

# **Algorithms and Data Structures**

Introduction to Dynamic Programming and Chain Matrix  
Multiplication

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An technique for solving **optimisation problems**.

Term attributed to Bellman (1950s).

“Programming” as in “Planning” or “Optimising”.

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We can think of the input as a sequence of dimensions  $\langle p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n \rangle$ .

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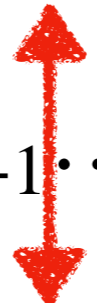
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**Notice:**  $M[i, j]$  gives us the optimal costs, but not the optimal splits. To find the optimal splits, we define  $S[i, j]$  to be the value  $k$  such that

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We could now define a recursive algorithm straightforwardly using this.

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3  m[i, j] = ∞
4  for k = i to j - 1
5      q = RECURSIVE-MATRIX-CHAIN(p, i, k)
           + RECURSIVE-MATRIX-CHAIN(p, k + 1, j)
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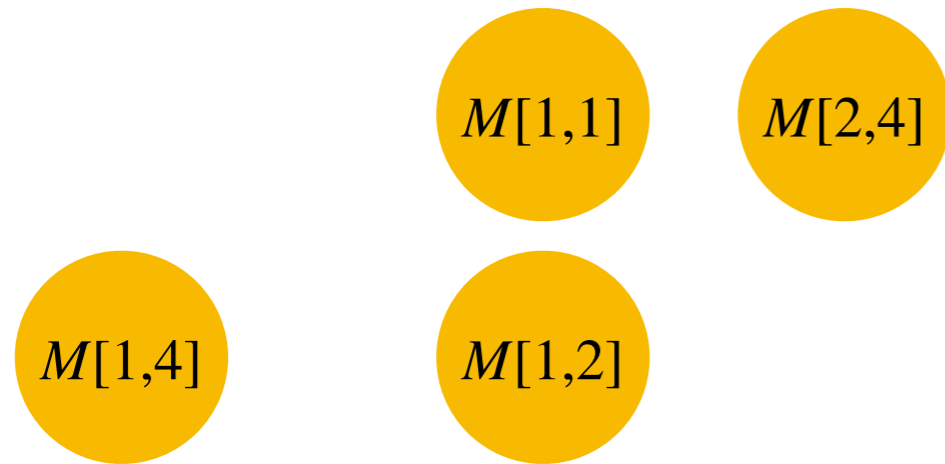
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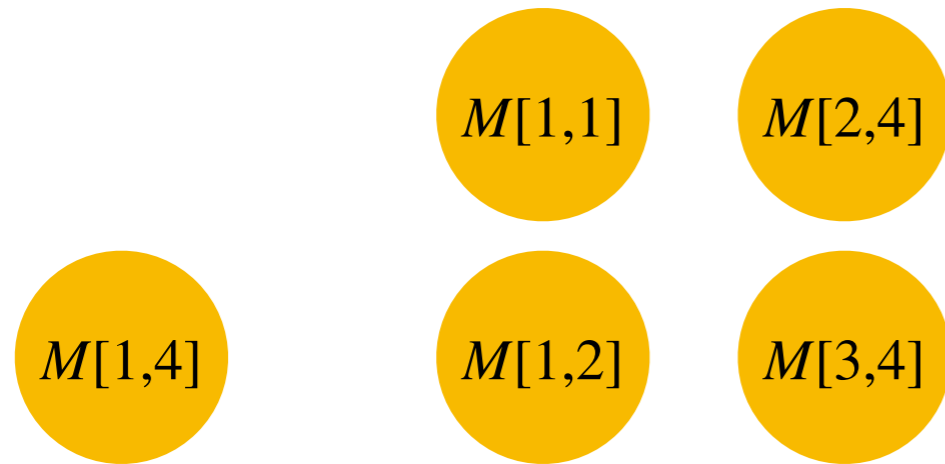
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