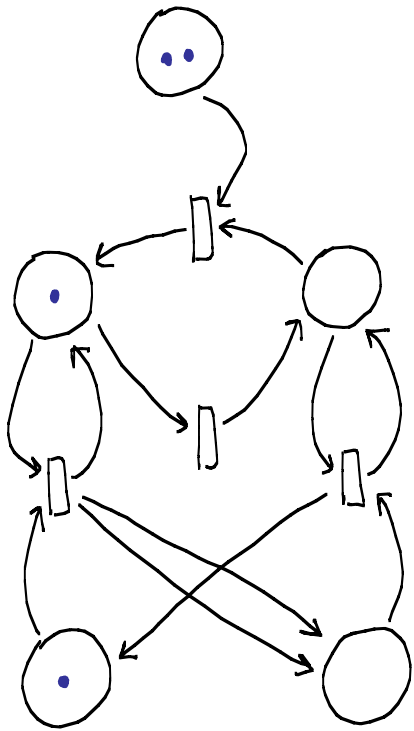
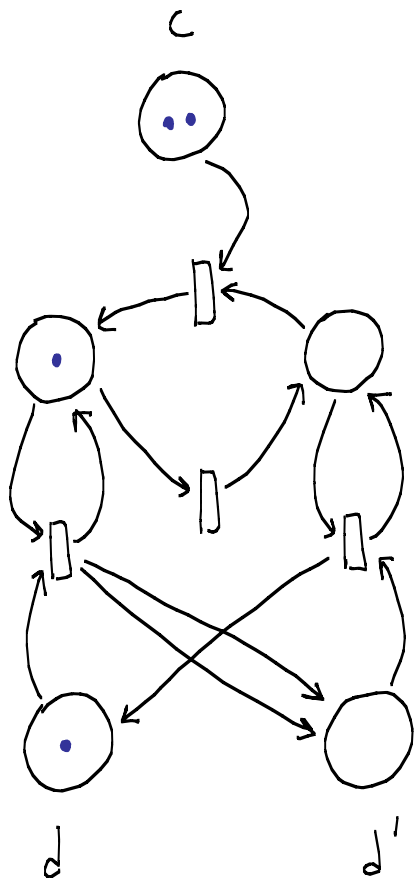


