

# PALINDROMES IN PURE MORPHIC WORDS

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a → ab

b → a

a

ab

aba

abaab

abaababa

...

abaababaabaababaababaaba...

beeblebrox $\sim$ =xorbelbeeb

$$\text{Pal} = \{w \mid w^\sim = w\}$$

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$$P(n) = \#\{ v \in \text{Pal}(w) \text{ s.t. } |v| = n \}$$

$$\# \mathrm{Pal}(\textsf{v}) \leq |\textsf{v}| + 1$$

$$D(w) = |w| + | - \#Pal(w)$$

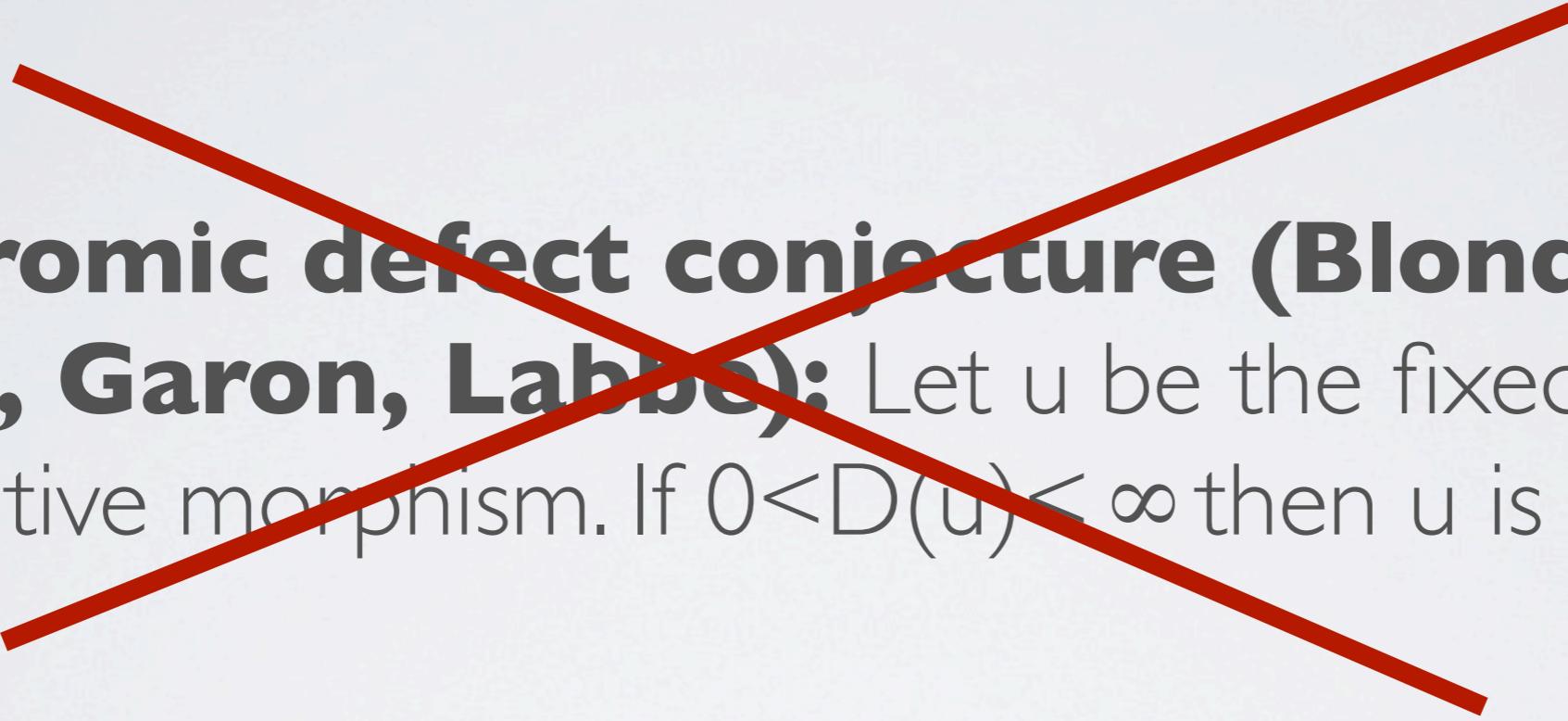
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P<sub>w</sub>P s.t.  $w \neq w$

