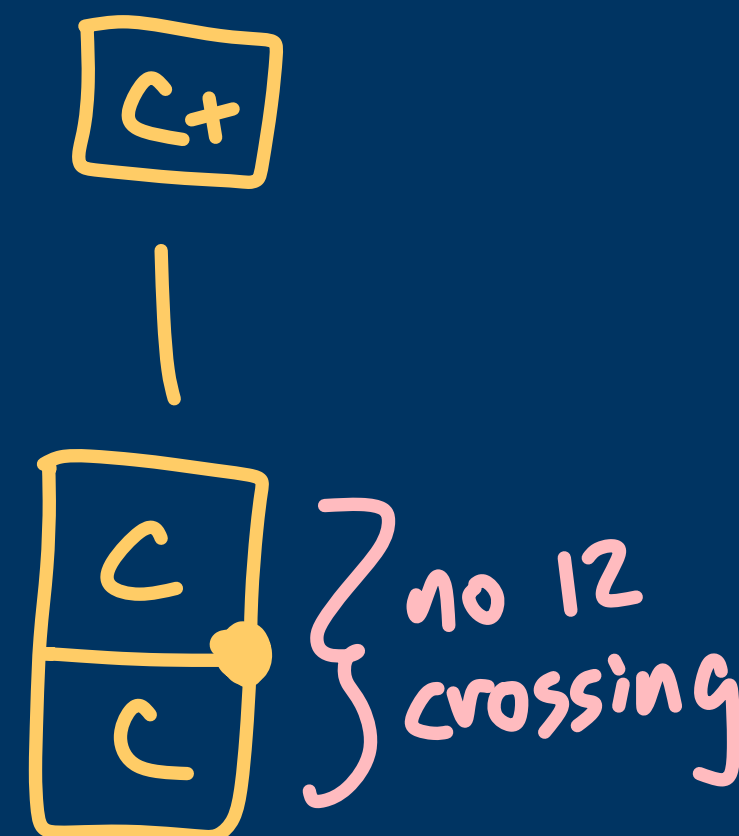
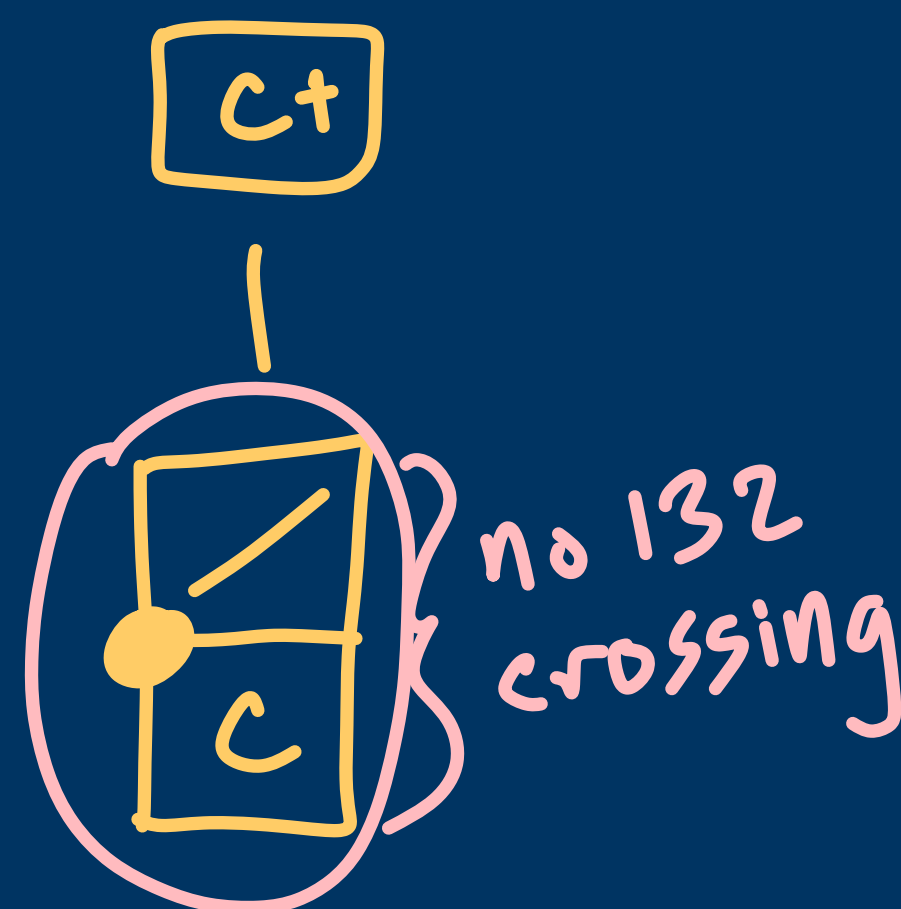
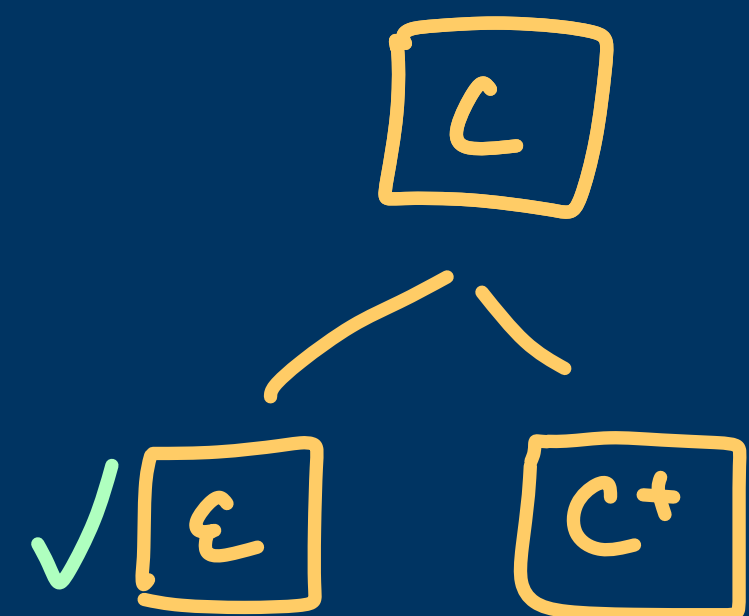
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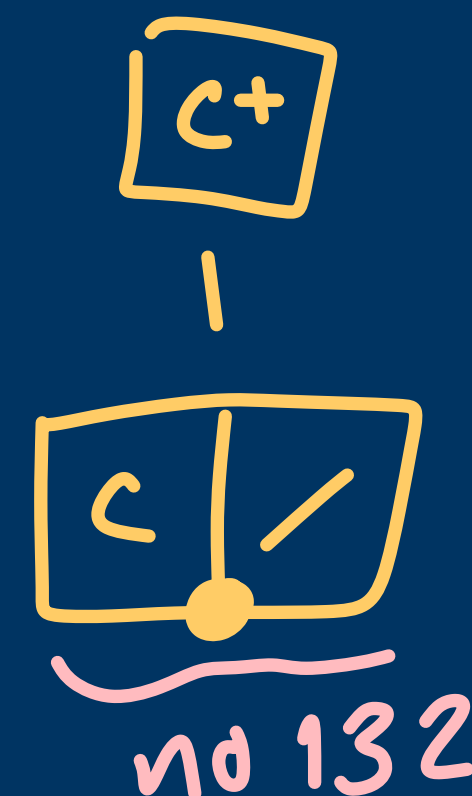
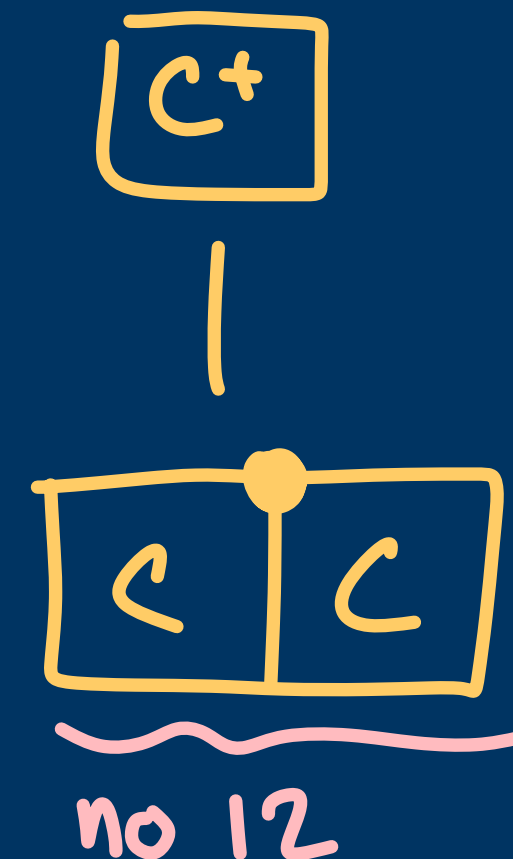
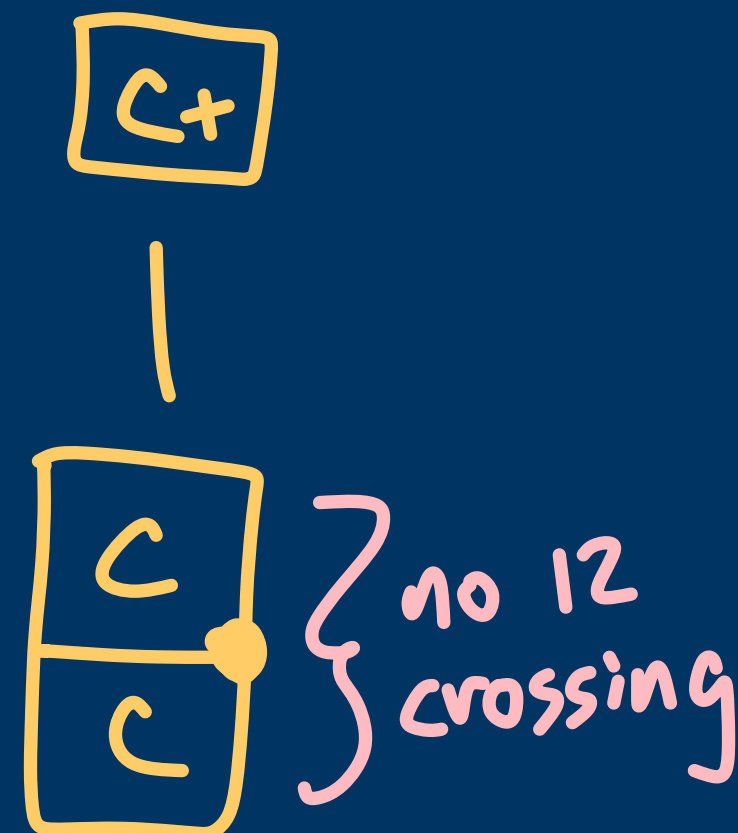
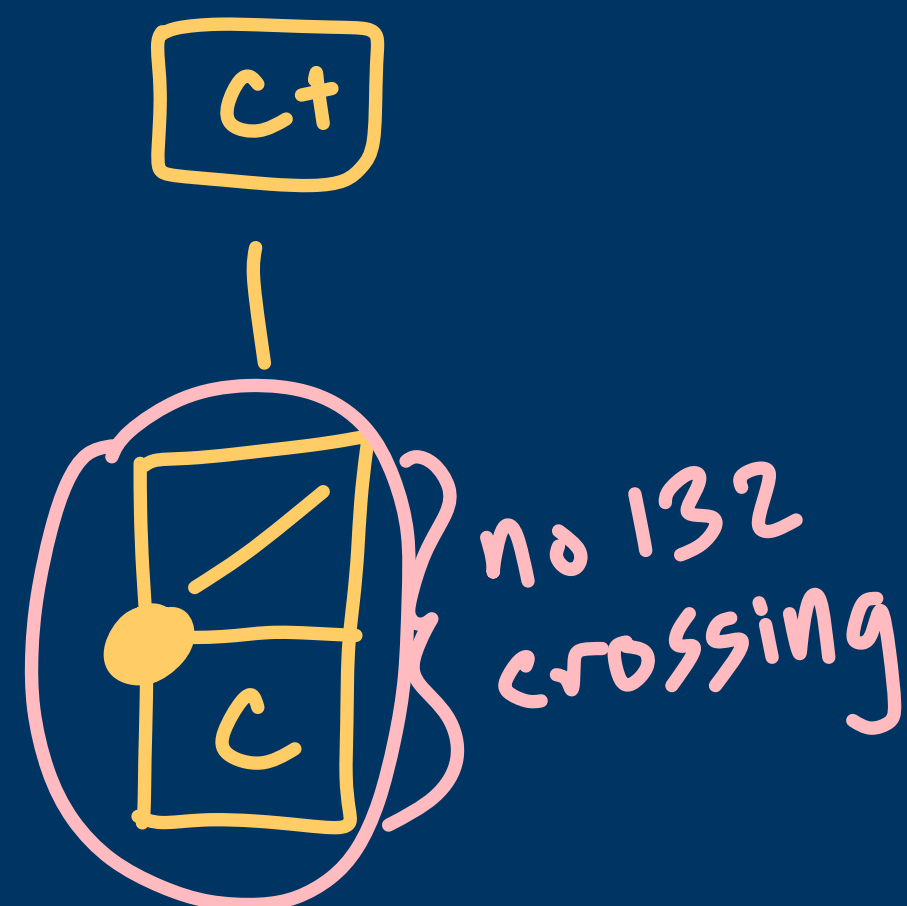
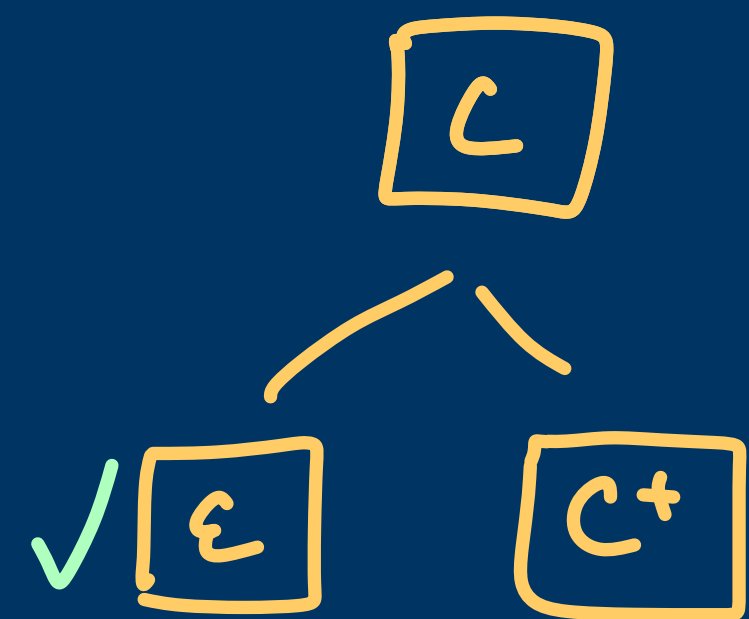
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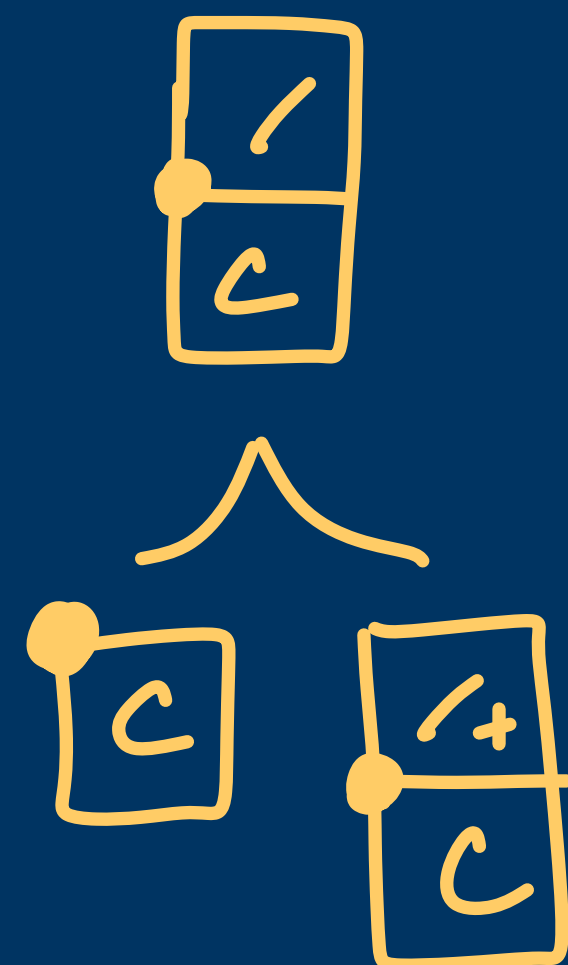


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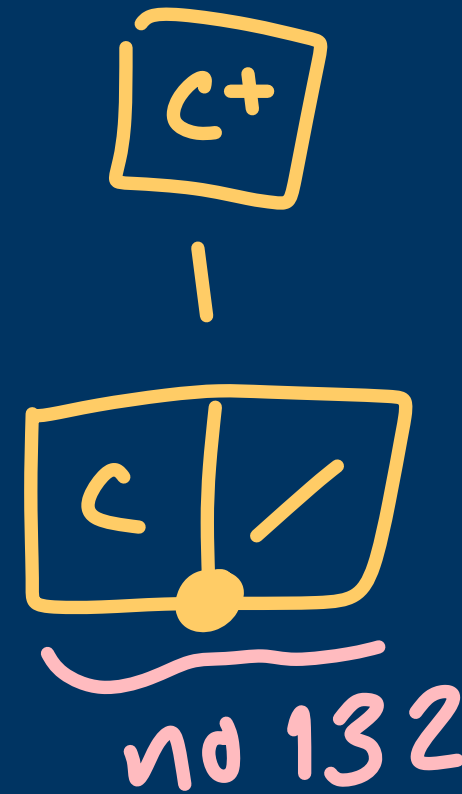
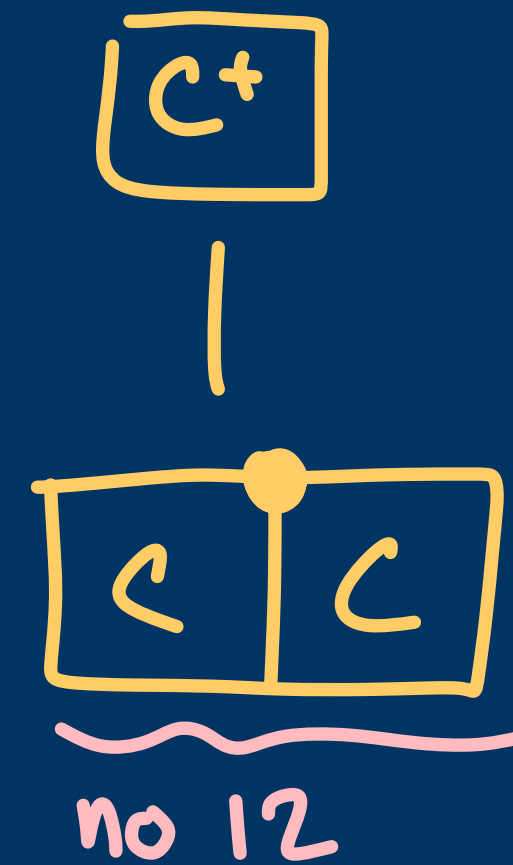
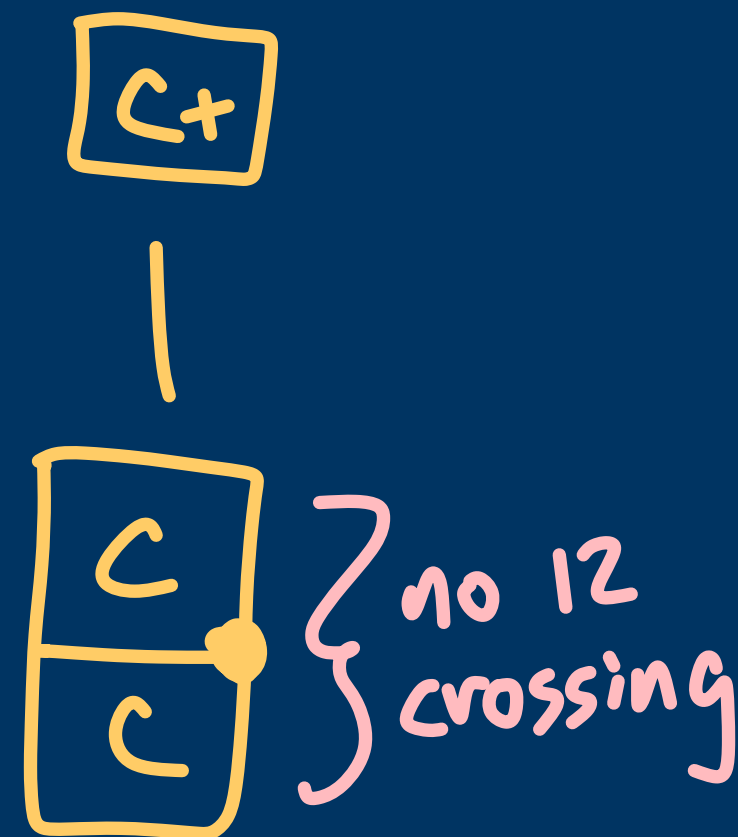
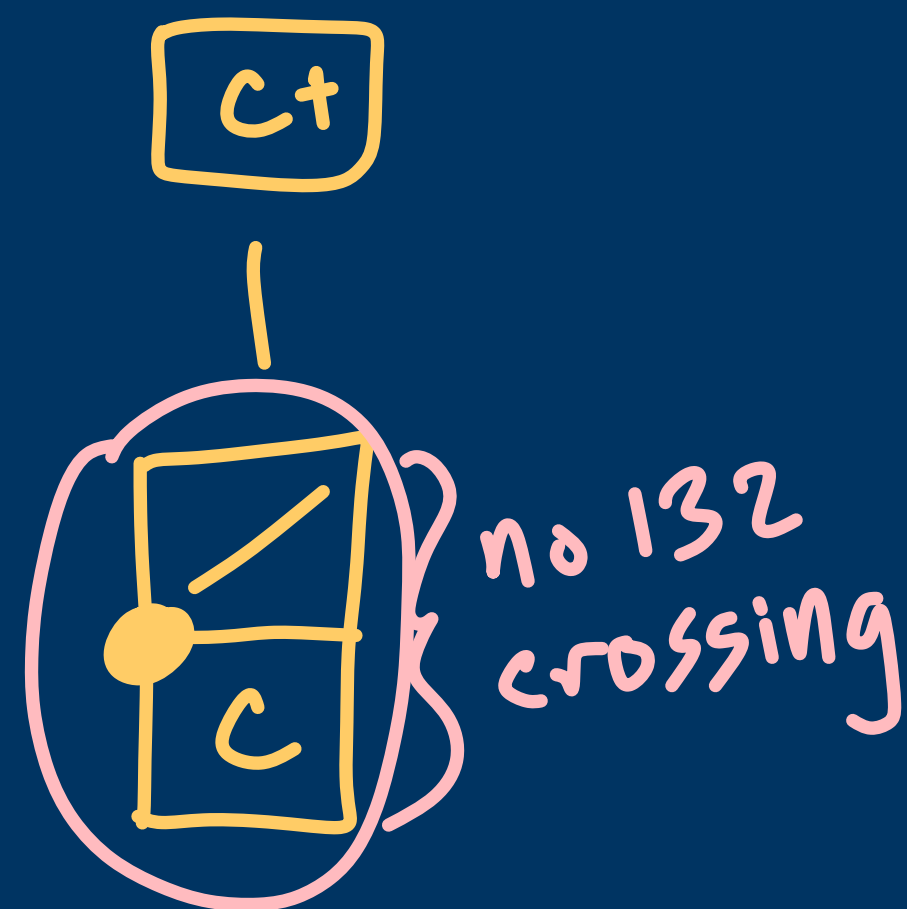
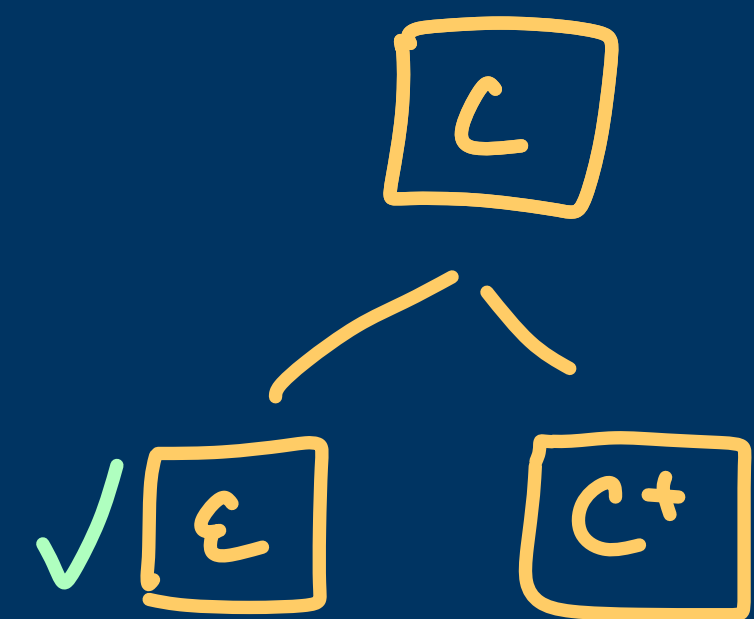
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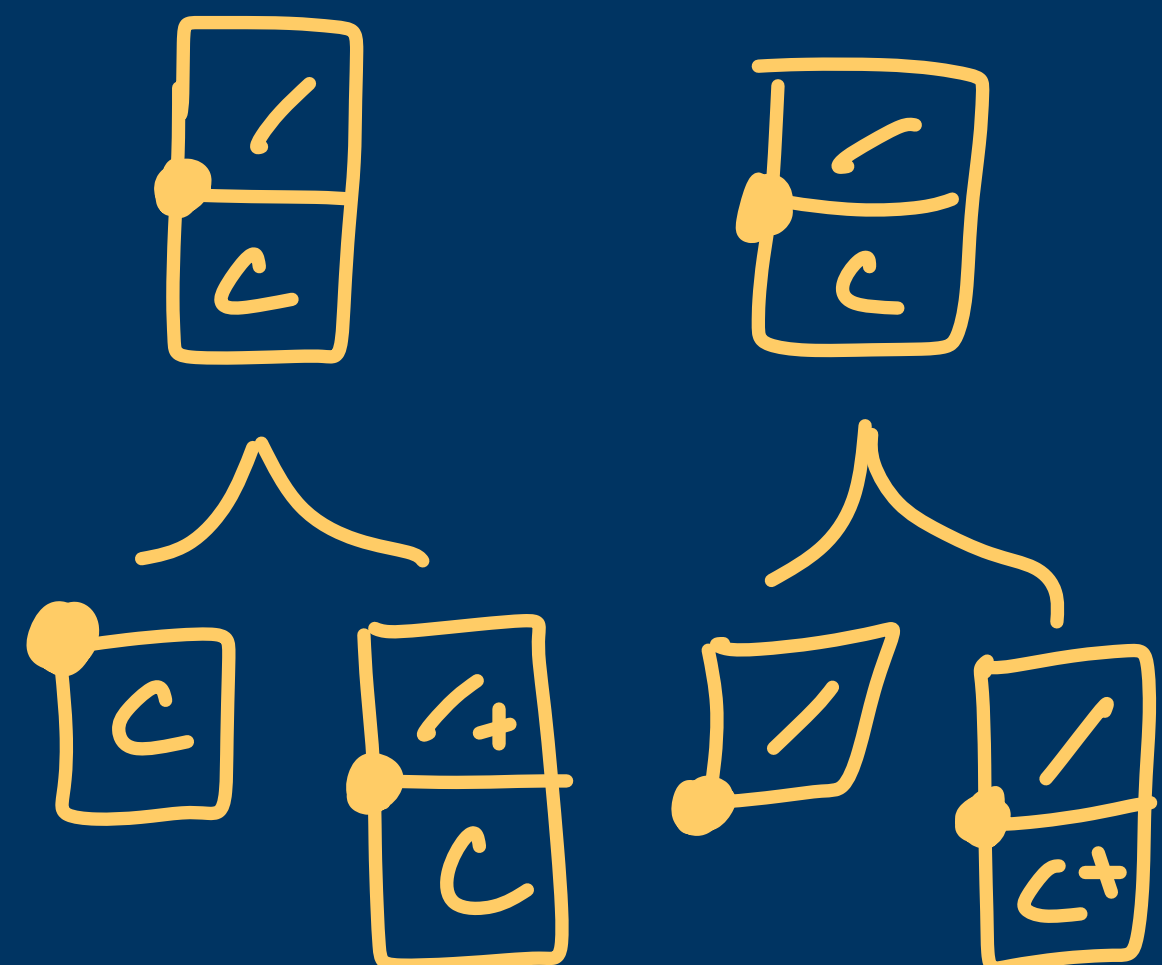
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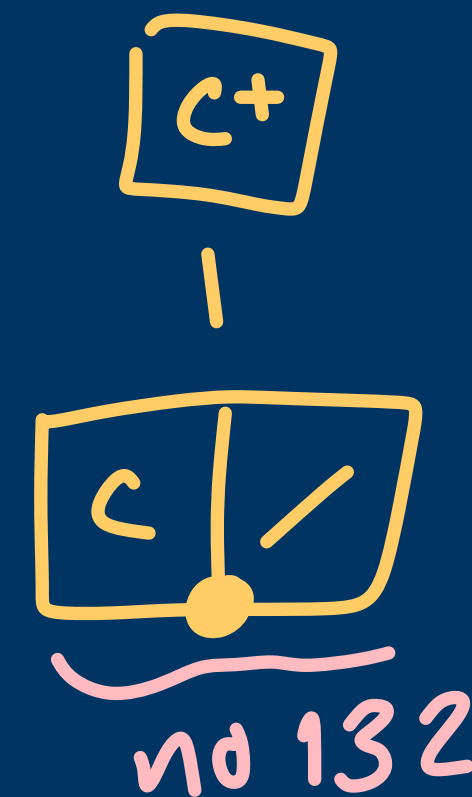
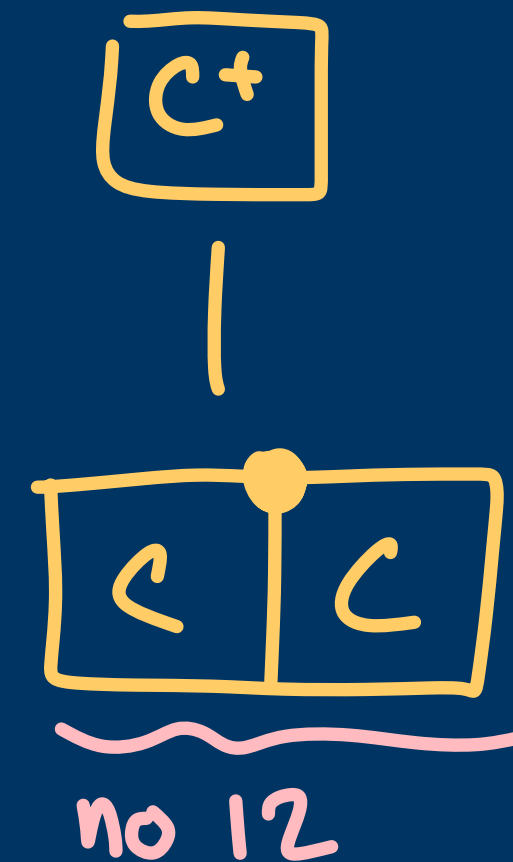
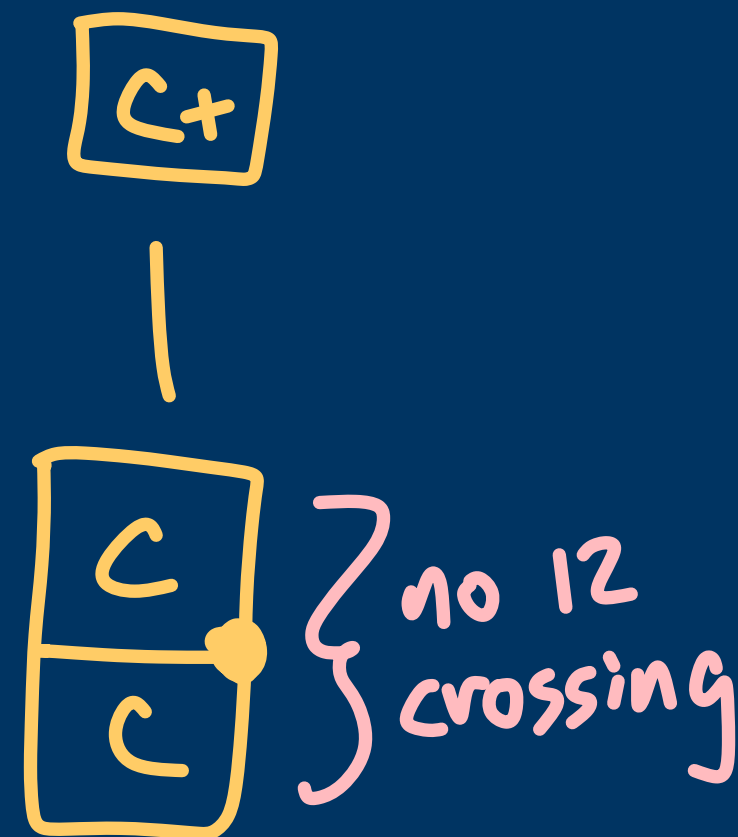
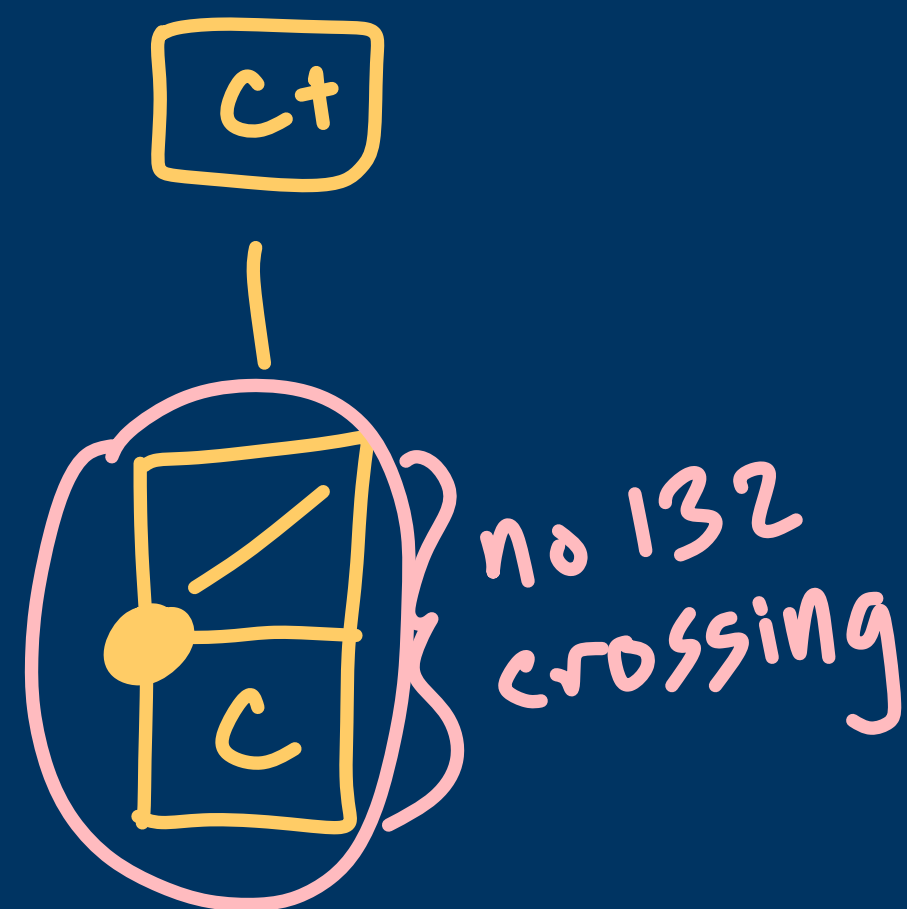
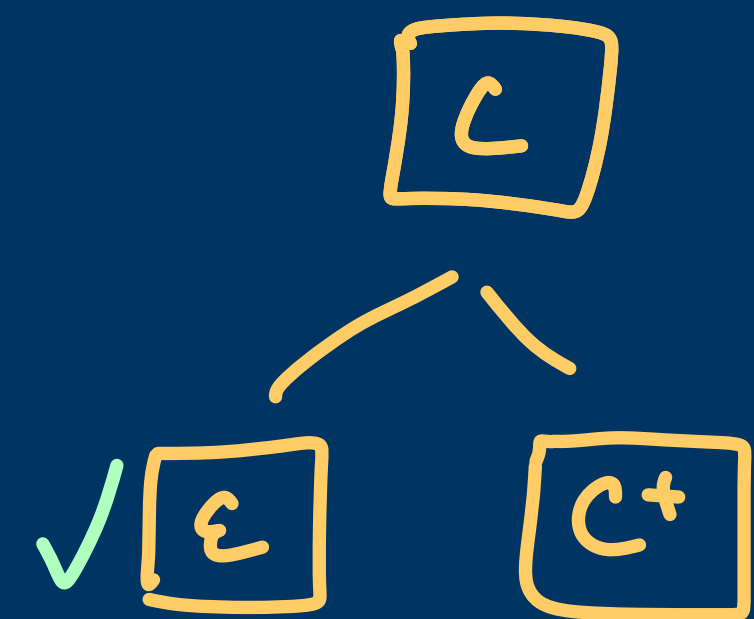
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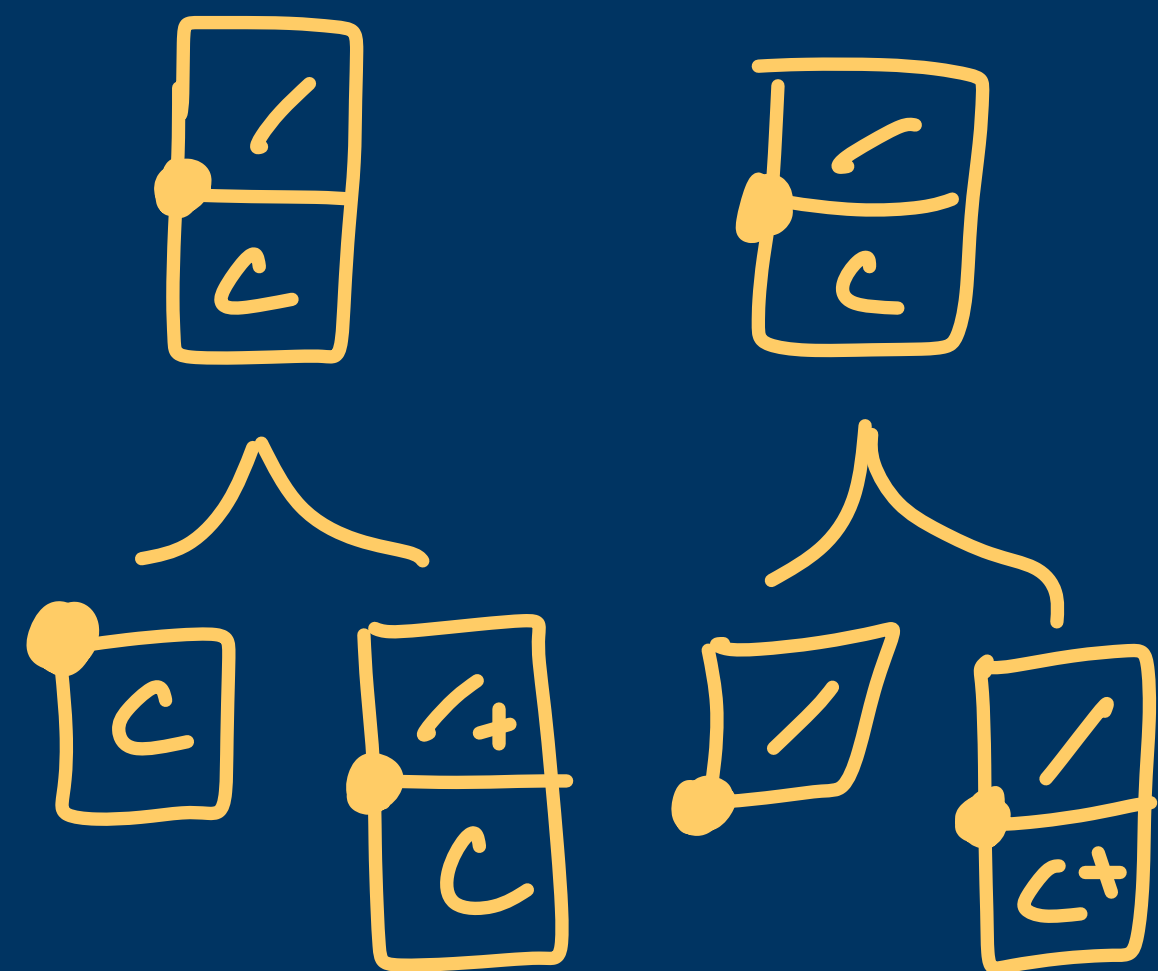
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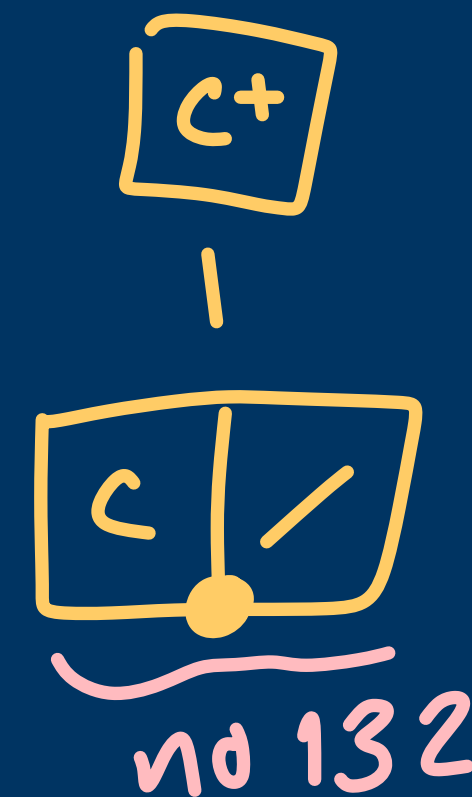
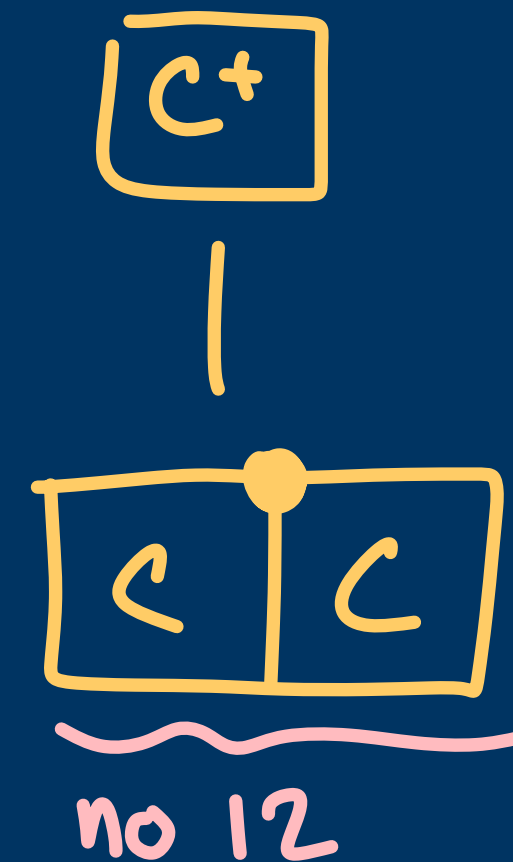
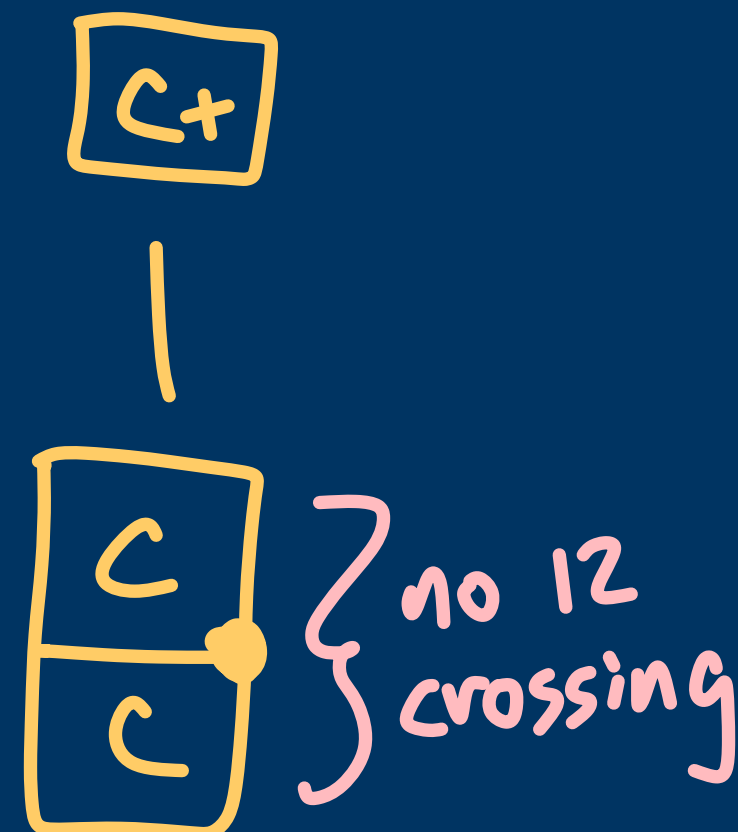
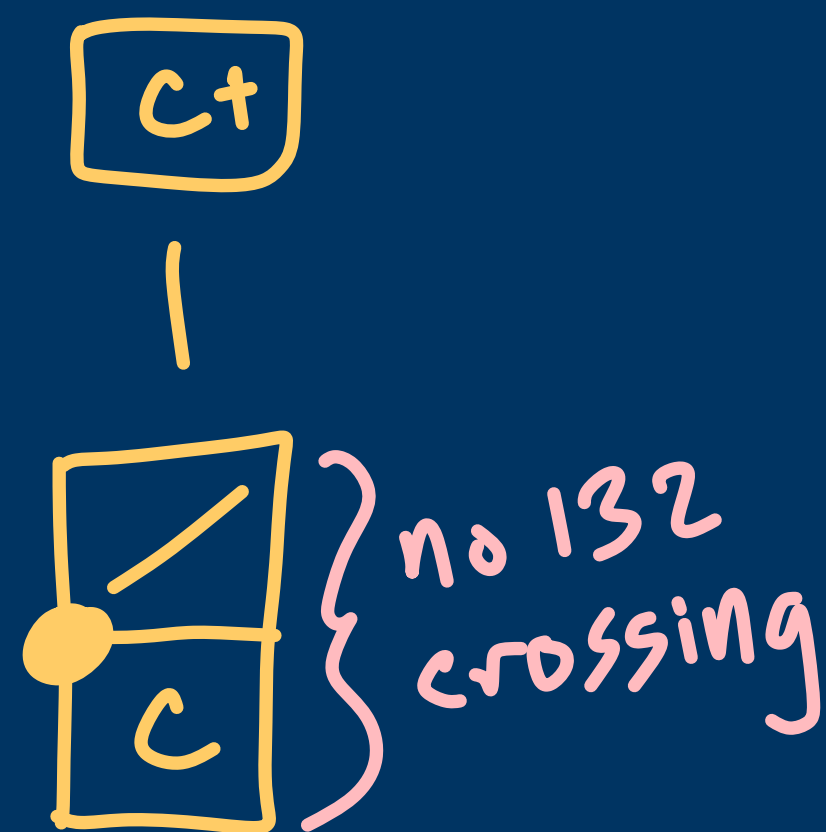
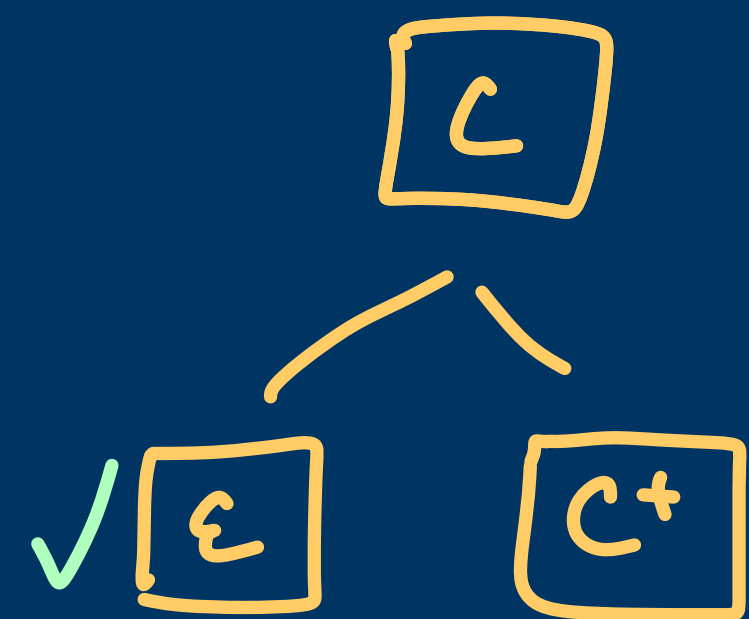


