

# Priority Downward Closures

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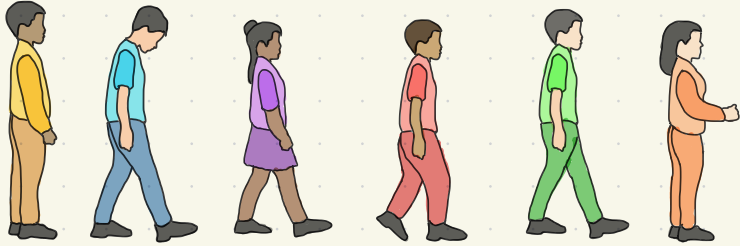
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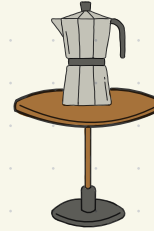
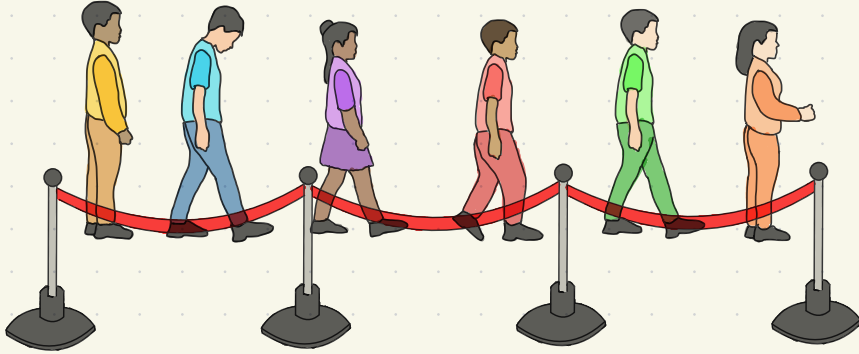




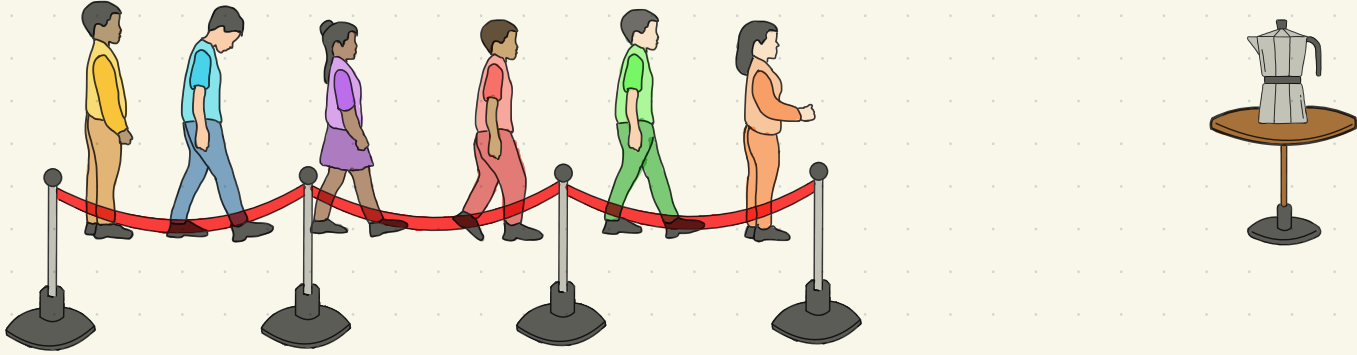




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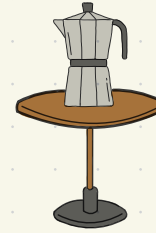
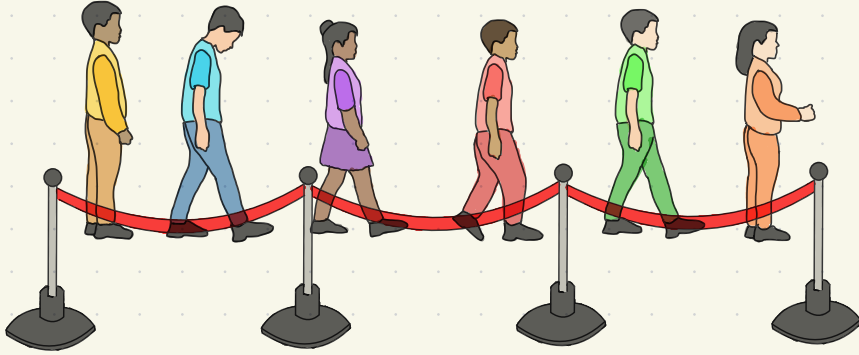


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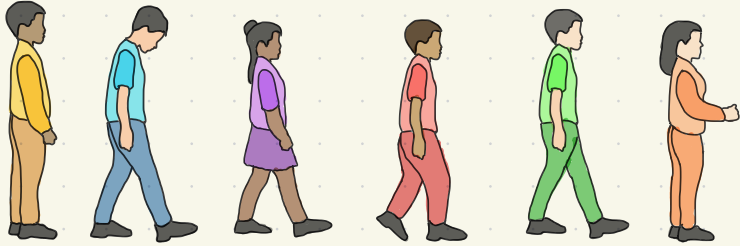


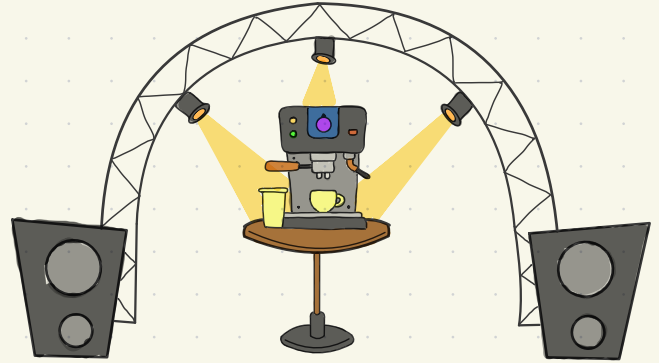
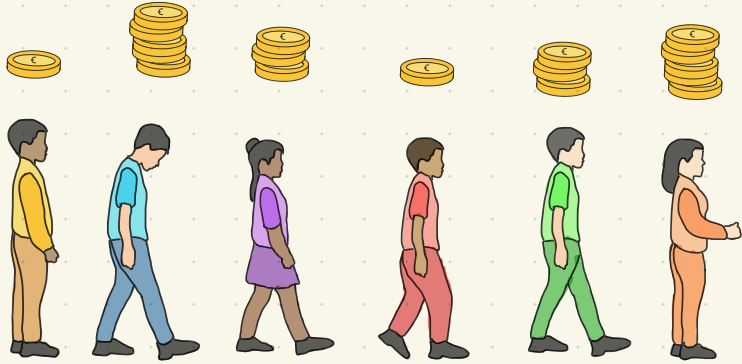
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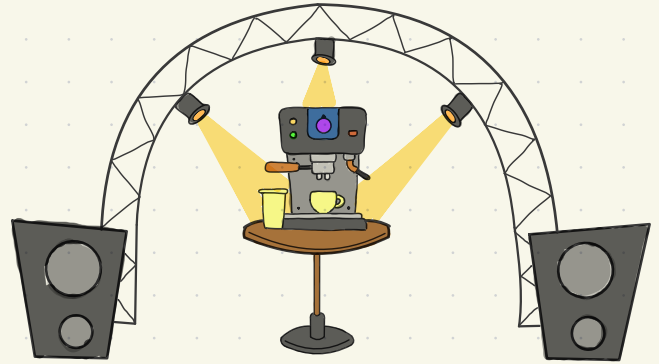
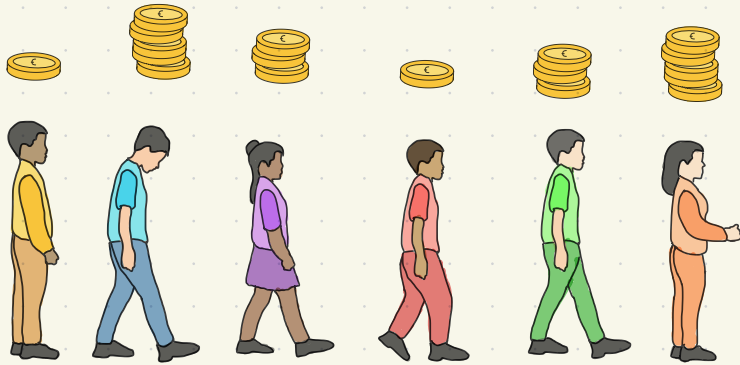
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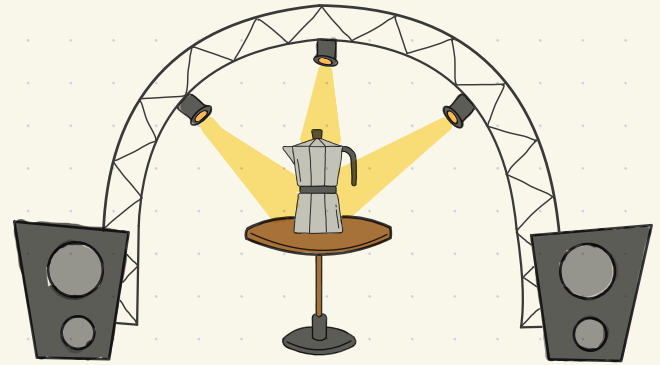
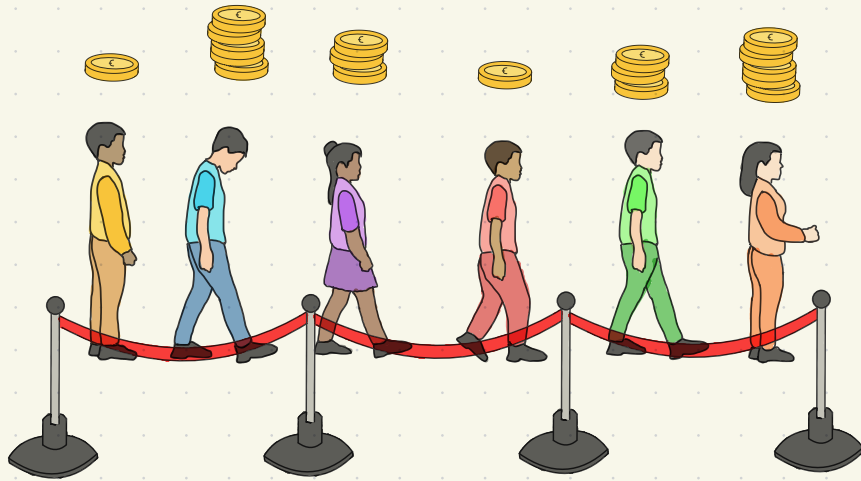