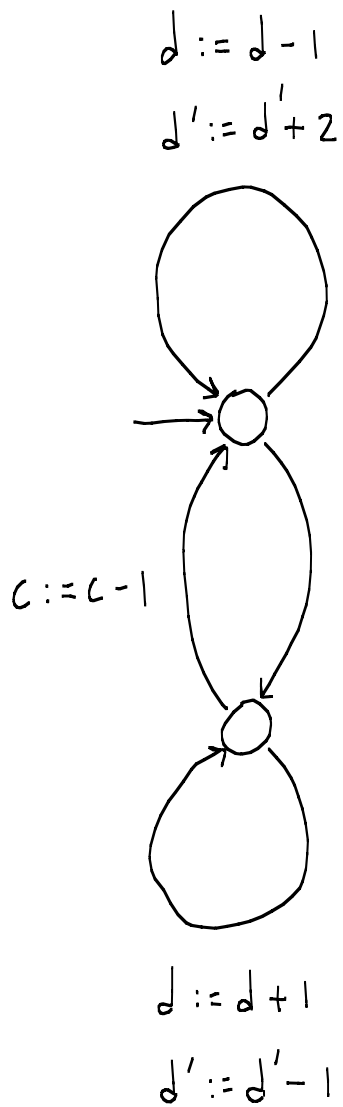
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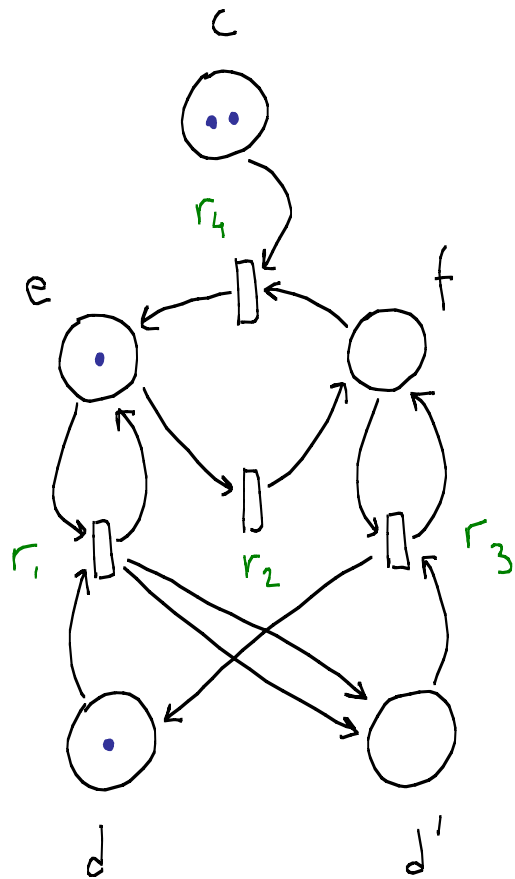
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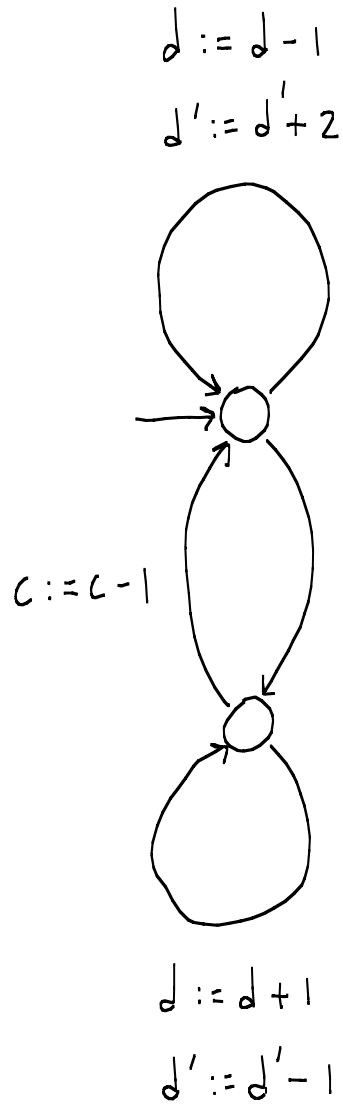
Counter machine



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Counter machine



Vector addition system (VAS)

	c	d	d'	e	e'	f	f'
r_1	0	-1	2	-1	1	0	0
r_1'	0	0	0	1	-1	0	0
r_2	0	0	0	-1	0	1	0
r_3	0	1	-1	0	0	-1	1
r_3'	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
r_4	-1	0	0	1	0	-1	0

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... but no primitive recursive algorithm is known!

EXP SPACE hardness [Lipton '76]:

Reduction from the halting problem for Minsky machines
of size n with counters bounded by 2^{2^n} .

$$\begin{array}{lll} c_1 + \overline{c_1} = 2^{2^1} & c_2 + \overline{c_2} = 2^{2^2} & \dots & c_n + \overline{c_n} = 2^{2^n} \\ d_1 + \overline{d_1} = 2^{2^1} & d_2 + \overline{d_2} = 2^{2^2} & & d_n + \overline{d_n} = 2^{2^n} \end{array}$$

$$\text{inc}(c_{i+1}) \hat{=} c_{i+1} := c_{i+1} + 1 ; \quad \overline{c_{i+1}} := \overline{c_{i+1}} - 1$$

$$\text{if-zero}(c_{i+1}) \hat{=} \text{for } c_i := 1 \text{ to } 2^{2^i} \\ \text{for } d_i := 1 \text{ to } 2^{2^i}$$

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For Petri nets with resets
and lossy Minsky machines,
covering is not prim. rec.

[Schnoebelen IPL '02]

EXP SPACE memberships:

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VAS

$$r_1, r_2, r_3 \in \mathbb{Z}^k$$

v_0



$$v_1 = v_0 + r_2$$



$$v_2 = v_1 + r_1$$

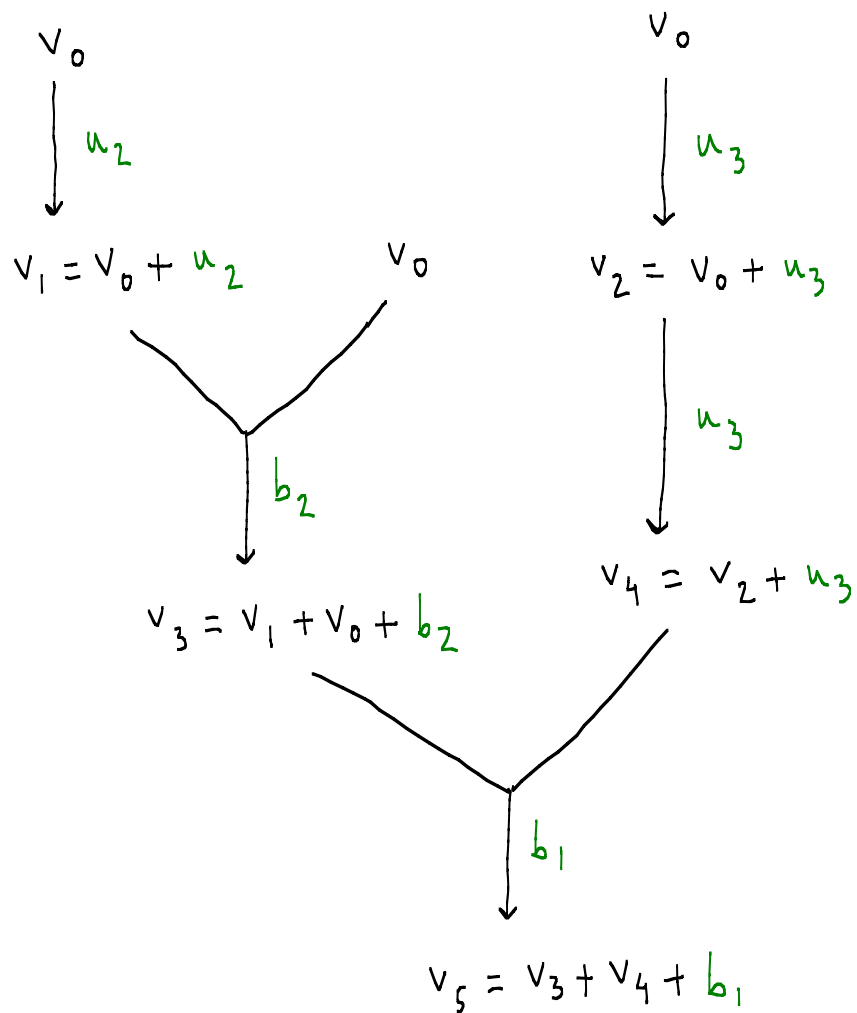


$$v_3 = v_2 + r_1$$

BVAS

$$u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathbb{Z}^k$$

$$b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^k$$



Some motivations:

- linear logic
[de Groote et al. LICS '04]
- tree automata for security
[Verma & Goubault-Larrecq DMTCS '05]
- FO on data trees
[Bojańczyk et al. J. ACM '09]
- computational linguistics
[Rambow ACL '94]

