

Trip-Based Public Transit Routing

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- Introduction
- Public Transit Routing
- Trip-Based Model and Algorithm
- Experiments
- Conclusion

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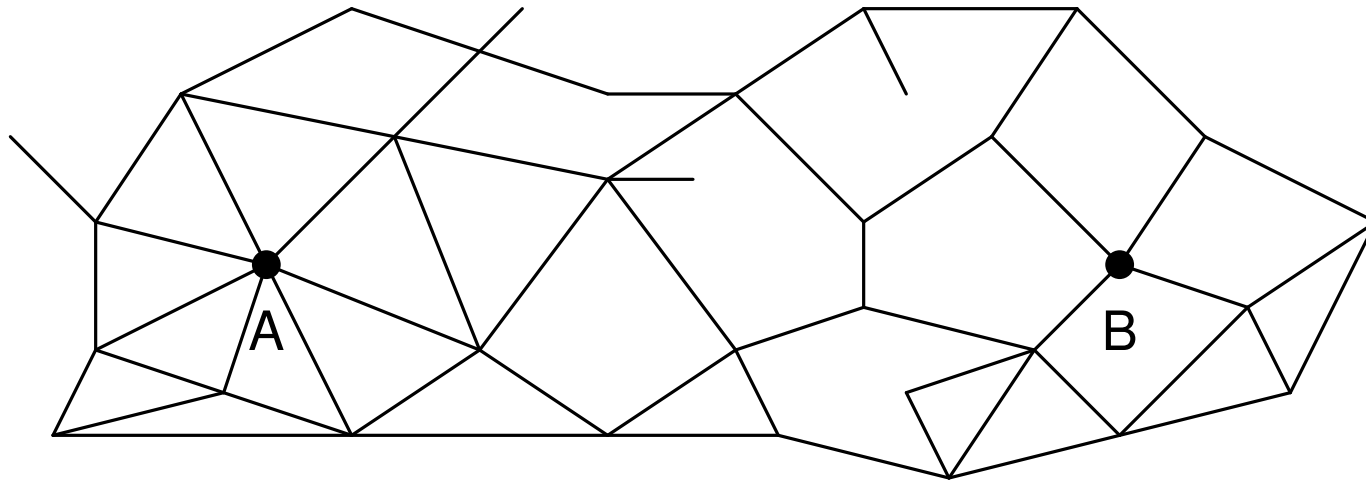
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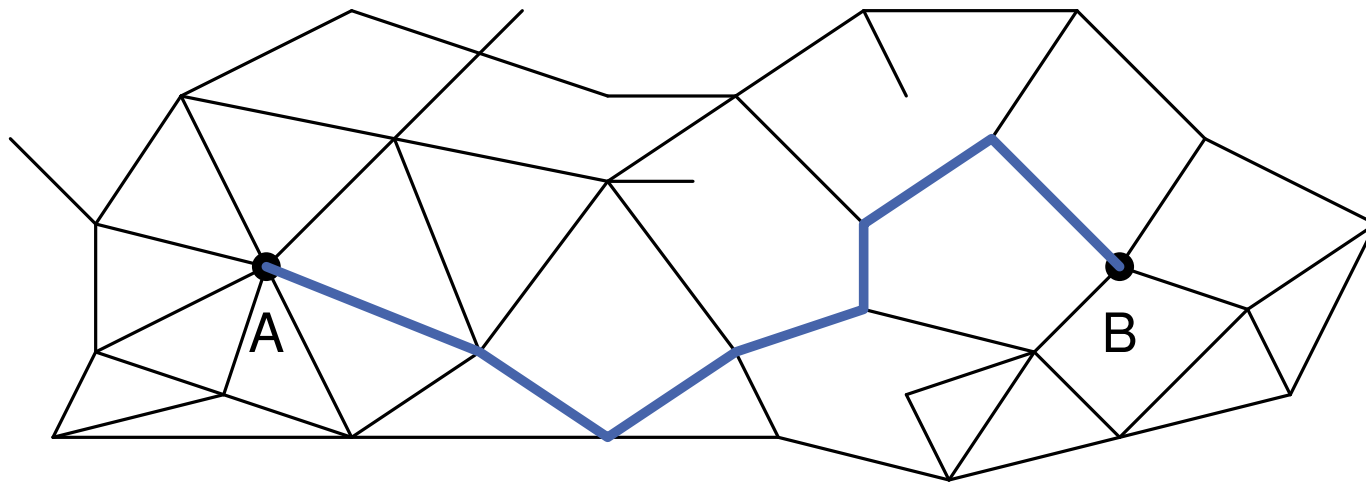
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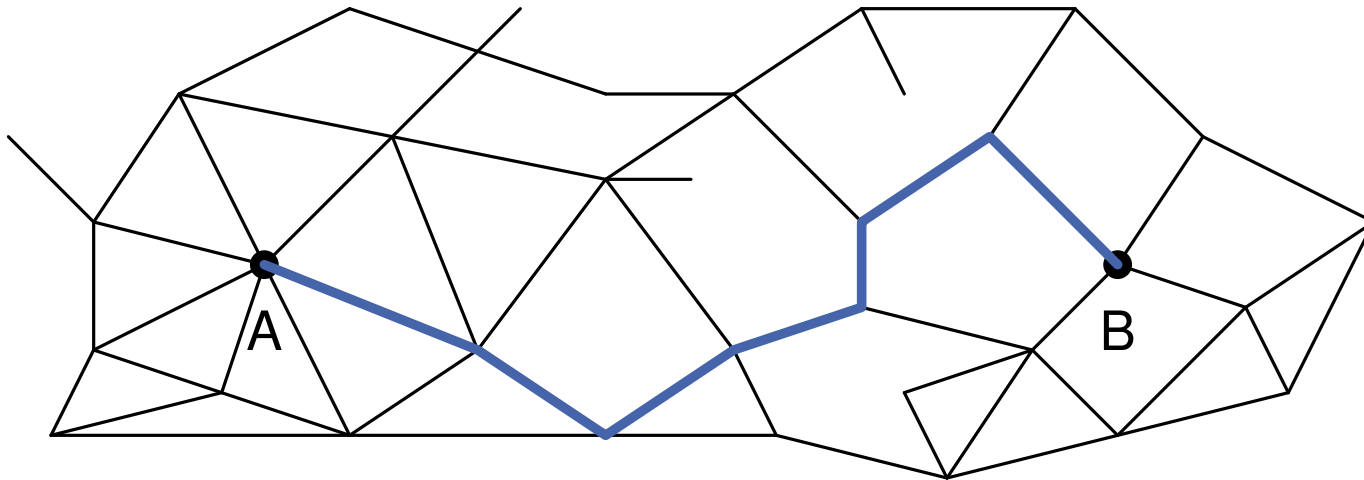
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Goal-directed



Separator-based



Hierarchical

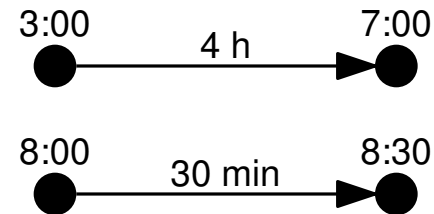


Bounded-Hop

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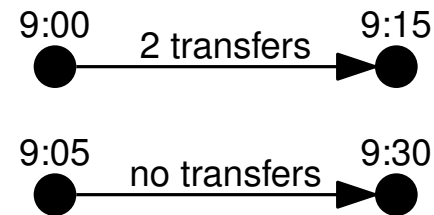
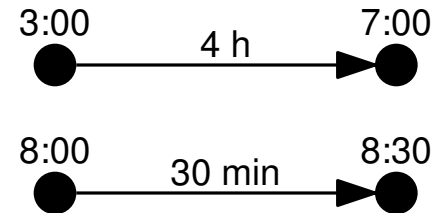
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Public Transit Routing

- Inherently time-dependent:
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departure time
- Multiple natural problem variants
 - Earliest arrival queries
 - Profile (range) queries
 - Multi-criteria queries (e.g.,
number of transfers taken)