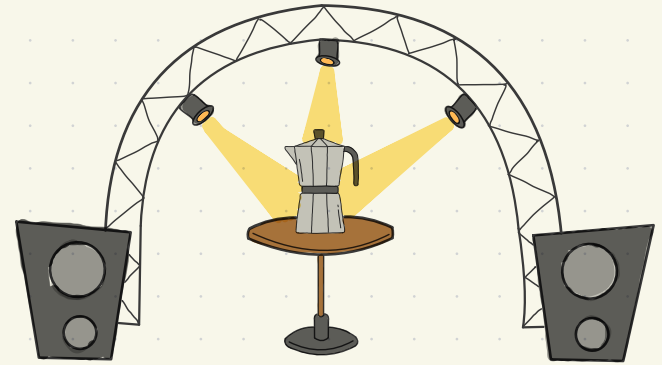




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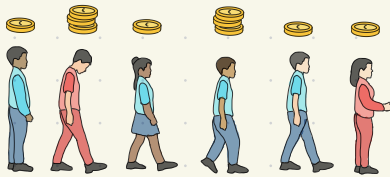
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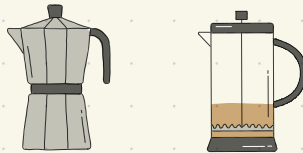
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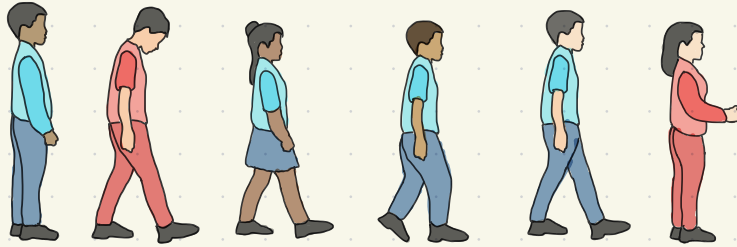
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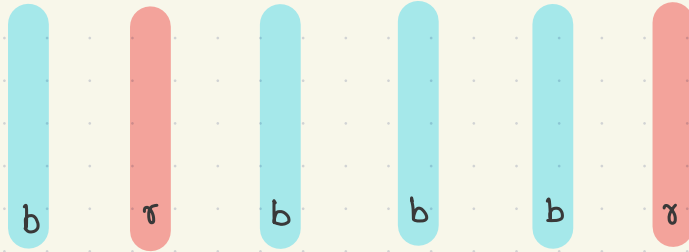


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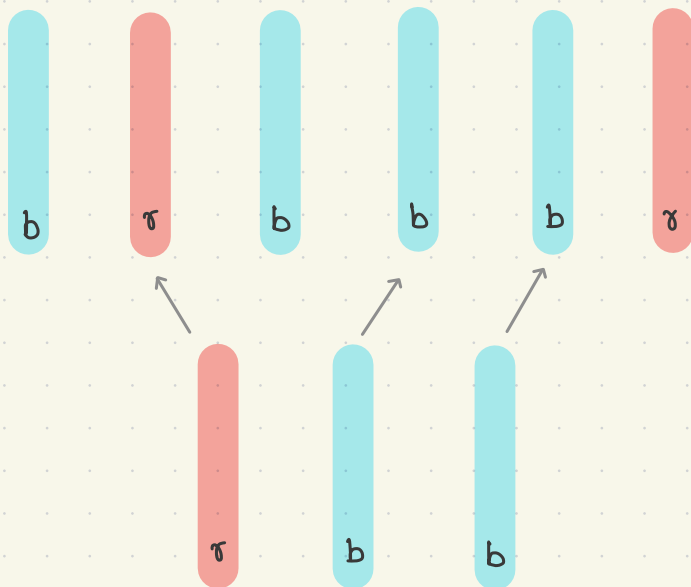


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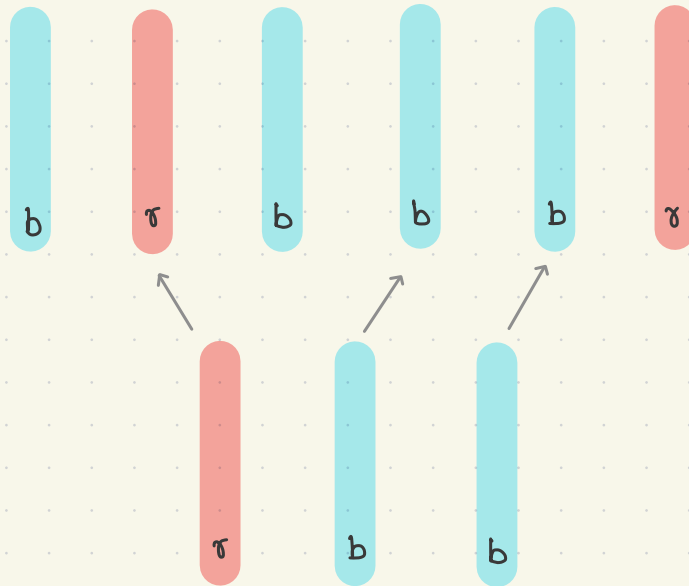
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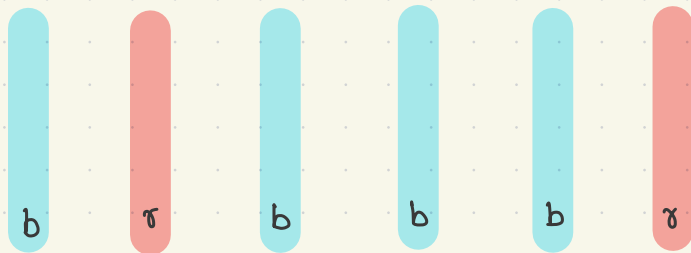
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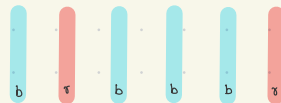
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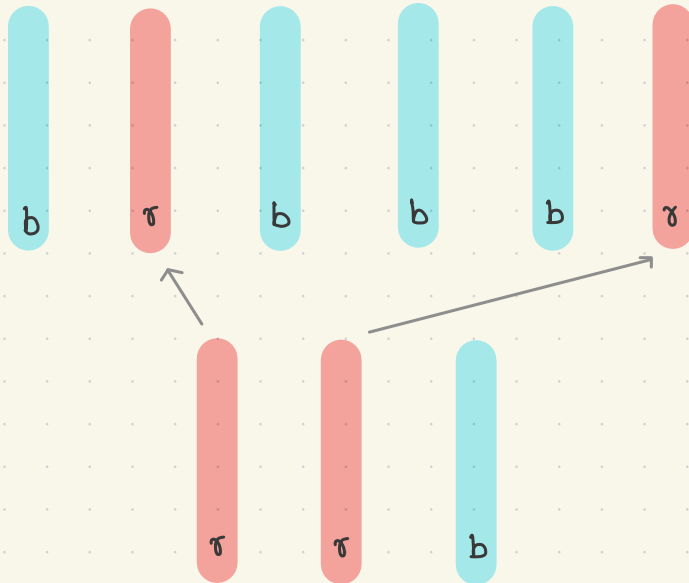


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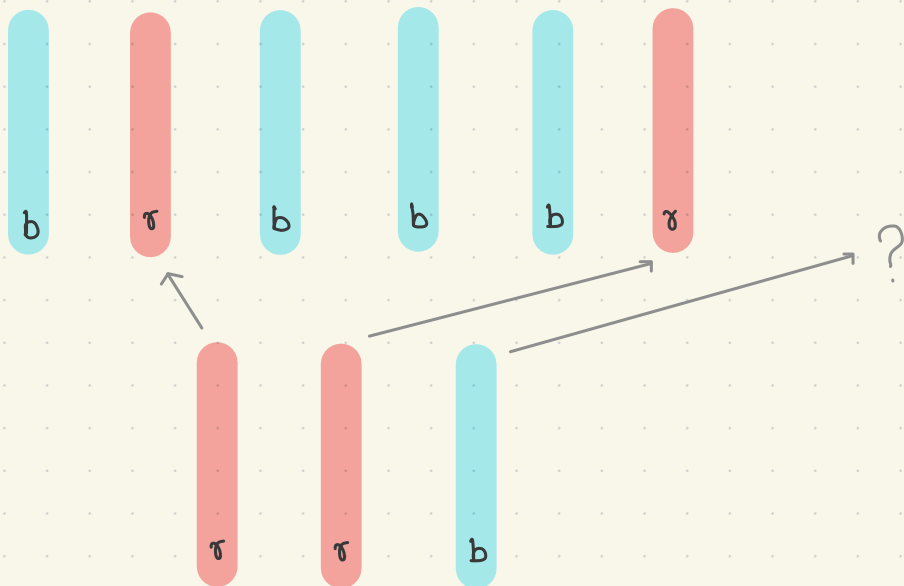
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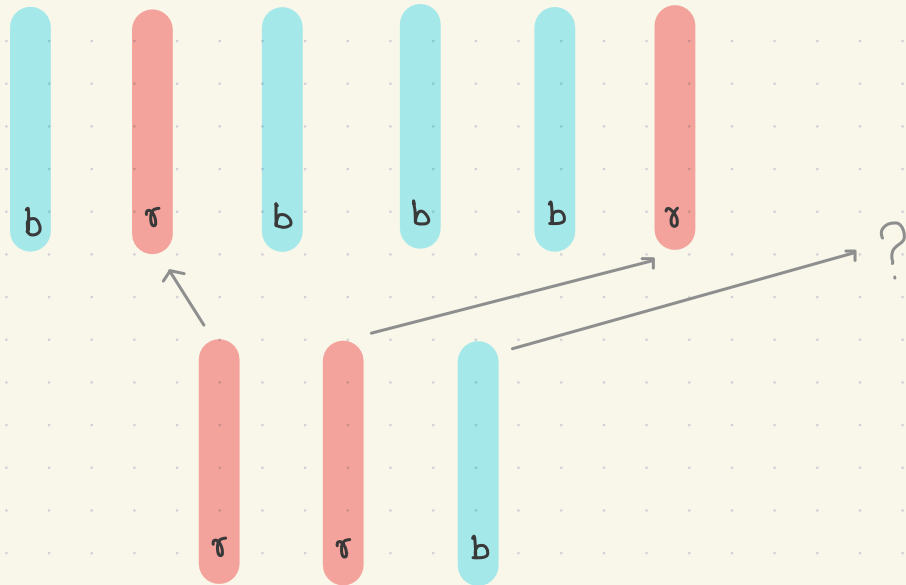


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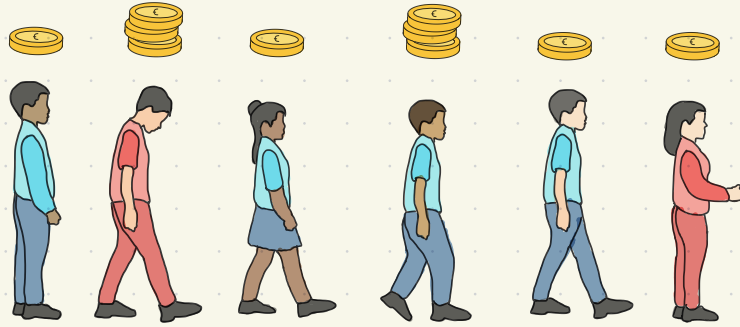