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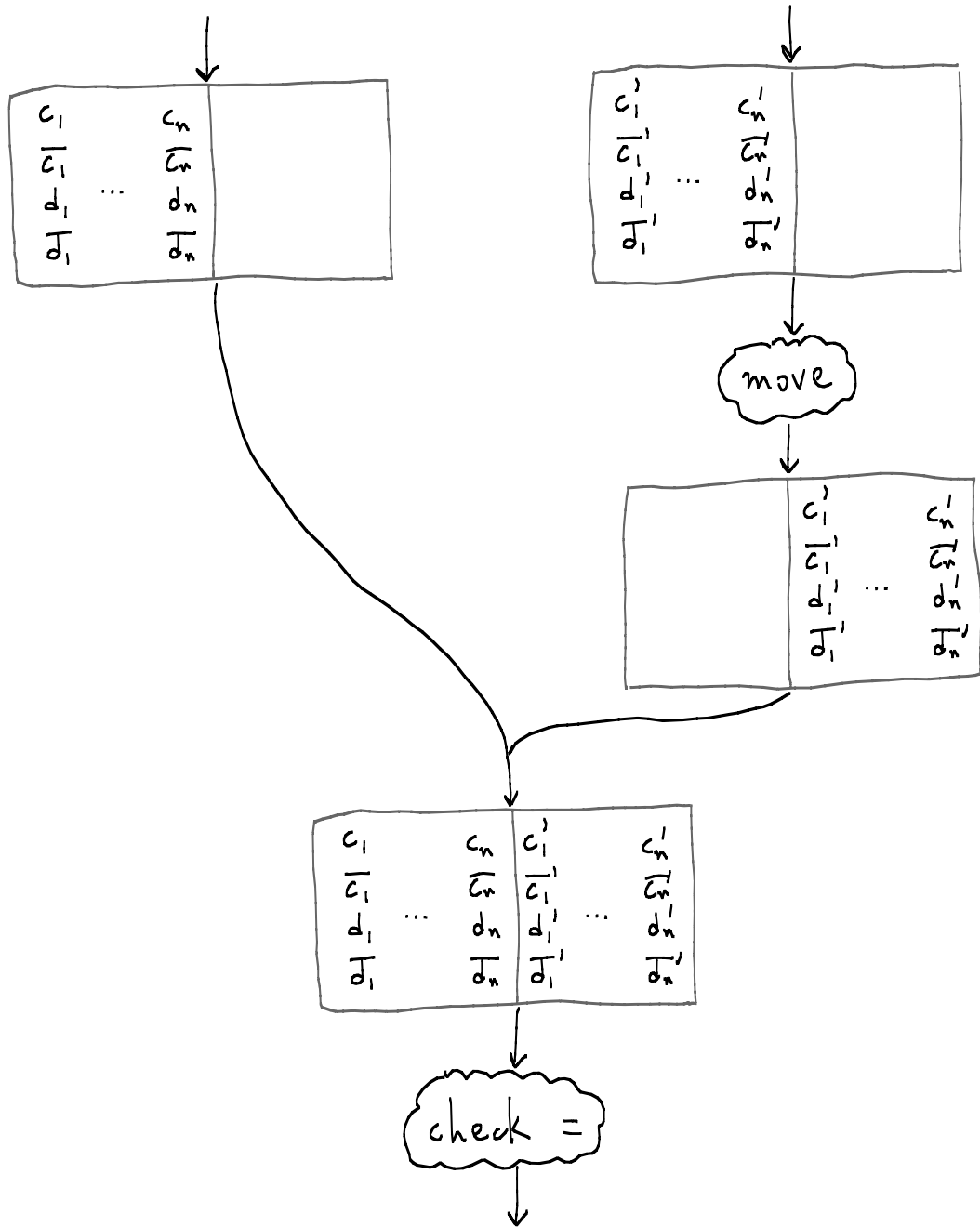
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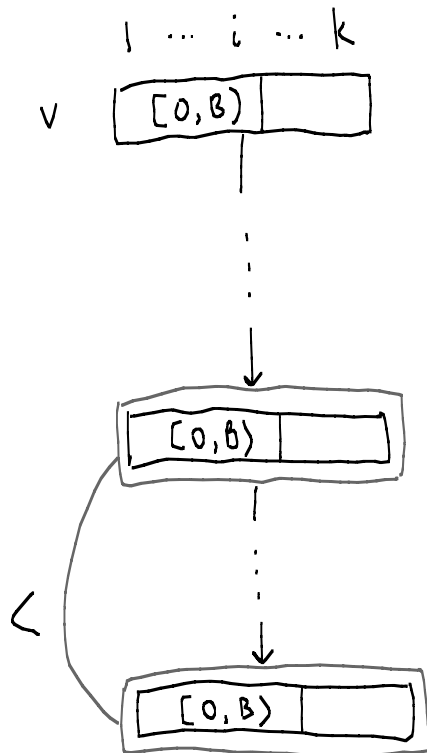
Adding alternation to Lipton's construction :



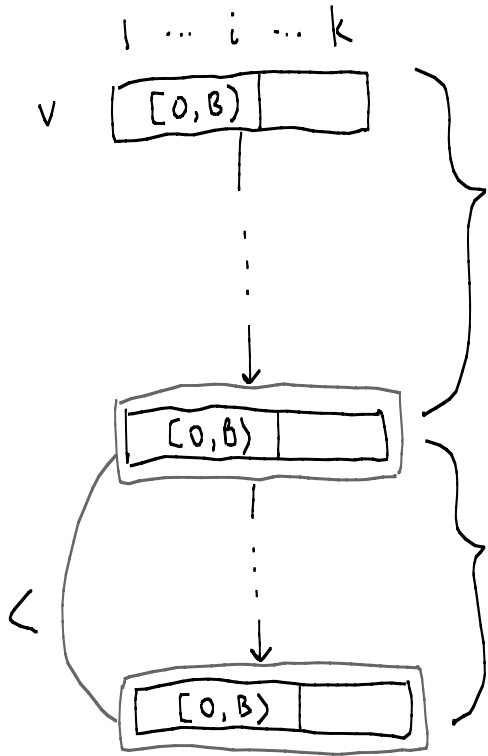
Boundedness

Key lemma for VAS [Rackoff]

