Topological Persistence

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X topological space

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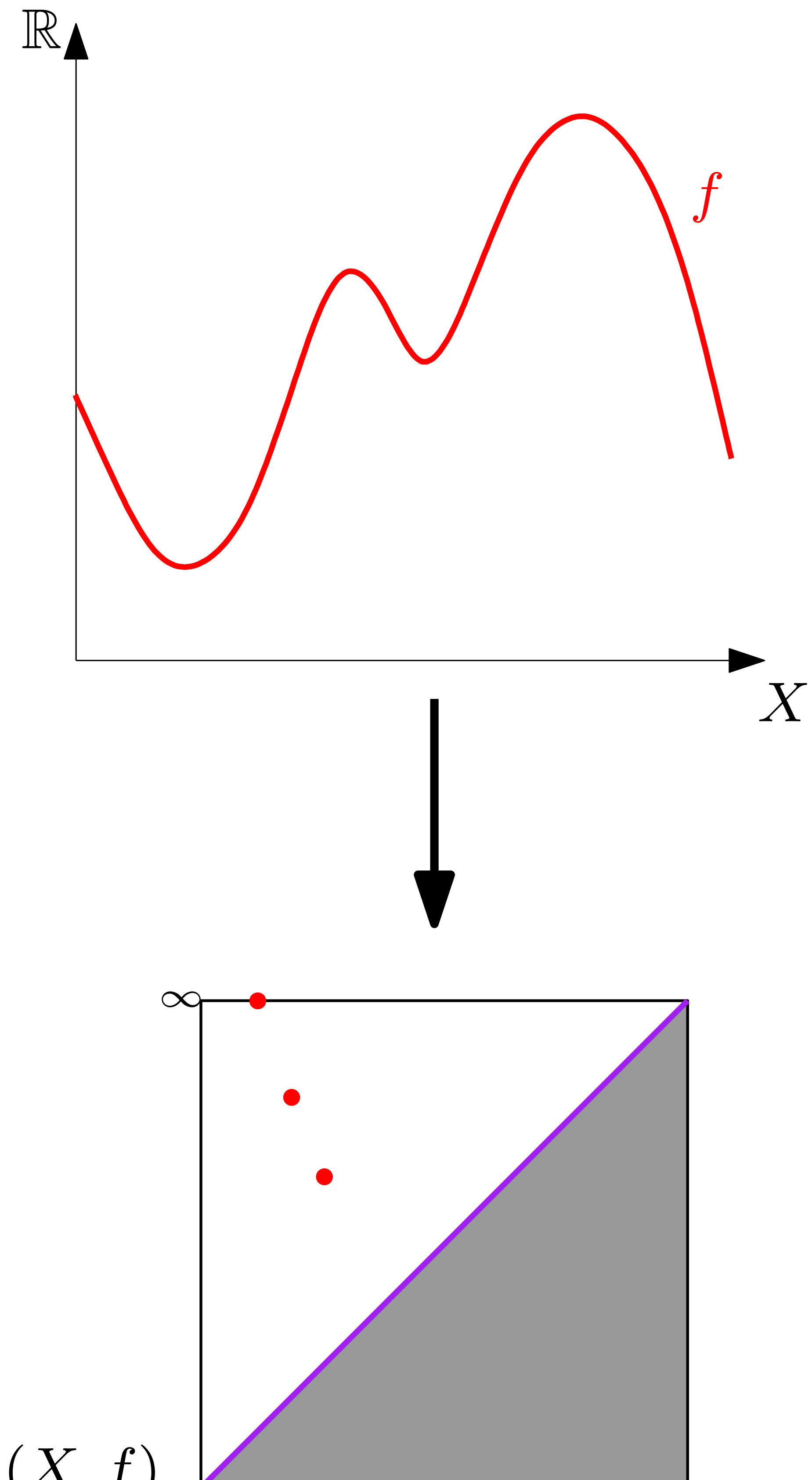

signature: *persistence diagram*

encodes the topological structure of the pair (X, f)

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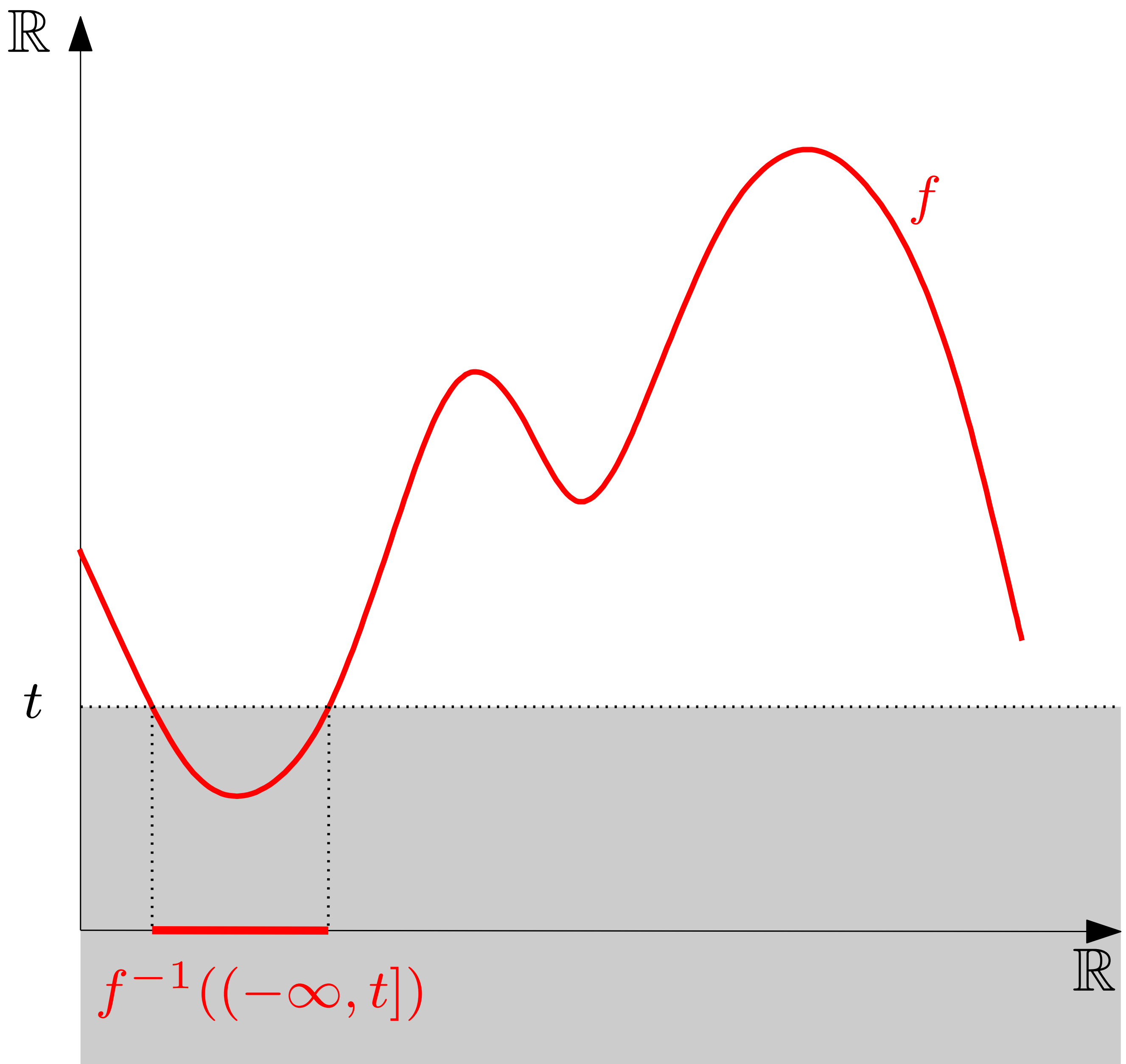

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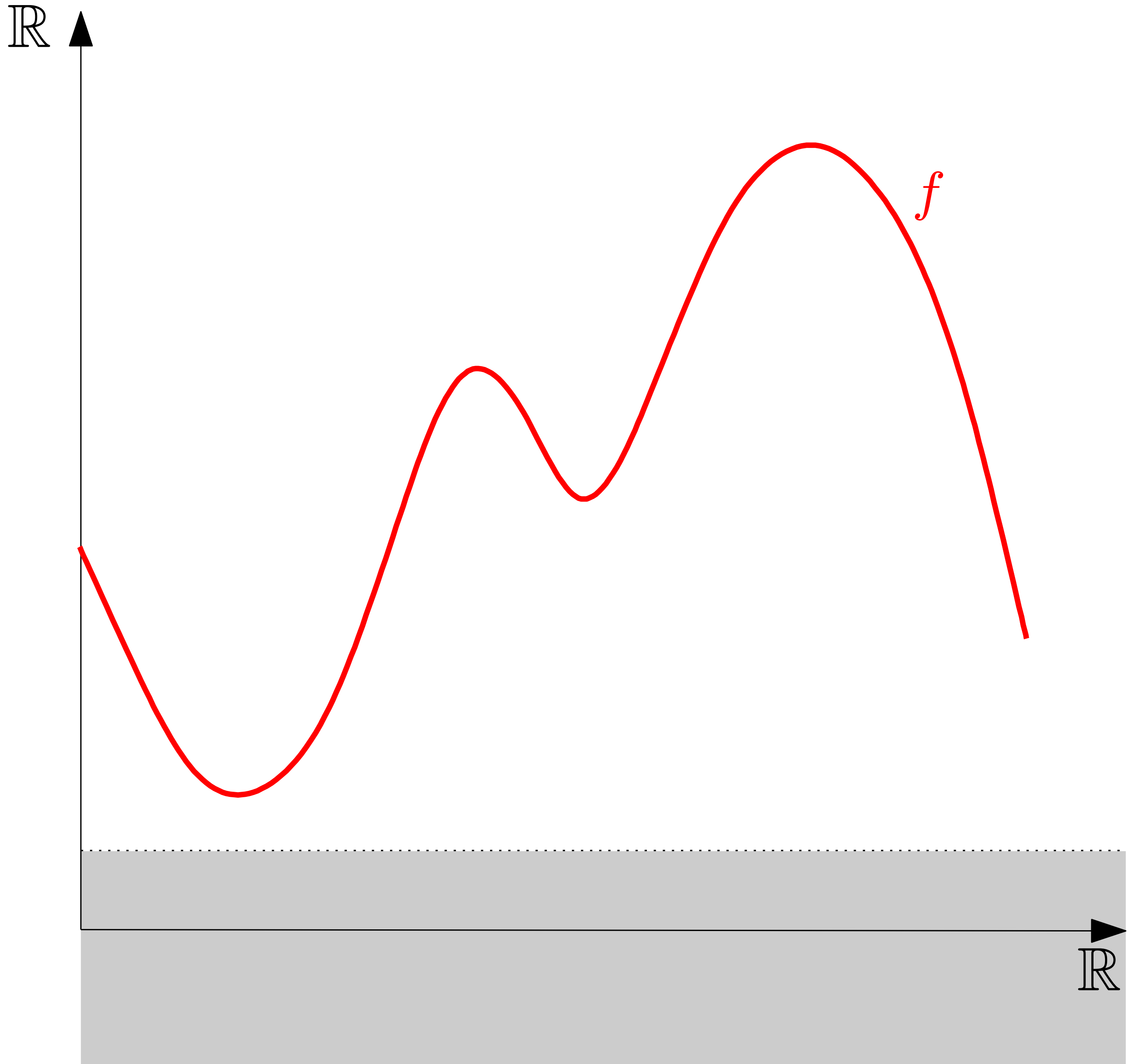

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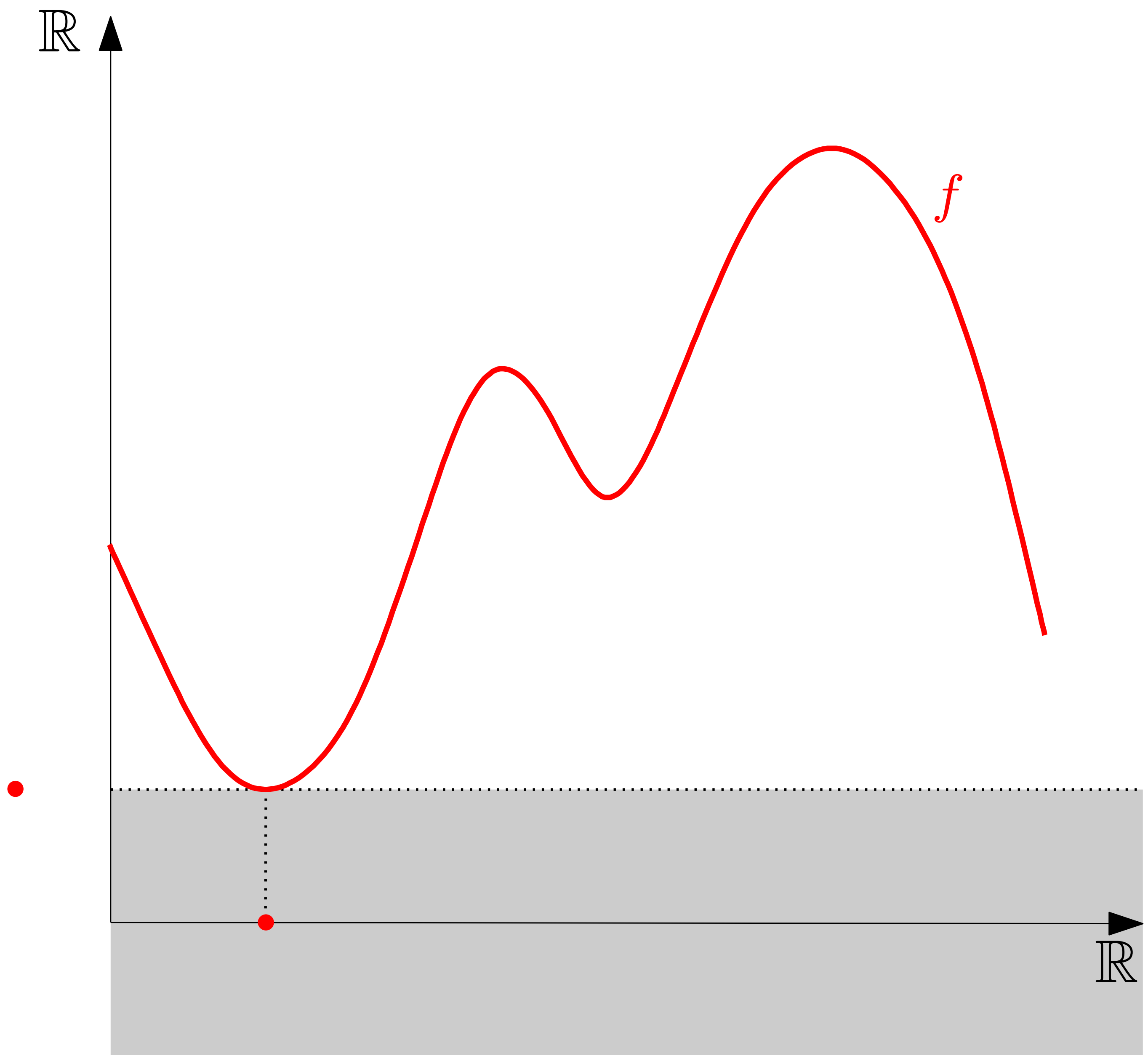

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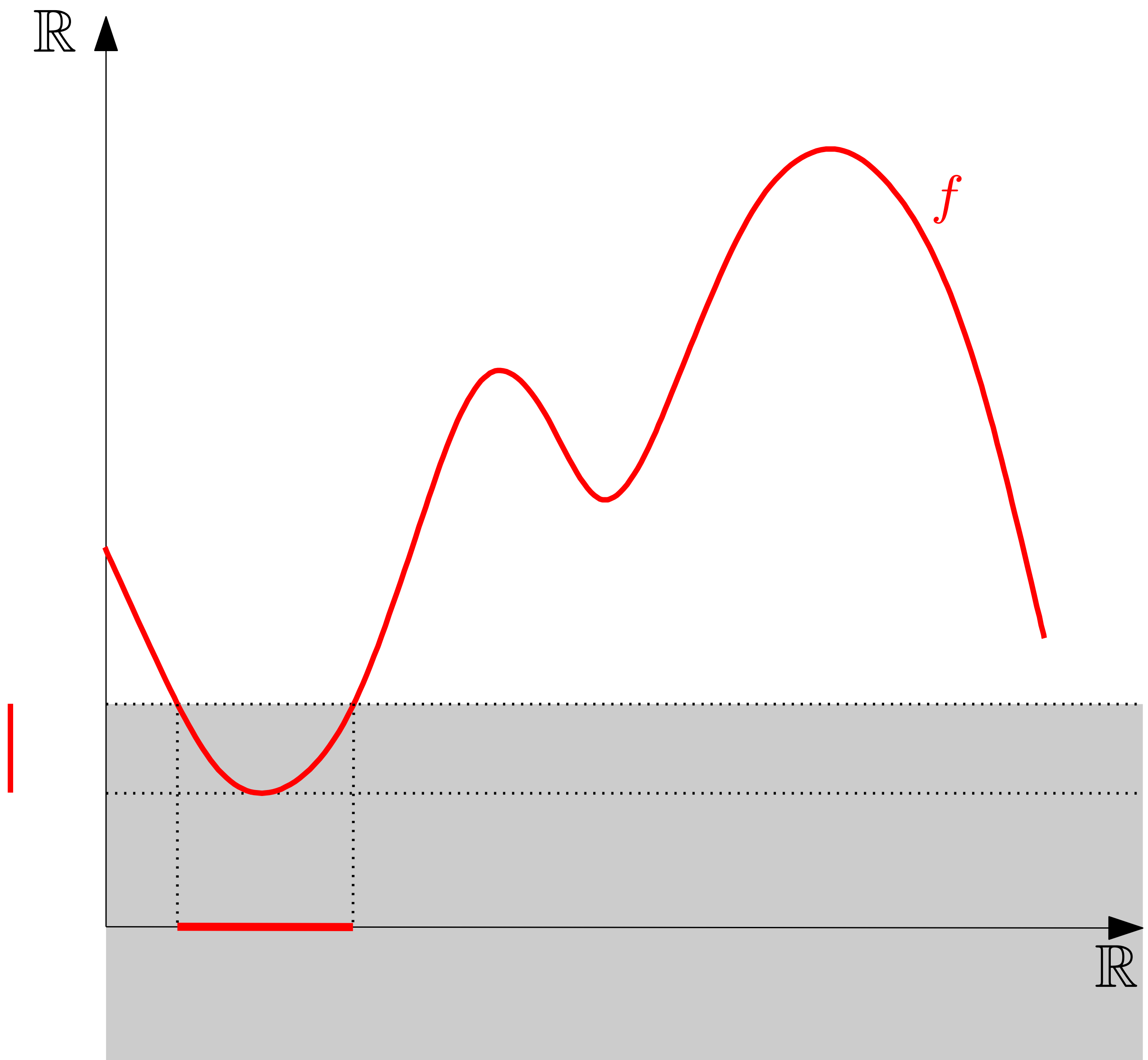