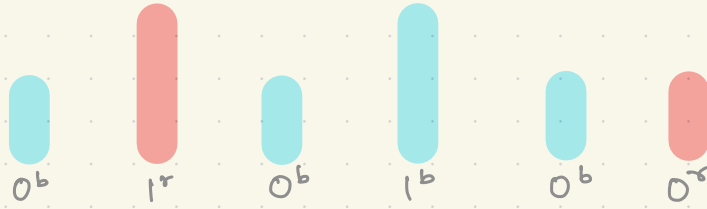
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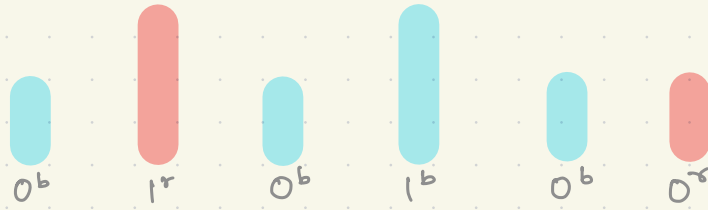
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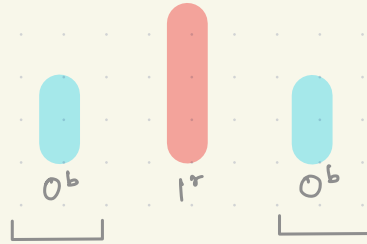
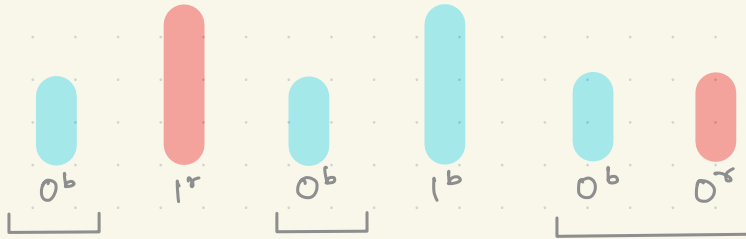
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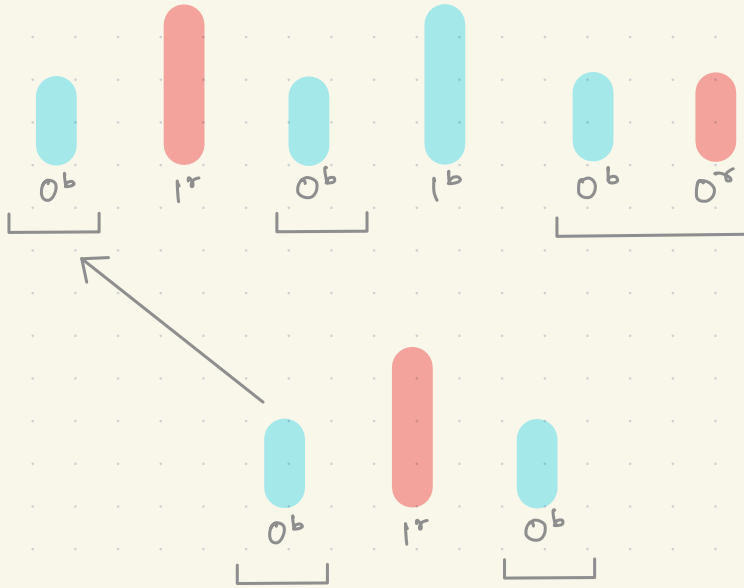
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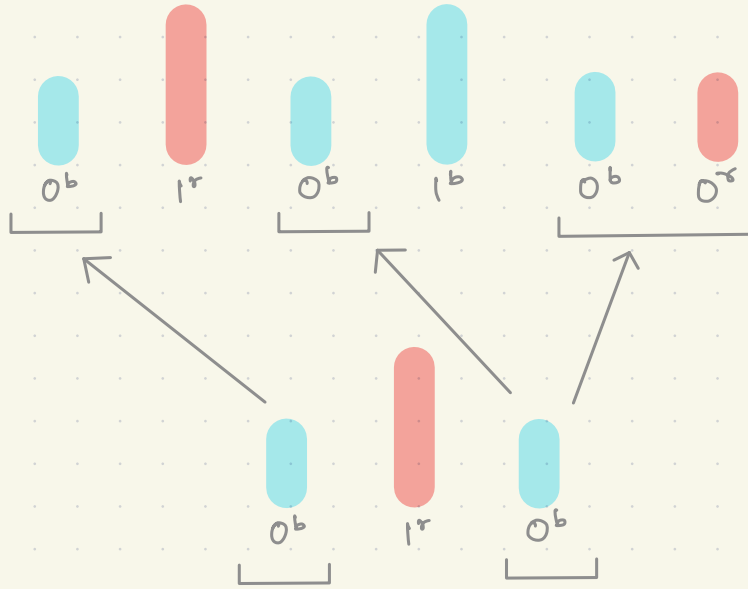
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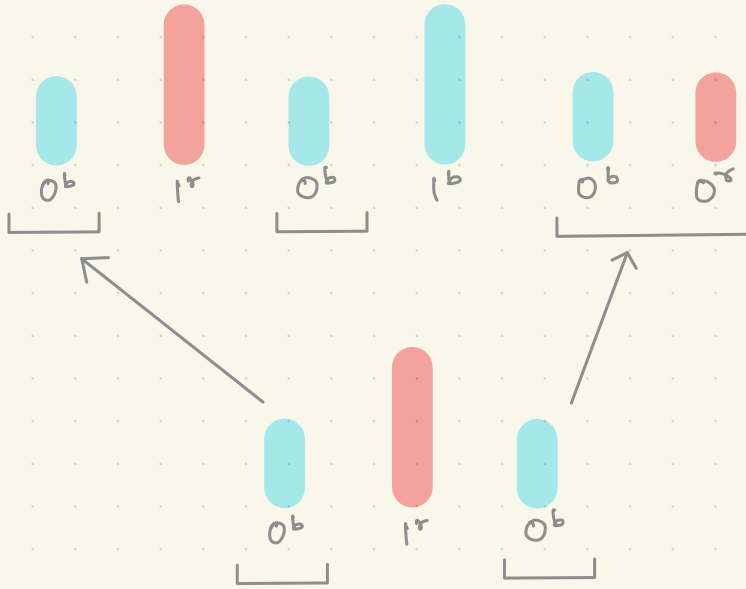
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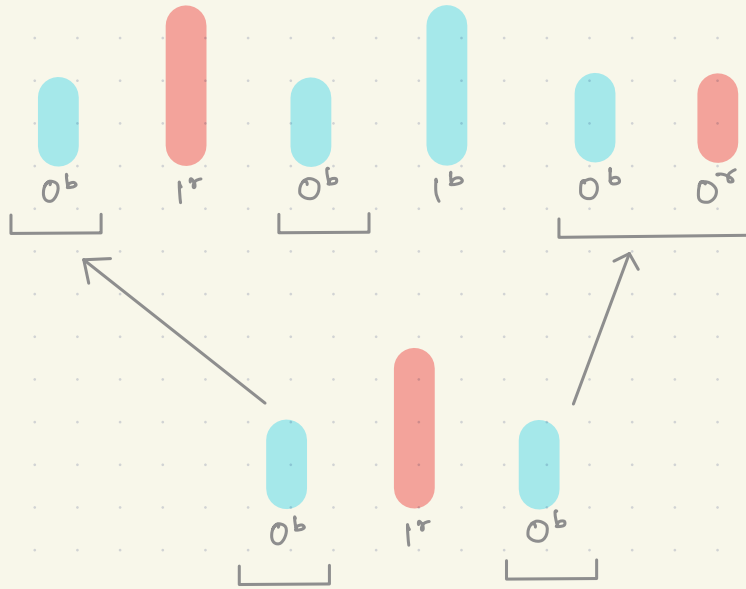


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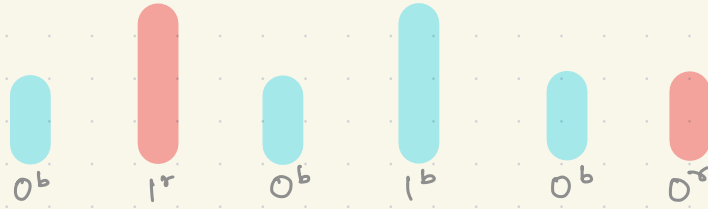