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$u = aabcacbaaabcacbaaaaaabcacbaa\dots$

$a \mapsto aabcacba = aP$

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$u = aPaPaaaPaaaP\dots$

P

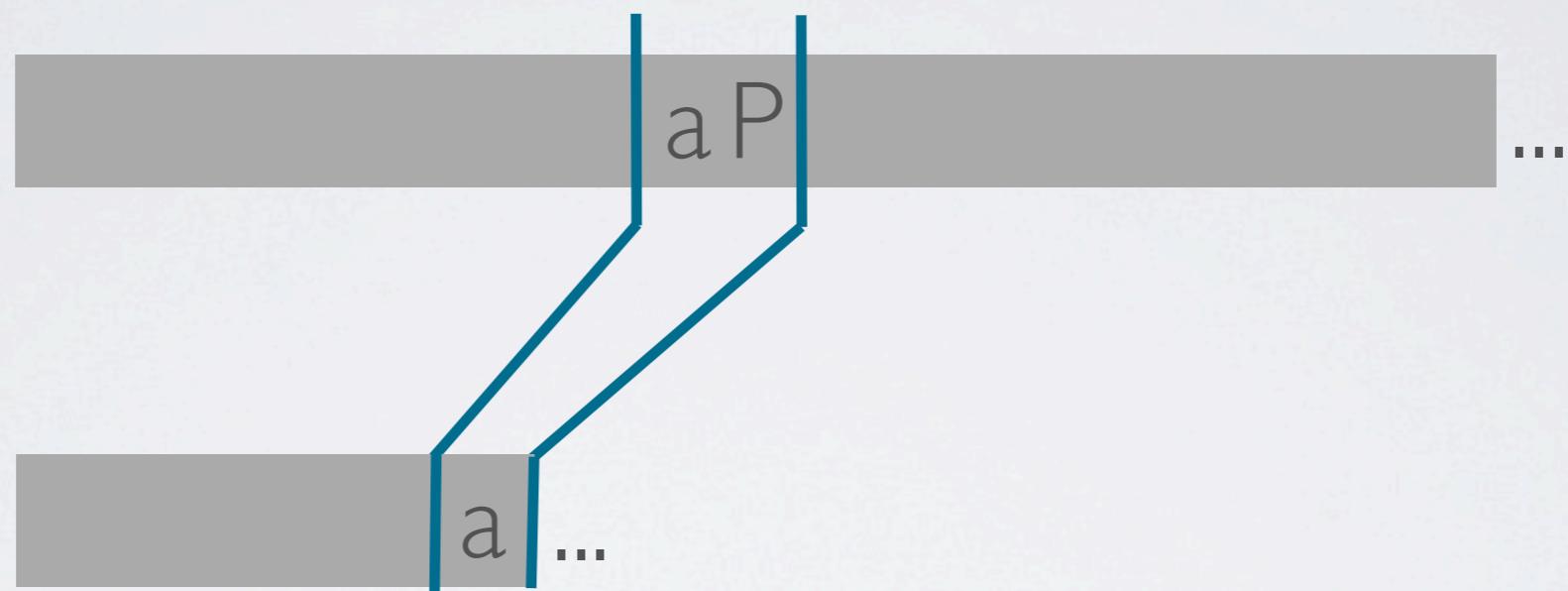
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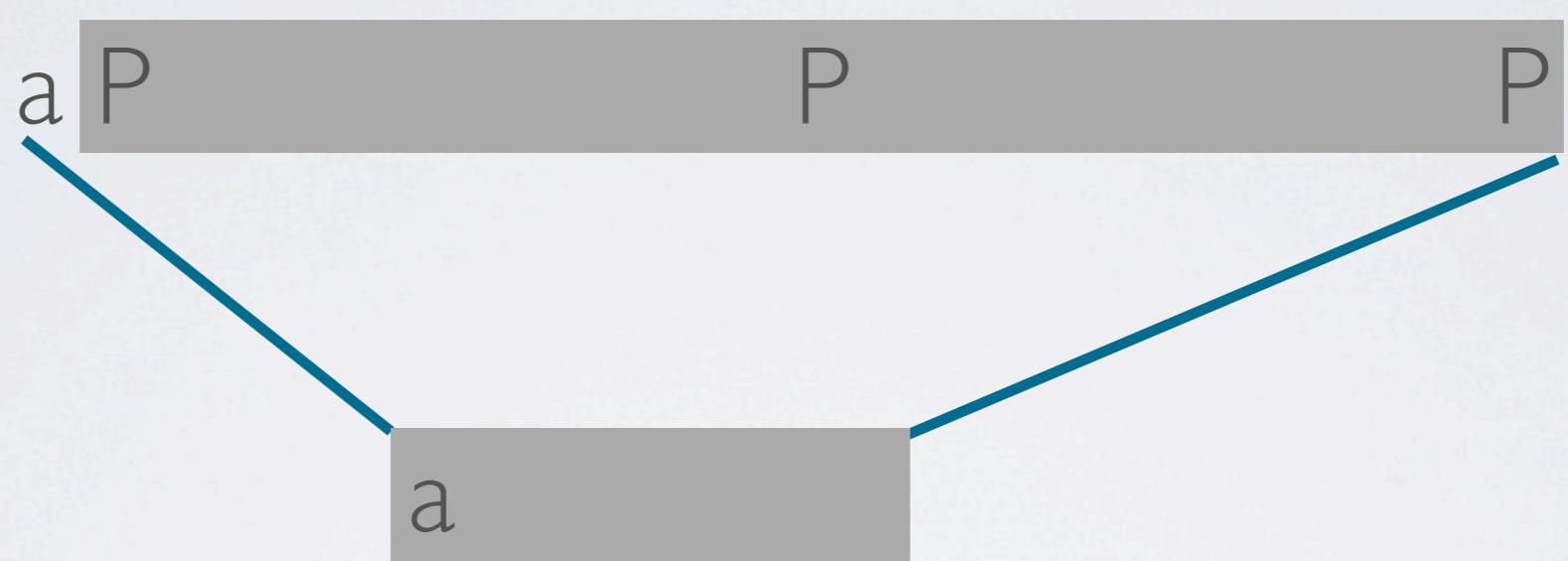
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