

# Ranking Large Temporal Data

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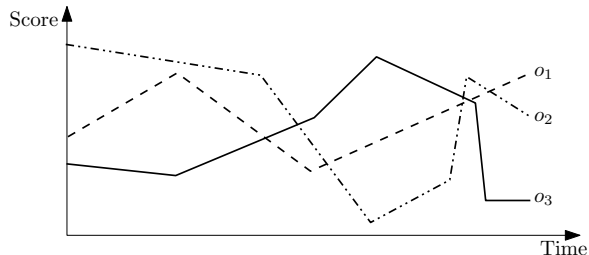
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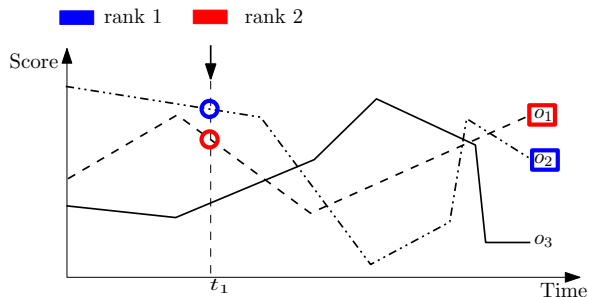
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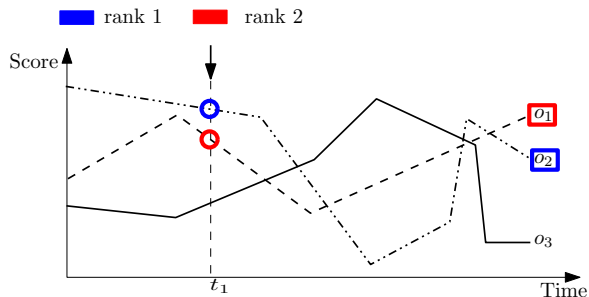
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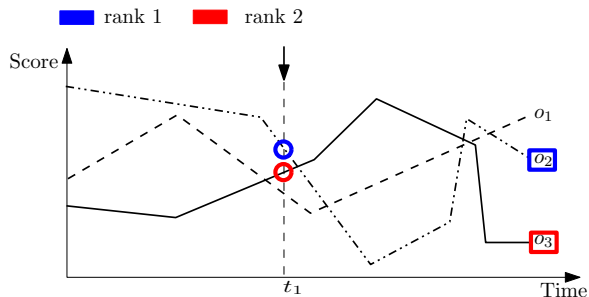
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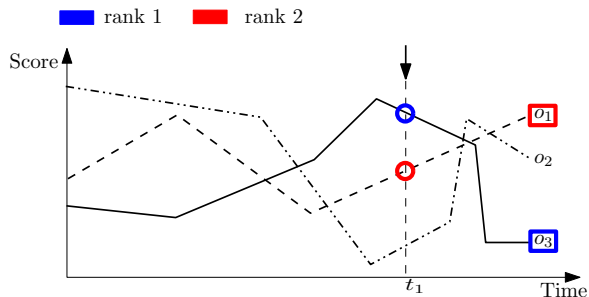


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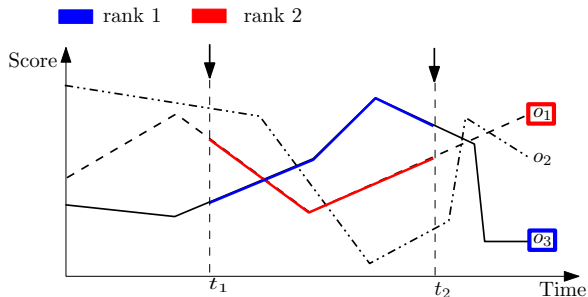
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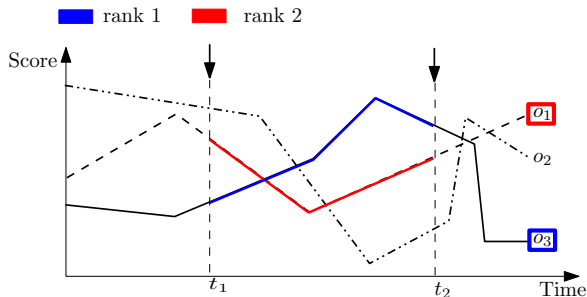
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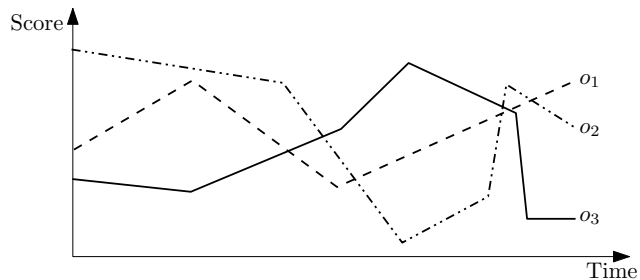
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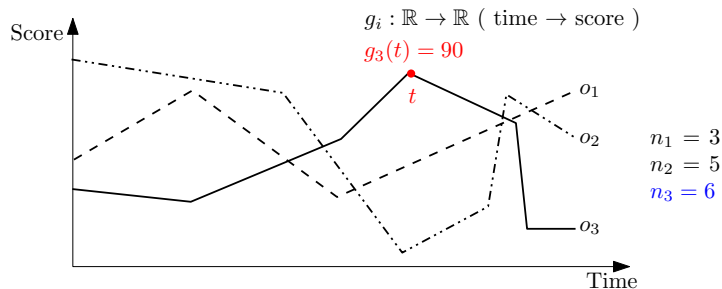
- Example: Return top-10 weather stations with highest average temperature from 1 Aug to 27 Aug.

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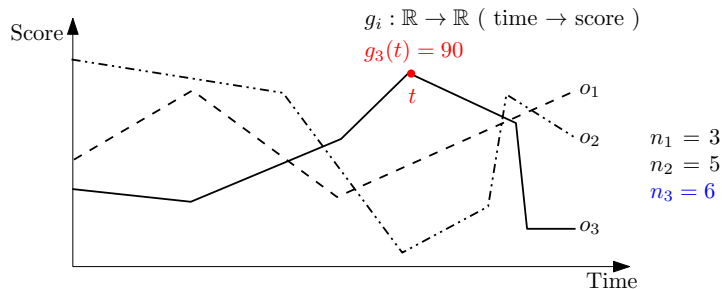
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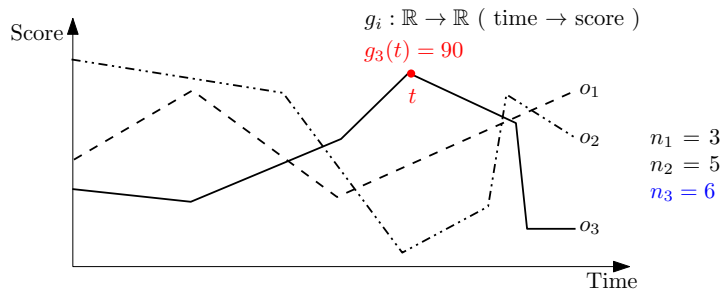
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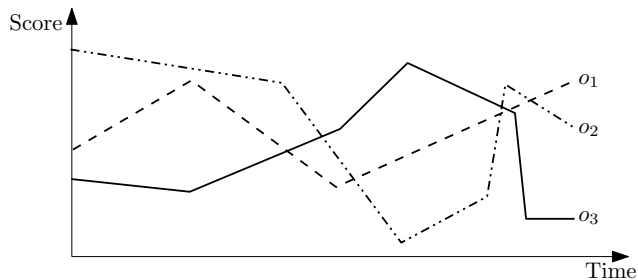
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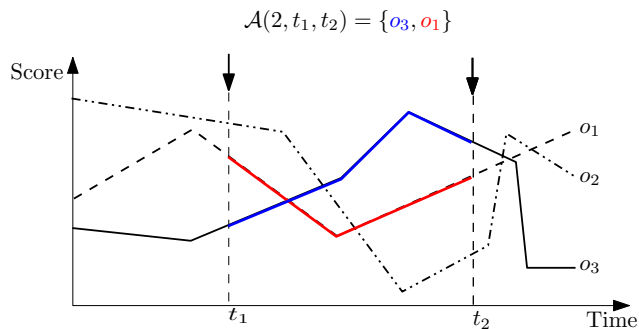
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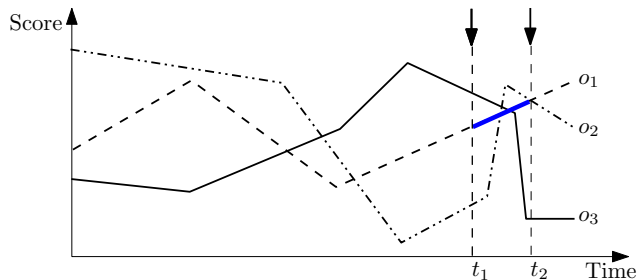
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# Baseline Solution

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- Simple improvement: use B-tree to avoid segments outside query interval.
- Query cost:  $O(\log_B N + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m q_i}{B} + (m/B)\log_B k)$ 
  - $q_i =$  number of segments overlapping  $[t_1, t_2]$
- We denote this query EXACT1.

