

# Internal Quasiperiod Queries

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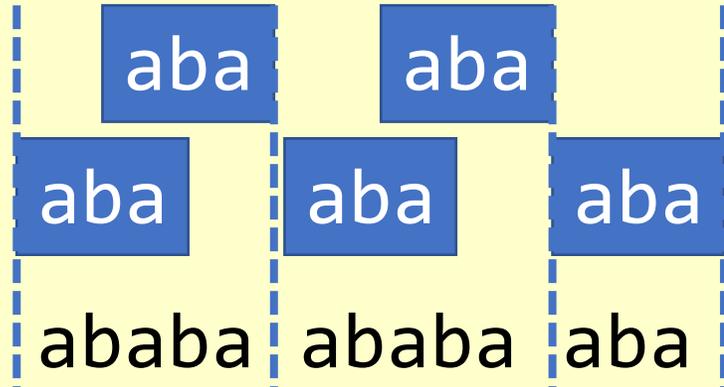
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Periodic string  
with period

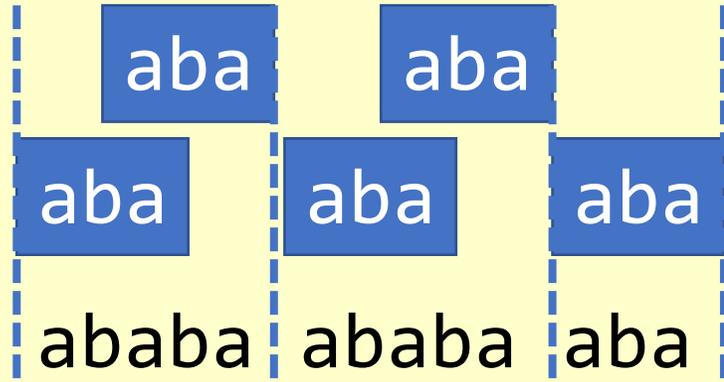
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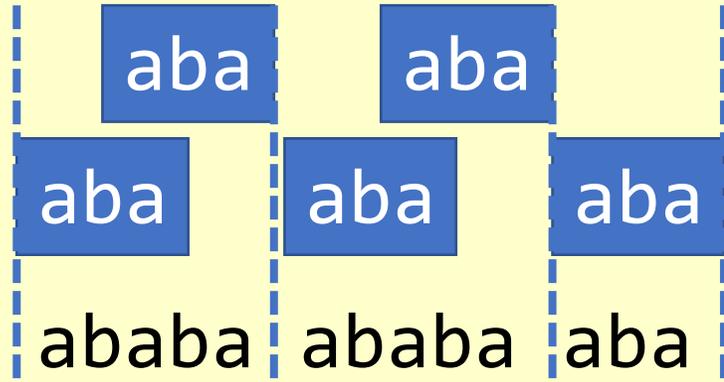
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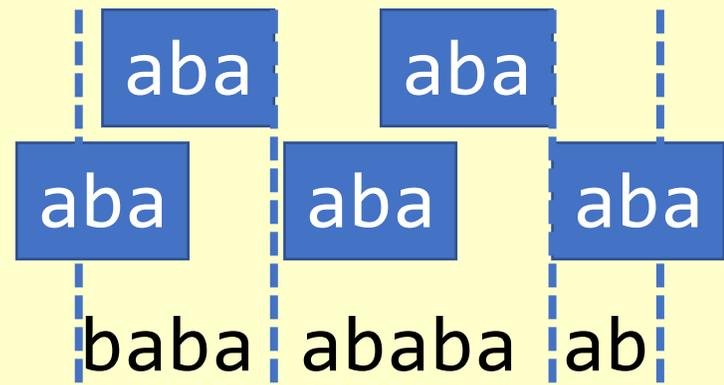
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Seed – occurrences can go  
beyond string

# Background

Shortest cover  $O(n)$  – Apostolico et al. 1991

Covers of prefixes  $O(n)$  – Dany Breslauer 1992

All covers  $O(n)$  – Moore and Smyth 1995

All seeds  $O(n \log n)$  – Iliopoulos et al. 1996

All seeds  $O(n)$  – Kociumaka et al. 2012

# Variants

- approximate covers
- lambda-covers
- approximate seeds
- covers in other models of computation
- etc.

