

On two recent conjectures in pattern avoidance

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All patterns τ of length 3 are Wilf-equivalent. Moreover,

$$|\text{Av}_n(\tau)| = \frac{1}{1+n} \binom{2n}{n}.$$

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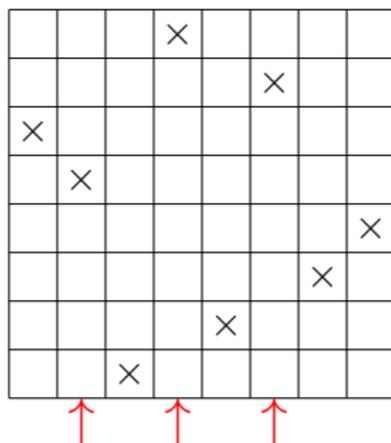
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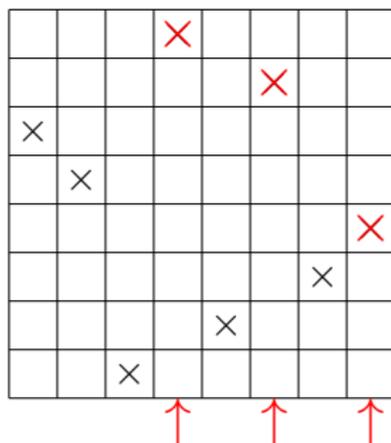
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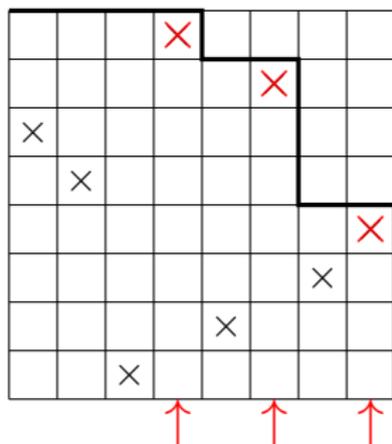


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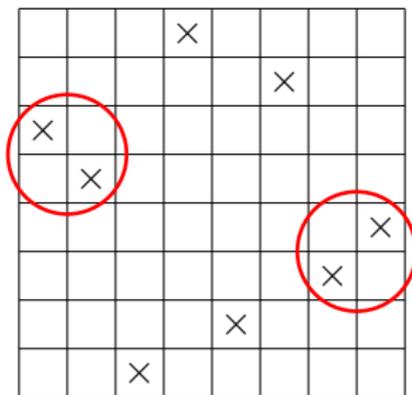


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Conjecture (Dokos, et al., 2012)

The patterns 1423 and 2413 are Maj-Wilf-equivalent

- ▶ $\text{Maj}(\pi)$ is sum of descents of π .