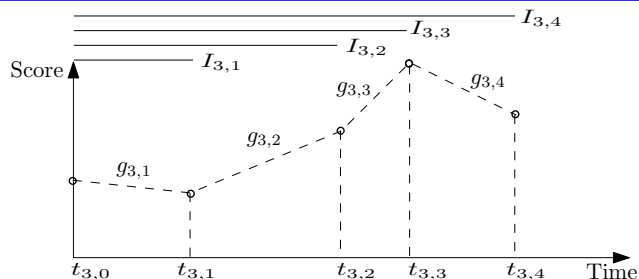
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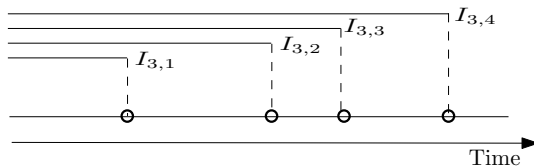
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- Consider an object  $o_i$  with intervals  $l_{i,1}, \dots, l_{i,n_i}$ 
  - $g_{i,j}$  =  $j$ th segment of  $o_i$  is  $((t_{i,j-1}, v_{i,j-1}), (t_{i,j}, v_{i,j}))$
  - $l_{i,\ell} = [t_{i,0}, t_{i,\ell}]$  for  $\ell = 1, \dots, n_i$

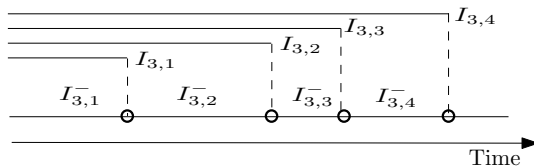


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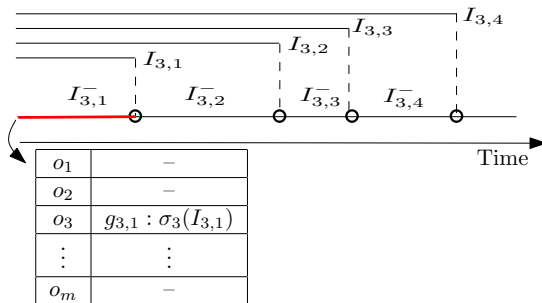
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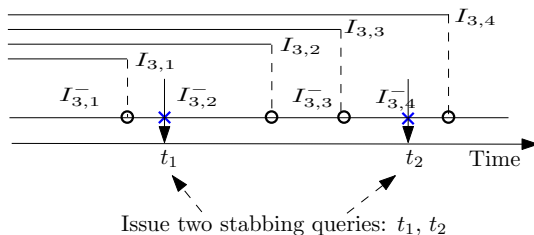
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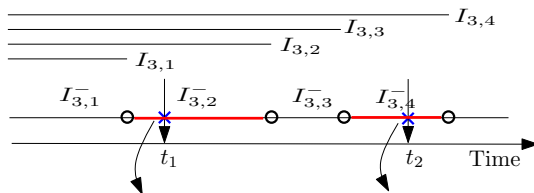
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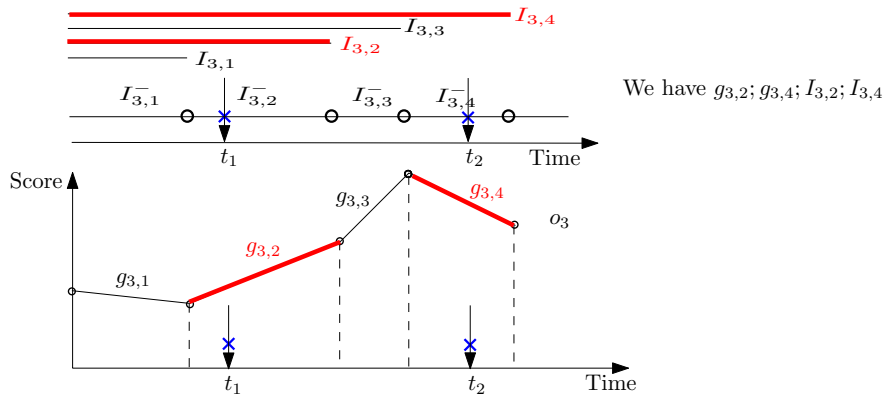
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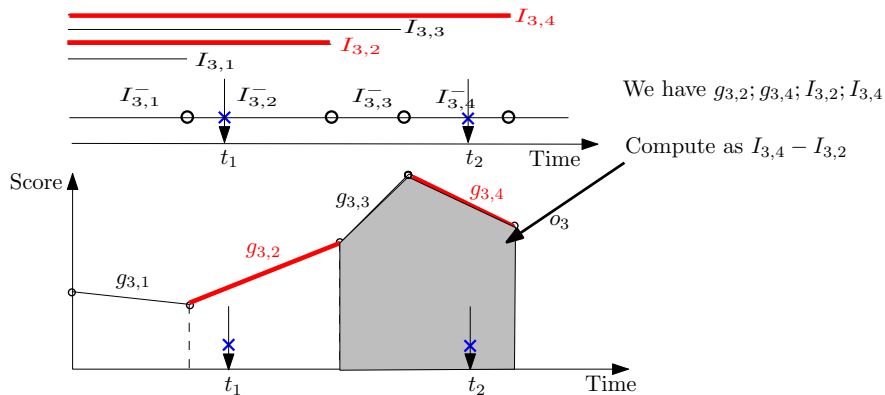
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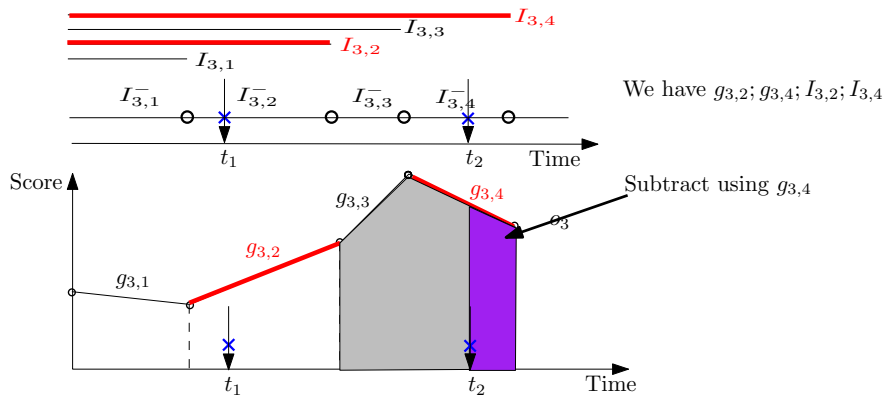
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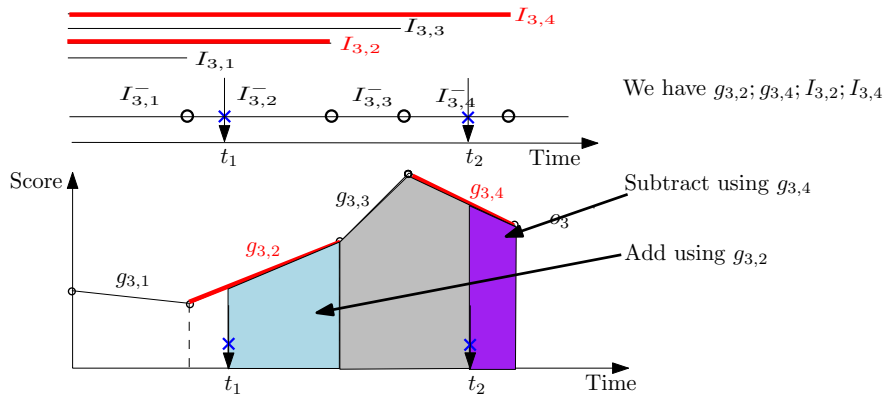
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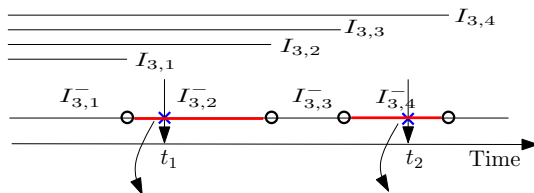


