

14 February 2024.

# RNA Folding

## Plan.

- \* RNA Folding Problem
- \* Announcements
- \* A different flavor of DP.

Another problem from biology

RNA Sequences  $m \in \{A, U, C, G\}^*$

$m = A U U C G G A C G G A A$

Key Question

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↳ Base pairing

A — U

C — G

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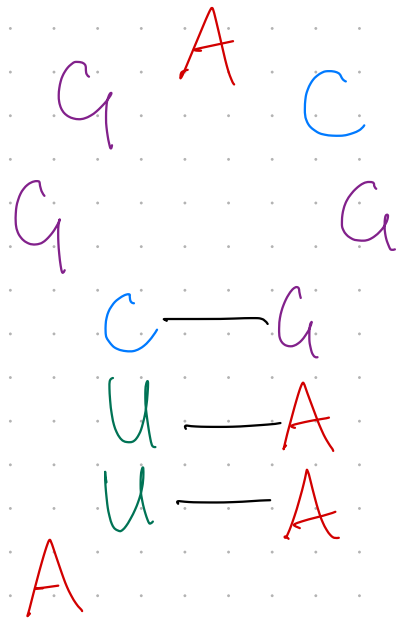
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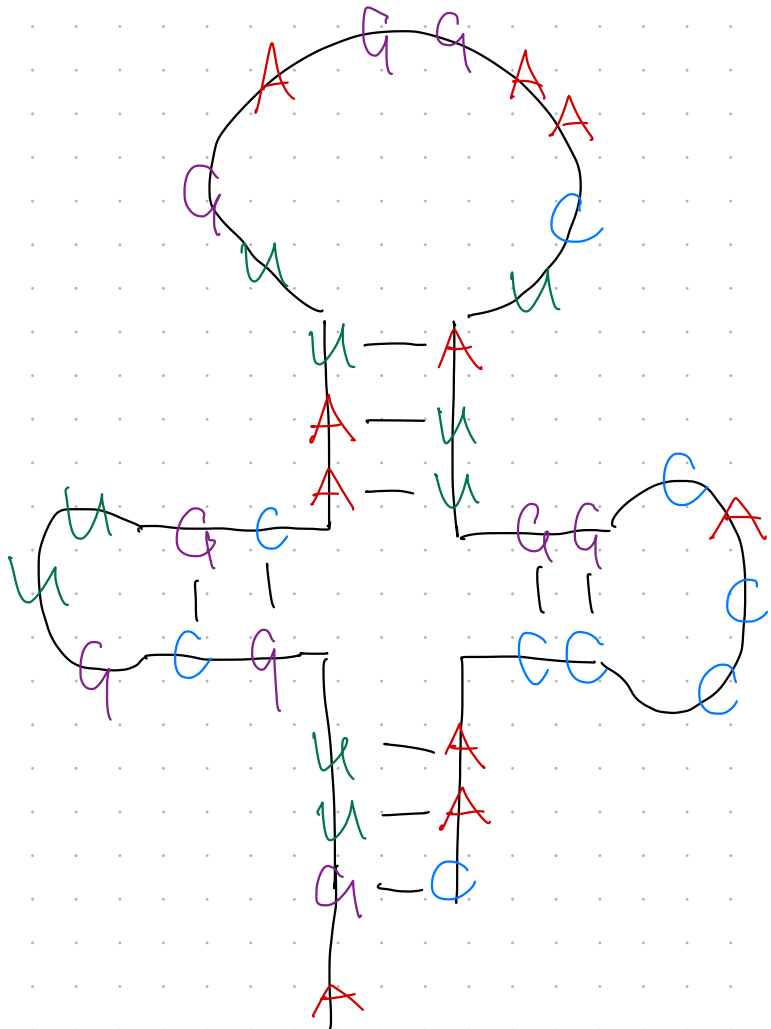
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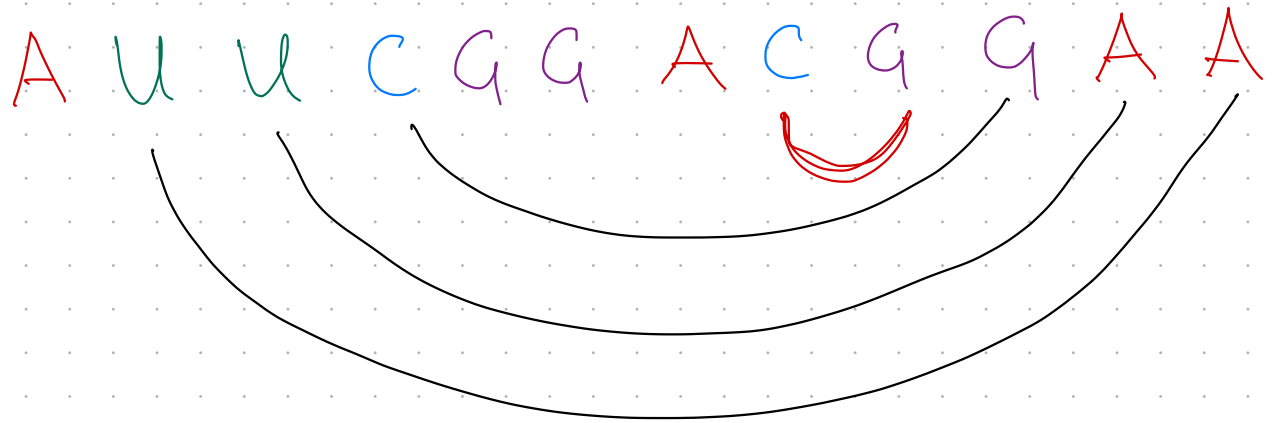
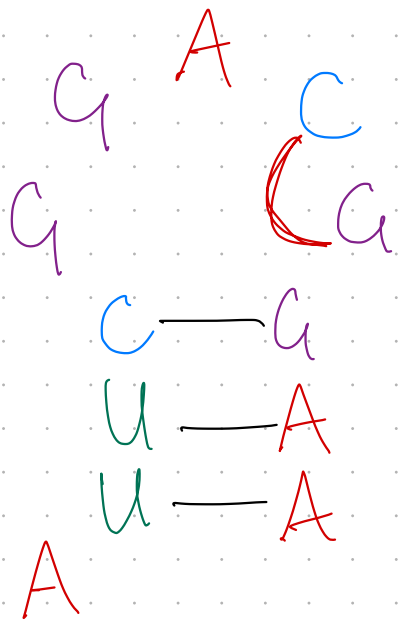
Min "energy"