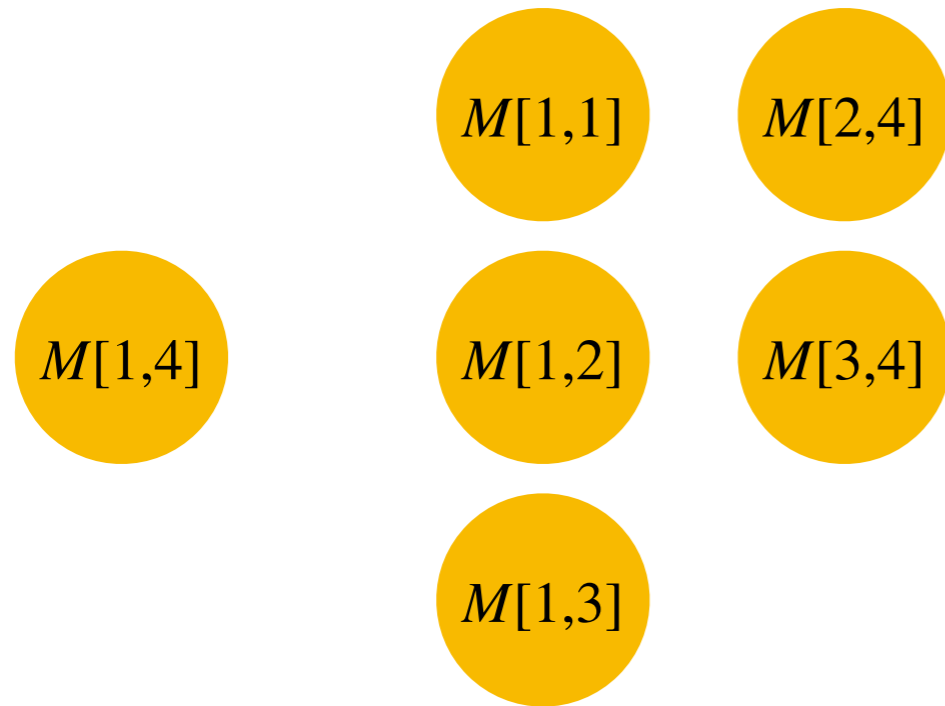


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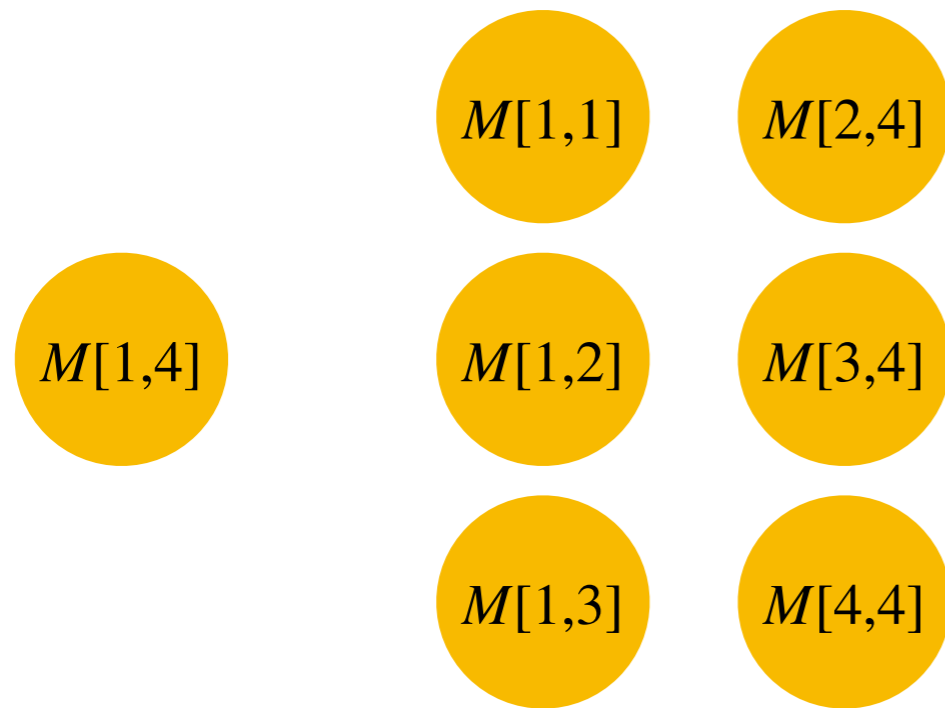




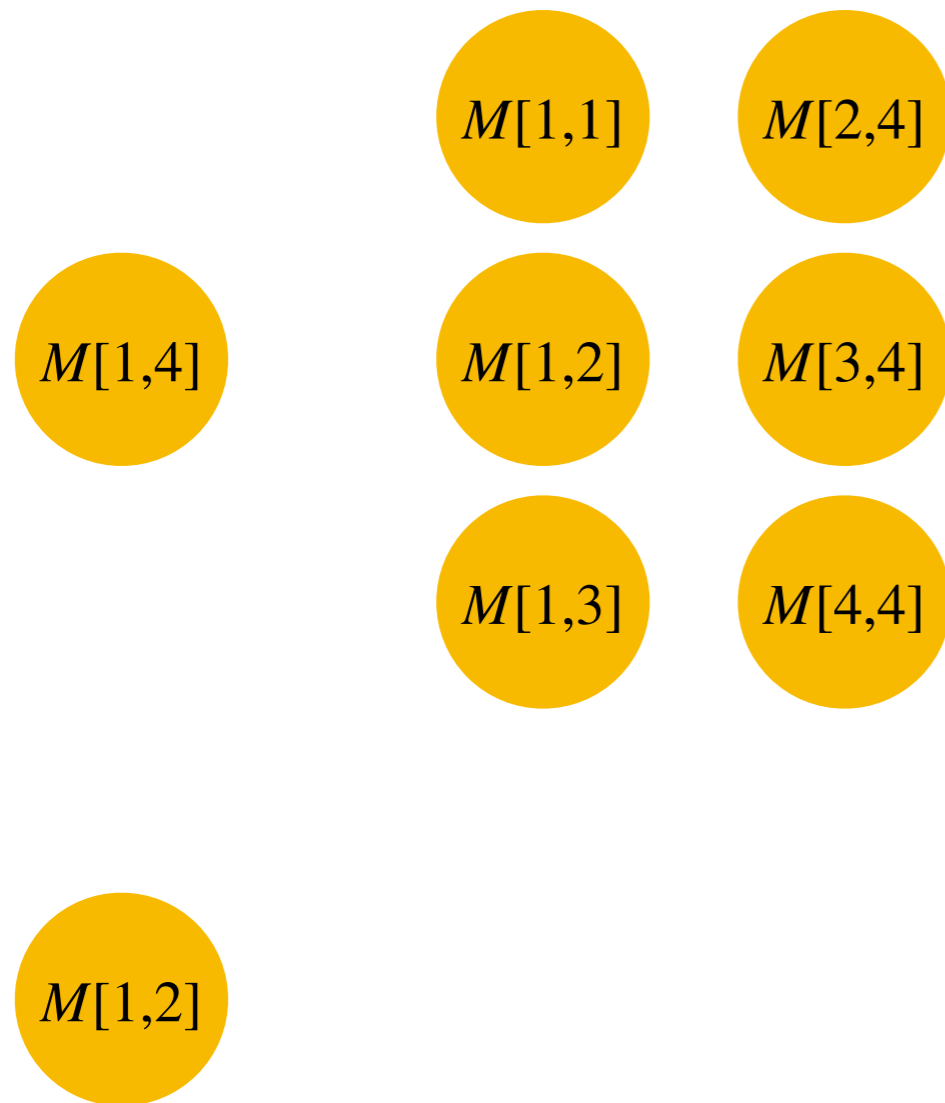
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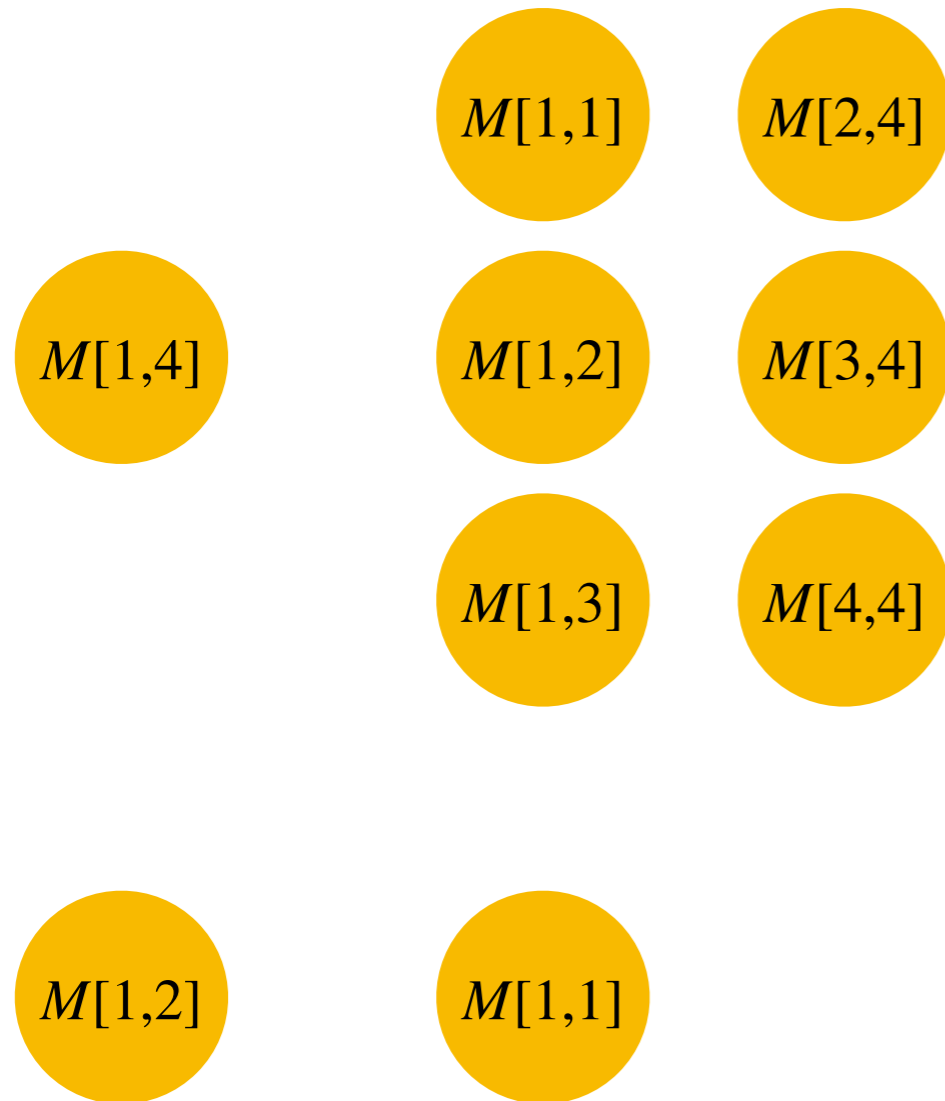