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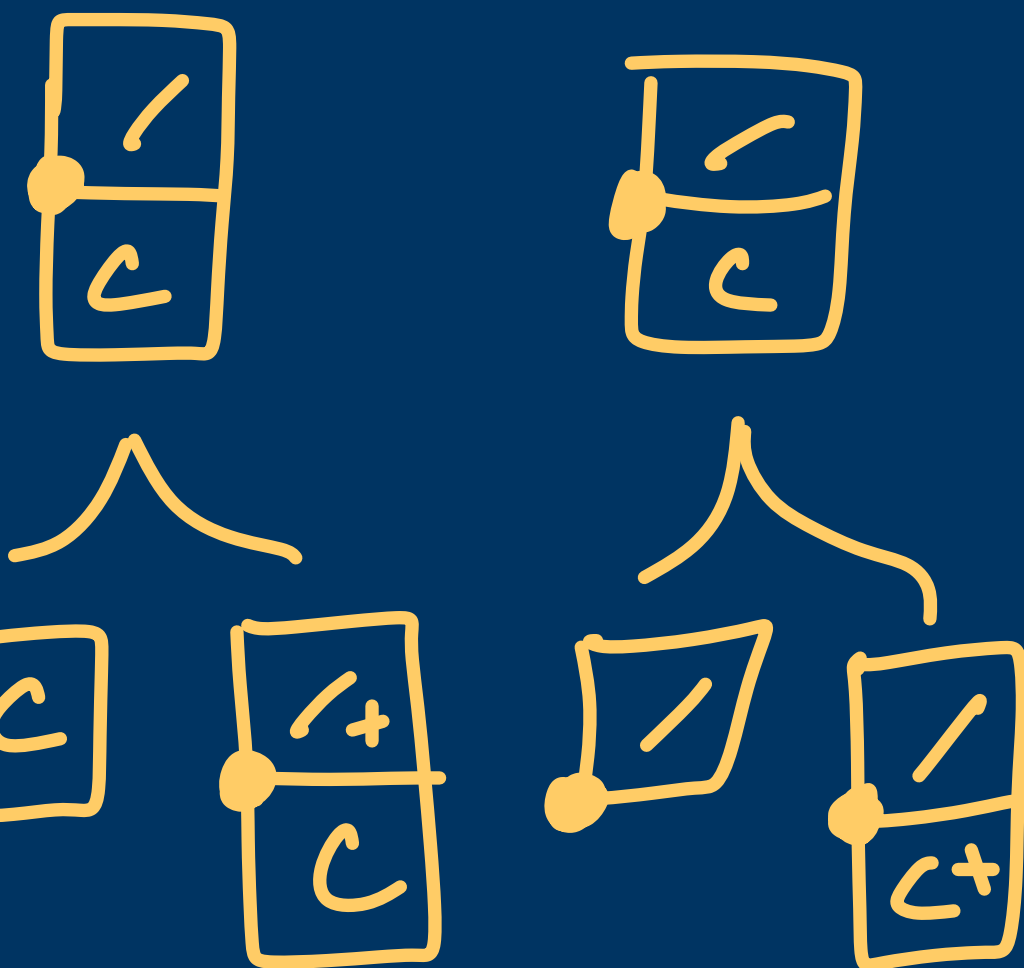


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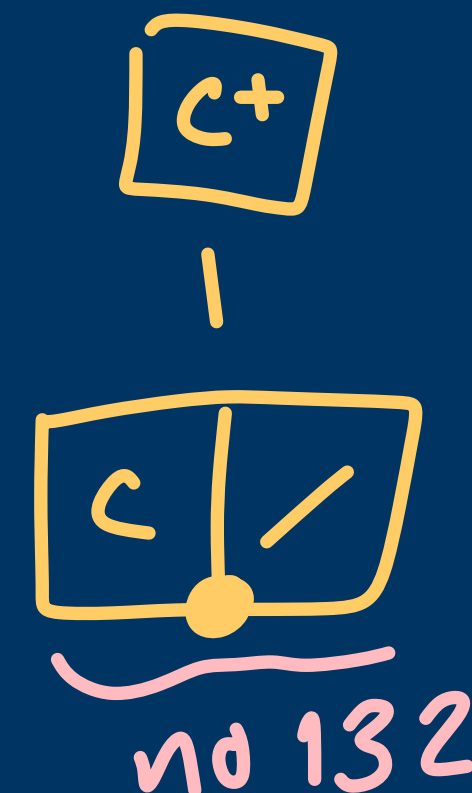
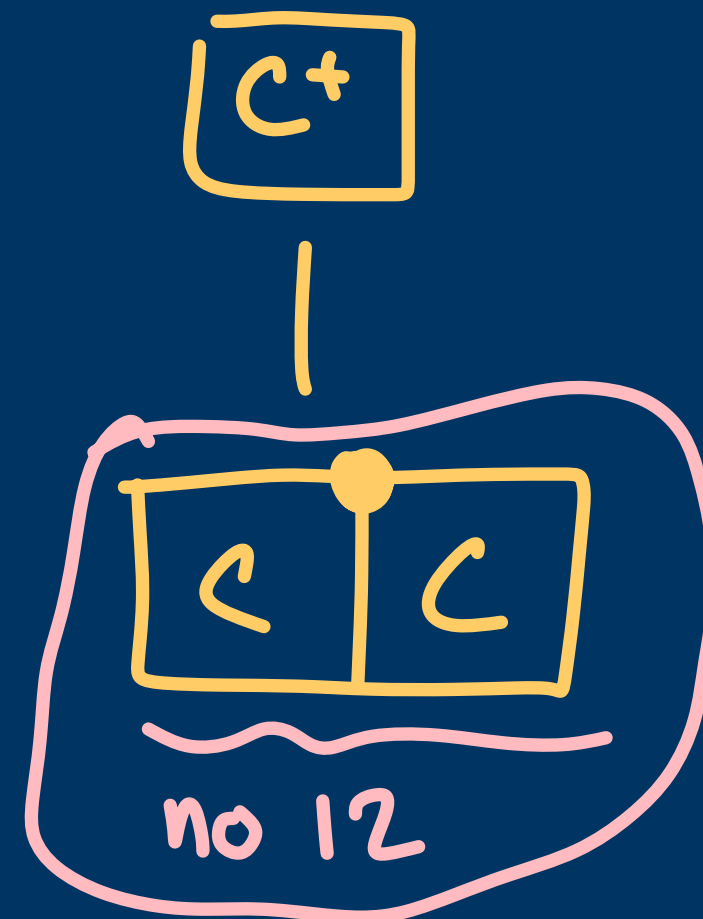
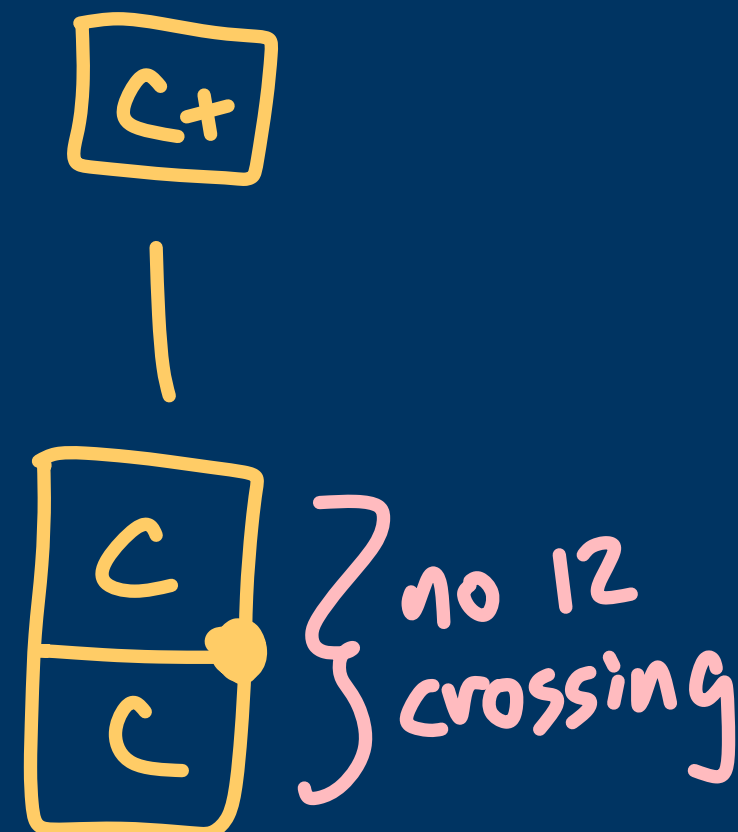
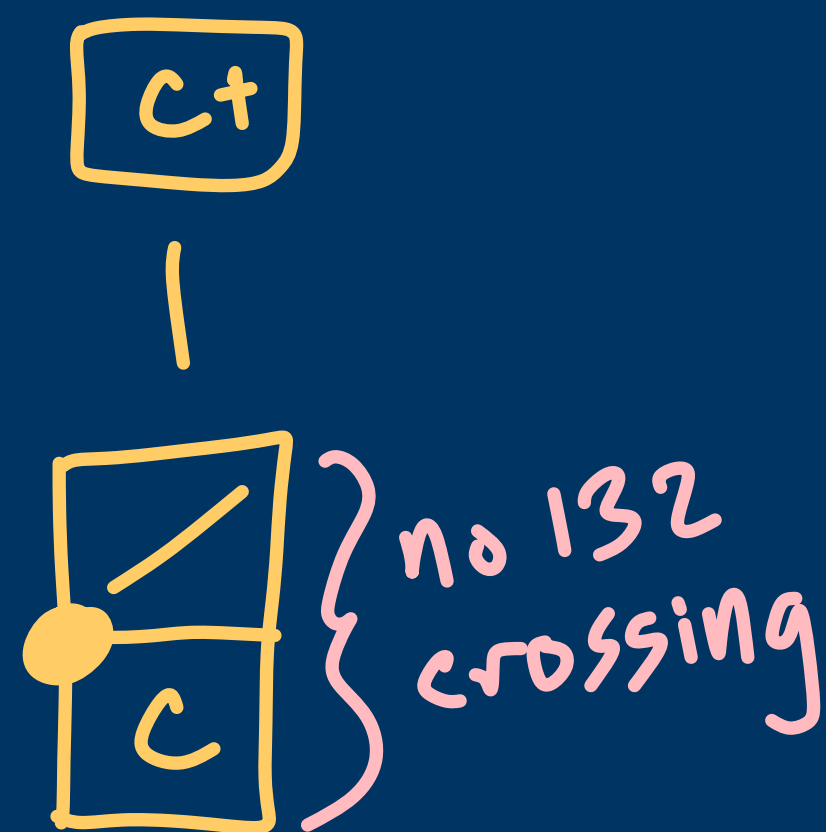
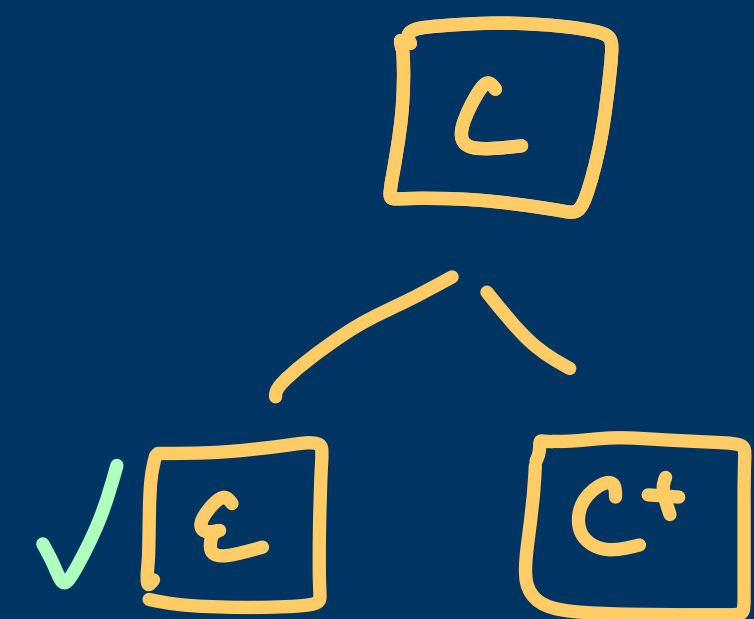
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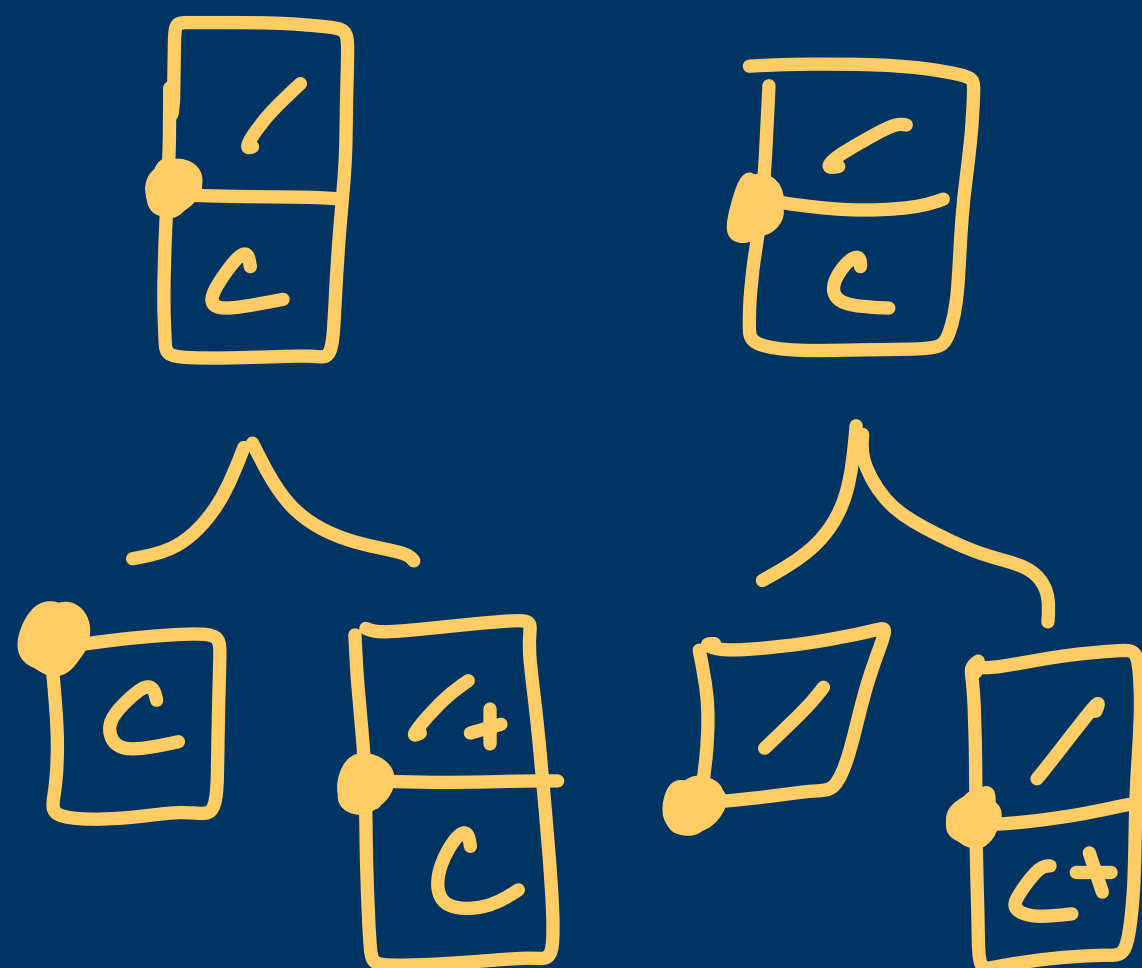
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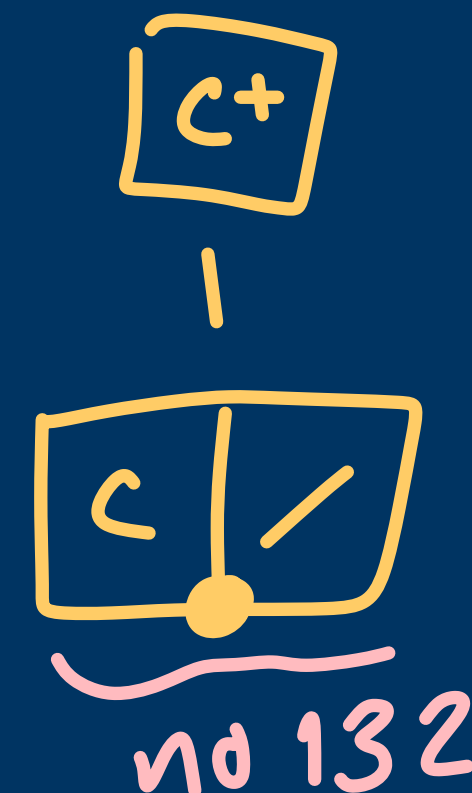
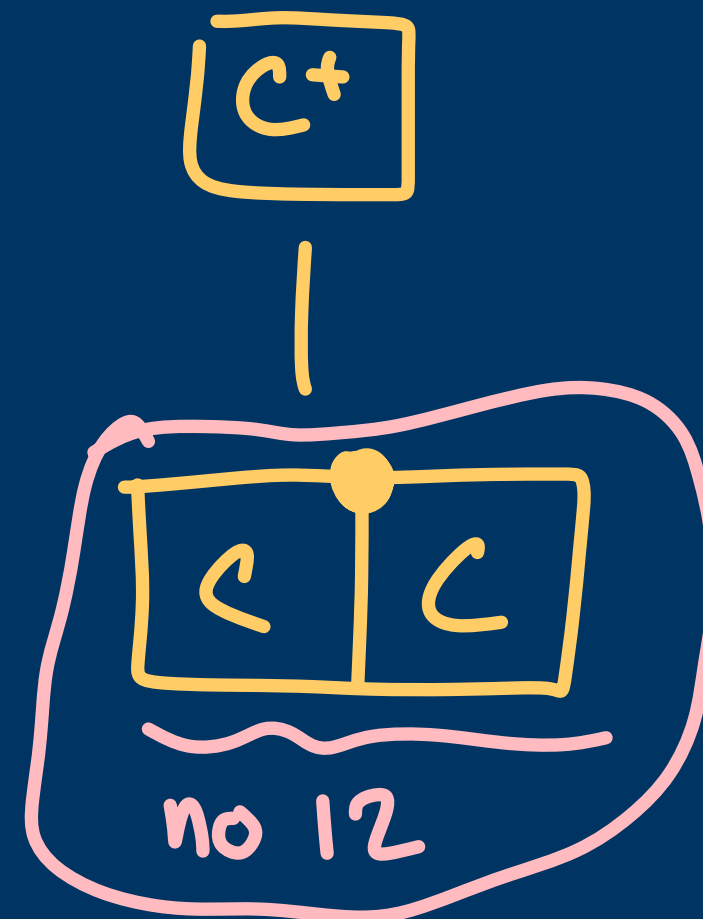
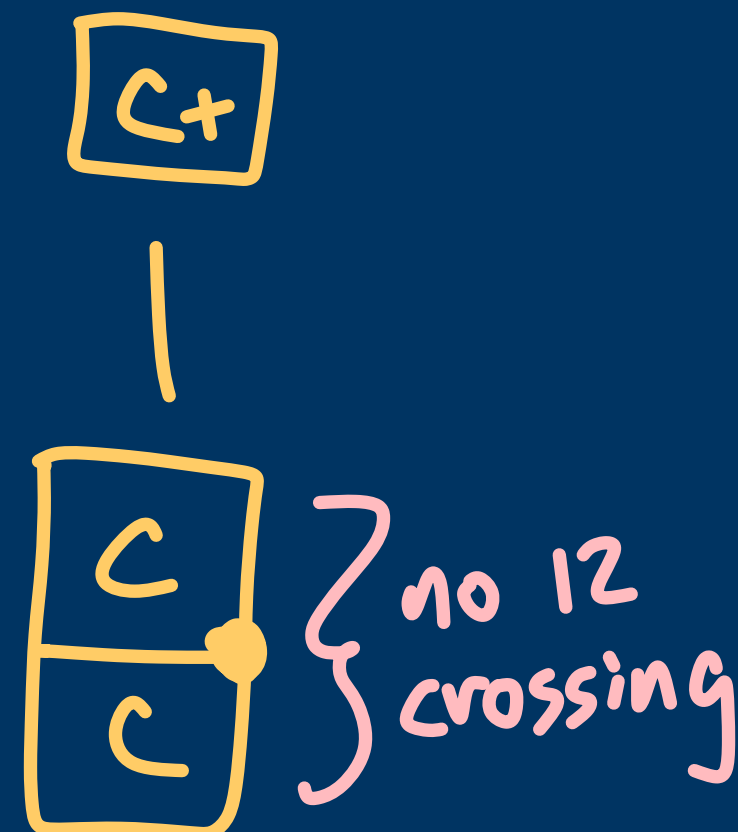
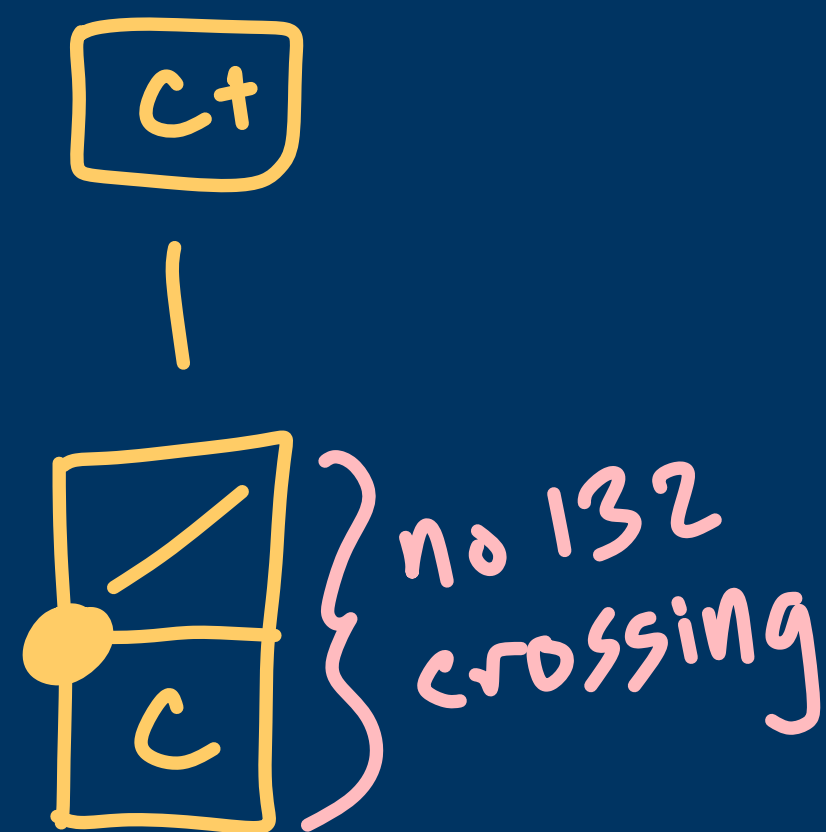
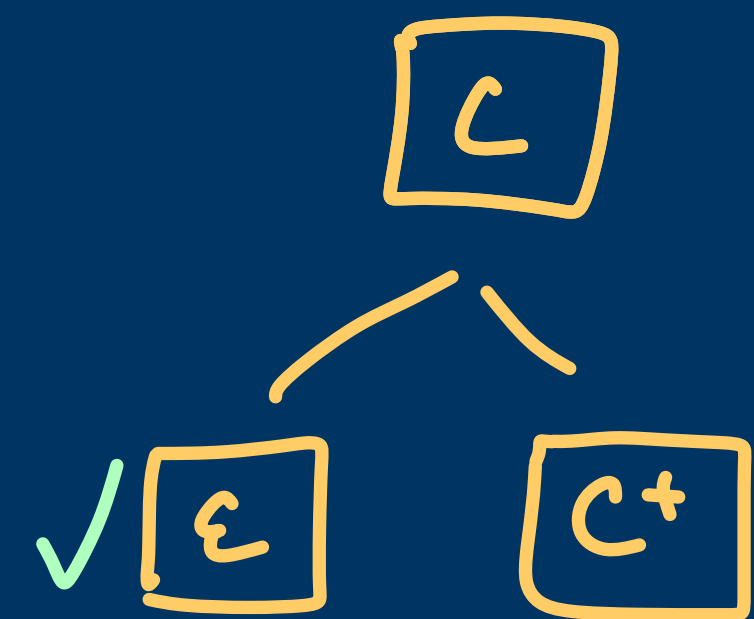
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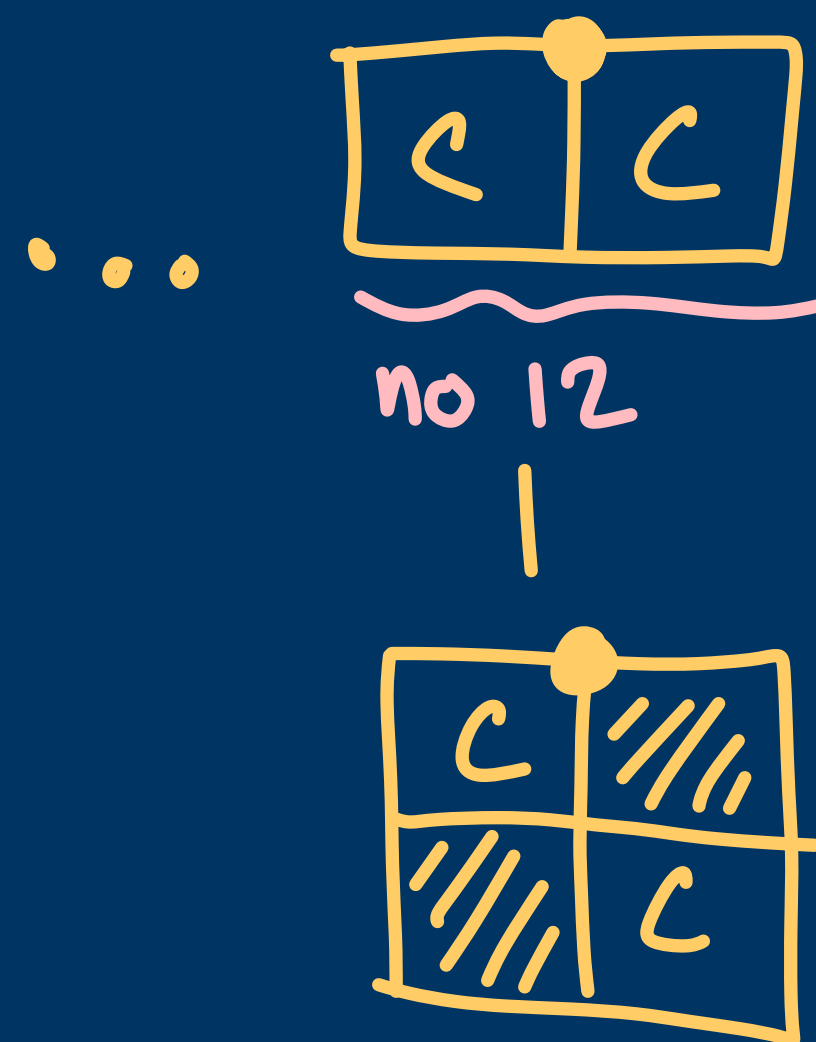
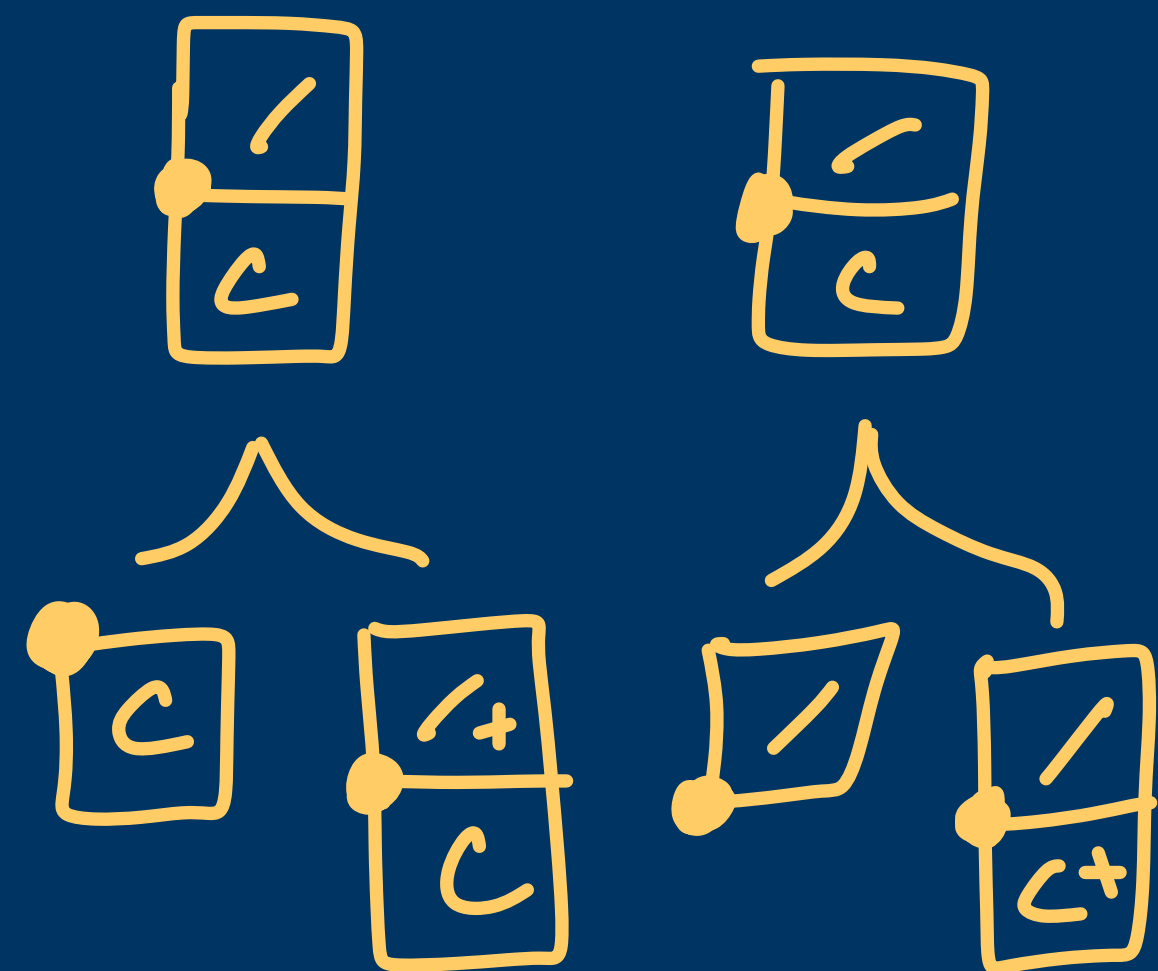
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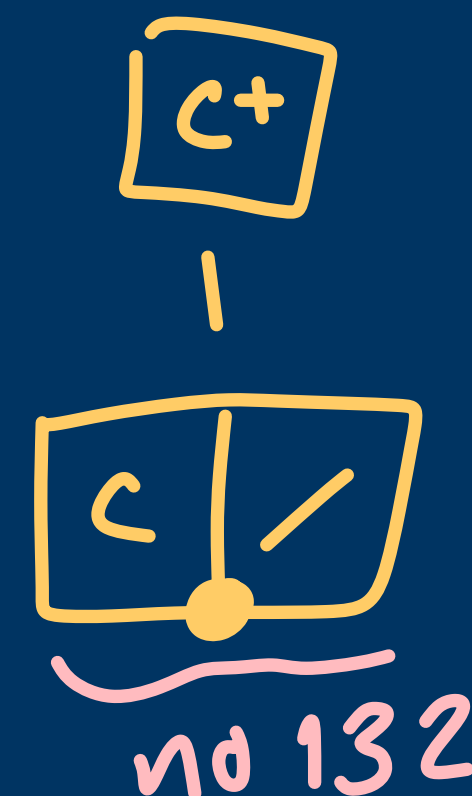
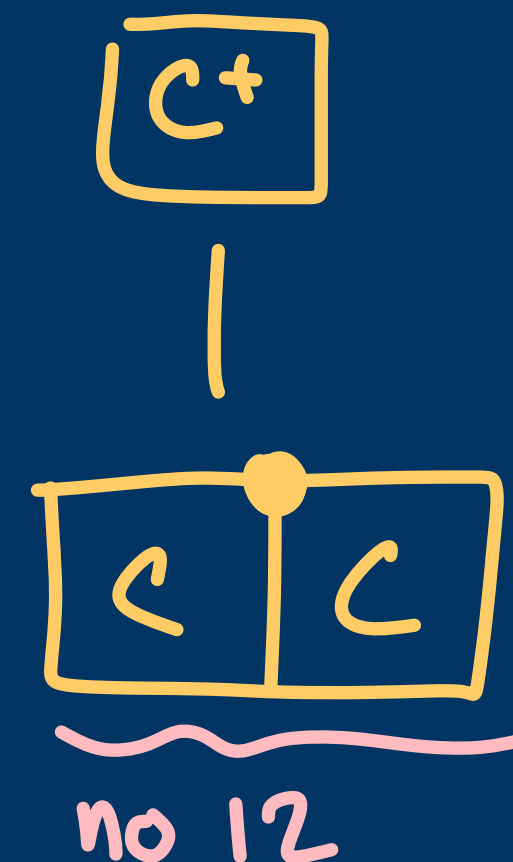
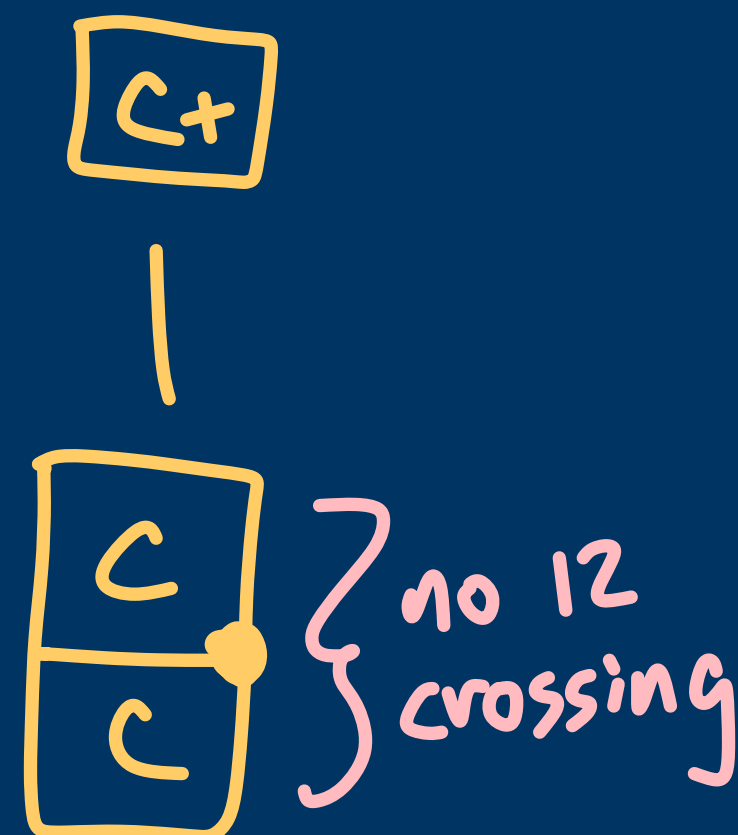
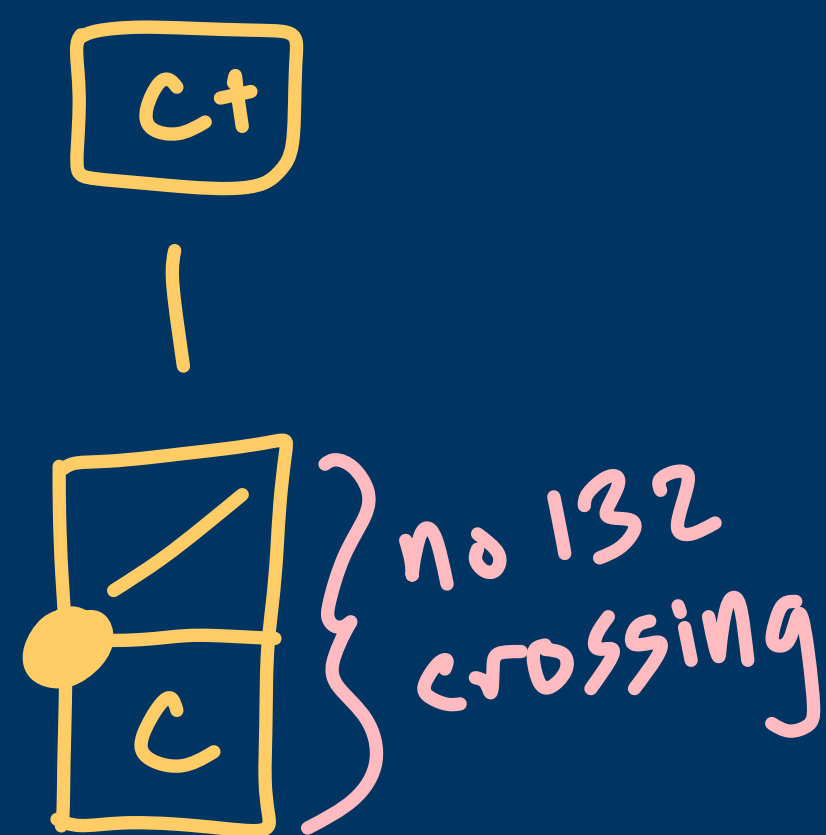
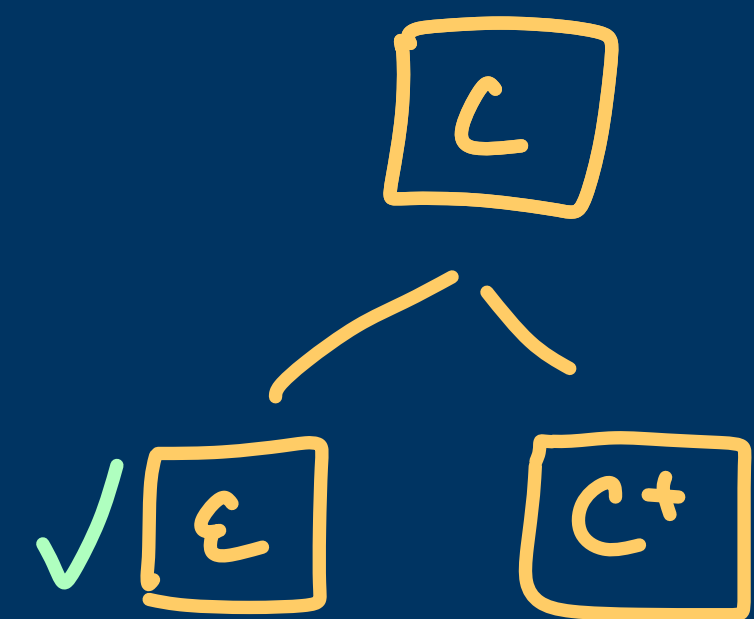