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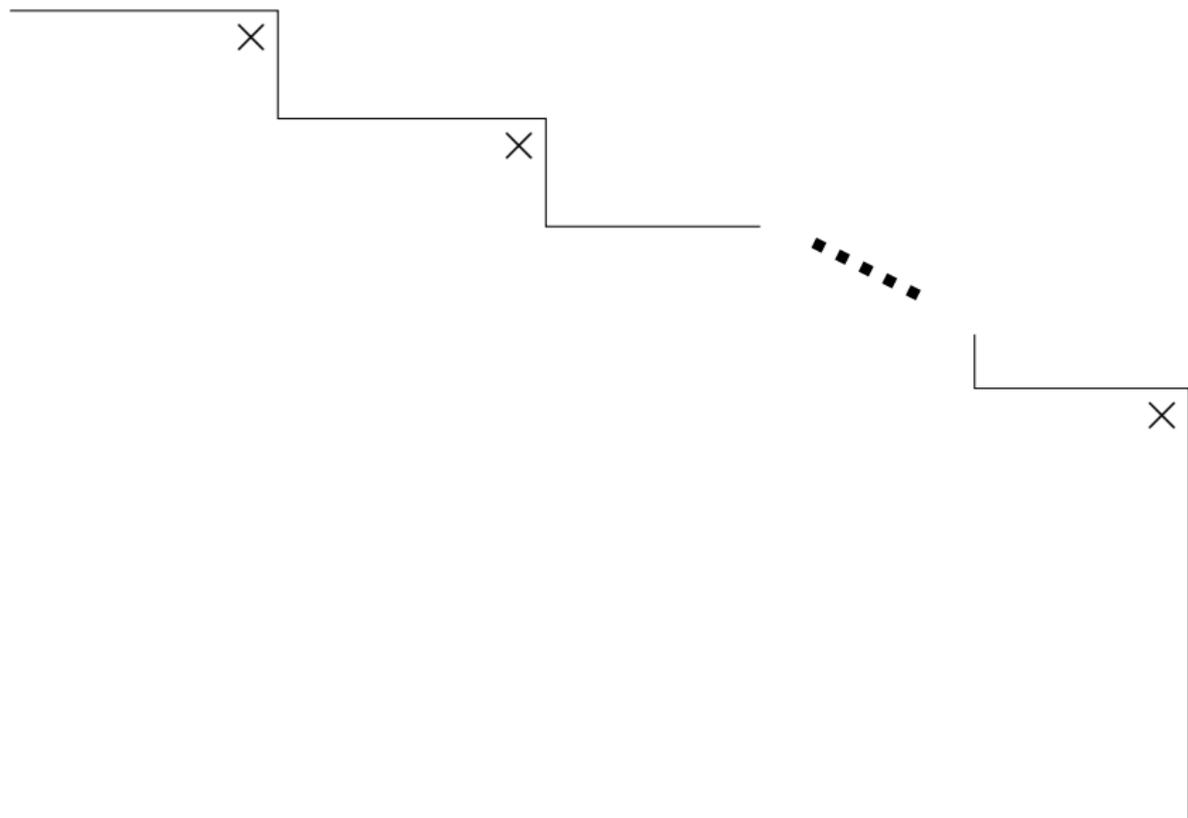
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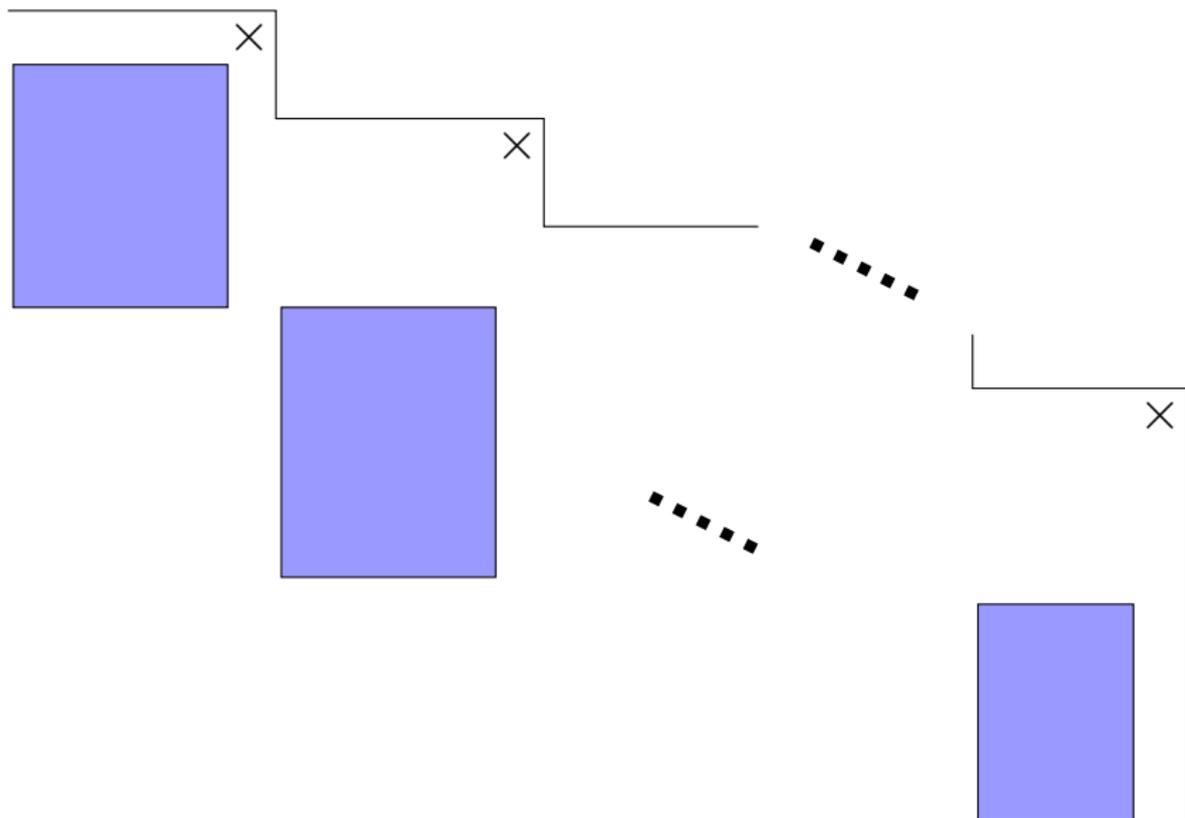
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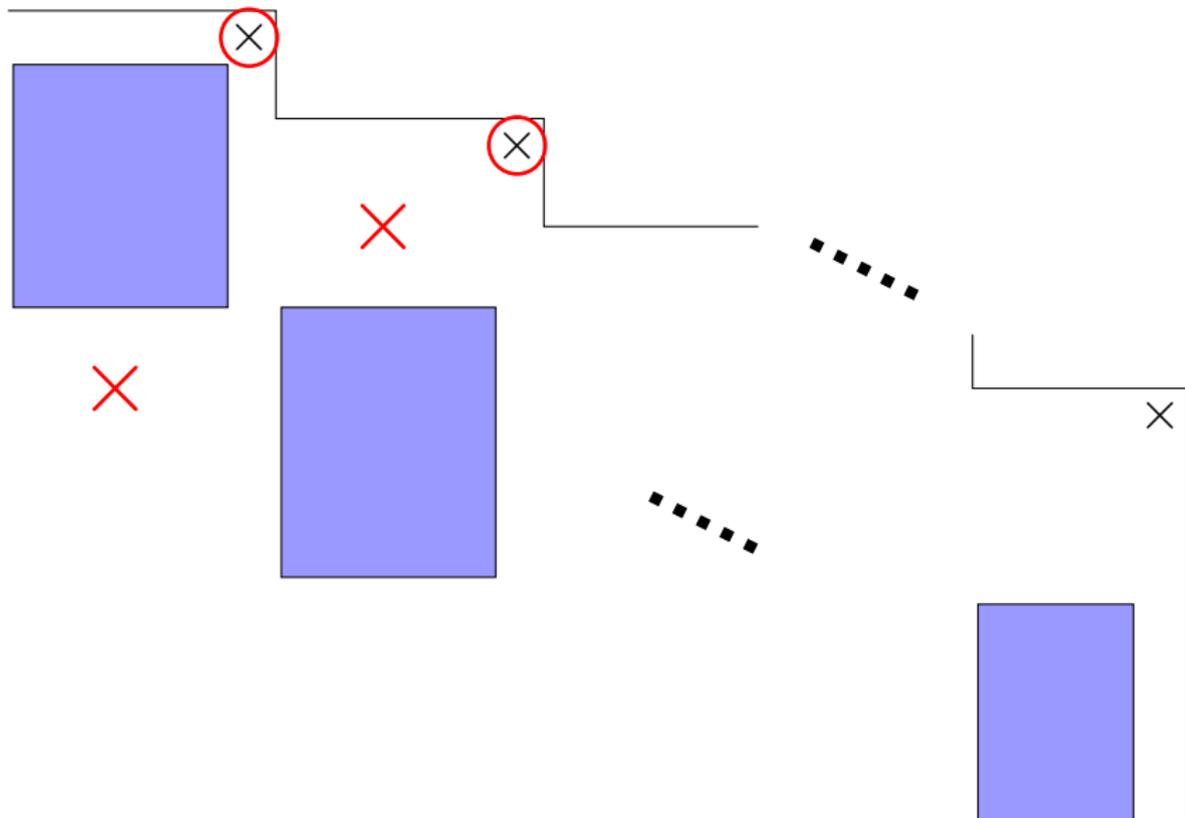
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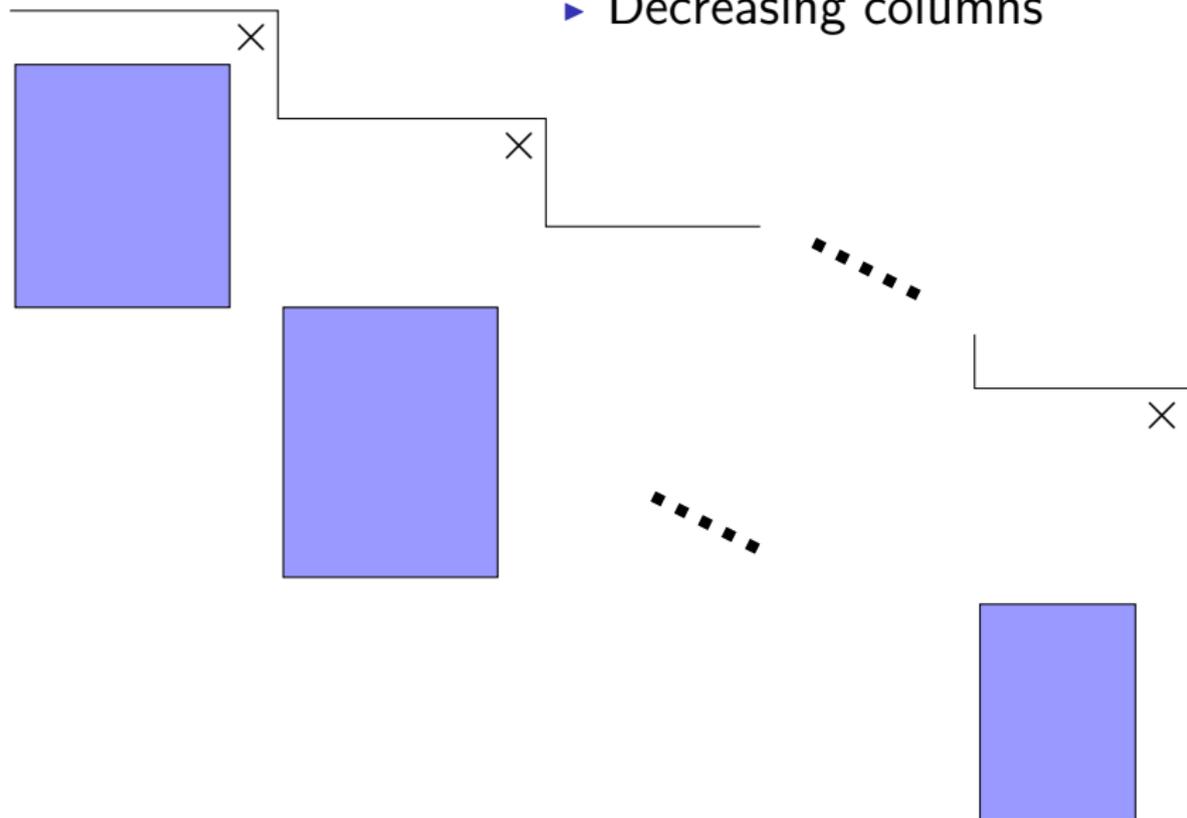