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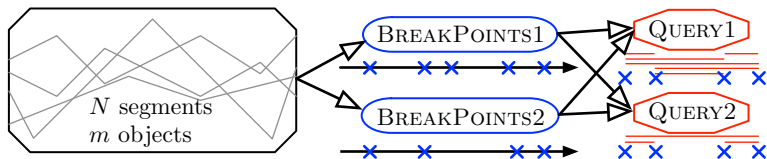
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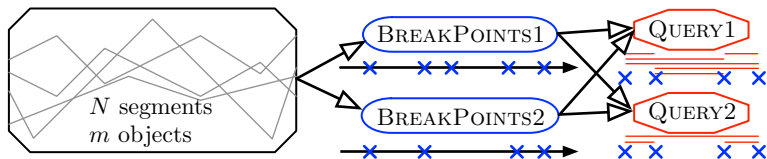
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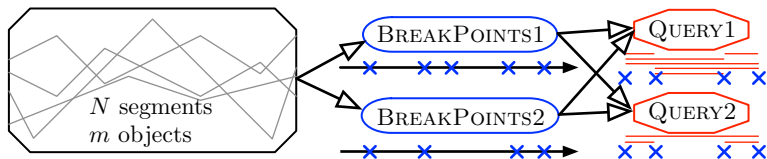
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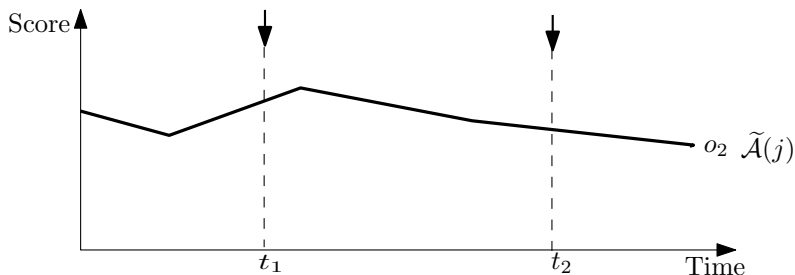


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$$\sigma_i(t_1, t_2)/\alpha - \varepsilon M \leq \tilde{\sigma}_i(t_1, t_2) \leq \sigma_i(t_1, t_2) + \varepsilon M$$
  - $\alpha \geq 1, \varepsilon > 0$
  - $M = \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma_i(0, T)$
- Must hold for all objects and temporal intervals.

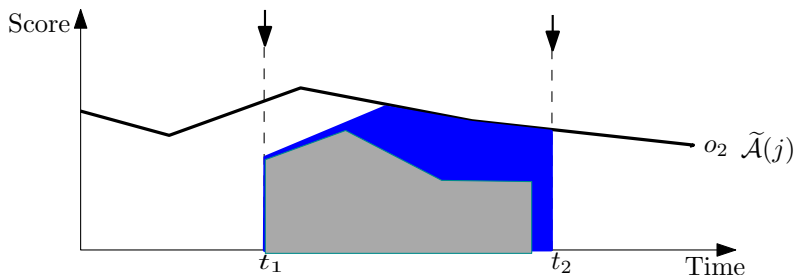
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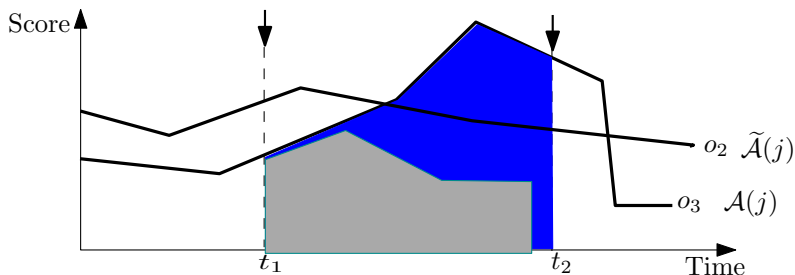
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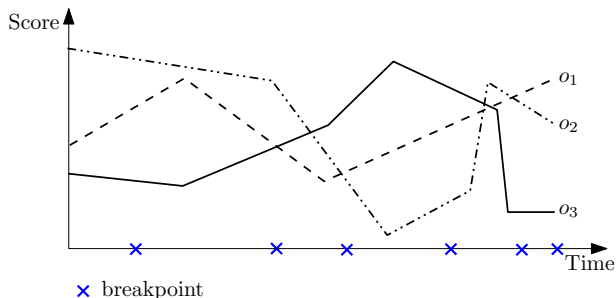
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# Breakpoints

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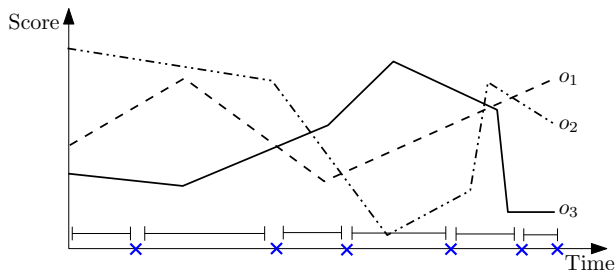
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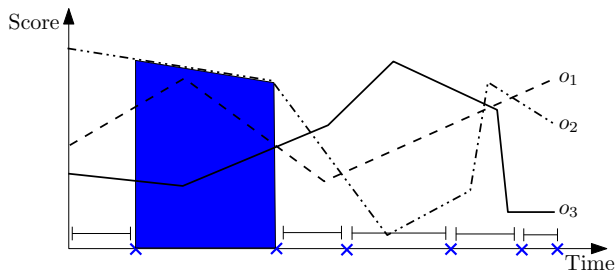
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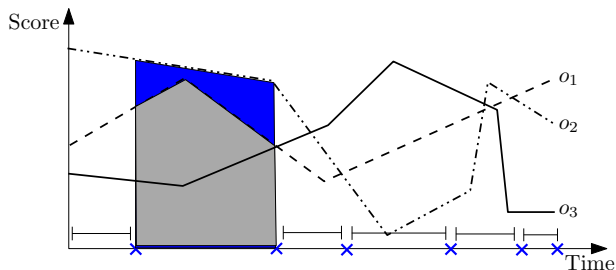
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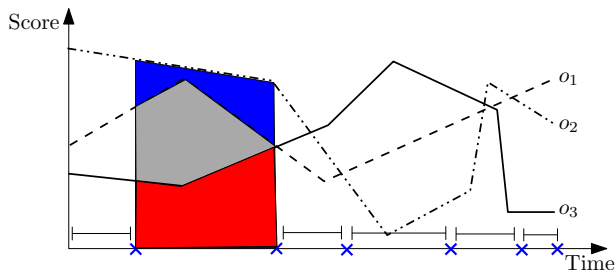
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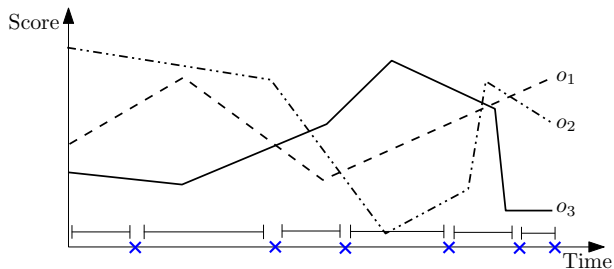
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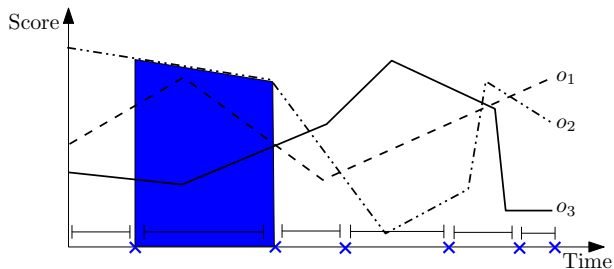
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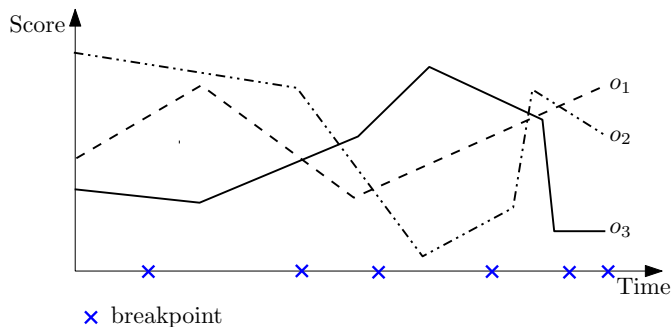
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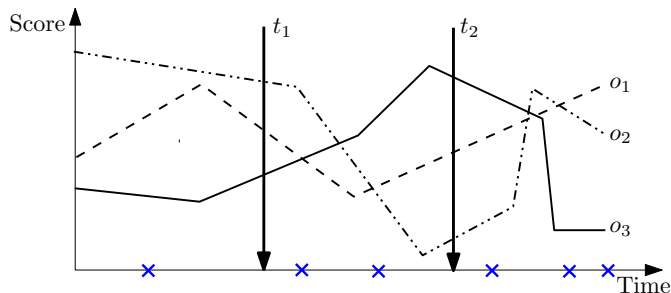
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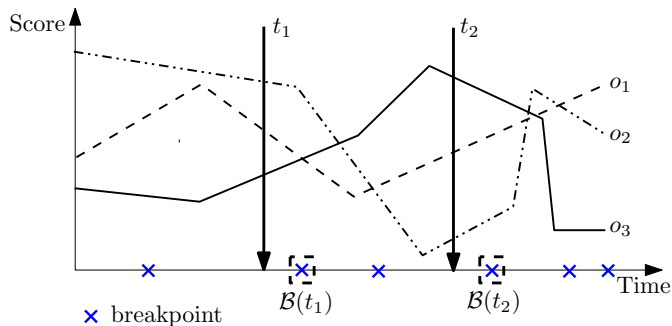
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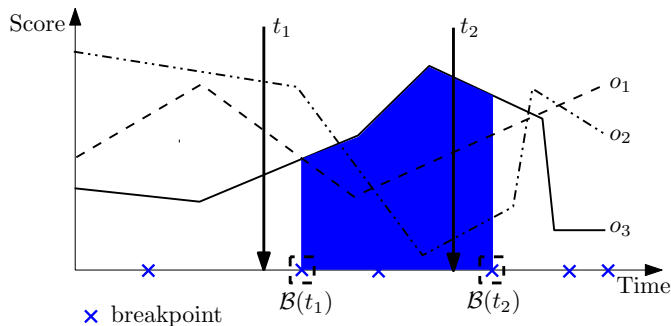
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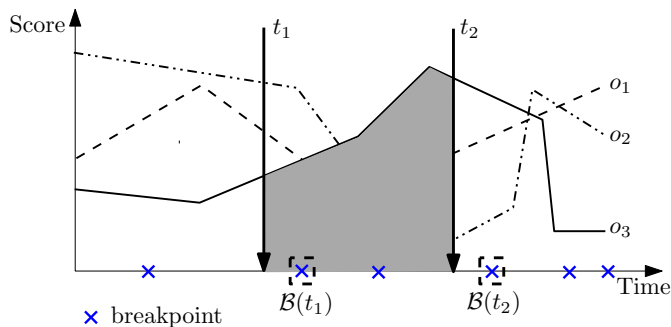