$\equiv$

Max "legal" base pairing

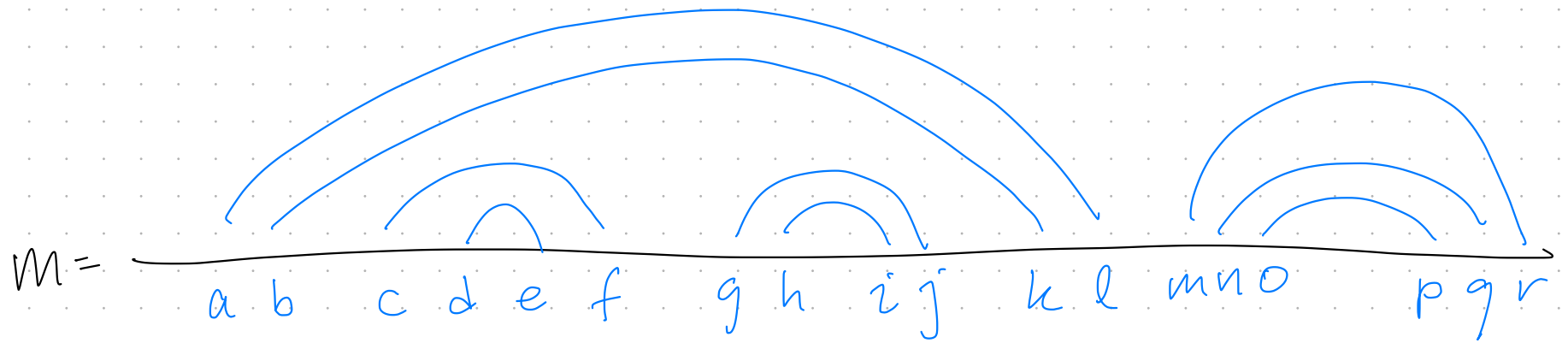
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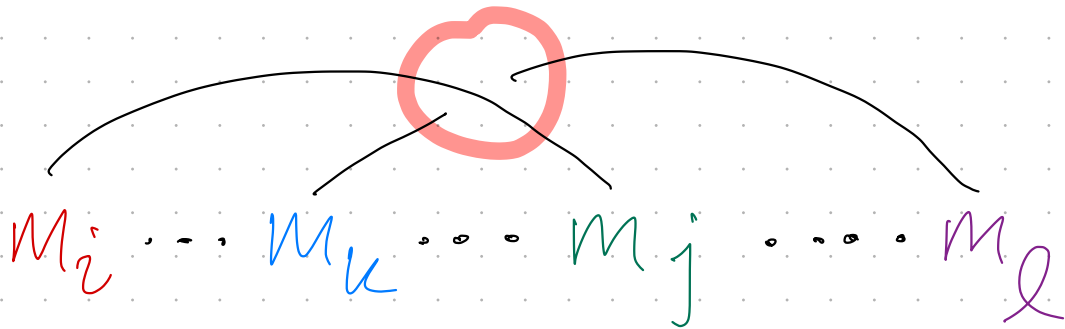


$$E = \left\{ (a, l), (b, k), (c, f), (d, e) \dots \dots \dots (m, r), (n, q), (o, p) \right\}$$

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Non-crossing. if  $(i, j), (k, l) \in E$   
then,  $\neg (i < k < j < l)$