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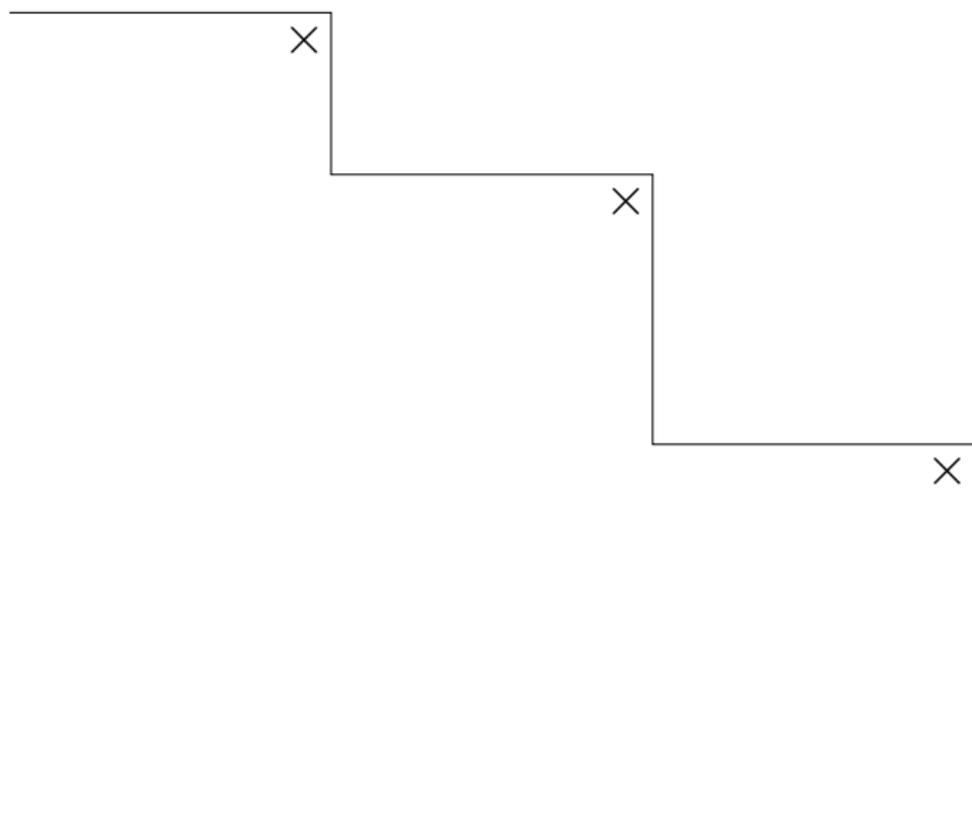