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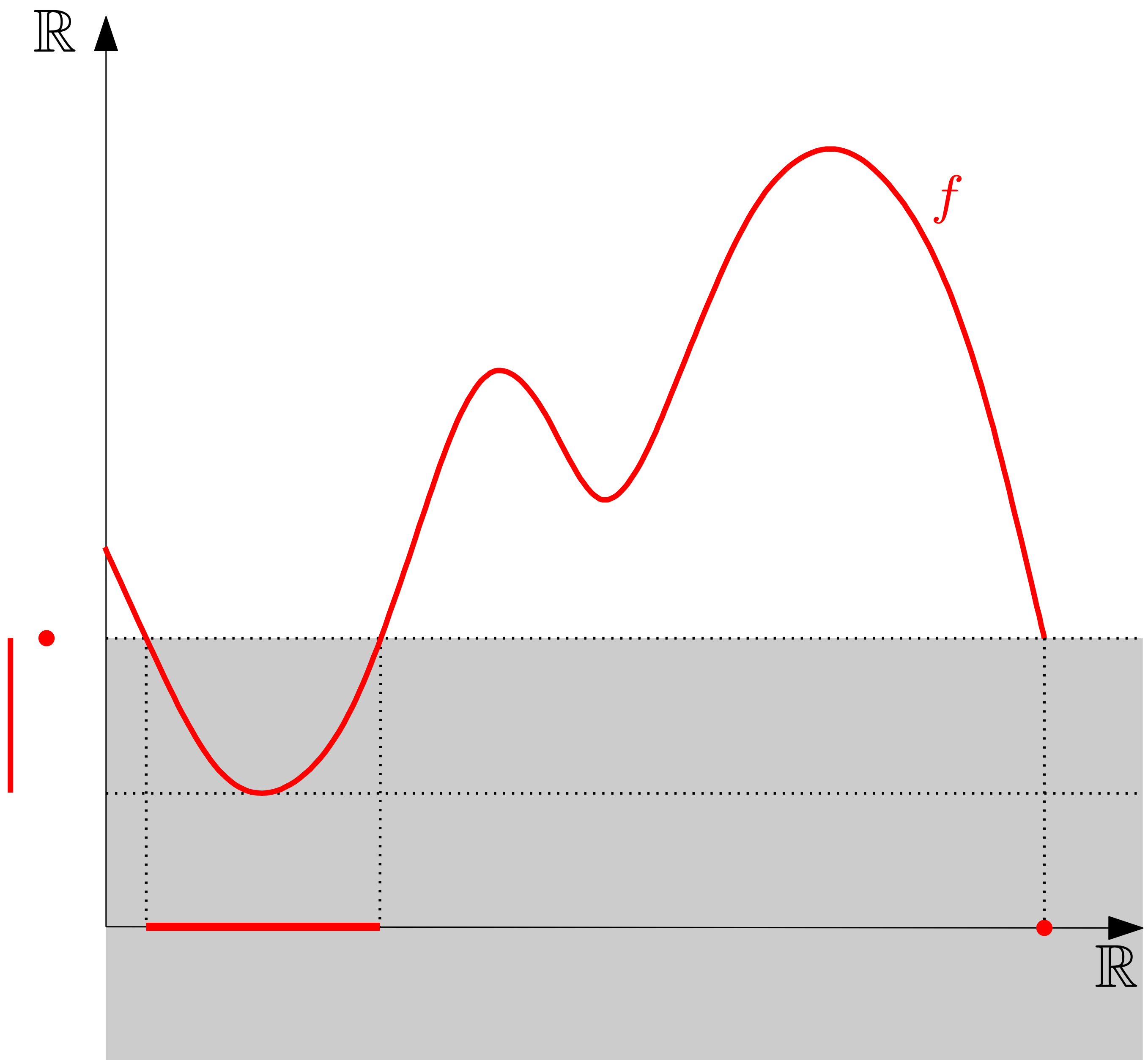

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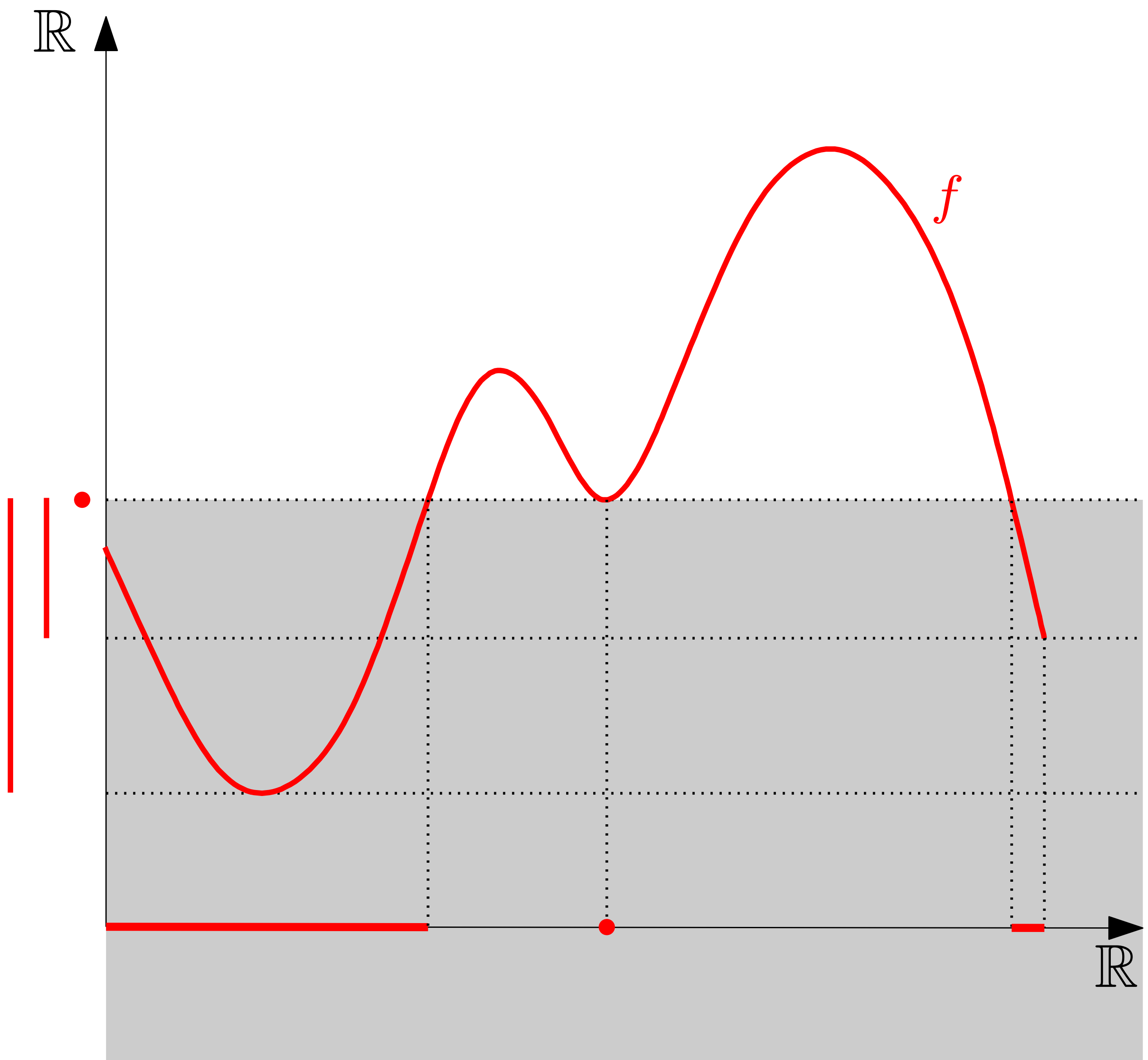

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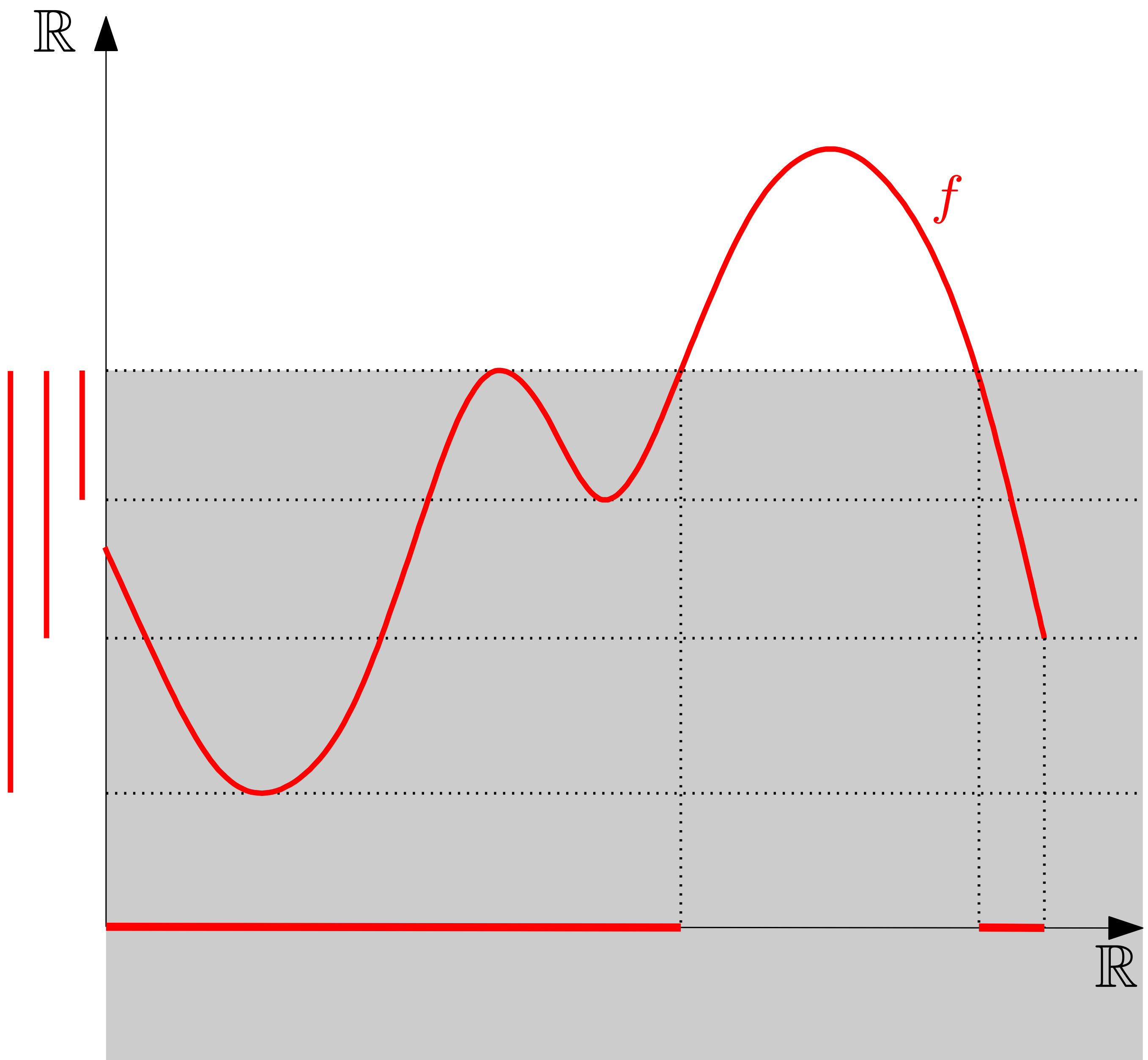

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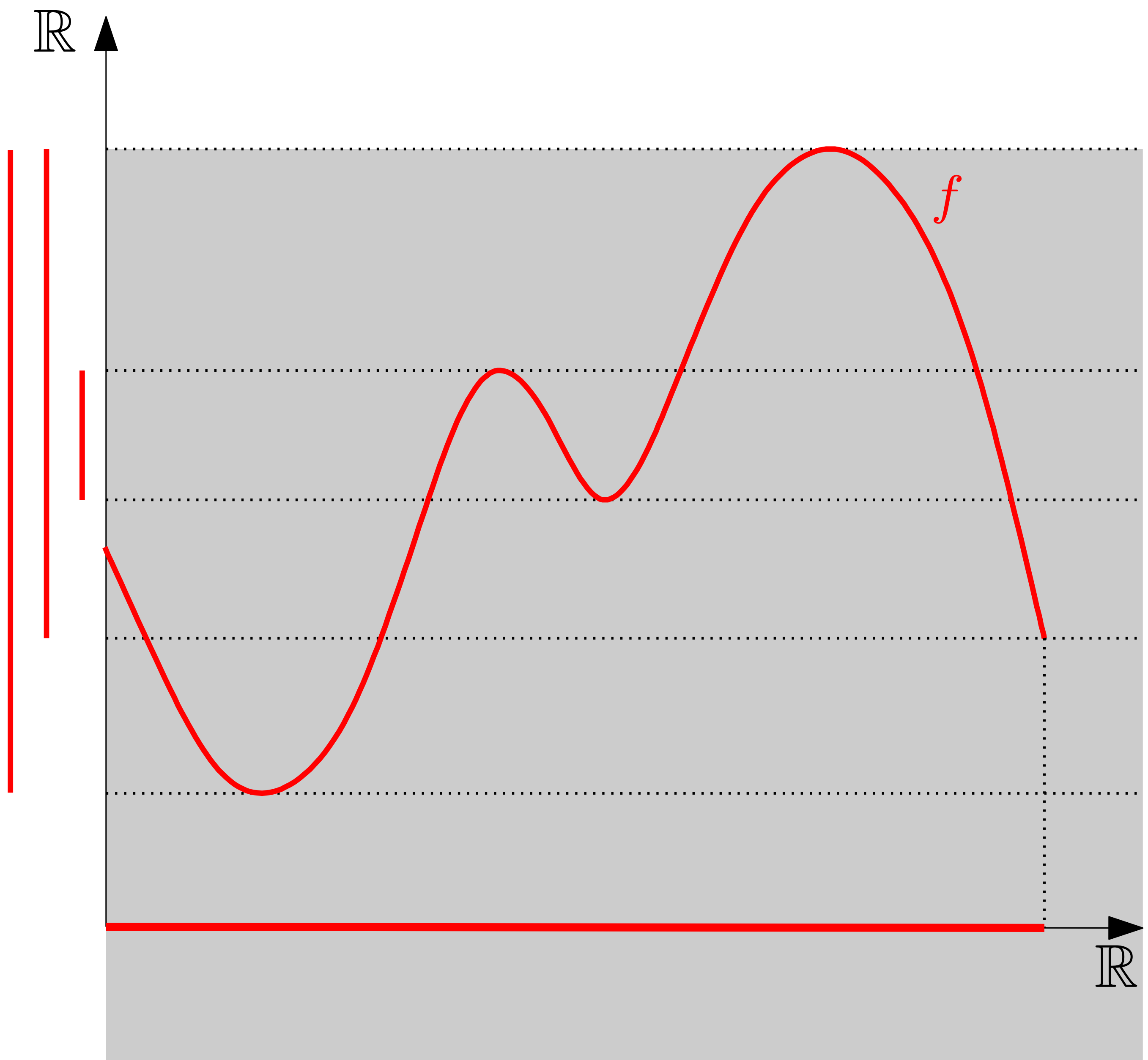

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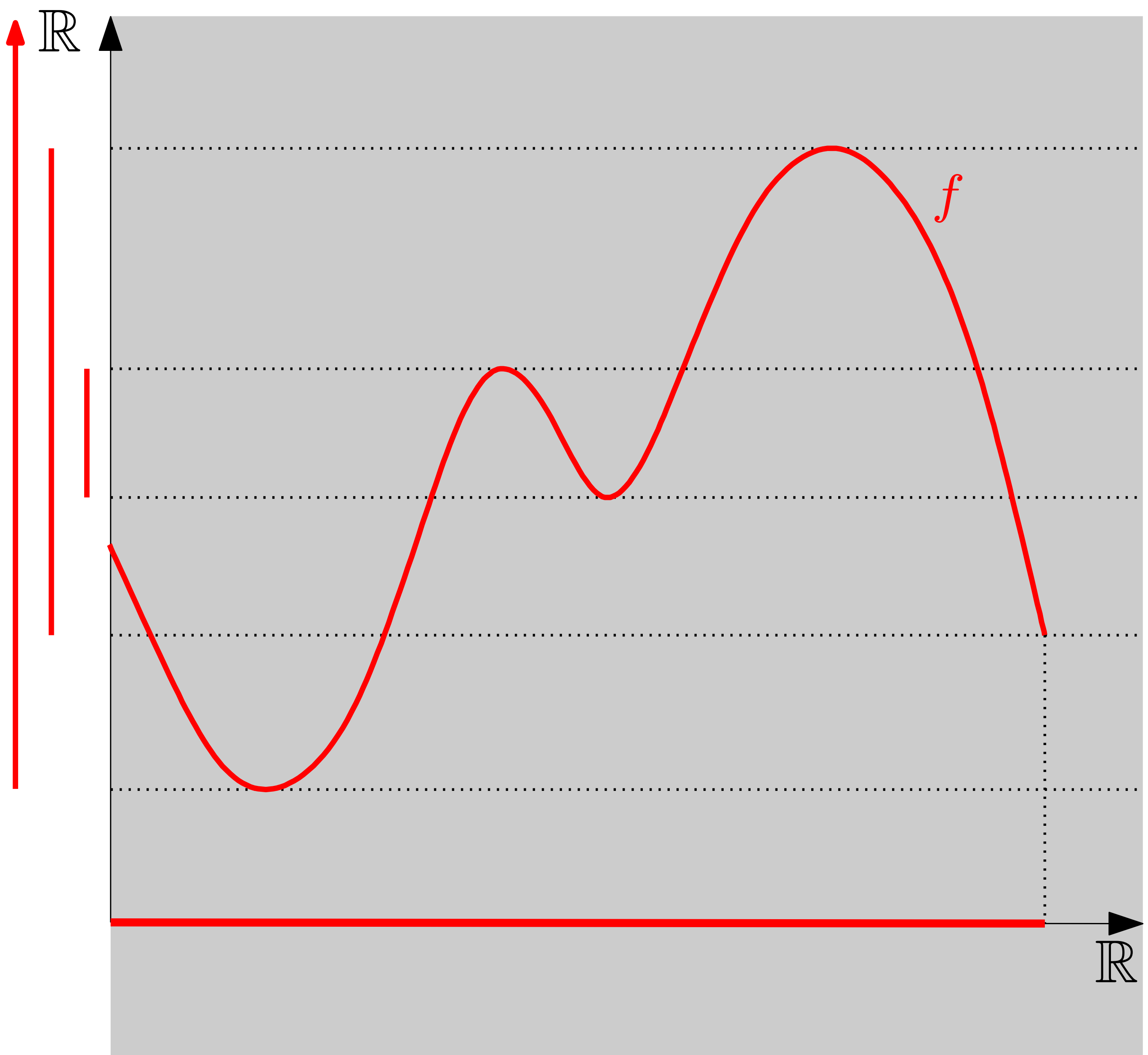