# Announcements

\* HW1 Grades Released

\* HW3 Due Tomorrow 11:59 pm

\* Prelim Next Week

Feb 20, 7:30 pm

Uris 401, Olin 155, Olin 165

See Ed for room assignment

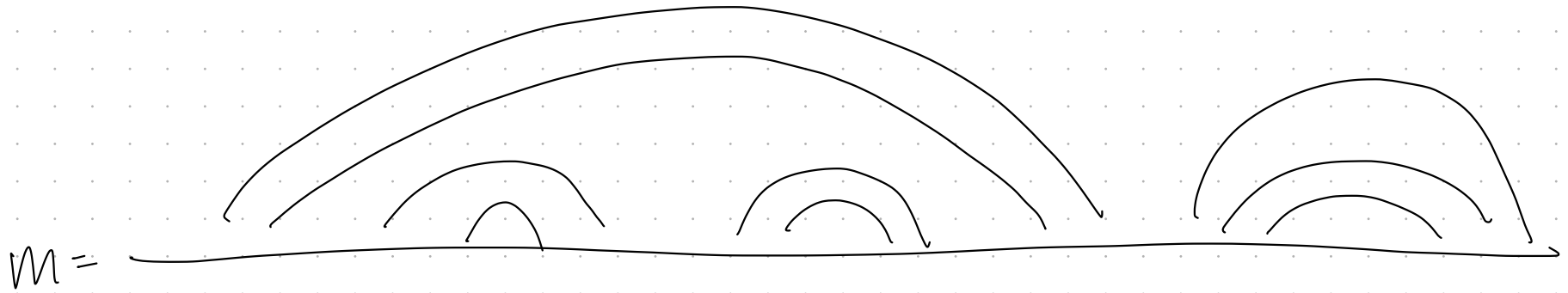
\* Prelim Reviews: Gates 401

Saturday 1-3:30 pm

Sunday 2-4:30 pm

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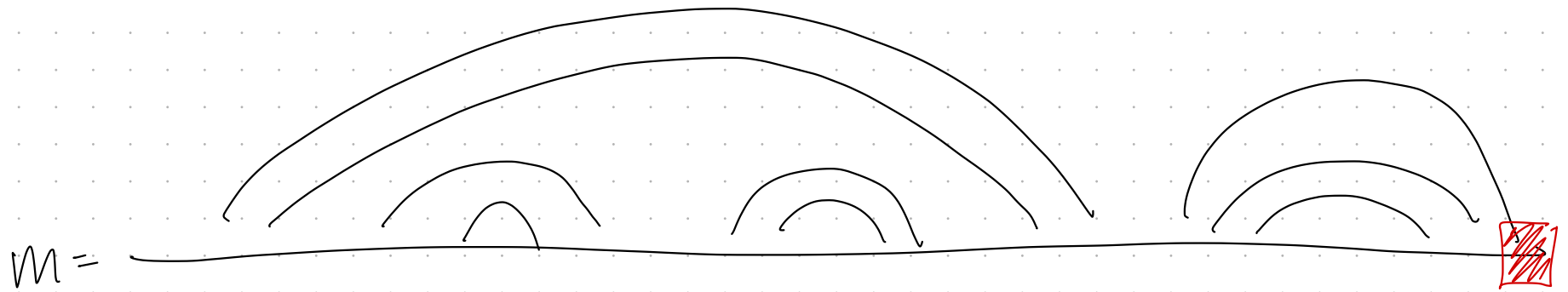
