

Move structure, part 3: Constant-time queries

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We can $O(1)$ -bound the # of scans with “splitting”

My explanation follows that of Brown, Gagie & Rossi:

RLBWT Tricks

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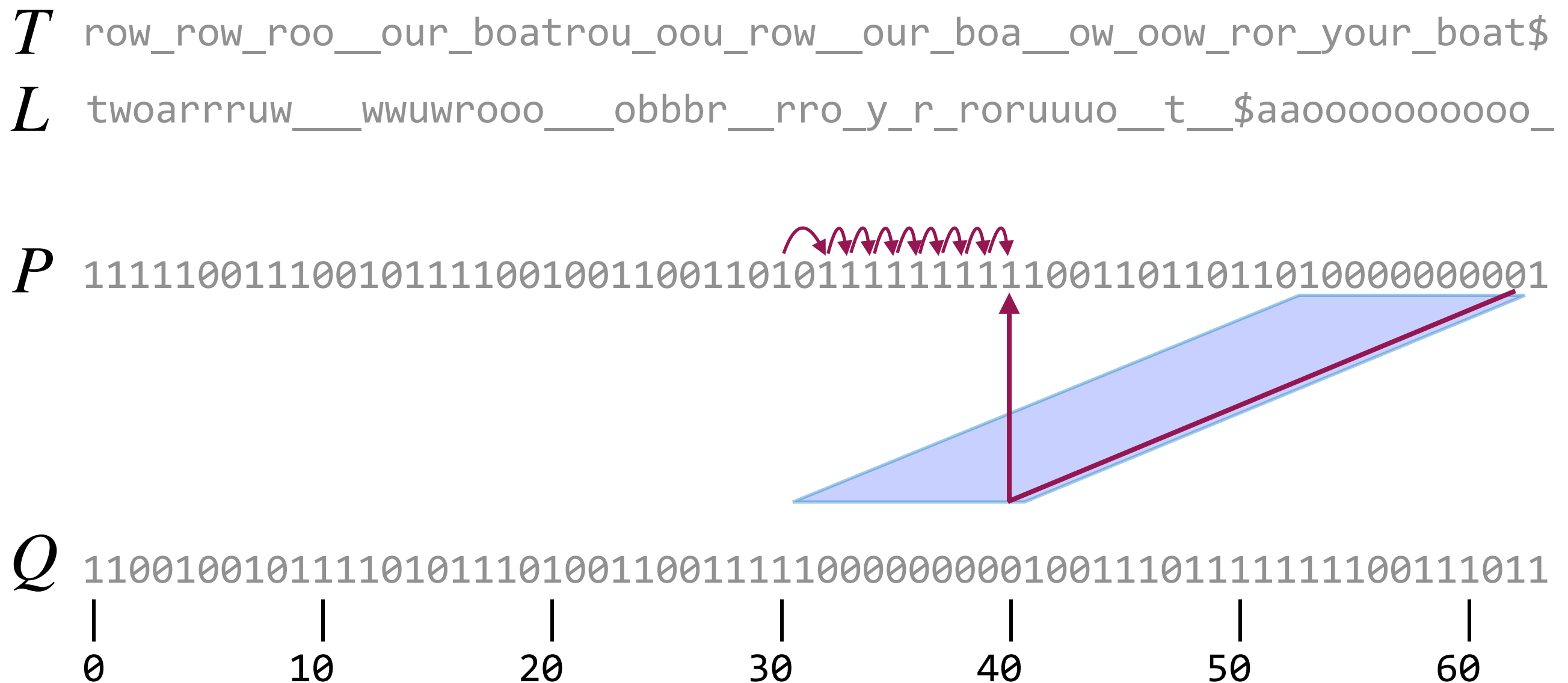
Abstract

Until recently, most experts would probably have agreed we cannot backwards-step in constant time with a run-length compressed Burrows-Wheeler Transform (RLBWT), since doing so relies on rank queries on sparse bitvectors and those inherit lower bounds from predecessor queries. At ICALP '21, however, Nishimoto and Tabei described a new, simple and constant-time implementation. For a permutation π , it stores an $O(r)$ -space table — where r is the number of positions i where either $i = 0$ or $\pi(i + 1) \neq \pi(i) + 1$ — that enables the computation of successive values of $\pi(i)$ by table look-ups and linear scans. Nishimoto and Tabei showed how to increase the number of rows in the table to bound the length of the linear scans such that the query time for computing $\pi(i)$ is constant while maintaining $O(r)$ -space.