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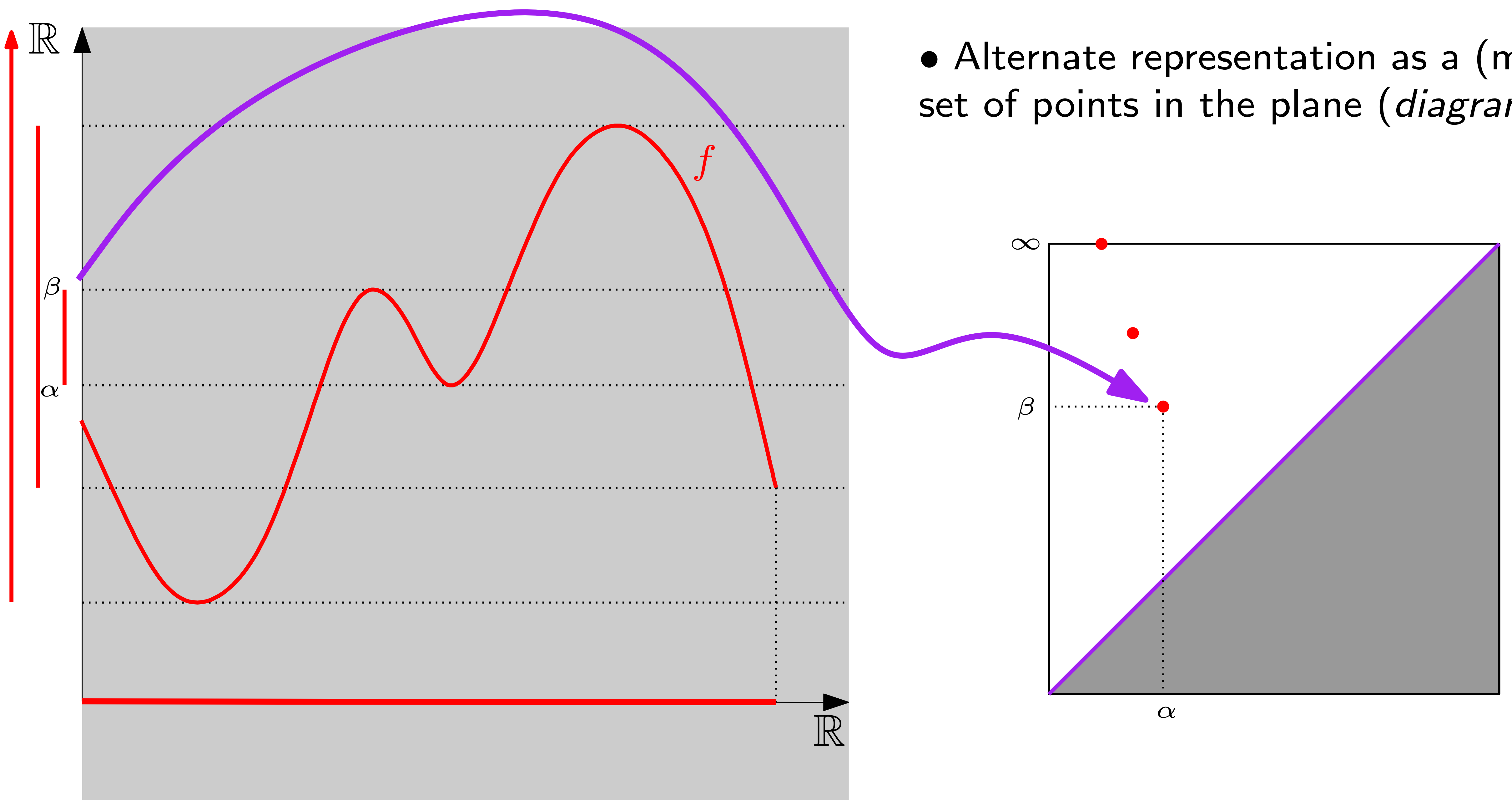

- Alternate representation as a (multi-) set of points in the plane (*diagram*).

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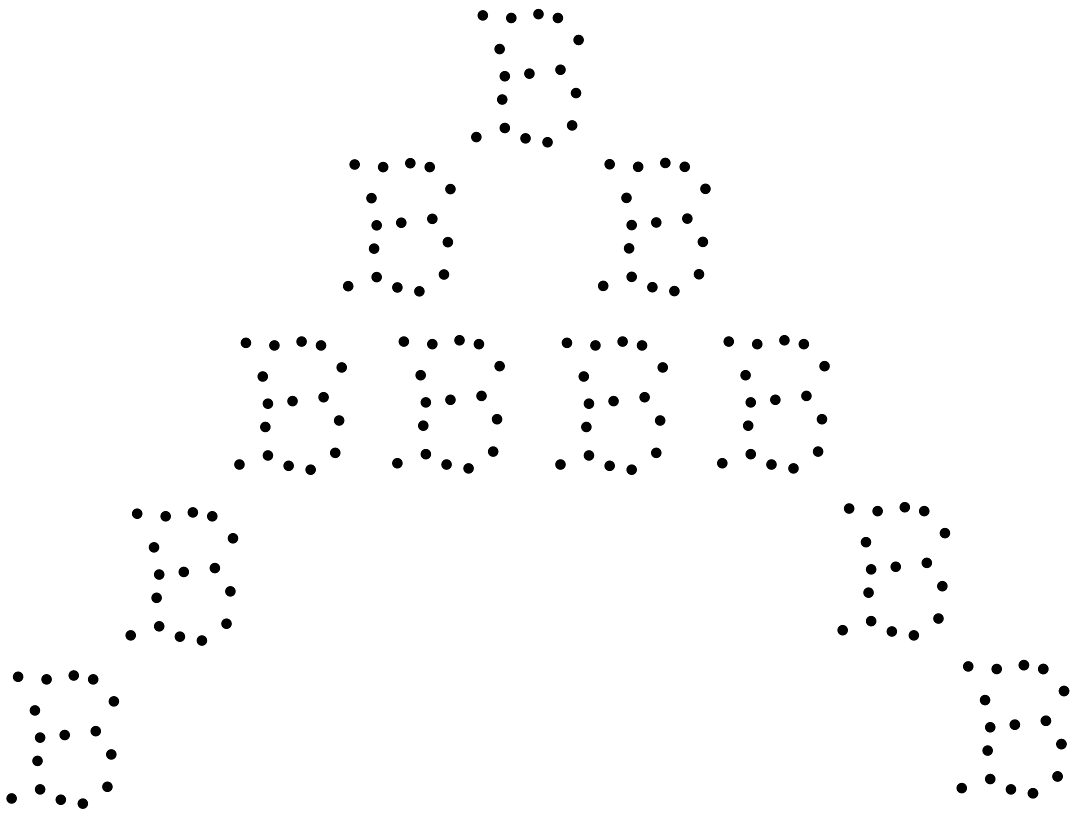

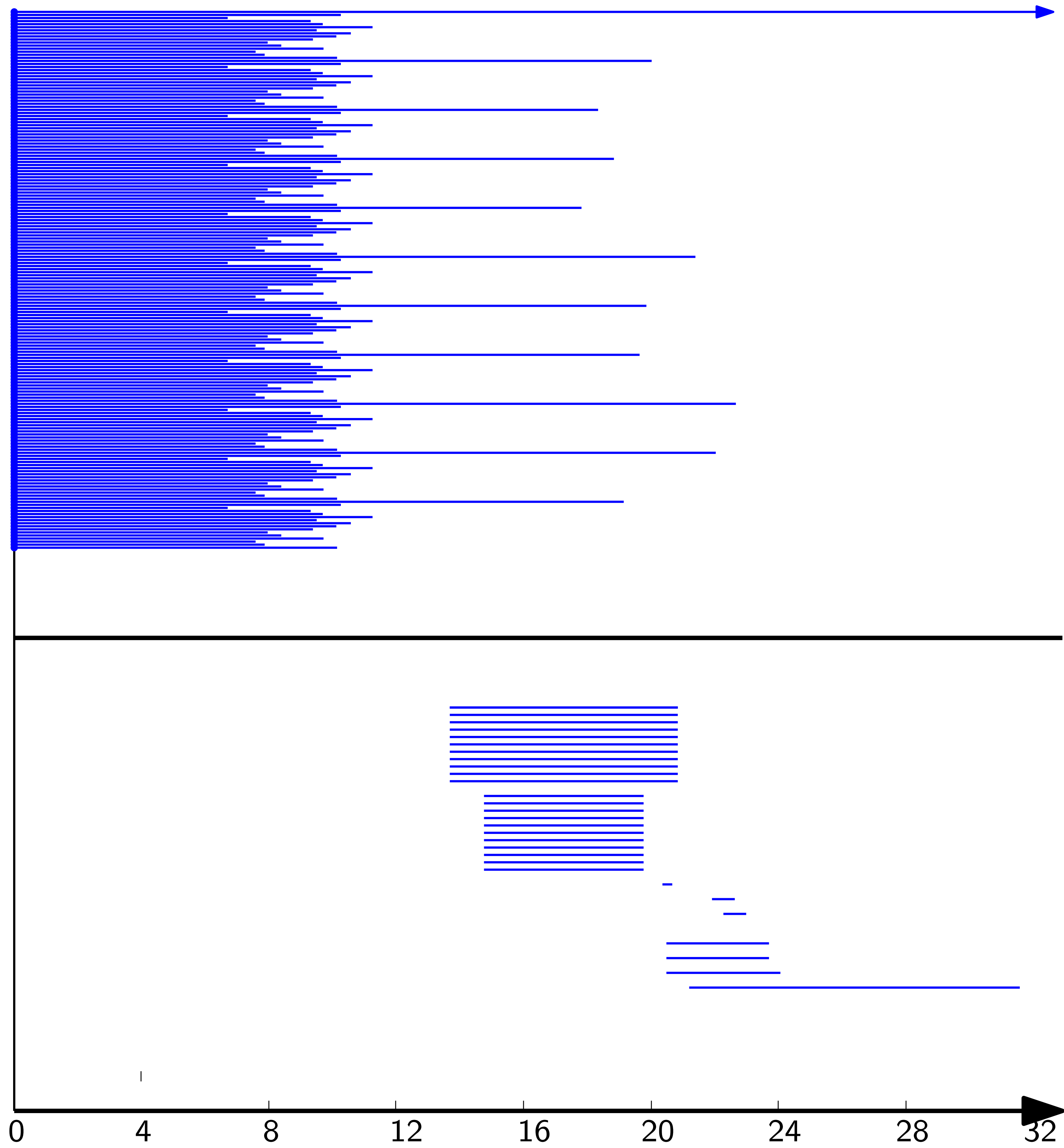

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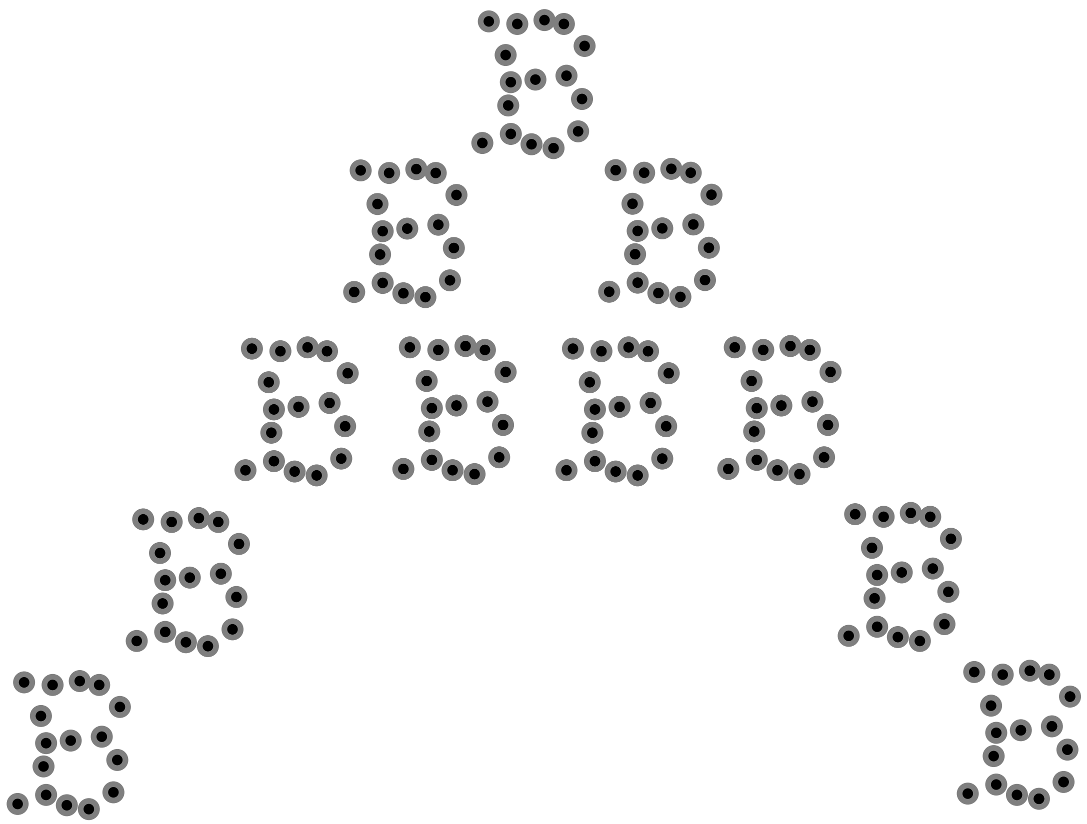

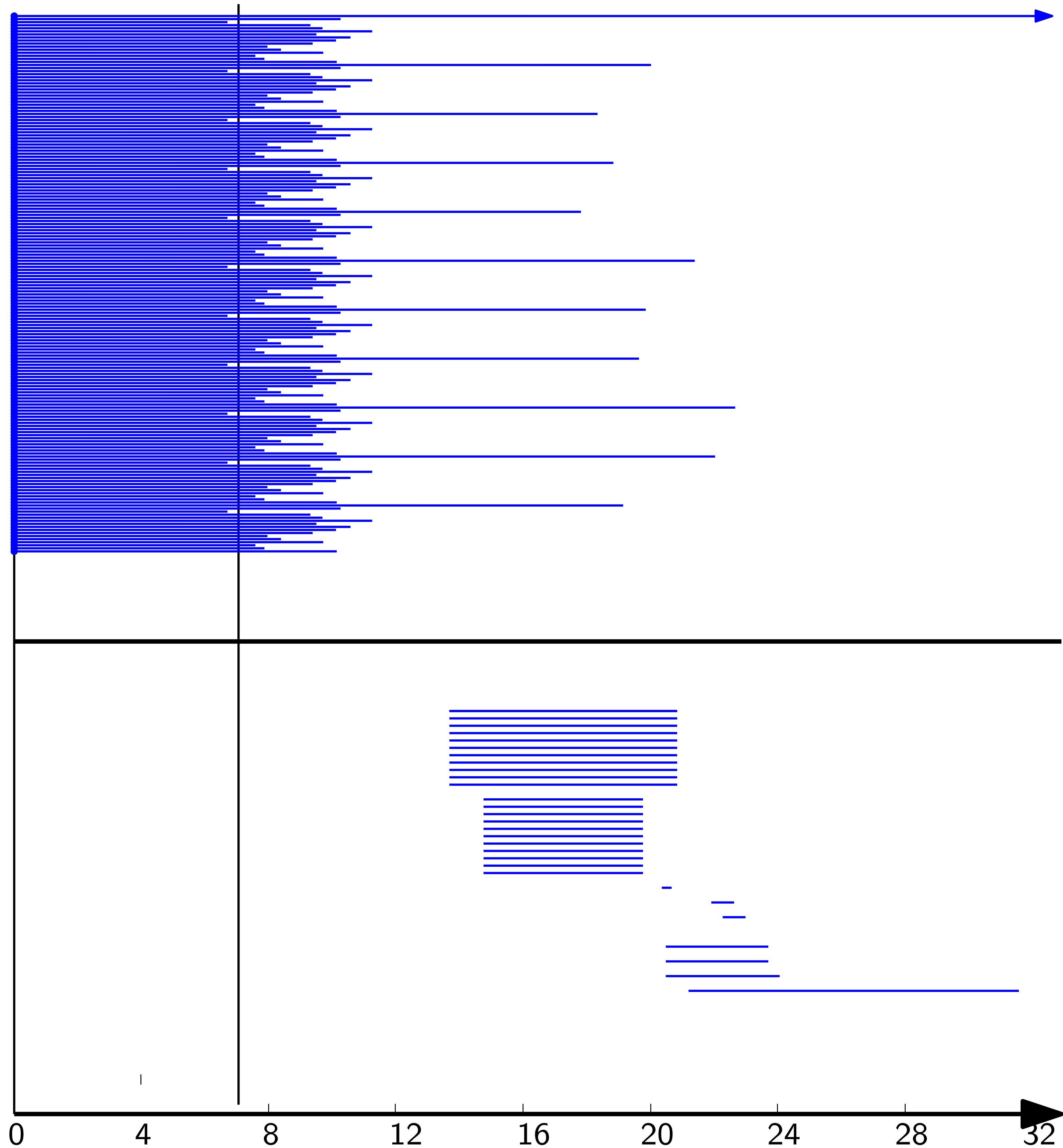

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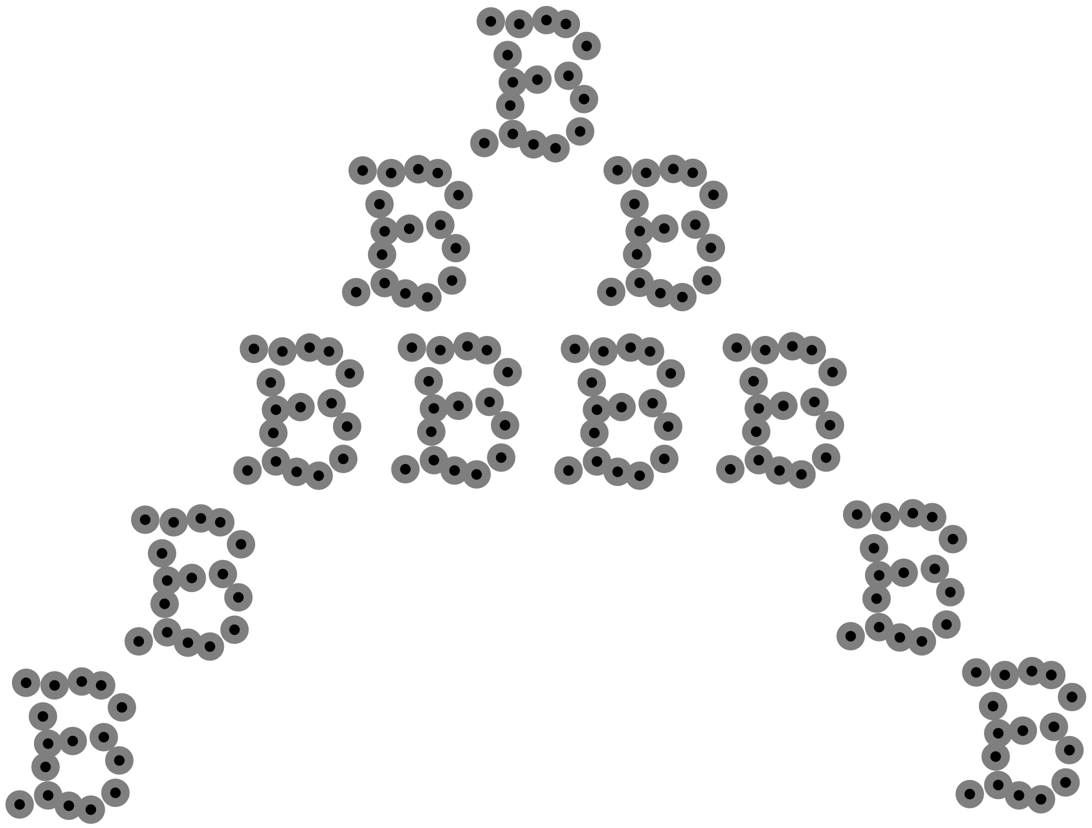