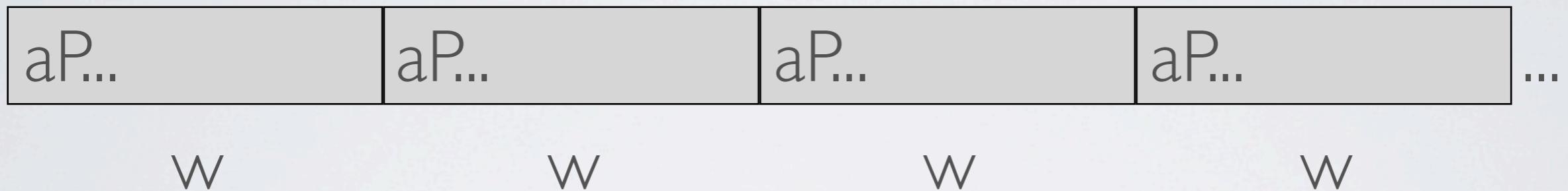
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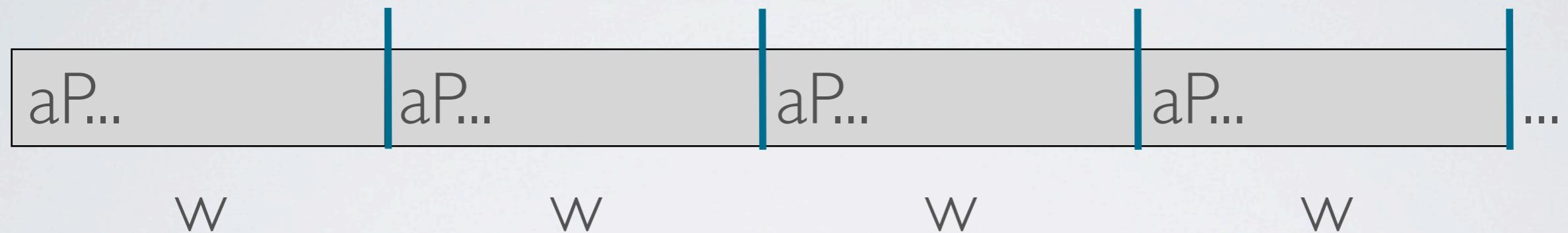
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