Public Transit Routing

Terminology

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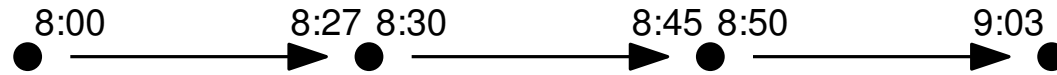


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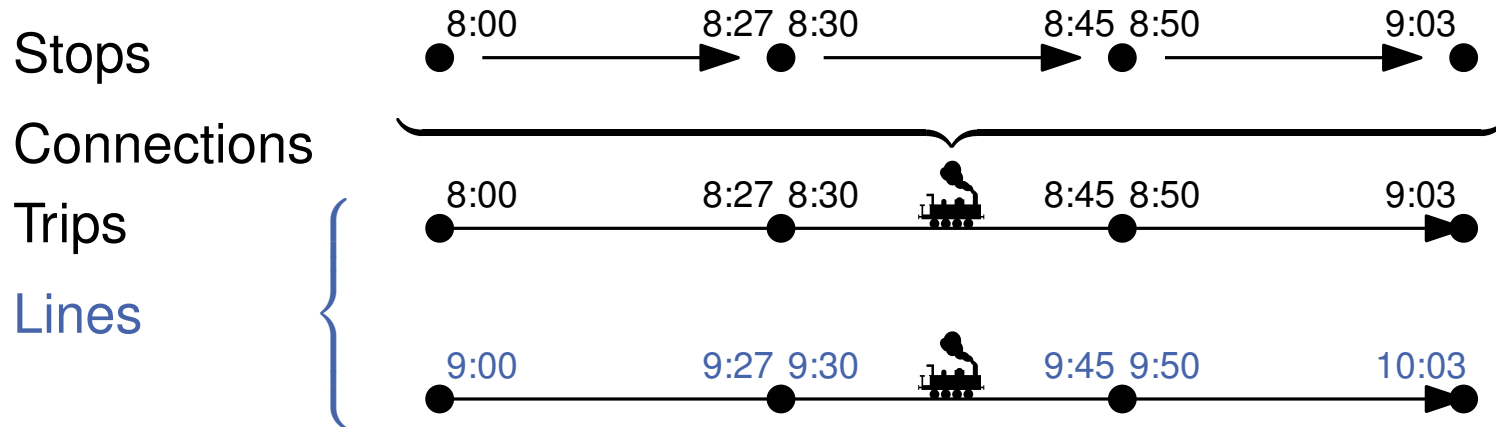


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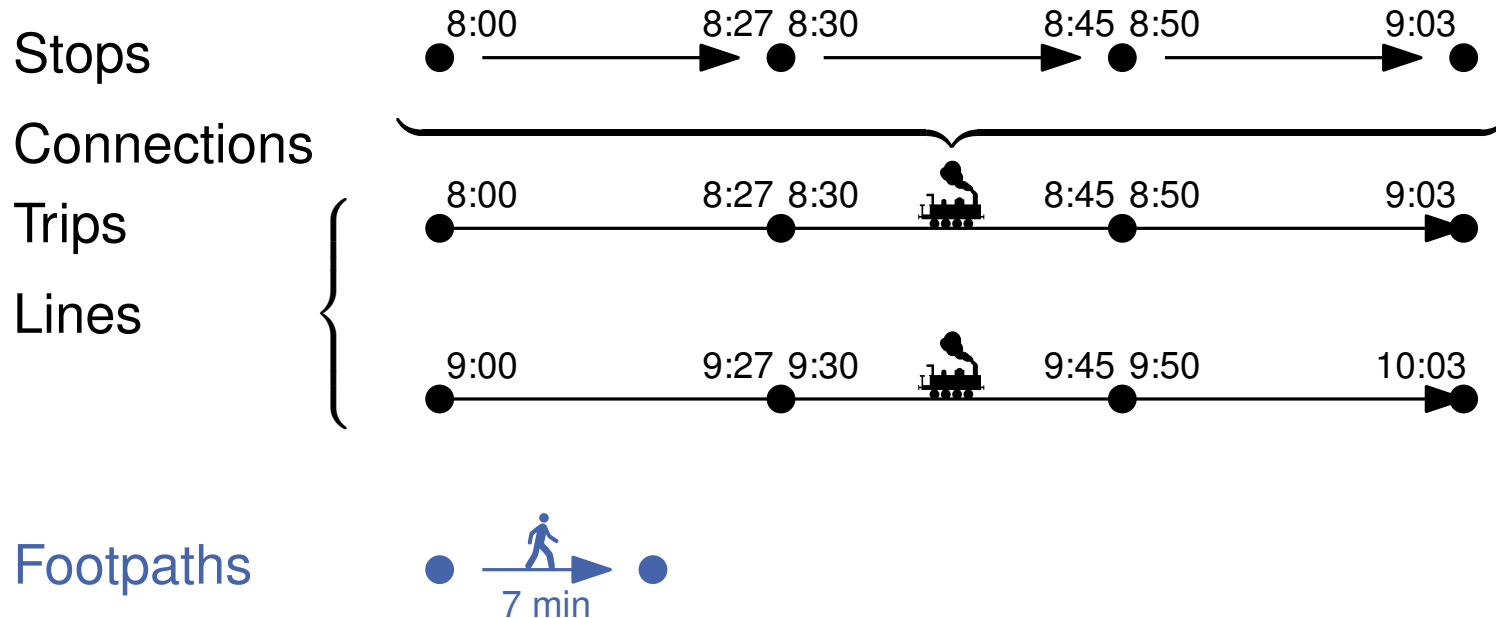
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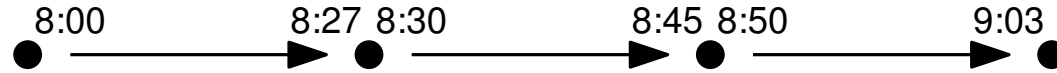
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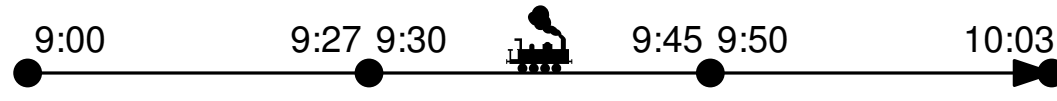
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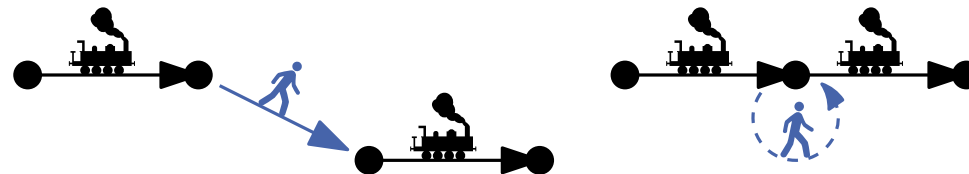
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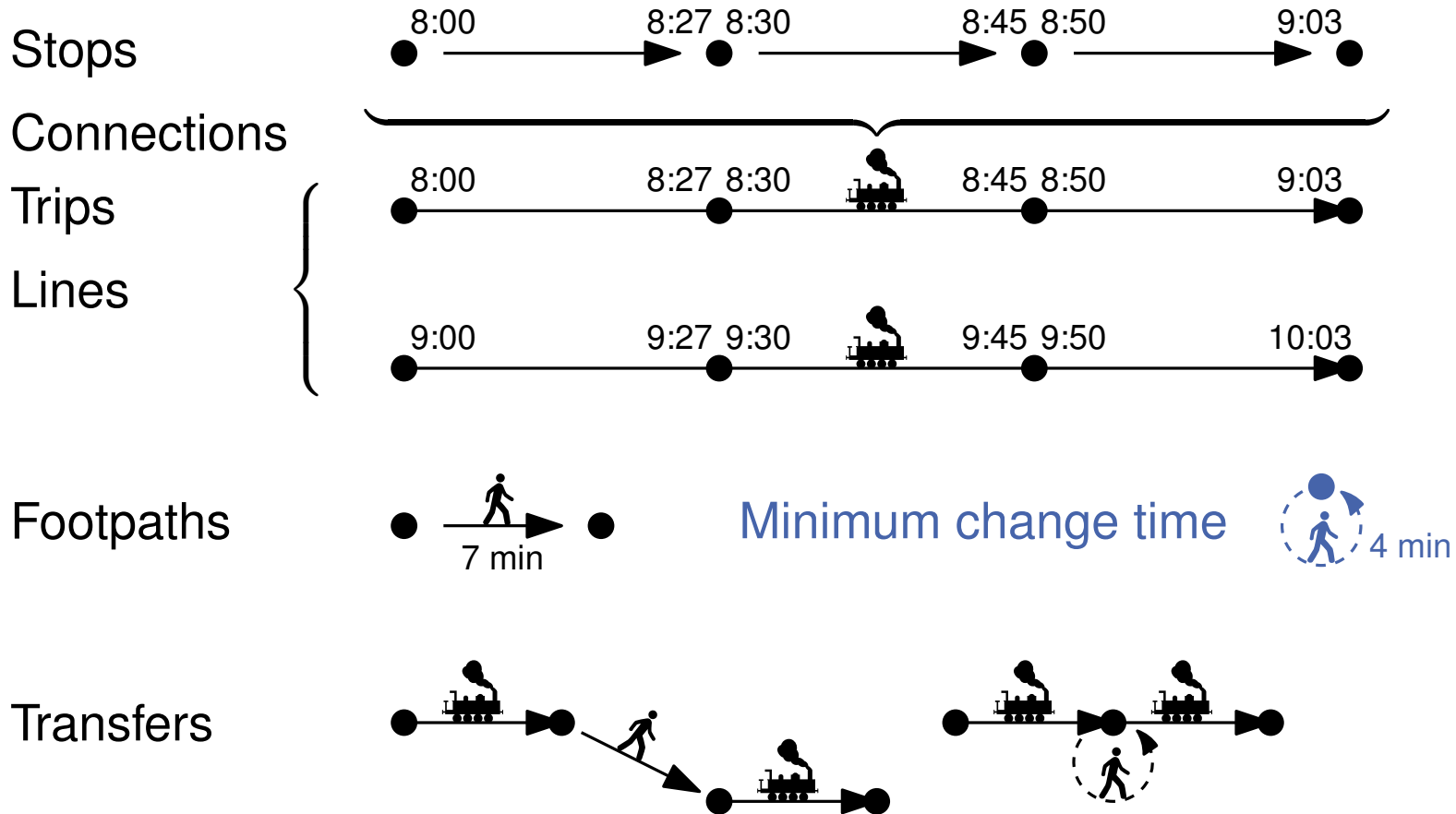