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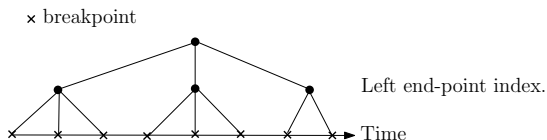
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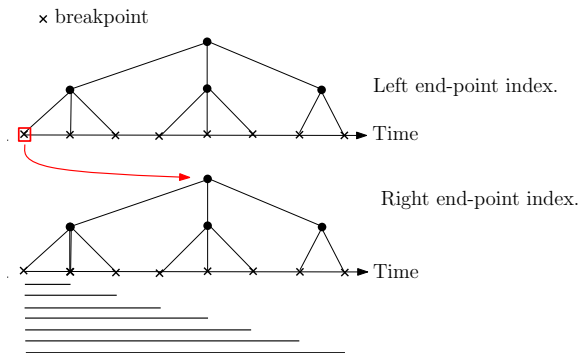
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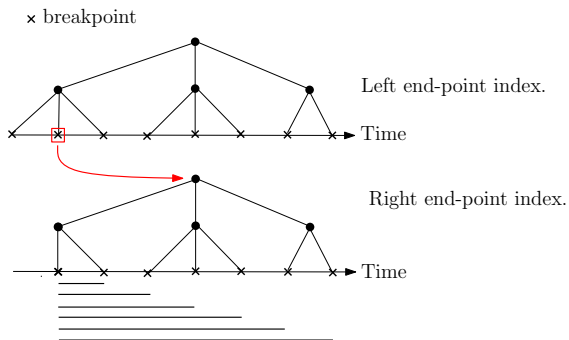
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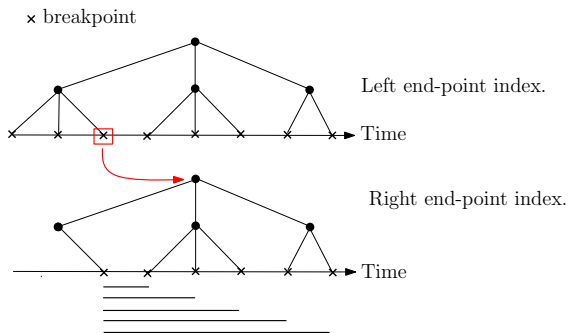
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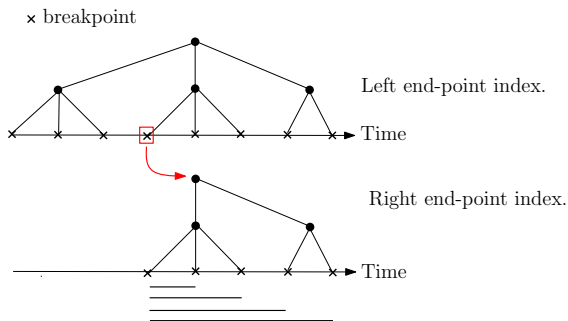
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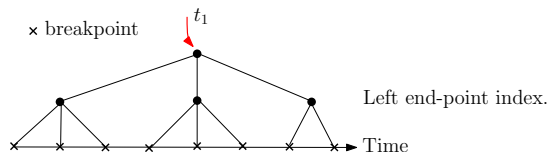
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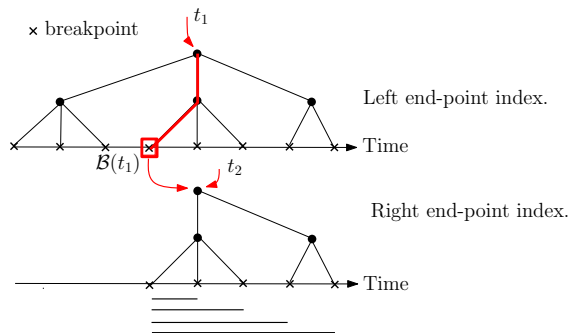


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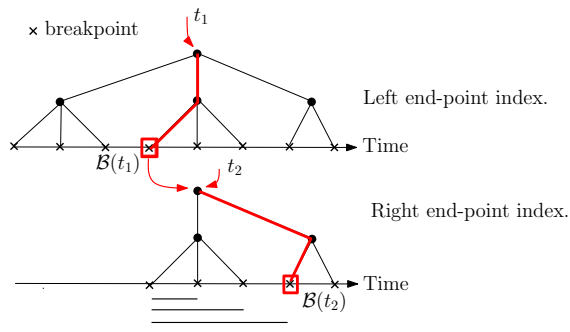


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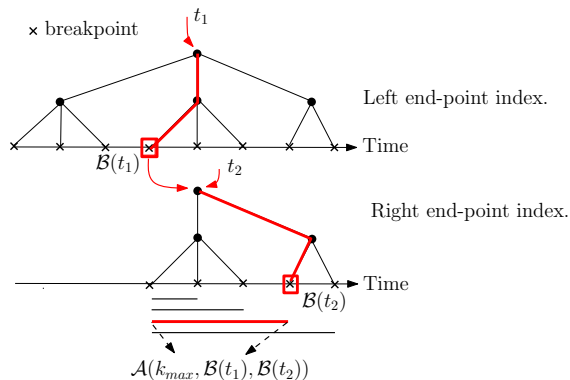
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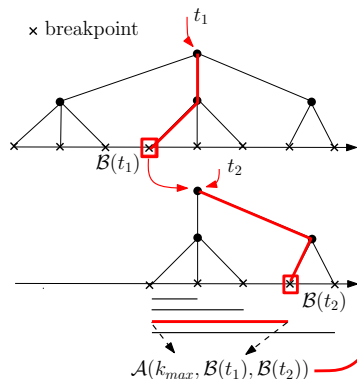
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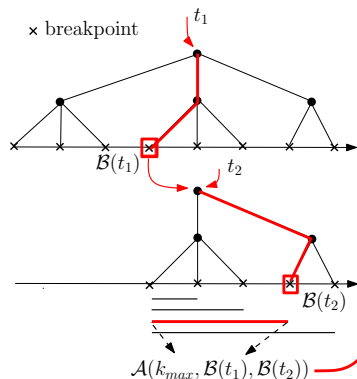


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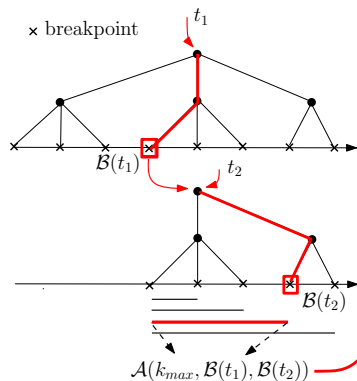
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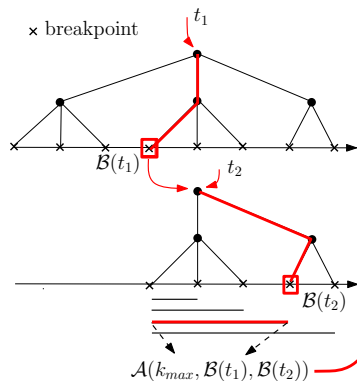