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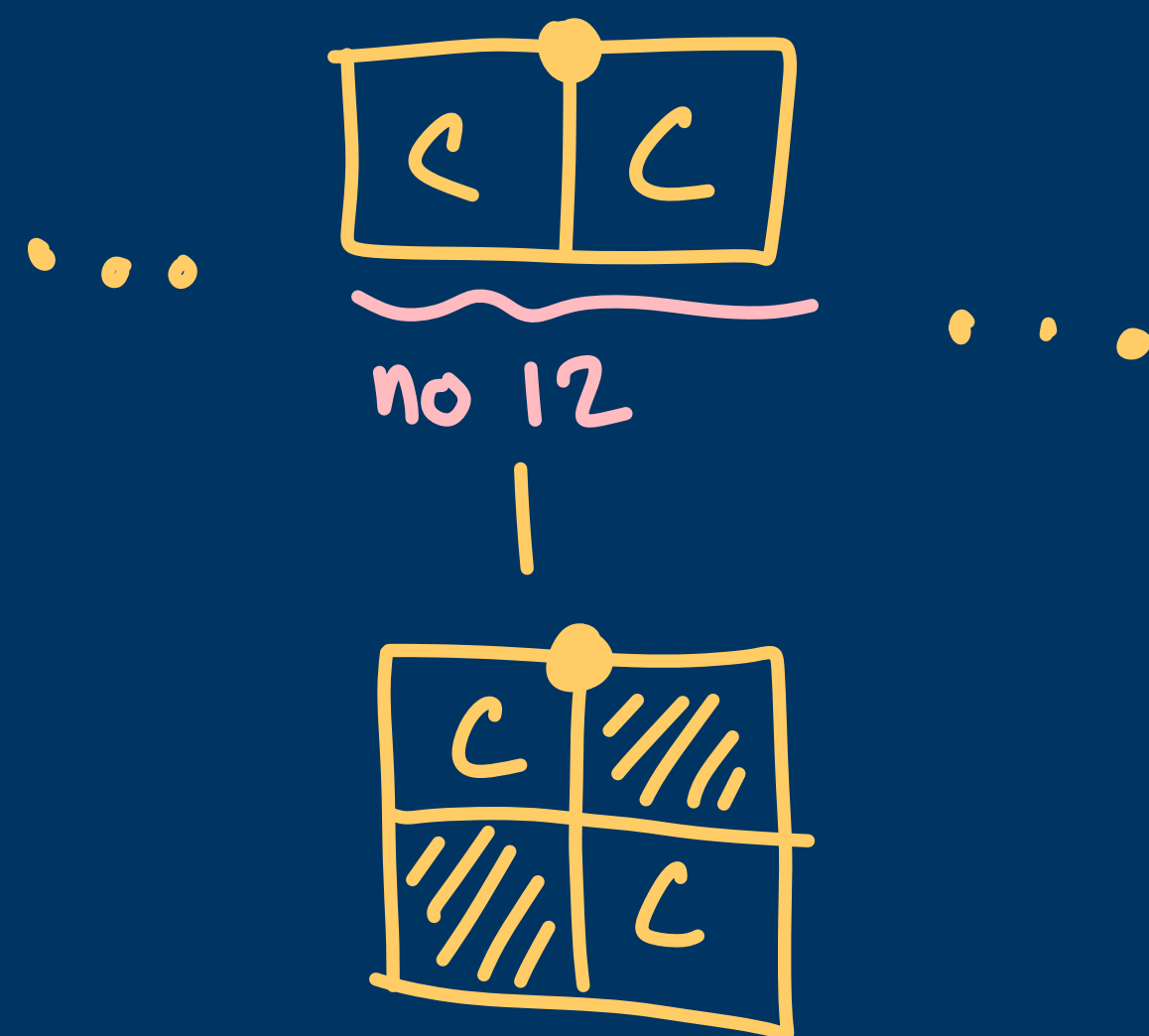
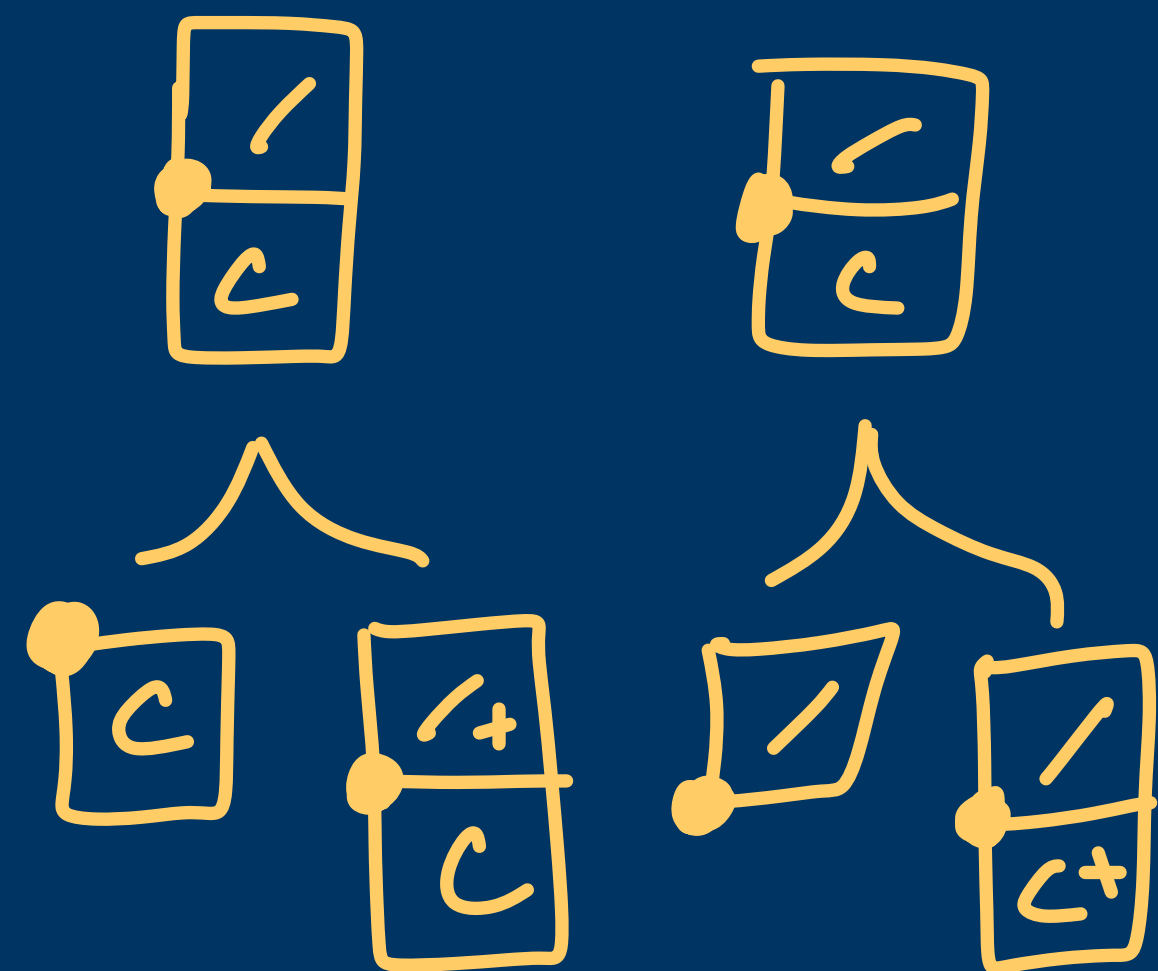


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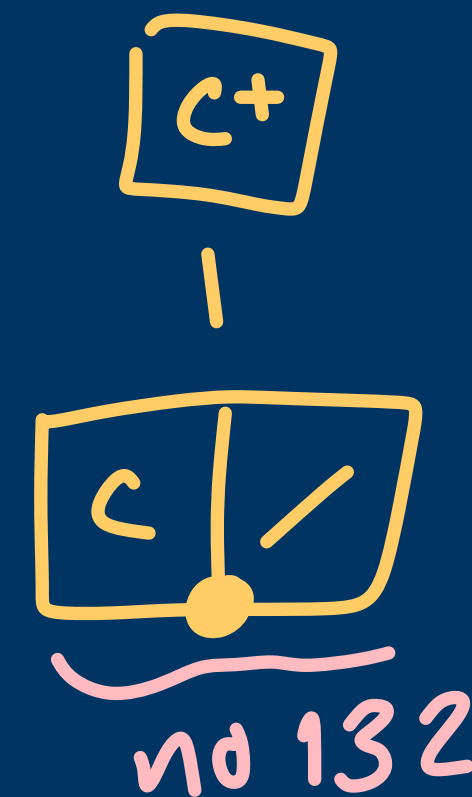
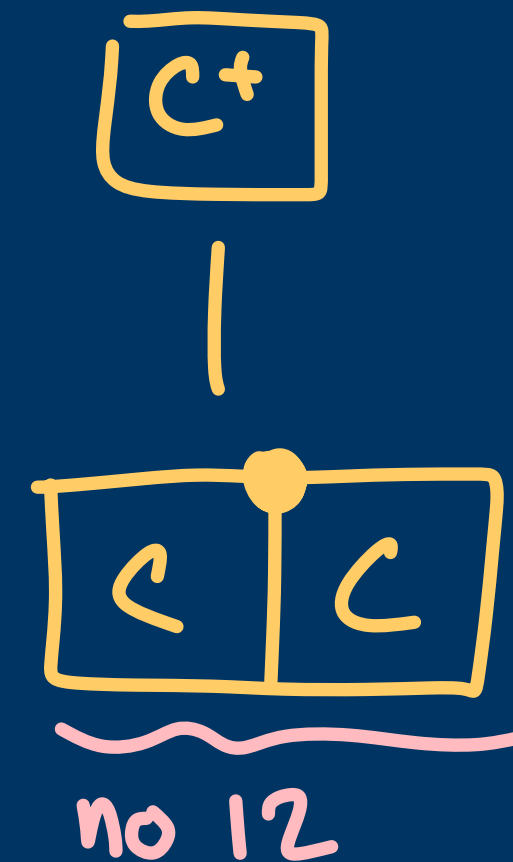
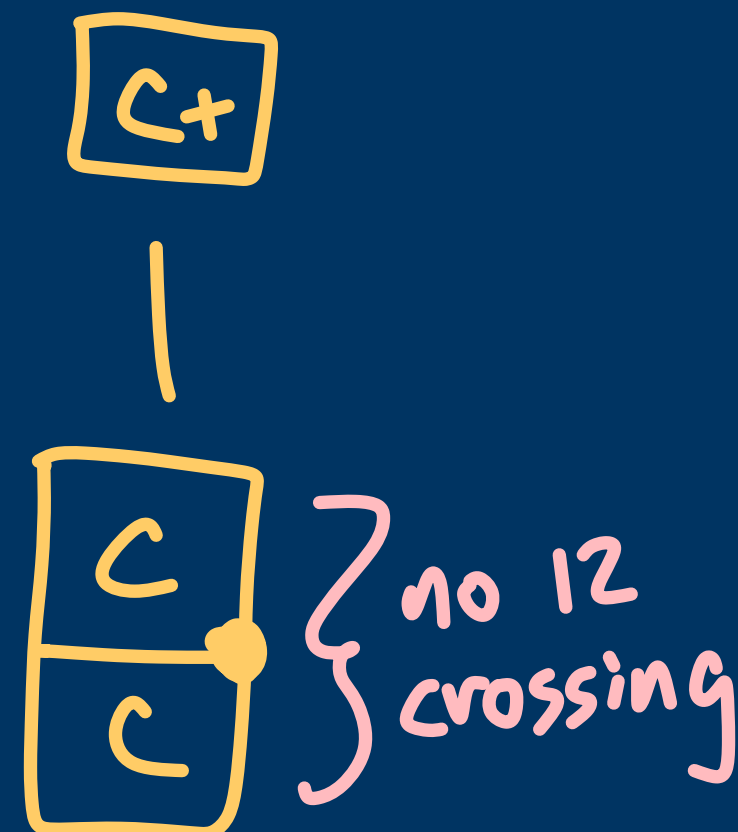
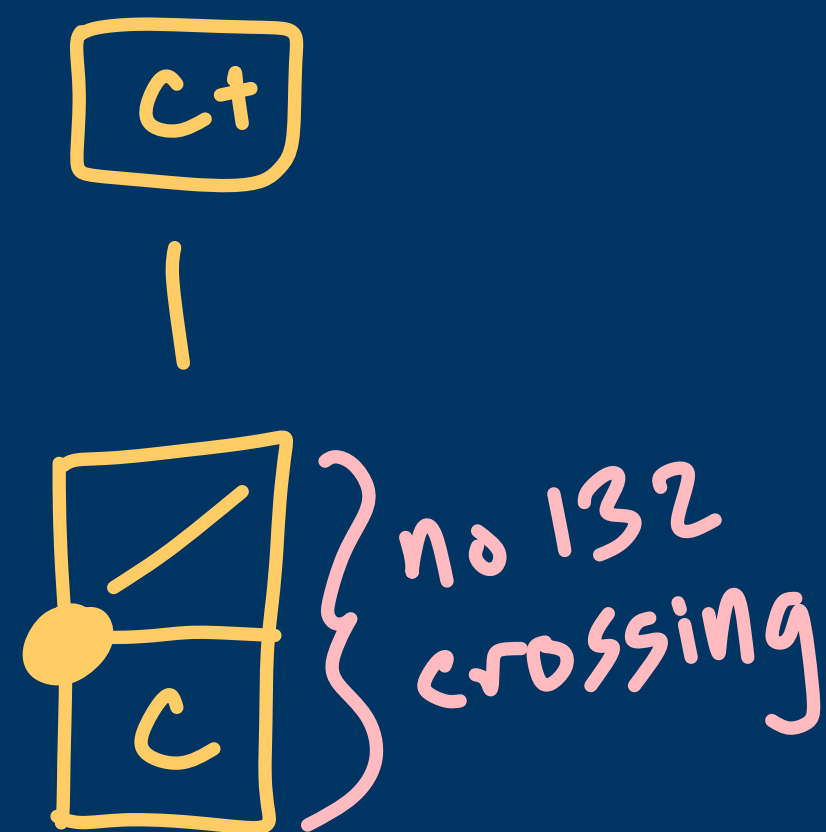
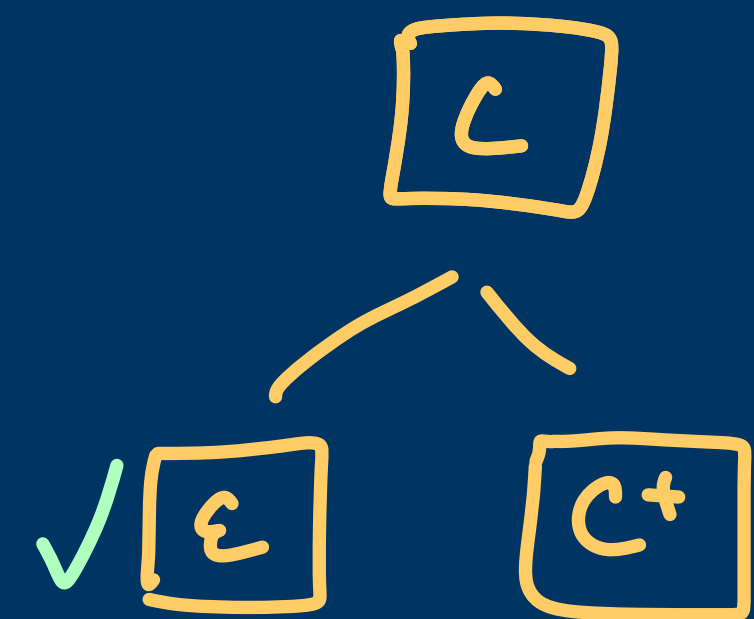