Nathaniel K. Brown, Travis Gagie, and Massimiliano Rossi. RLBWT Tricks. In 20th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms (SEA 2022). Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs), Volume 233, pp. 16:1-16:16

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P 1111100111001011110010011001101011111111110011011011010000000001

scans are needed for each $\pi(k)$

001200001000000100000000000000000123456789000000100000000000000000

Q 11001001011110101110100110011111000000000100111011111111100111011

A horizontal number line with major tick marks at intervals of 10, labeled 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60.

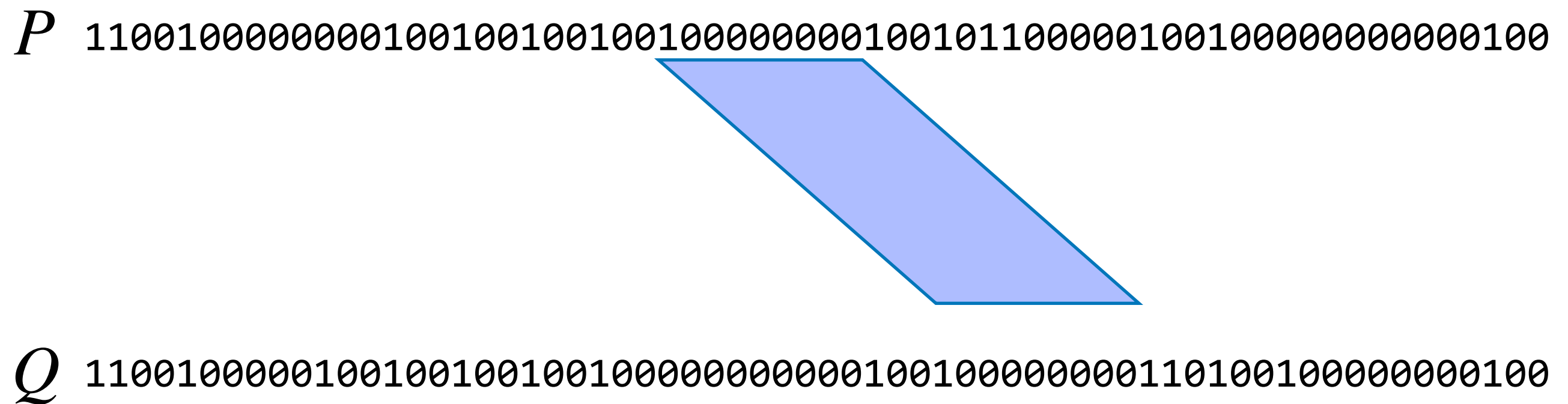
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Idea: **split** runs until all Q-runs have weight $\leq$ a constant threshold

We'll use 4 as the threshold, then generalize later

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Splitting a run amounts to setting more bits in P & Q



P 1100100000000100100100100100100000000100101100000100100000000000100

Q 000000000000000000000000000000001111111100000122222200000000000000000000
11001000001001001001001001000000000000010010000000001101001000000000100

$$P \quad 1100100000000100100100100100100000000100101100000100100000000000100$$
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Is this guaranteed to finish? Is it guaranteed that
the final # Q -runs will be $O(\text{initial \# } Q\text{-runs})$?

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Also set $\pi^{-1}(k)$ in P , where k is the offset of the bit set in Q

Proof idea: each iteration

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If the initial # Q -runs is r , iterating our algorithm r times results in there being :

(a) $2r$ set bits in P

(b) $\geq r$ Q -runs with weight ≥ 2

Must stop here (or earlier);
no Q -runs of weight 4 or
greater can remain

Corollary: we at most
double the number
of set bits / M rows

Diagram illustrating a transformation from a 2x4 grid to another 2x4 grid. The left grid contains the following values:

22	3	61	14
25	9	37	9

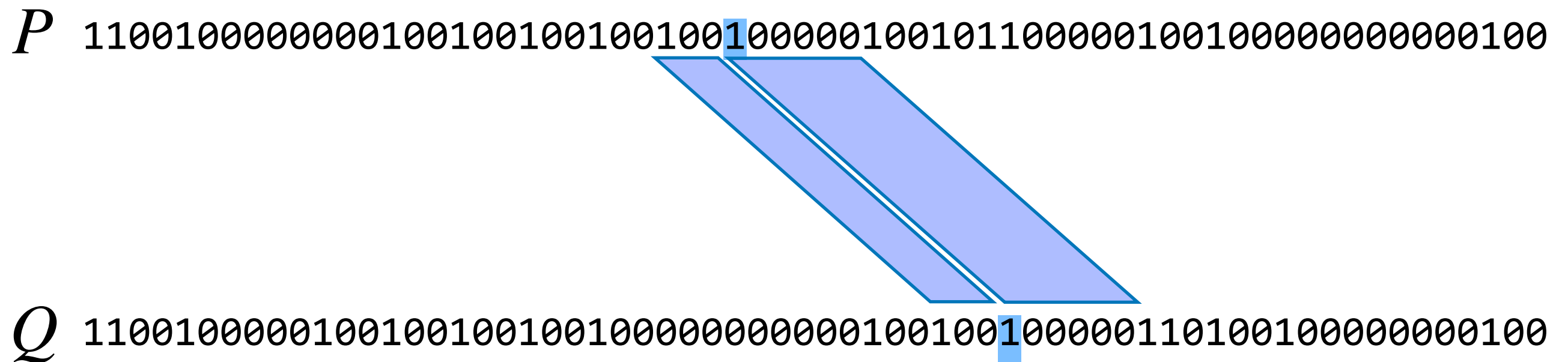
The right grid contains the following values:

25	3	37	9
28	6	40	11

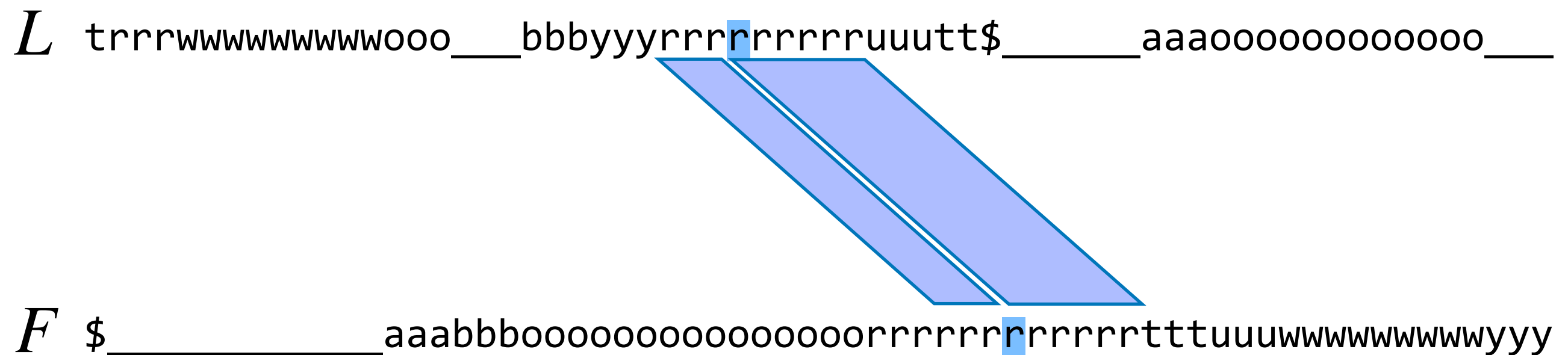
Arrows indicate a mapping from the second row of the left grid to the second row of the right grid.