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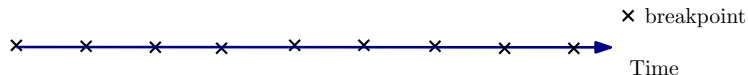


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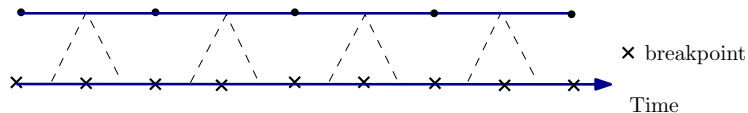
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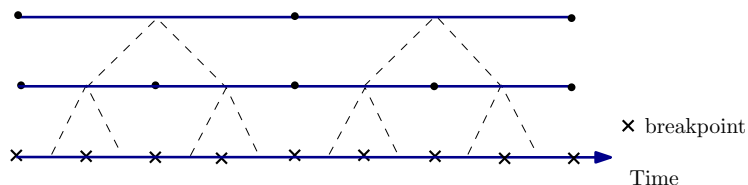


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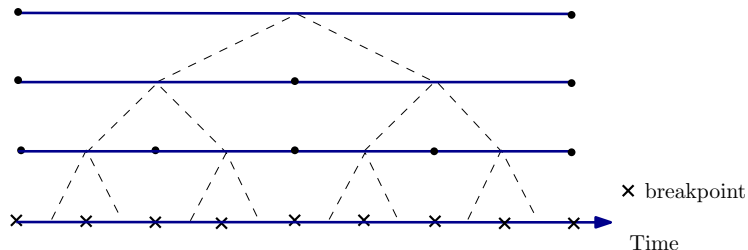
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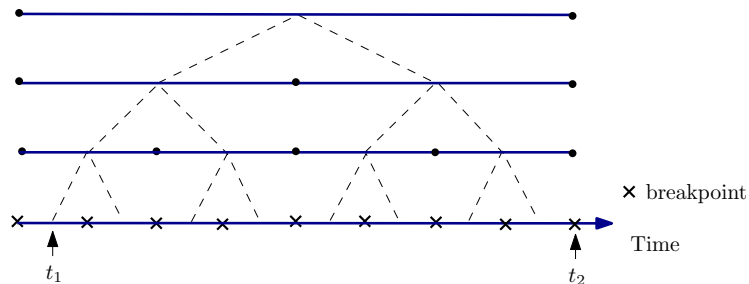
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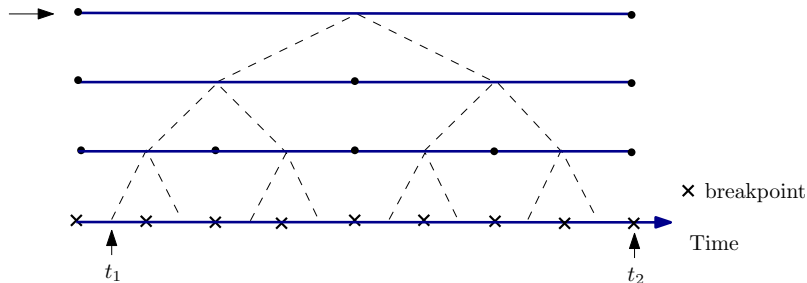
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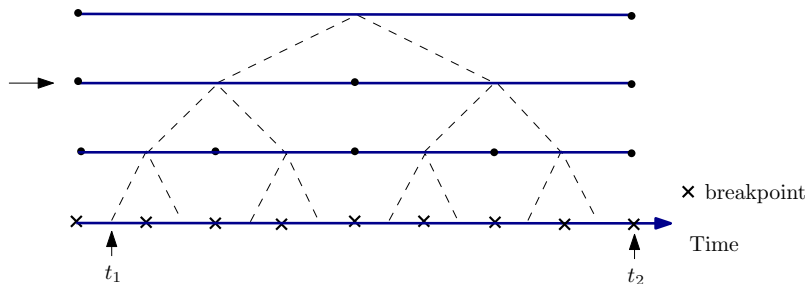
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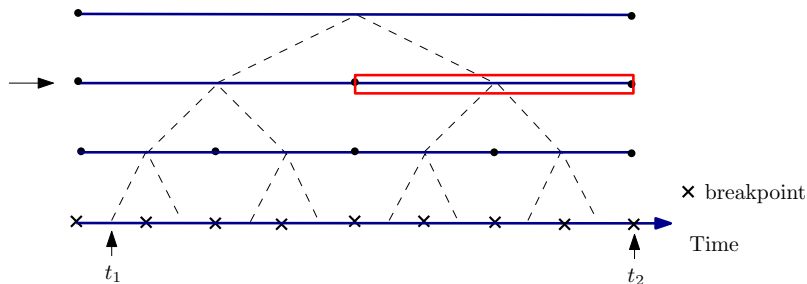
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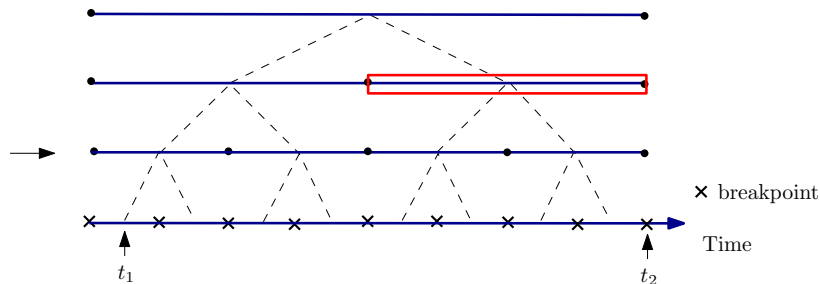
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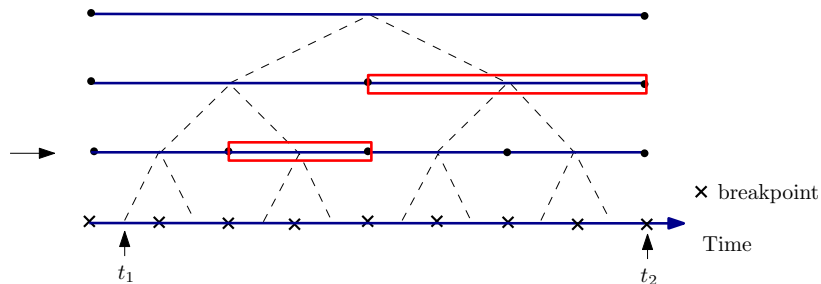
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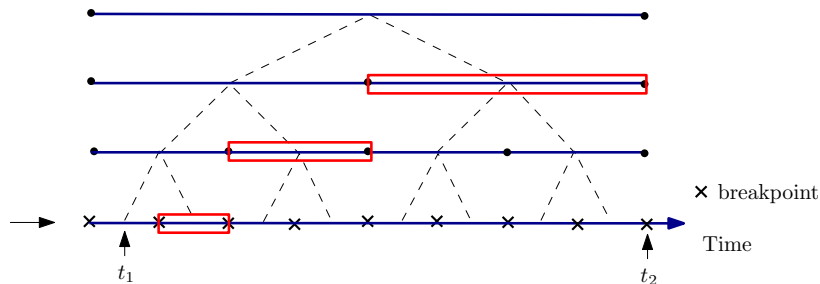


