

(Trying to do a)  
Counting of distinct repetitions in words<sup>1</sup>  
One World Combinatorics

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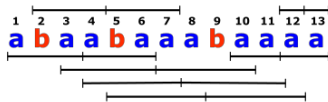
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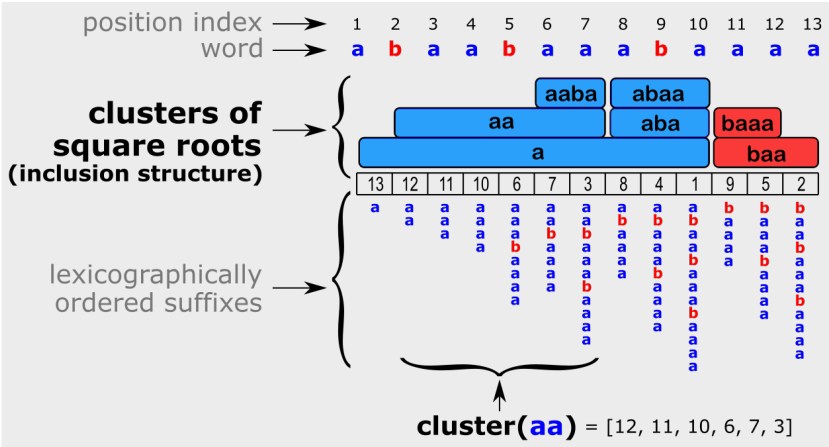
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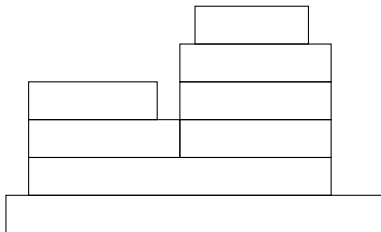
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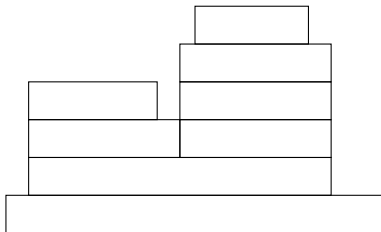
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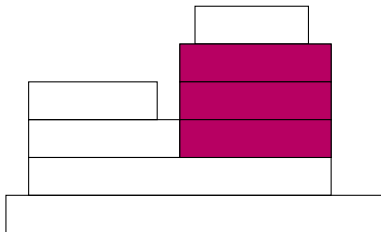
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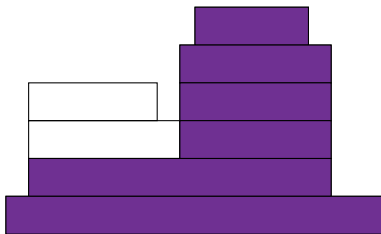


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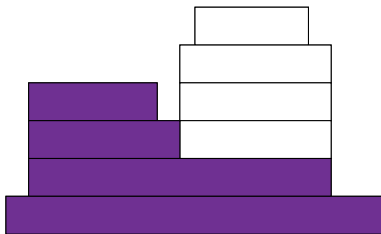
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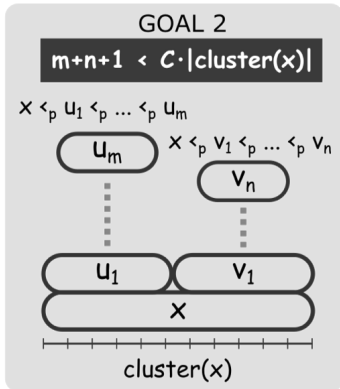
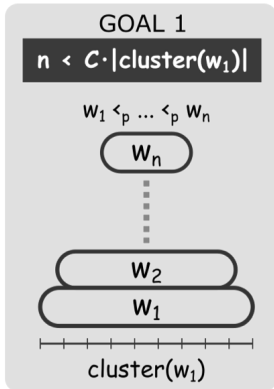


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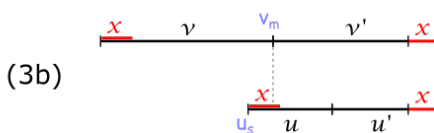
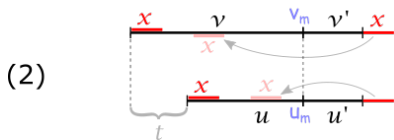
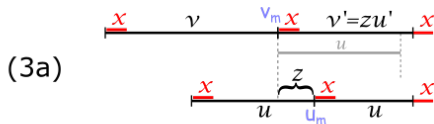
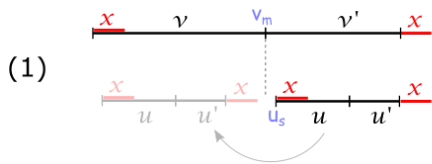
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# Main Result

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