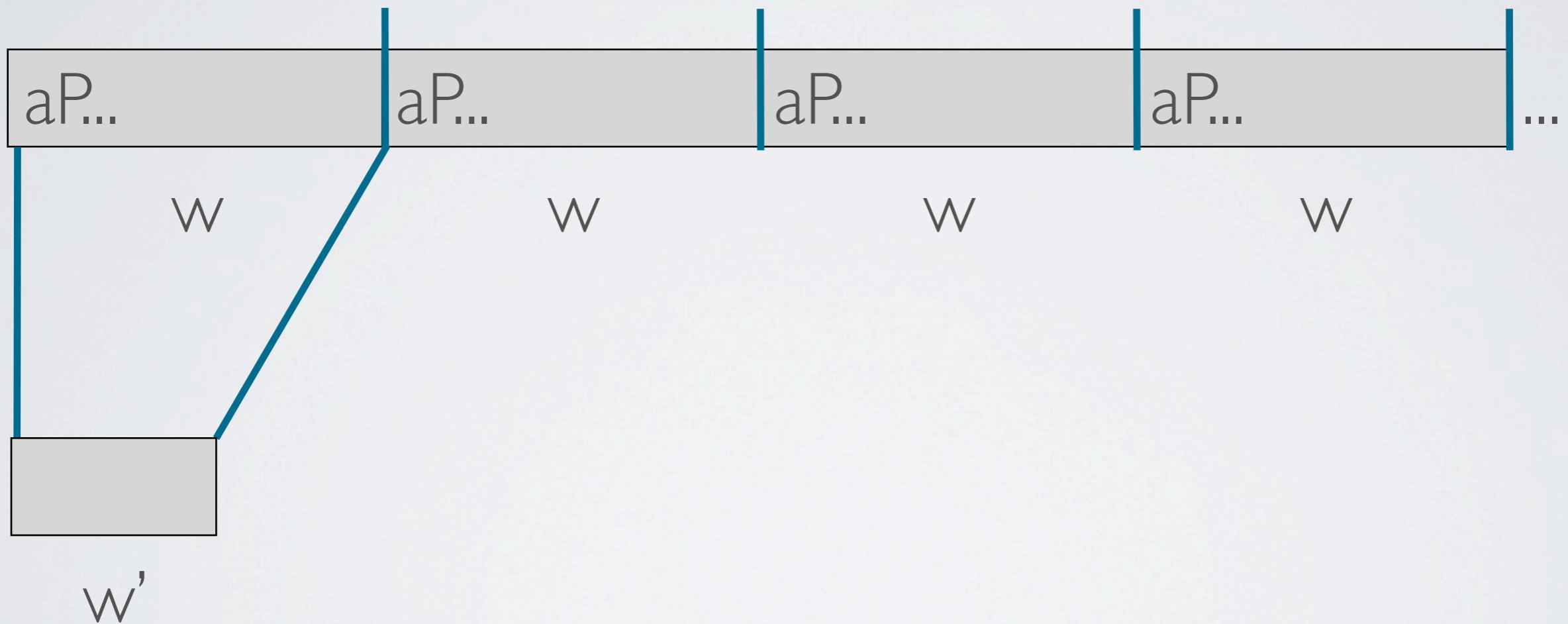
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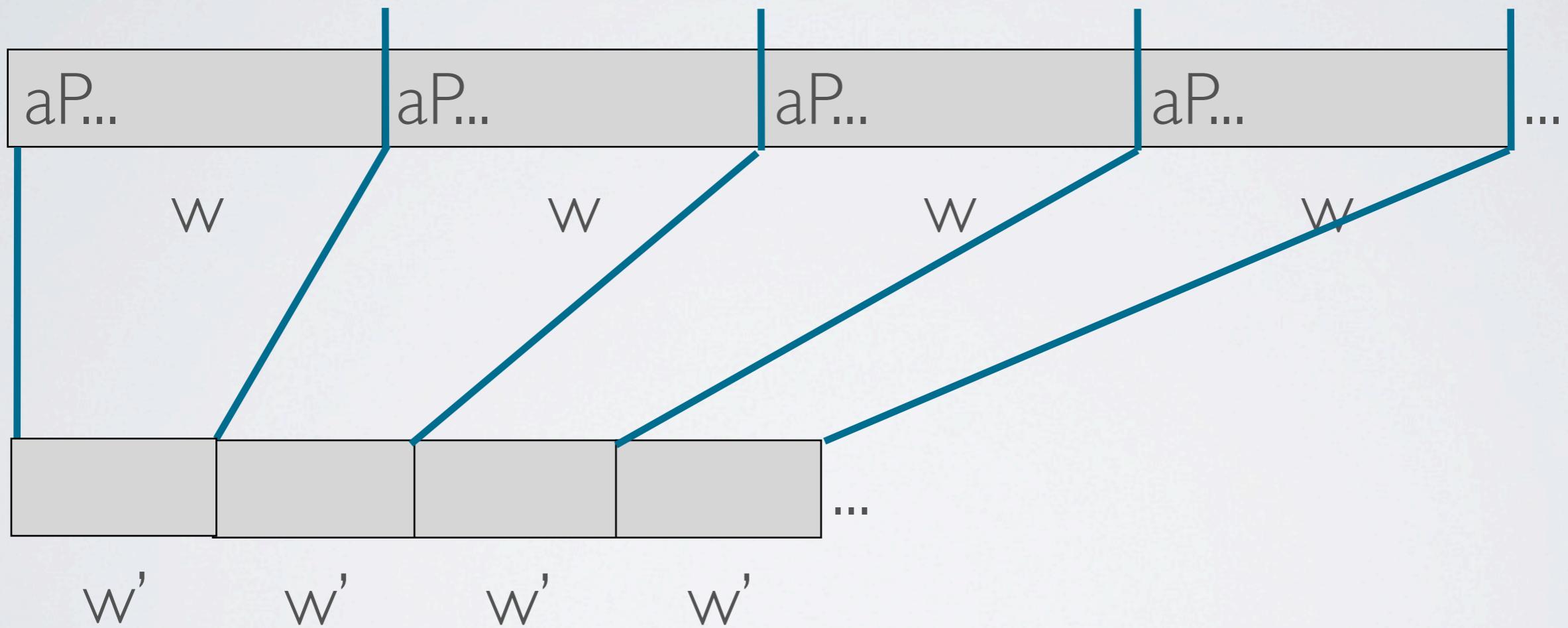
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$$D(u) \geq 1$$