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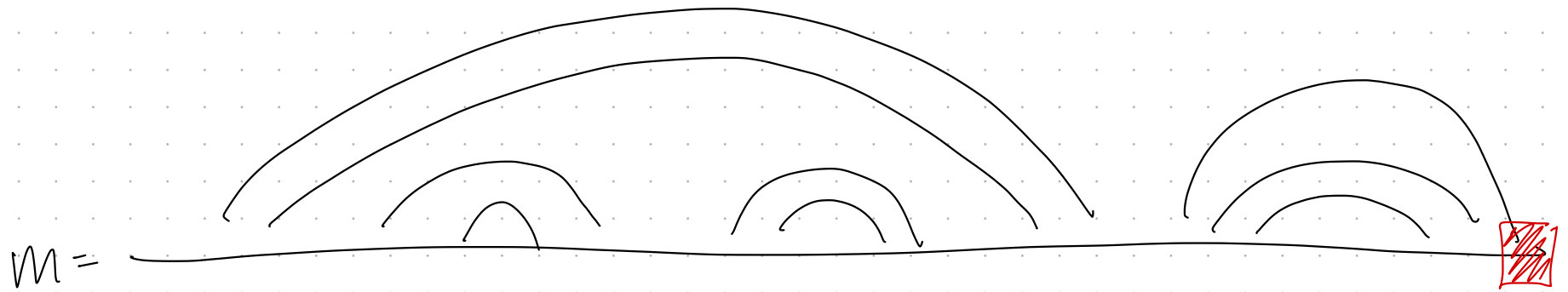
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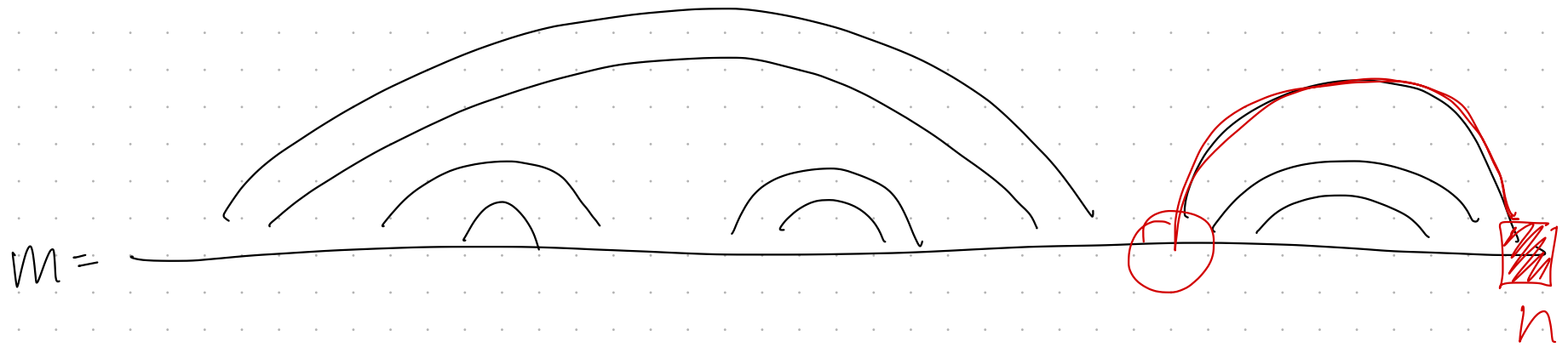
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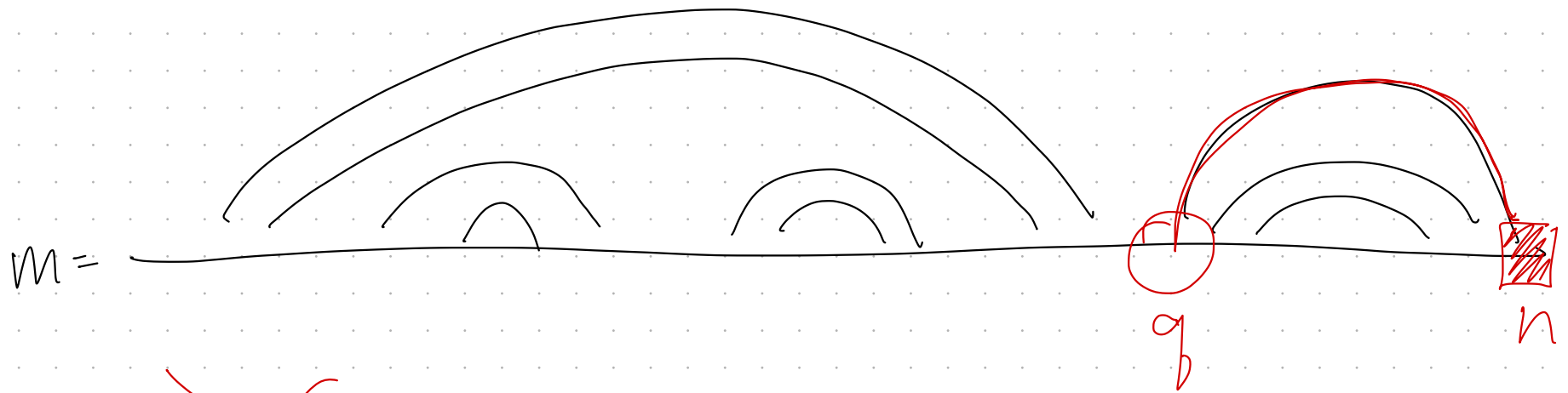
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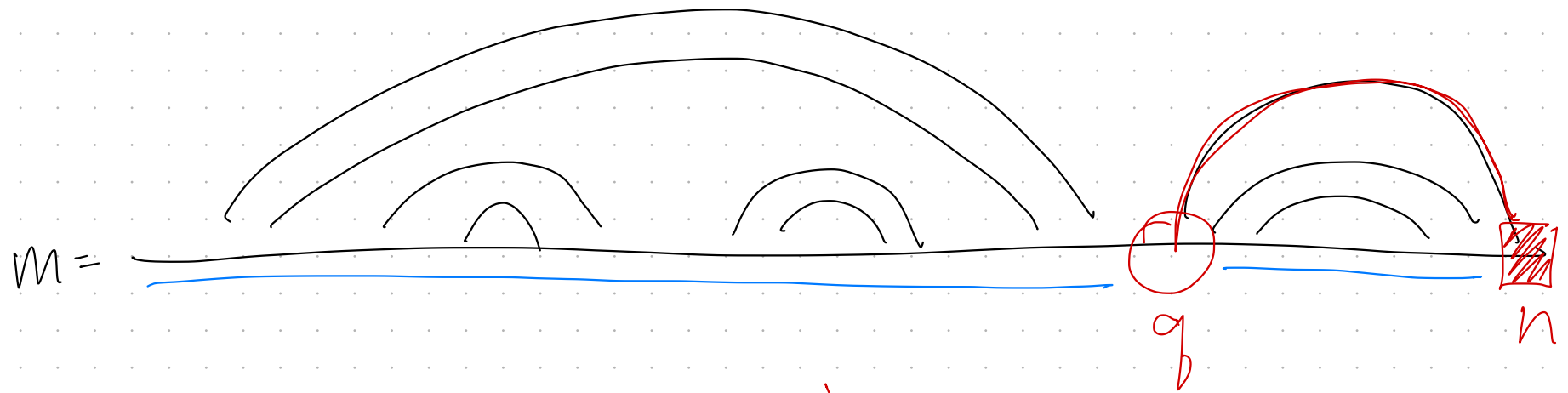