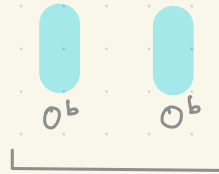
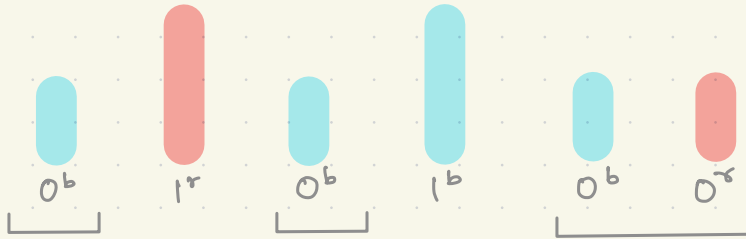
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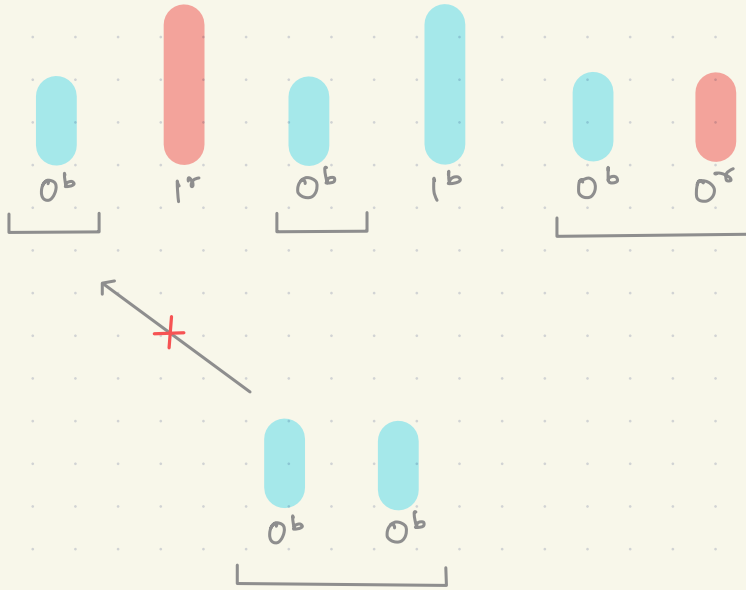
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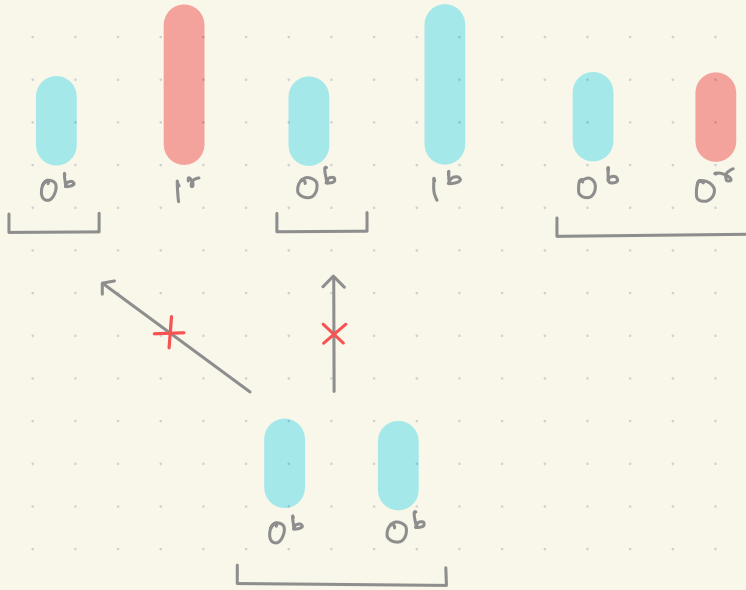
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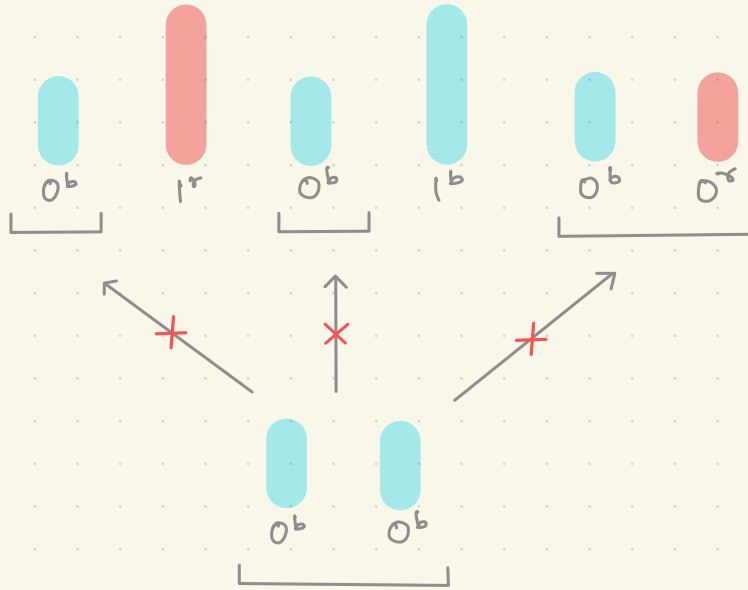
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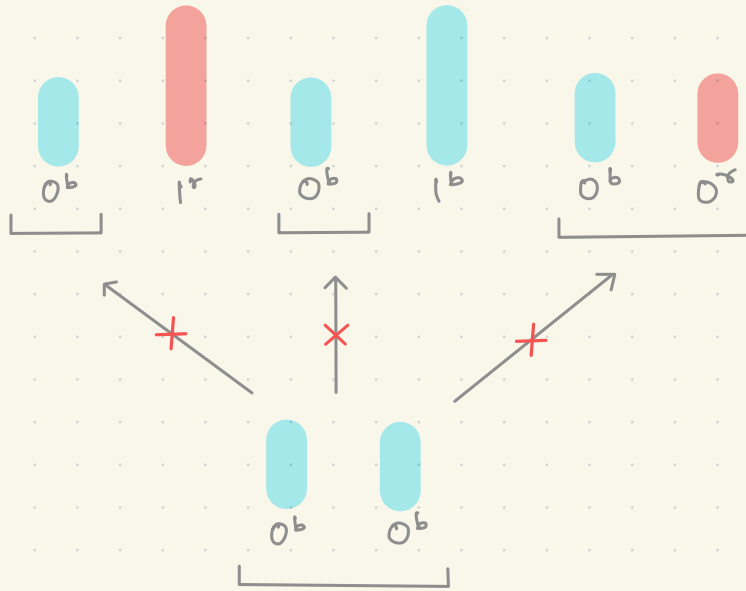
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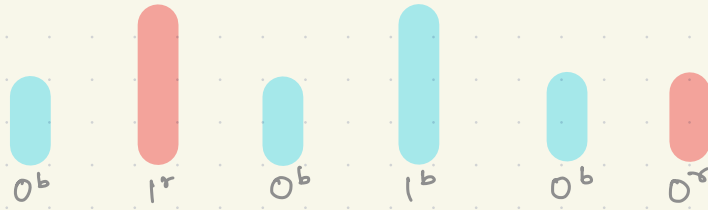
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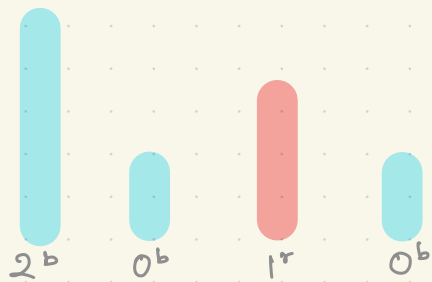
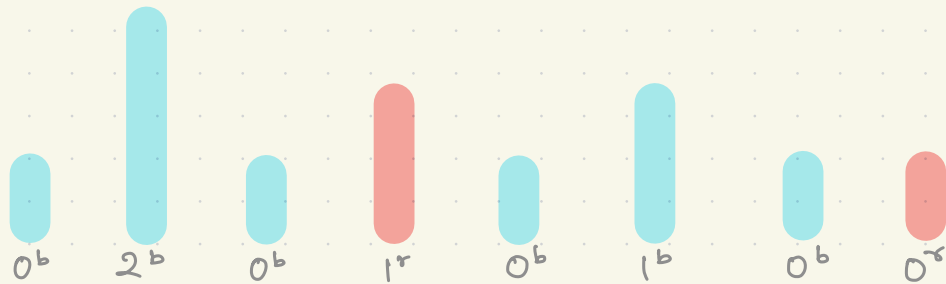


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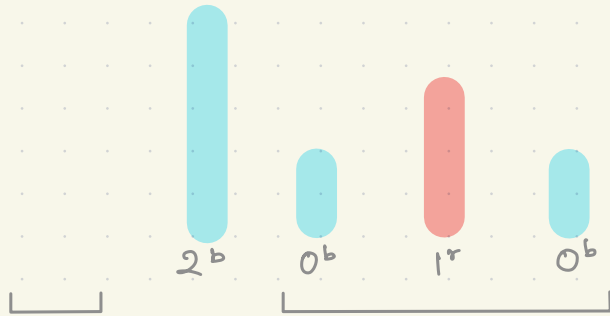
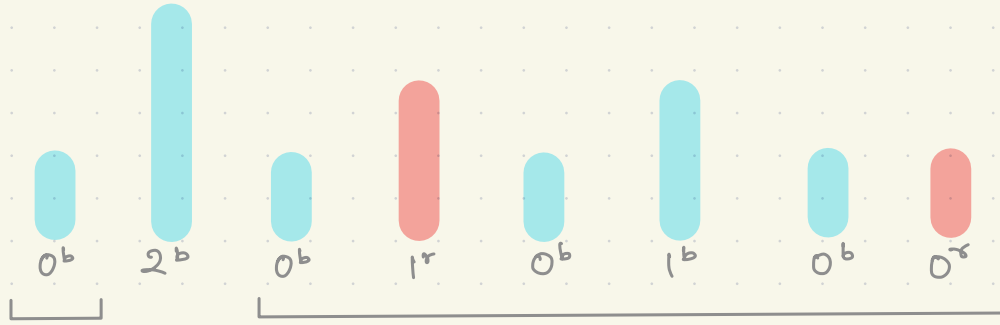