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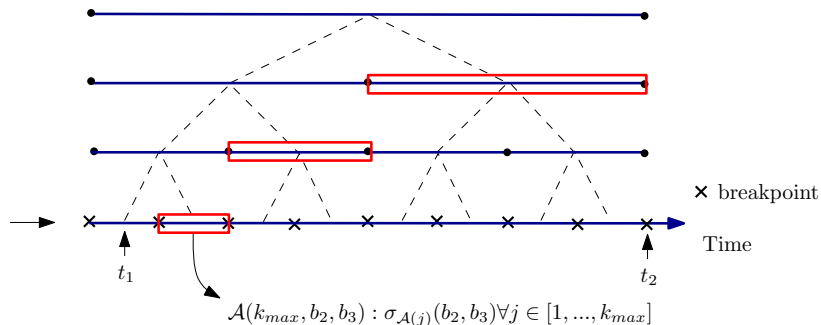
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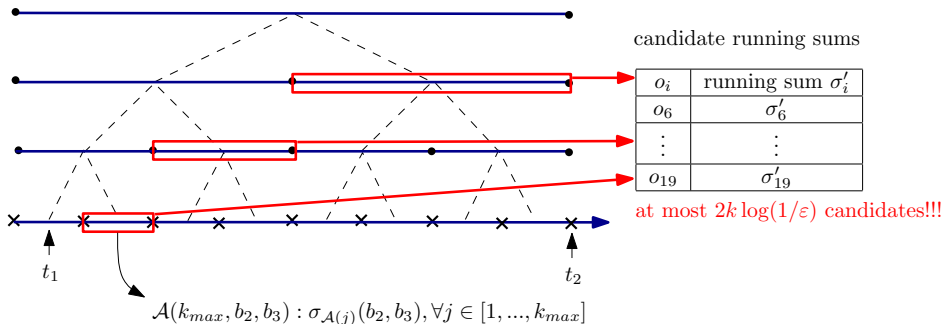
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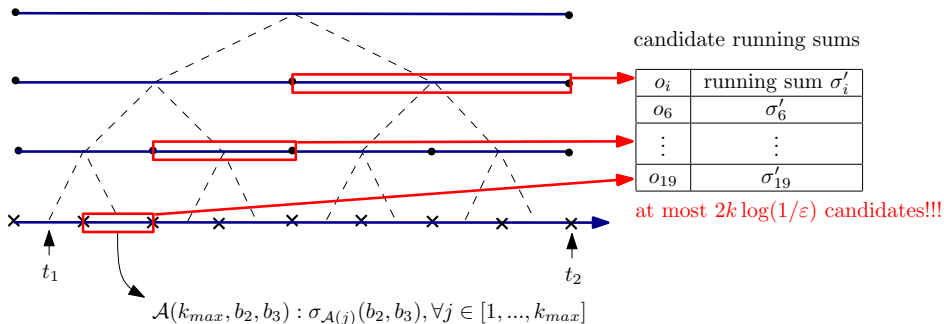
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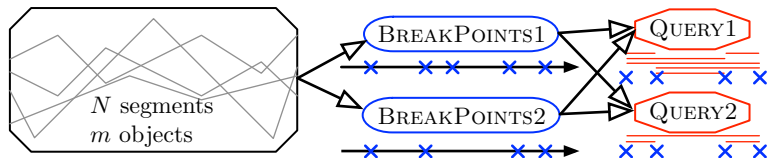
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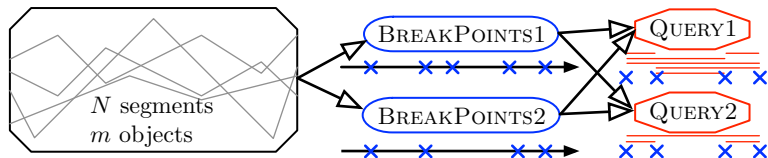
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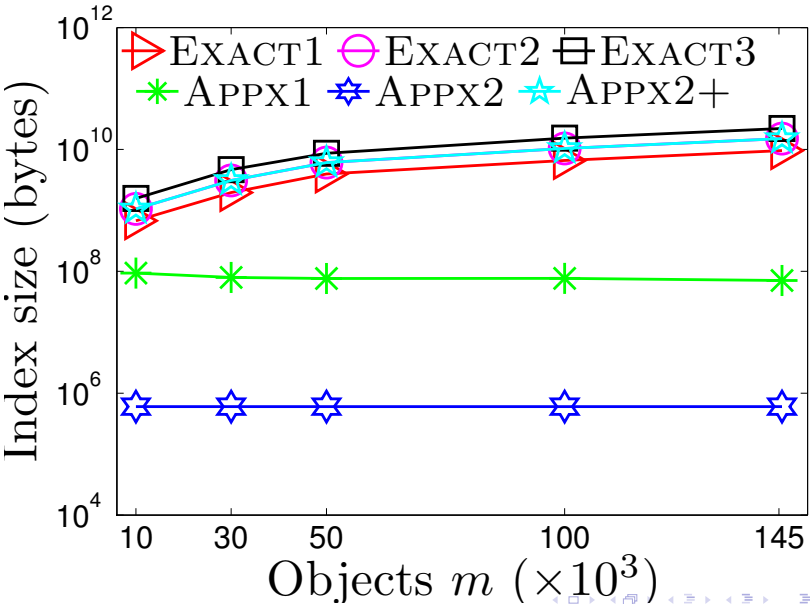
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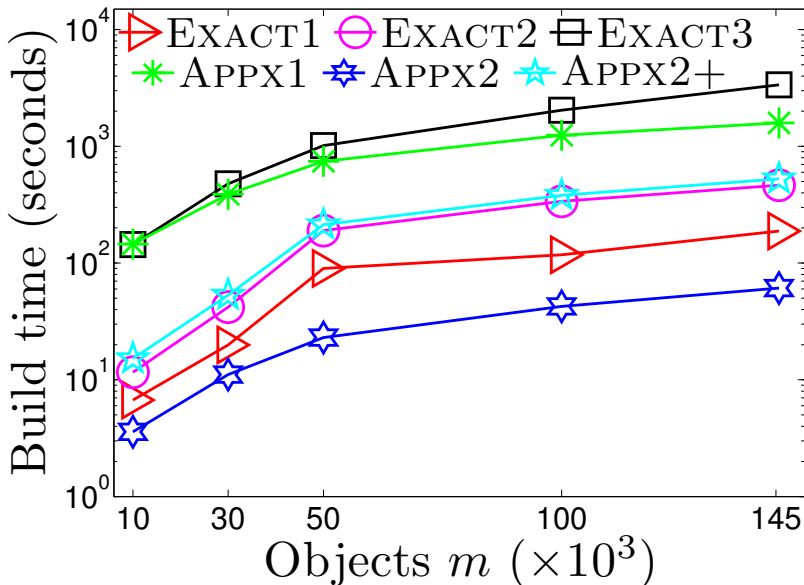
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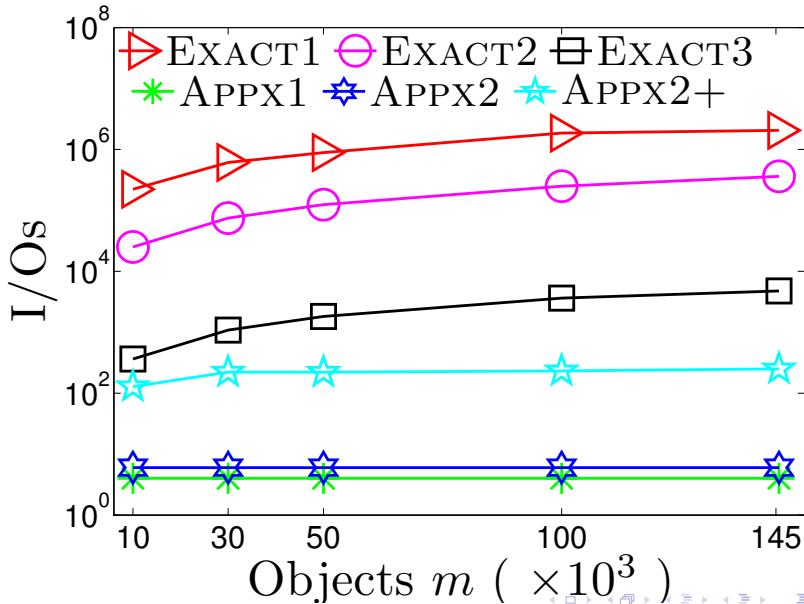
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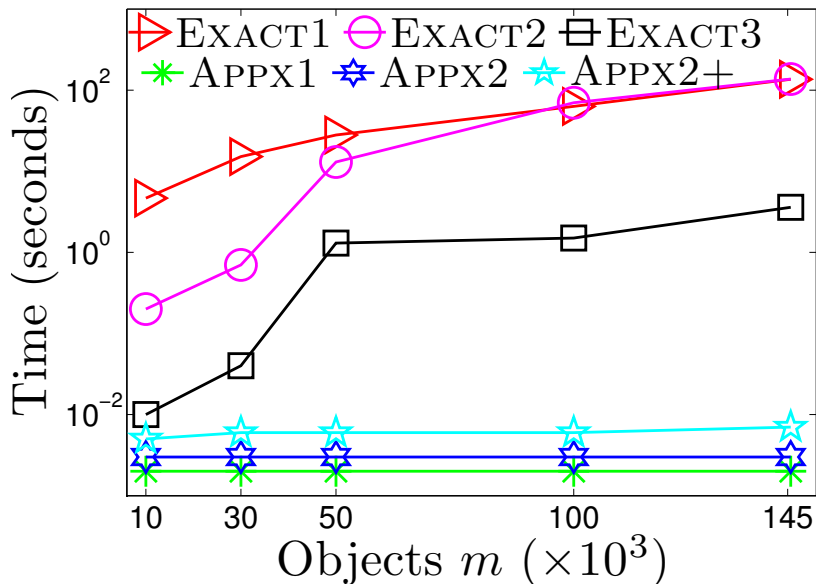
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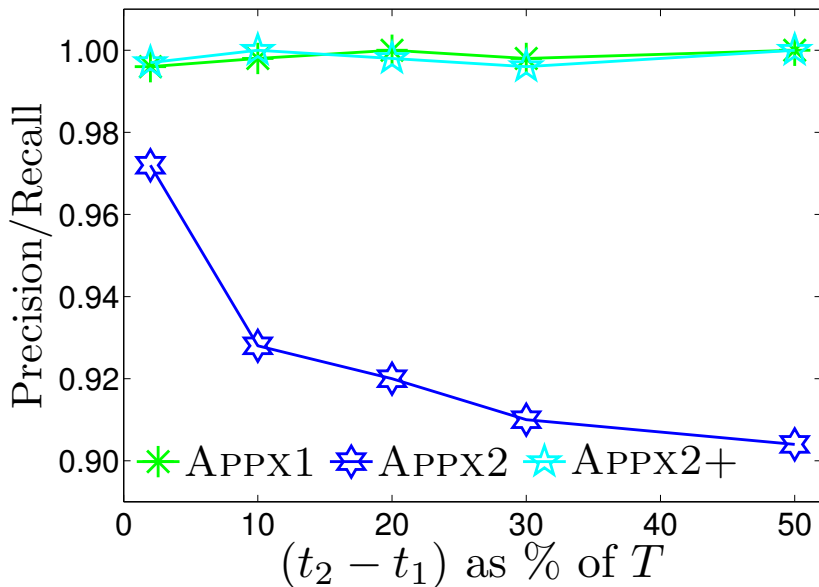
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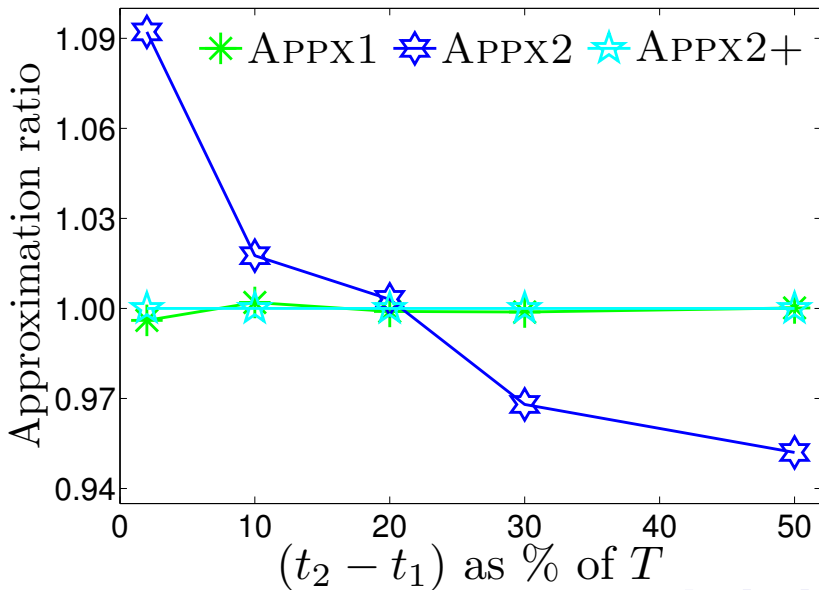