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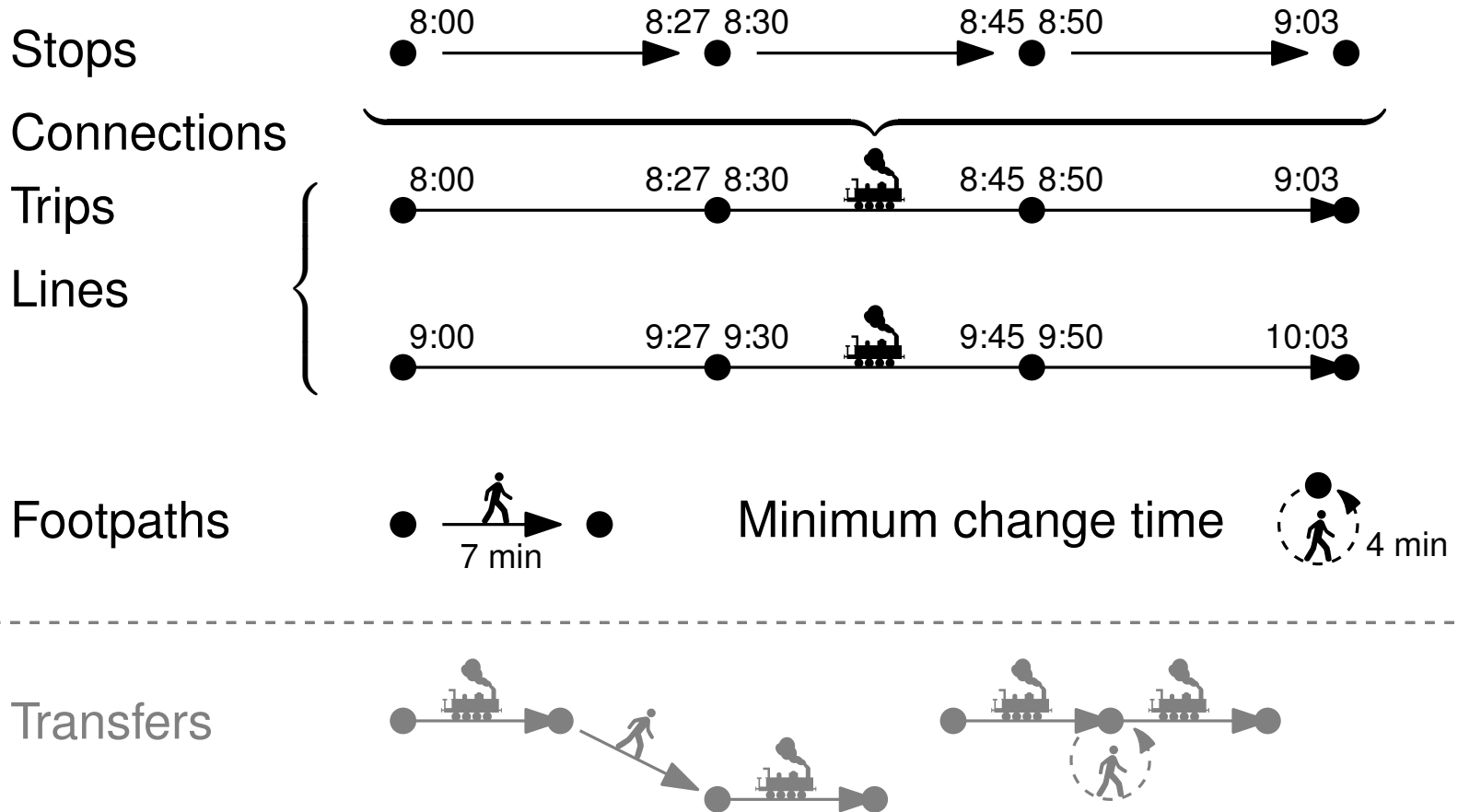
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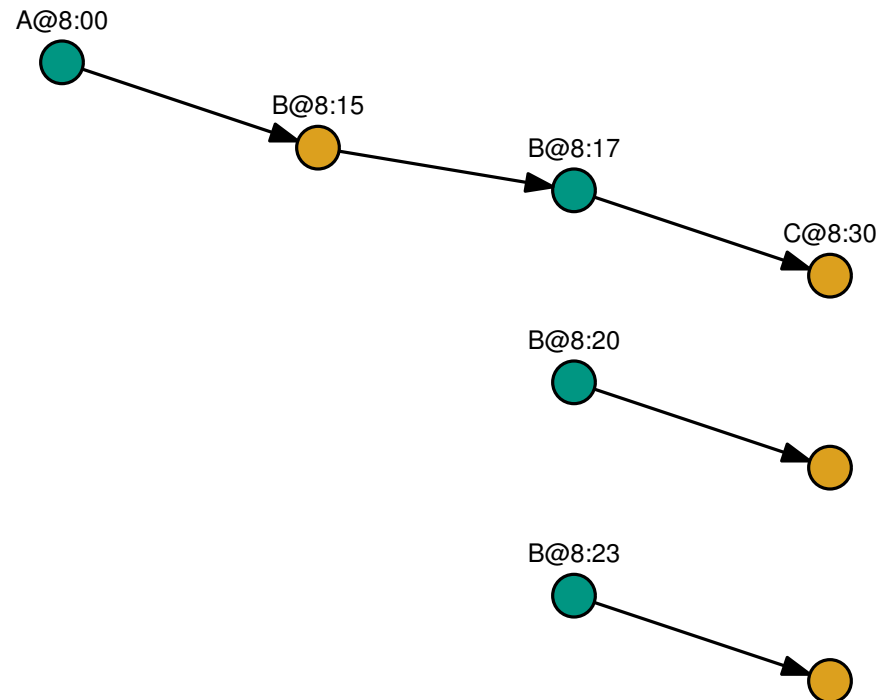
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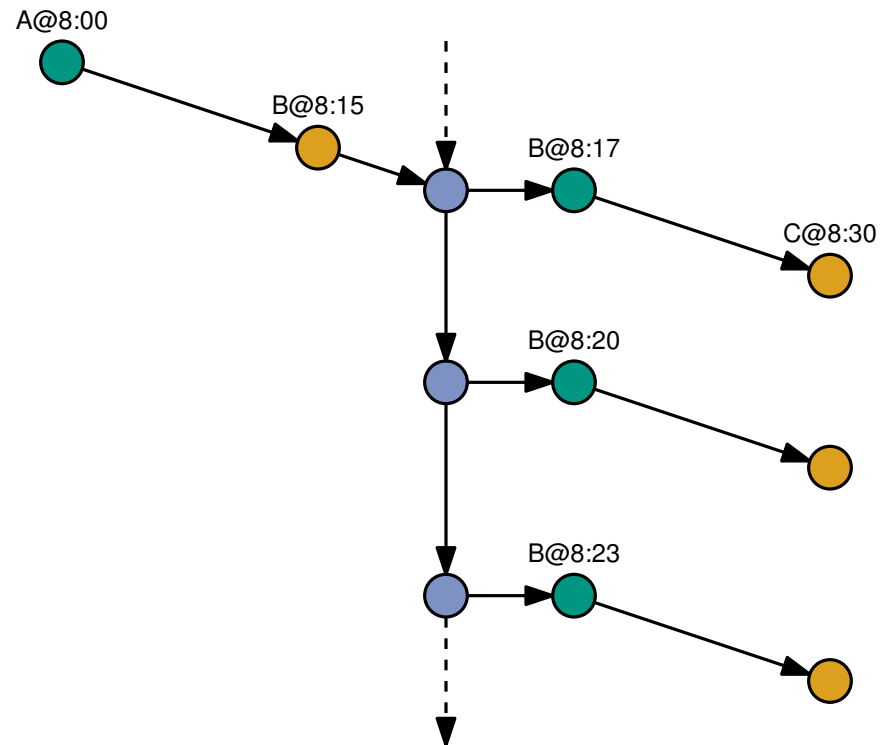
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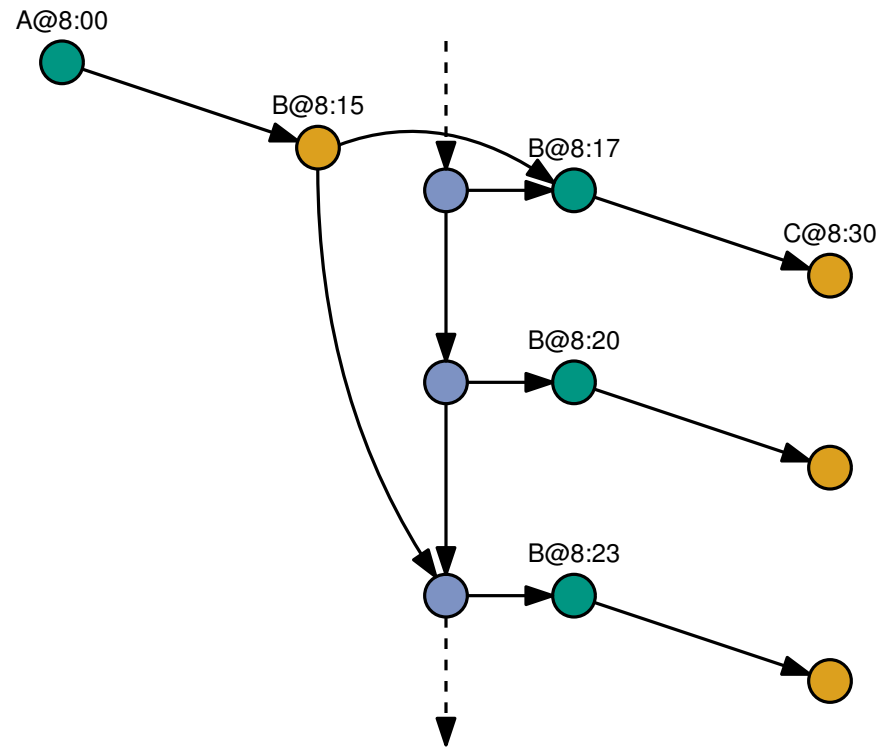
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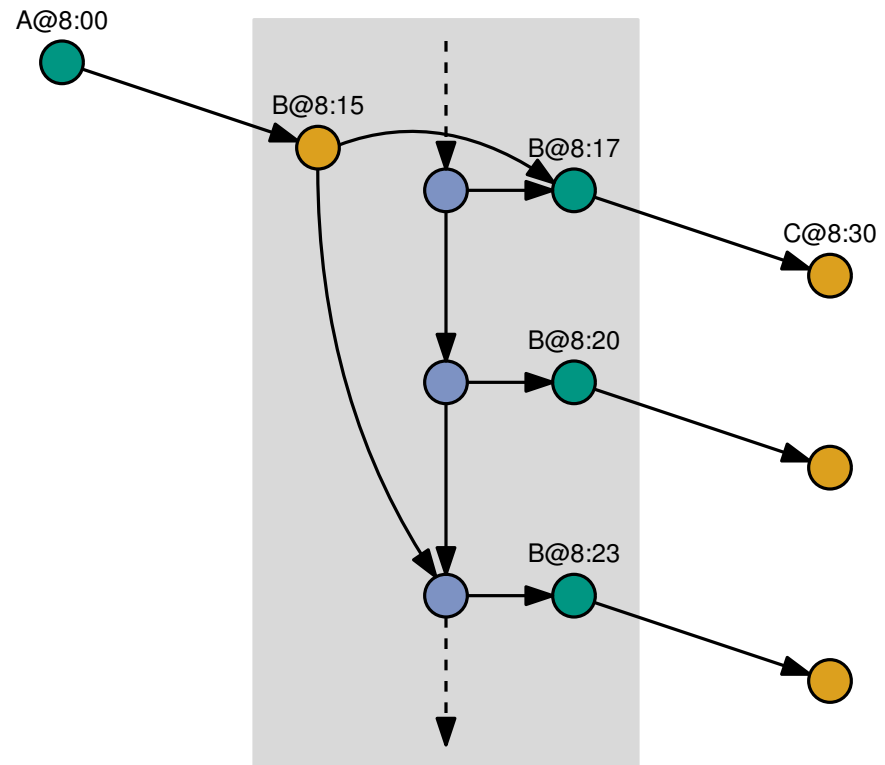
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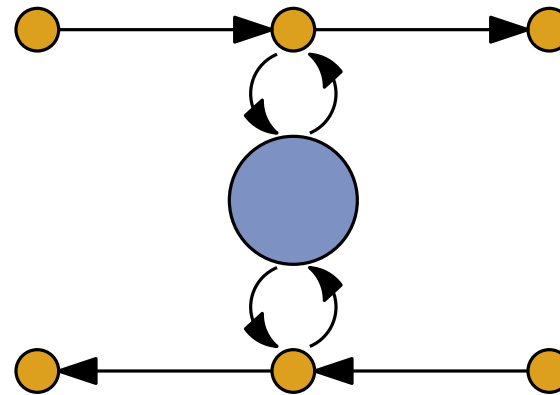
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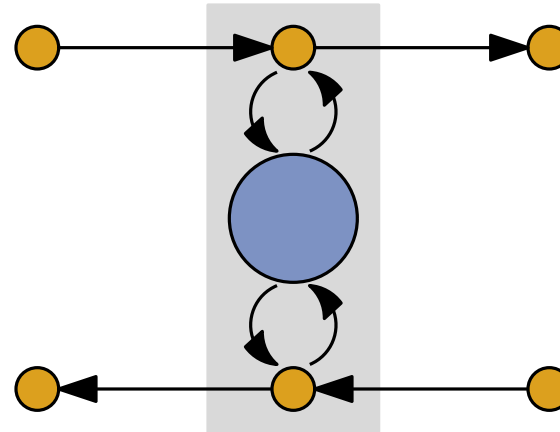
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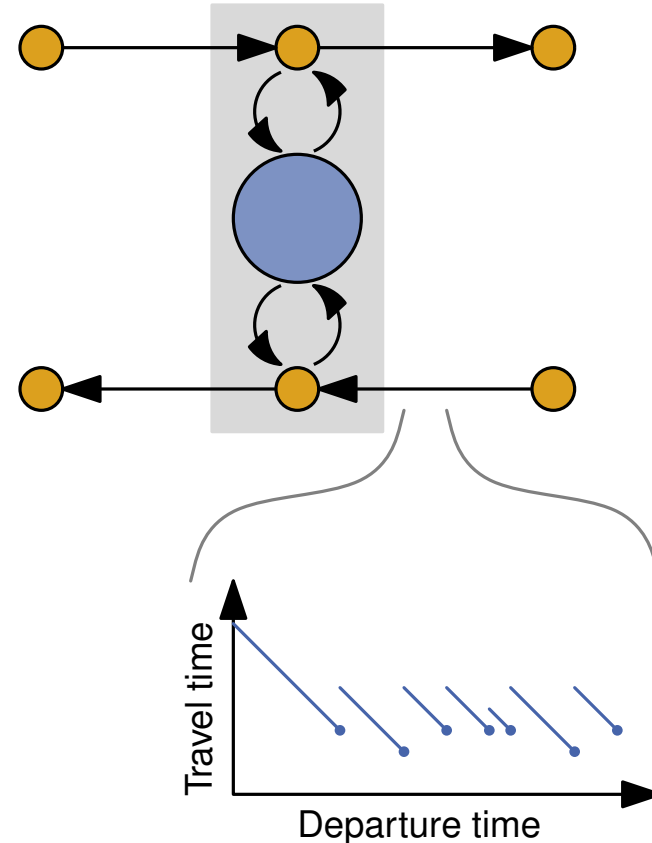