# Internal covers

Input:

Text

List of queries (i, j)

Output:

shortest cover of Text[i..j]

OR

all covers of Text[i..j]

# Our results

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List of queries  $(i, j)$

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shortest cover of  $\text{Text}[i..j] \leftarrow O(\log n \log \log n)$

OR

$O(\log n)$  offline

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all covers of  $\text{Text}[i..j] \leftarrow O(\log n (\log \log n)^2)$

after  $O(n \log n)$  preprocessing

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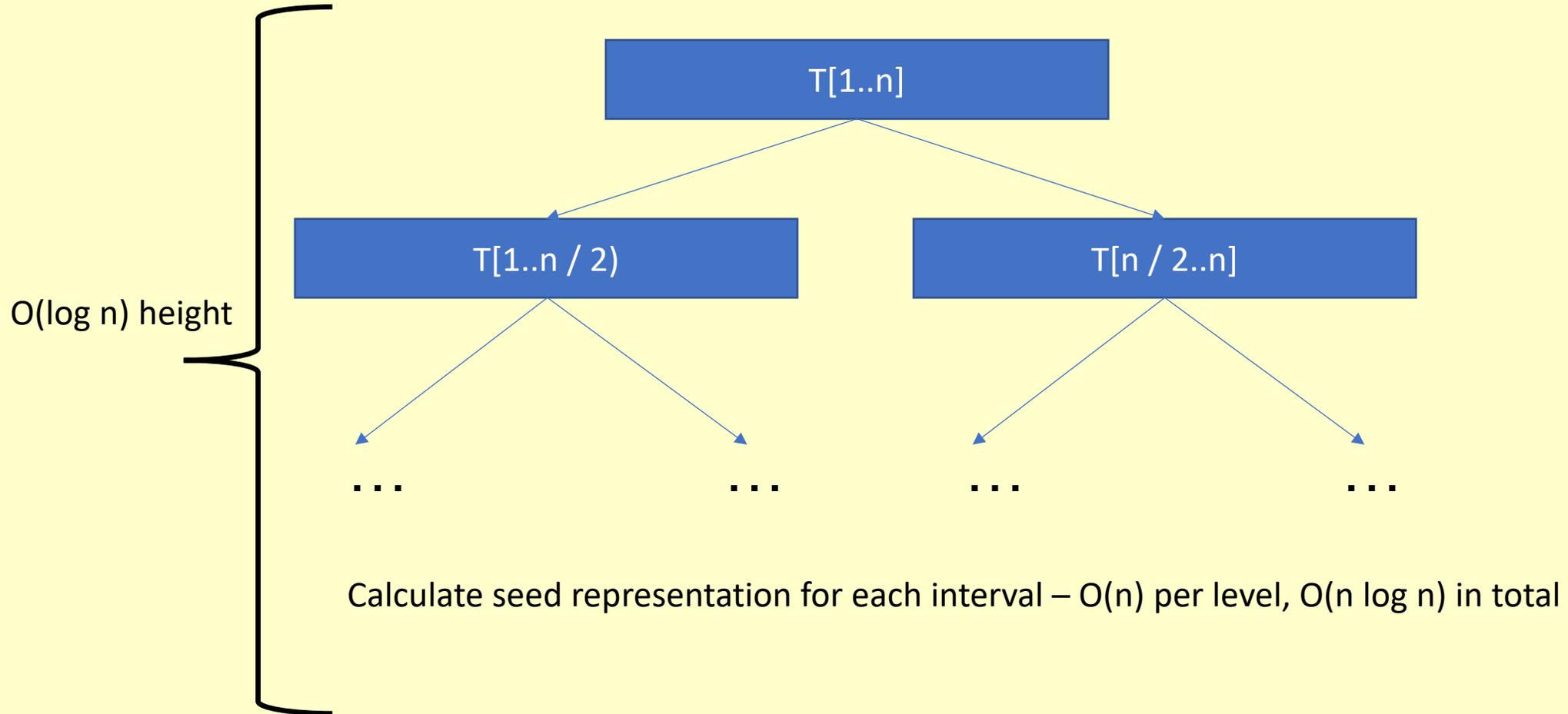
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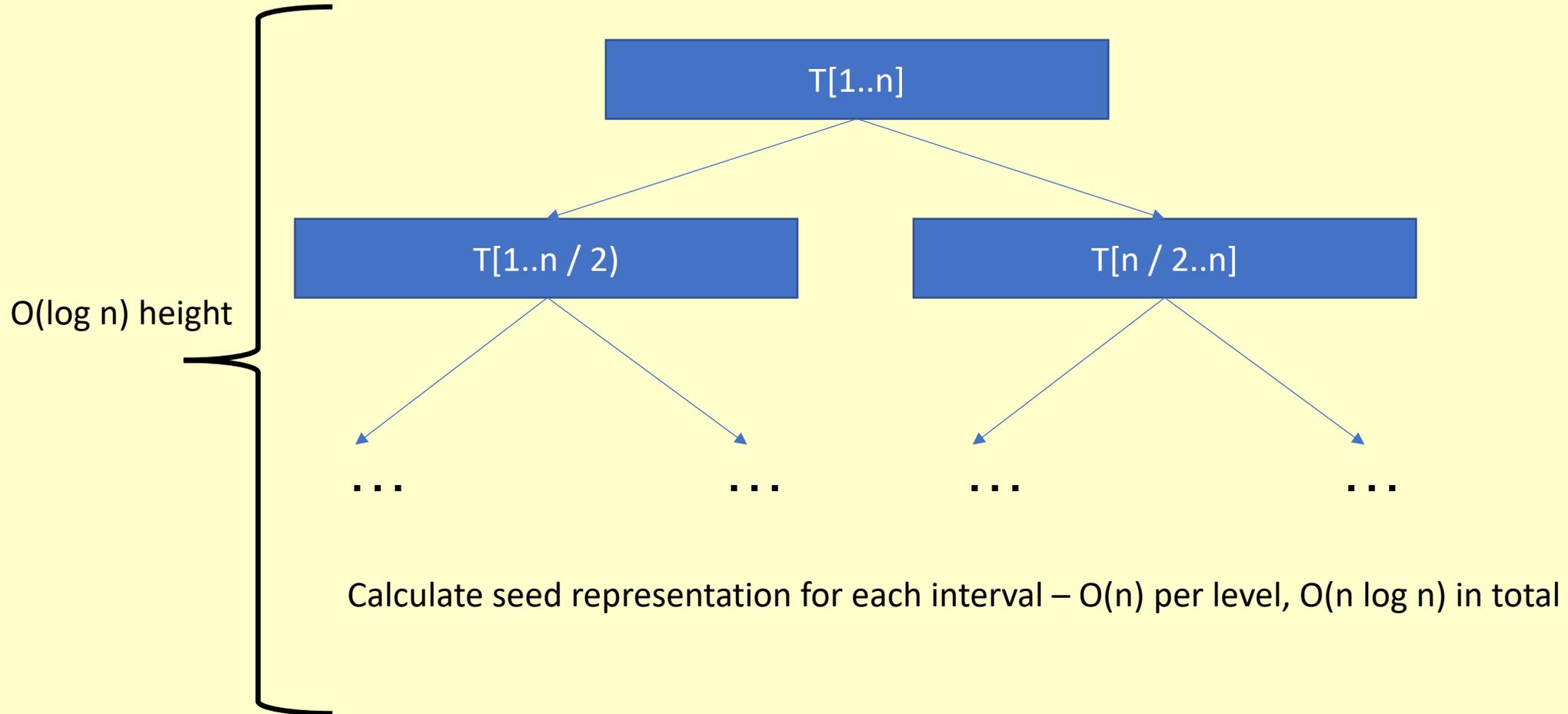
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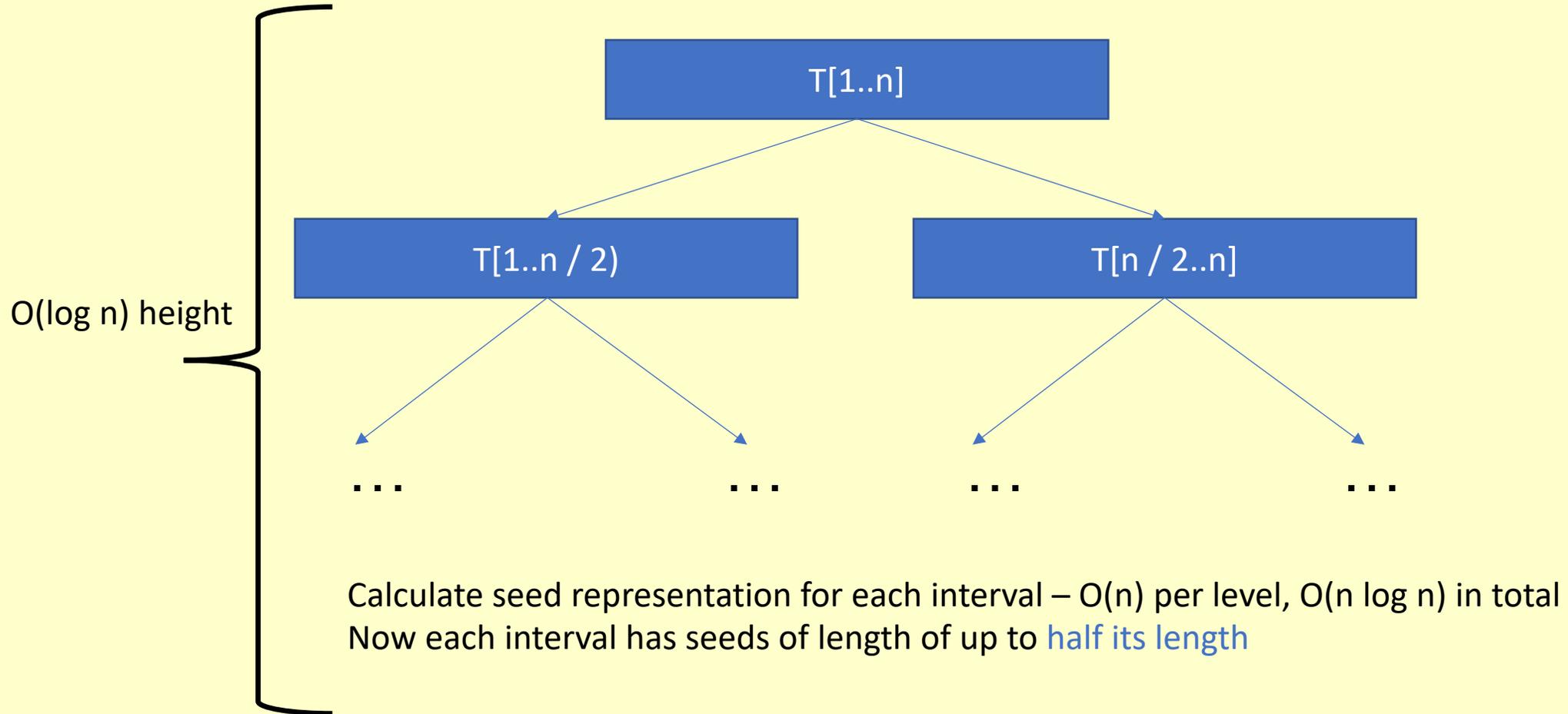
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# Internal Pattern Matching