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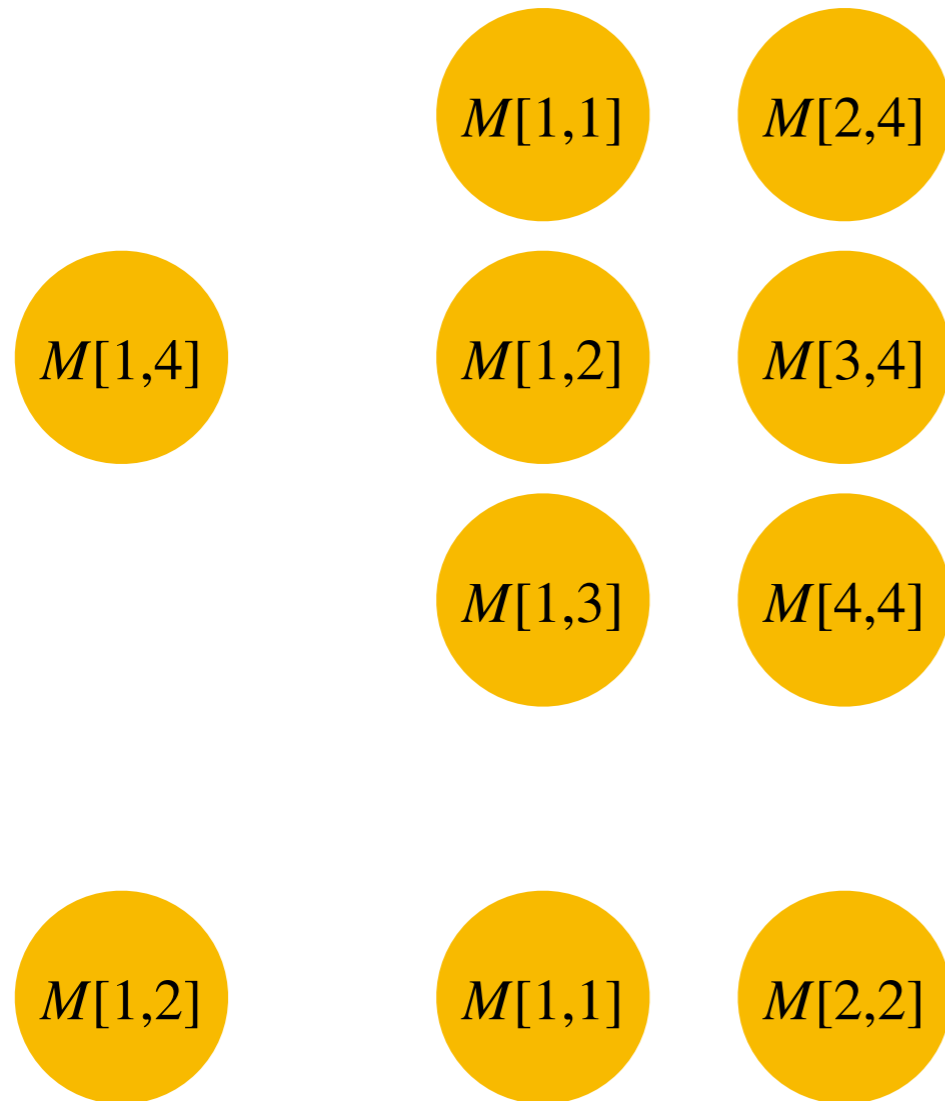
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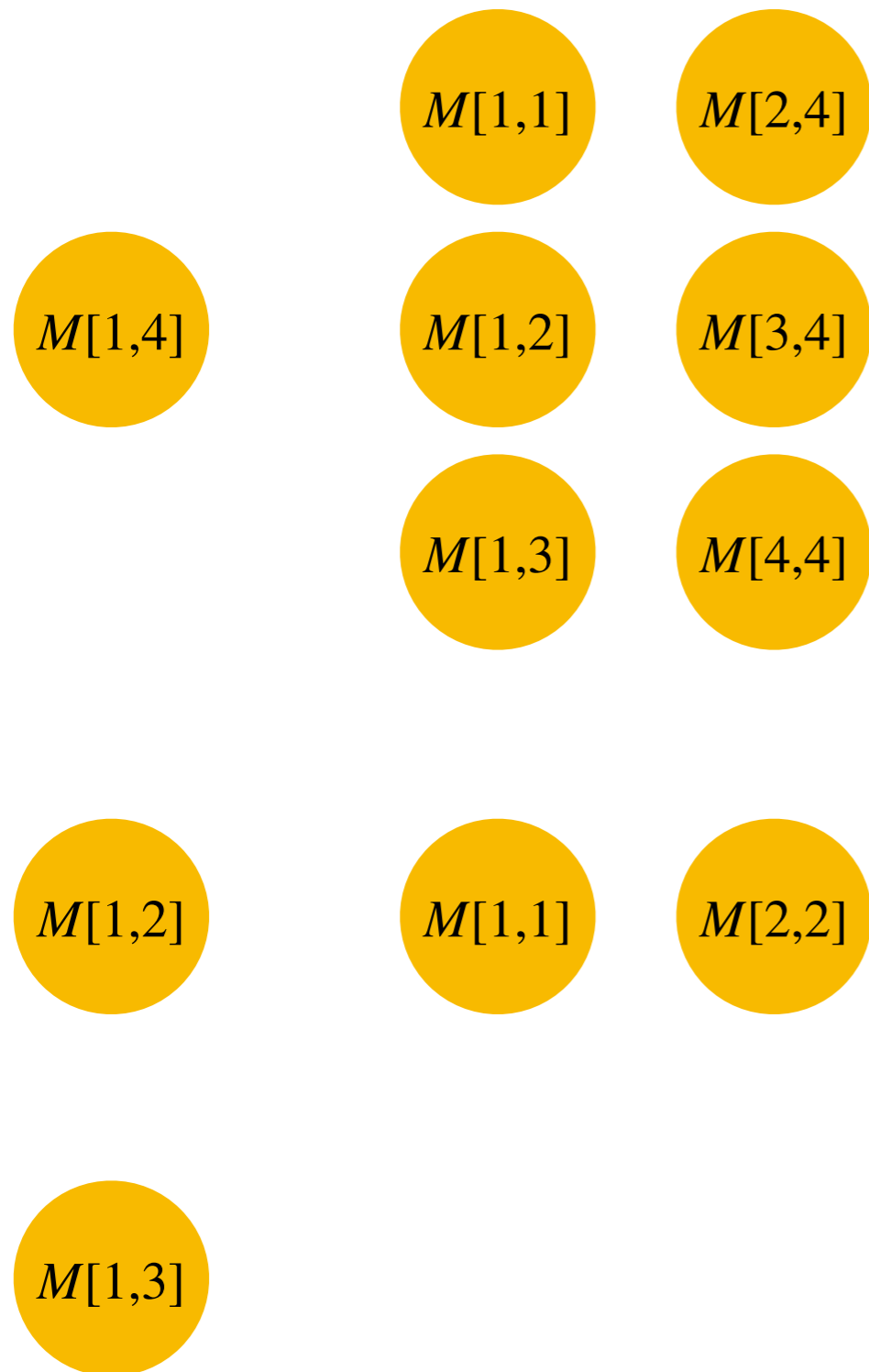
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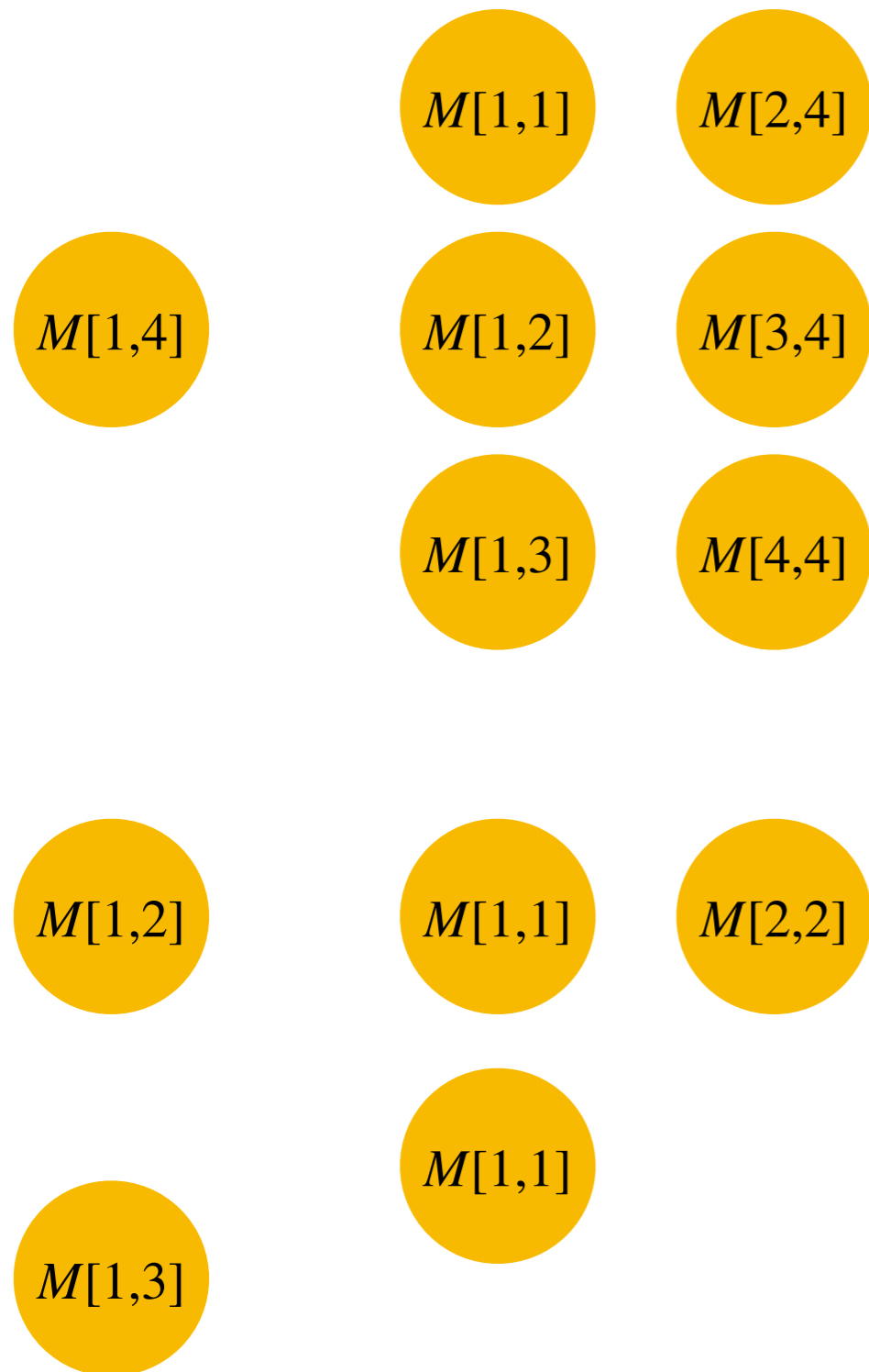