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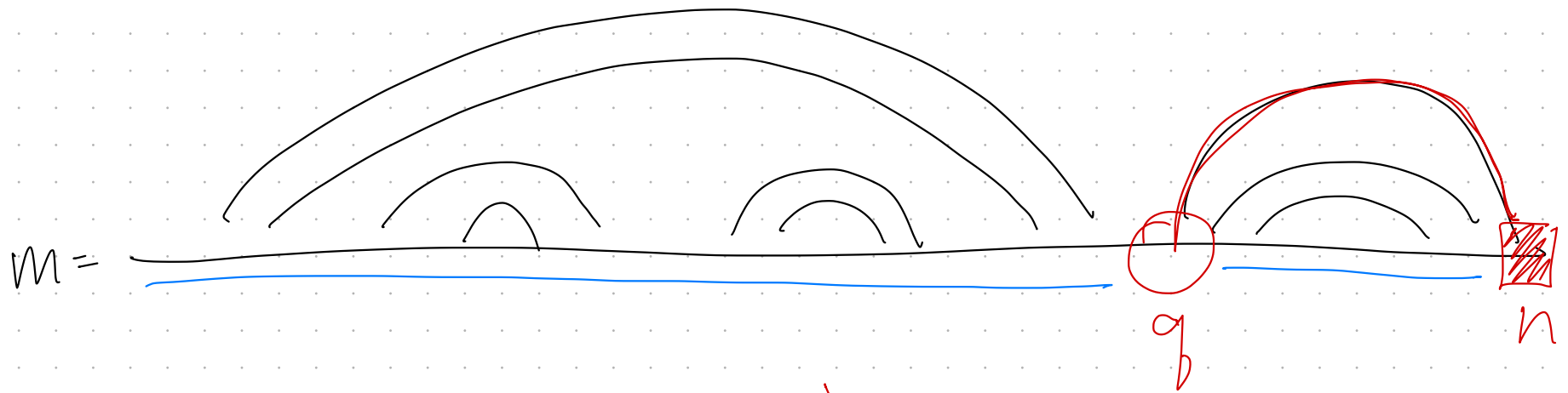


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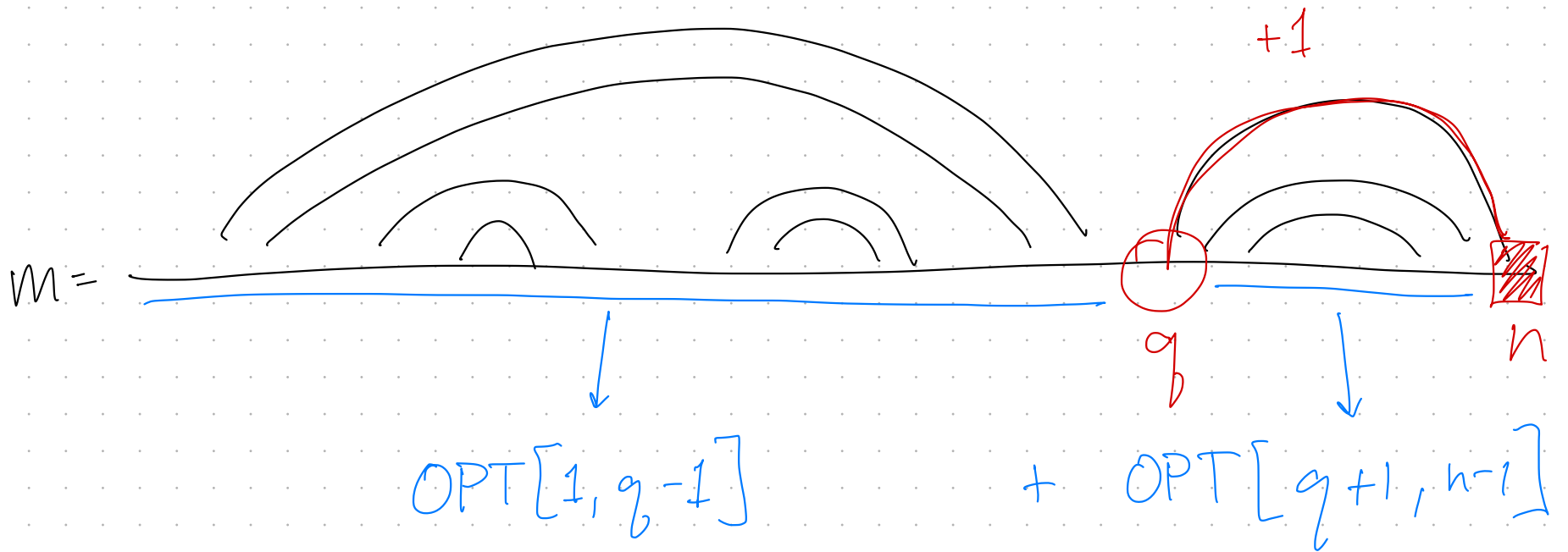