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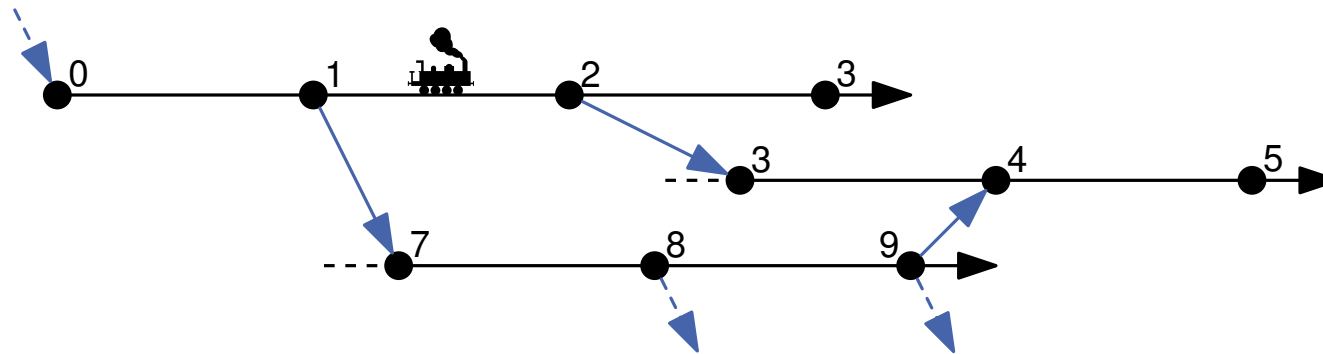
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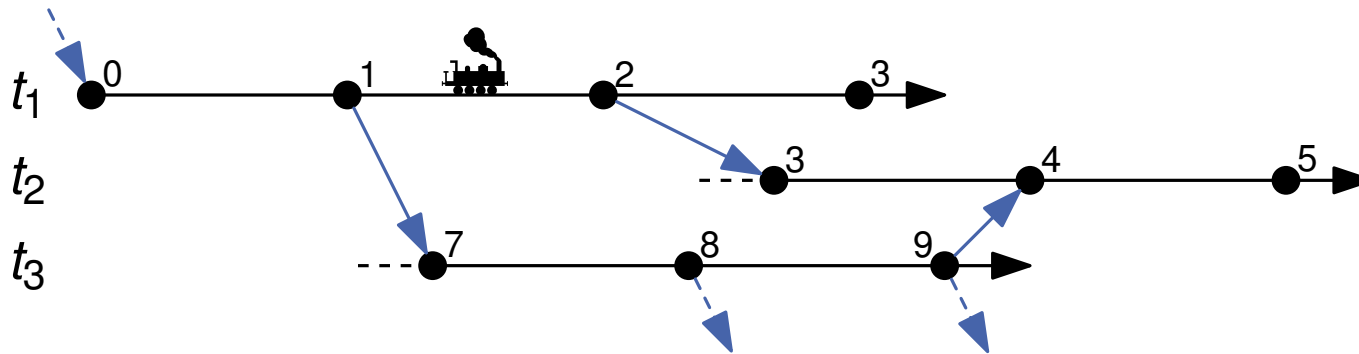
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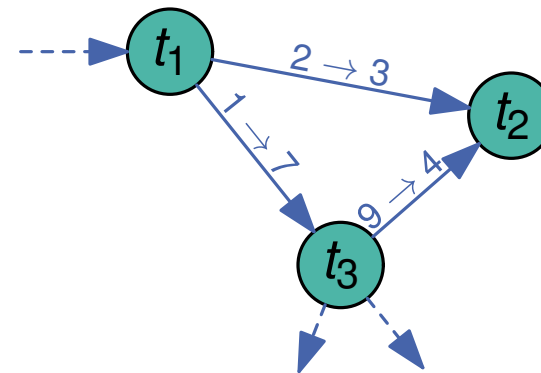
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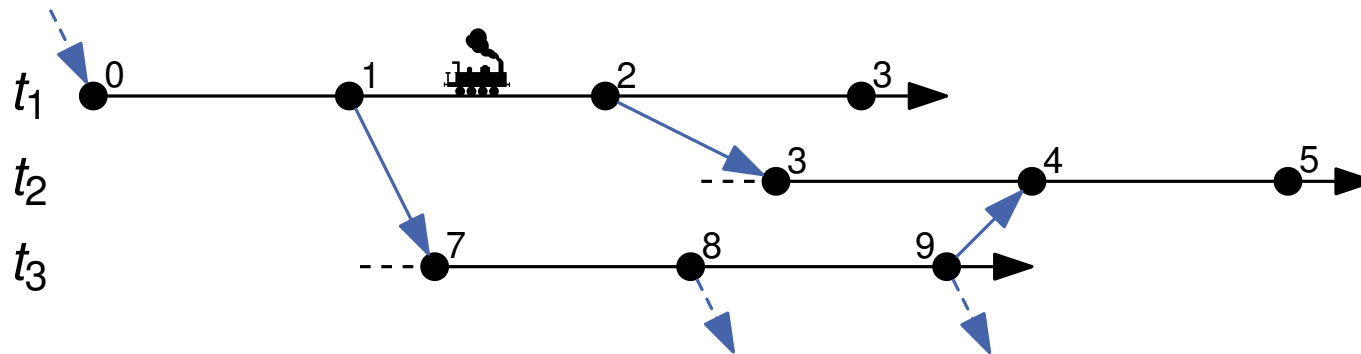
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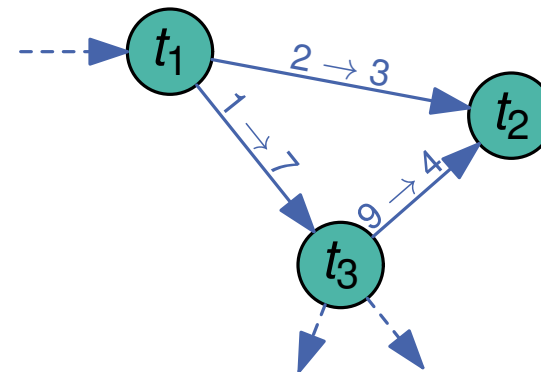
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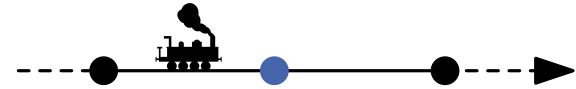
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- Footpaths etc. are handled during preprocessing