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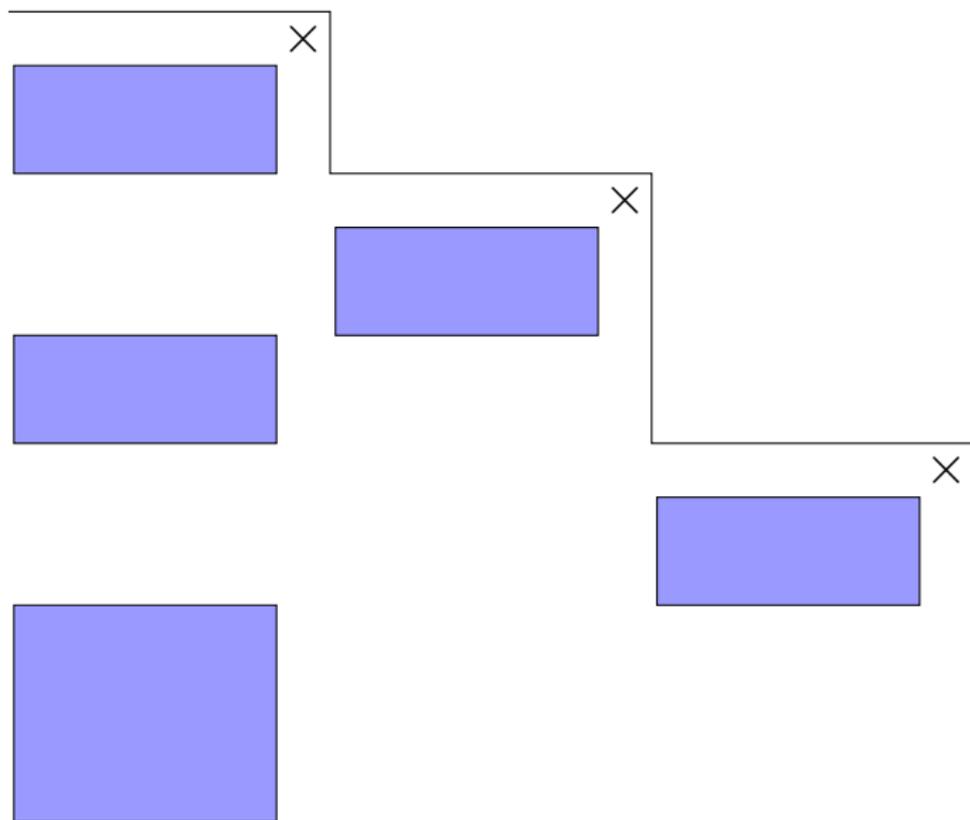
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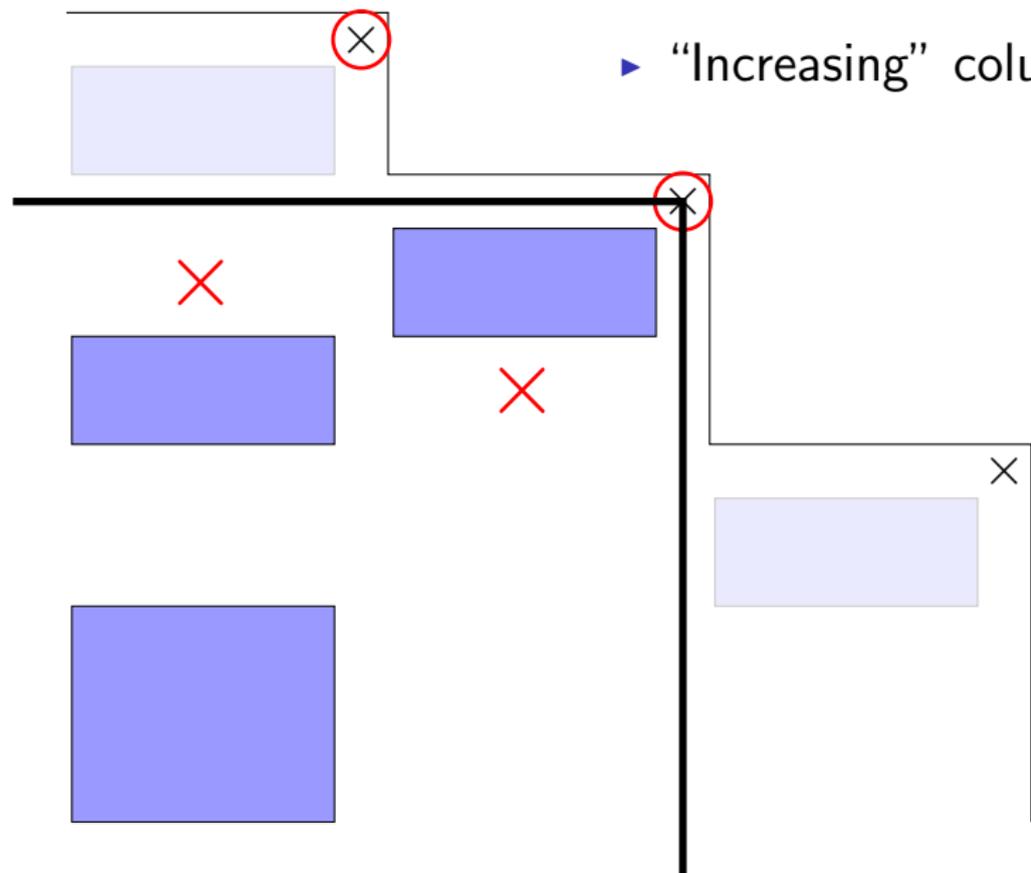