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Queries: interval [a..b] + substring [c..d]

intervals of similar length ( $O(1)$  ratio)

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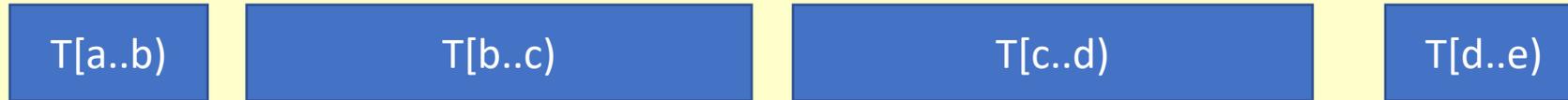
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or

$O(1)$  arithmetic progressions of occurrences

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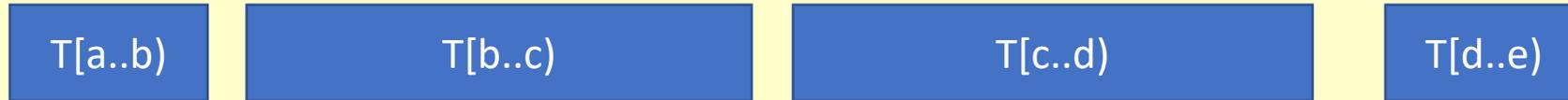


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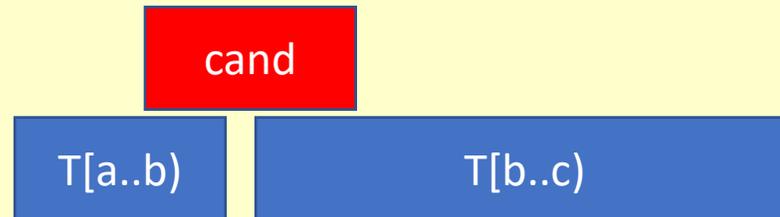
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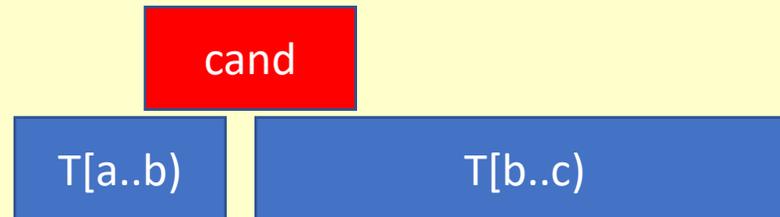
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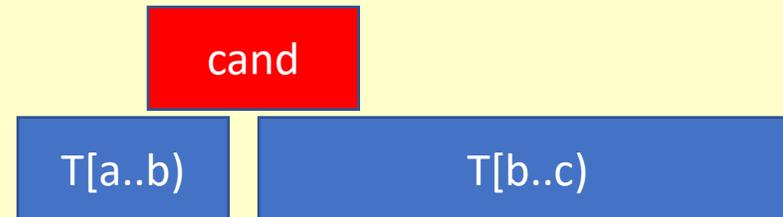
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$O(\log n)$  candidates  $O(\log n)$  intervals  $O(\log \log n)$  per interval =  $O(\log^2(n)\log \log n)$

We can do better!