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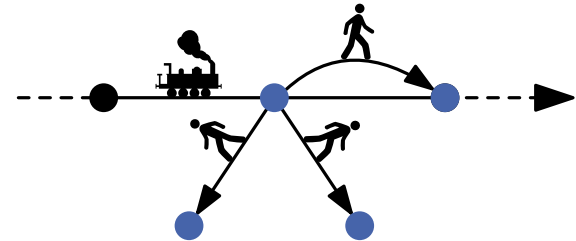
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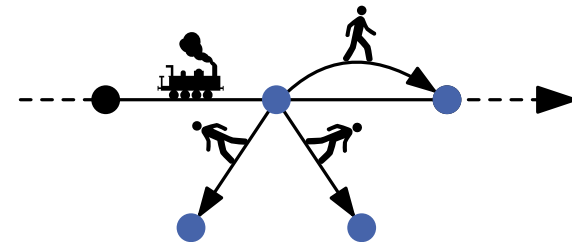
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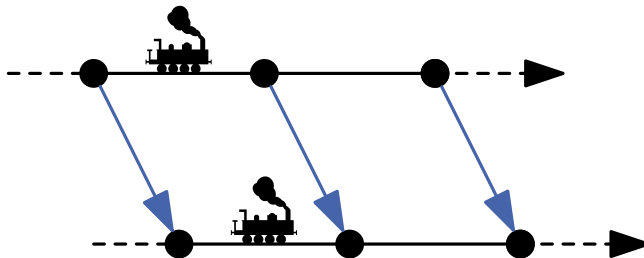
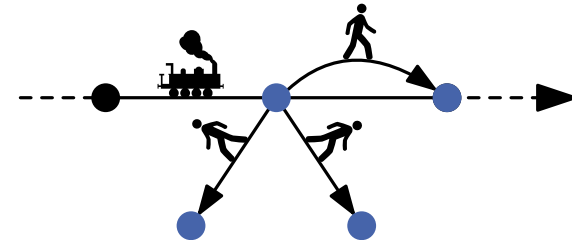
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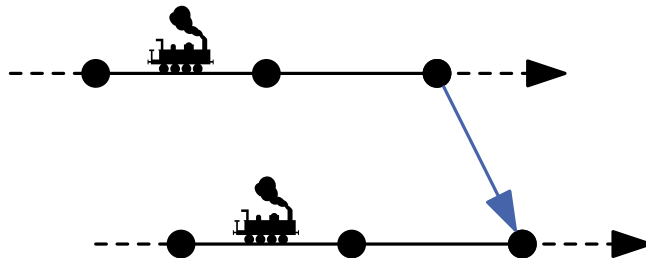
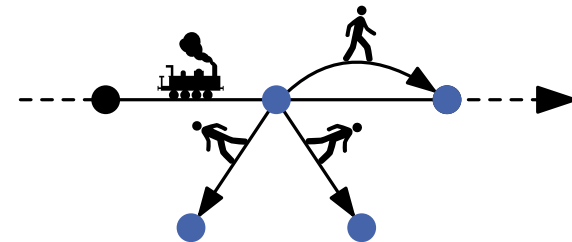