v

$$\pi = \text{ips}(v)$$

v


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v'



v



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v'



$v$



$$\pi = \text{lps}(v)$$

$v'$



$v''$

a~~abca~~  $\mapsto$  aabcabcaa~~bcacba~~aaaaabcacba

$$u \in a\{Pa,Paaa\}^*$$

$$|v|>K\Rightarrow P\in\mathrm{Fact}(\mathrm{lps}(v))$$

$$w\longmapsto aw',\; w^\sim\longmapsto aw''\Rightarrow w'=w''^\sim$$



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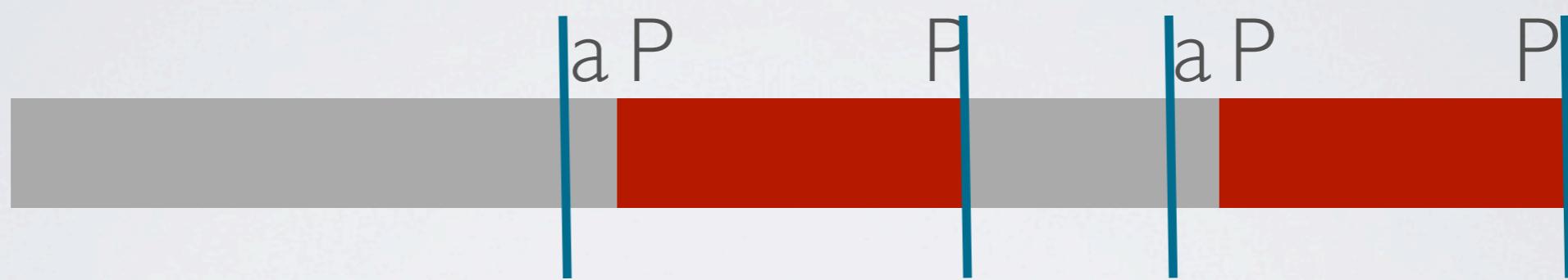
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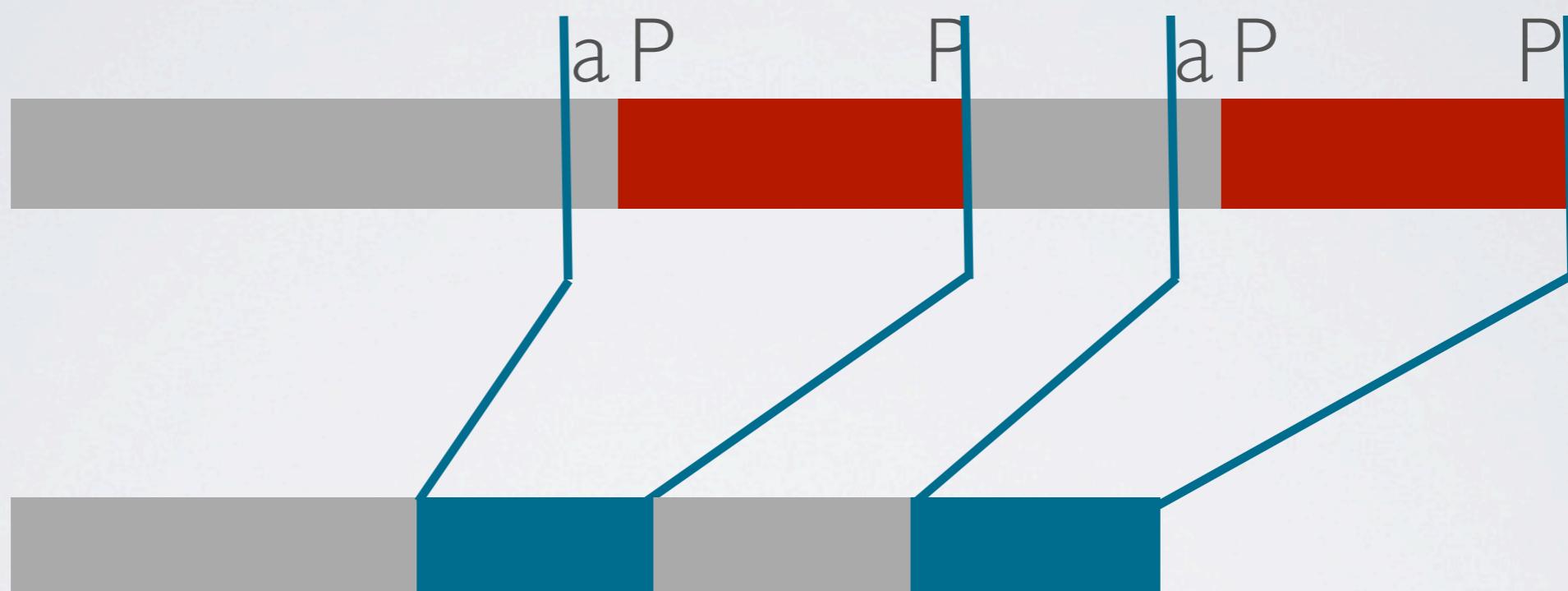
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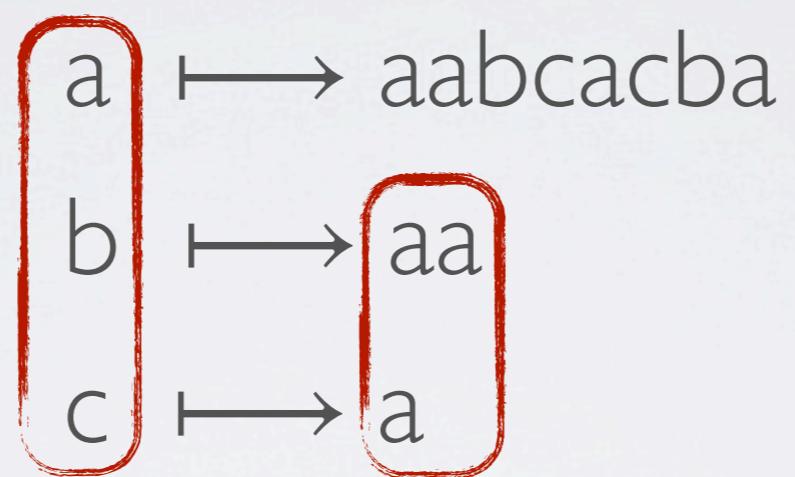
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Thank you