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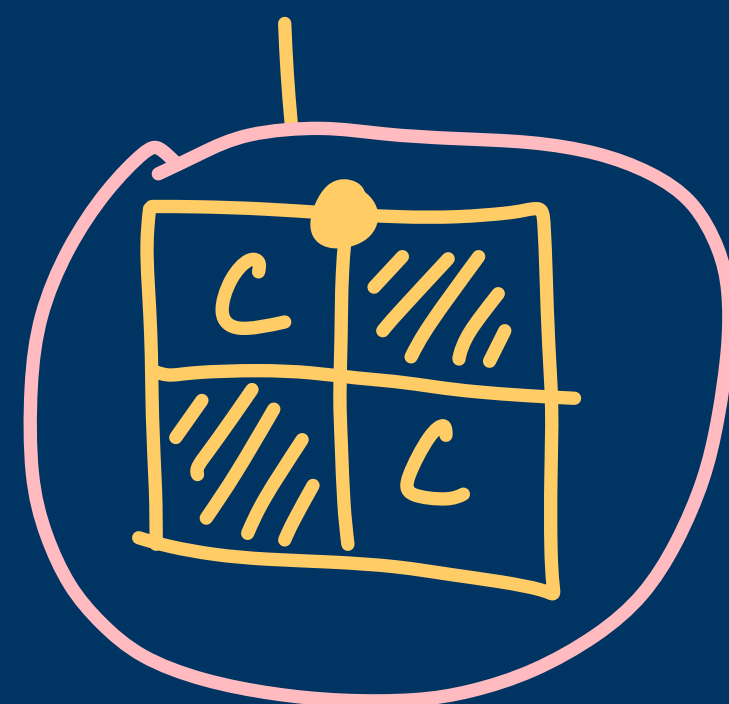
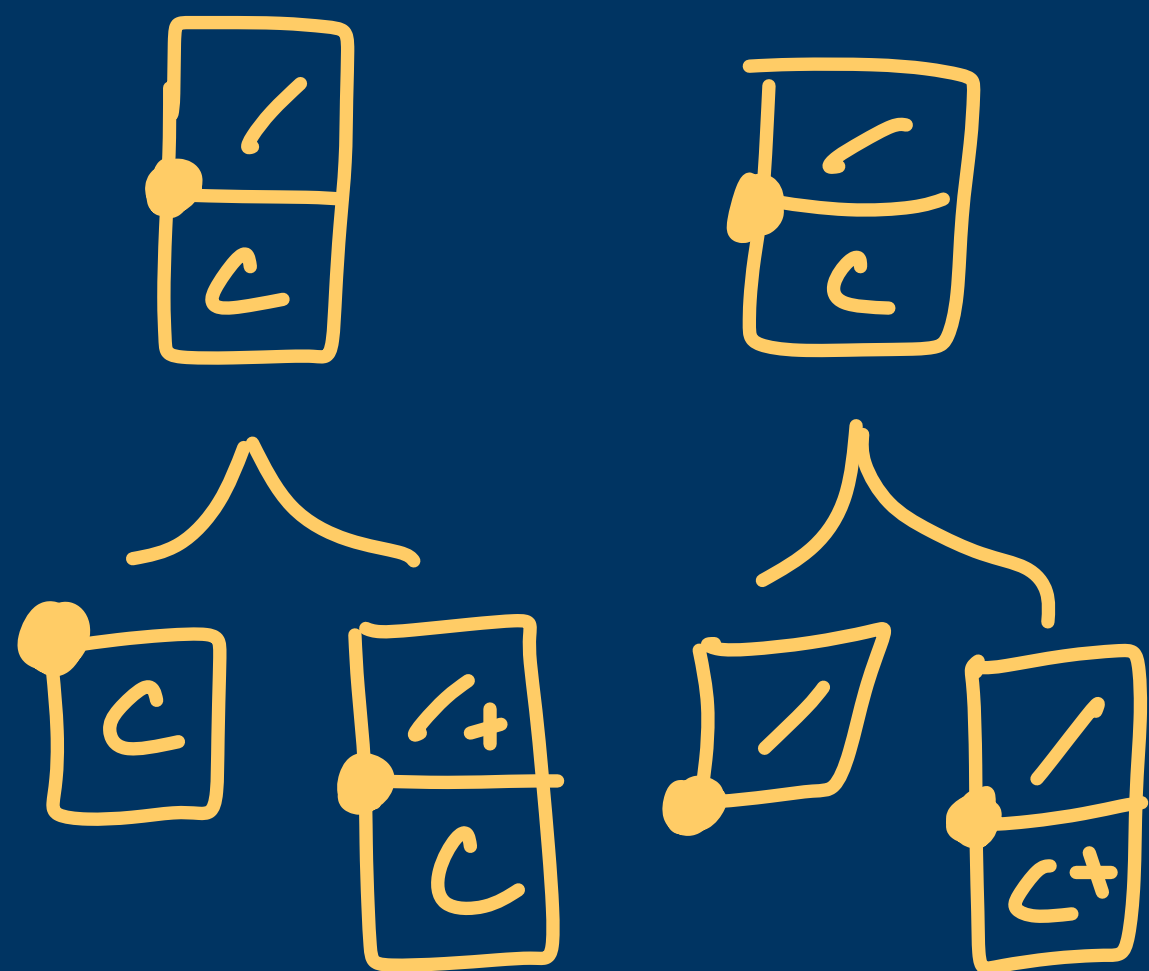


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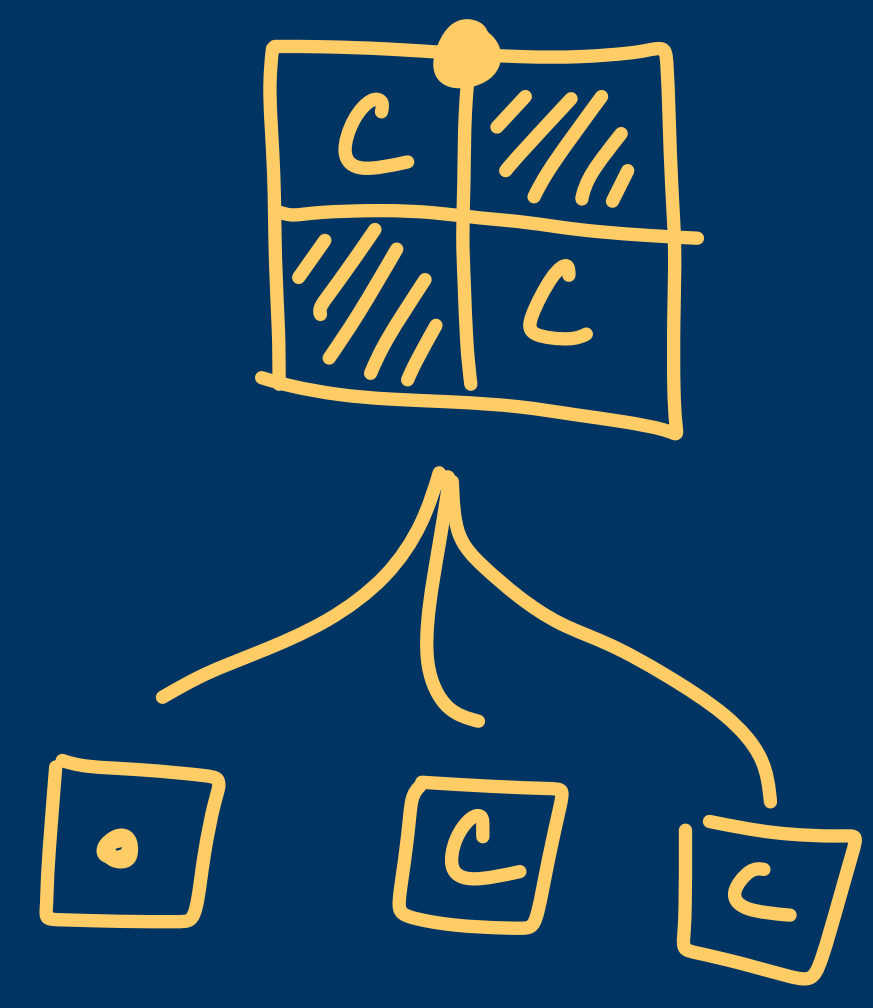
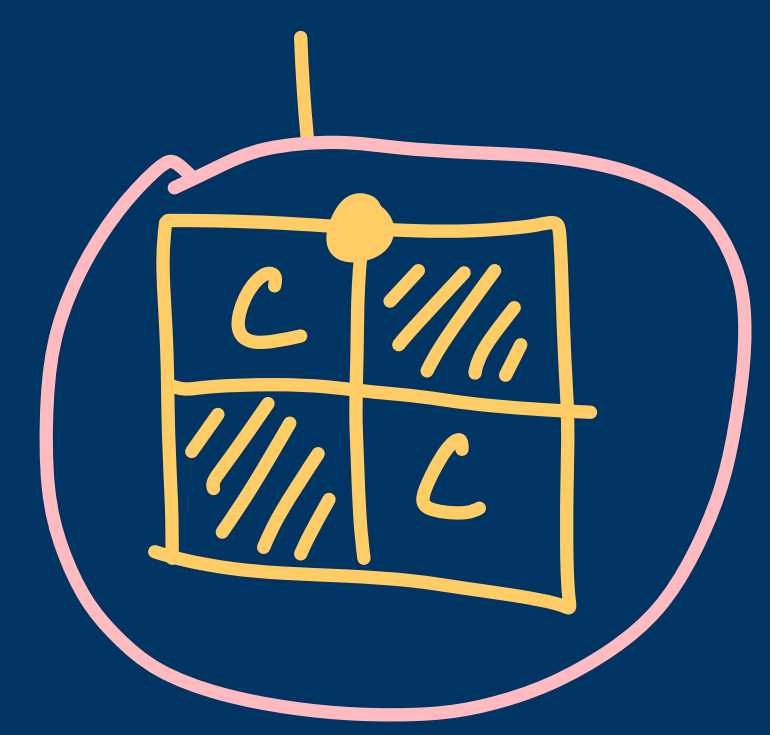
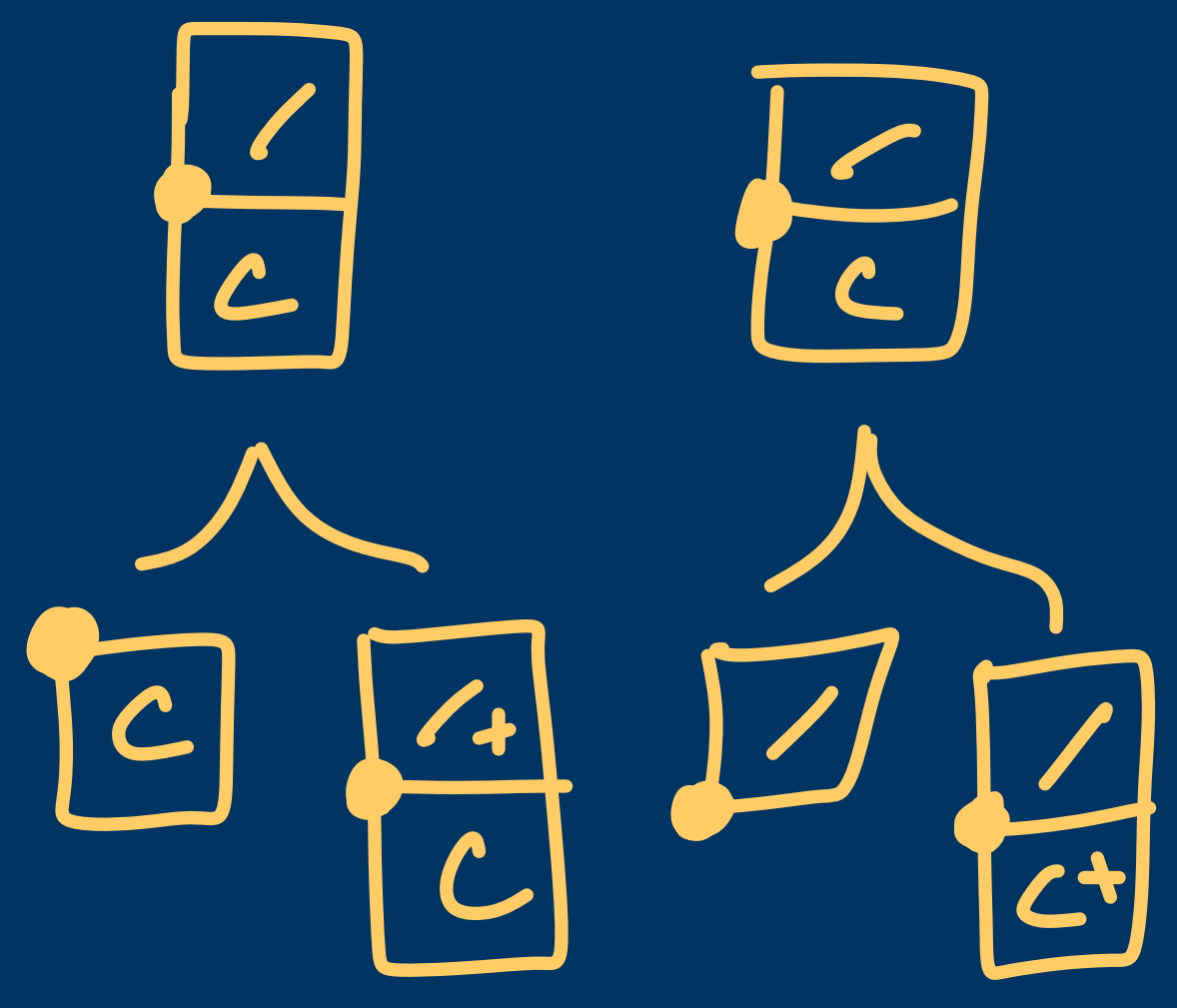
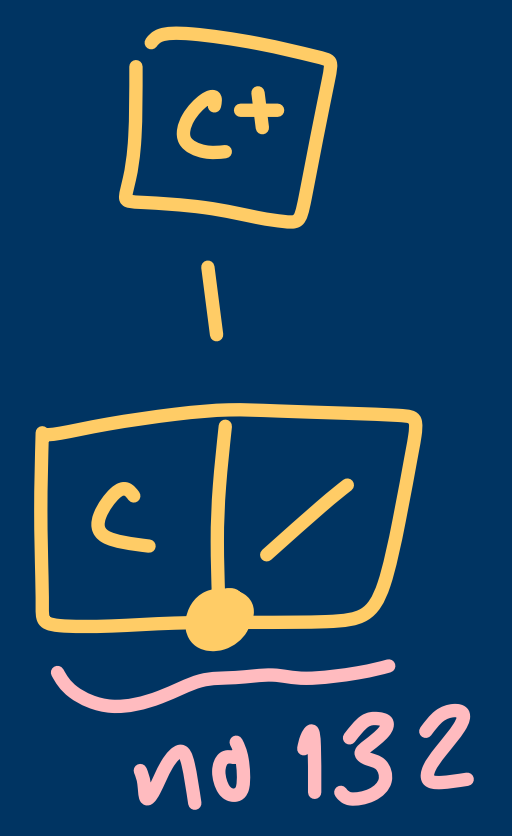
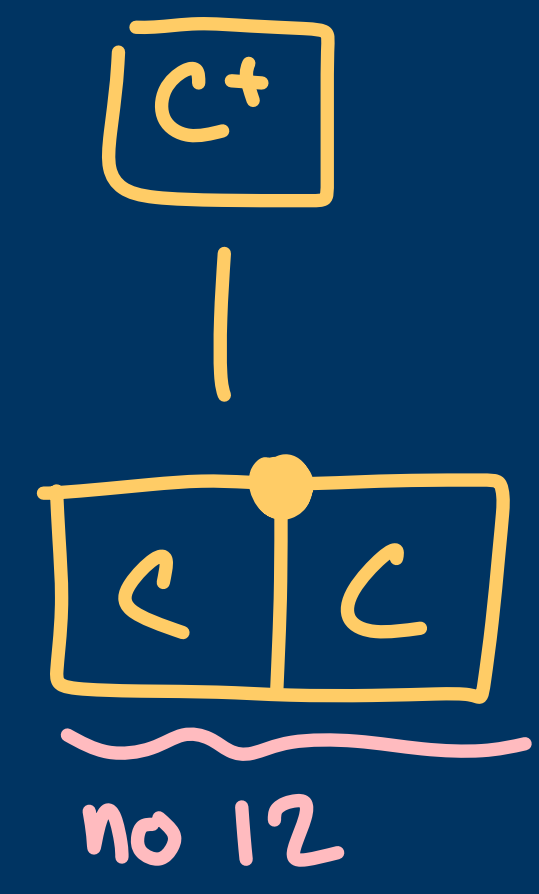
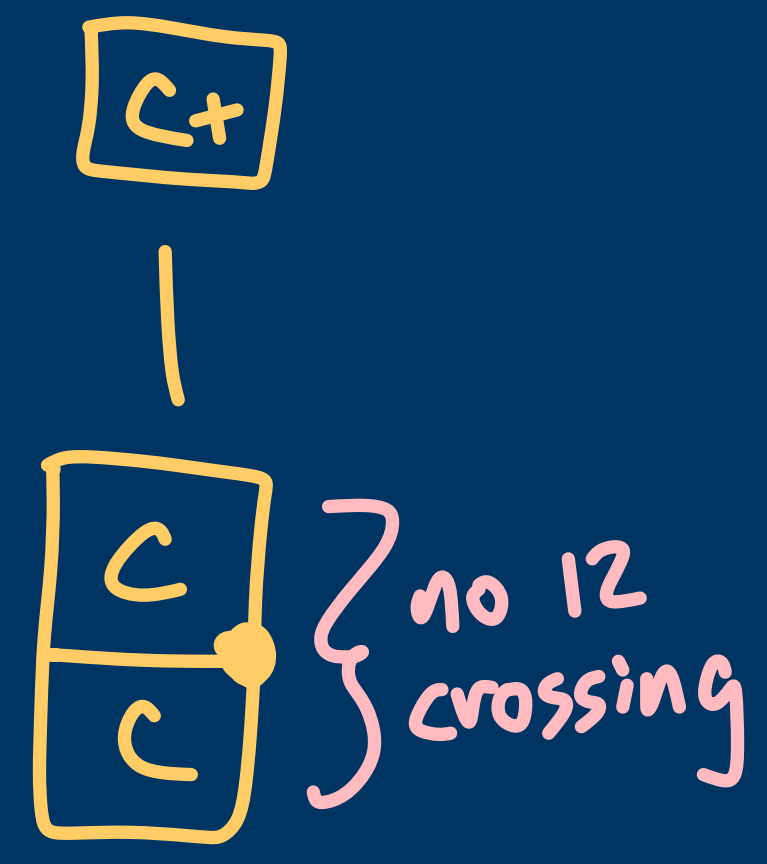
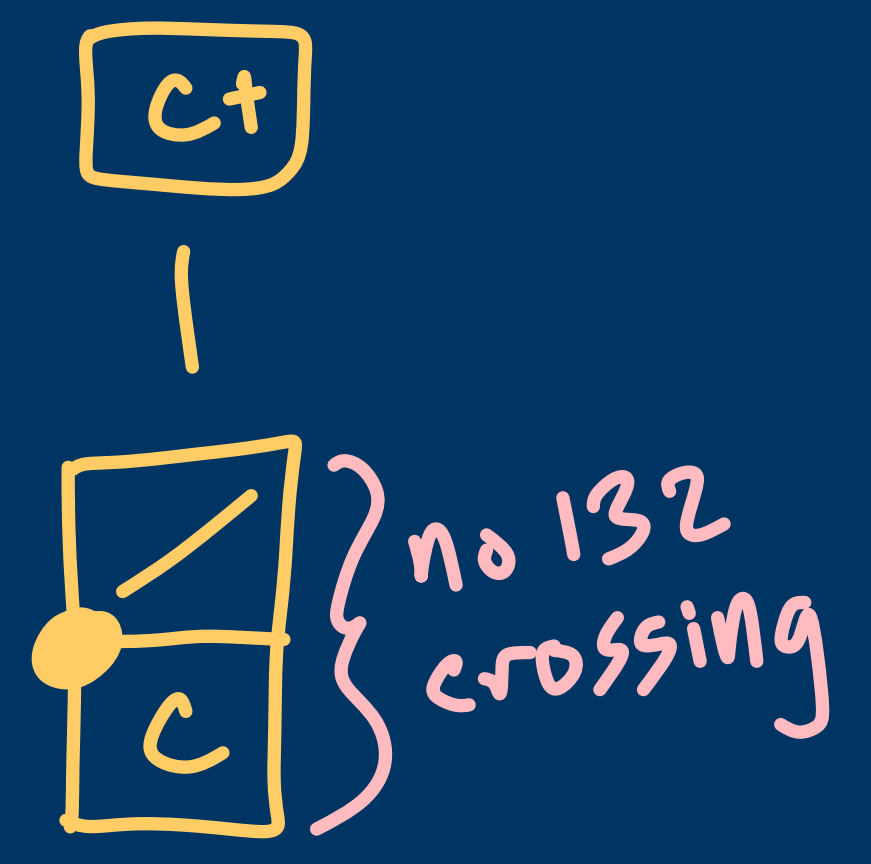
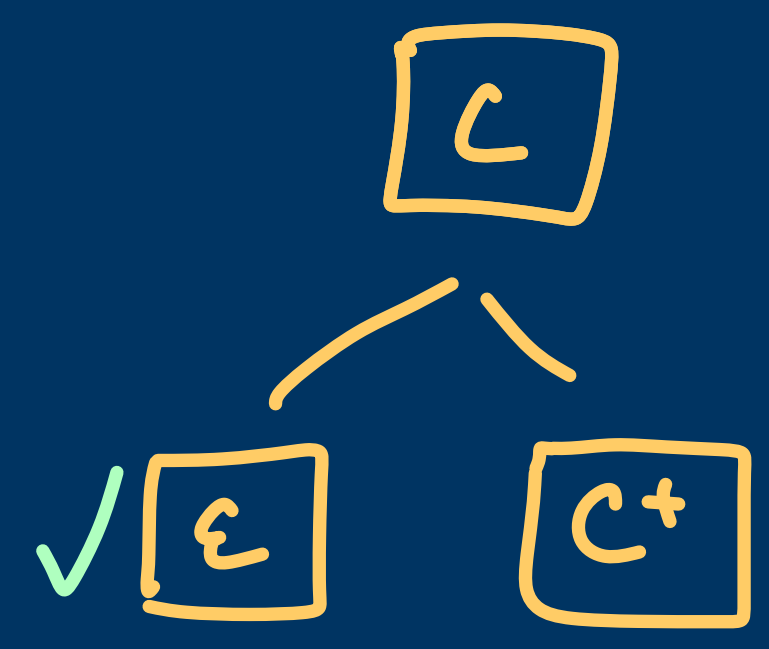
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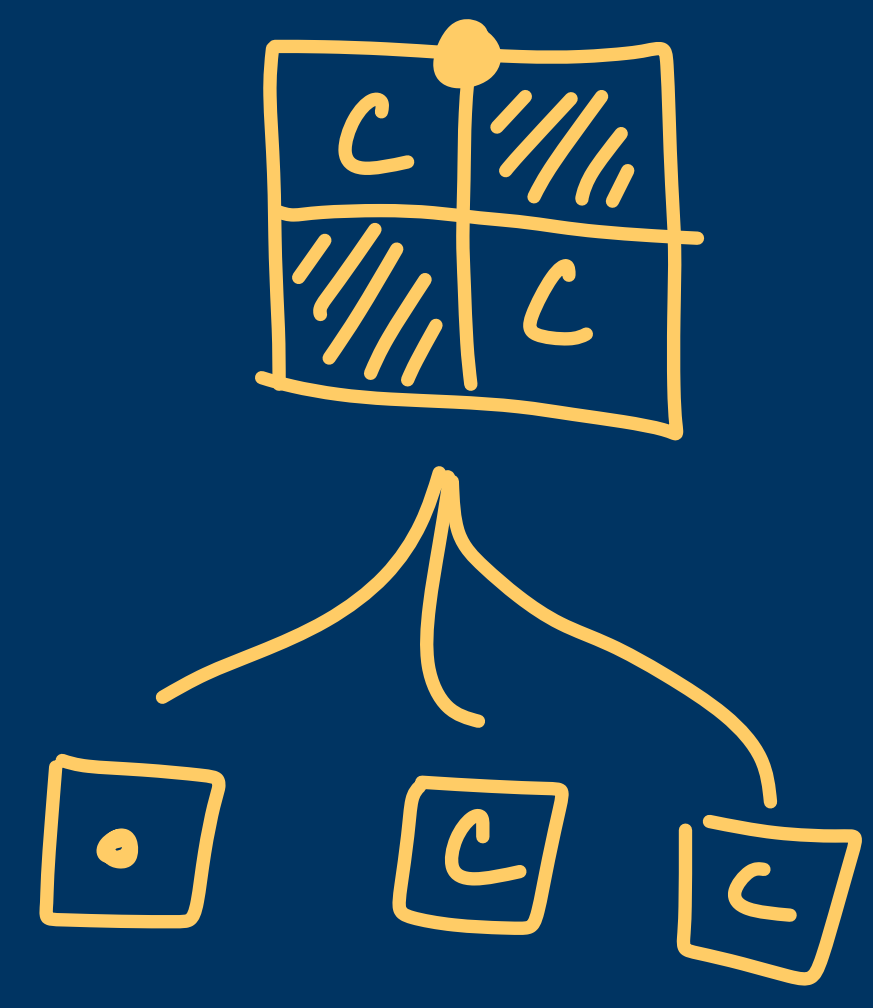
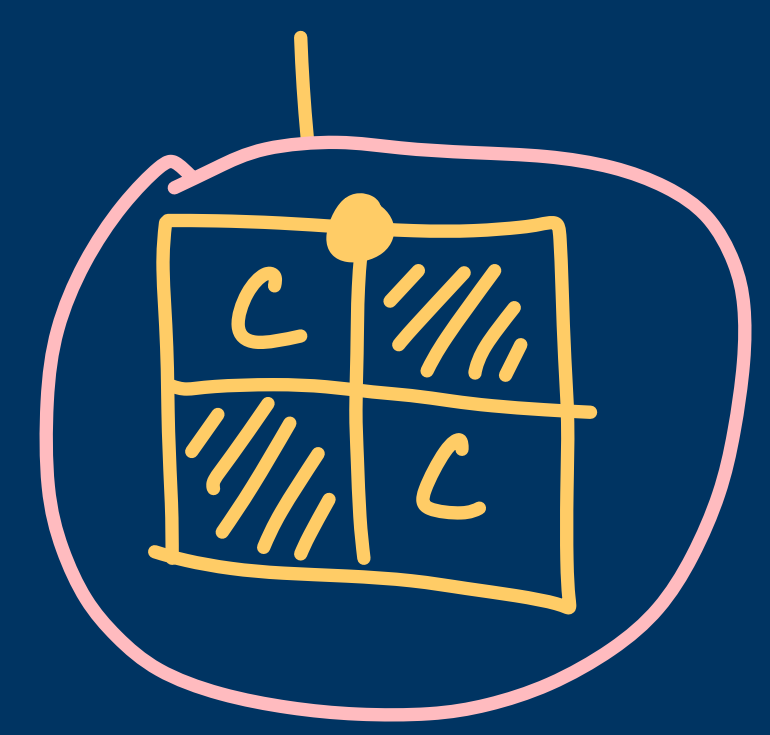
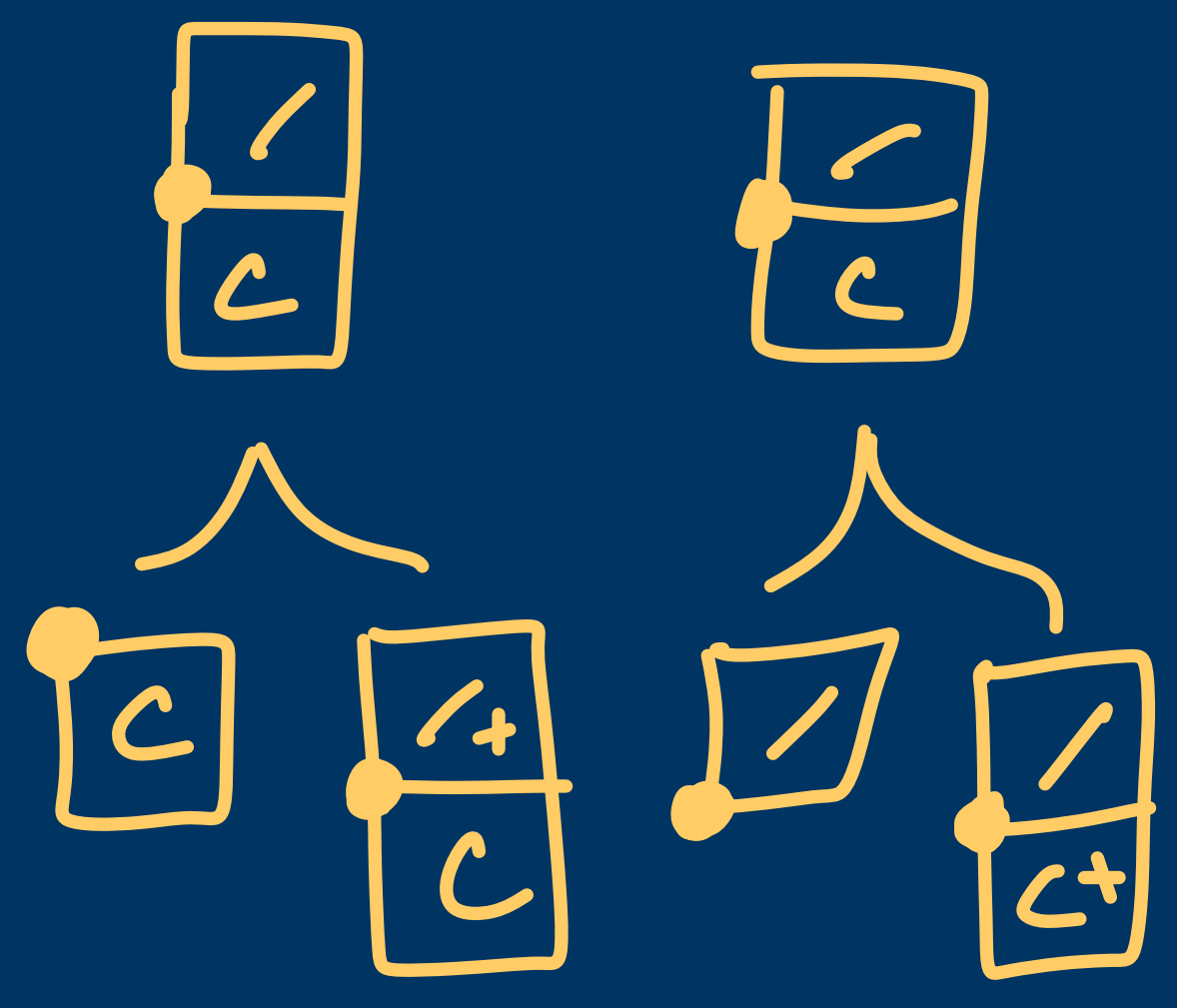
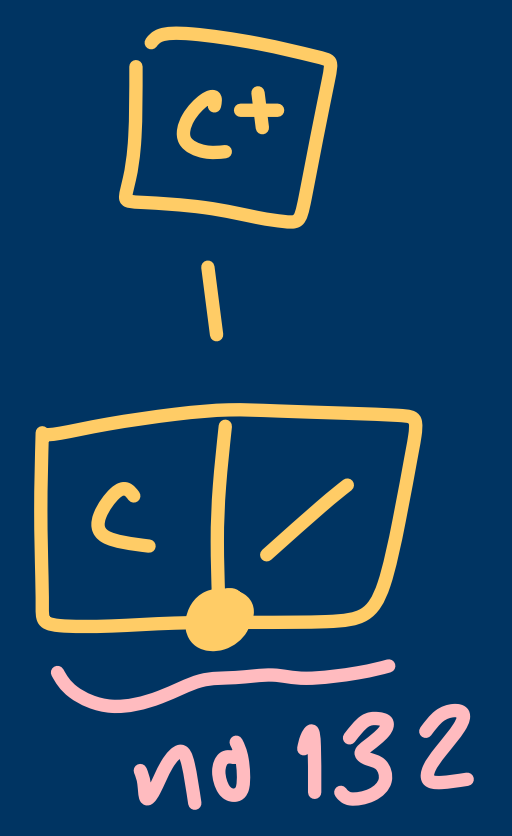
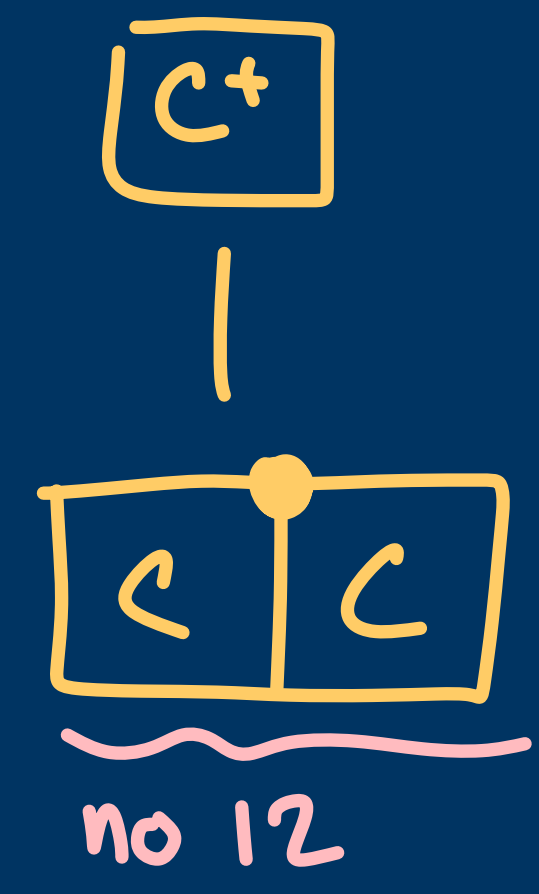
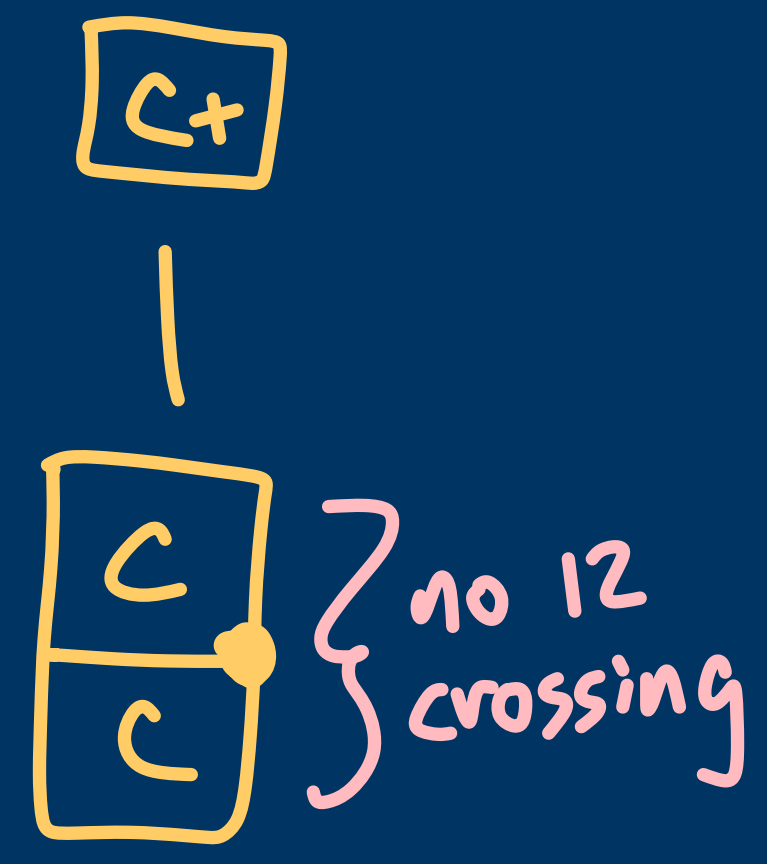
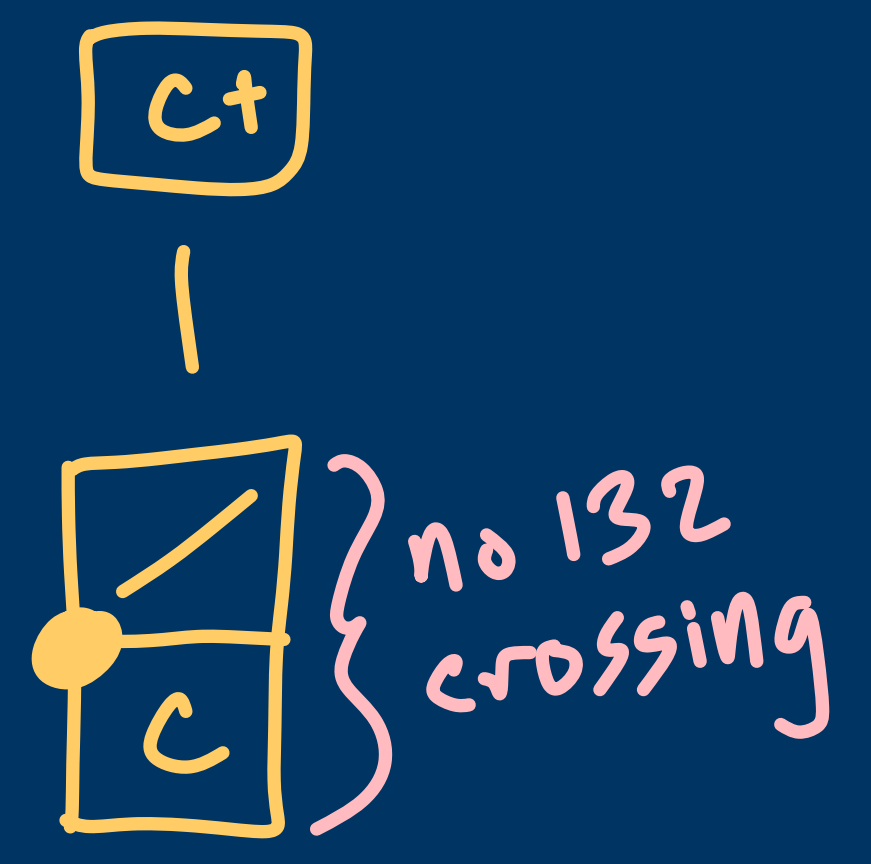
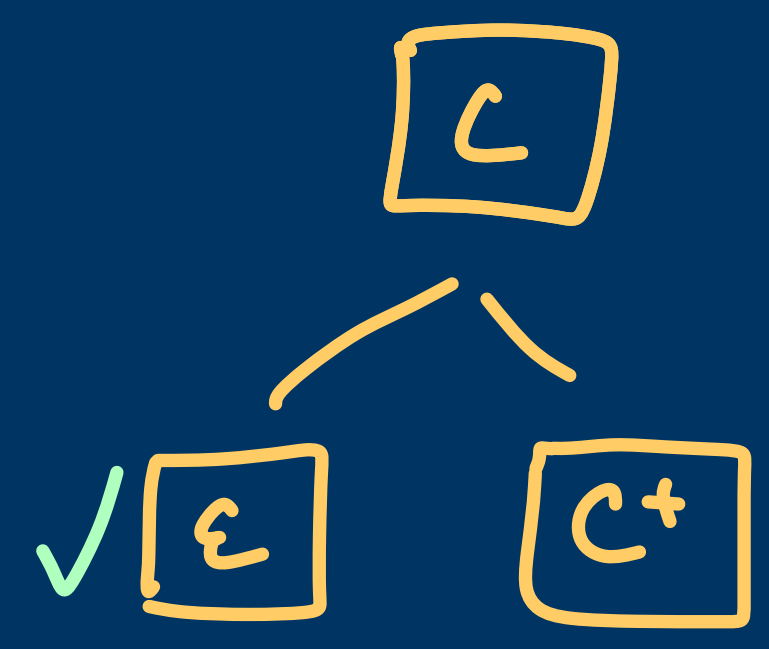
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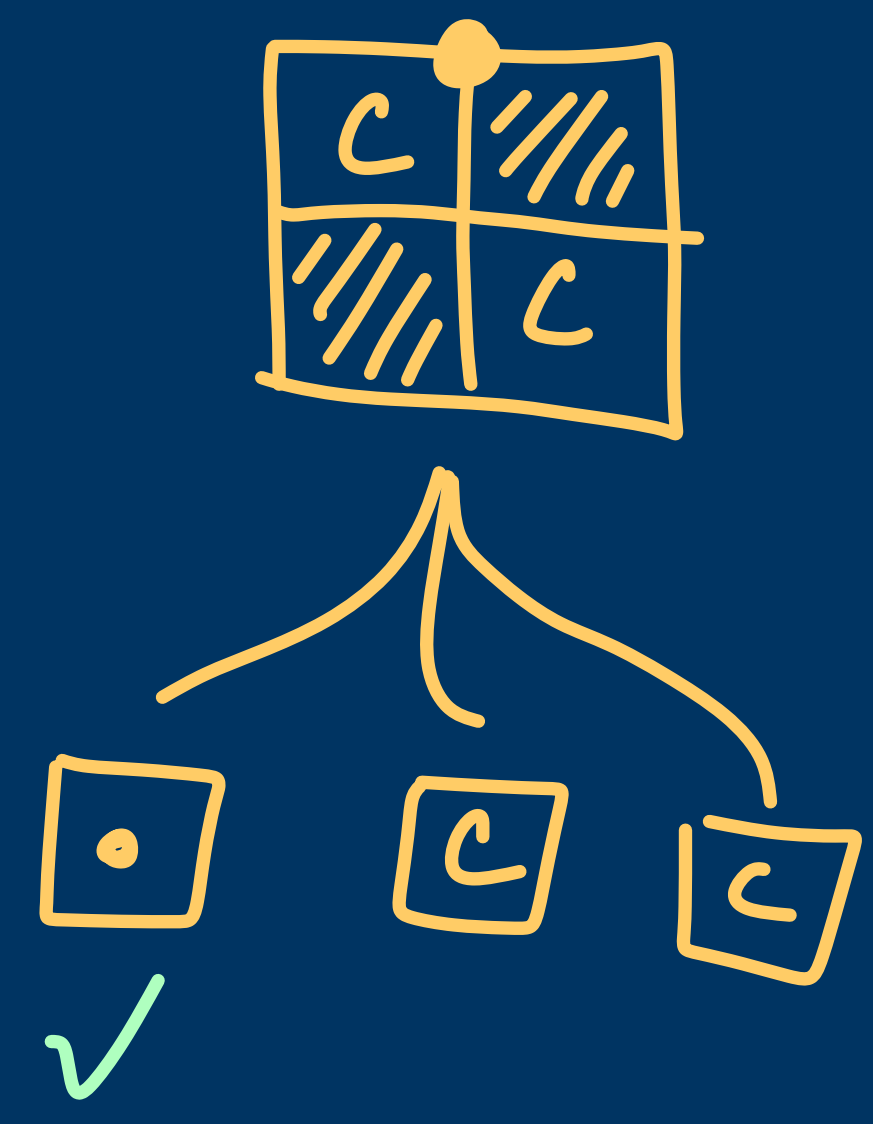
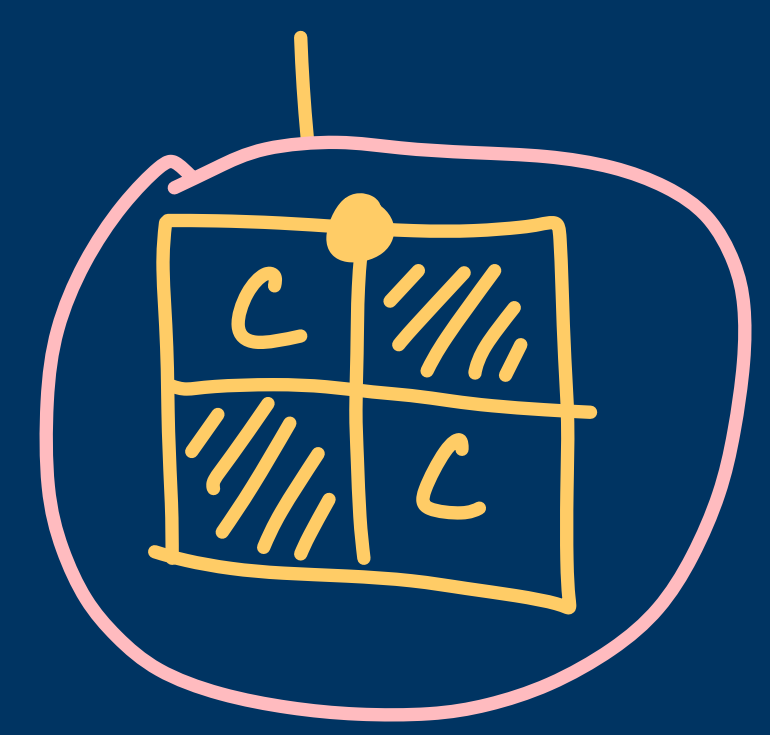
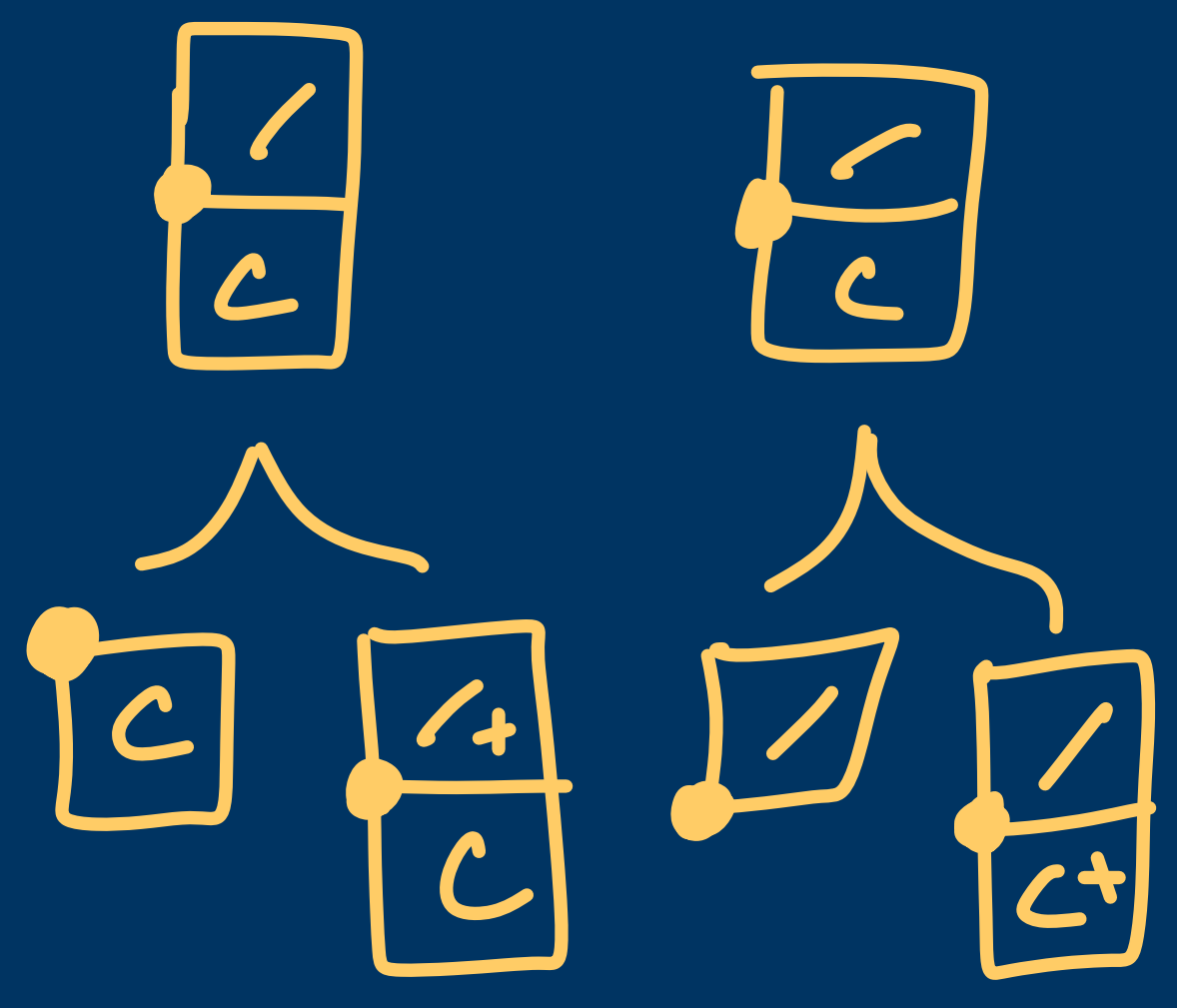
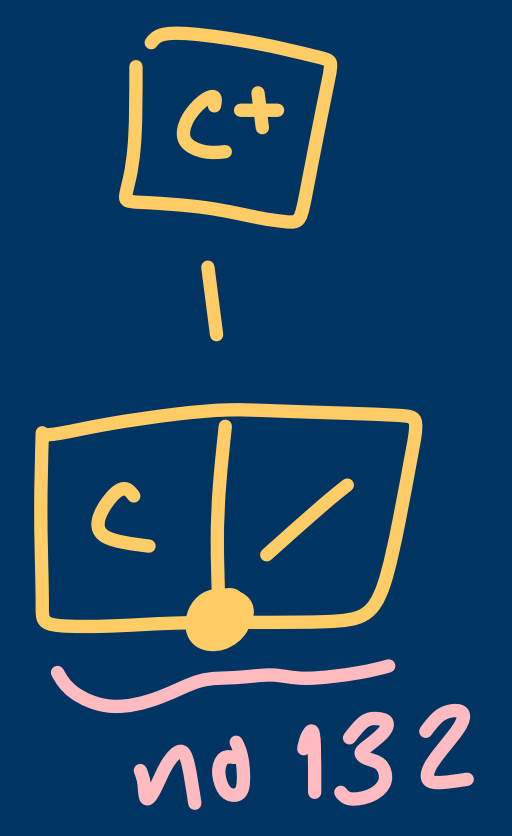
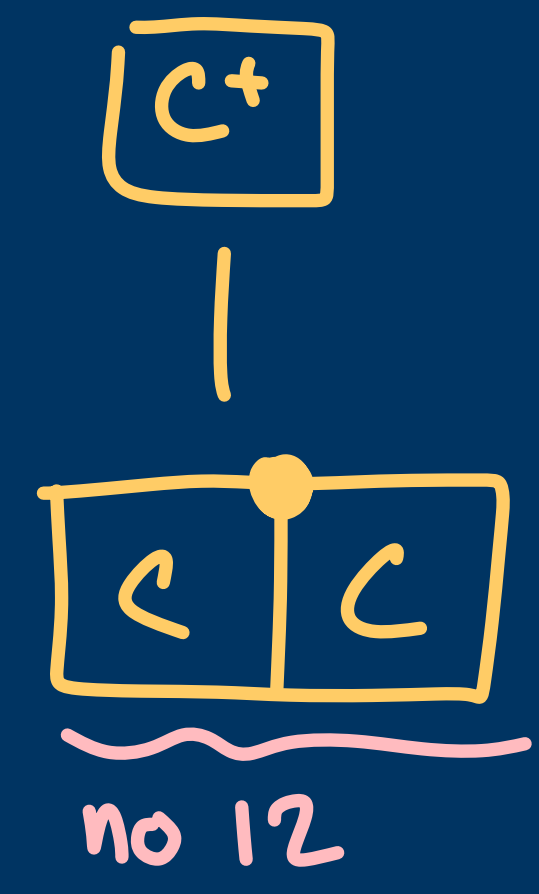
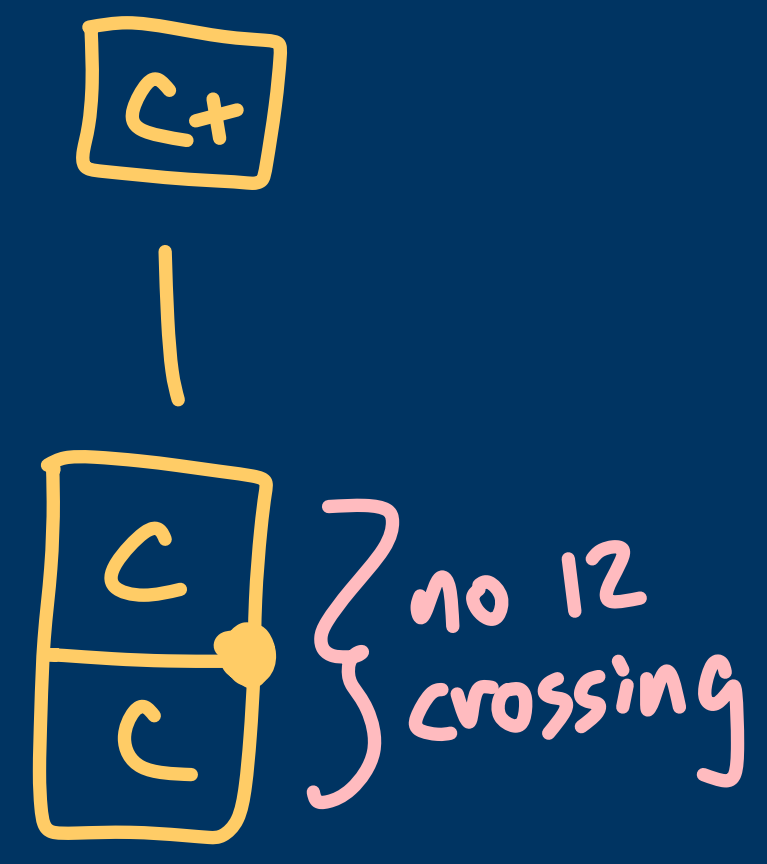
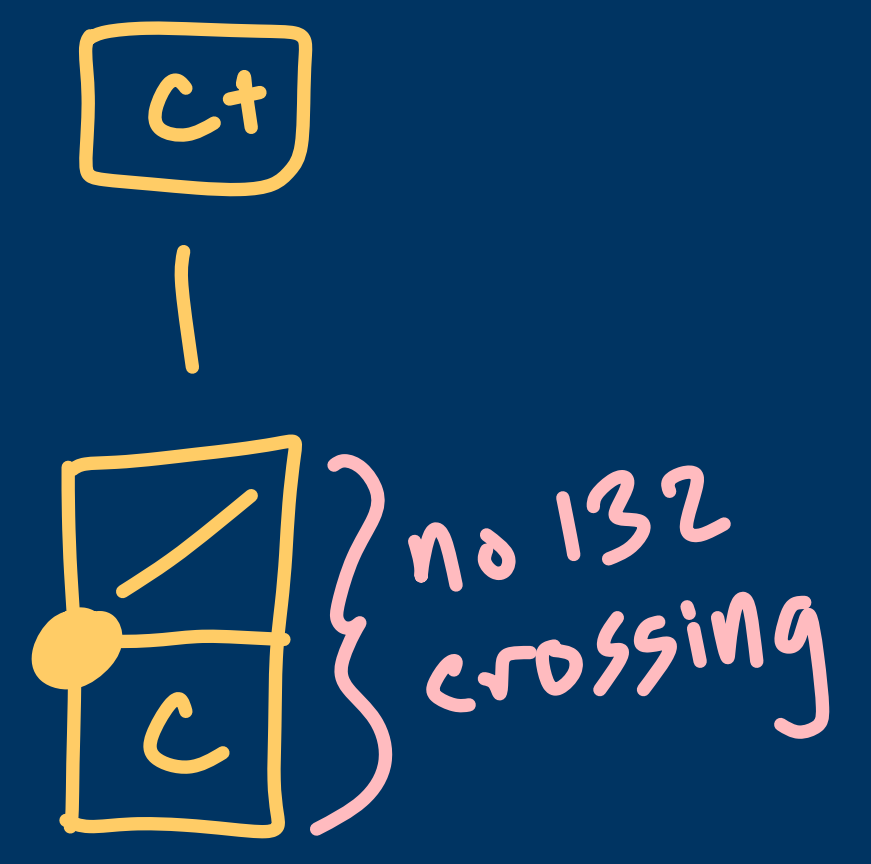
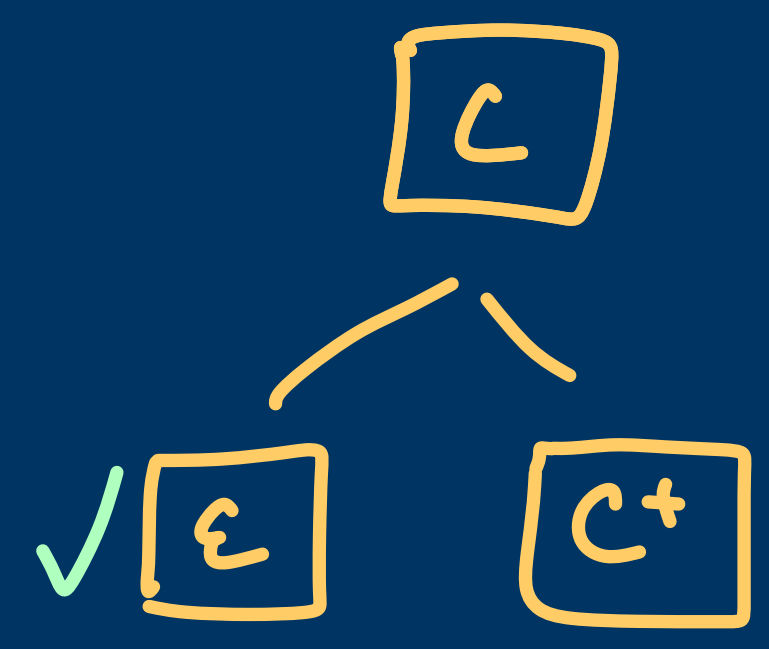
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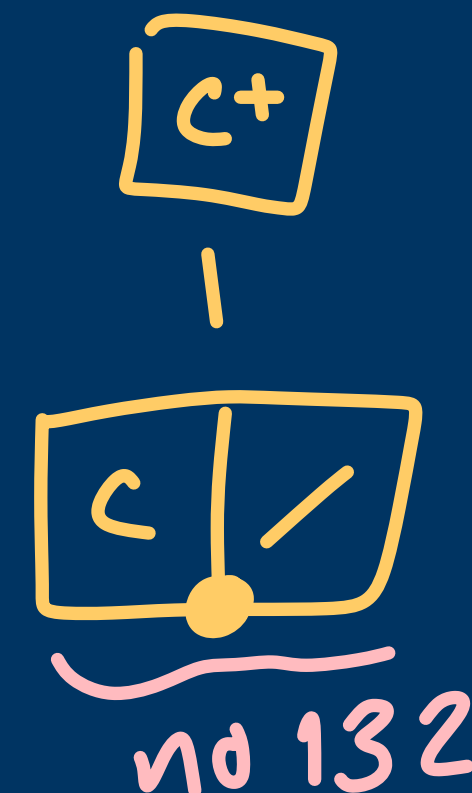
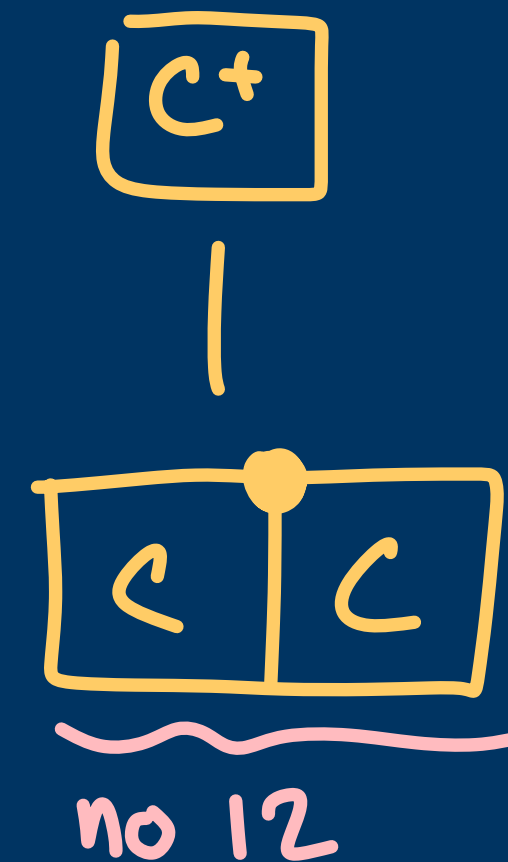
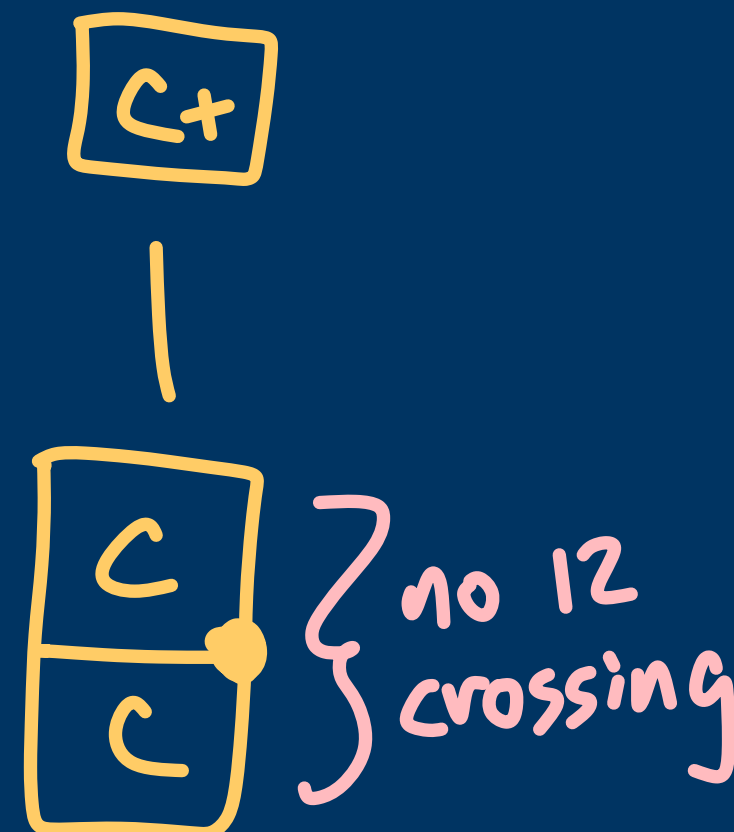
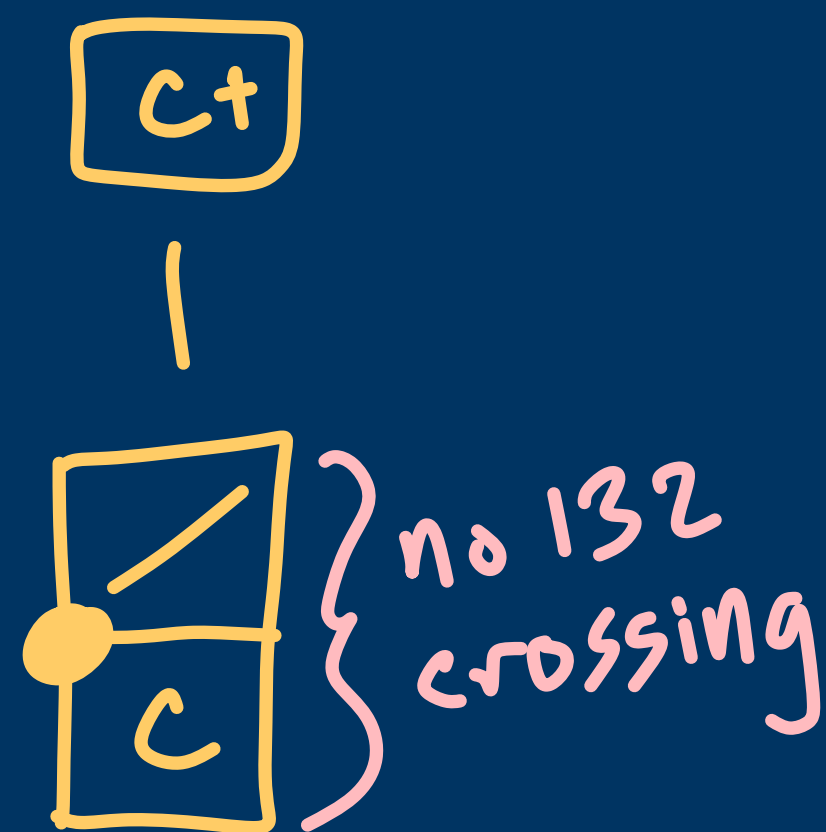
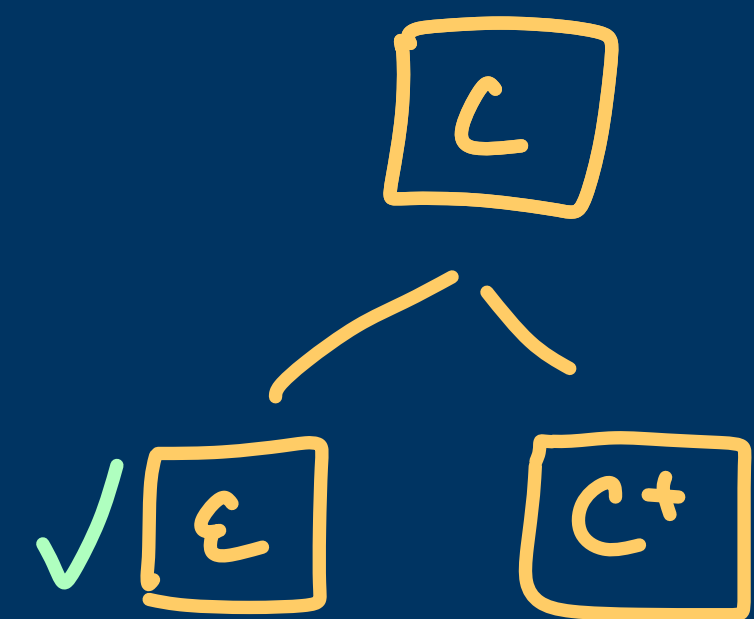