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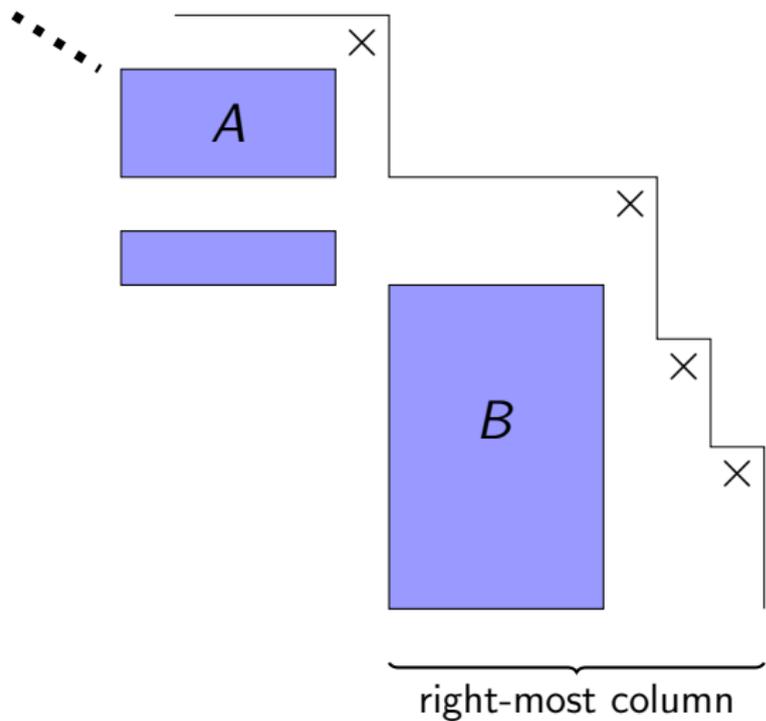
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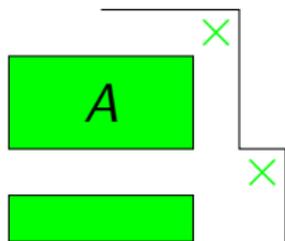
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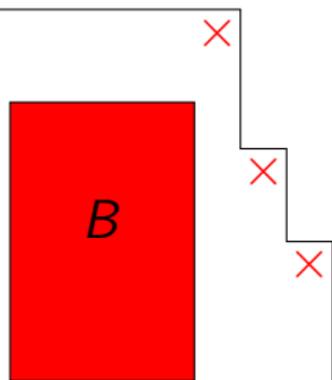
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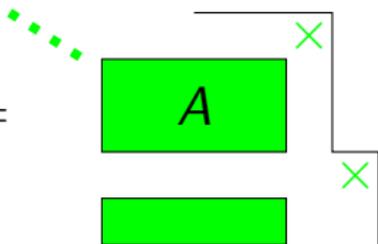
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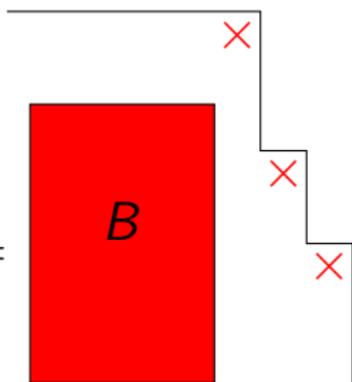
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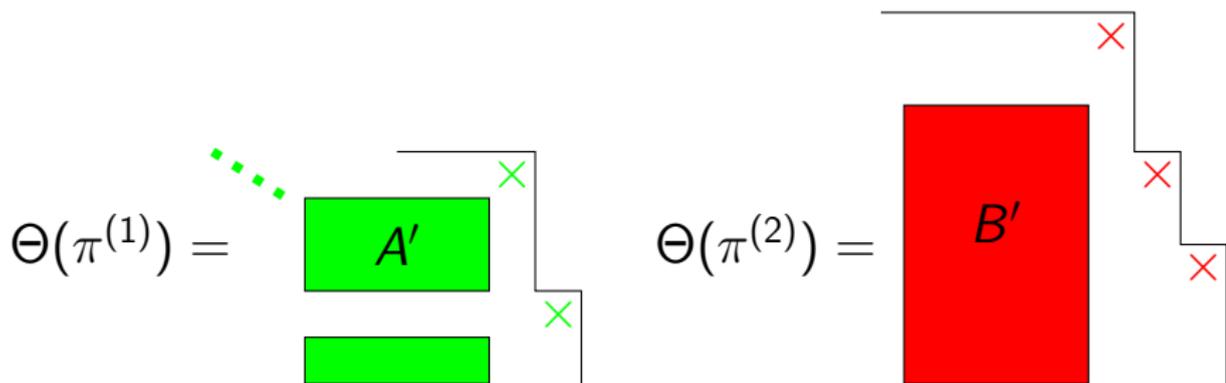


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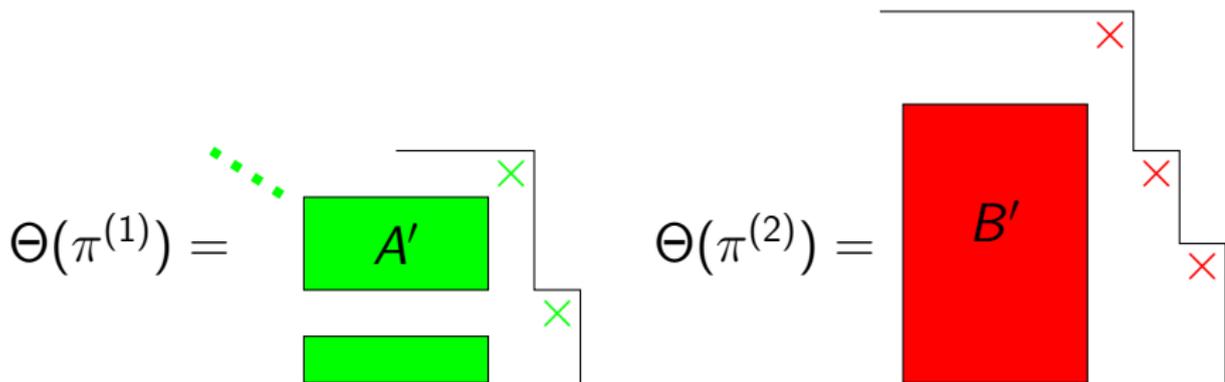