If a computation as shown exists ($B \geq 2$),
then such a computation of length $\leq B^{|R|C}$ exists.



Proof



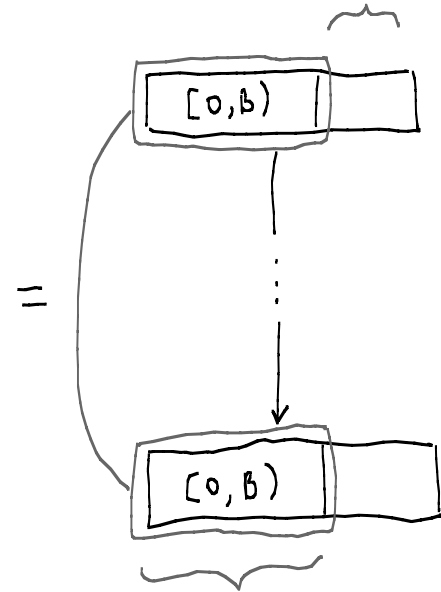
length $\leq B^i$

length $< (B^i + 1)^2$

after removing
"simple loops"



effect on every place $i+1 \dots k$
 $\in [-B^i \max(R^-), B^i \max(R^+)]$



i -tuples
mutually distinct

Theorem [Borosh & Treybig AMS '76]

$$A \in (-m, m)^{k \times n}, \quad b \in (-m, m)^k$$

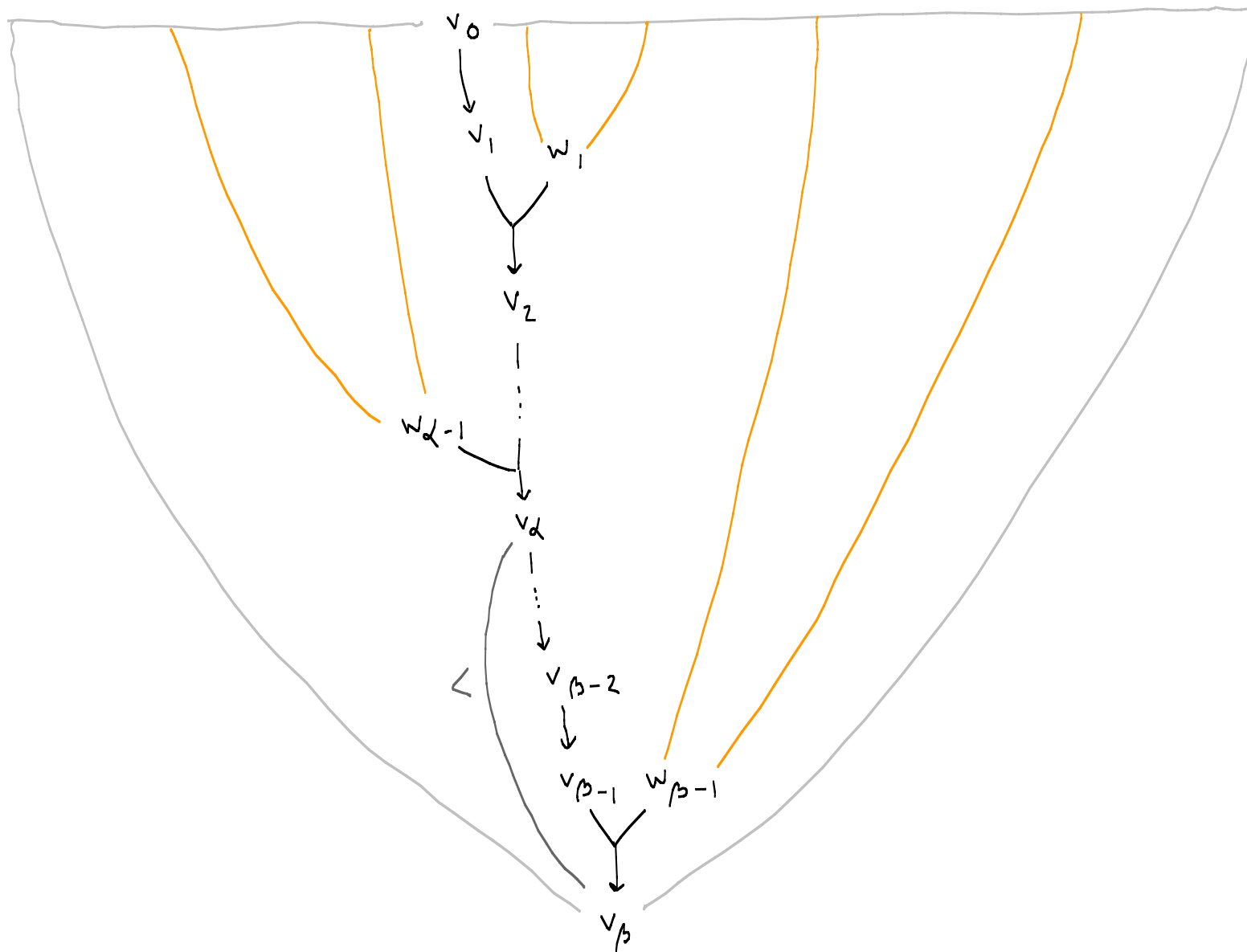
If $Ax \geq b$ for some $x \in \mathbb{N}^n$,