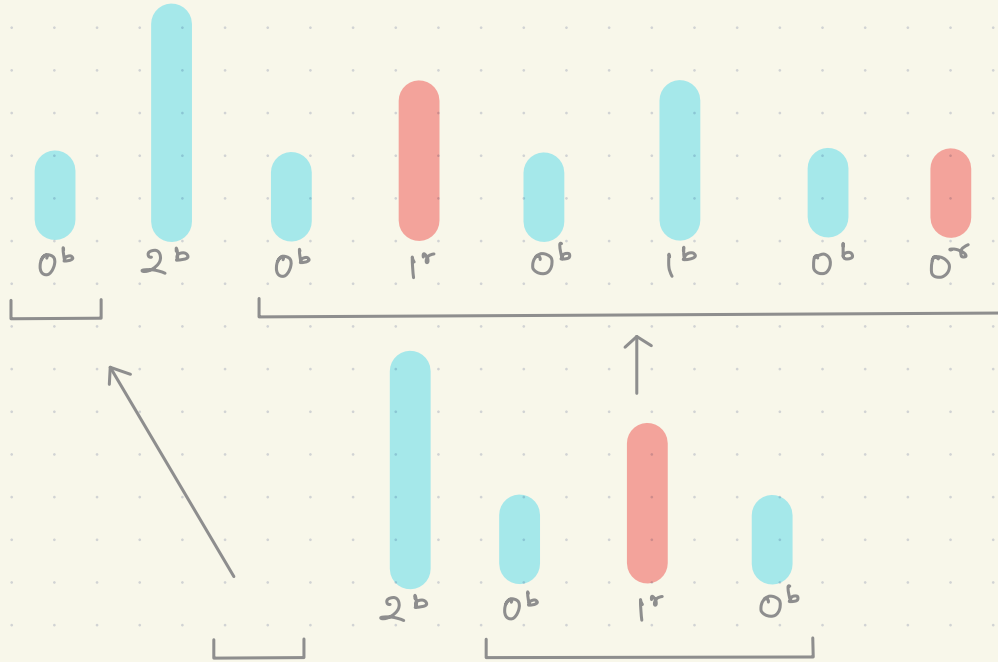
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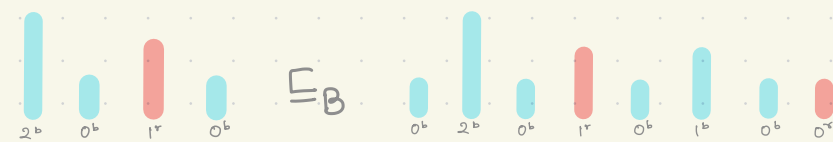
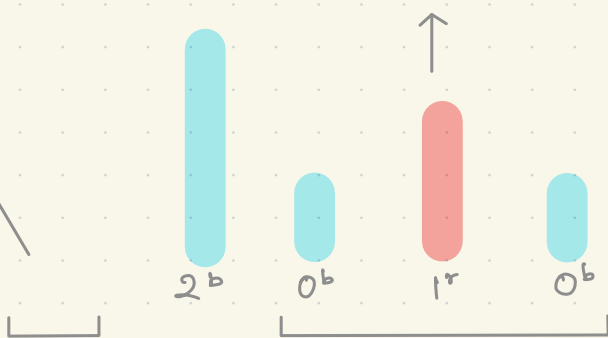
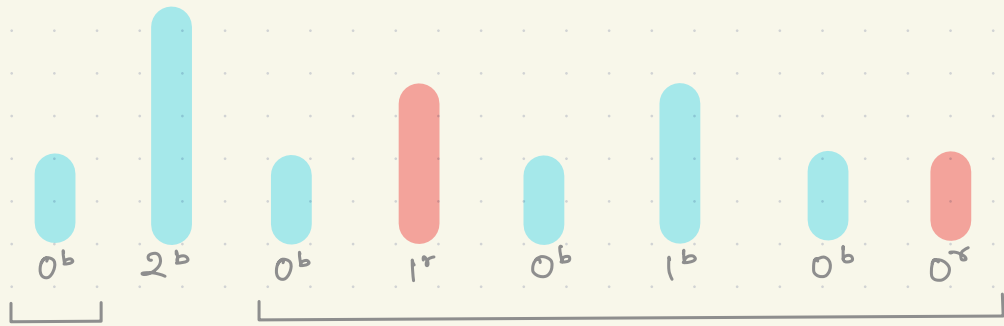
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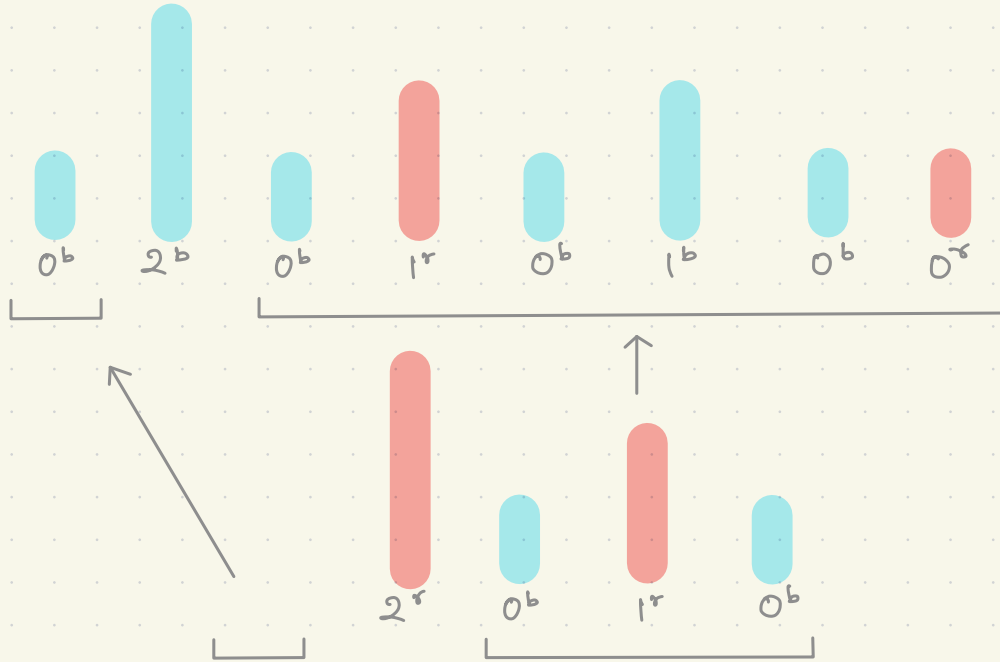
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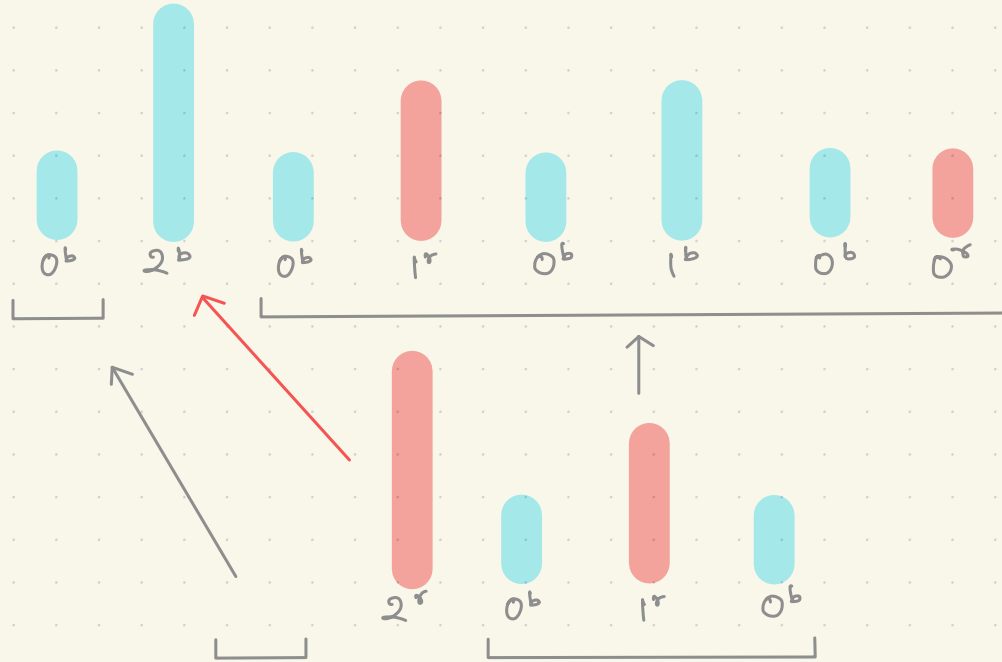
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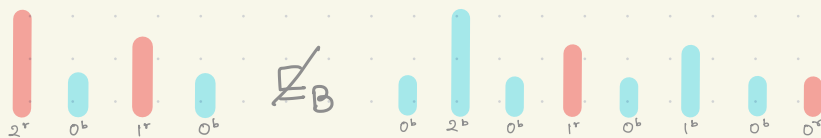
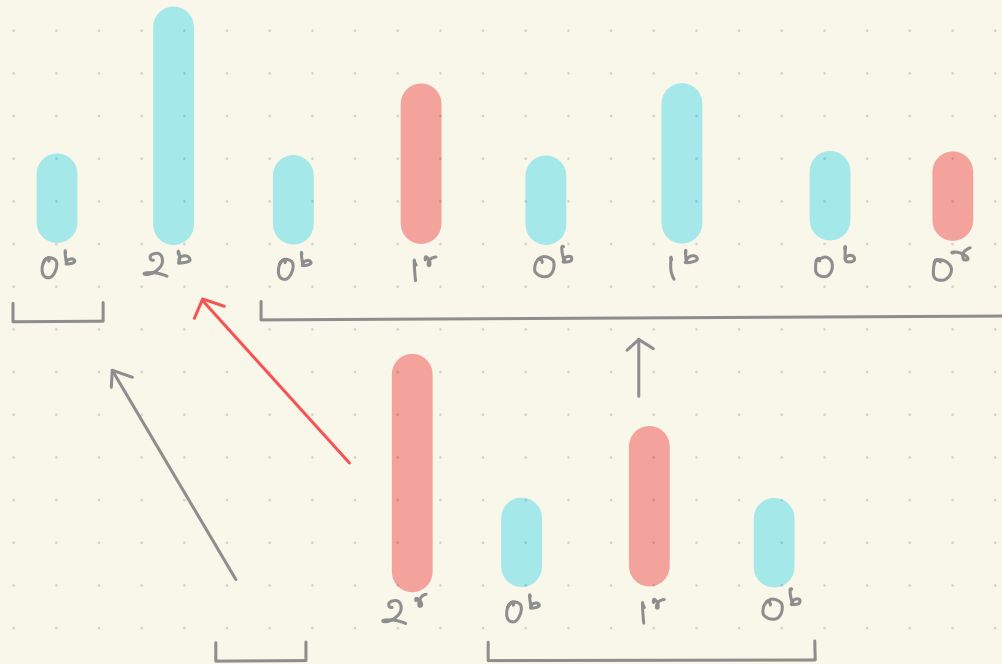
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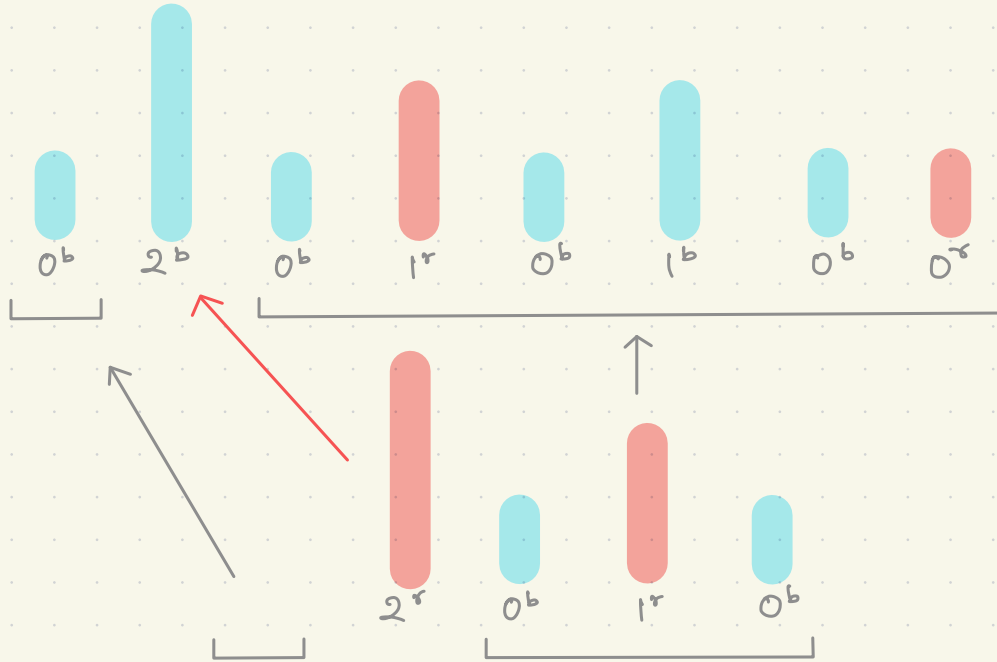
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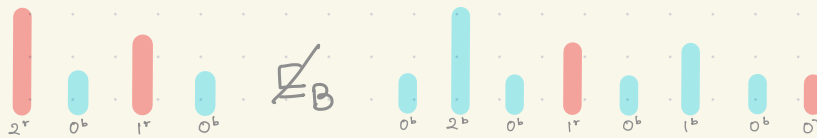
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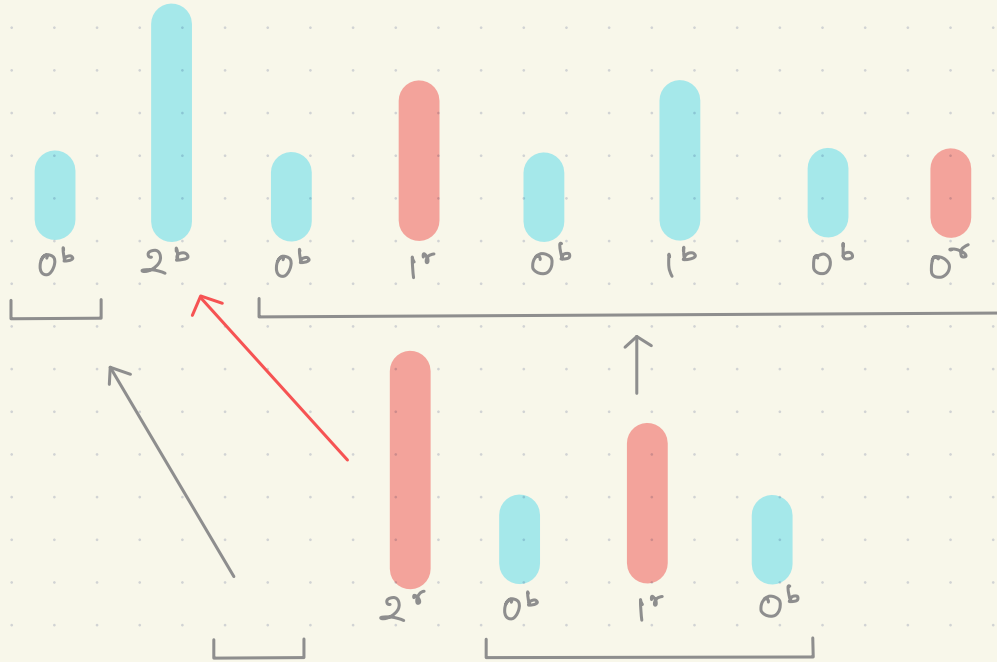