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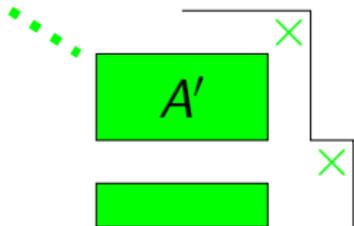
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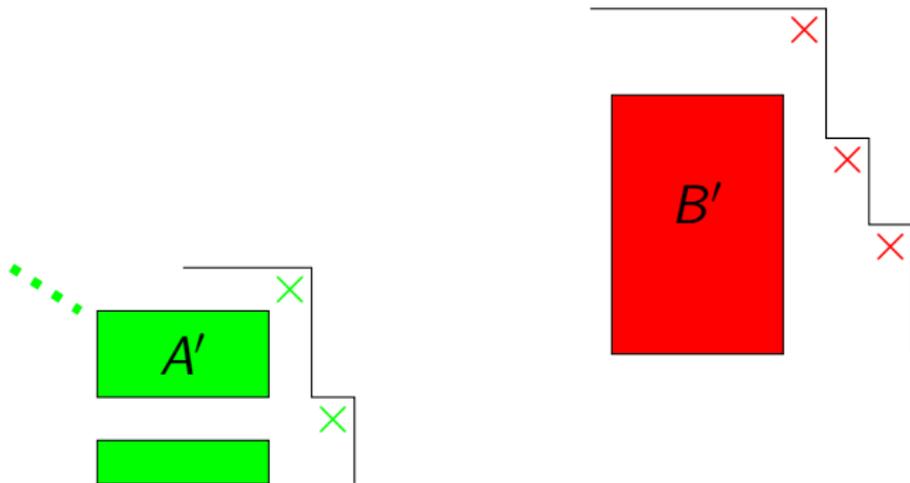
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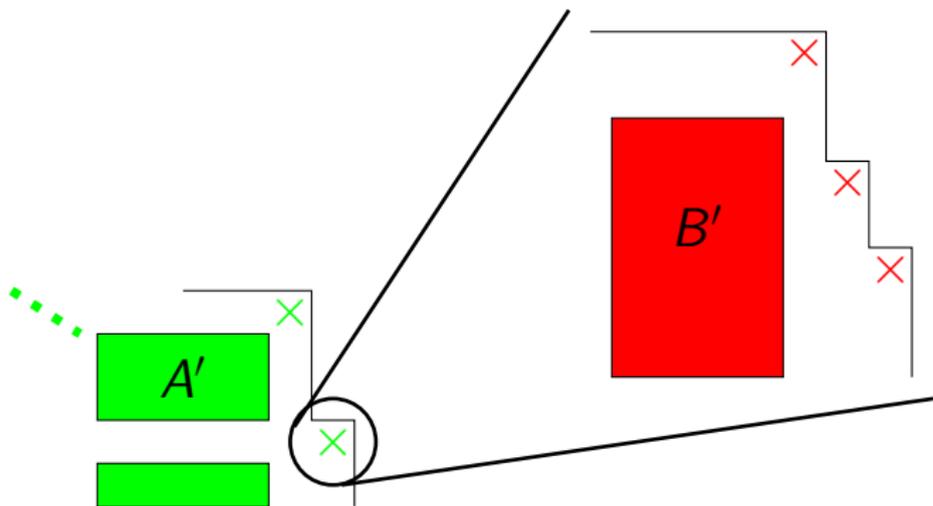
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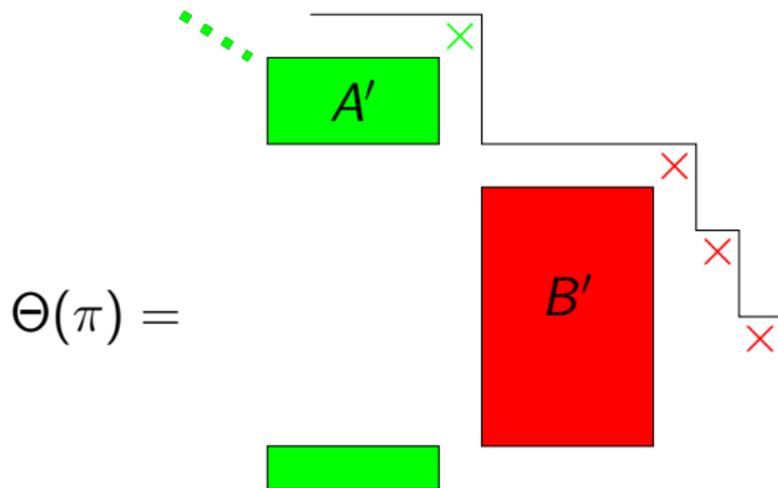
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Doing this we obtain our final result:



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Question:

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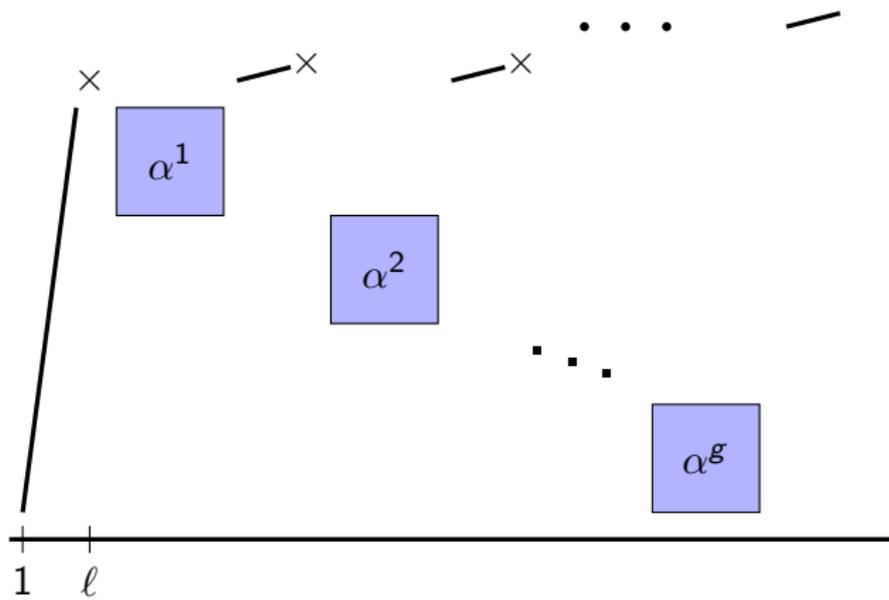
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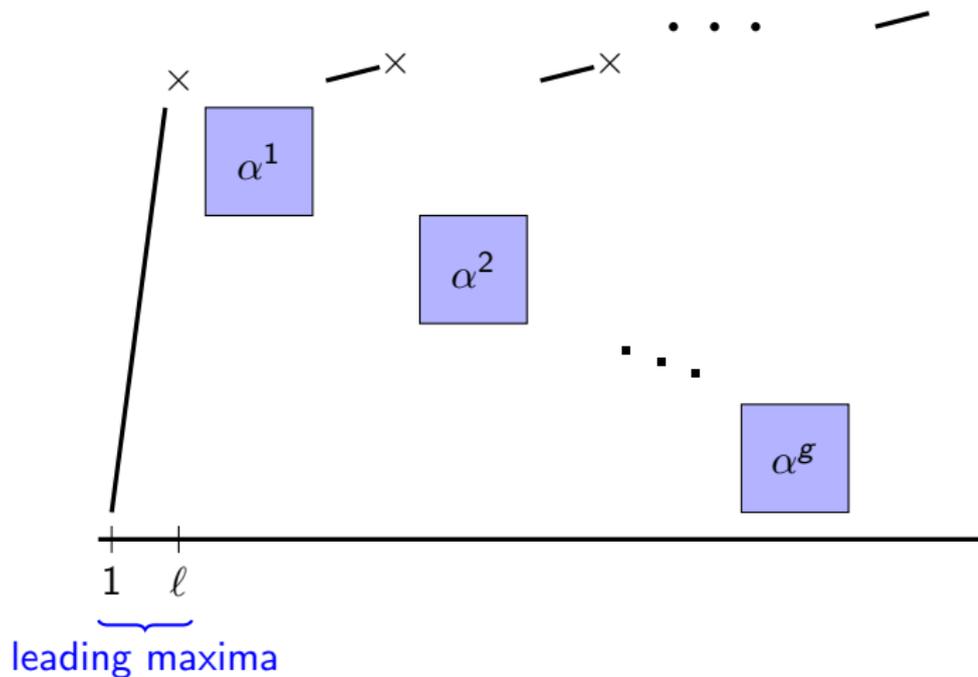
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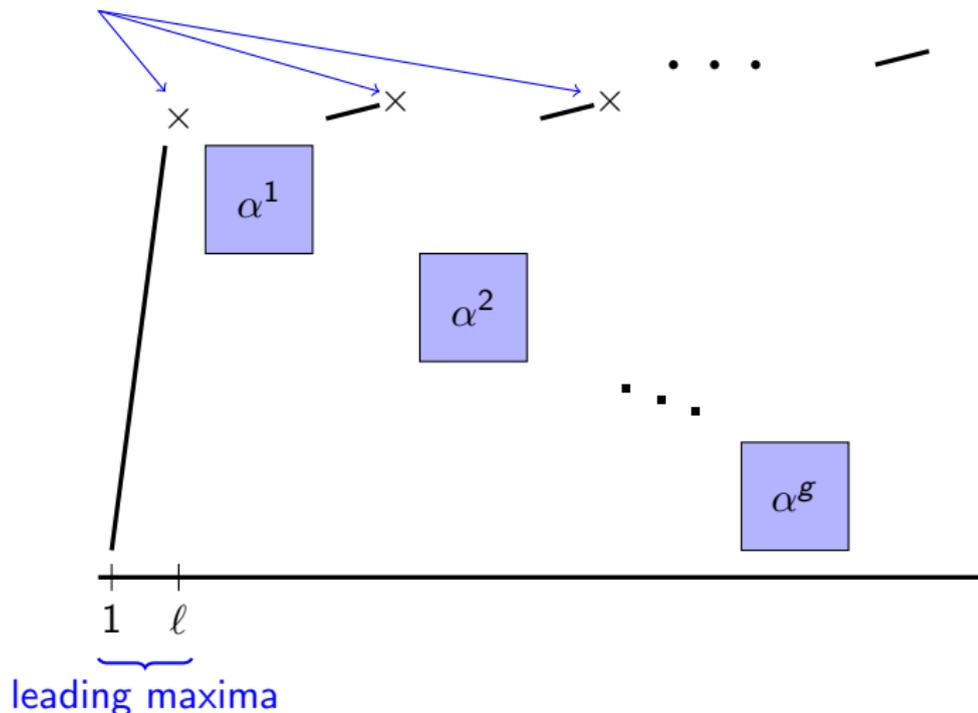
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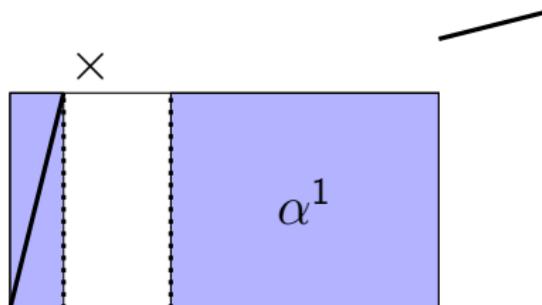
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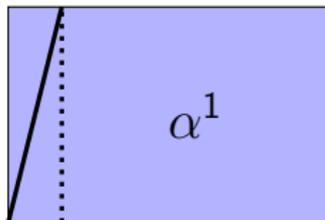
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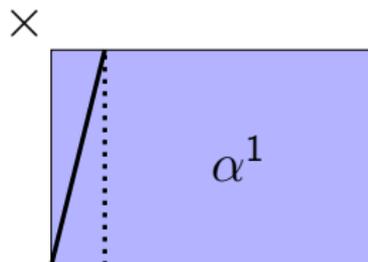