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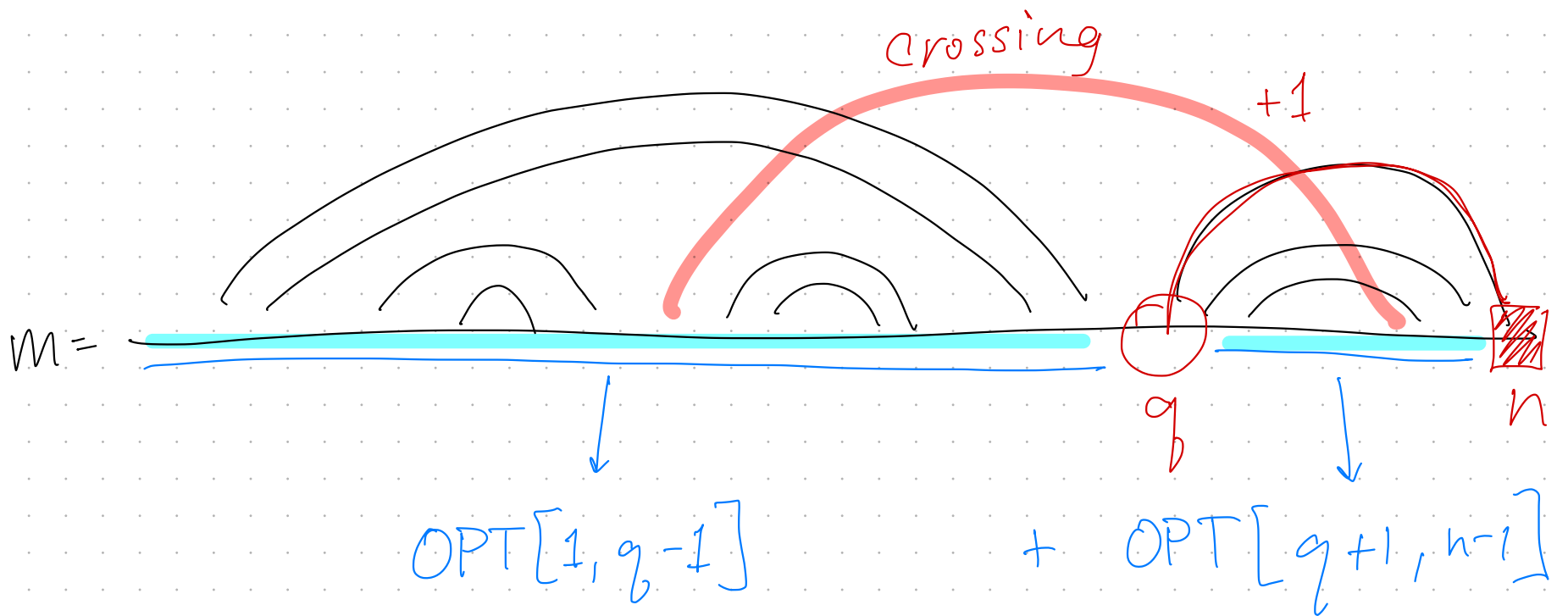
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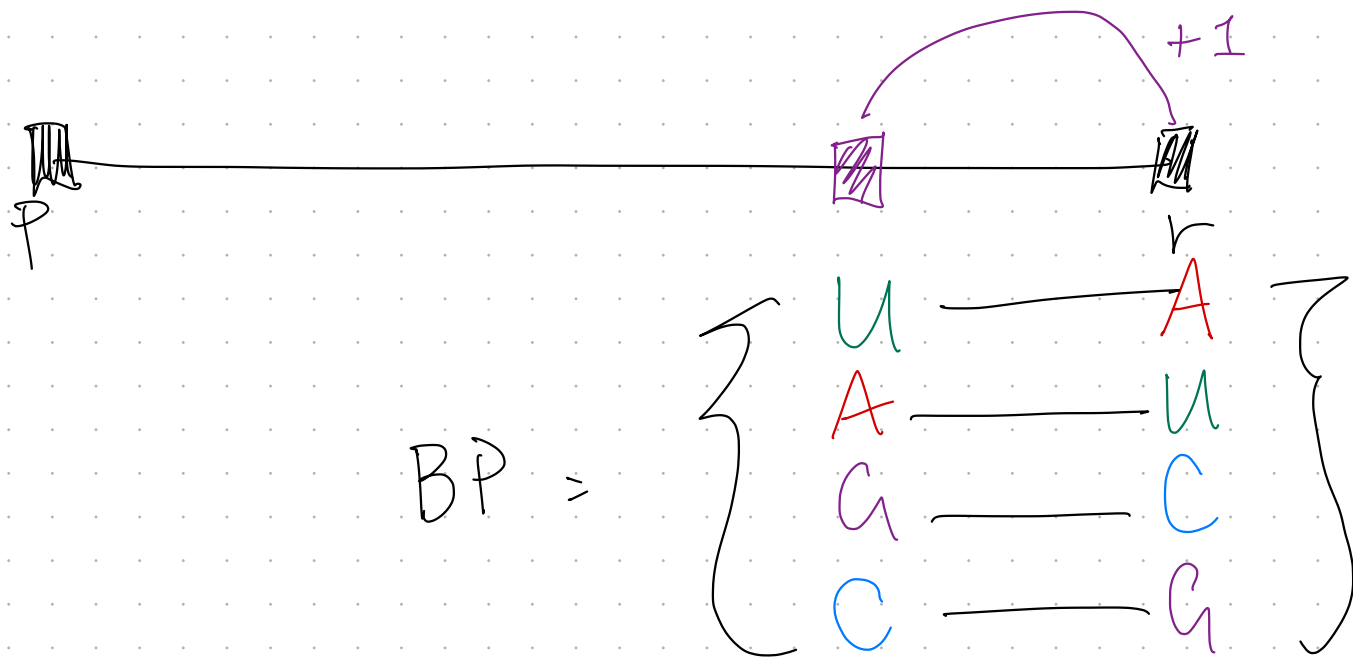
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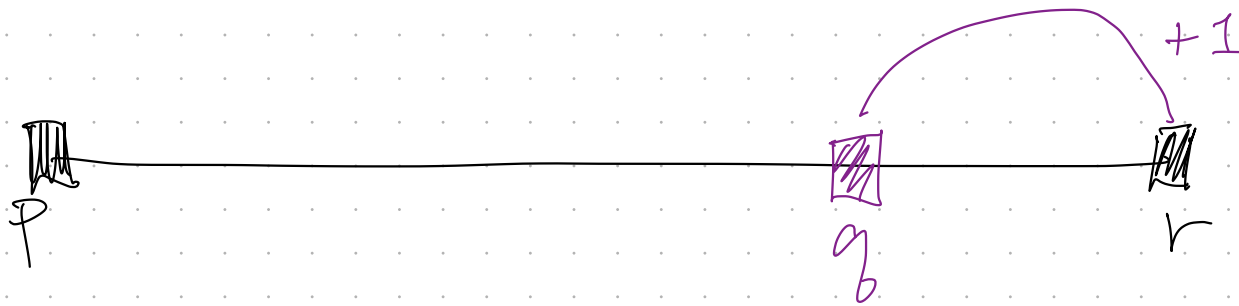