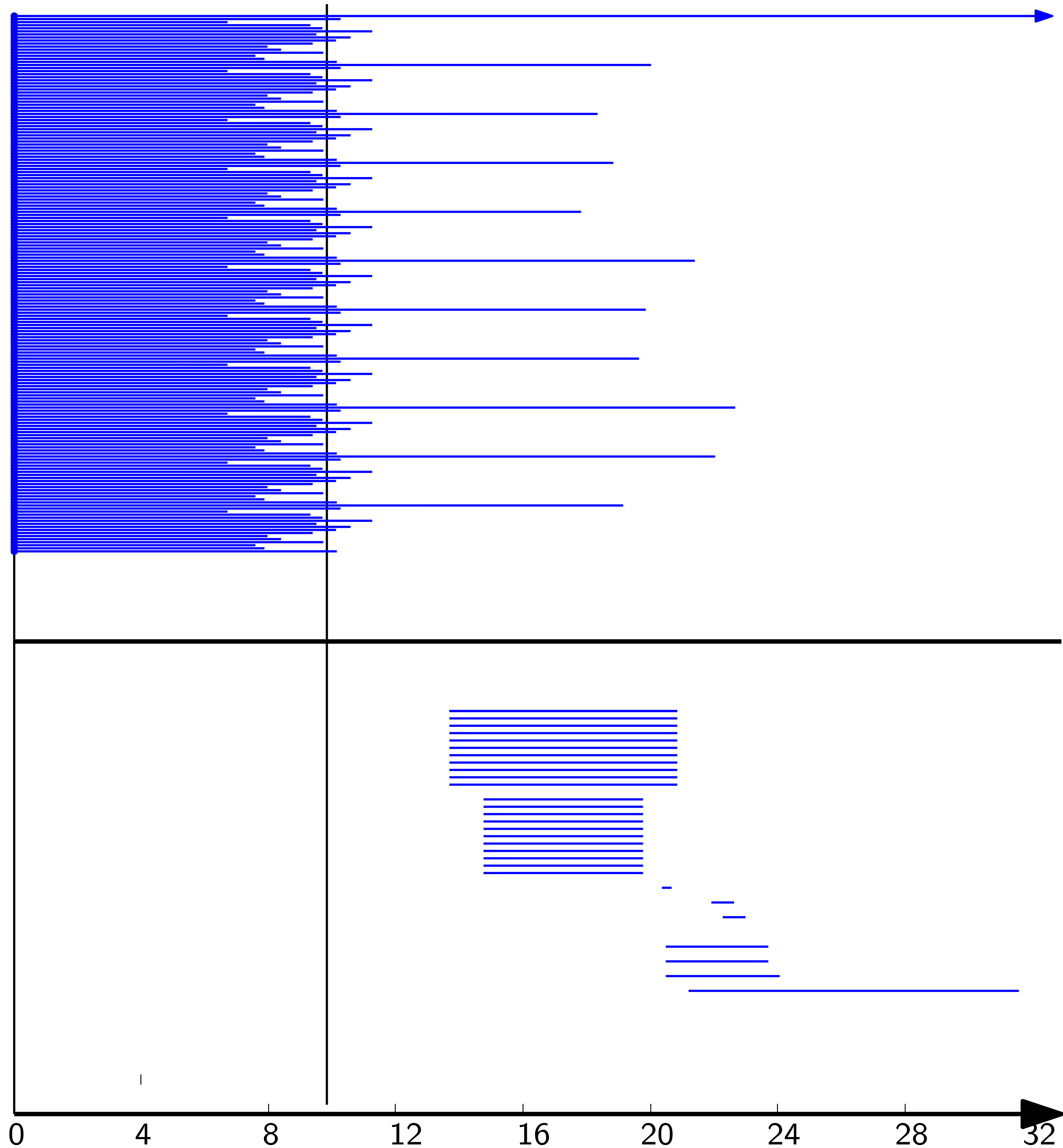

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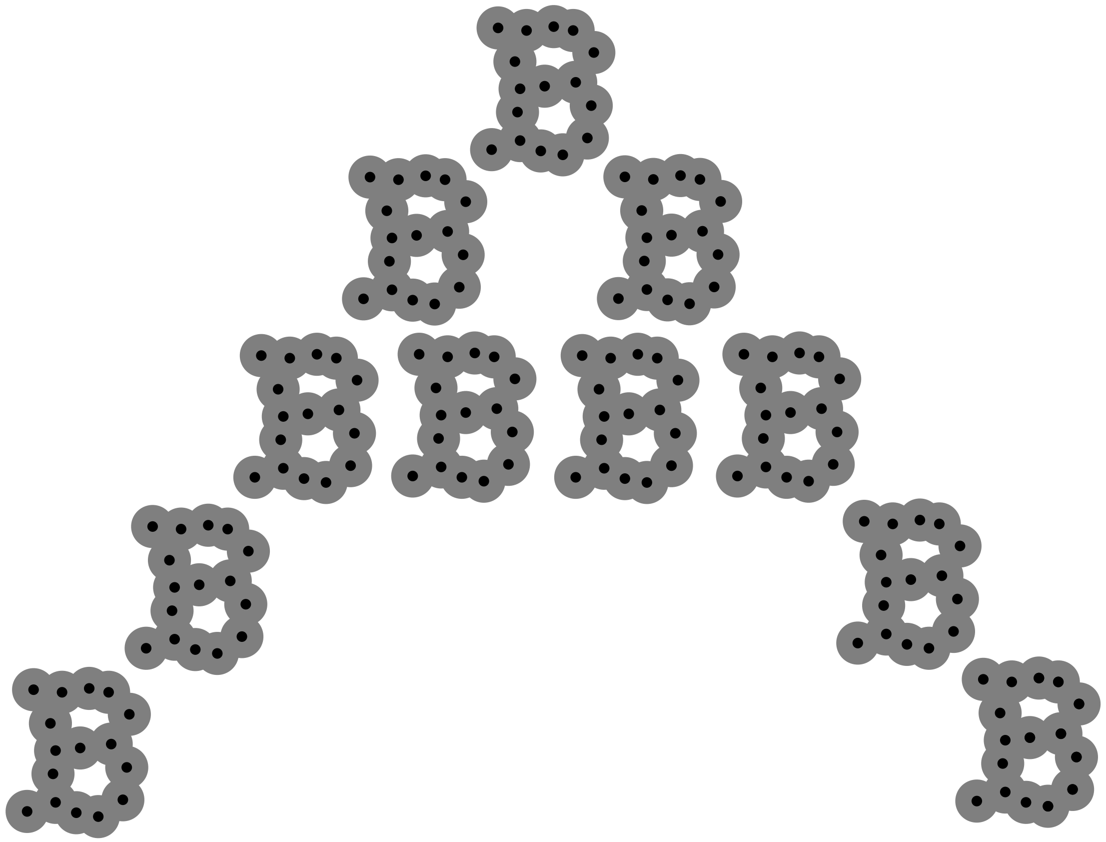

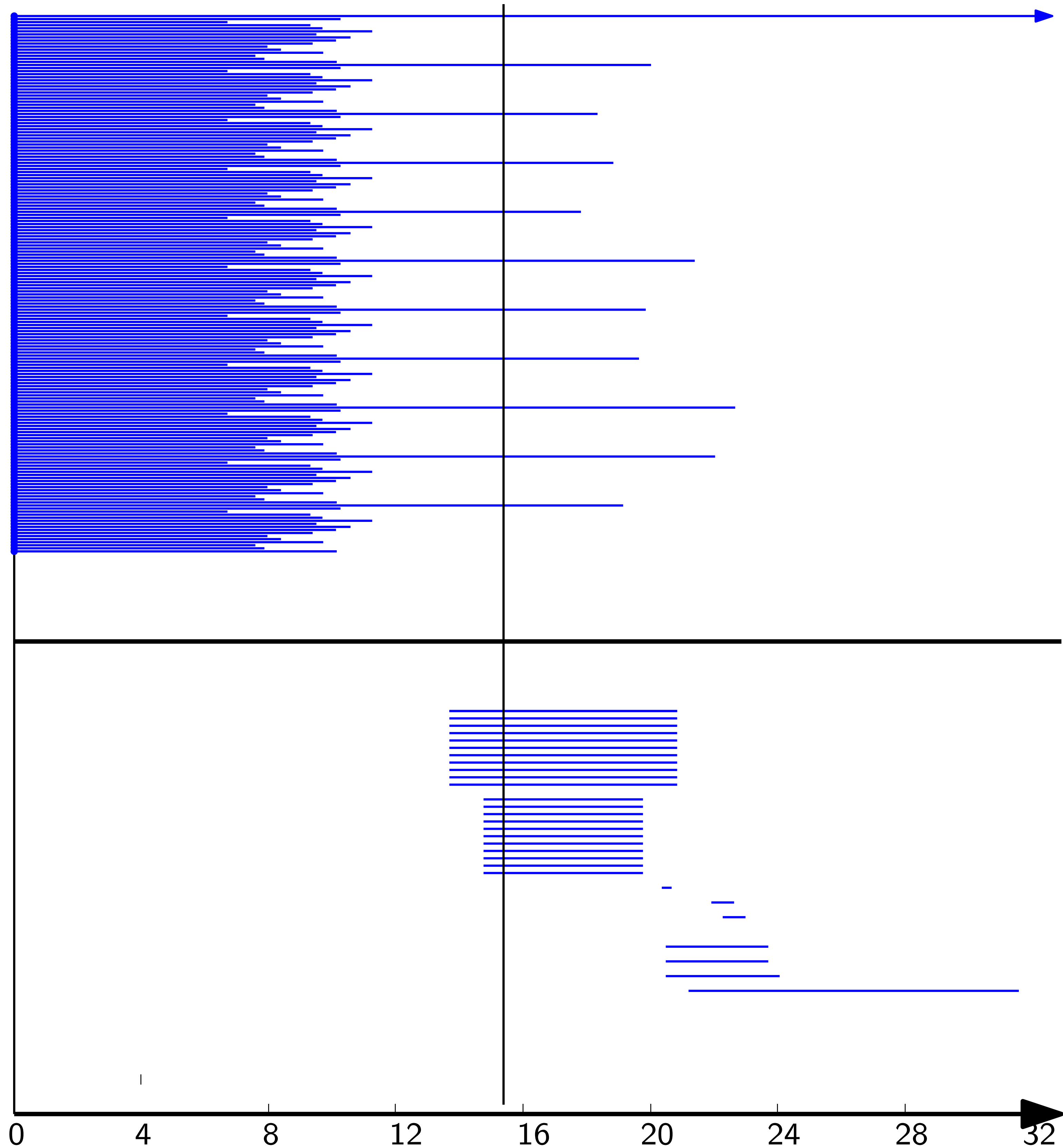

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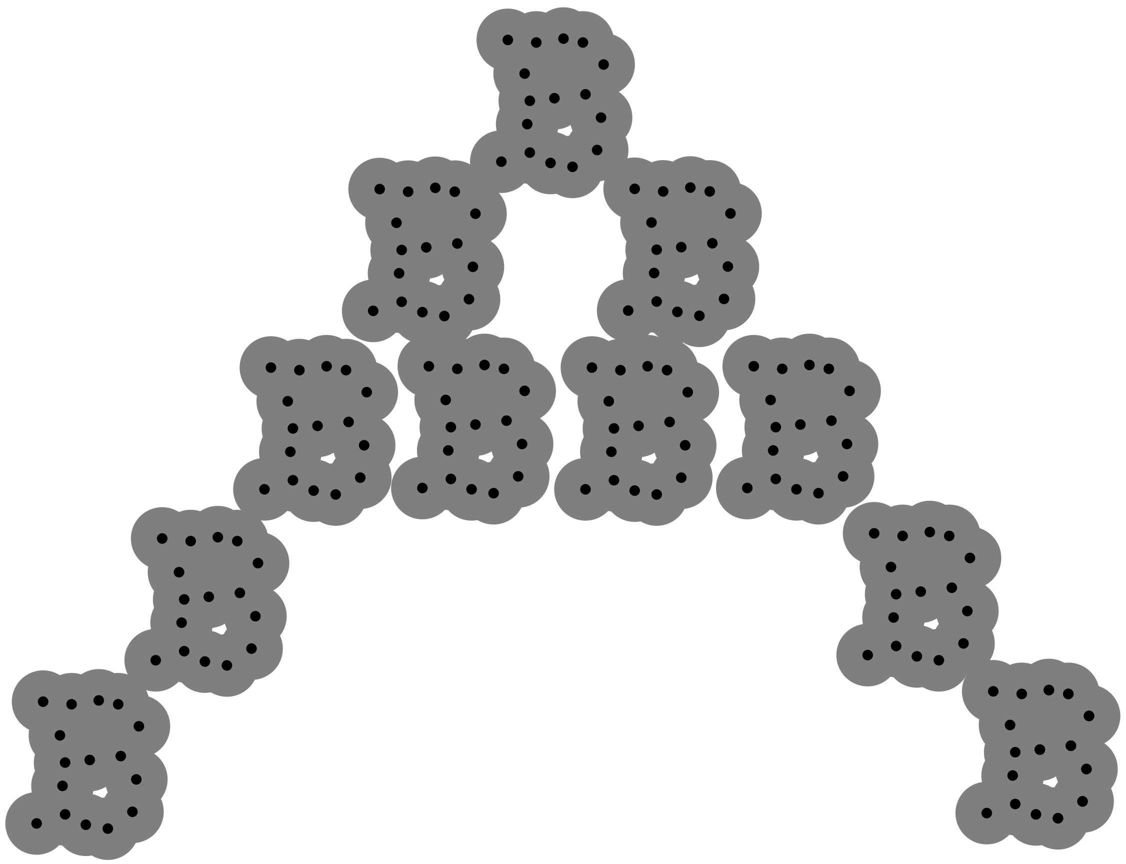