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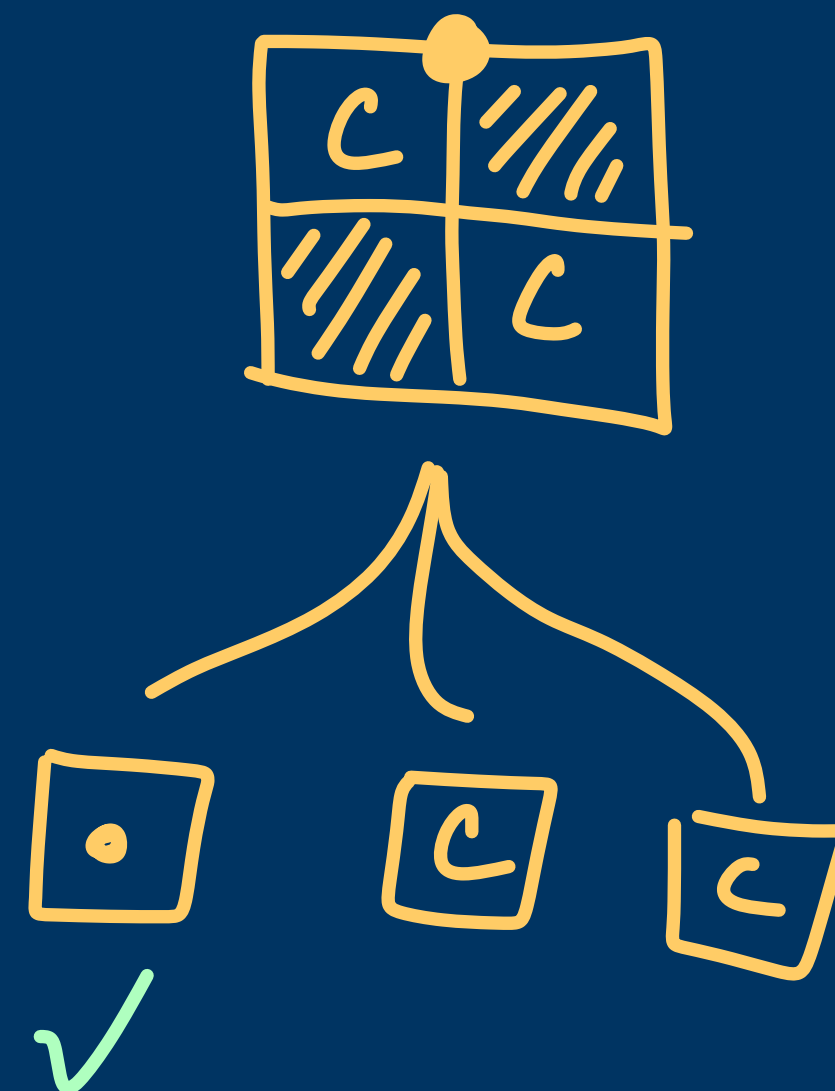
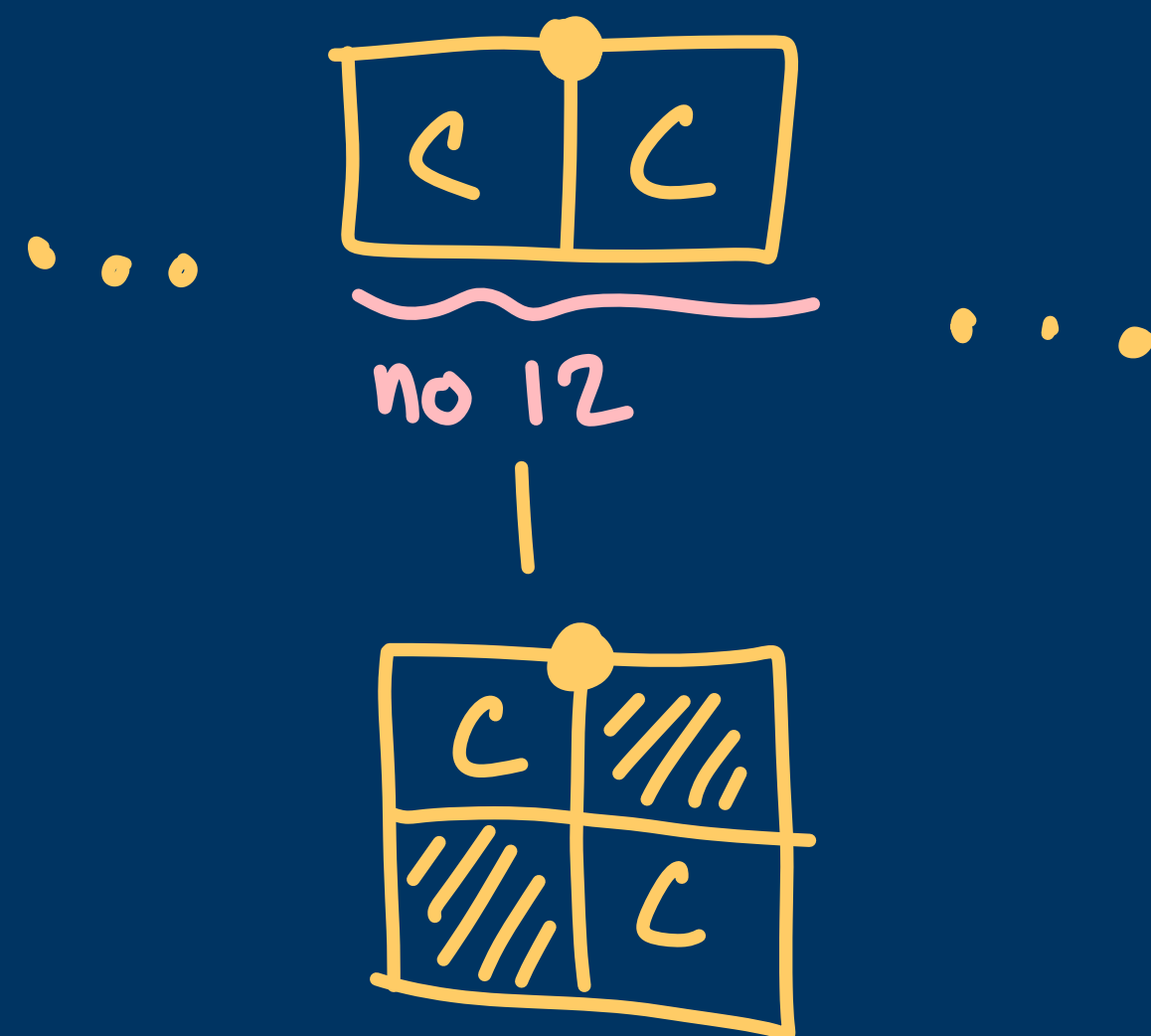
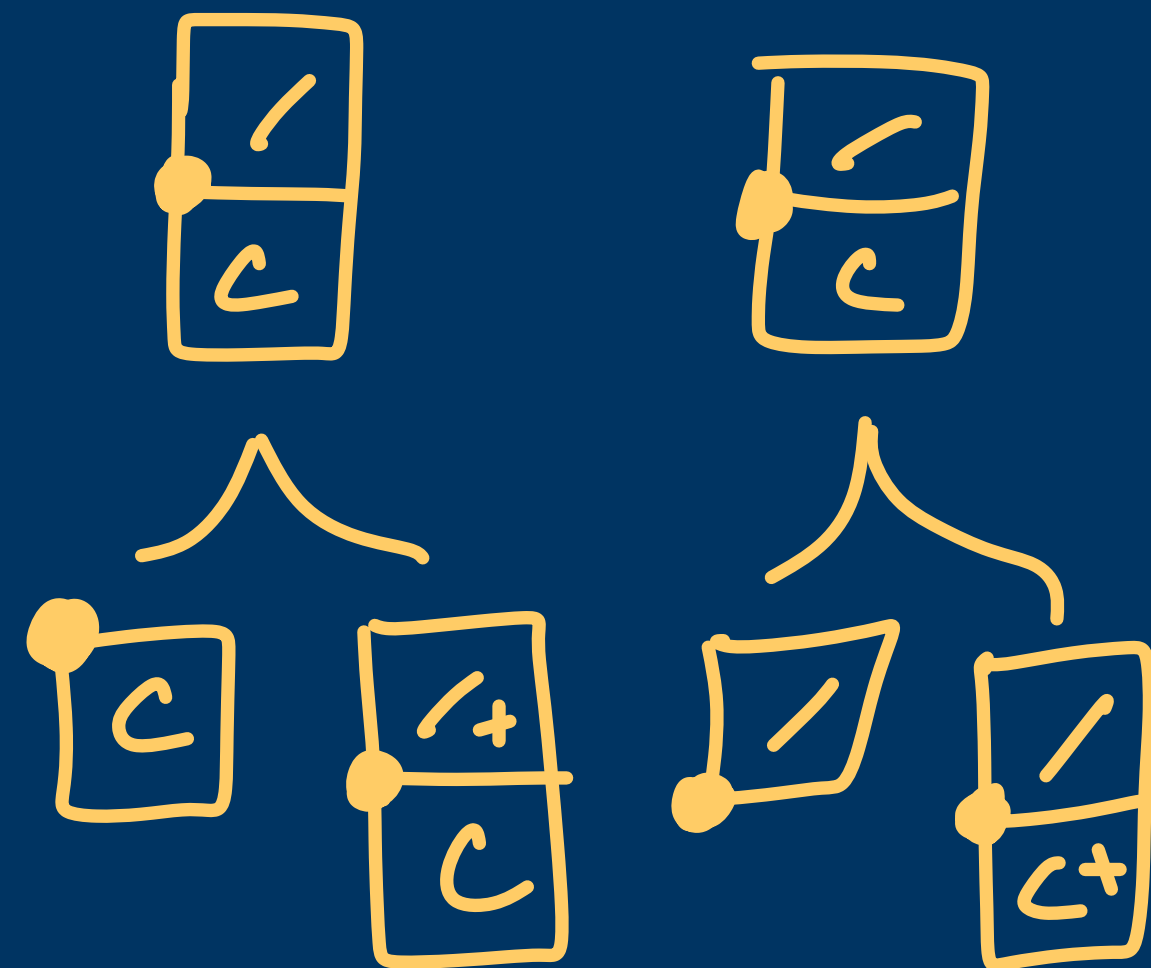
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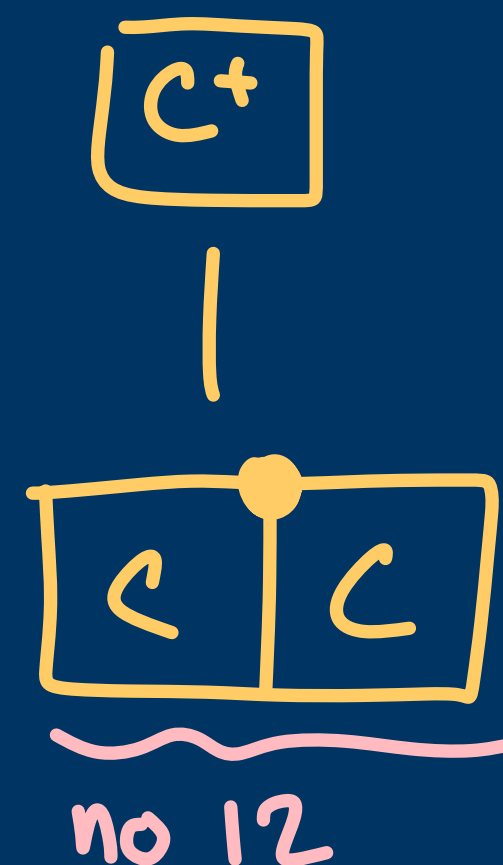
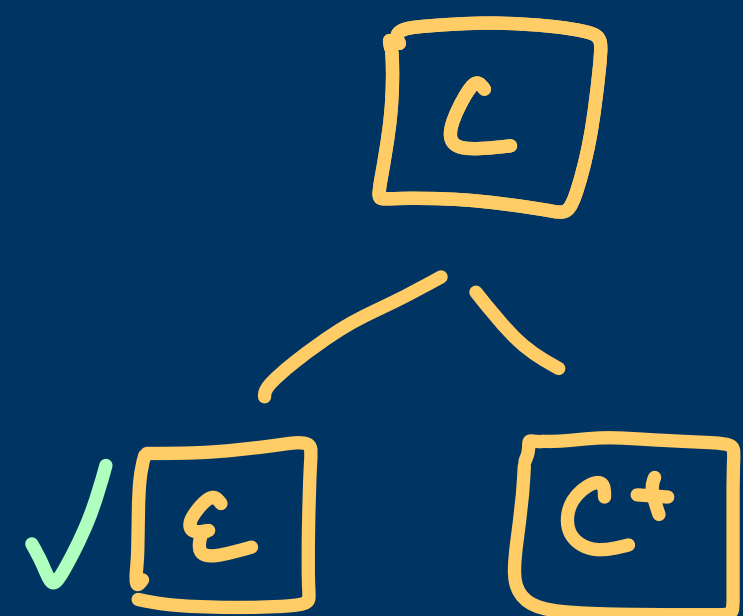
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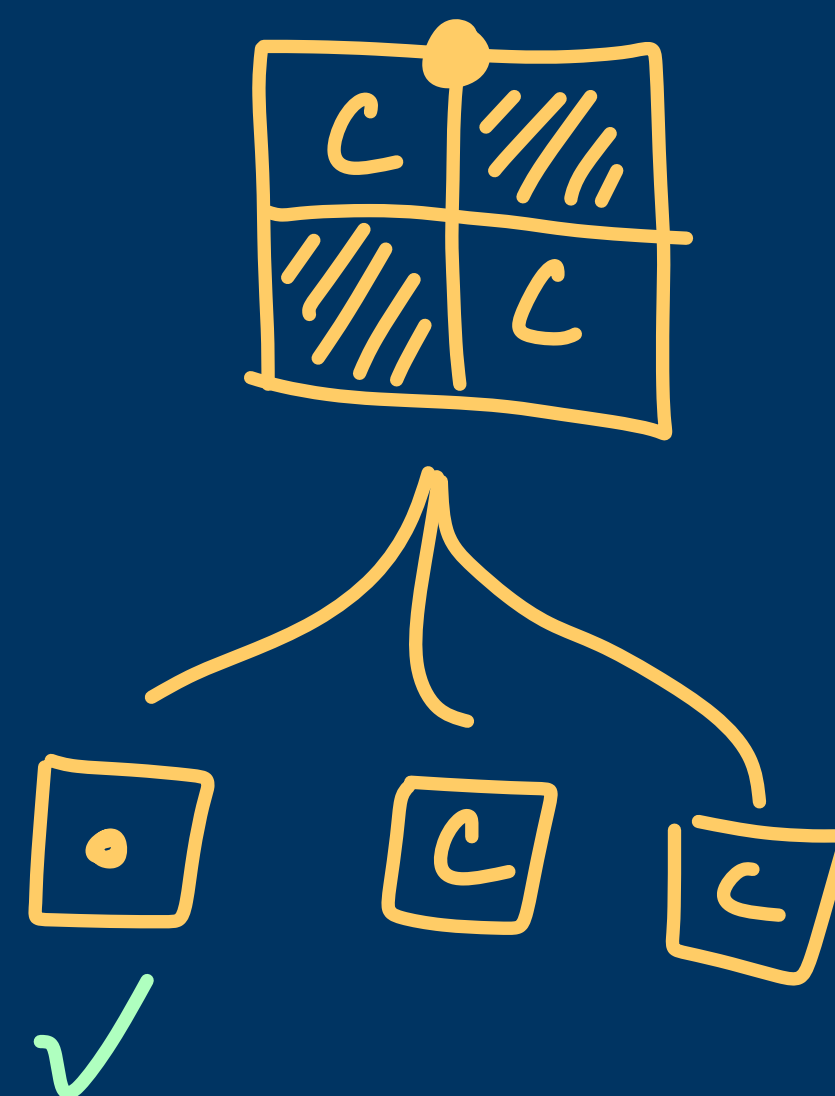
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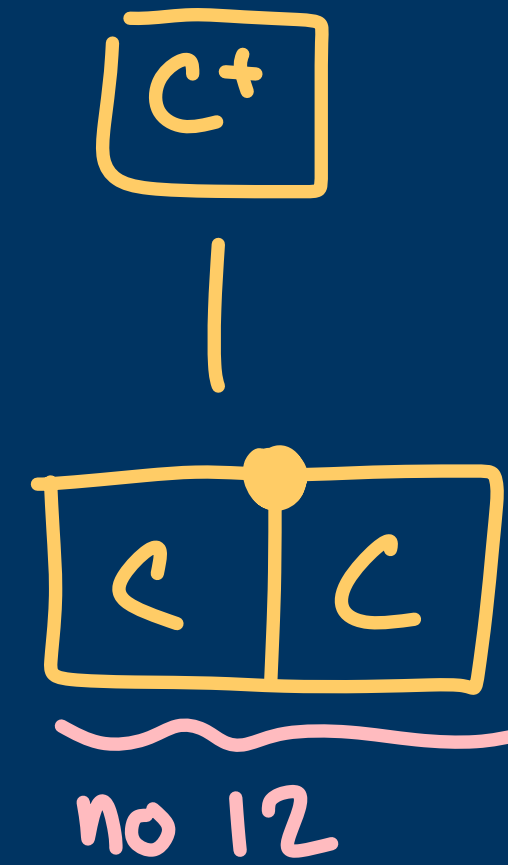
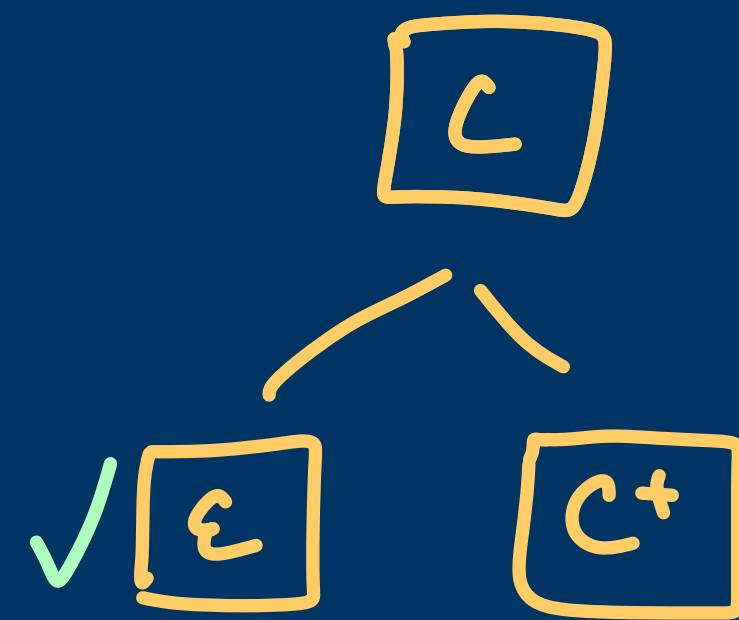
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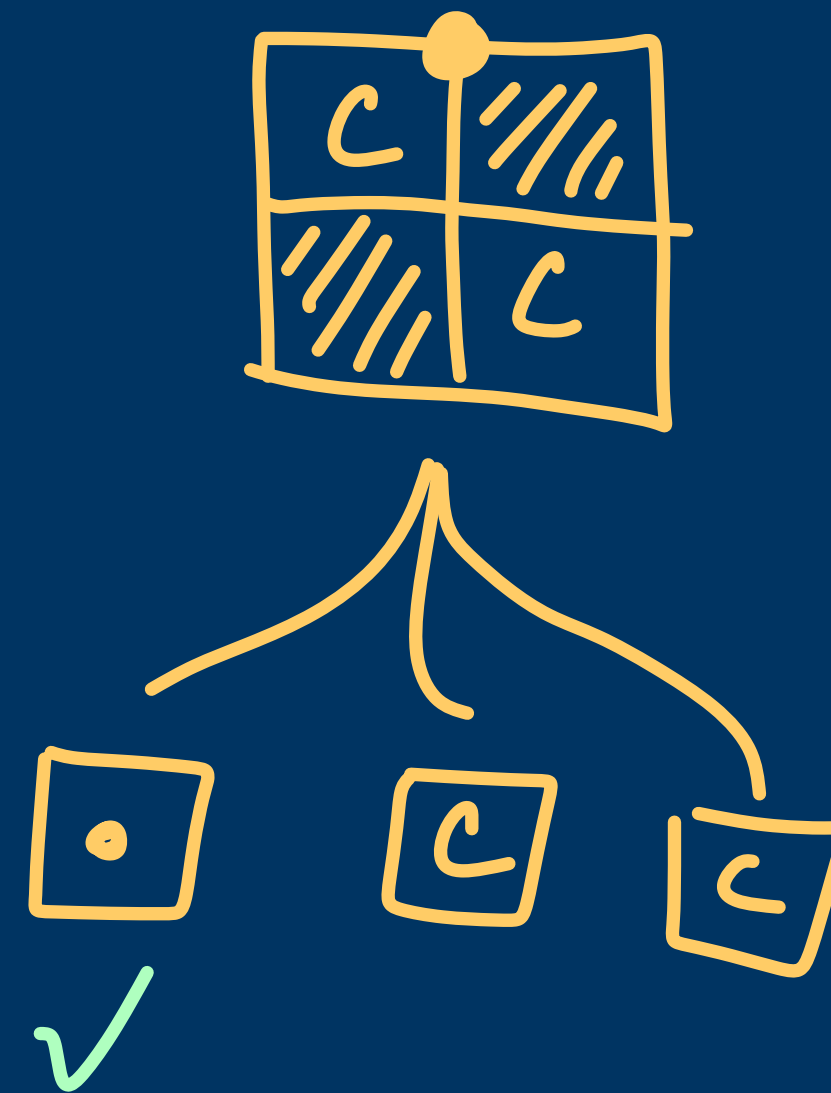
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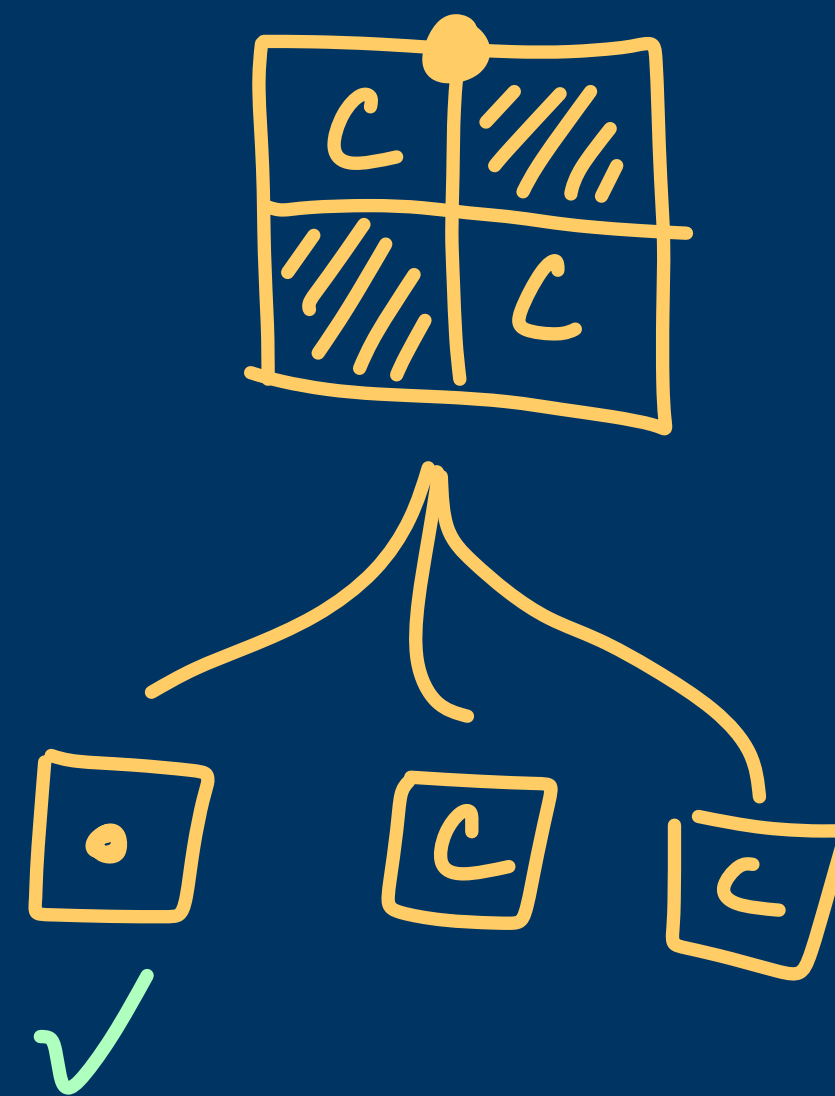
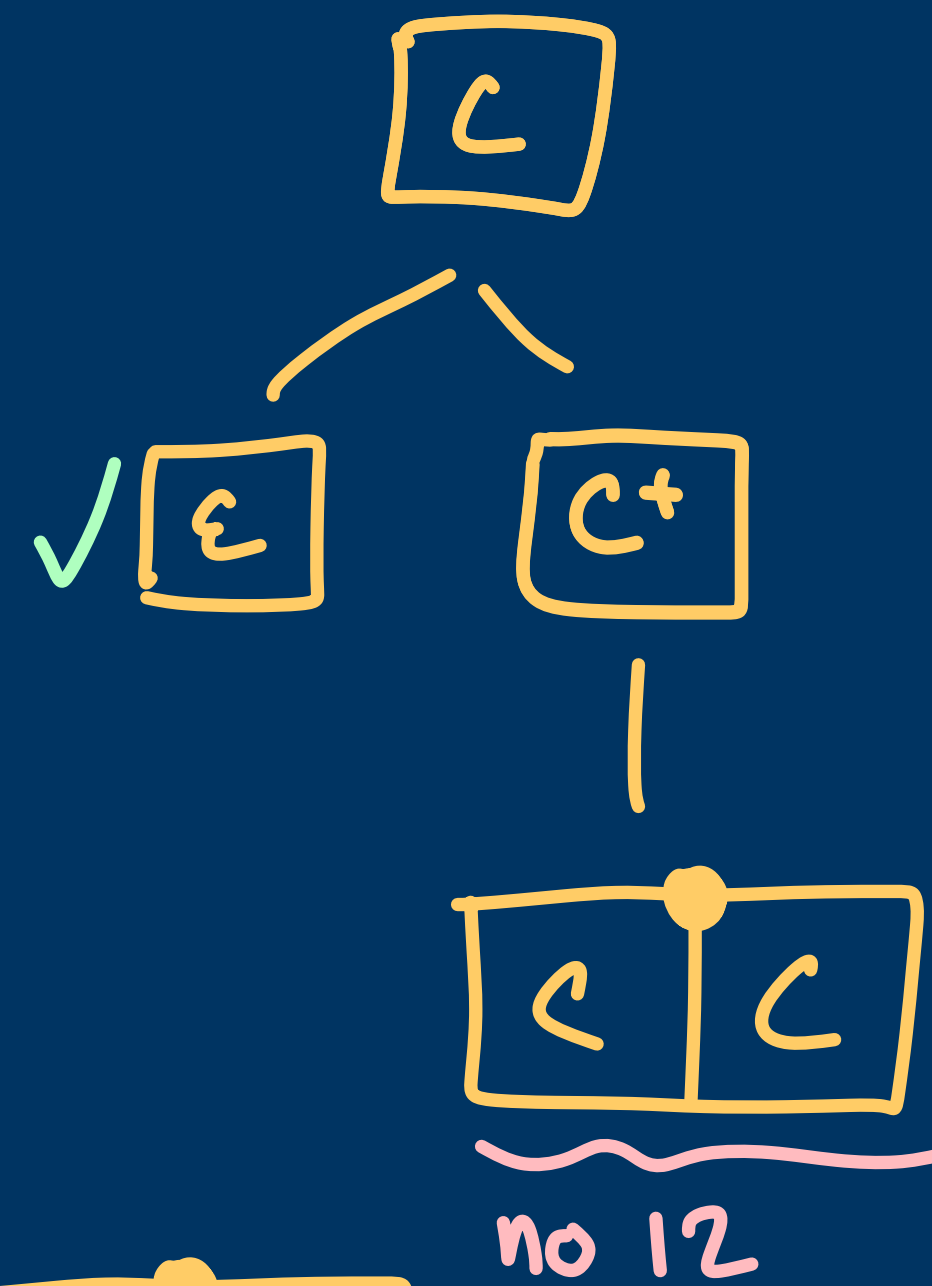
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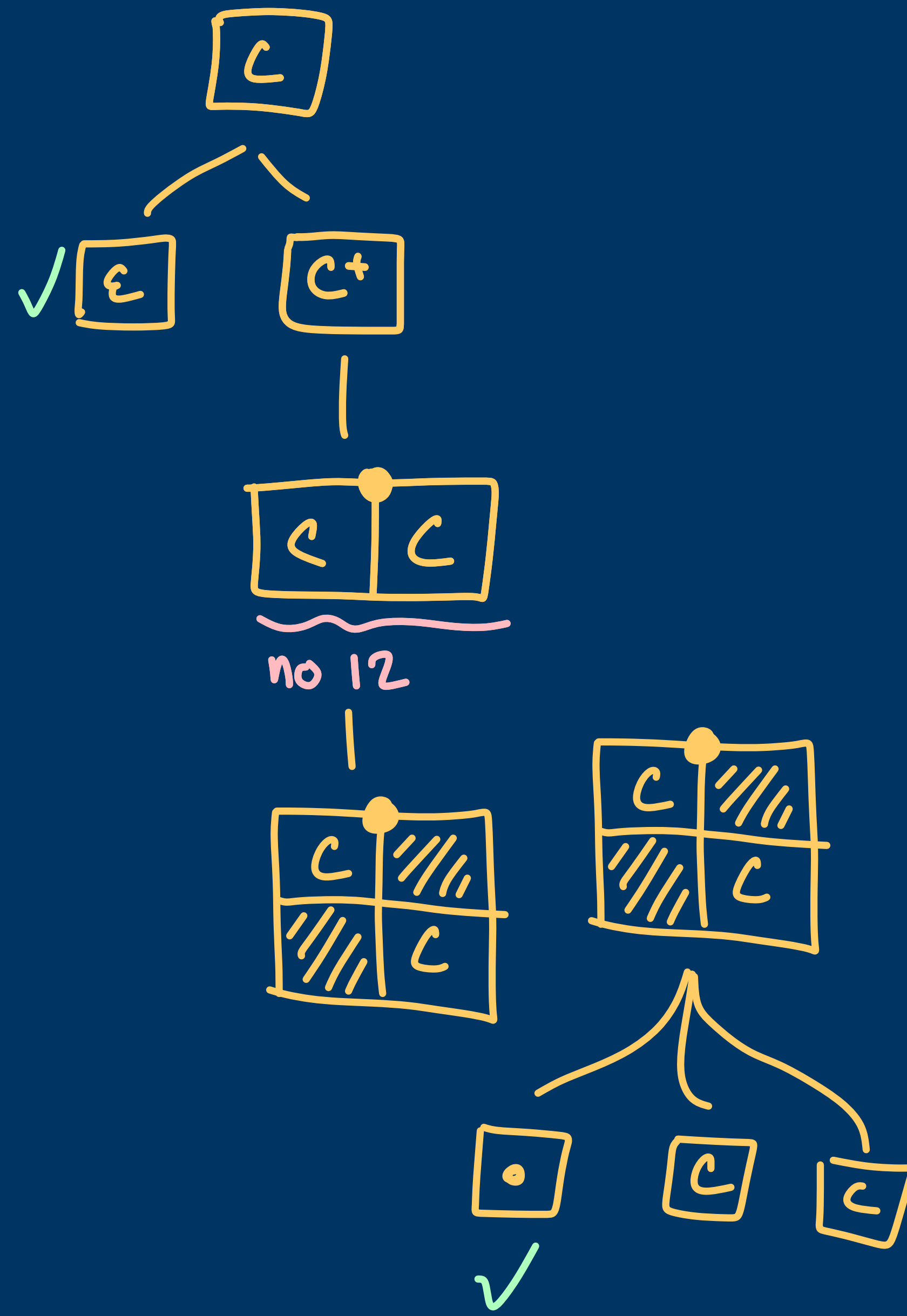