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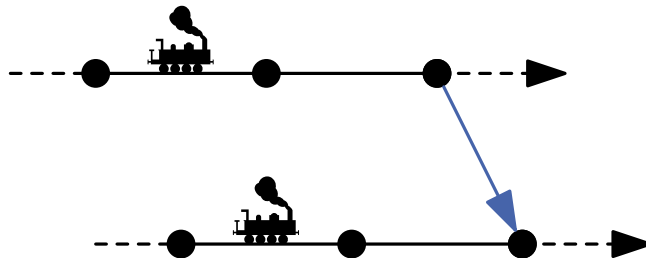
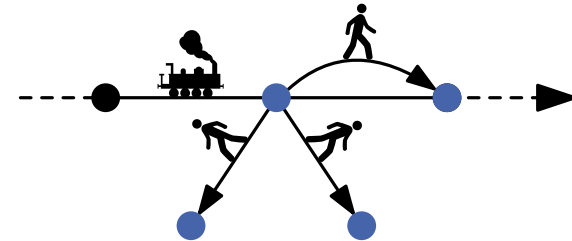


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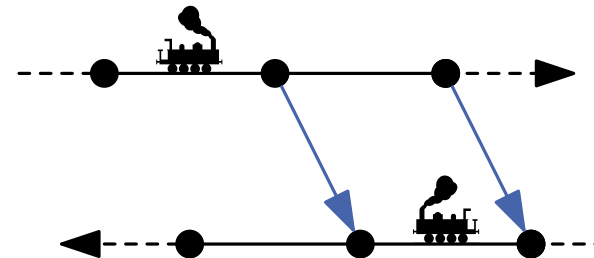
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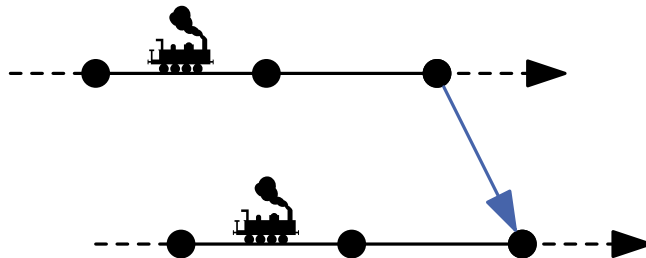
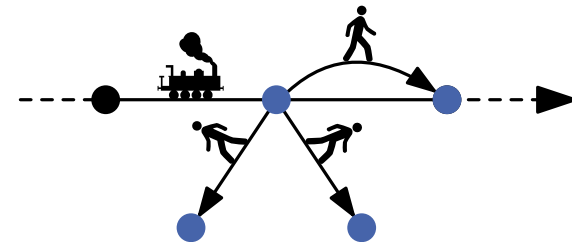