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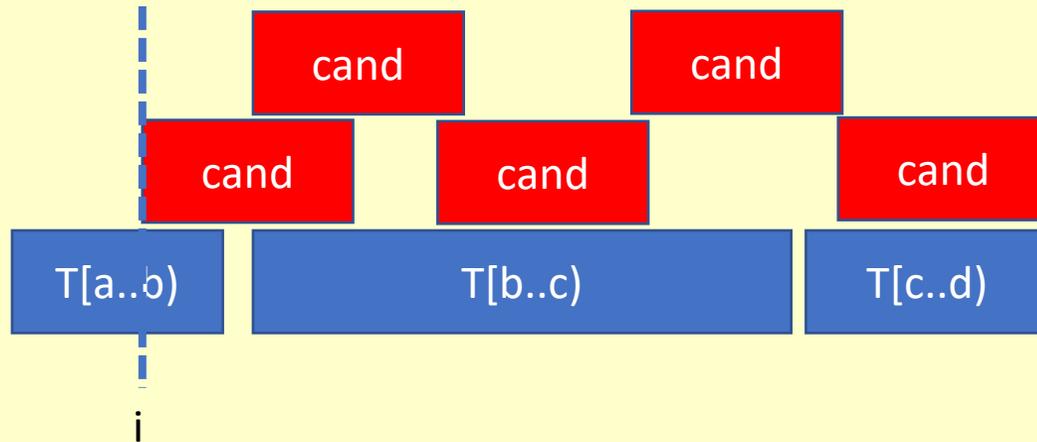
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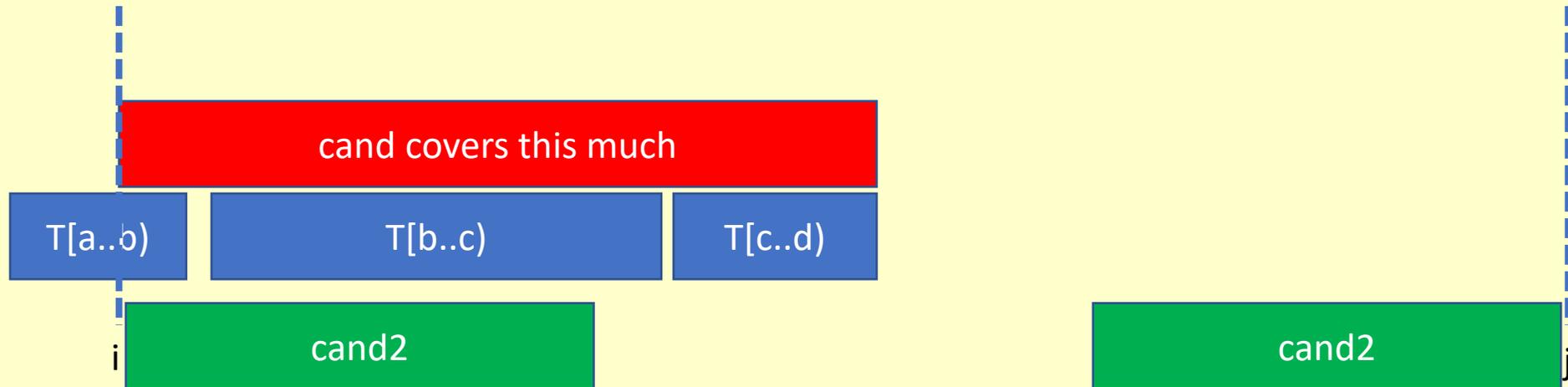
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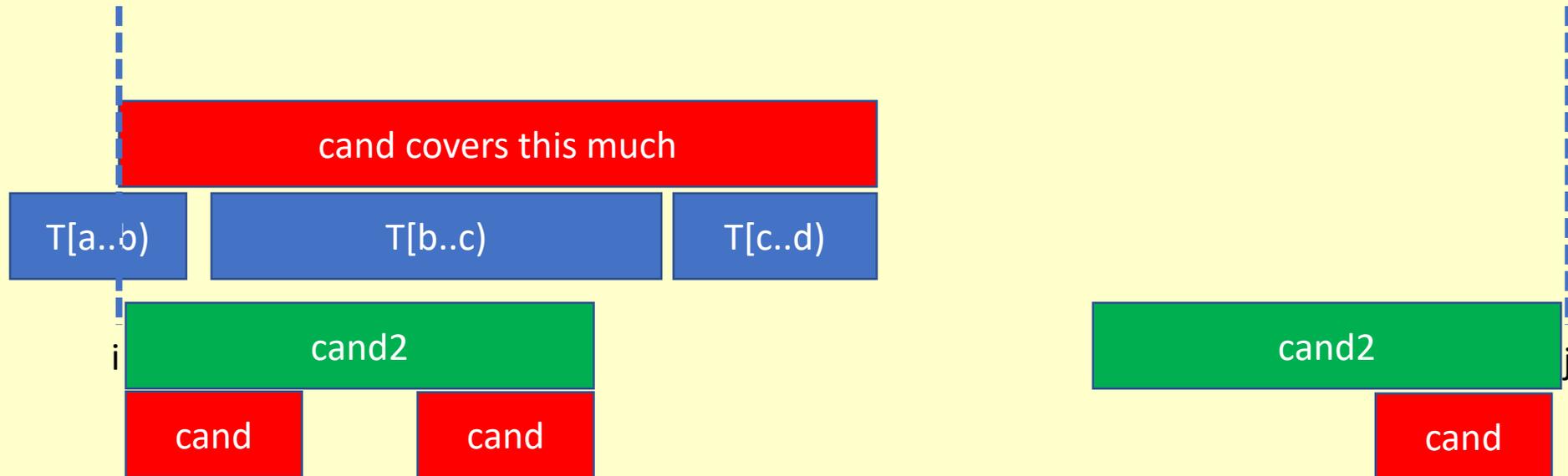