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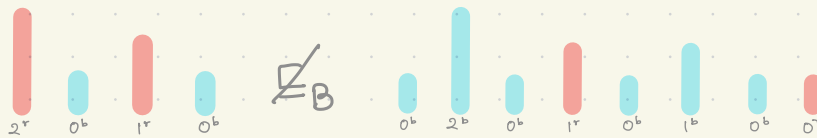




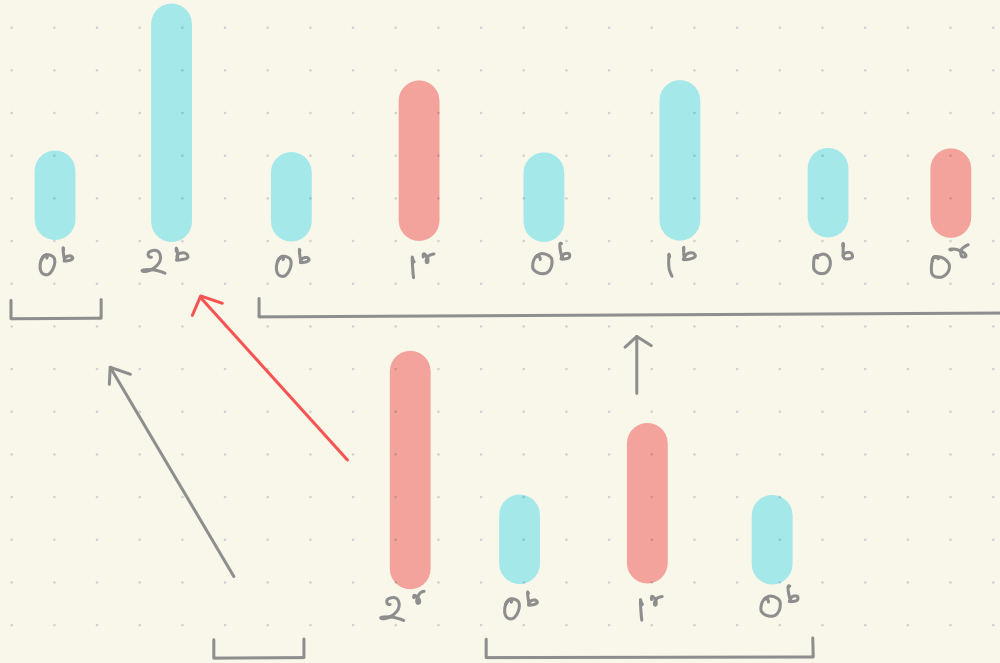
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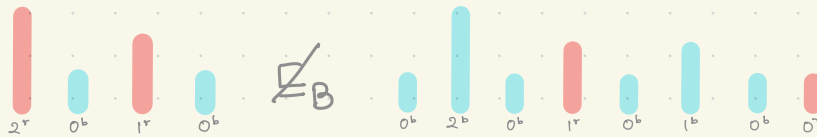
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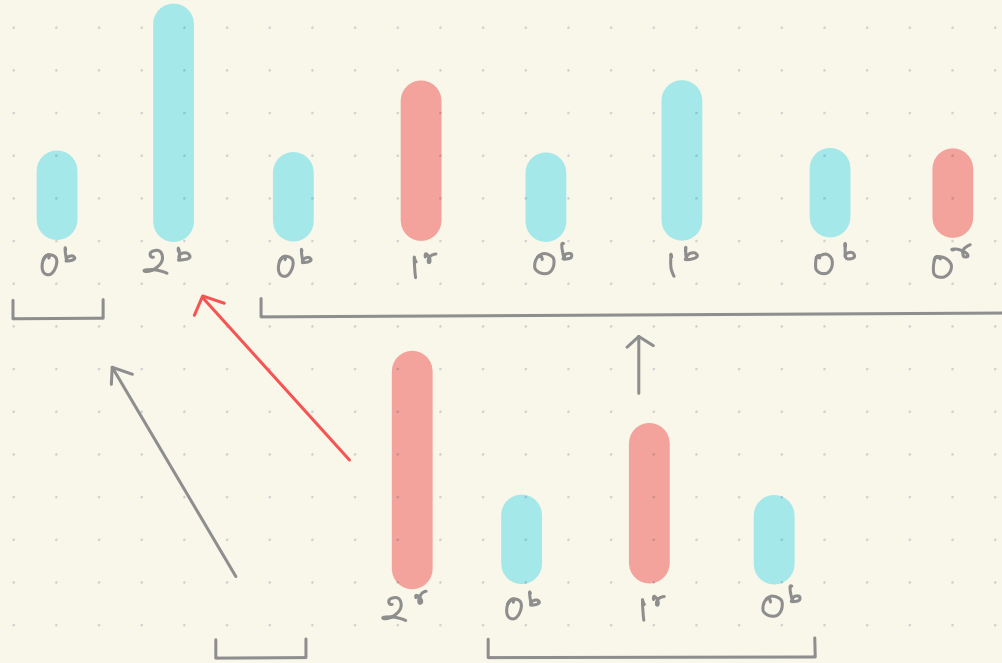
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[In this talk] One letter per priority.

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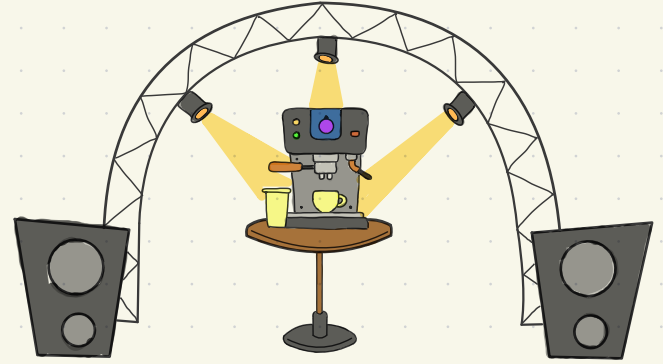
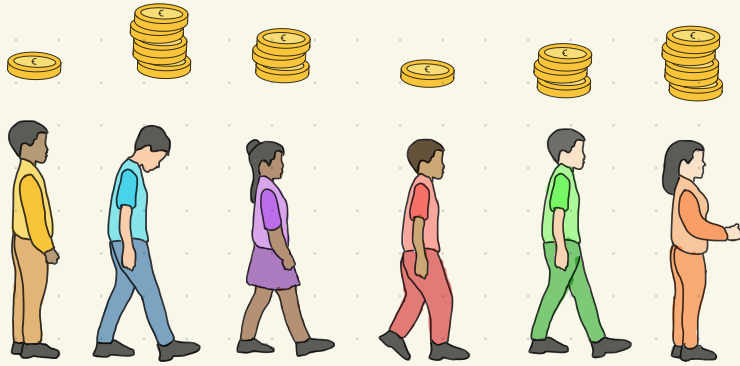


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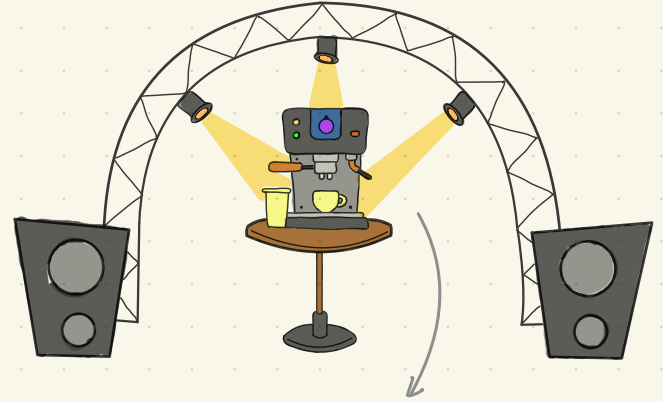
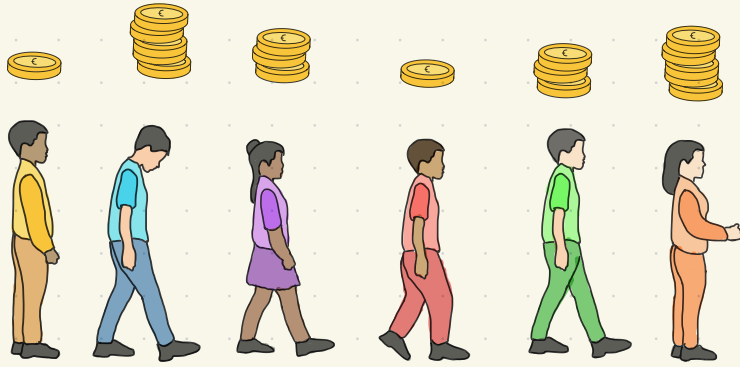