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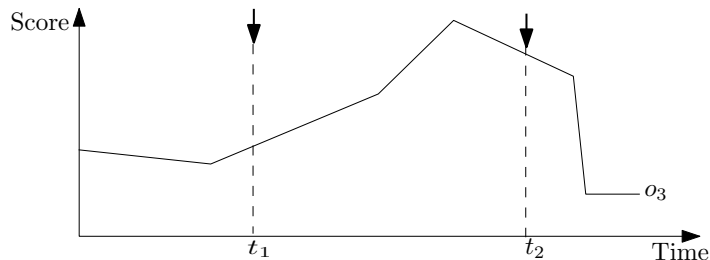
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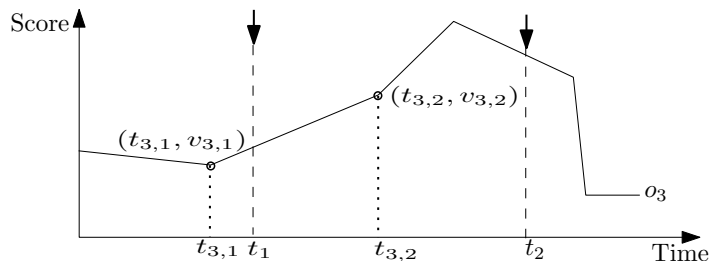
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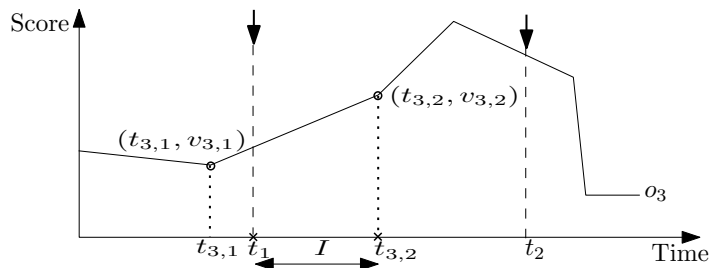
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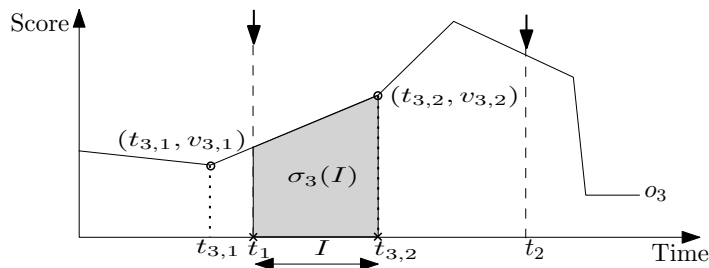


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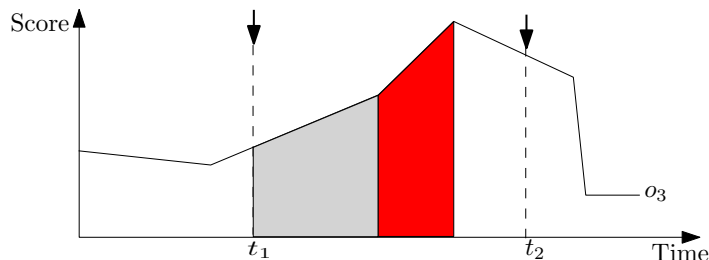
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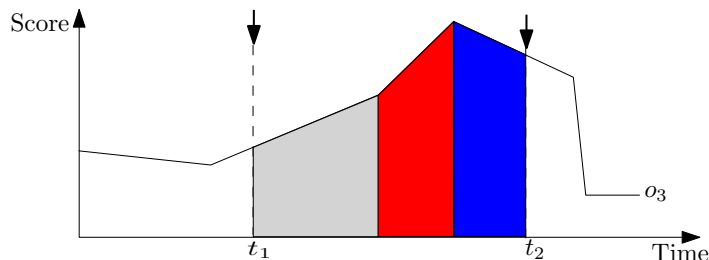
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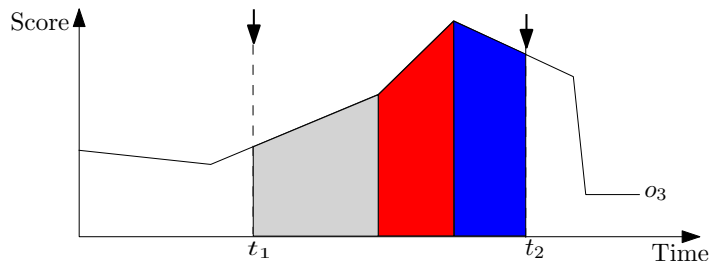
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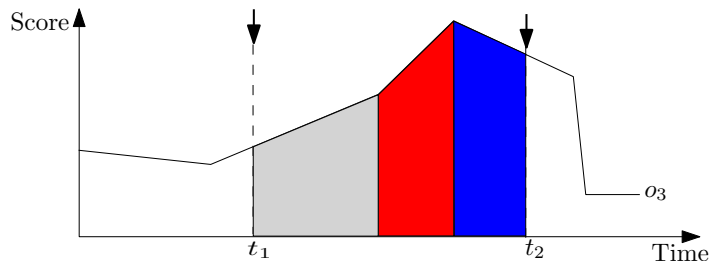
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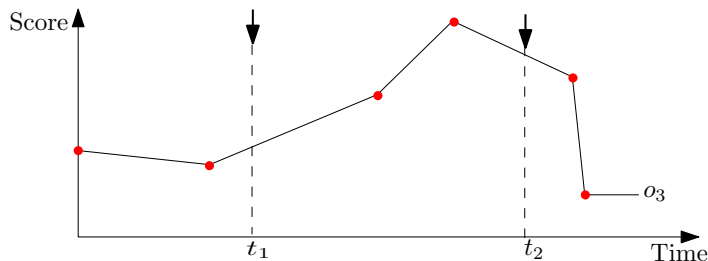
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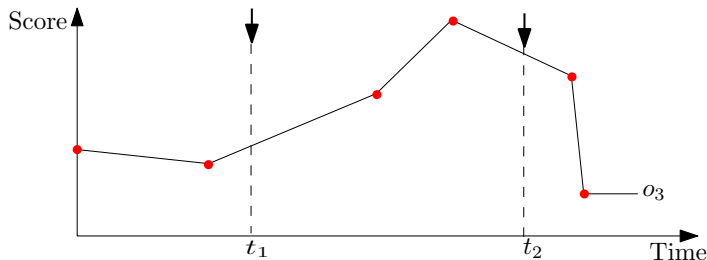
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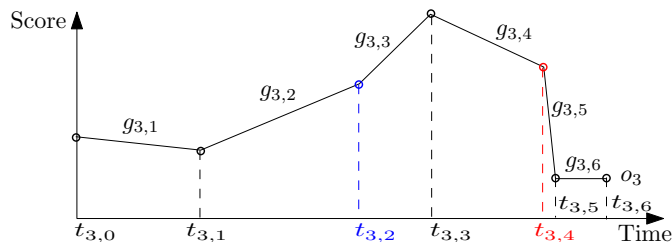
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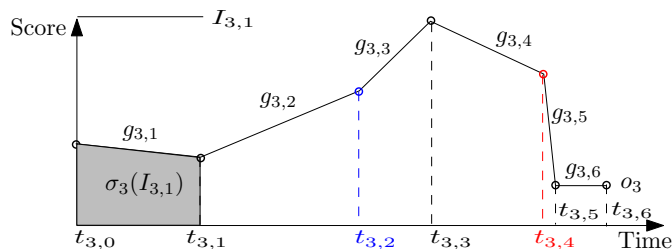
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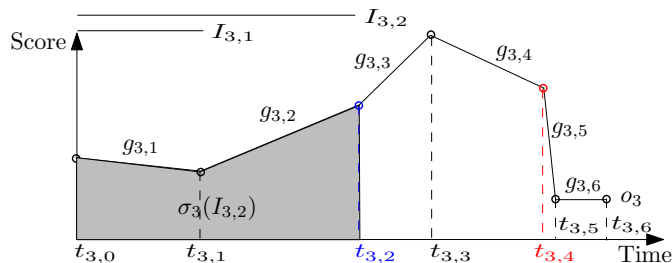