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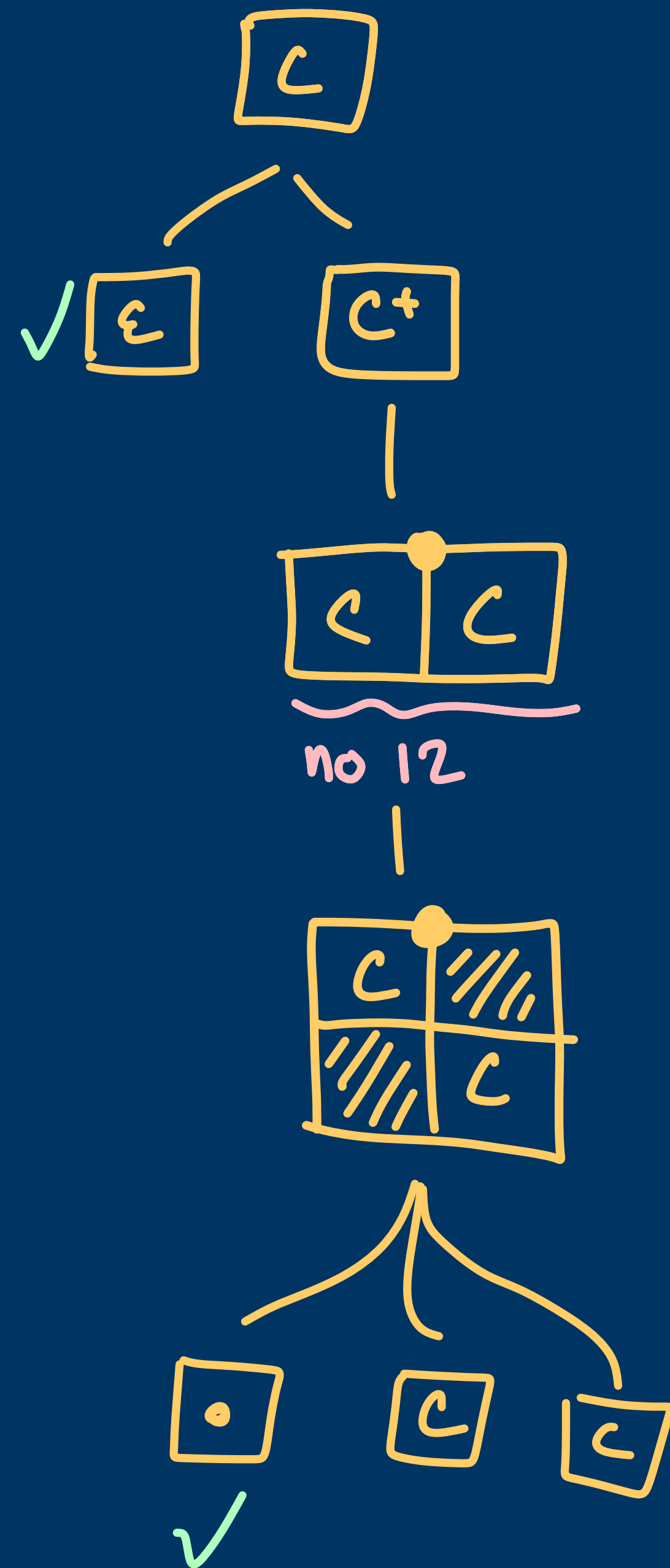
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- Each time you apply a strategy to a set, you make a puzzle piece. Search the pile of puzzle pieces for a subset that makes a combinatorial specification. If you find one, you win!
 - polynomial-time counting algorithm, system of equations for the GF,
 - uniform random sampling routine, exhaustive generation (but slow)

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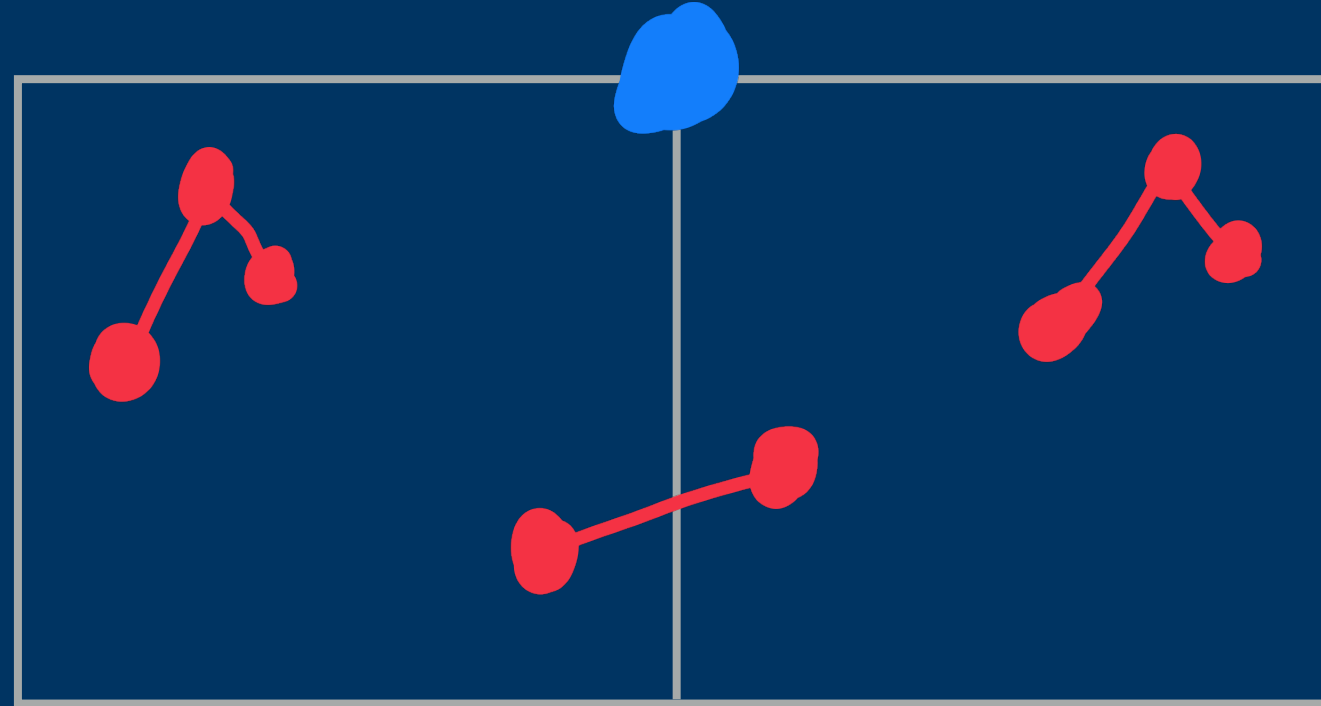
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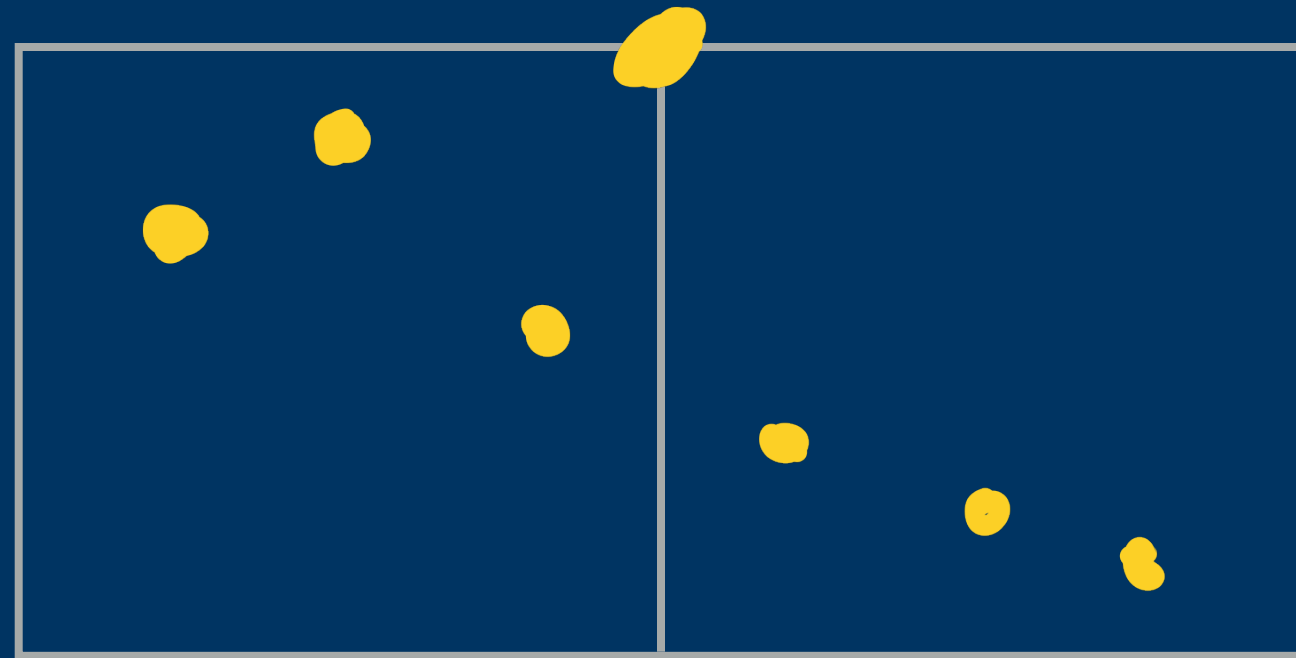
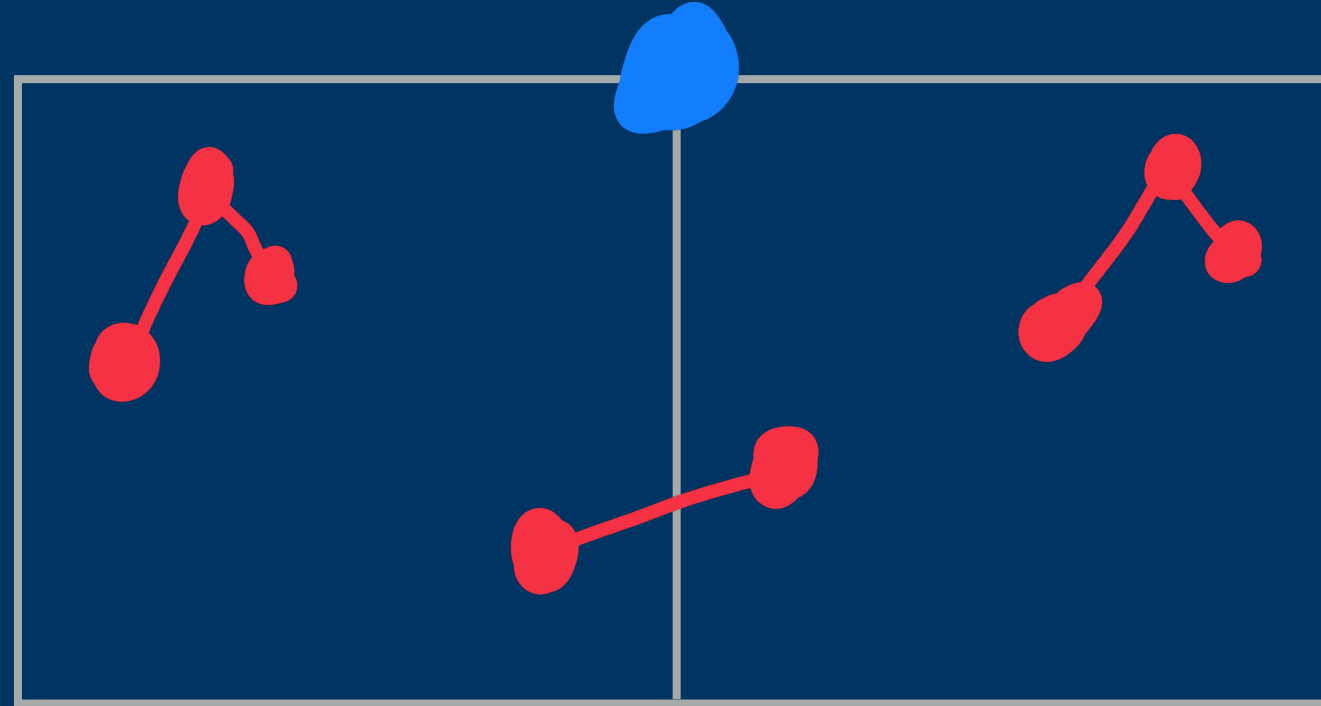
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A tiling is a grid of cells that has “obstructions” that tell you patterns that can’t appear, and “requirements” that tell you patterns that must appear.