Refines Prioritised Superseding Order  
[Haase et. al., 2014] and Subword Order

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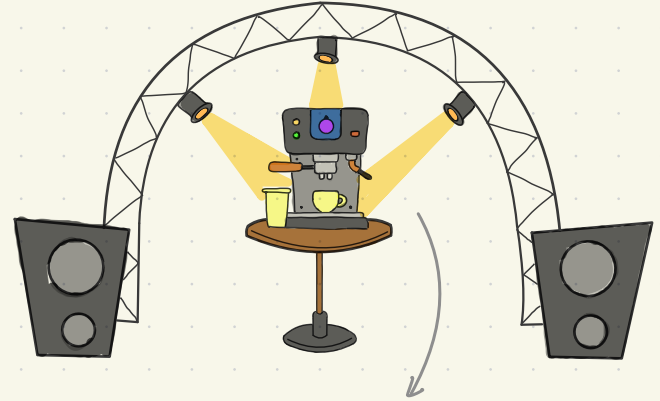
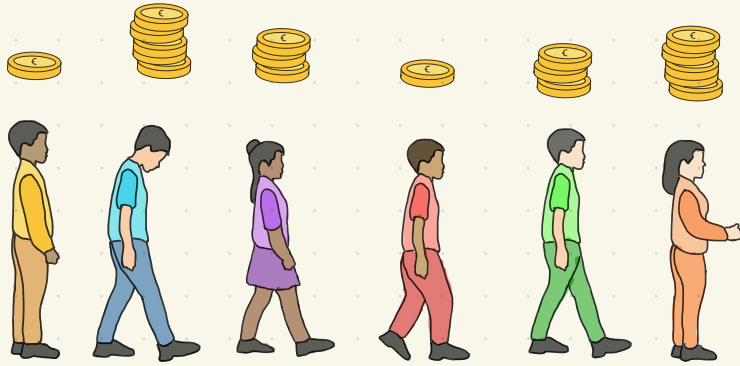


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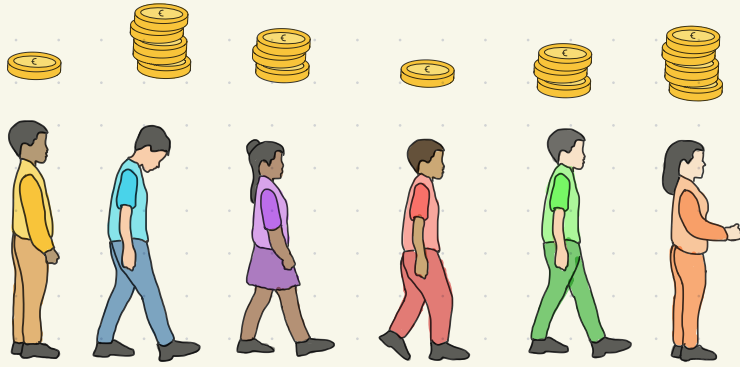


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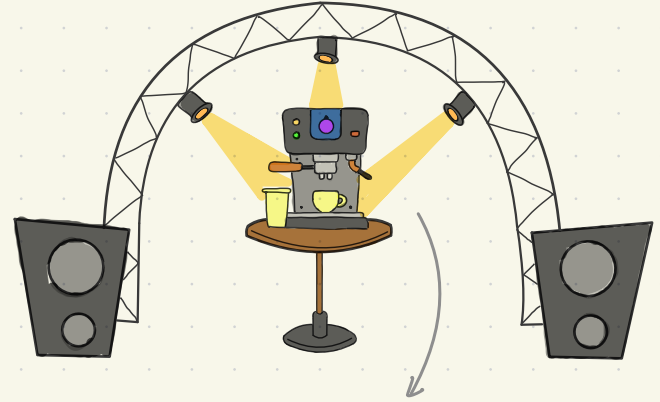
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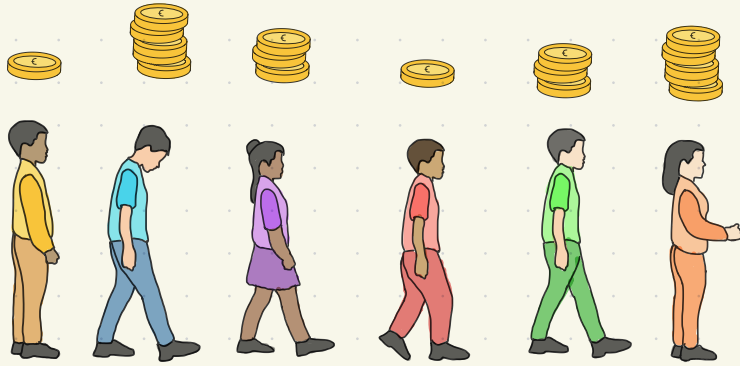
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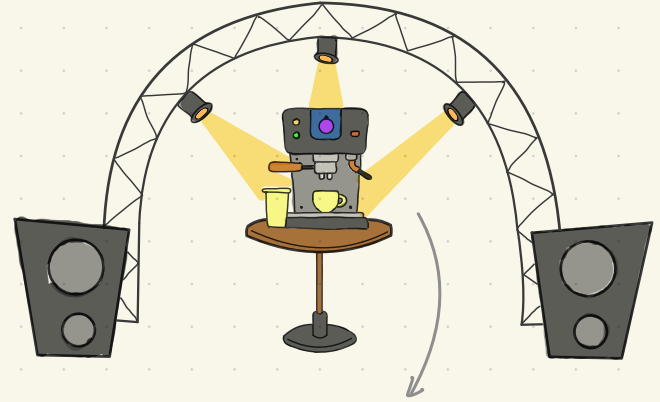
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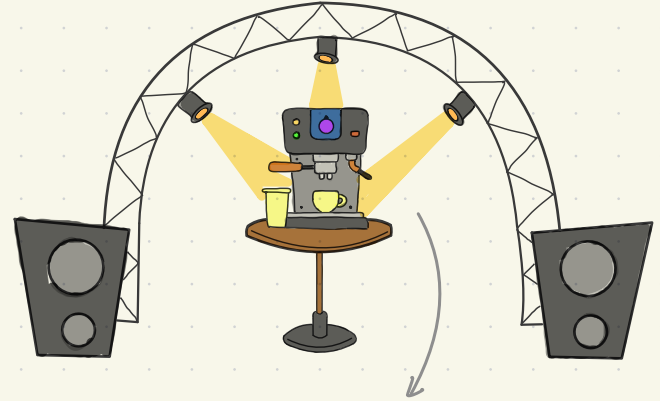
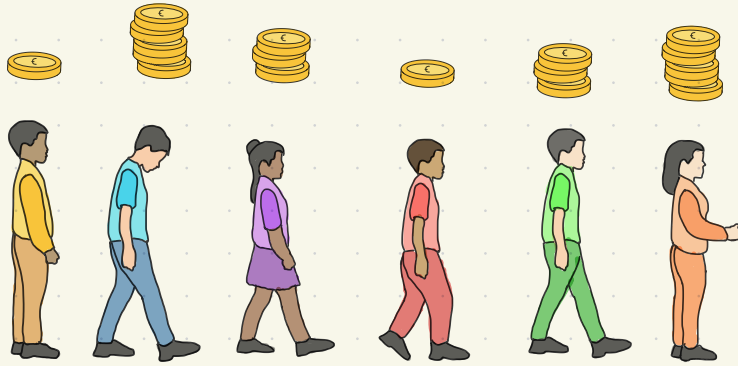
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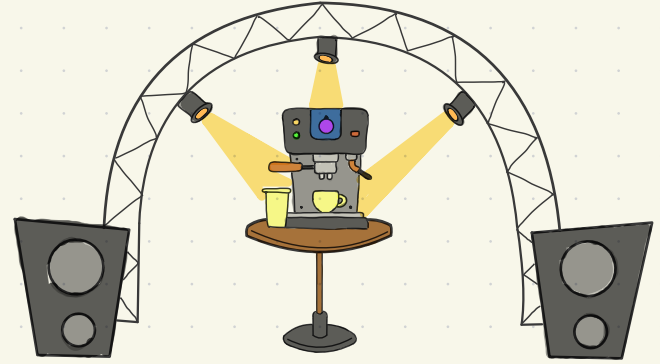
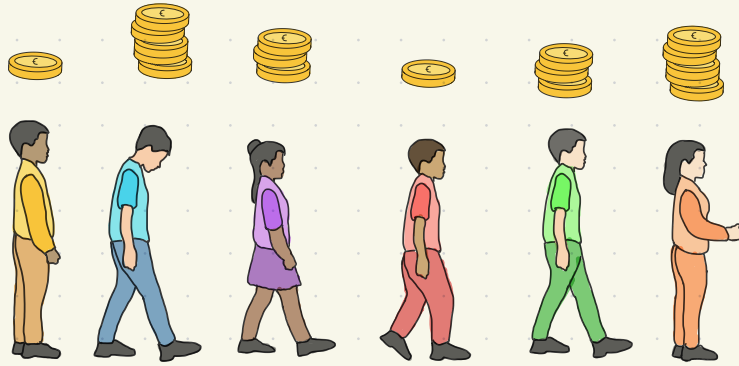
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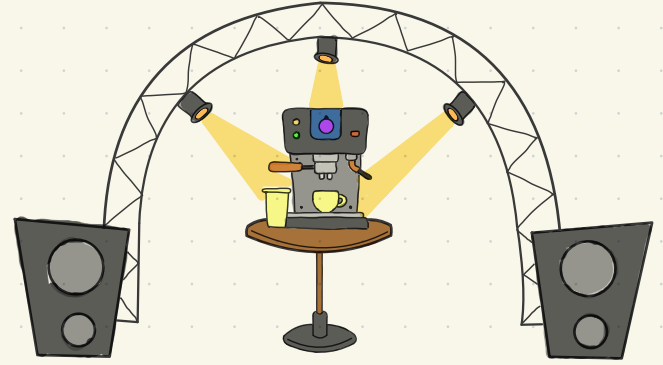
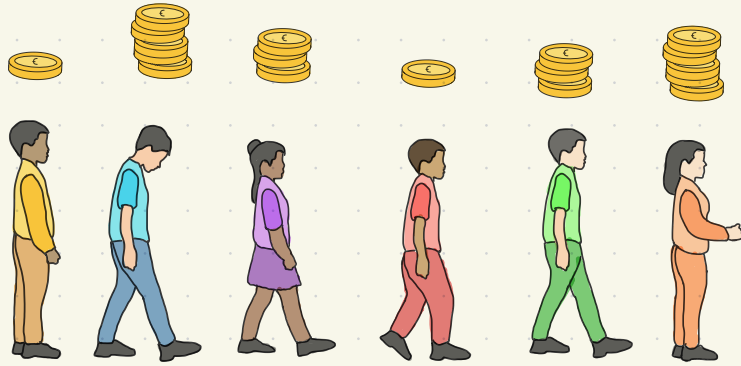
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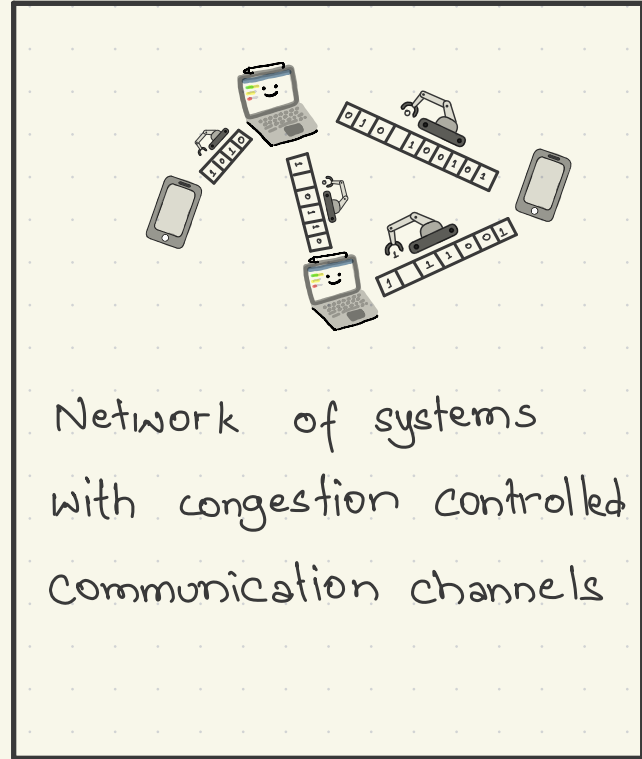
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[This talk] Construction of such machine for pushdown machines.