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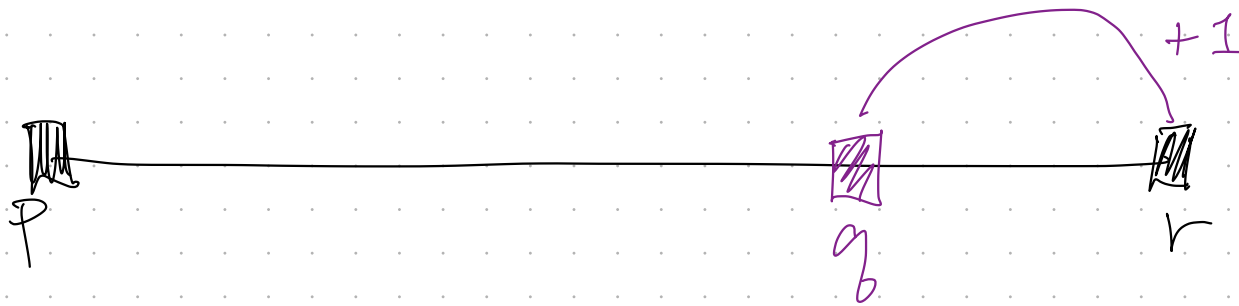
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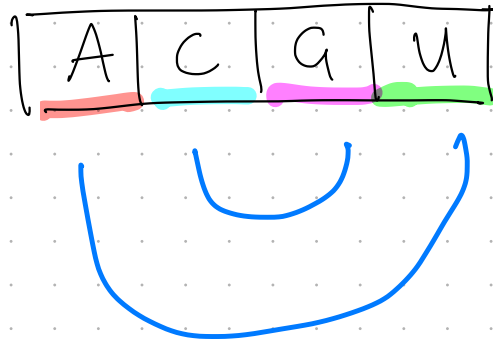
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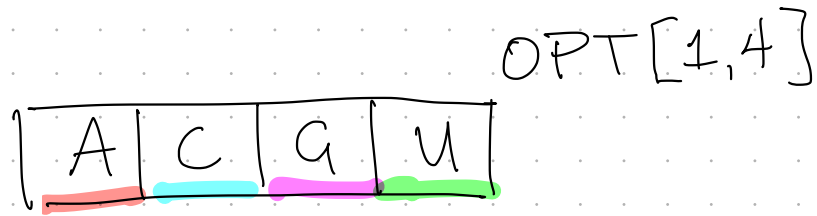
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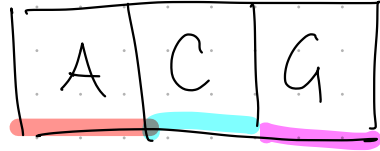
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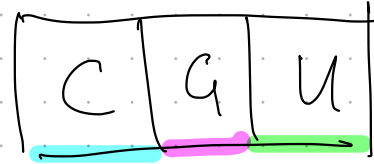
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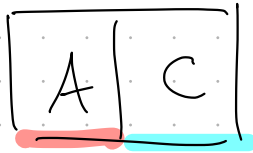
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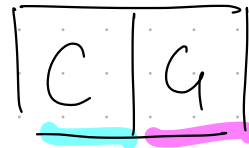
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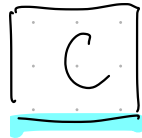
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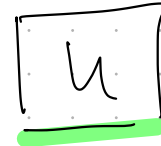
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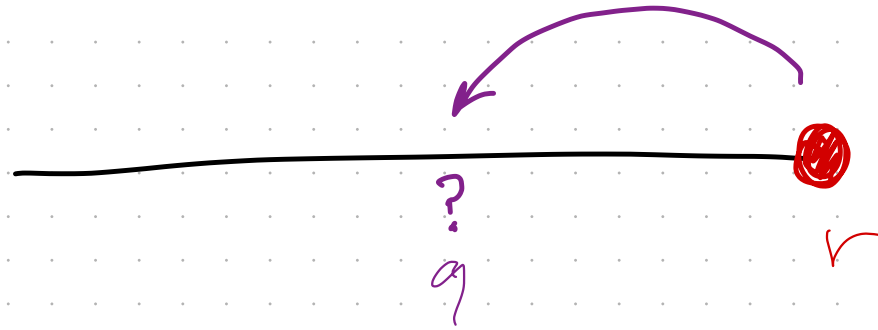
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Case 1:  $M_r$  NOT involved  $\Rightarrow \text{OPT}[r-w, r-1]$  is optimal (already computed)

Case  $M_r$  is involved.

Recurrence considers all feasible matches in BP for  $M_r$



Suppose we find and match  $M_r$  to some  $M_q$ .

Then, by non-crossing

No base pairs are allowed with endpoints

$$(p, p') \text{ s.t. } p < q < p' < r.$$

$\Rightarrow$  all remaining feasible solus. have matches between

$$[1 \rightarrow q-1] \text{ and } [q+1 \rightarrow r-1].$$

Our recurrence reflects this.