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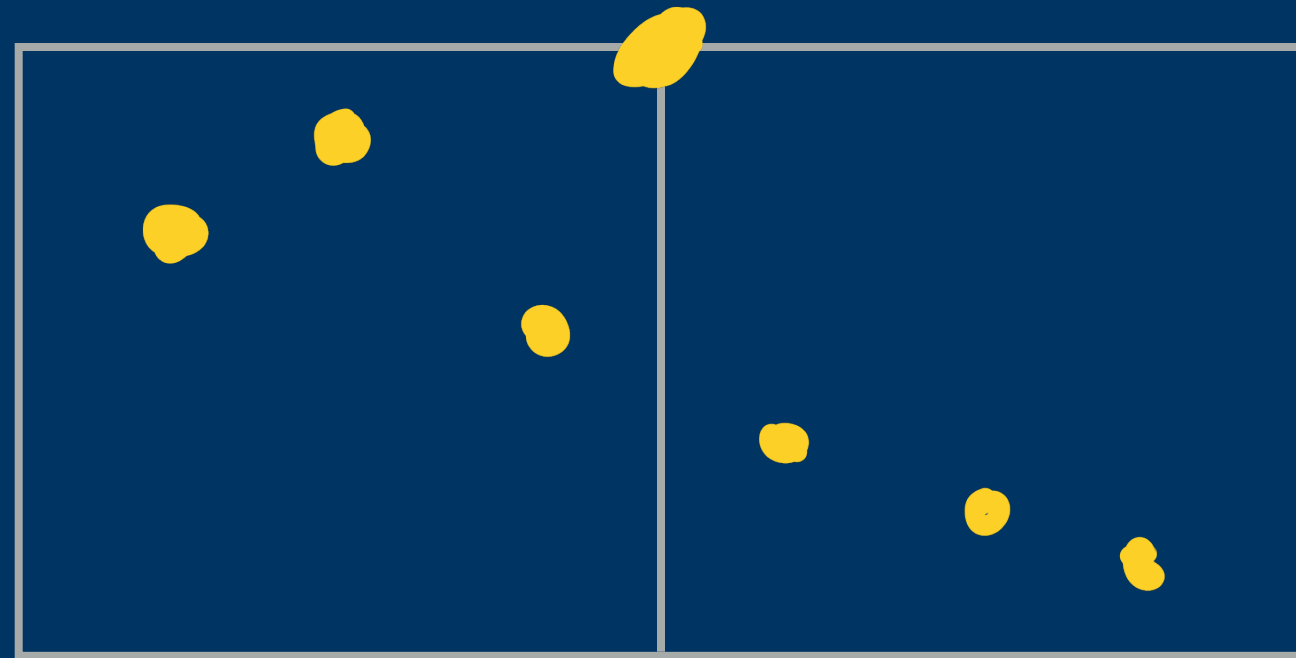
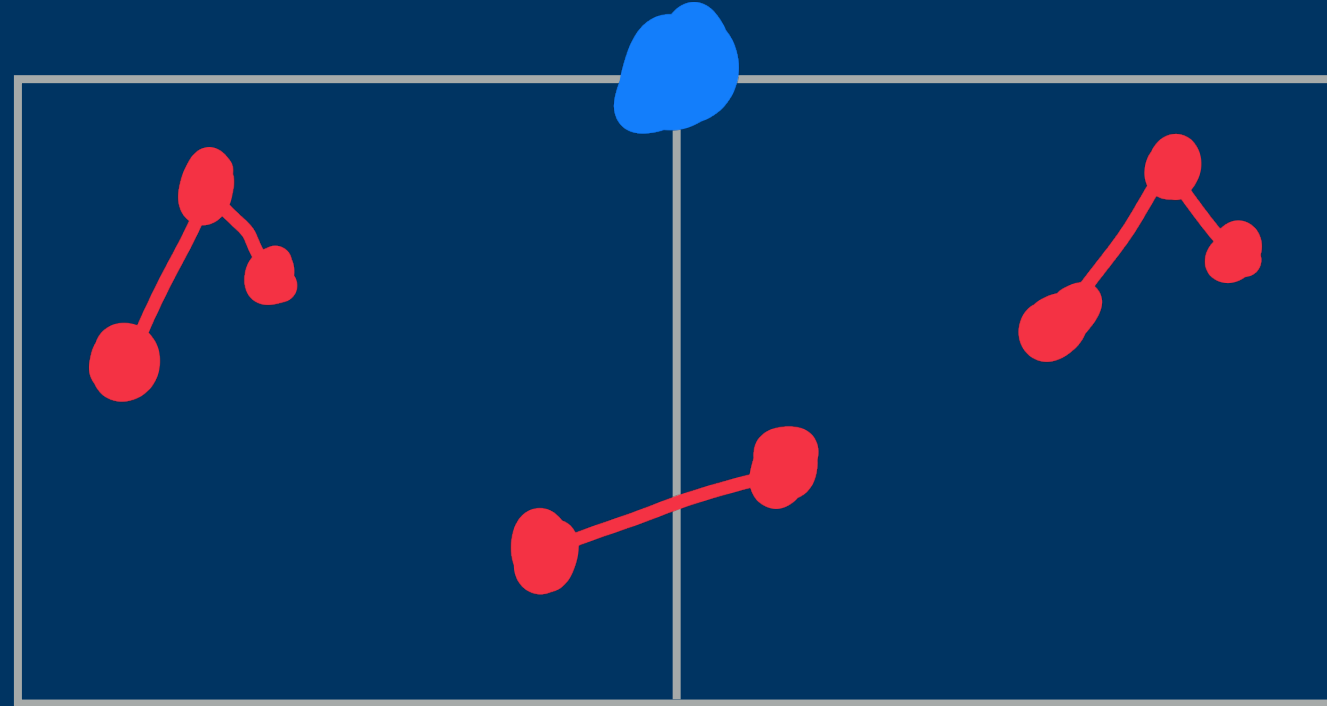


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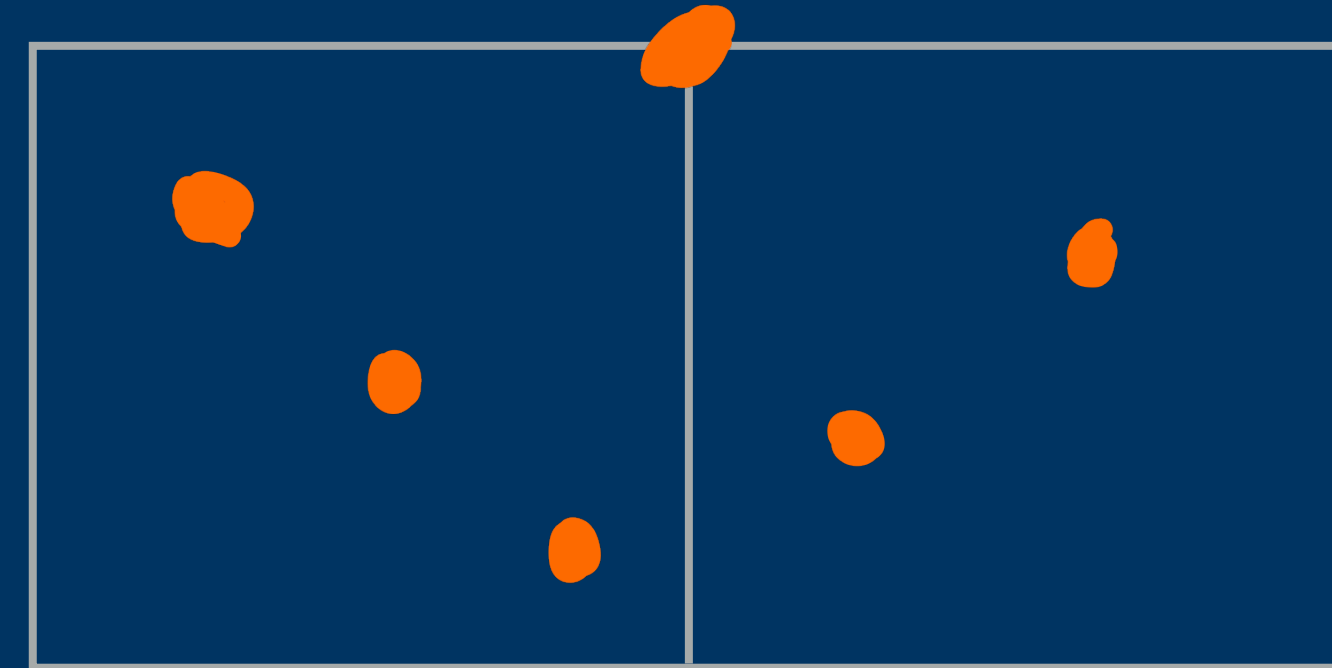


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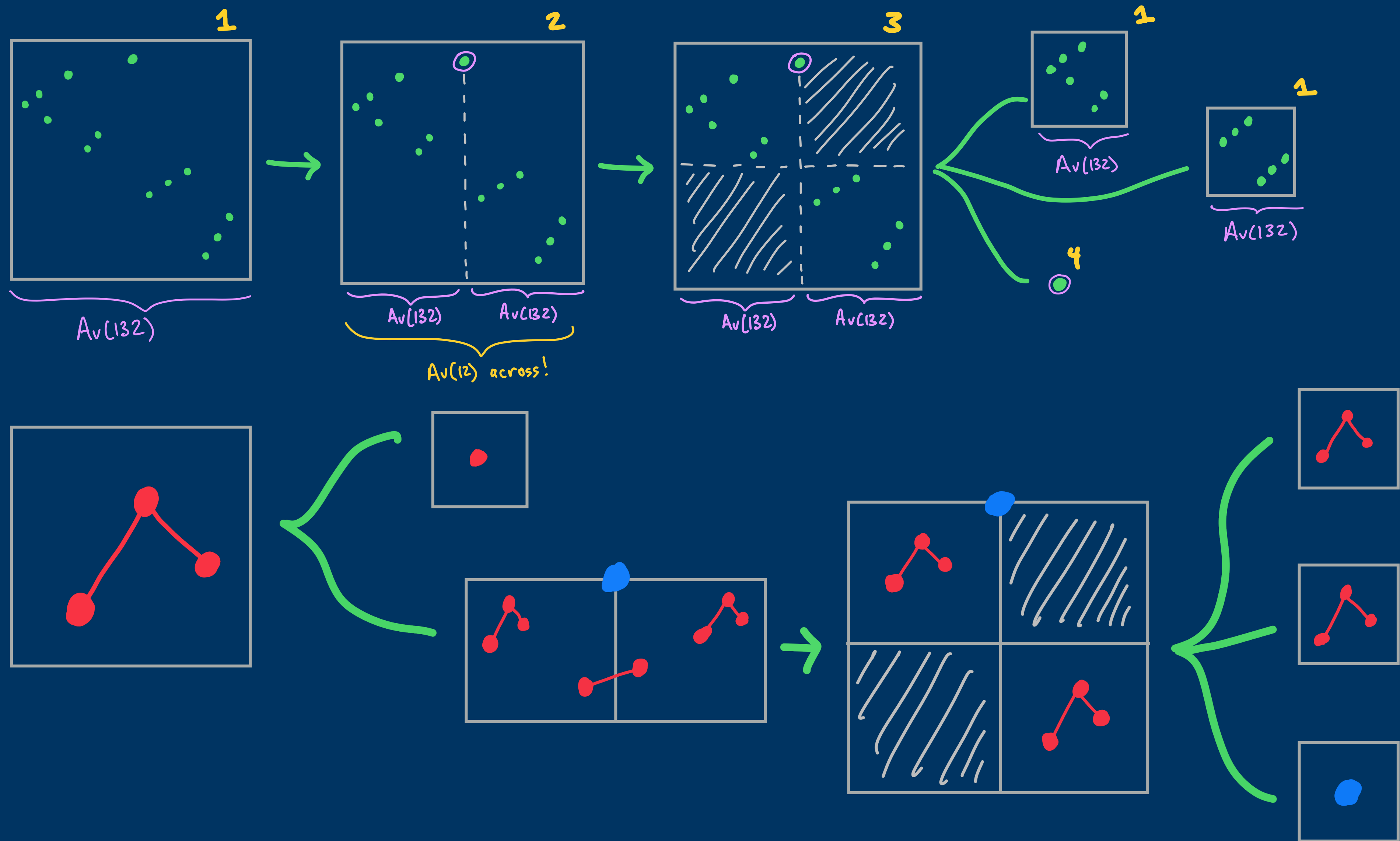


Tilings

The key innovation is that as you perform strategies on tilings, you can keep track of exactly where bad patterns can be formed.

So unlike most other methods, you don't have to constantly generate permutations at every step to recompute this, which makes applying the strategies very fast.

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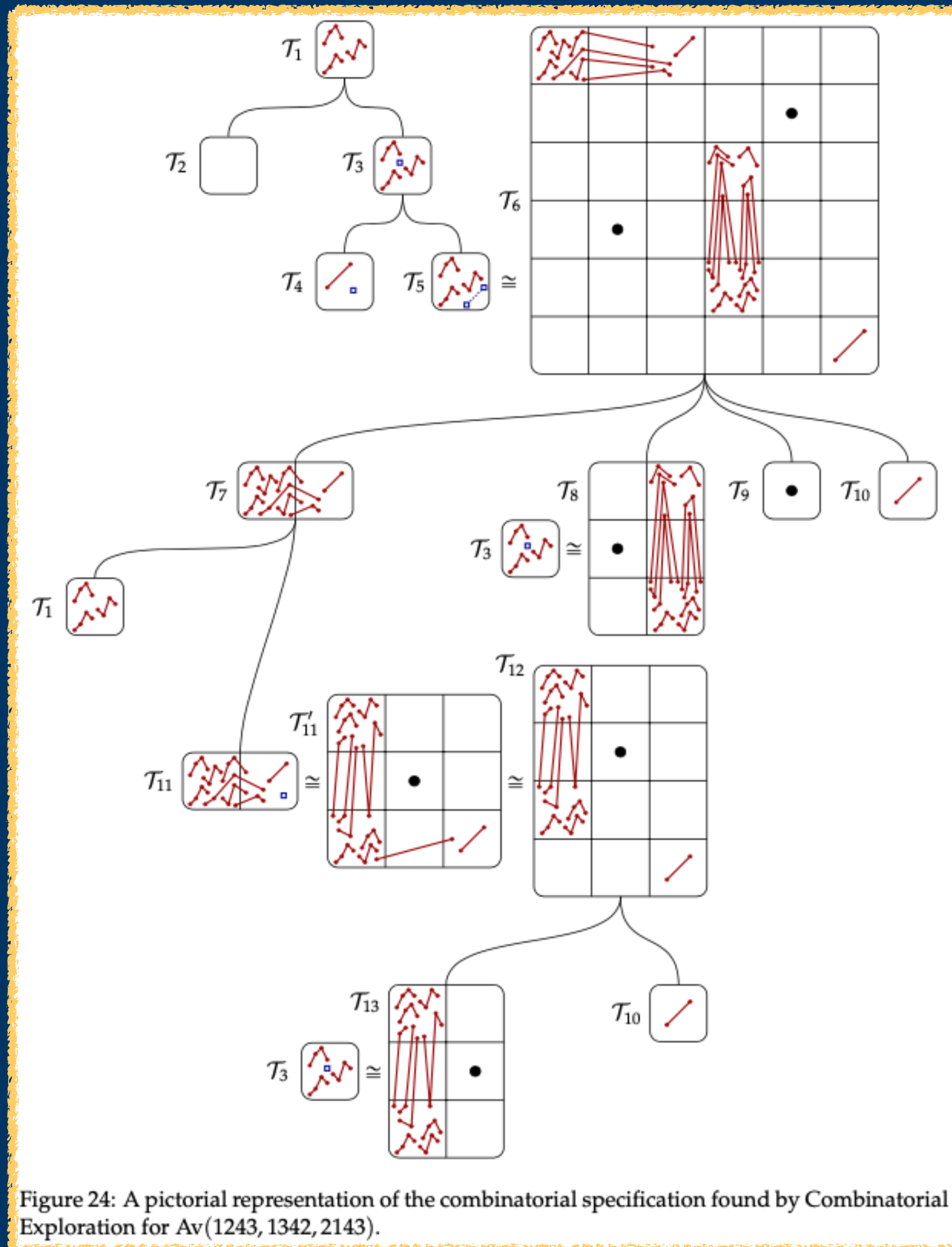


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$\text{Av}(1243, 1342, 2143)$

The algorithm generates about 5,400 rules before it finds this subset of 10 rules that makes a rigorous specification.

55 seconds



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We can find combinatorial specifications for:

- ▶ 6 out of 7 of the classes avoiding 1 pattern of length 4

First direct enumerations of $\text{Av}(1342)$ and $\text{Av}(2413)$

- ▶ All 56 classes avoiding 2 patterns of length 4

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can derive the algebraic GF for the other 53

- ▶ All 317 classes avoiding 3 patterns of length 4

- ▶ All classes avoiding 4 or more patterns of length 4

Combinatorial Exploration

We can find combinatorial specifications for:

- ▶ 1324-avoiding domino permutations
- ▶ Preimage of $Av(321)$ under West-stack-sorting
 $Av(34251, 35241, 45231)$
- ▶ LCI Schubert Varieties
 $Av(52341, 53241, 52431, 35142, 42513, 351624)$
- ▶ “Box classes” like $Av(1 \square 2 \square 3)$ and $Av(1 \square \square 32)$
- ▶ “POP classes”
- ▶ Permutations corresponding to Schubert varieties with a complete parabolic bundle structure
 $Av(3412, 52341, 635241)$

Combinatorial Exploration

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The Permutation Pattern Avoidance Library (PermPAL)

PermPAL is a database of algorithmically-derived theorems about [permutation classes](#).

The [Combinatorial Exploration framework](#) produces rigorously verified combinatorial specifications for families of combinatorial objects. These specifications then lead to generating functions, counting sequence, polynomial-time counting algorithms, random sampling procedures, and more.

This database contains 23,845 permutation classes for which specifications have been automatically found. This includes many classes that have been previously enumerated by other means and many classes that have not been previously enumerated.

Some Notables Successes:

- [6 out of 7 of the principal classes](#) of length 4
- [all 56 symmetry classes](#) avoiding two patterns of length 4
- [all 317 symmetry classes](#) avoiding three patterns of length 4
- [the "domino set"](#) used by [Bevan, Brignall, Elvey Price, and Pantone](#) to investigate $\text{Av}(1324)$
- [the class \$\text{Av}\(3412, 52341, 635241\)\$](#) of [Alland and Richmond](#) corresponding a type of Schubert variety
- [the class \$\text{Av}\(2341, 3421, 4231, 52143\)\$](#) equal to the $(\text{Av}(12), \text{Av}(21))$ -staircase ([see Albert, Pantone, and Vatter](#)), which appears to be non-D-finite
- [all of the permutation classes counted by the Schröder numbers](#) conjectured by Eric Egge
- [the class \$\text{Av}\(34251, 35241, 45231\)\$](#) , equal to the preimage of $\text{Av}(321)$ under the West-stack-sorting operation ([see Defant](#))

Section 2.4 of the article [Combinatorial Exploration: An Algorithmic Framework for Enumeration](#) gives a more comprehensive list of notable results.

The [comb_spec_searcher](#) github repository contains the open-source python framework for Combinatorial Exploration, and the [tilings](#) github repository contains the code needed to apply it to the field of permutation patterns.

Av(2143, 3412)

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Generating Function

$$\frac{3x - 1}{\sqrt{-4x + 1} (2x - 1)}$$

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Recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} a(0) &= 1 \\ a(1) &= 1 \\ a(2) &= 2 \\ a(n + 3) &= \frac{12 (1 + 2n)a(n)}{n + 3} - \frac{2 (16 + 13n)a(n + 1)}{n + 3} + \frac{(19 + 9n)a(n + 2)}{n + 3}, \end{aligned}$$

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Counting Sequence

1, 1, 2, 6, 22, 86, 340, 1340, 5254, 20518, 79932, 311028, 1209916, 4707964, 18330728, ...

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Implicit Equation for the Generating Function ?

$$(4x - 1)(2x - 1)^2 F(x)^2 + (3x - 1)^2 = 0$$

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Heatmap

To create this heatmap, we sampled 1,000,000 permutations of length 300 uniformly at random. The color of the point (i, j) represents how many permutations have value j at index i (darker = more).



Av(2143, 3412)

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$$\frac{3x - 1}{\sqrt{-4x + 1} (2x - 1)}$$

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Recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} a(0) &= 1 \\ a(1) &= 1 \\ a(2) &= 2 \\ a(n + 3) &= \frac{12 (1 + 2n)a(n)}{n + 3} - \frac{2 (16 + 13n)a(n + 1)}{n + 3} + \frac{(19 + 9n)a(n + 2)}{n + 3}, \end{aligned}$$

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Counting Sequence

1, 1, 2, 6, 22, 86, 340, 1340, 5254, 20518, 79932, 311028, 1209916, 4707964, 18330728, ...

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Implicit Equation for the Generating Function 

$$(4x - 1)(2x - 1)^2 F(x)^2 + (3x - 1)^2 = 0$$

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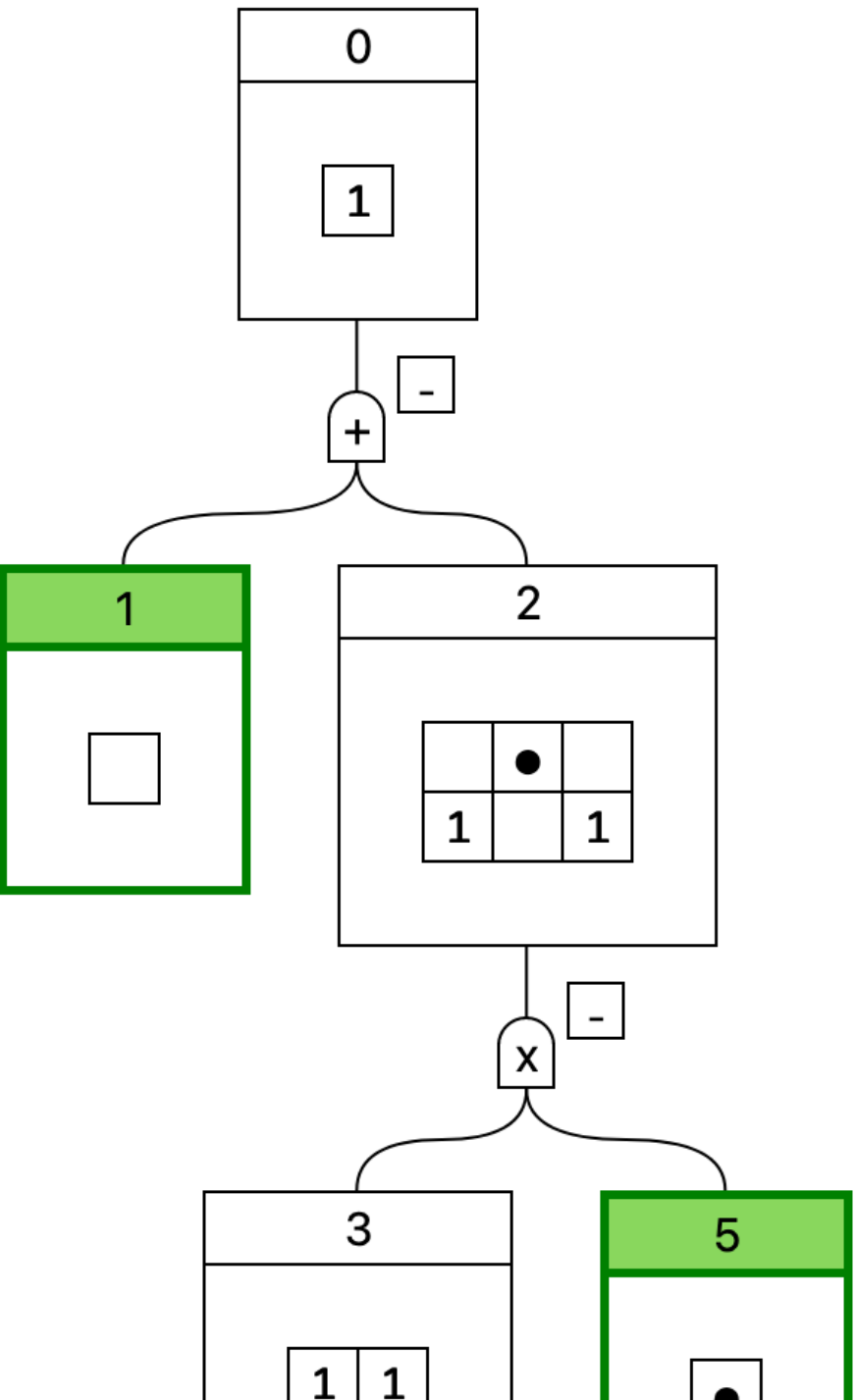
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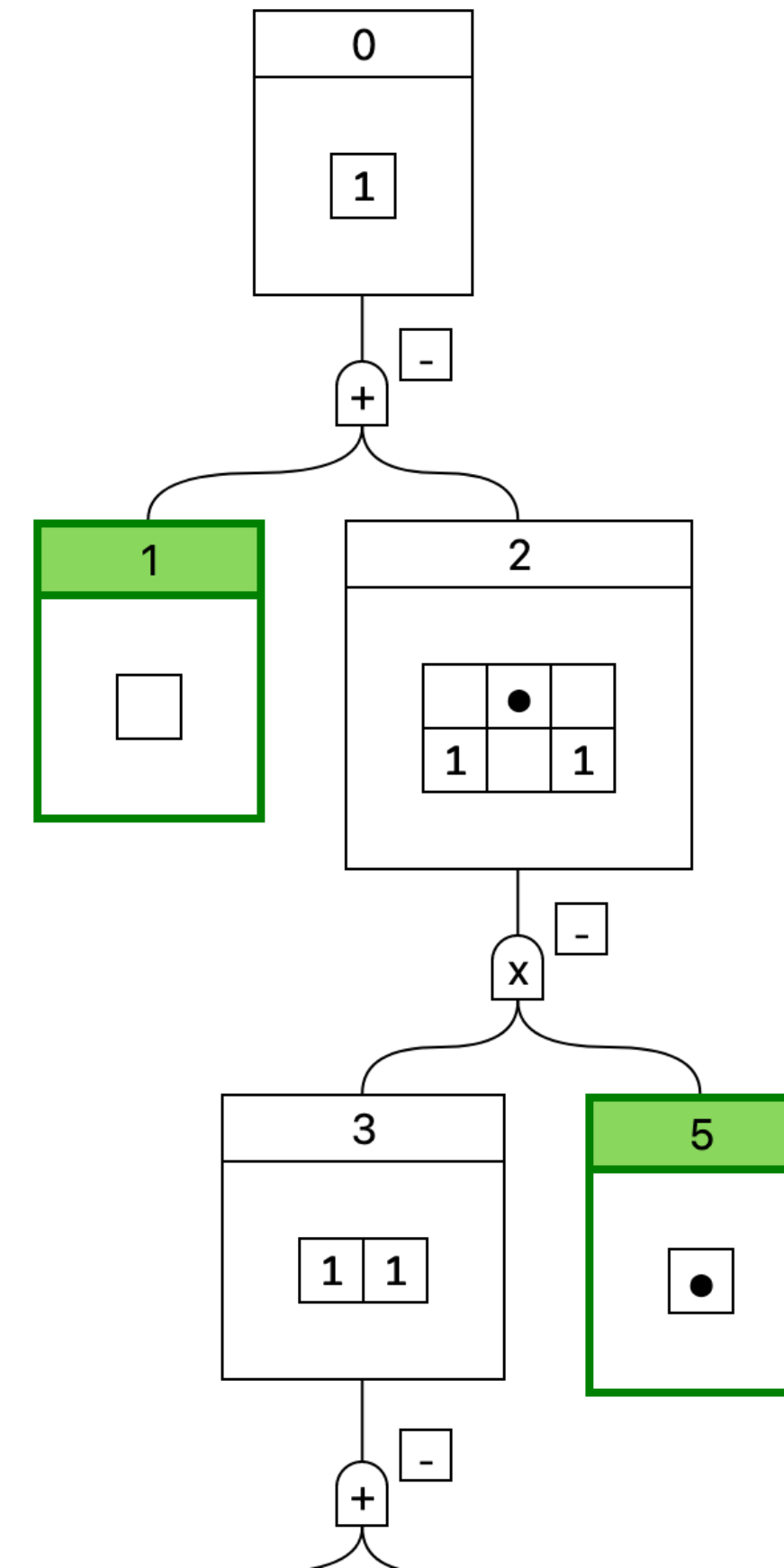
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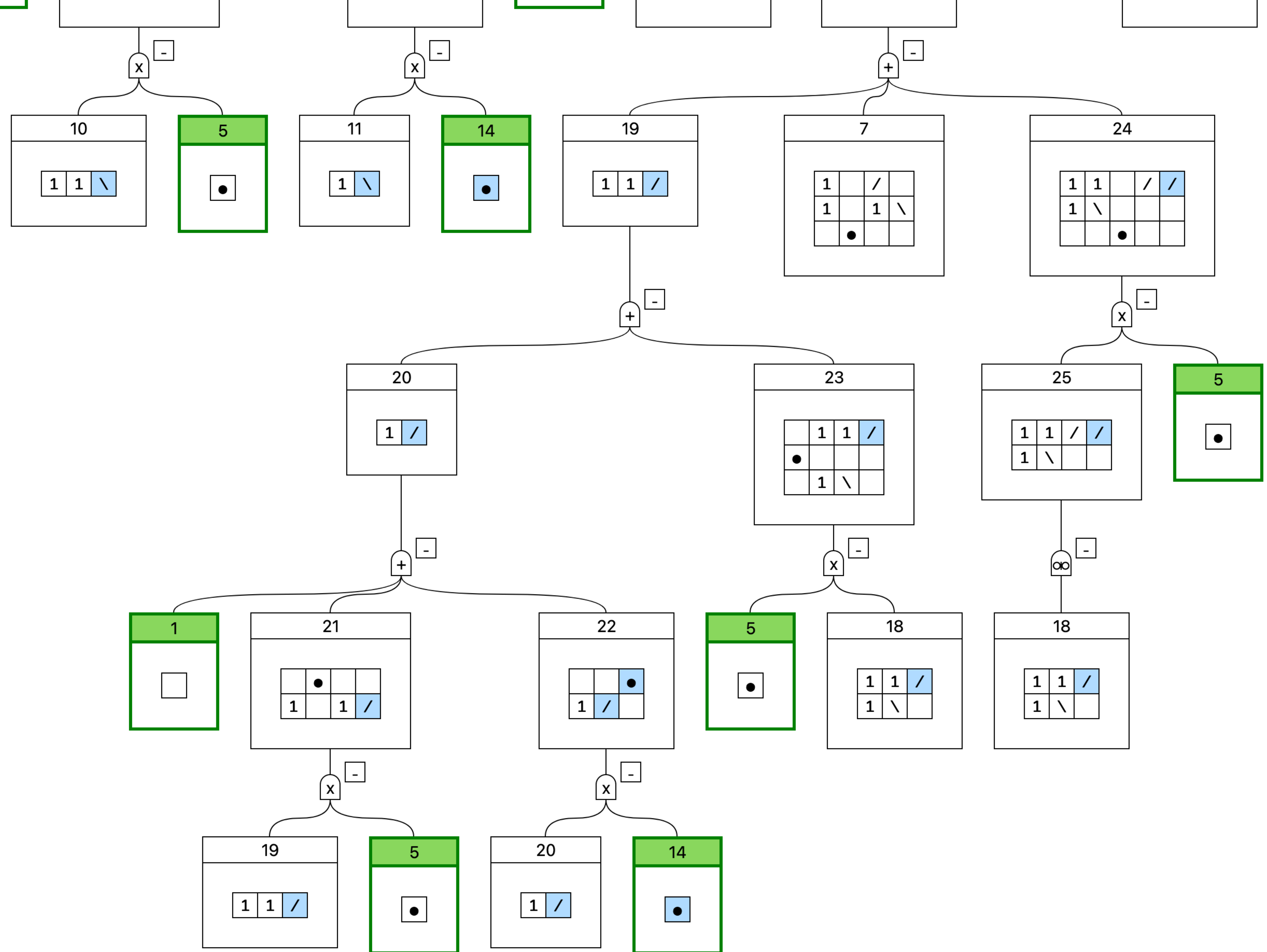
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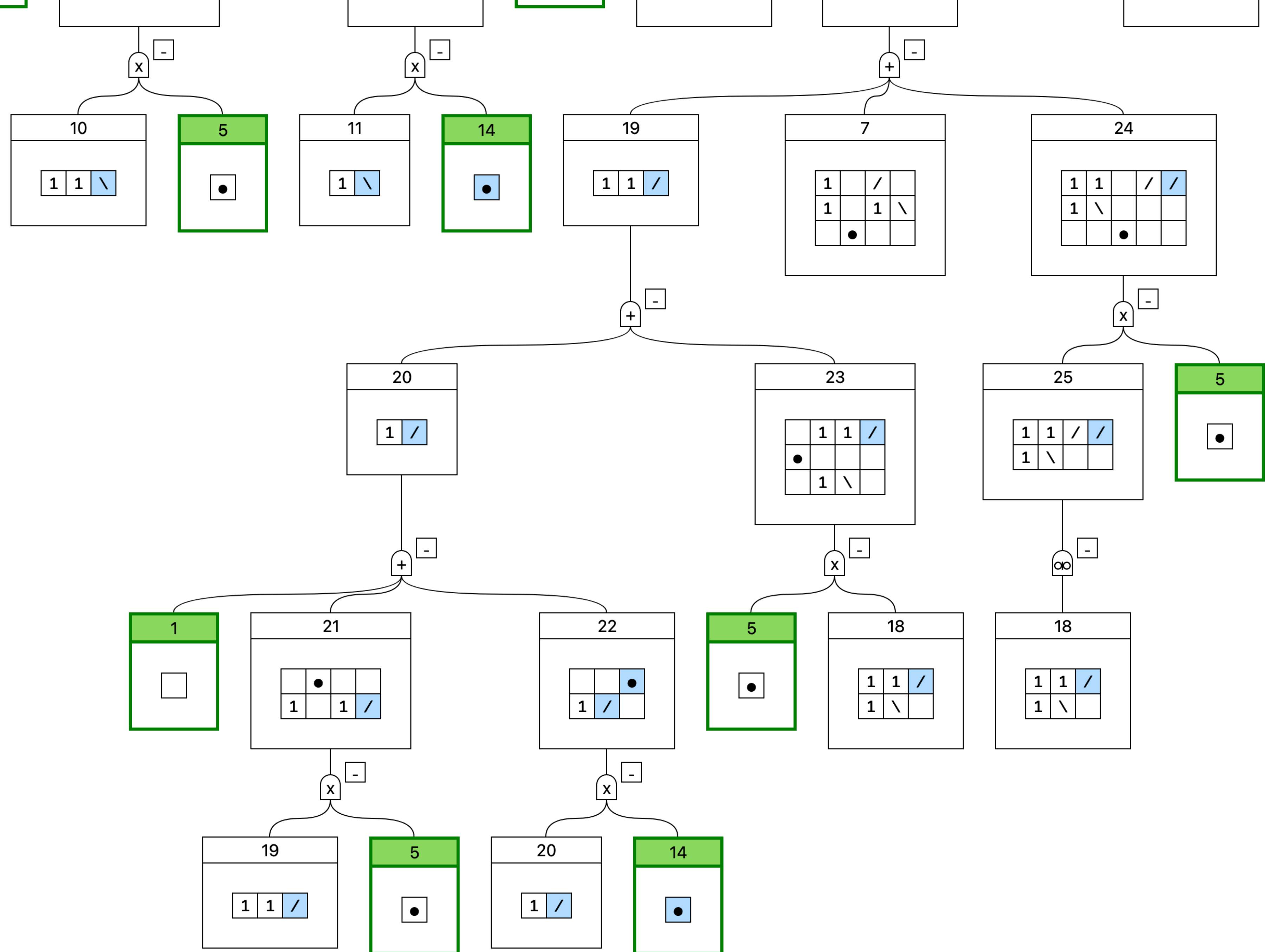
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$$F_1(x) = 1$$