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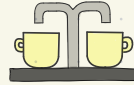
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The transducer is computable in polytime.

Downward closures can be computed in polytime.

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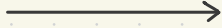
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☉ Keep track of the counter for a fixed polynomial bound.

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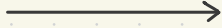
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- ☉ Keep track of the counter for a fixed polynomial bound.
- ☉ If bound is exceeded, there is a cycle which increases counter and one that decreases.

# One Counter Machines



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Block downward closure for an OCA language can be computed in polytime.

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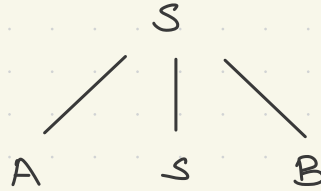
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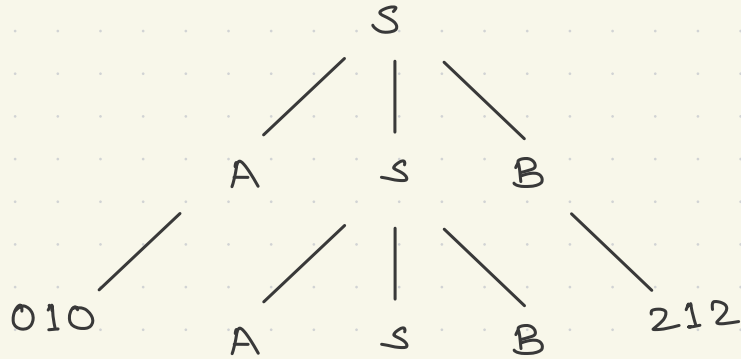


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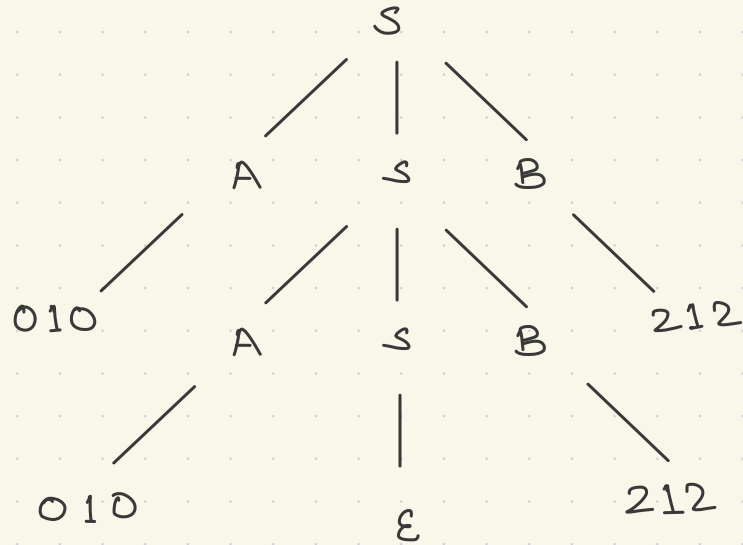


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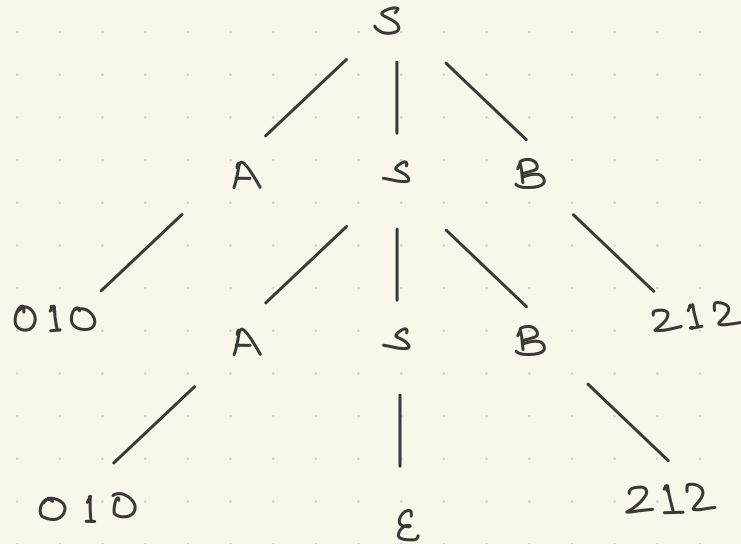
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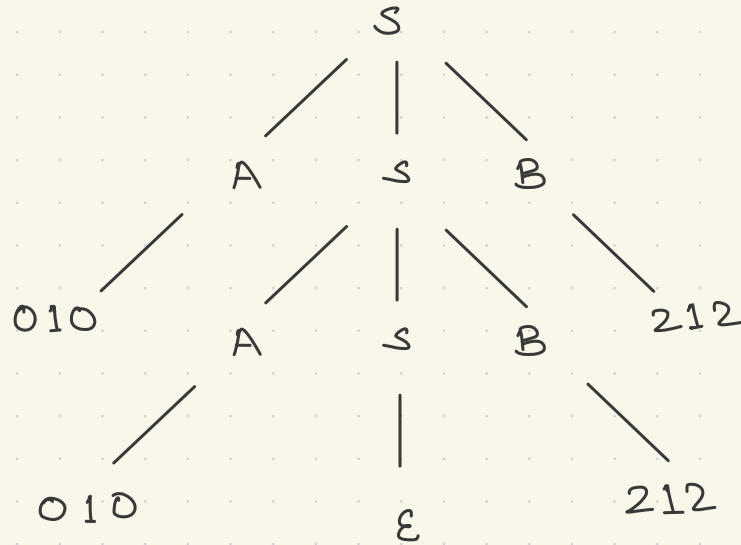
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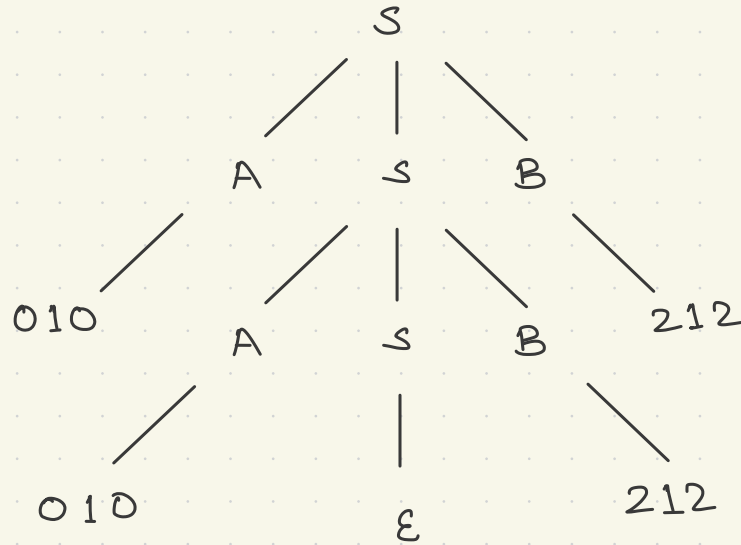
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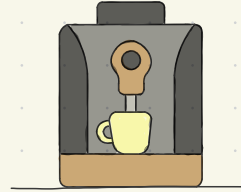
We try "bounding" the depth.

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Context free  
grammar

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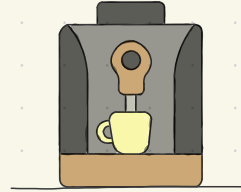


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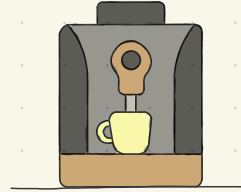
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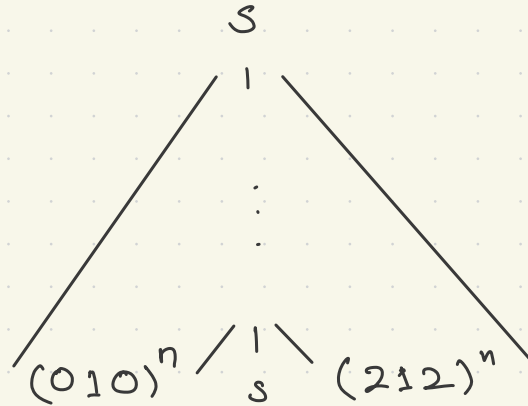
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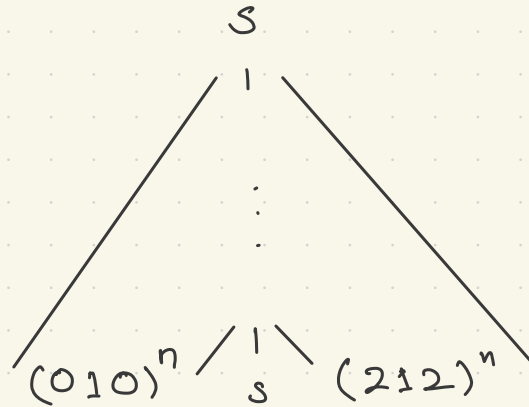
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L, M, R have one less priority



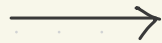


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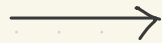
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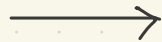
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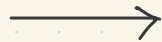
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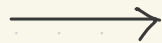


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Both grammars have same block downward closures.

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