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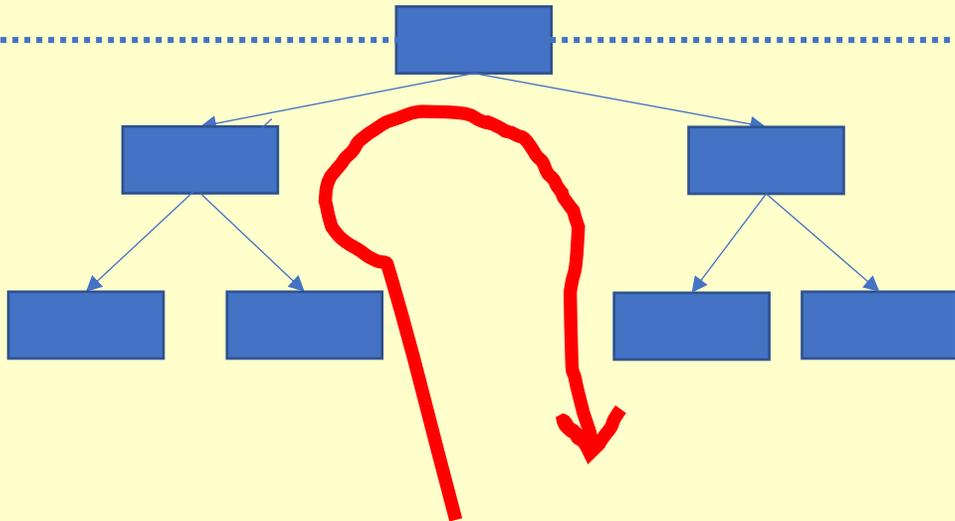
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We visit  $O(\log n)$  nodes in total for all candidates  
We do each node in  $O(\log \log n)$  time  
Hence:  $O(\log n \log \log n)$  per query