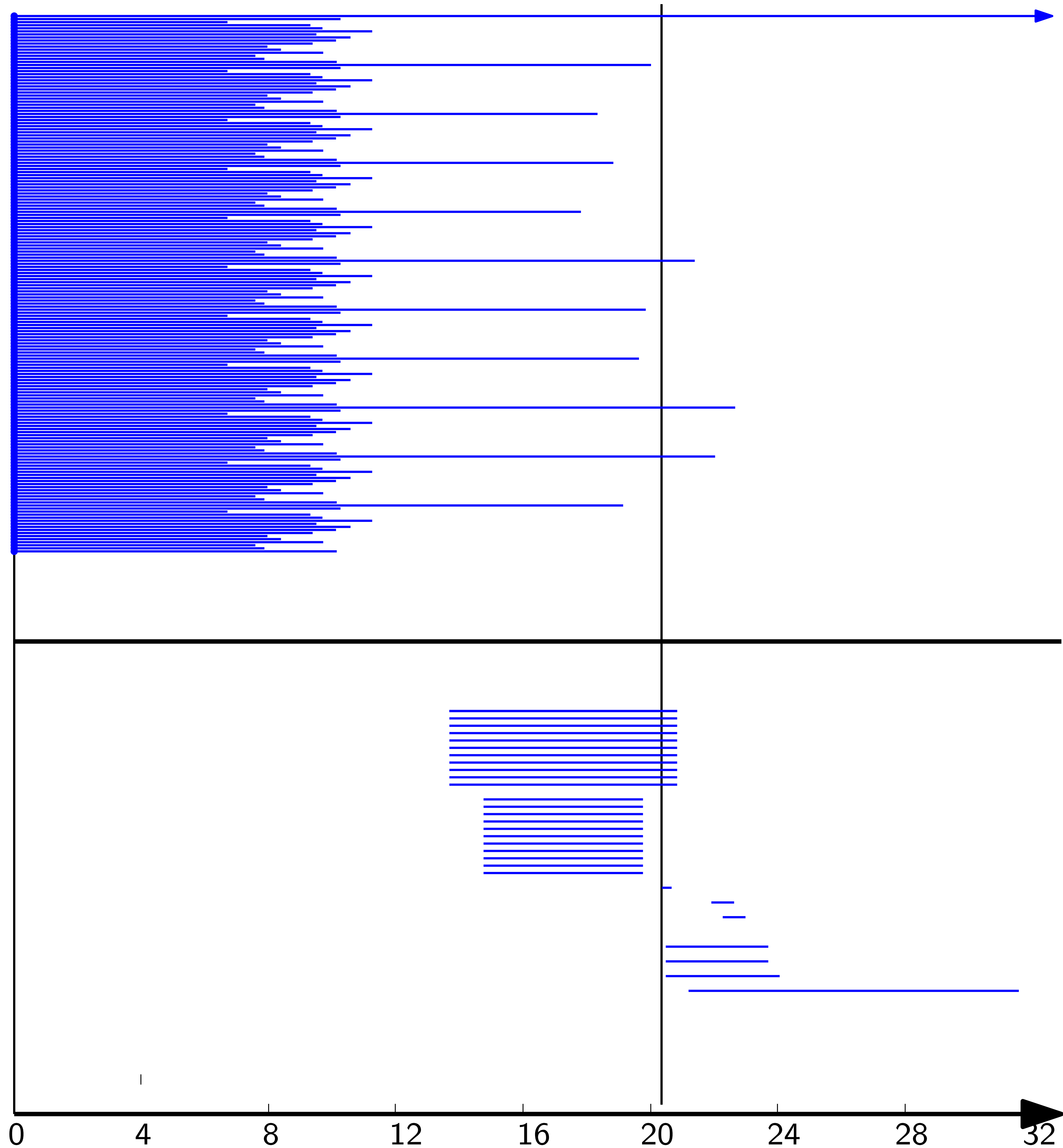

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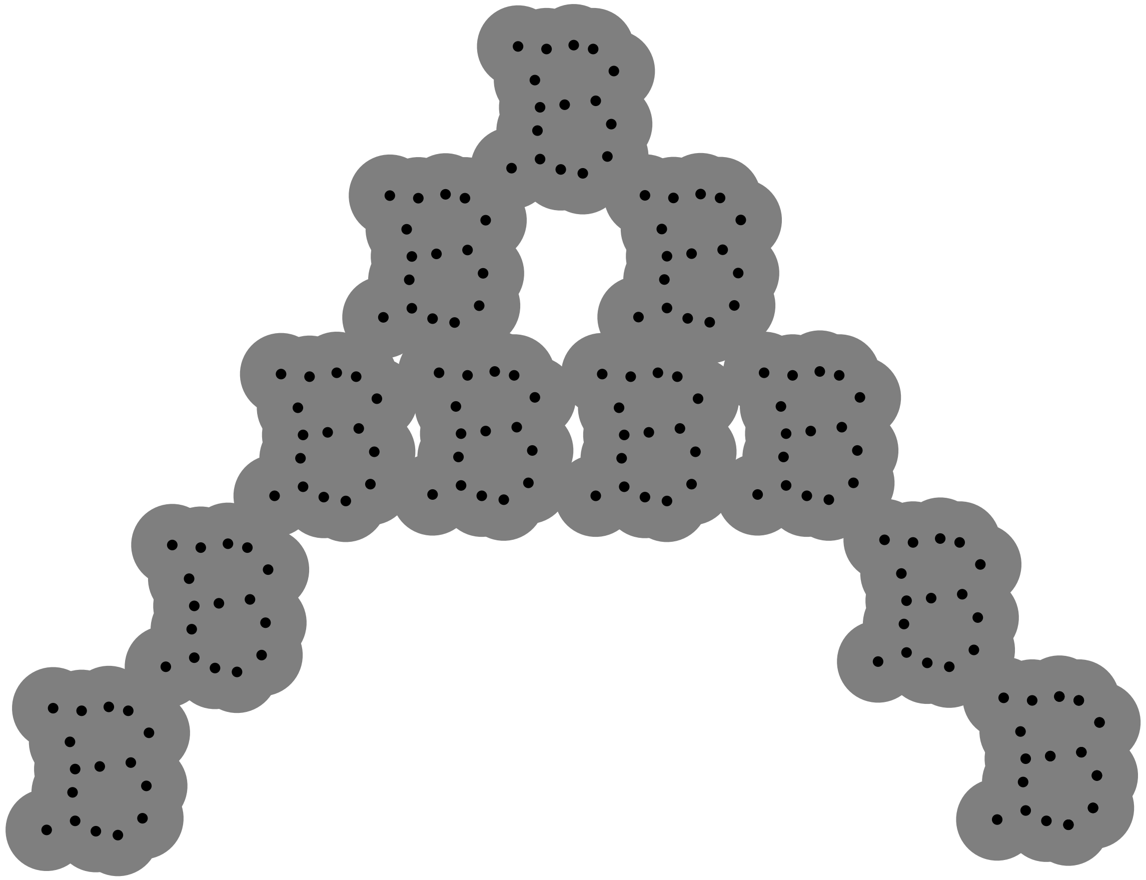

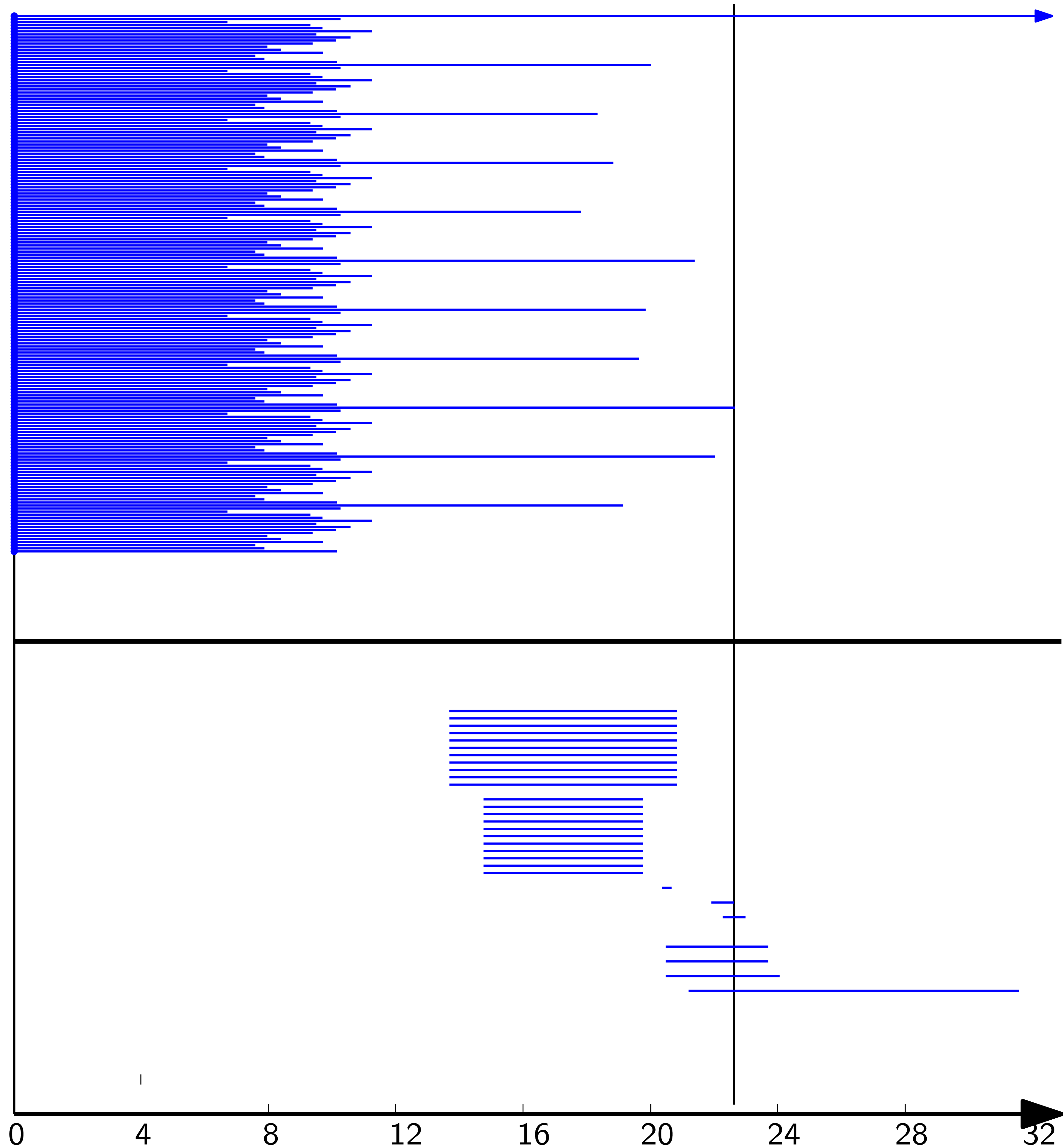

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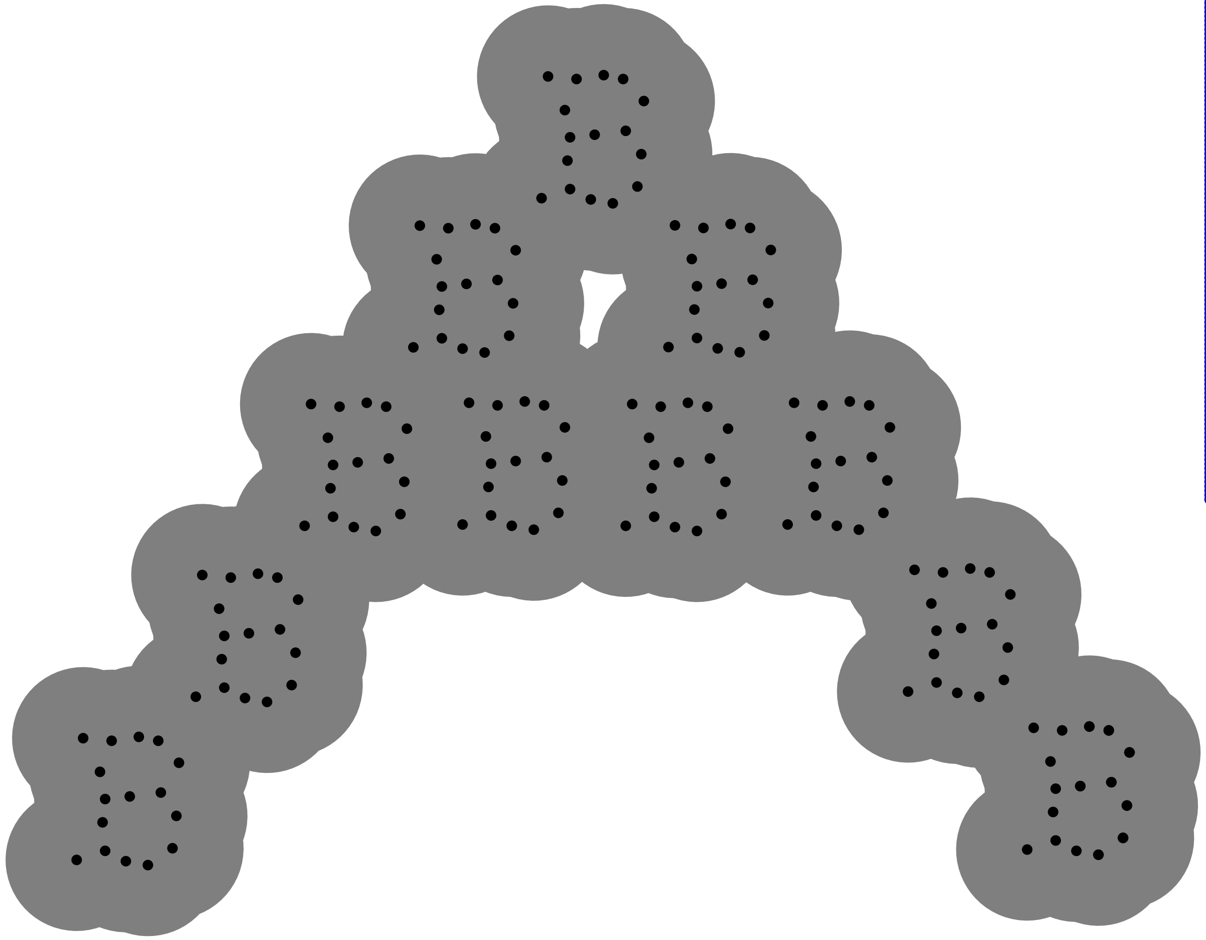

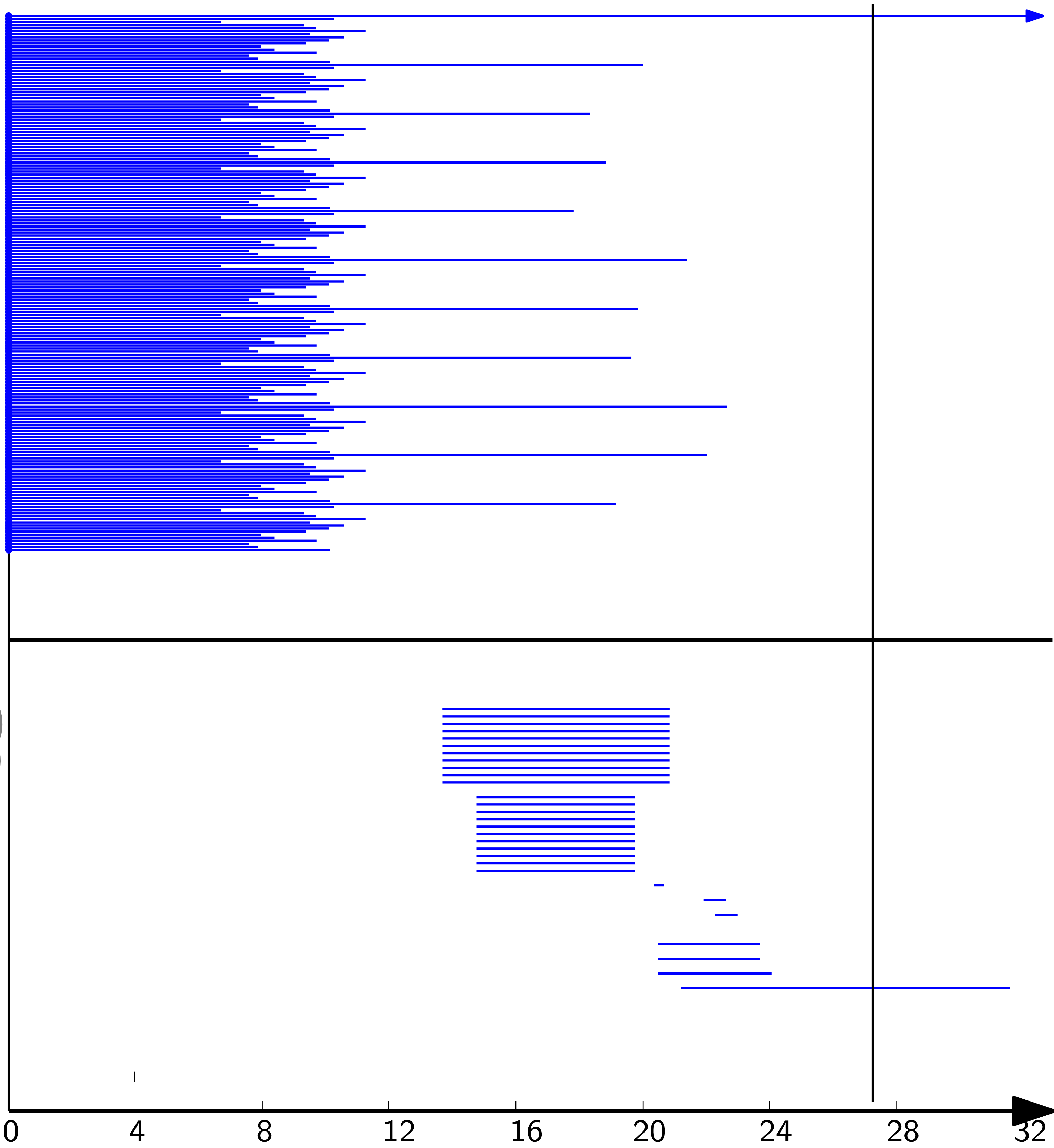

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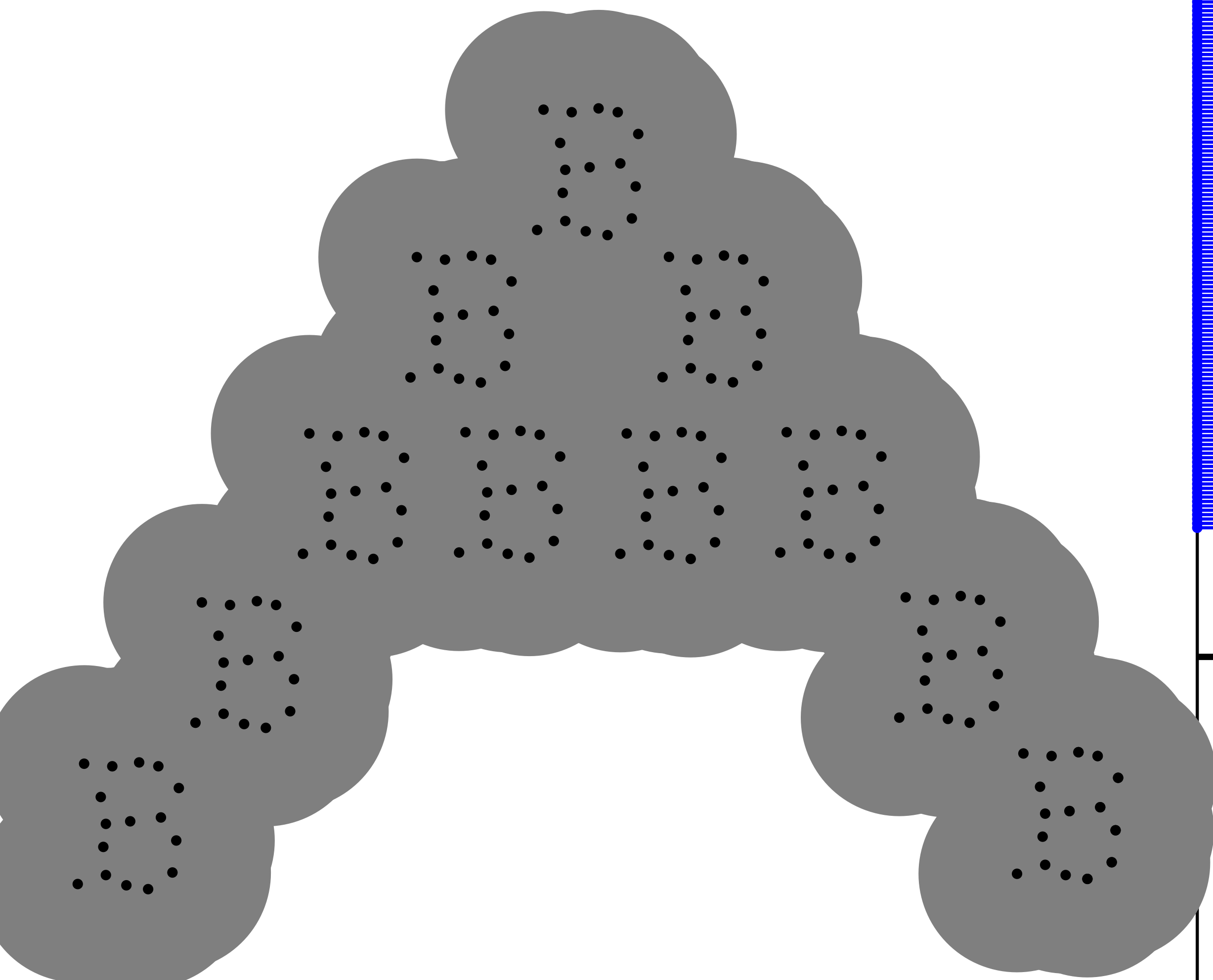