then $Ay \geq b$ for some $y \in [0, (\max\{n, m\})^{C'k}]^n$.

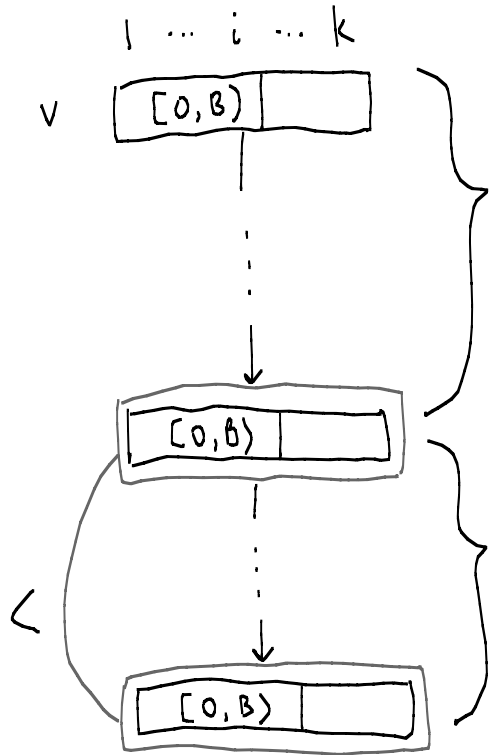
$$n \leq B^i (B^i 2^{|R|+1} + 1)^{k-i}$$

$$m \leq (B^i + 1)^2 2^{|R|}$$

Boundedness for BVAS



Proof



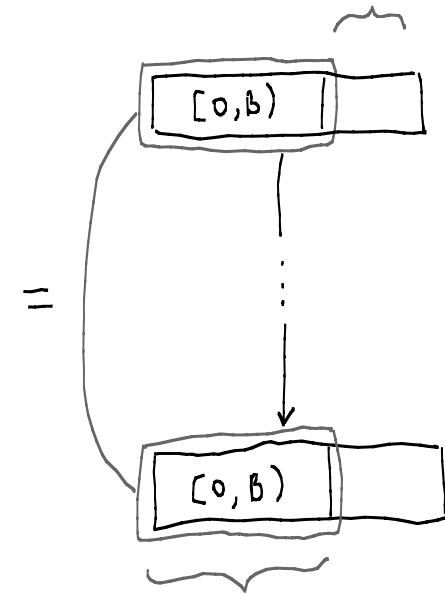
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Theorem ?

$$A \in (-m, \infty)^{k \times n}, \quad b \in (-\infty, m)^k$$

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$$m \leq (B^i + 1)^2 \frac{2^{|R|}}{\max(R^-)}$$