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Argument generalizes from
“weight < 4 ” to “weight $< 2d$ ”
for a $d \geq 2$ we can pick

For some $d \geq 2$

j : # splits so far

x : # Q -runs of weight $\geq d$ so far

r : original # P -runs

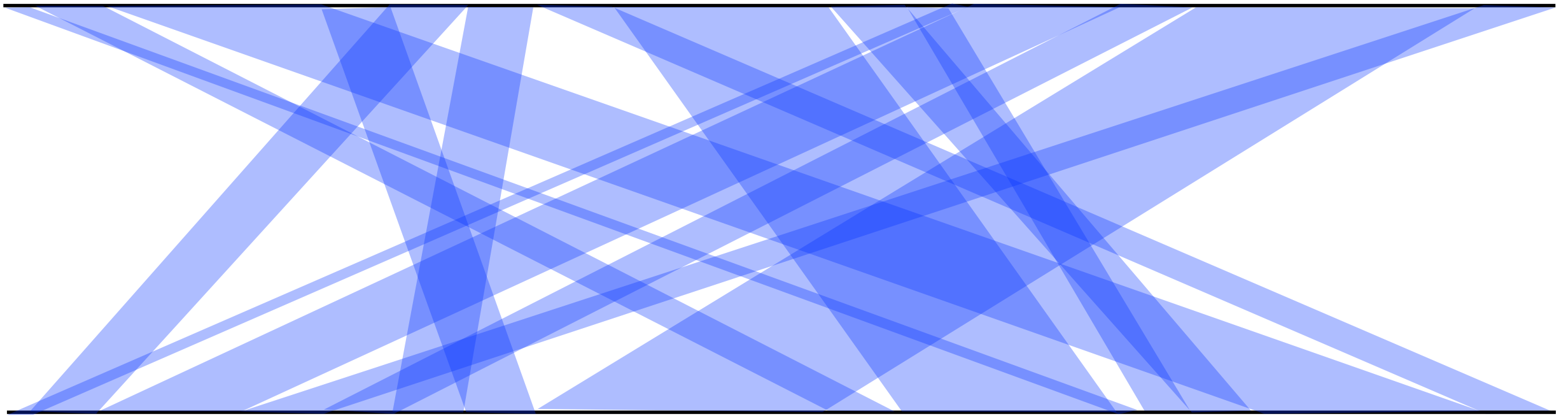
$$dj \leq dx \leq r + j$$

$$r \geq dj - j = j(d - 1)$$

$$j \leq \frac{r}{d - 1}$$

iterations until all Q -runs have
weight $< 2d$ can't exceed $\frac{r}{d - 1}$

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Works in $O(r)$ space & $O(1)^*$ query time

- * For a query chain of any length $\pi^x(k)$, we need to begin with knowledge of both the initial k **and the initial i**

Proof v1

We start by setting $P_0 = P$ & $Q_0 = Q$

Say at some point we have P_i and $Q_i = \{\pi(i) : i \in P_i\}$

If there **do not** exist $q, q' \in Q_i$ such that q is the predecessor of q' in Q_i and $|[q, q') \cap P_i| \geq 2d$, then we return $P' = P_i$ and $Q' = Q_i$

Otherwise, we choose some such q and q'

Proof v1

We choose the $(d + 1)$ st largest element p in $[q, q') \cap P_i$.

We update $P_{i+1} = P_i \cup \{\pi^{-1}(p)\}$
and $Q_{i+1} = Q_i \cup p$

Since $q < p < q'$, we have $p \notin Q_i$ and $\pi^{-1}(p) \notin P_i$

Therefore $|P_{i+1}| = |P_i| + 1$ and, by induction,
 $|P_{i+1}| = P + i + 1$

Proof v1

Let E_i be the set of intervals $[u, u')$ such that $u, u' \in Q_i$, u is the predecessor of u' in Q_i and $|[u, u') \cap P_i| \geq d$

Let E_{i+1} be the same for Q_{i+1}, P_{i+1}

Since $E_{i+1} = (E_i \setminus \{[q, q')\}) \cup \{[q, p), [p, q')\}$,
we have

$$|E_{i+1}| = |E_i| + 1 \text{ and, by induction:}$$

$$|E_{i+1}| \geq i + 1$$

Proof v1

Since intervals in E_{i+1} are disjoint and each contain at least d elements of P_{i+1} , we have

$$|P_{i+1}| \geq d \cdot |E_{i+1}| \geq d \cdot (i + 1)$$

$$|P| + i + 1 = |P_{i+1}| \geq d \cdot |E_{i+1}| \geq d \cdot (i + 1)$$

$$|P| + 1 - d \geq (d - 1)i$$