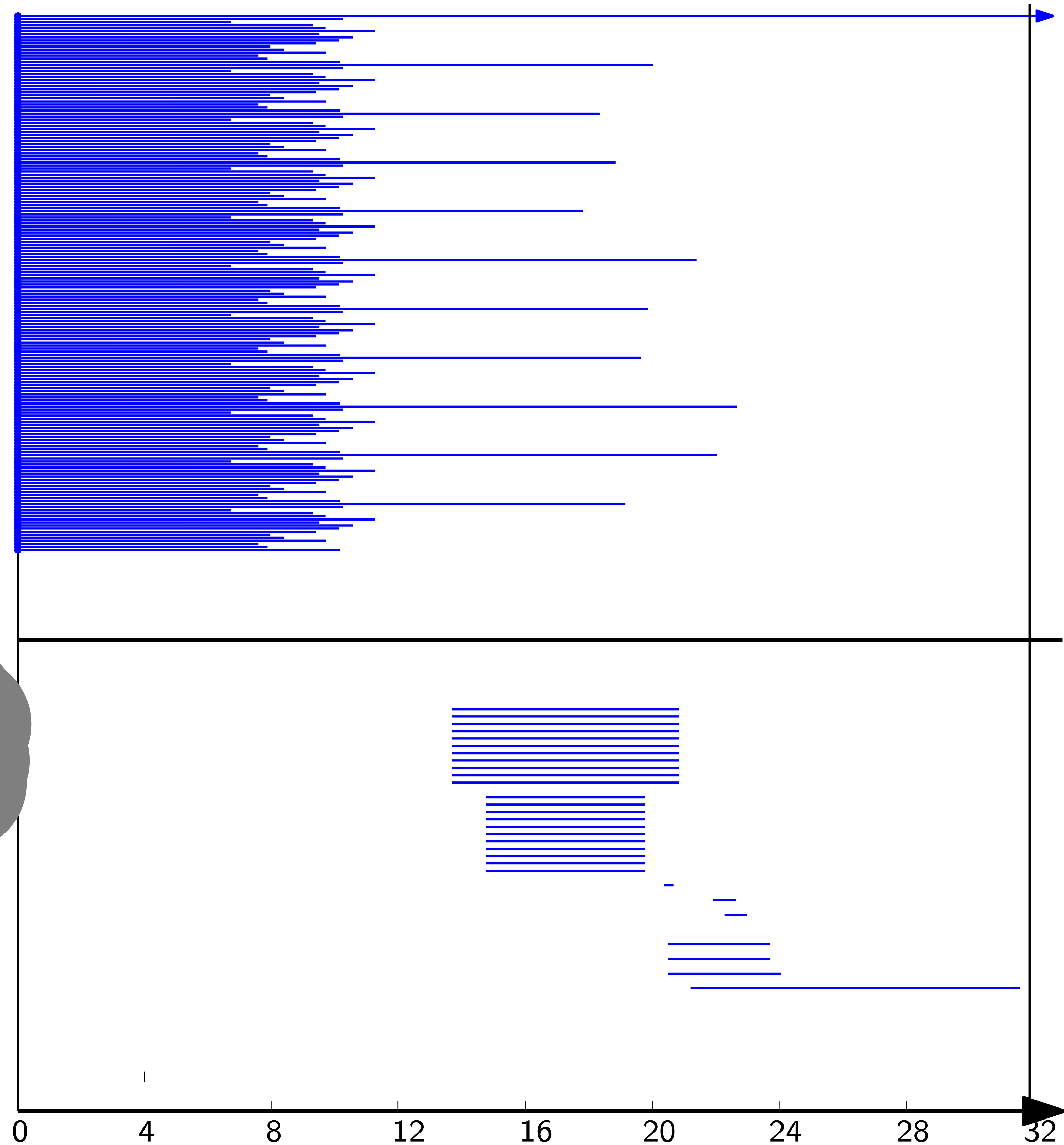

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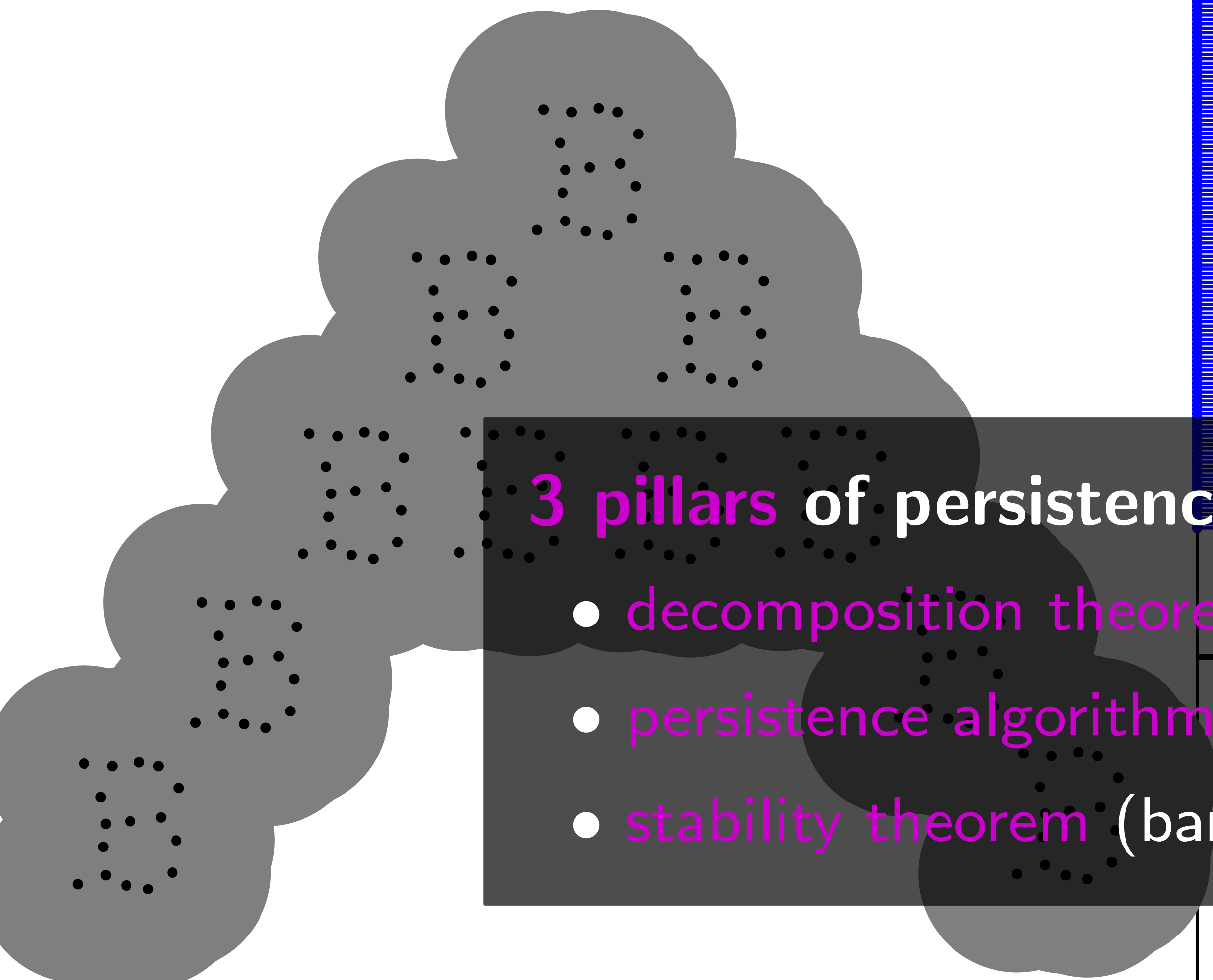

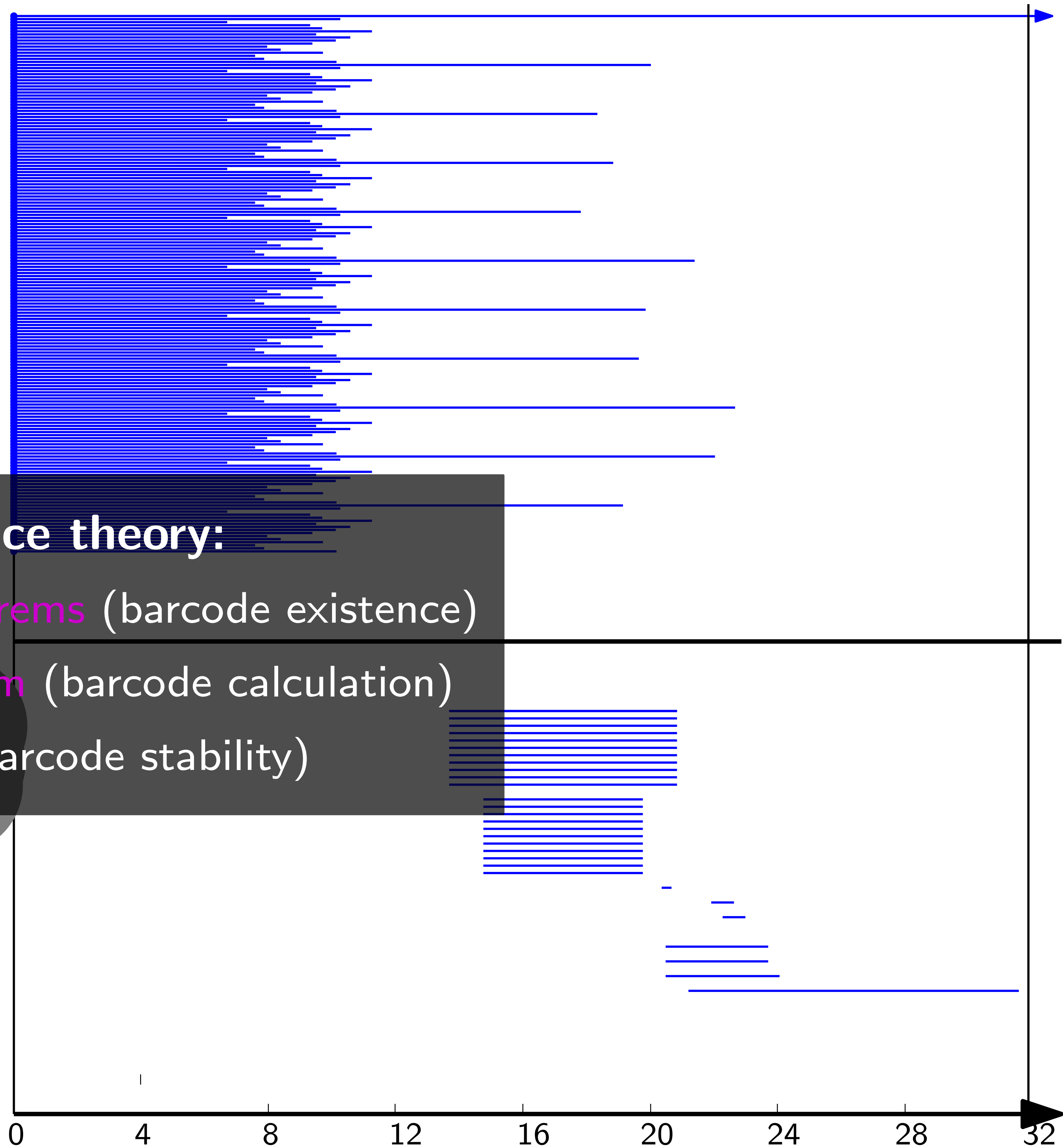

3 pillars of persistence theory:

- decomposition theorems (barcode existence)
- persistence algorithm (barcode calculation)
- stability theorem (barcode stability)

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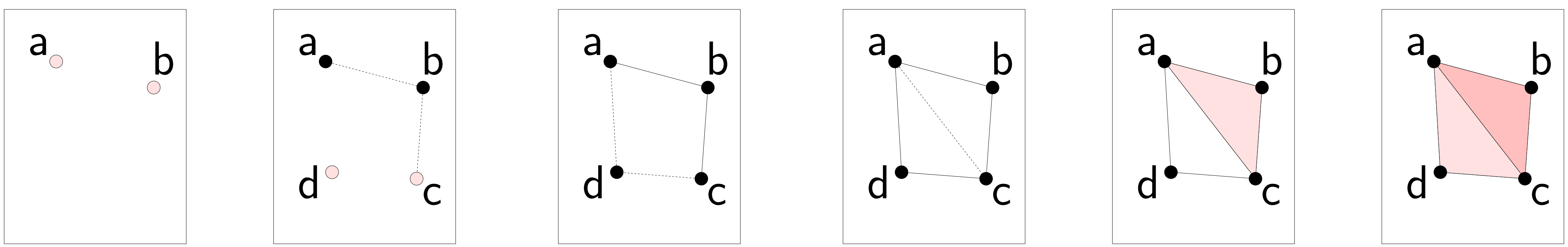

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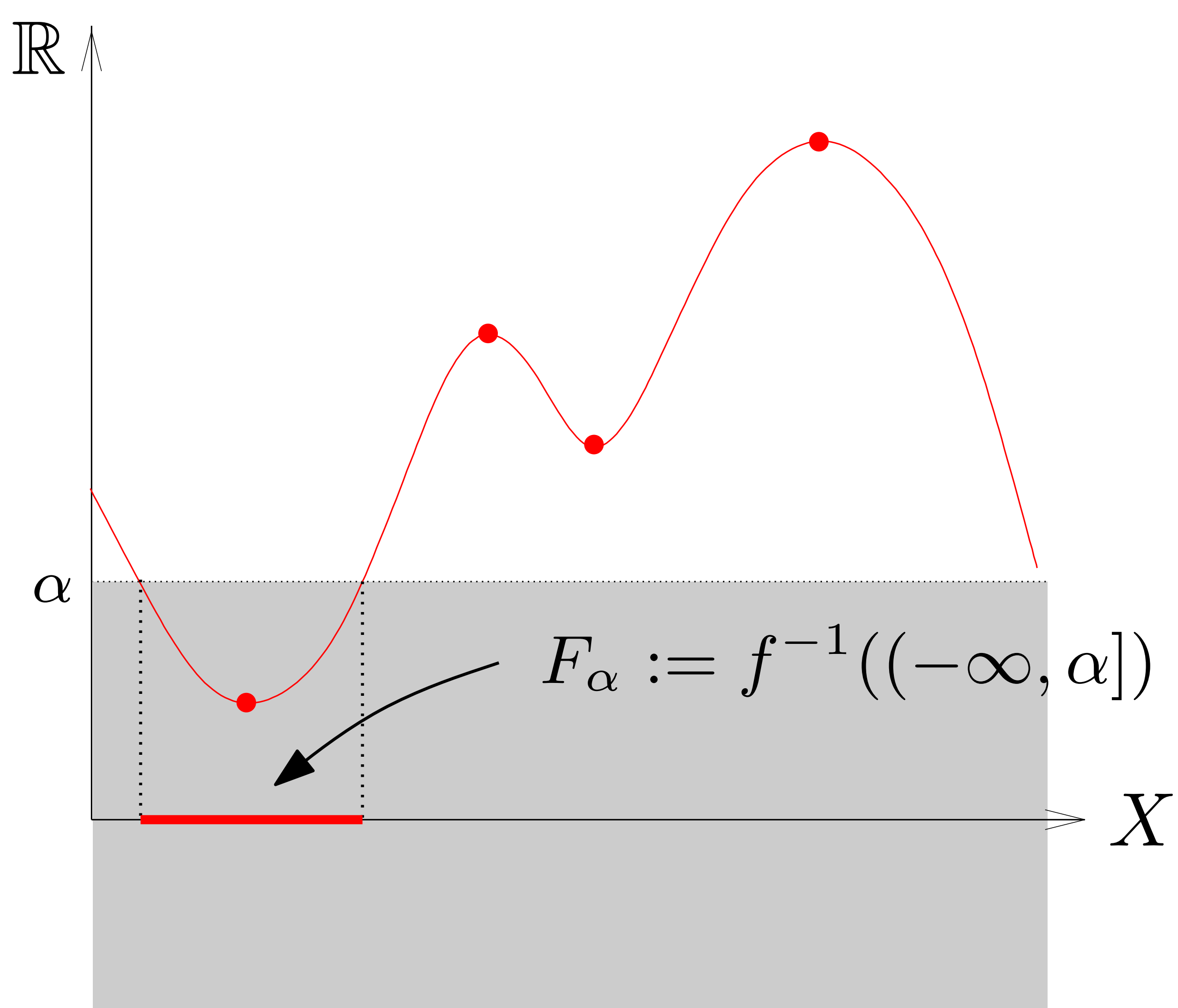

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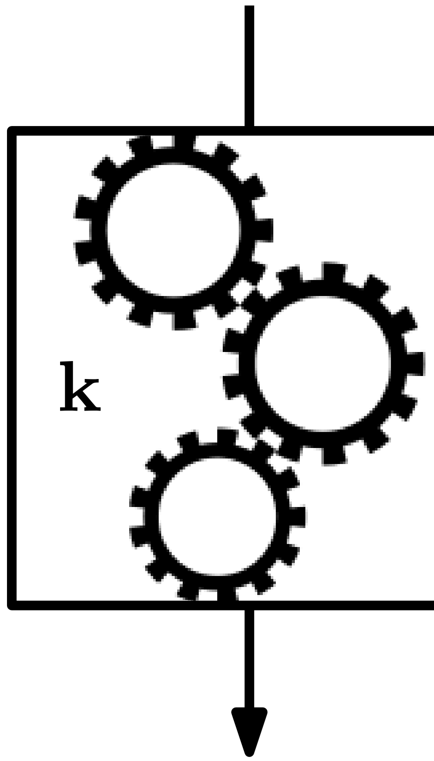