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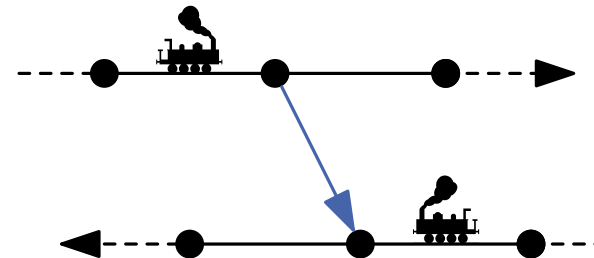
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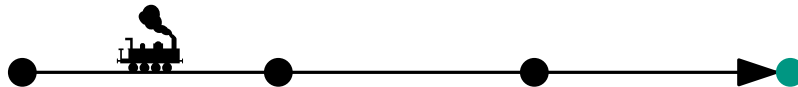
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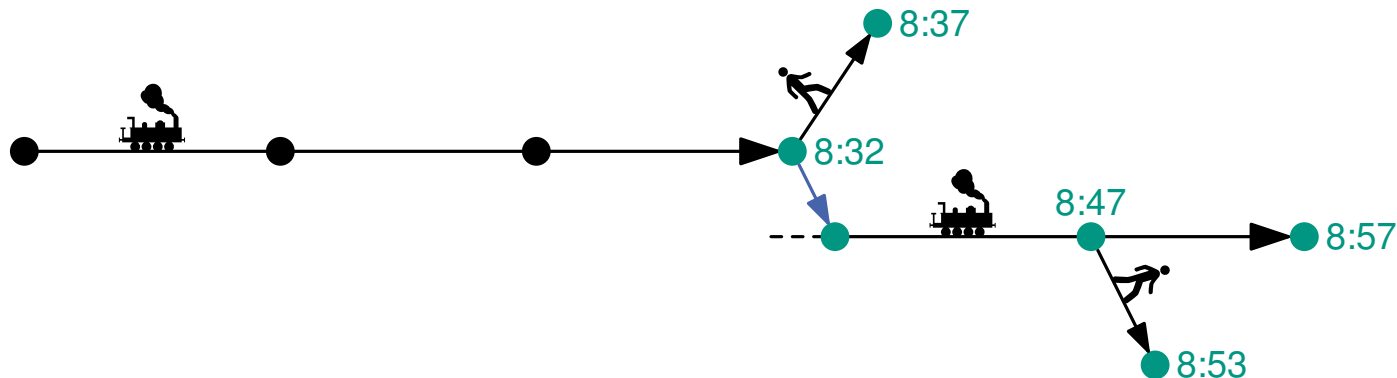
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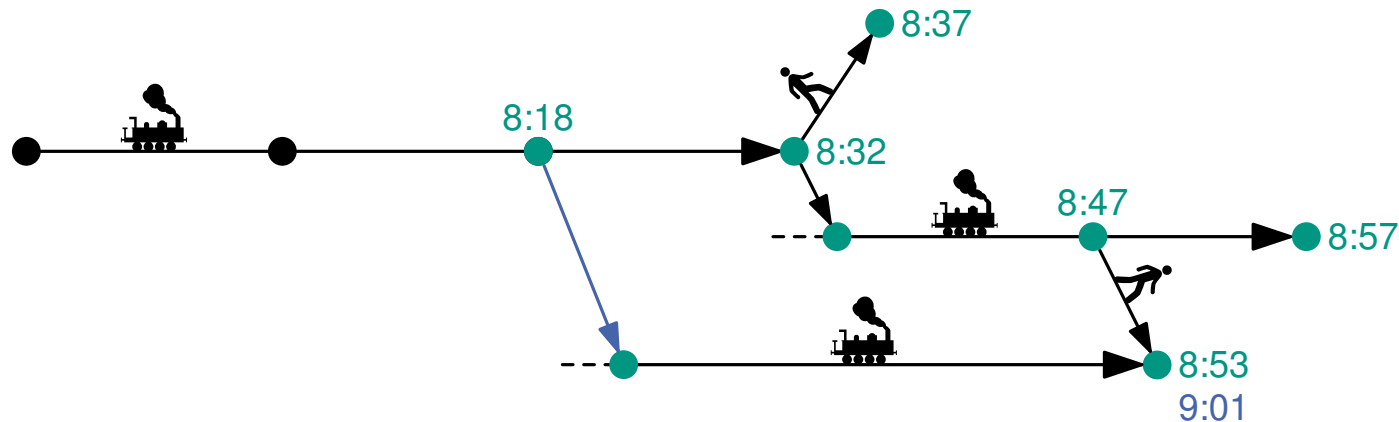
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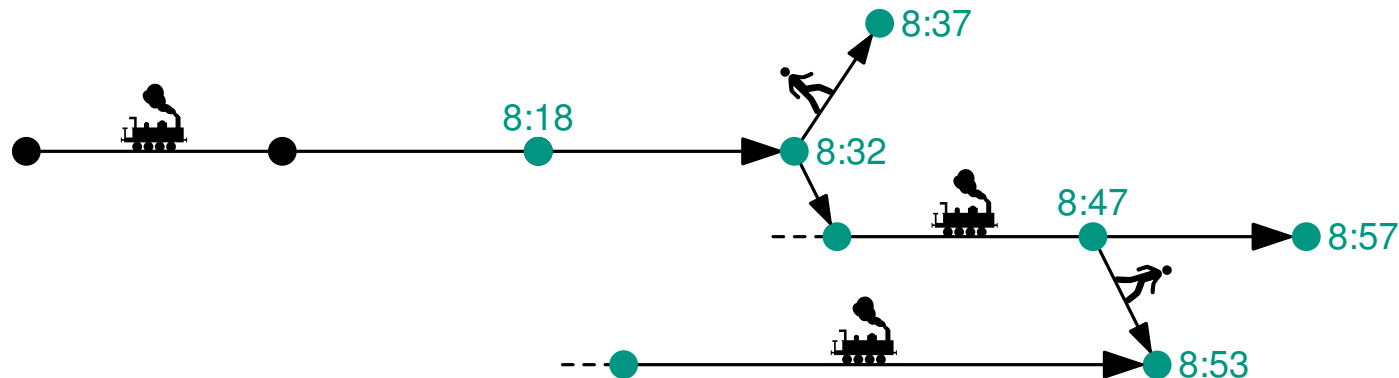
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- Reduce number of transfers by eliminating redundant ones
- Process trips backwards
- Keep track of which stops can be reached at what time
- Evaluate transfers by checking if they improve arrival times
- Removes up to 90% of original transfers



Trip-Based Routing

Query

- Input: Source stop, target stop, departure time

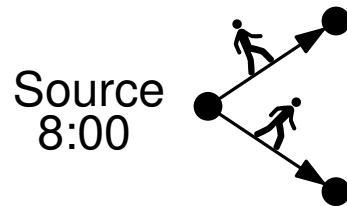
Source ●
8:00

● Target

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- Identify trips reachable from the source



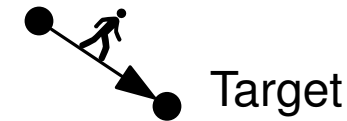
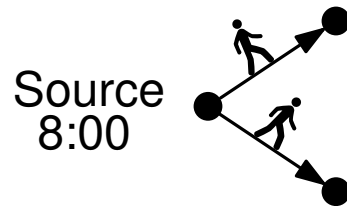
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- Identify lines reaching the target



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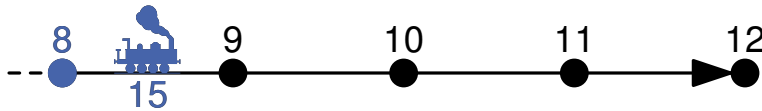
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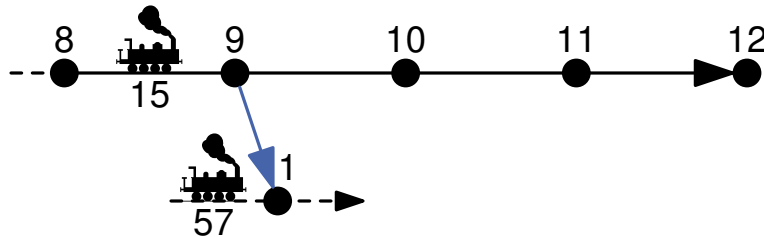


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- Process queue
- Examine transfers