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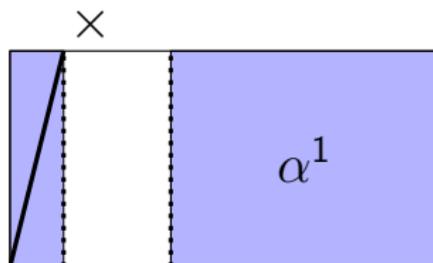
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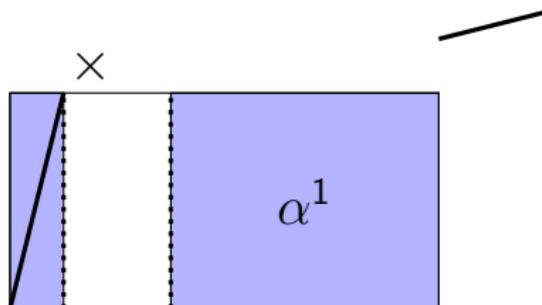
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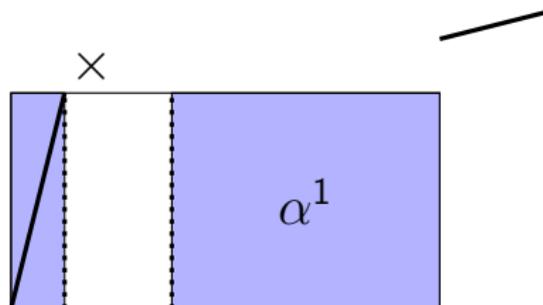
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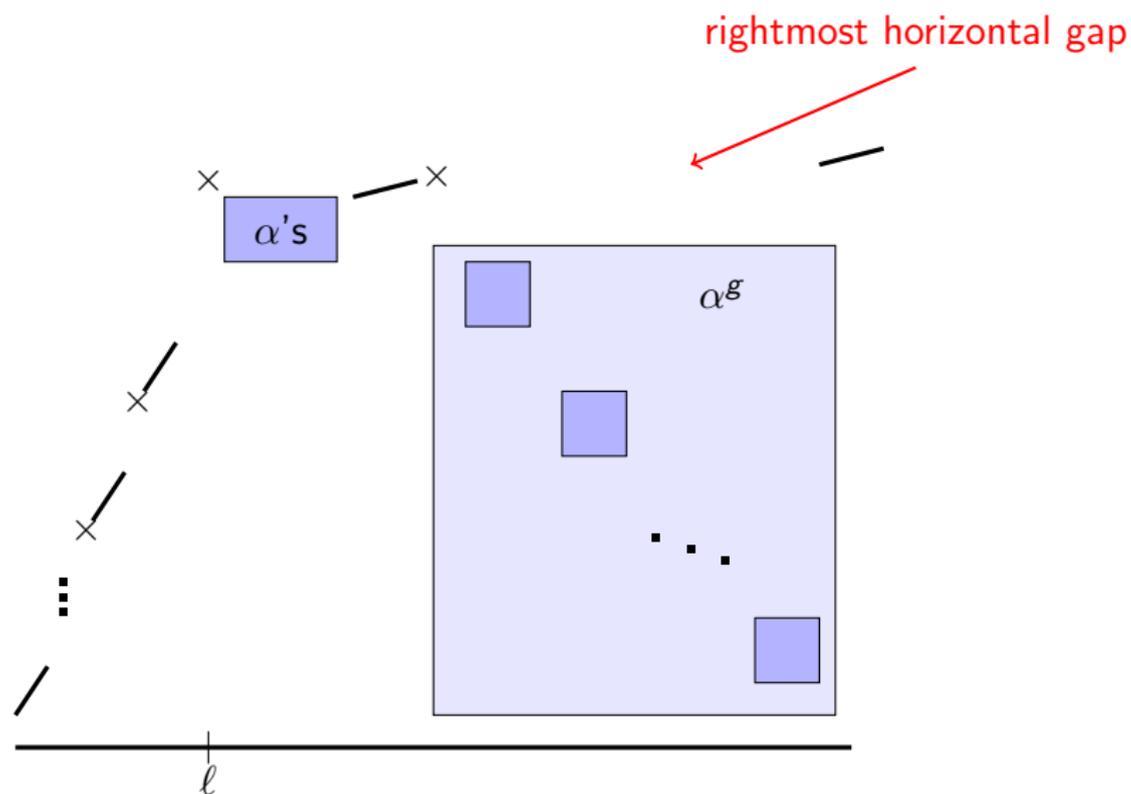
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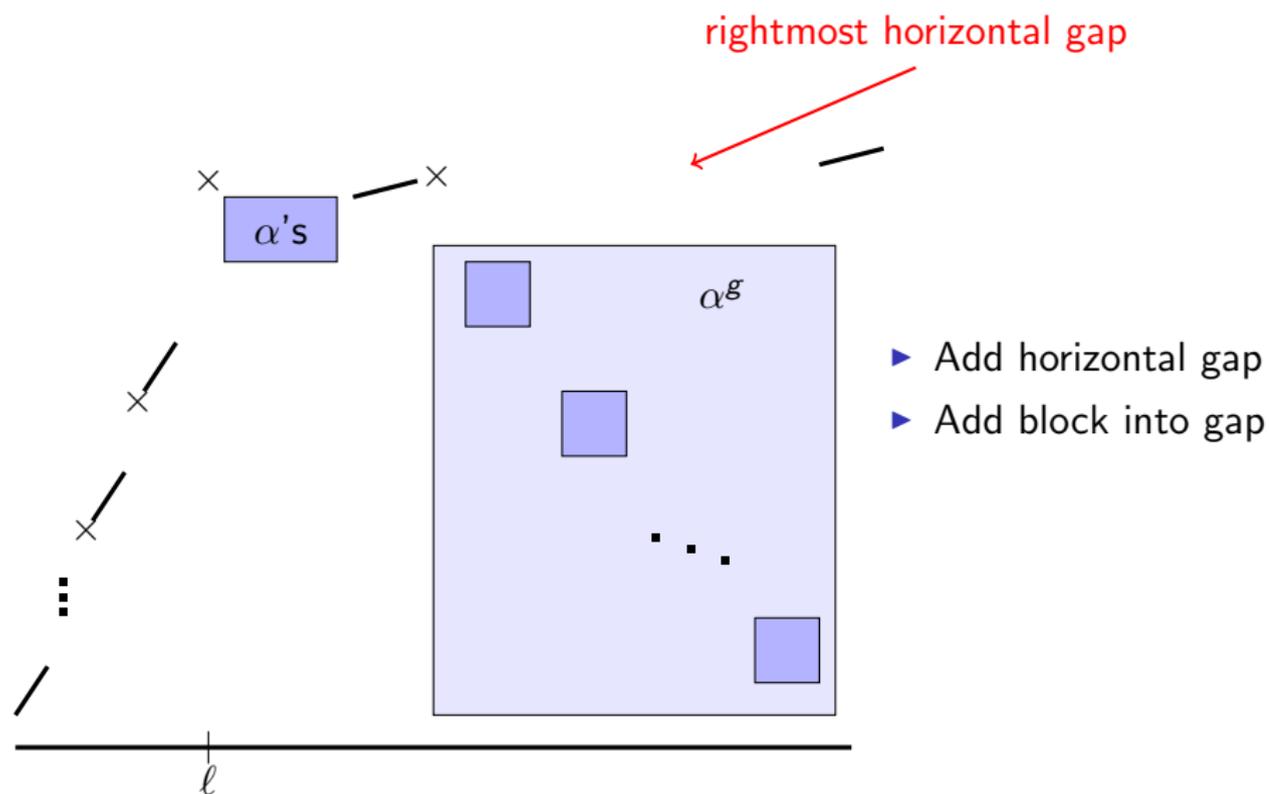
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