(homology functor)

topological level

algebraic level

Persistence module: $H_*(F_1) \to H_*(F_2) \to H_*(F_3) \to H_*(F_4) \to H_*(F_5) \cdots$

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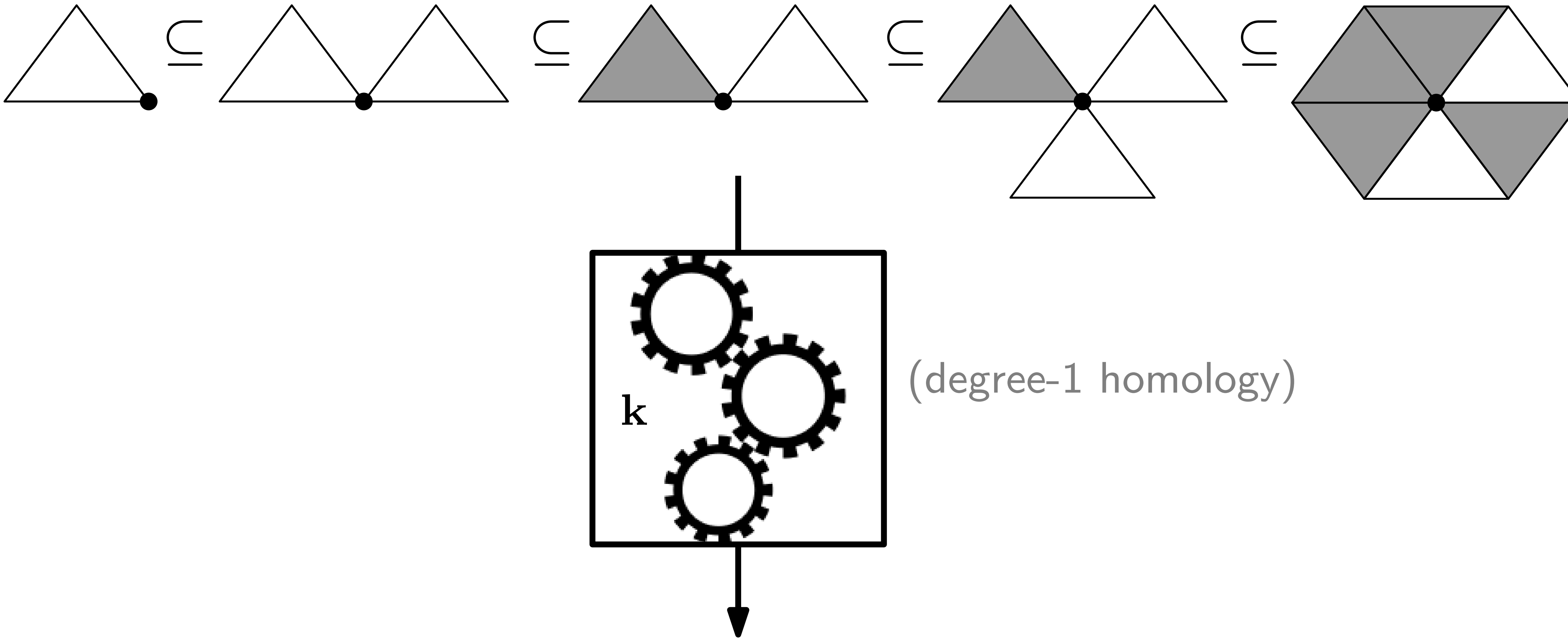

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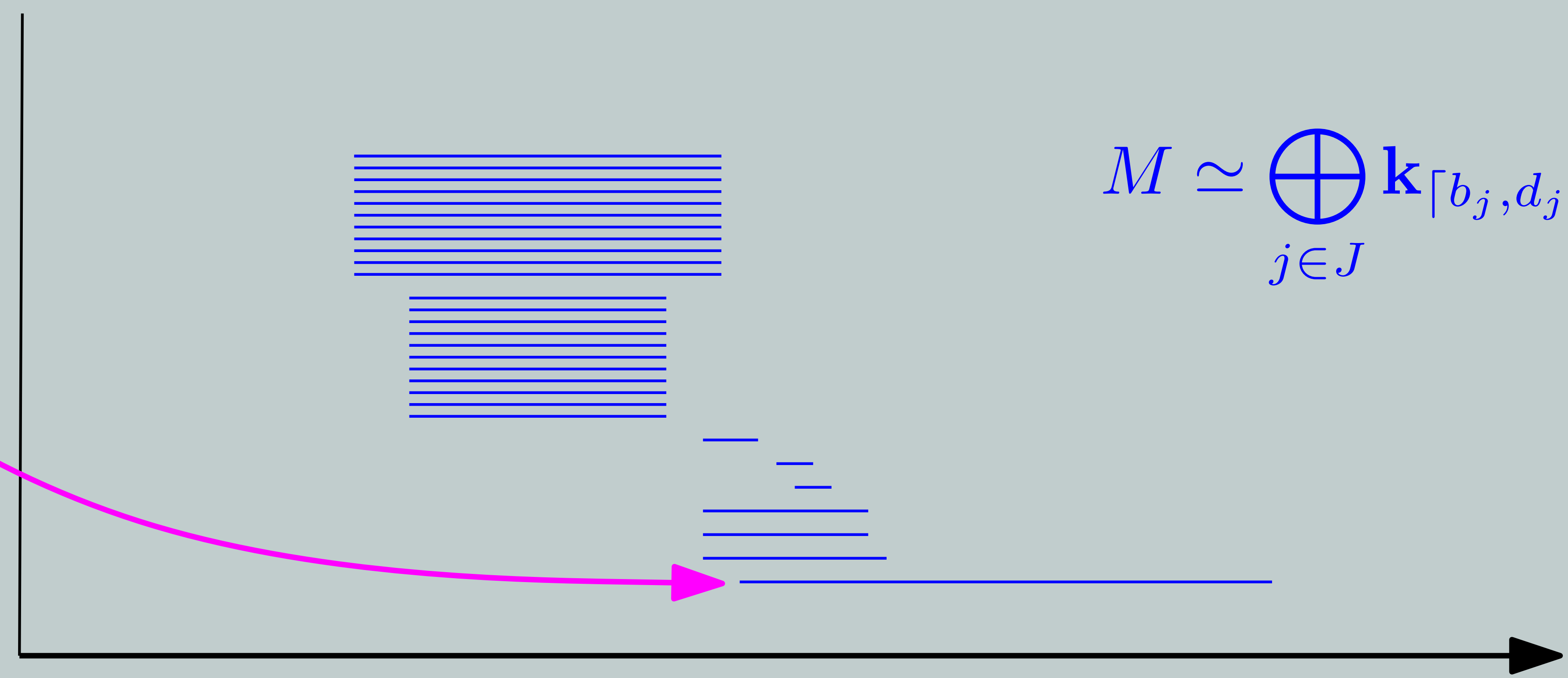

$$M \simeq \bigoplus_{j \in J} \mathbf{k}_{\lceil b_j, d_j \rfloor}$$

(the barcode is a complete descriptor of the algebraic structure of M)

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in the following cases:

- T is finite [Gabriel 1972] [Auslander 1974],
- M is *pointwise finite-dimensional* (every space M_t has finite dimension) [Webb 1985] [Crawley-Boevey 2012].

Moreover, when it exists, the decomposition is **unique** up to isomorphism and permutation of the terms [Azumaya 1950].

(Note: this is independent of the choice of field $\mathbf{k}$.)

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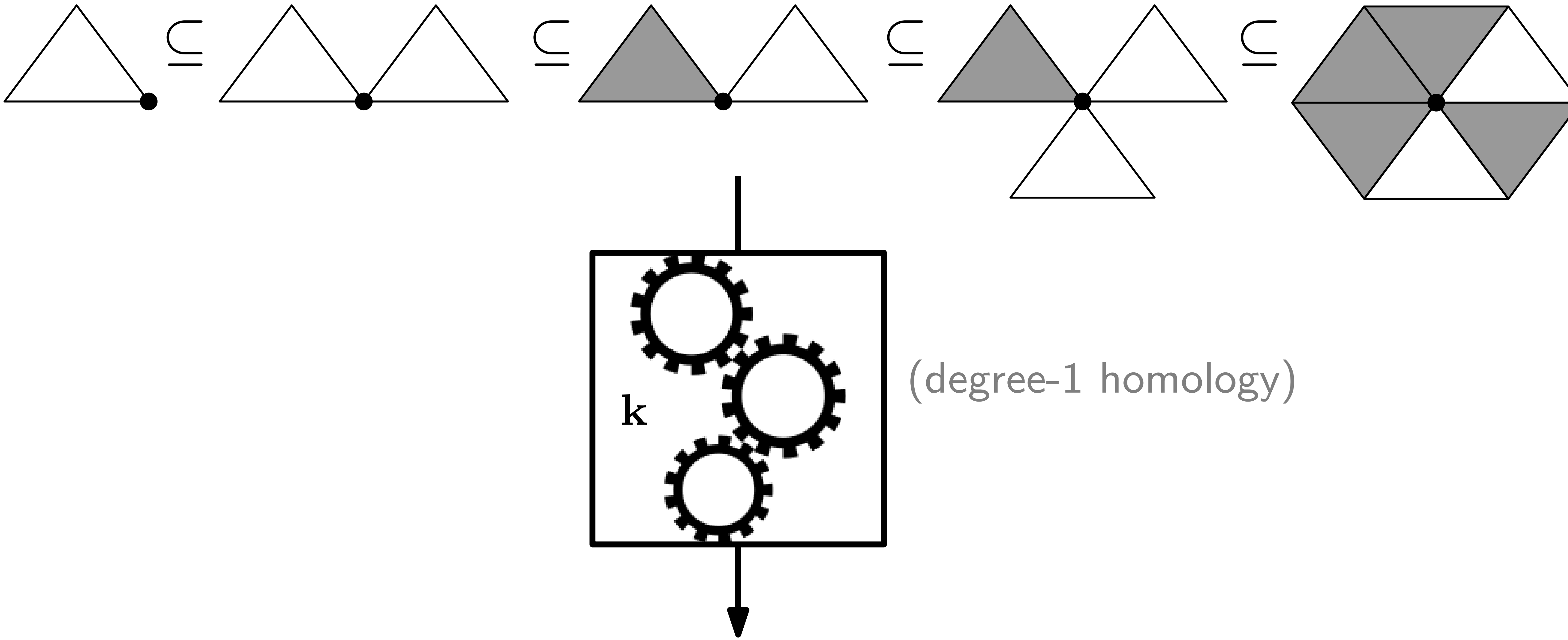

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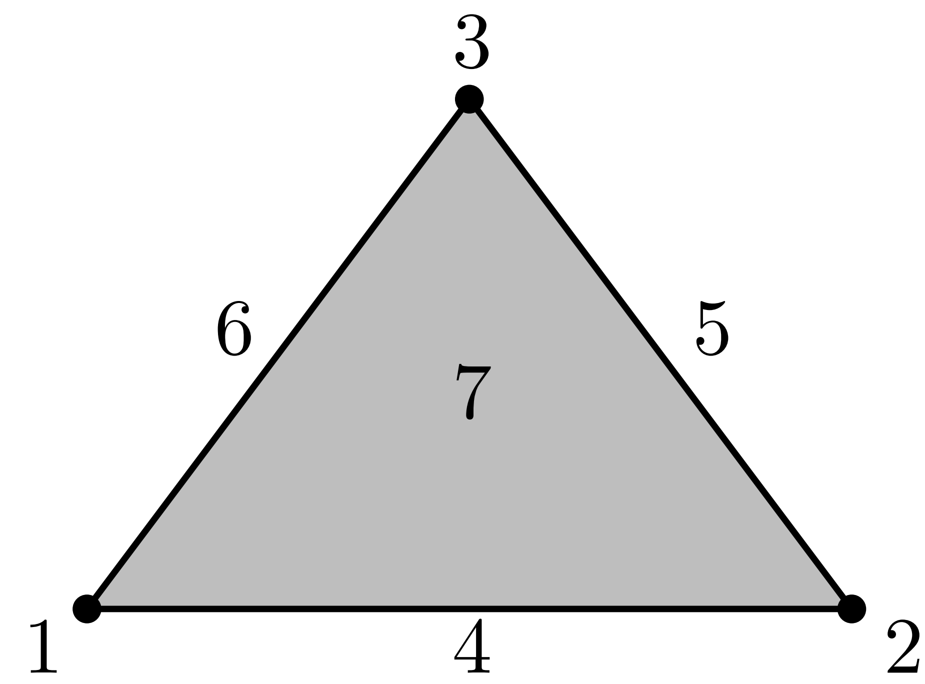

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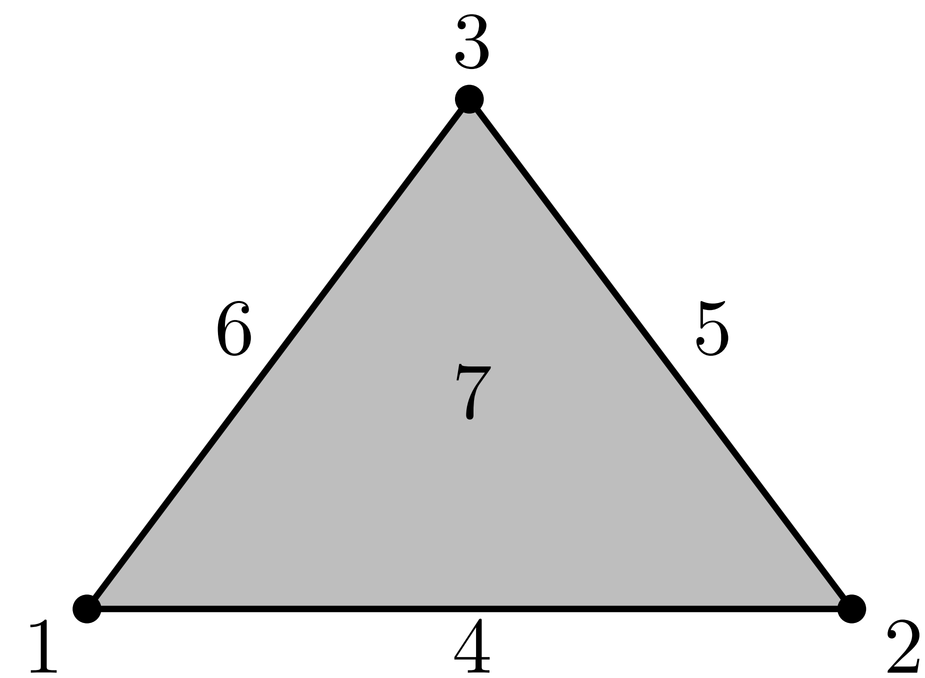

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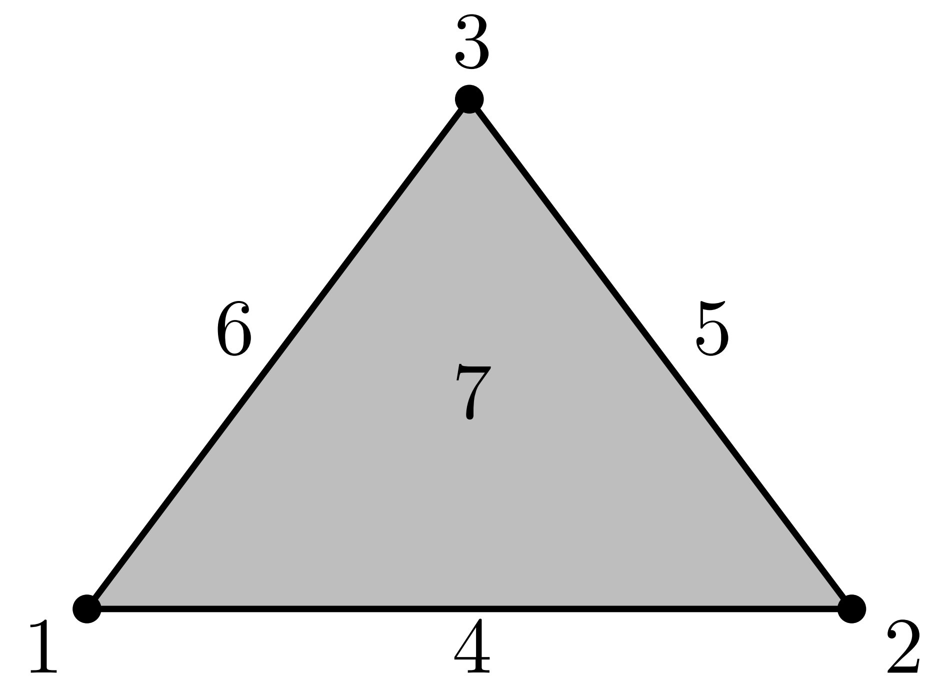

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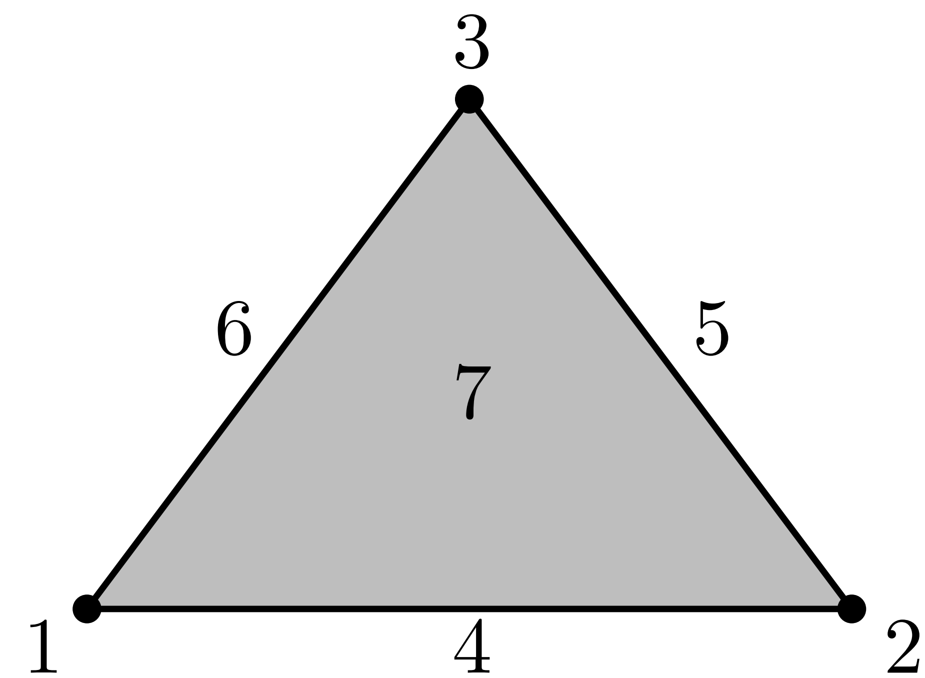