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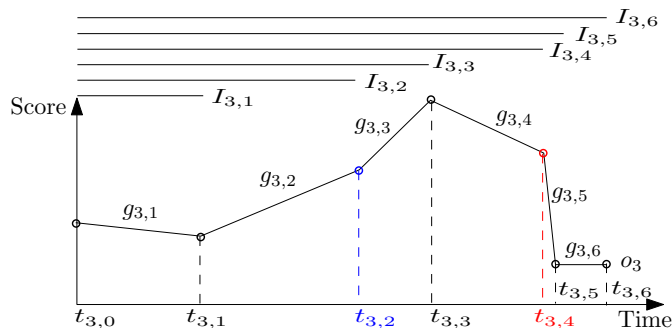
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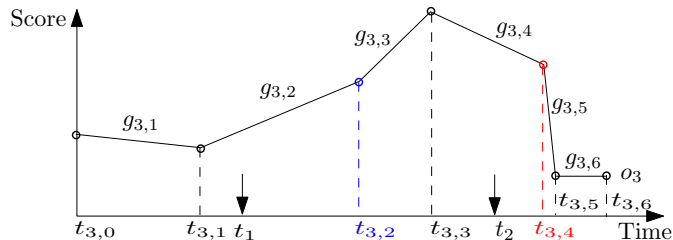
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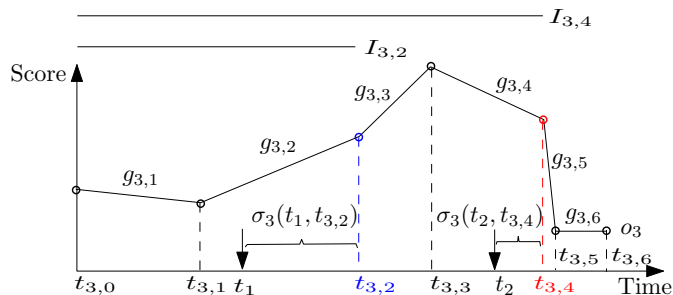
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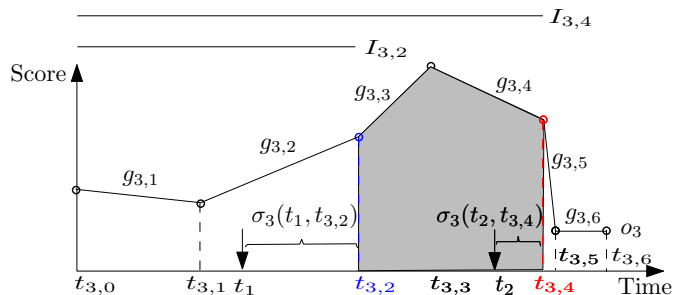
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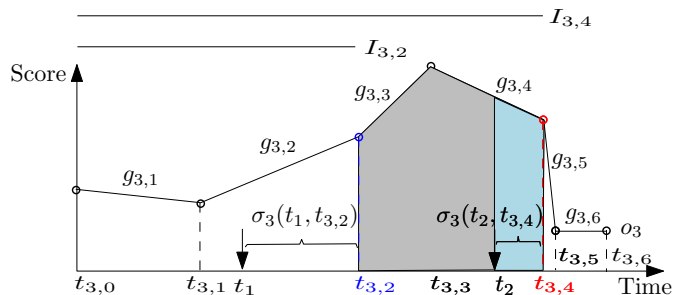
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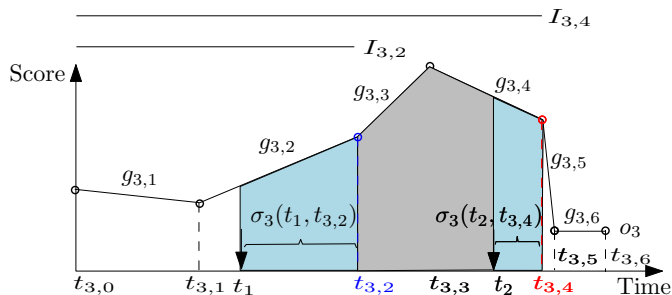
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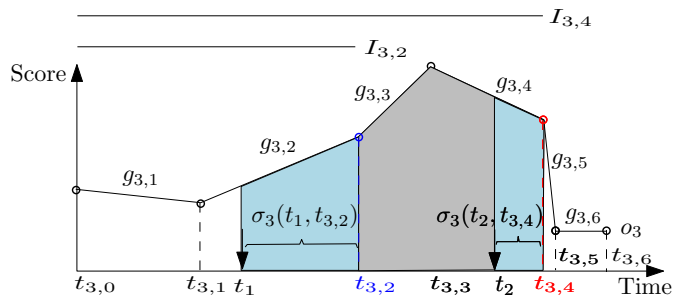
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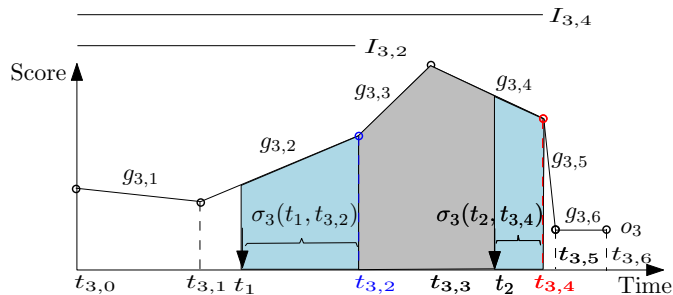


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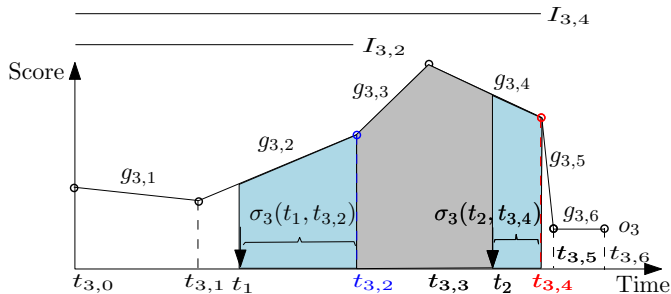
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