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$$F_3(x) = F_0(x) + F_4(x)$$

$$F_4(x) = F_5(x)F_6(x)$$

$$F_5(x) = x$$

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$$F_7(x) = F_5(x)F_8(x)$$

$$F_8(x) = F_9(x, 1)$$

$$F_9(x, y) = F_{10}(x, y) + F_{16}(x) + F_{26}(x, y)$$

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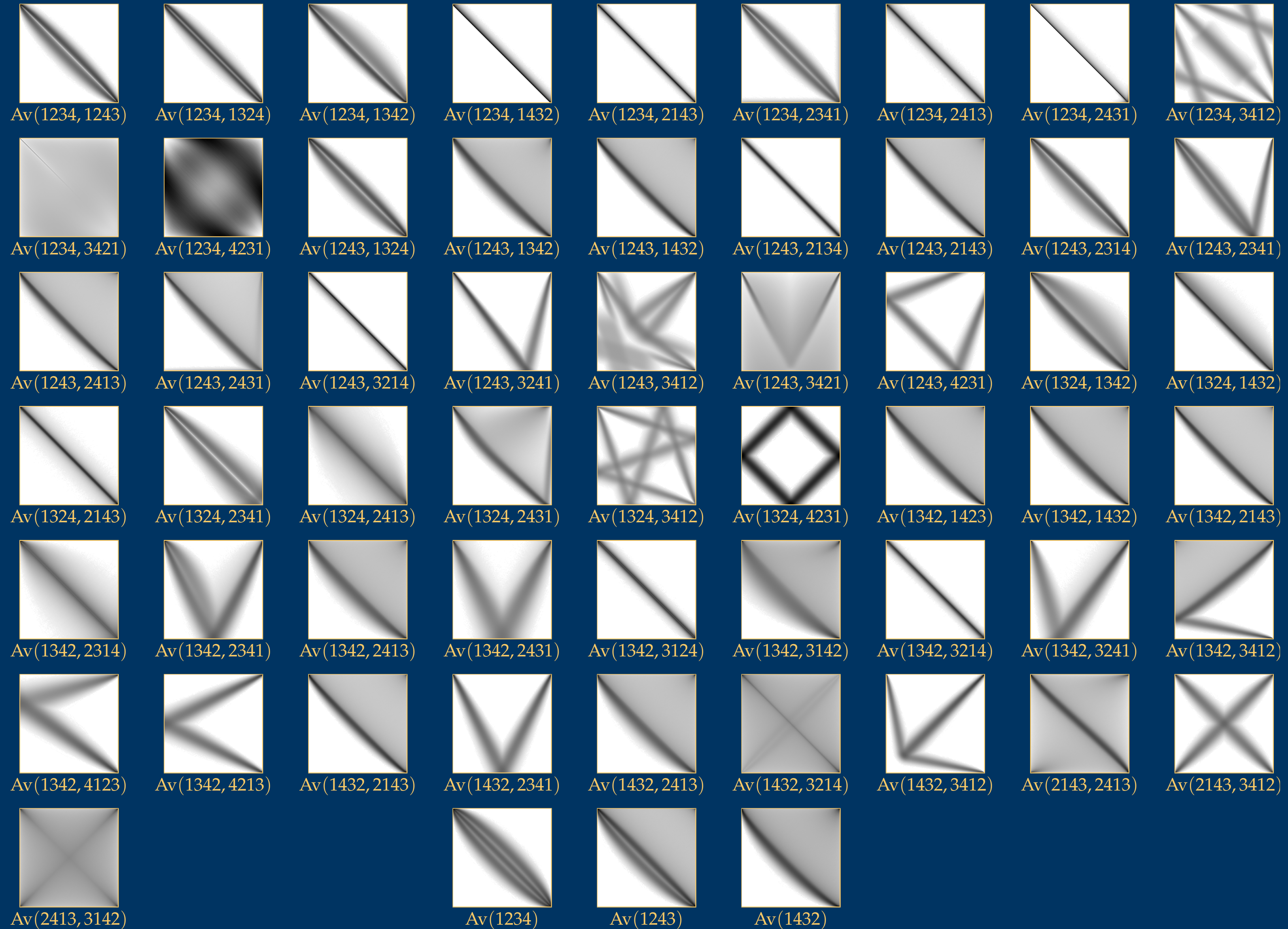
$$F_{25}(x, y) = -\frac{-yF_{18}(x, y) + F_{18}(x, 1)}{-1 + y}$$

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$$F_{27}(x, y) = -\frac{-yF_9(x, y) + F_9(x, 1)}{-1 + y}$$

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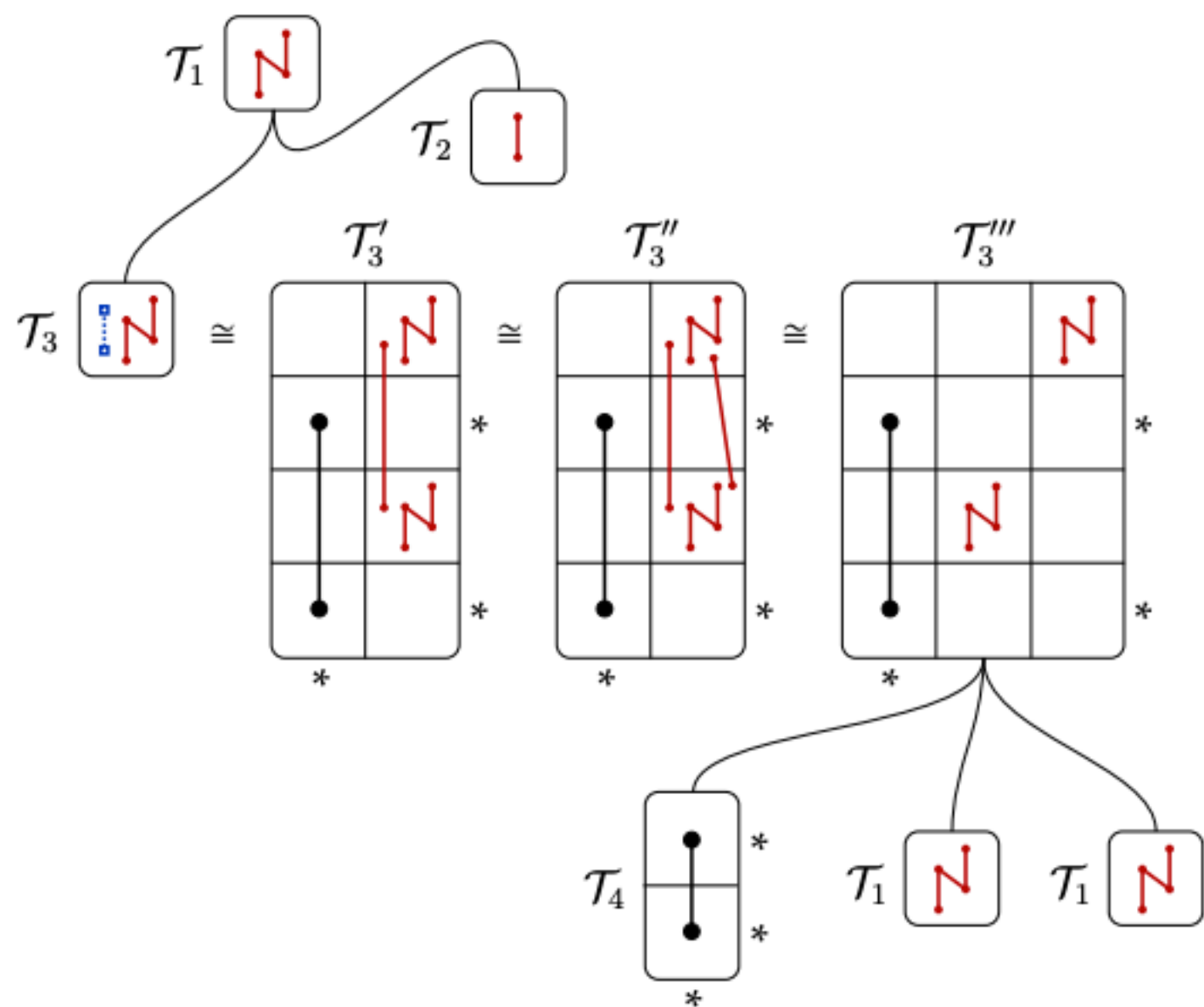
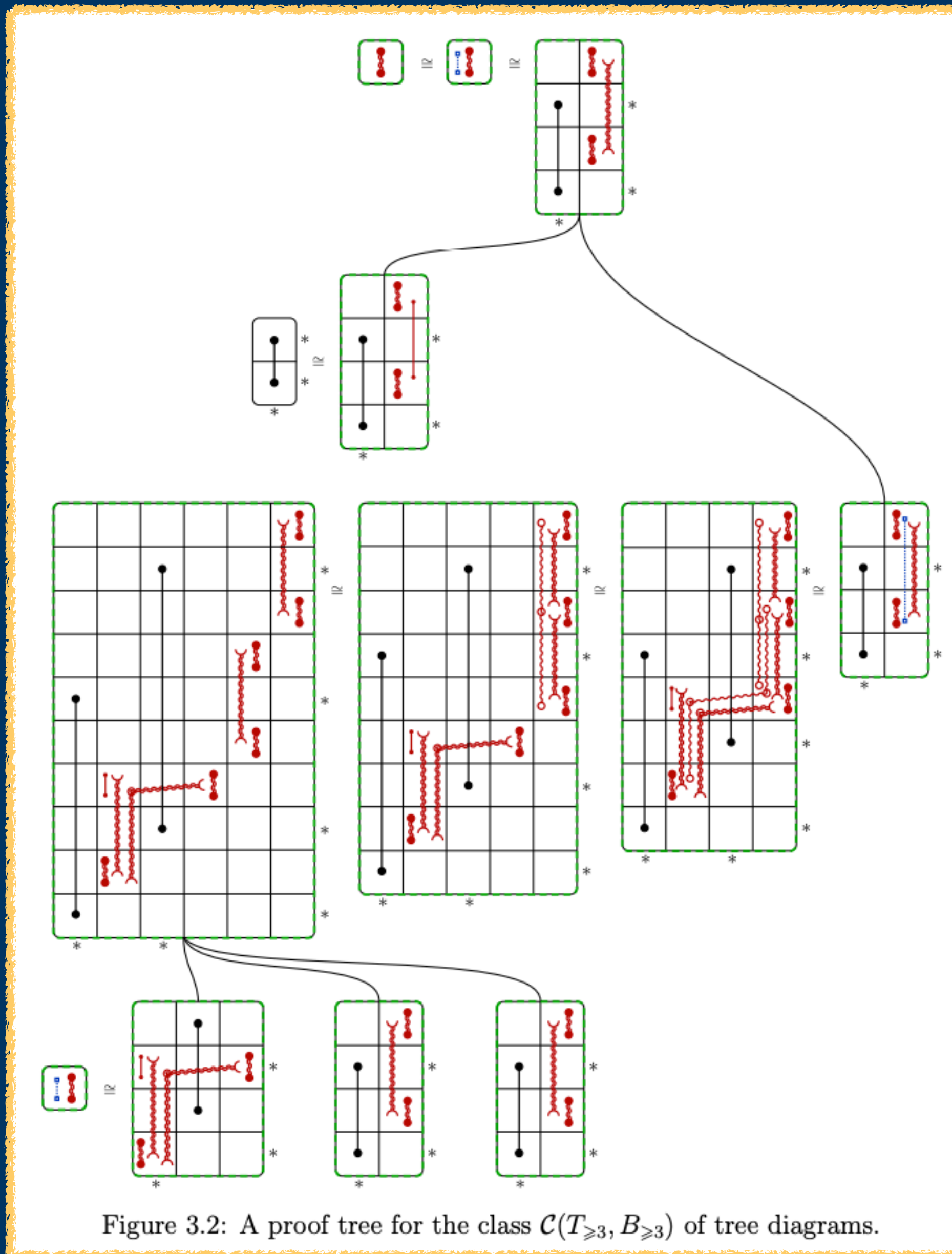


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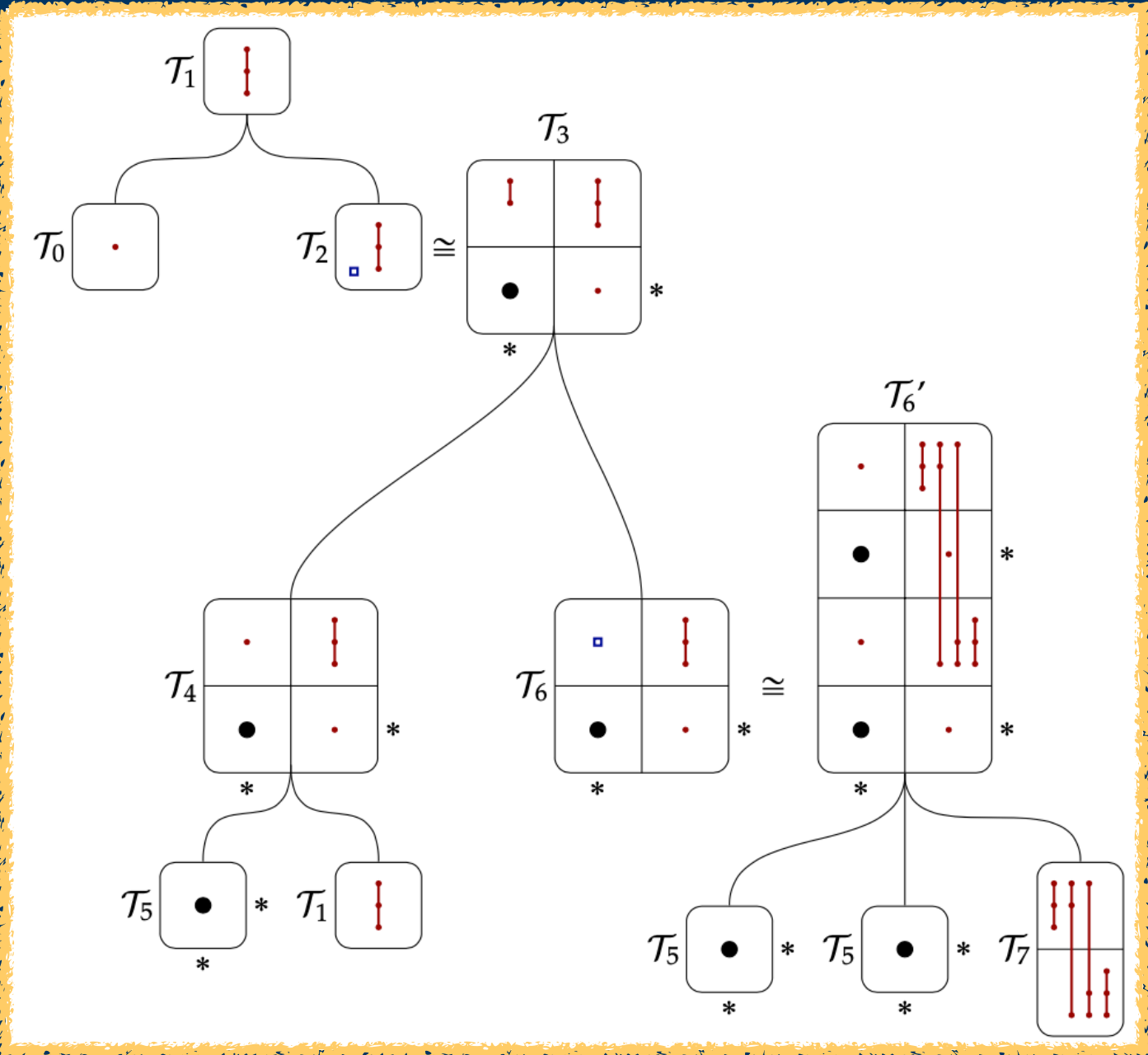
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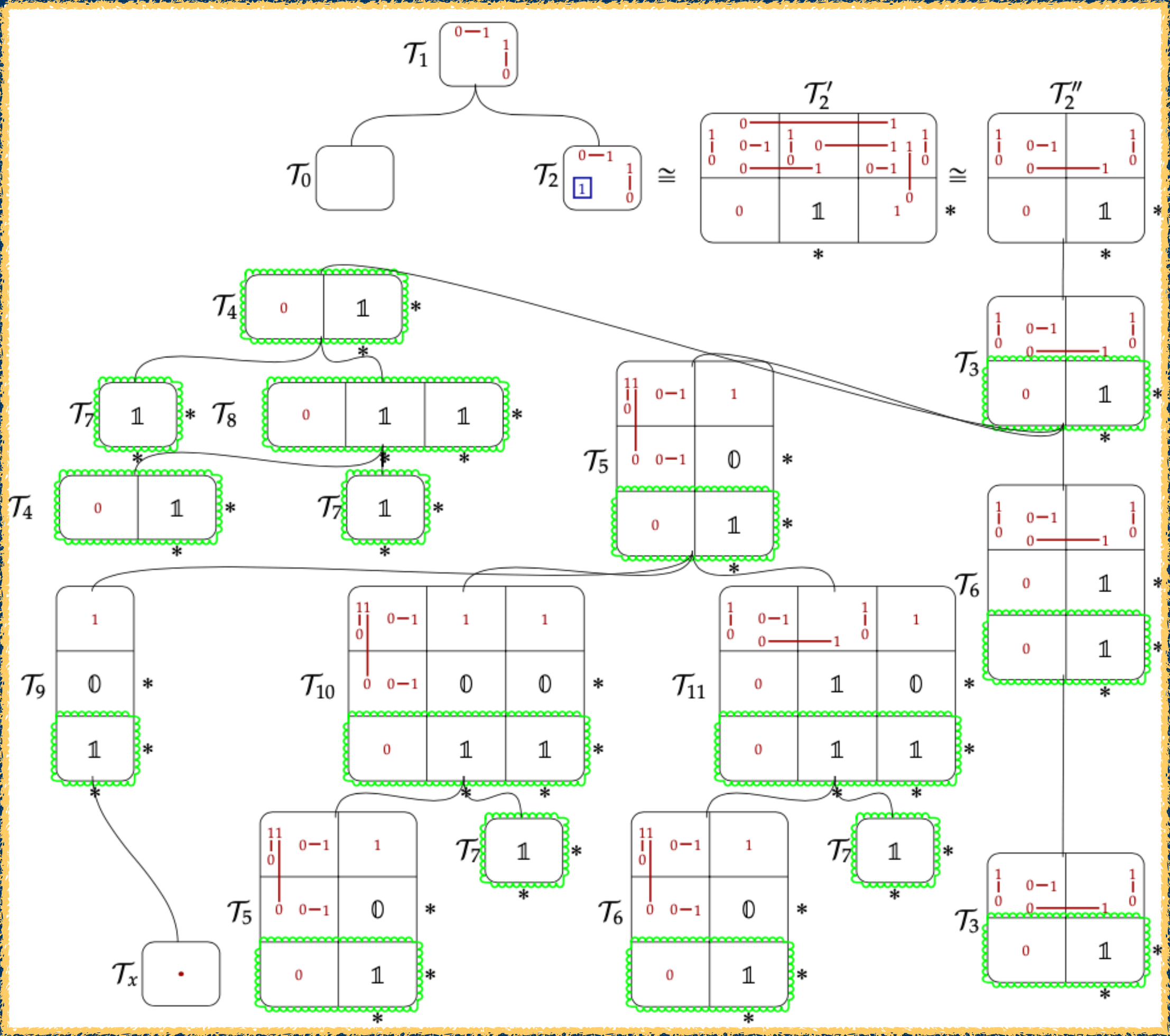
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Set Partitions



$$T_1(x) = 1 + (x + x^2)T_1(x) + x^3 \frac{d}{dx} T_1(x)$$



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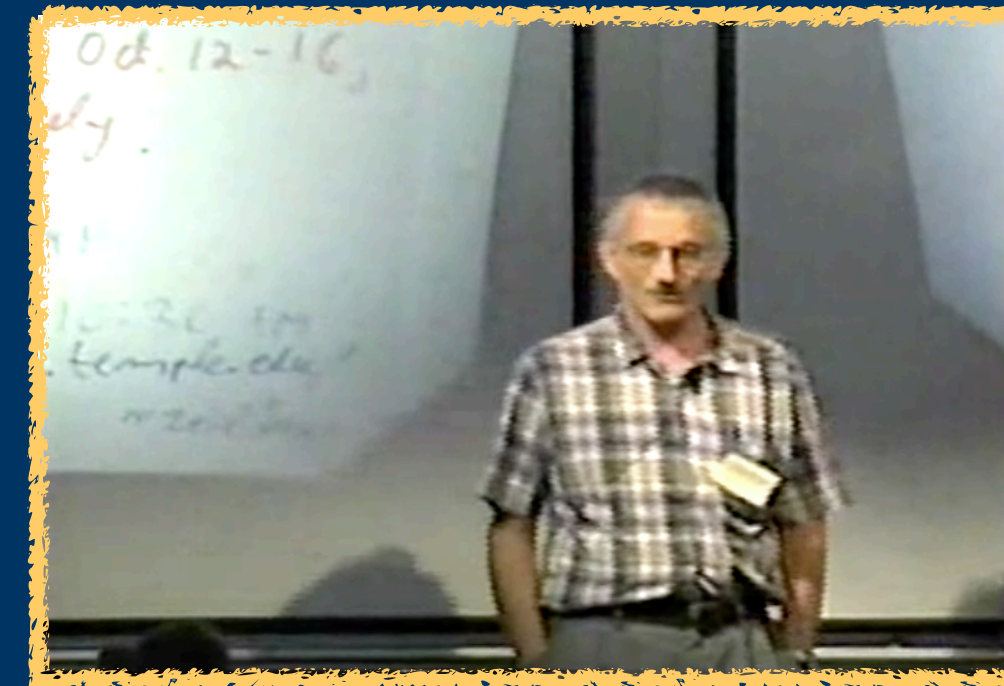
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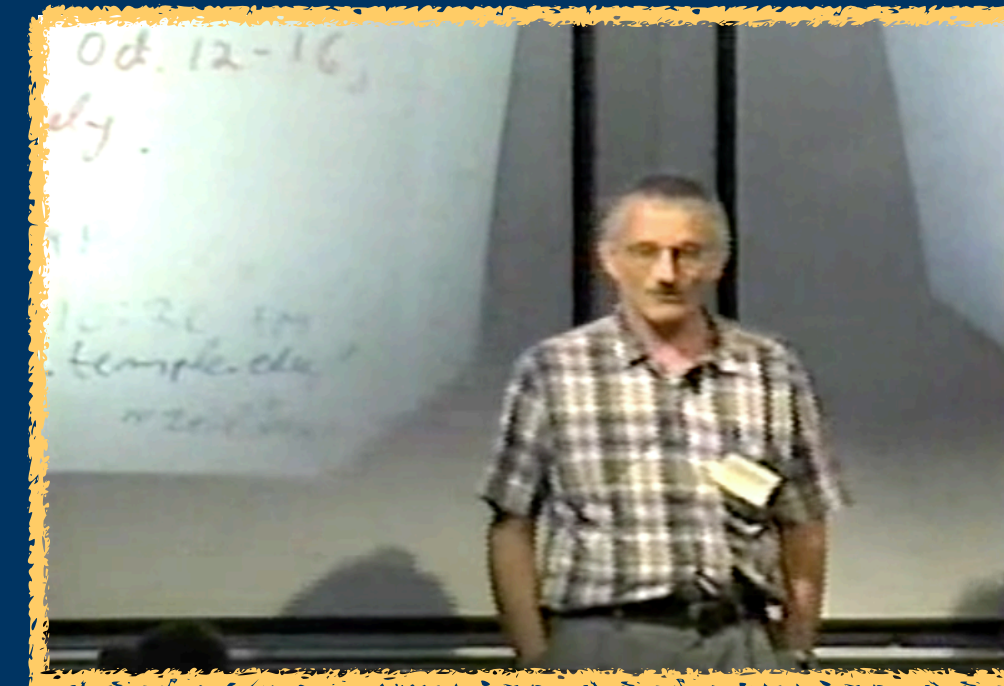
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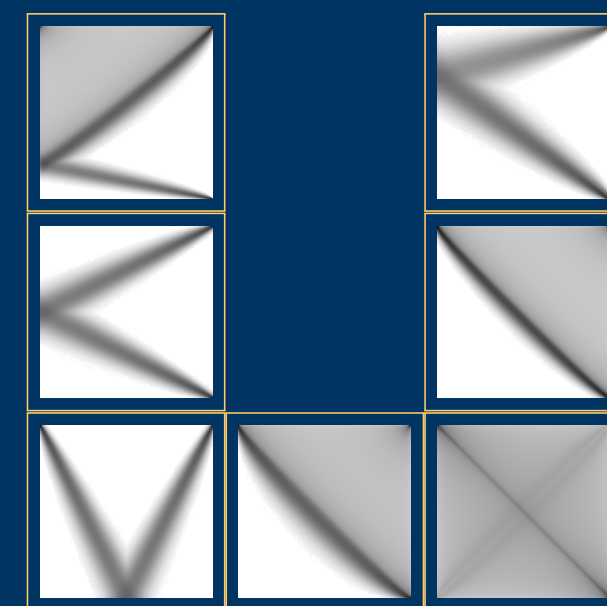
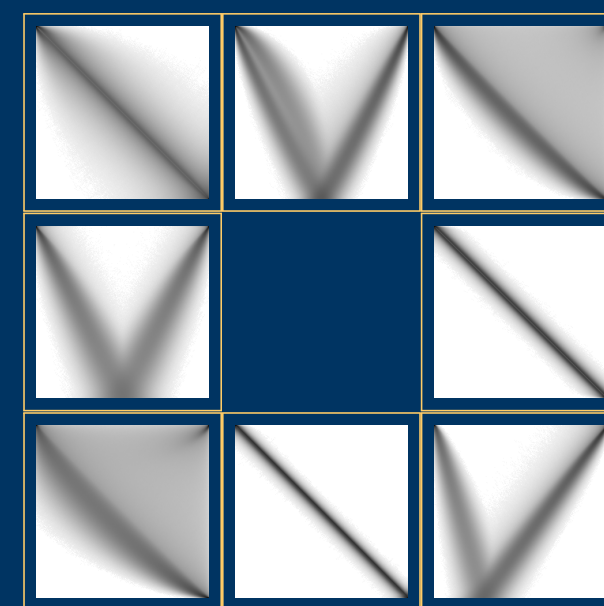
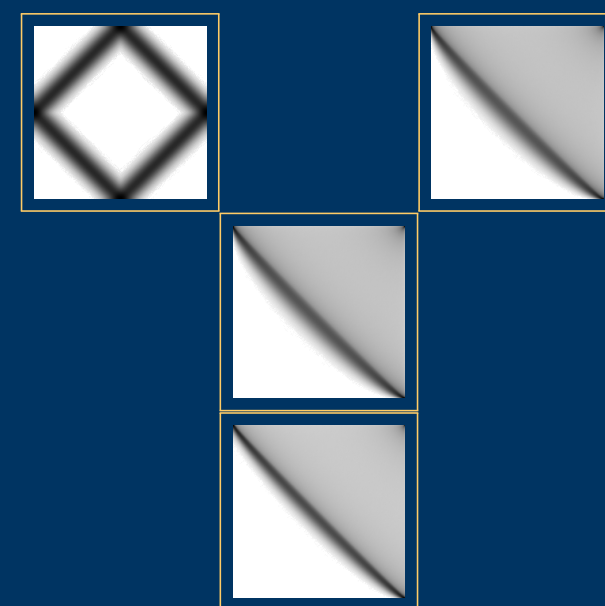
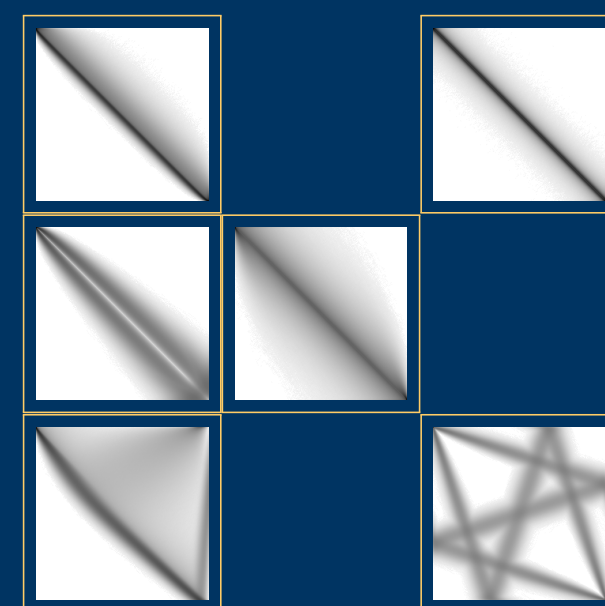
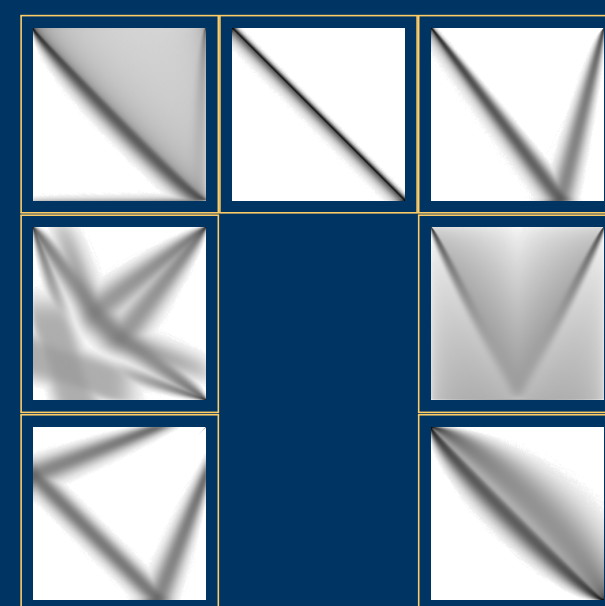
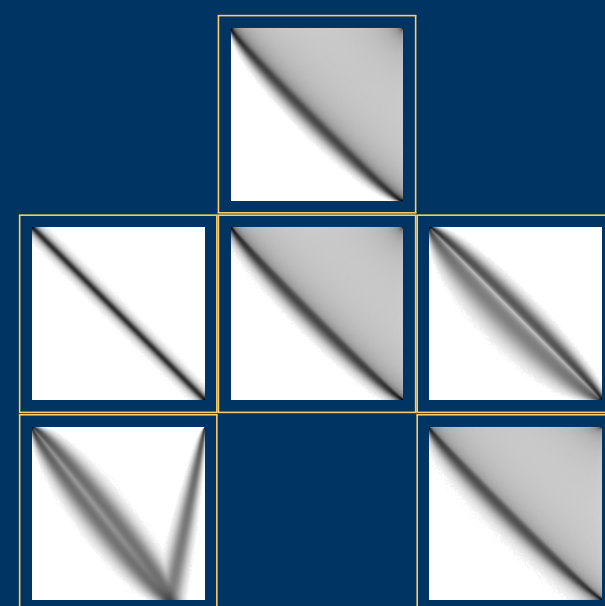
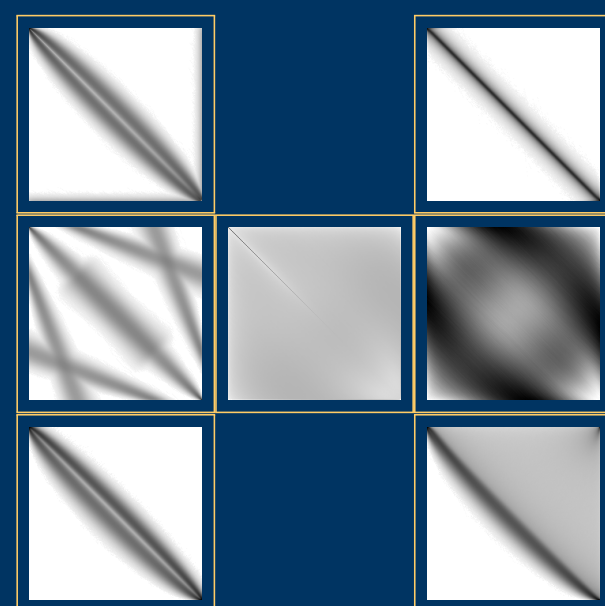
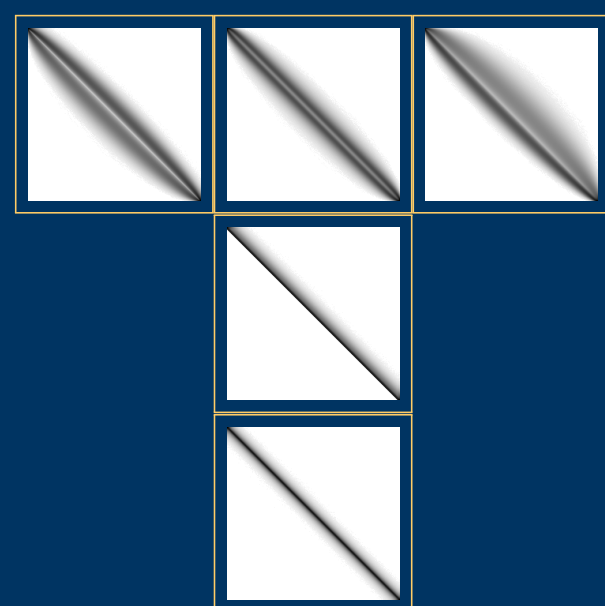
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