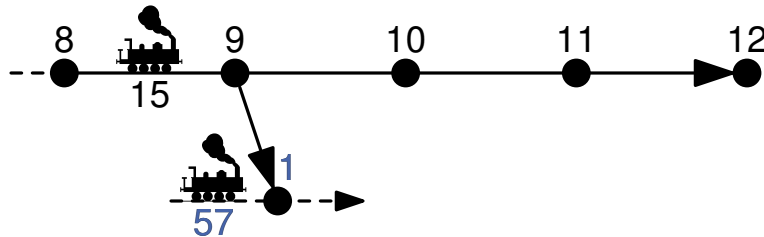
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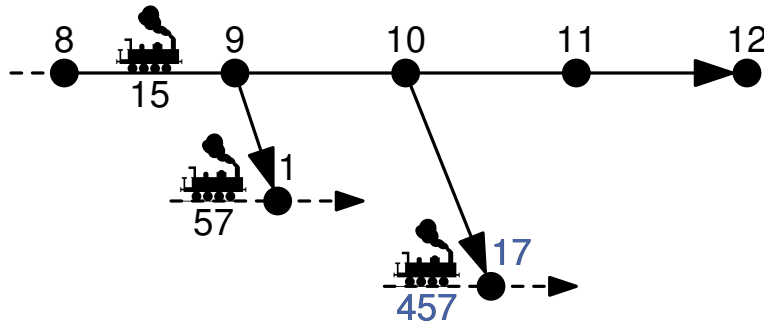
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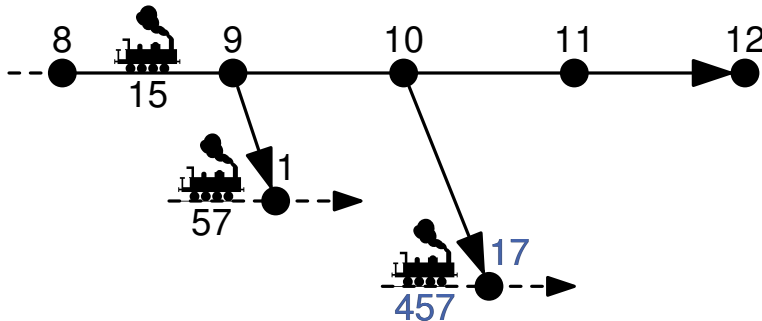
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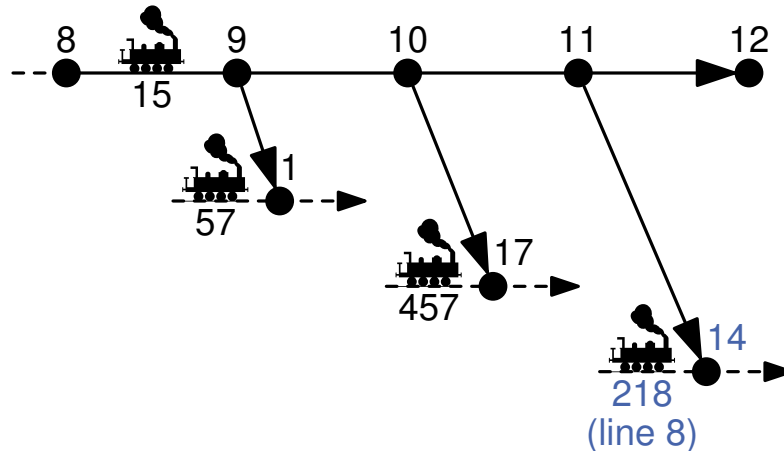


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 - Queue newly reached trips
 - Output a journey if target is reached



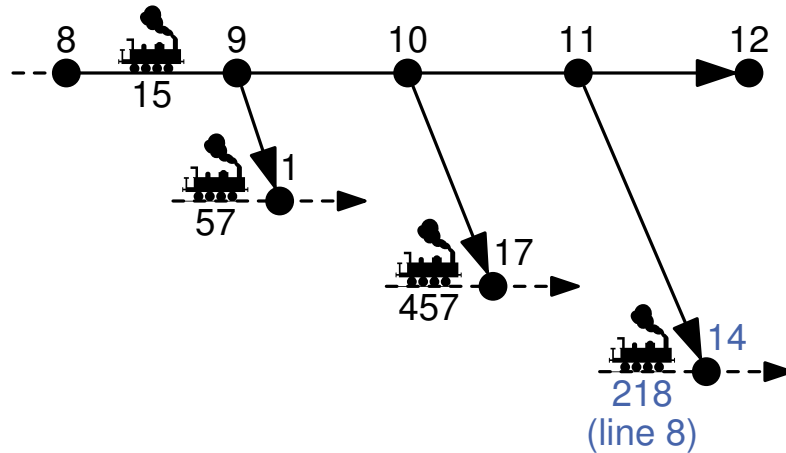
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$\text{arrival_time}(218, 17) = 9:24 \implies$ Arrival at 9:28 after 1 transfer

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 - Compare against label
 - Queue newly reached trips
 - Output a journey if target is reached
- Continue until queue is empty

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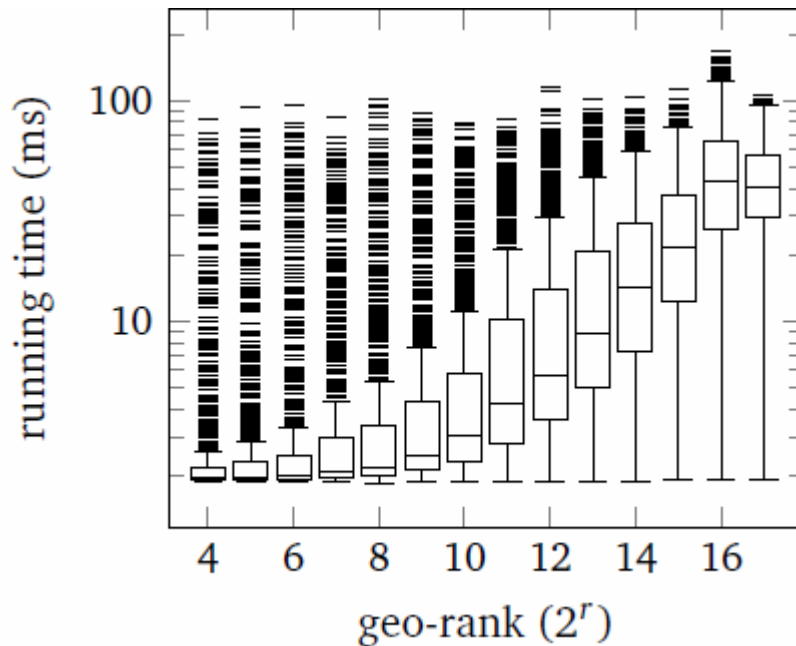
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RAPTOR	London	20.8	5.1	● ○	—	5.4
Connection Scan	London	20.8	4.9	○ ○	—	1.8
Contraction Hierarchies	Europe (LD)	30.5	1.7	○ ○	< 0.1	0.3
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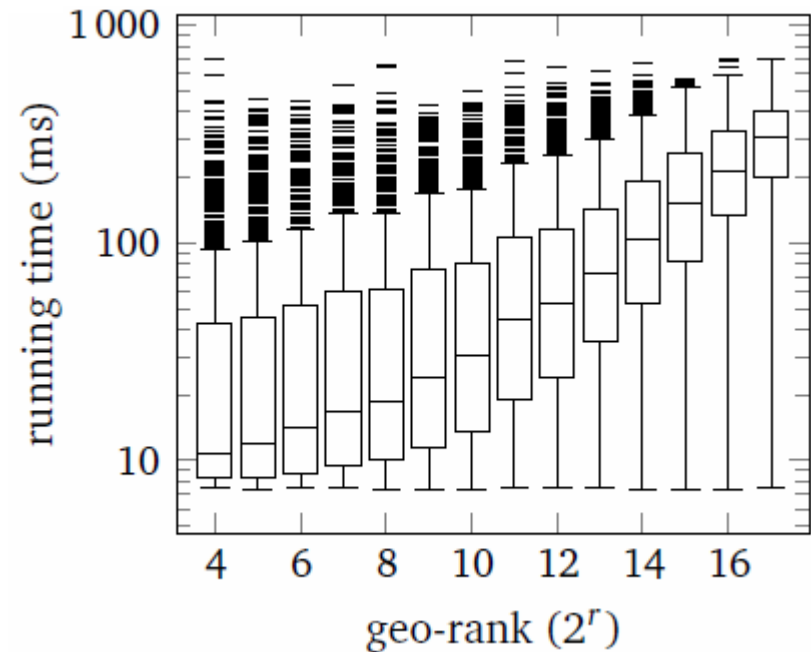
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