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○ simplex pairs give finite intervals:

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

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

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  - Perseus (http://www.sas.upenn.edu/~vnanda/perseus/)
  - Gudhi (http://gudhi.gforge.inria.fr/)
  - PHAT (https://bitbucket.org/phat-code/phat)
  - DIPHA (https://github.com/DIPHA/dipha/)
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Stability of persistence barcodes

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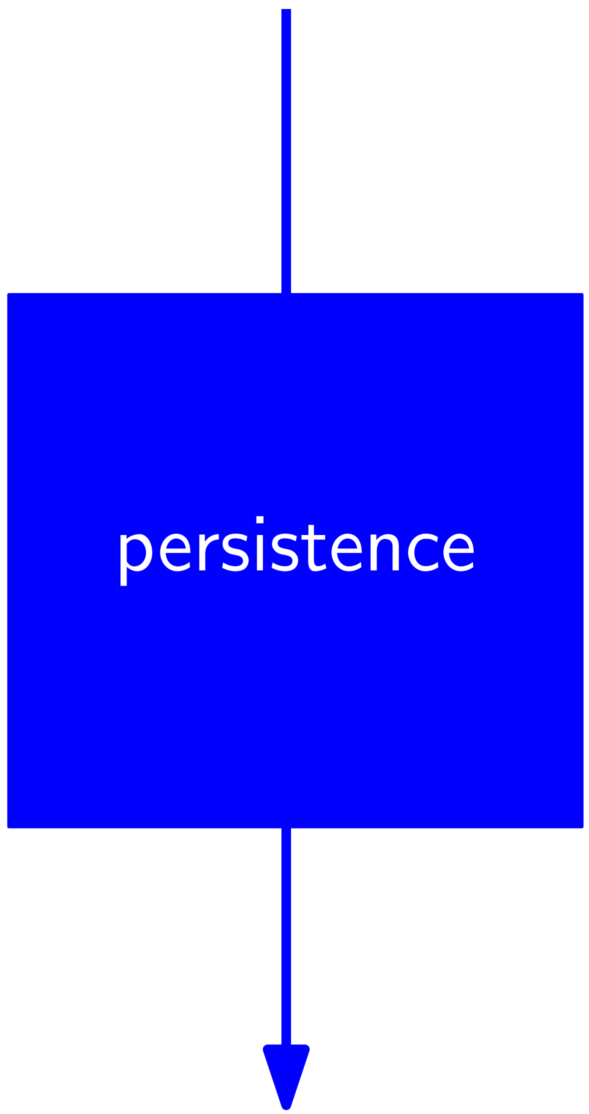

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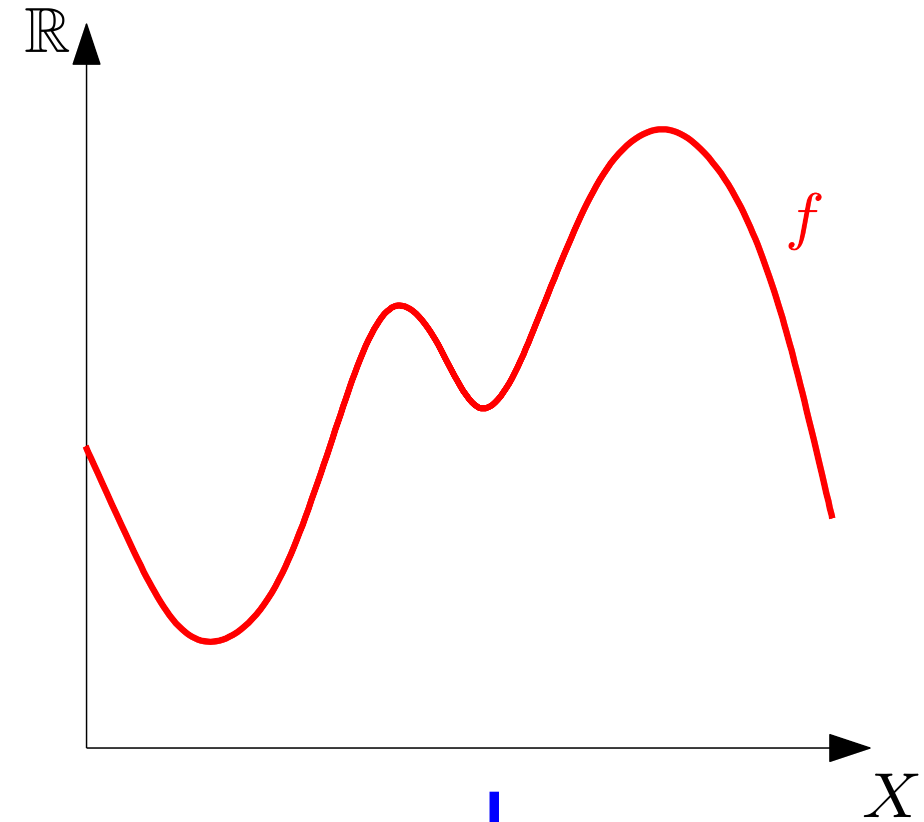

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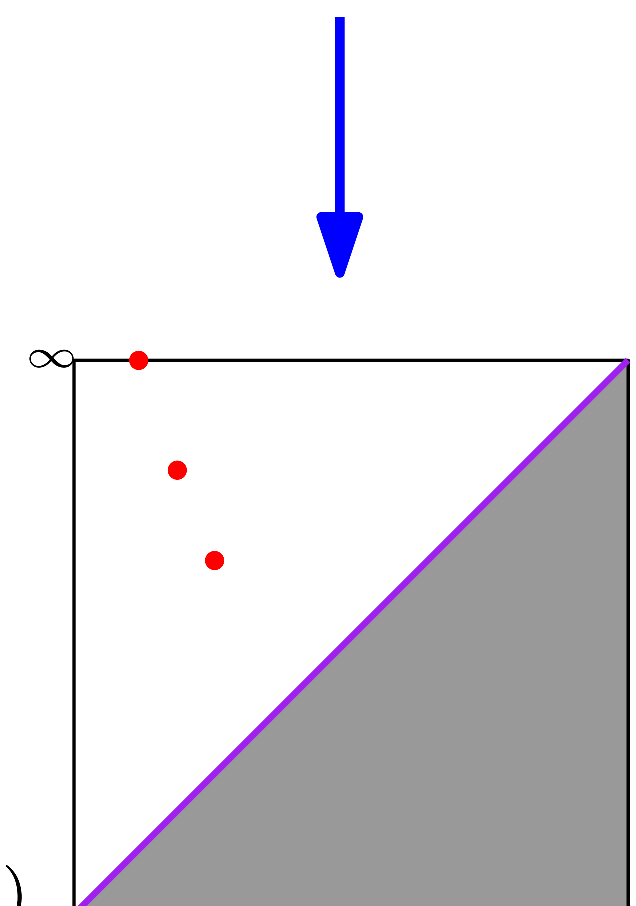

signature: *persistence diagram*

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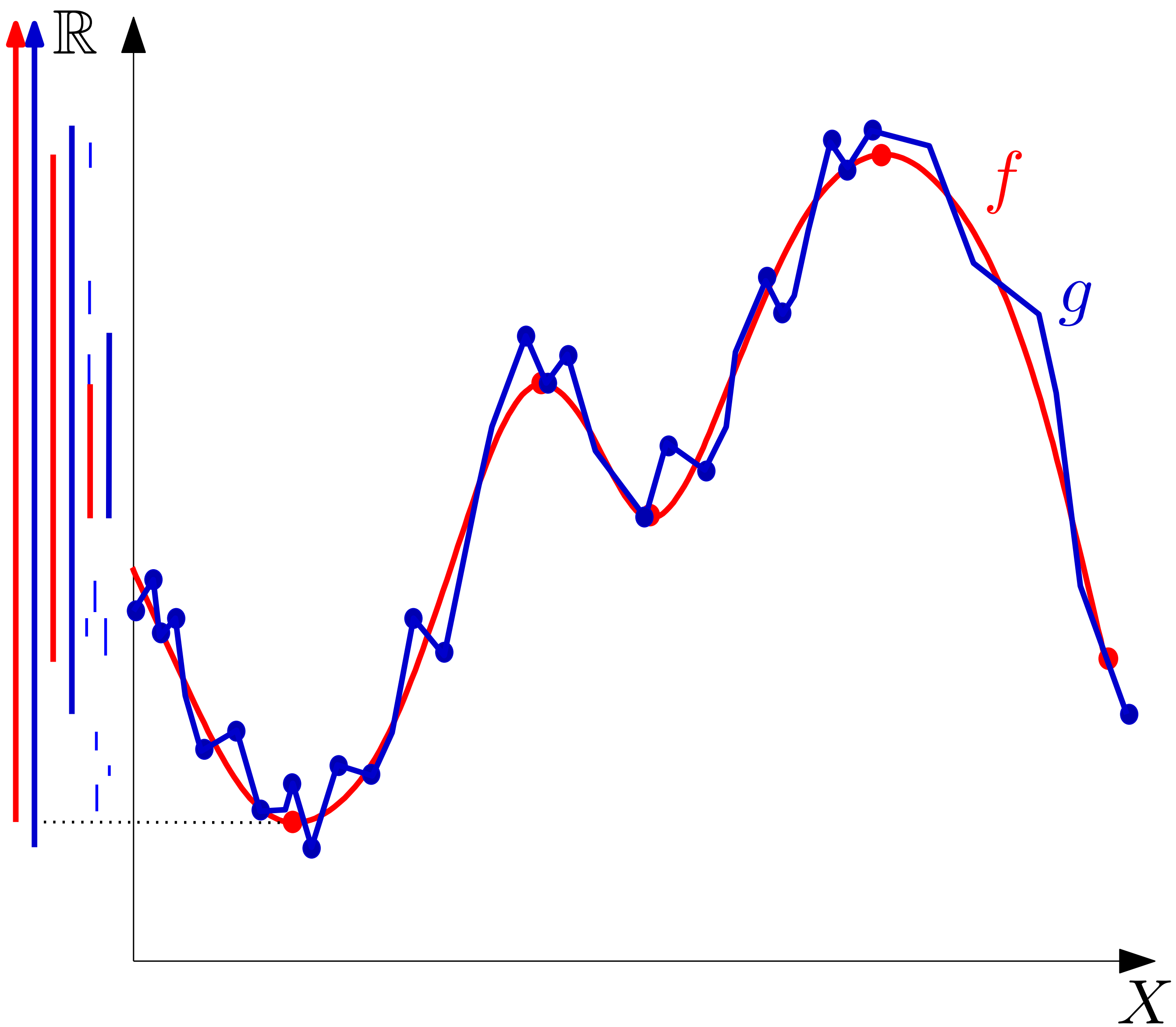
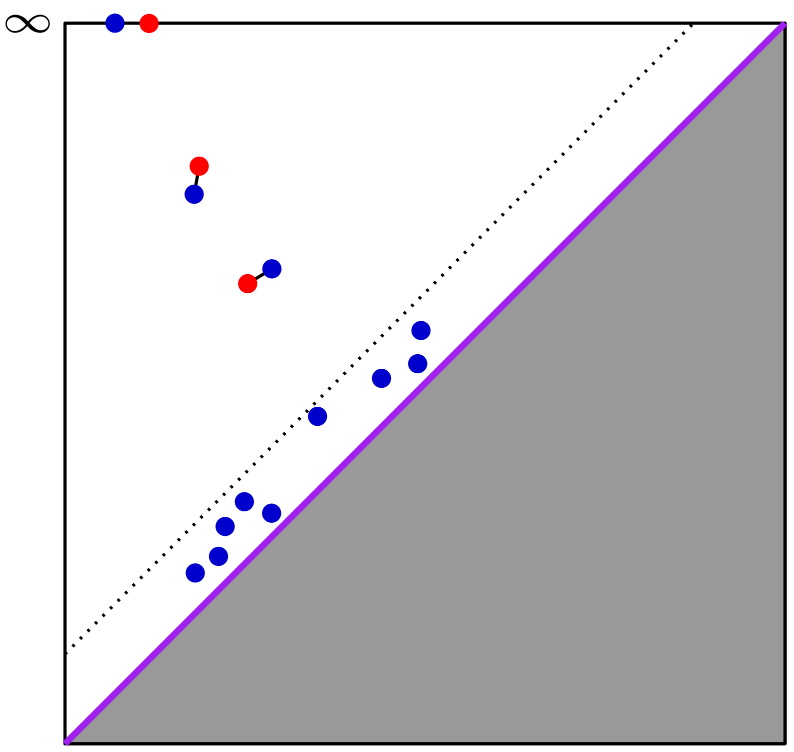
Theorem: For any pfd functions $f, g : X \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$\mathrm{d}_\infty(\mathrm{Dg}\, f, \mathrm{Dg}\, g) \leq \|f - g\|_\infty$$





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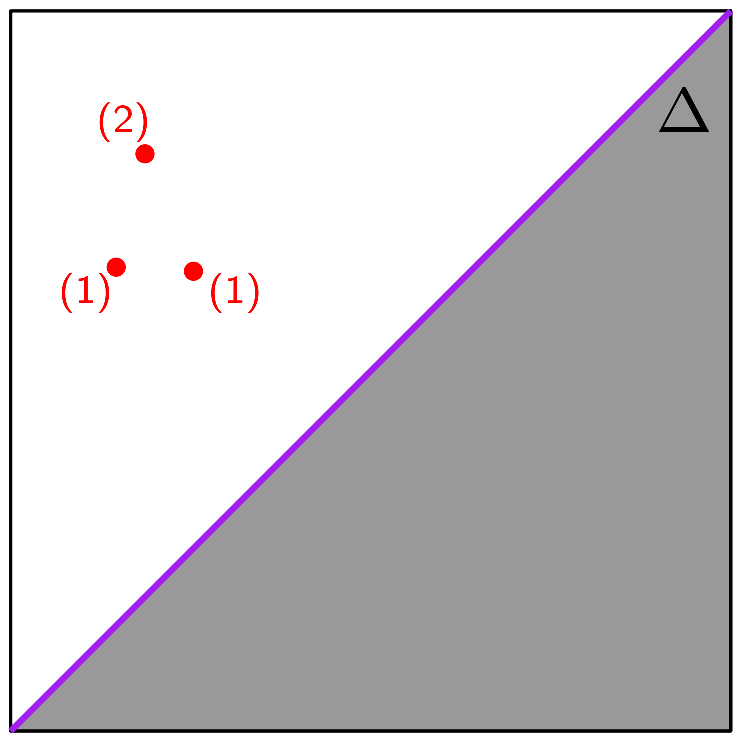

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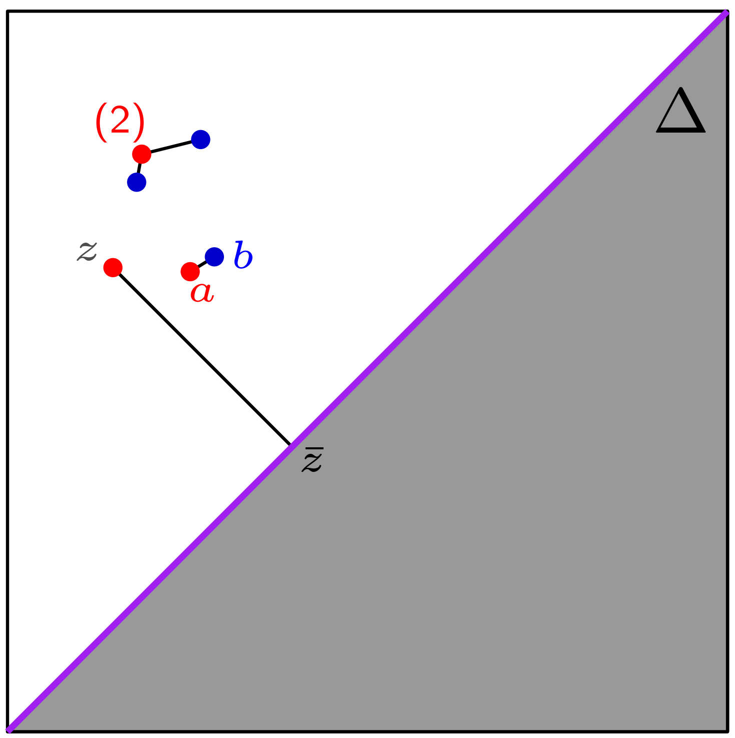

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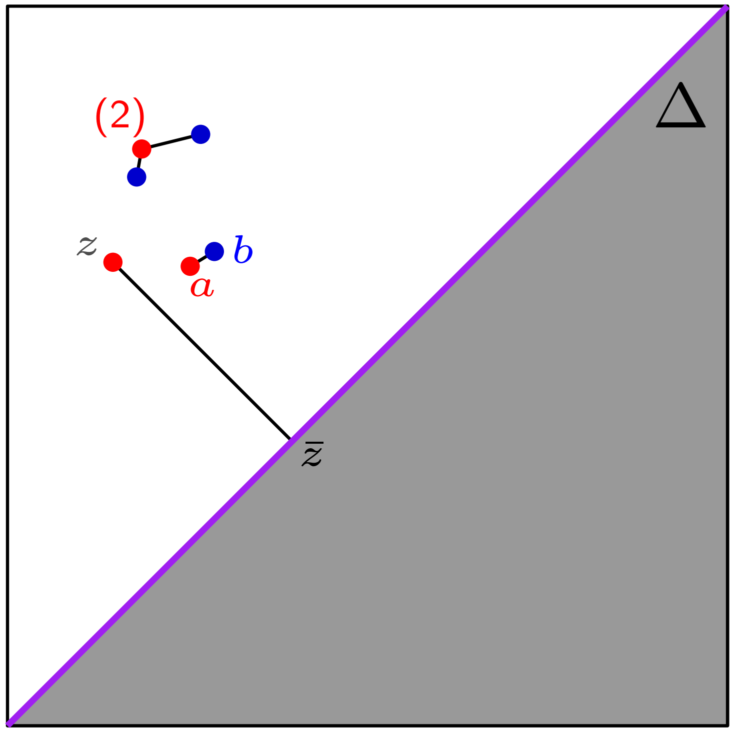

Def: p-th diagram distance (extended metric):

$$\mathrm{d}_p(A, B) := \inf_{M : A \leftrightarrow B} c_p(M)$$

Def: bottleneck distance:

$$\mathrm{d}_\infty(A, B) := \lim_{p \to \infty} \mathrm{d}_p(A, B)$$