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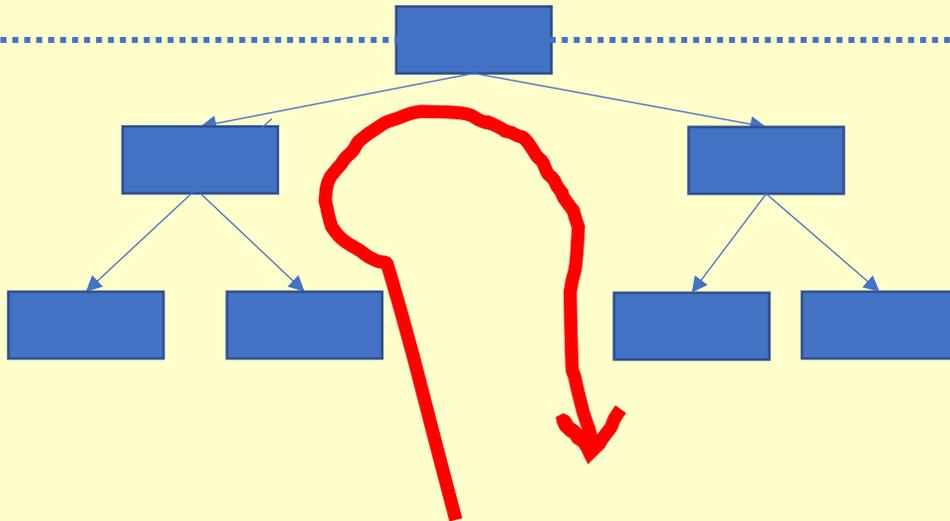
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# 3. All covers

In the paper 😊

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