# RNA-Fold(m)

For  $p = 1 \rightarrow n$  :  $OPT[p, p] = 0$ .

For width =  $1 \rightarrow n-1$

// for each width

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// go through each  
window  $[p, r]$   
of the width

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↳ pick best match

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Running Time?



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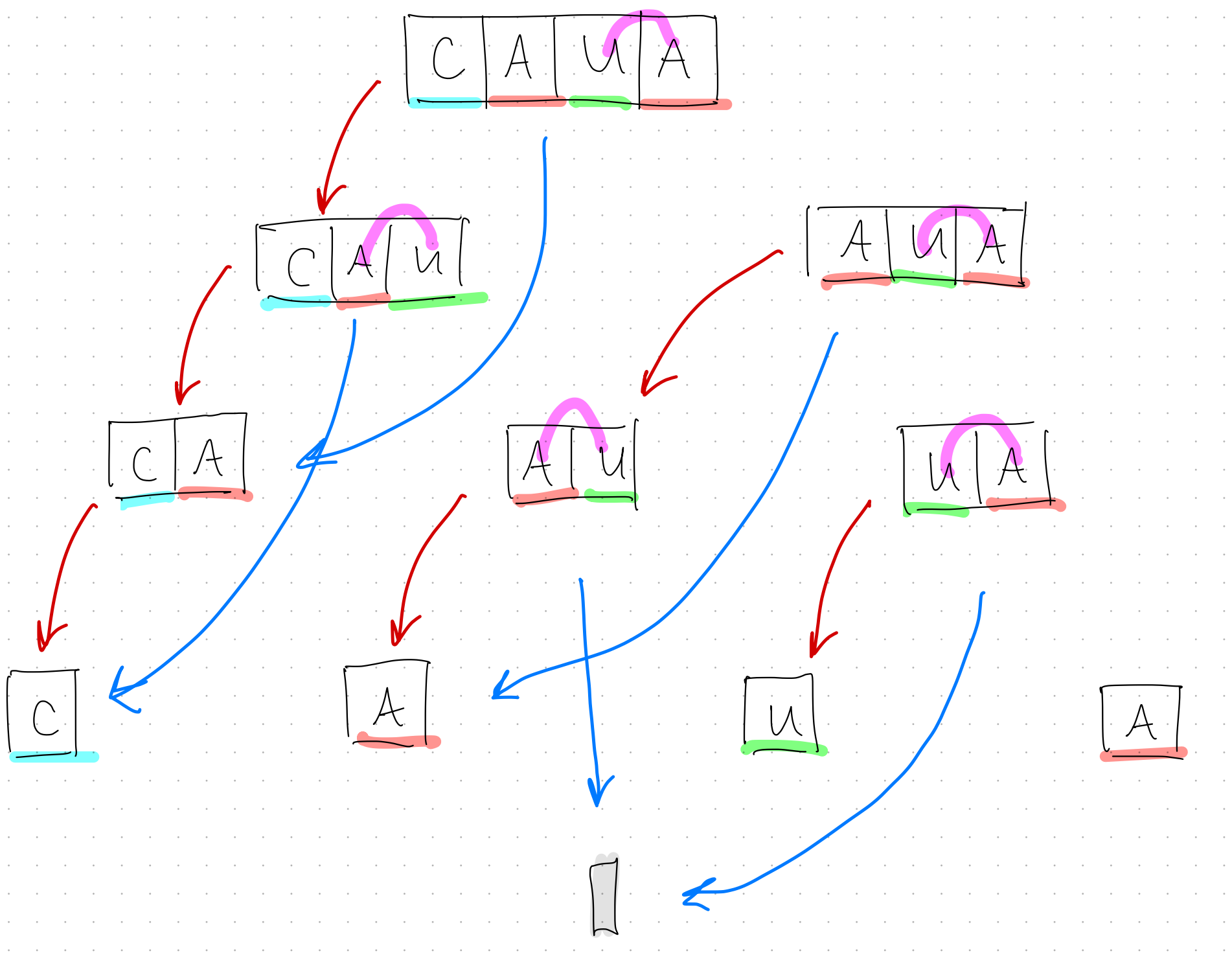
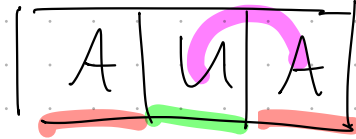
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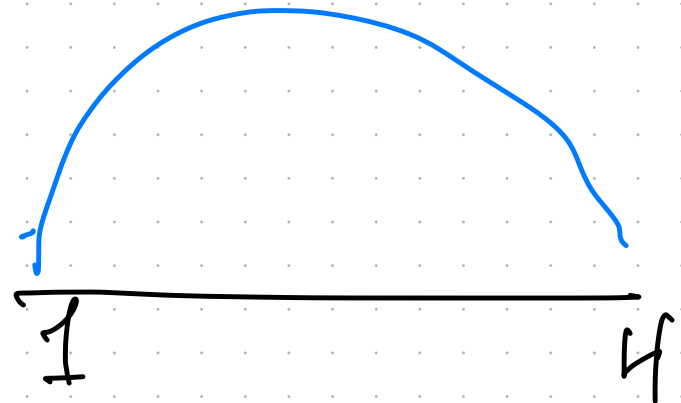
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from last  
update