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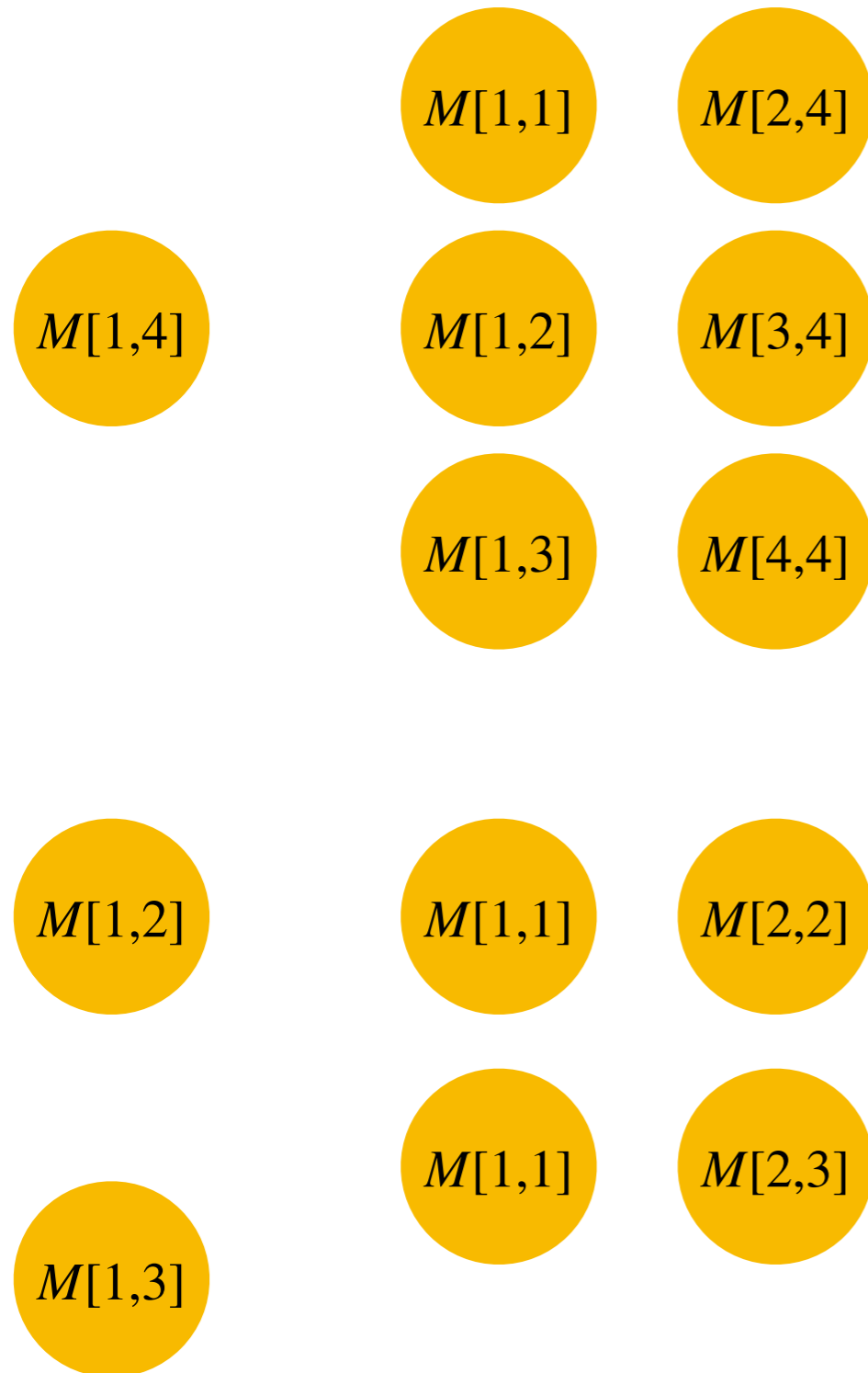
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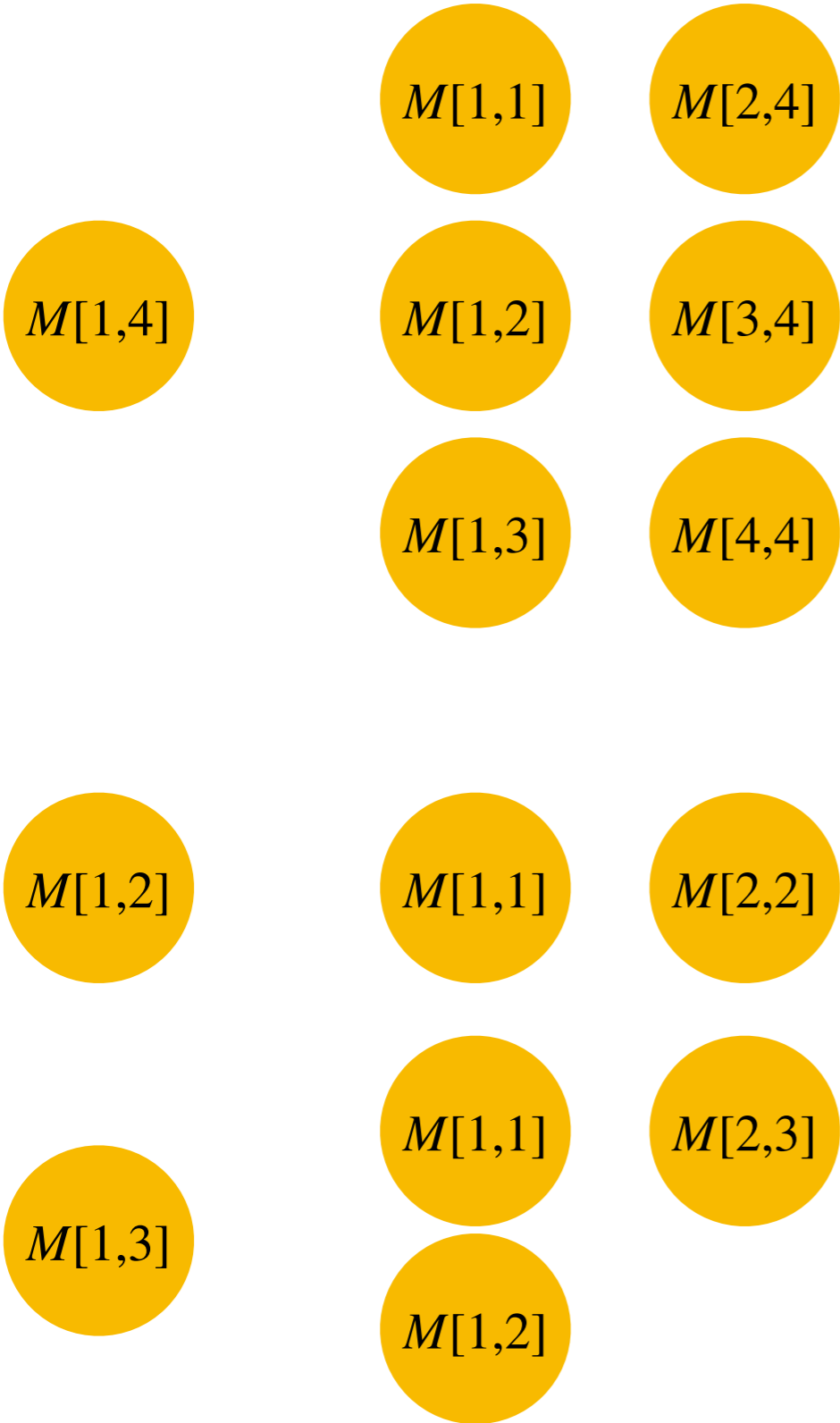


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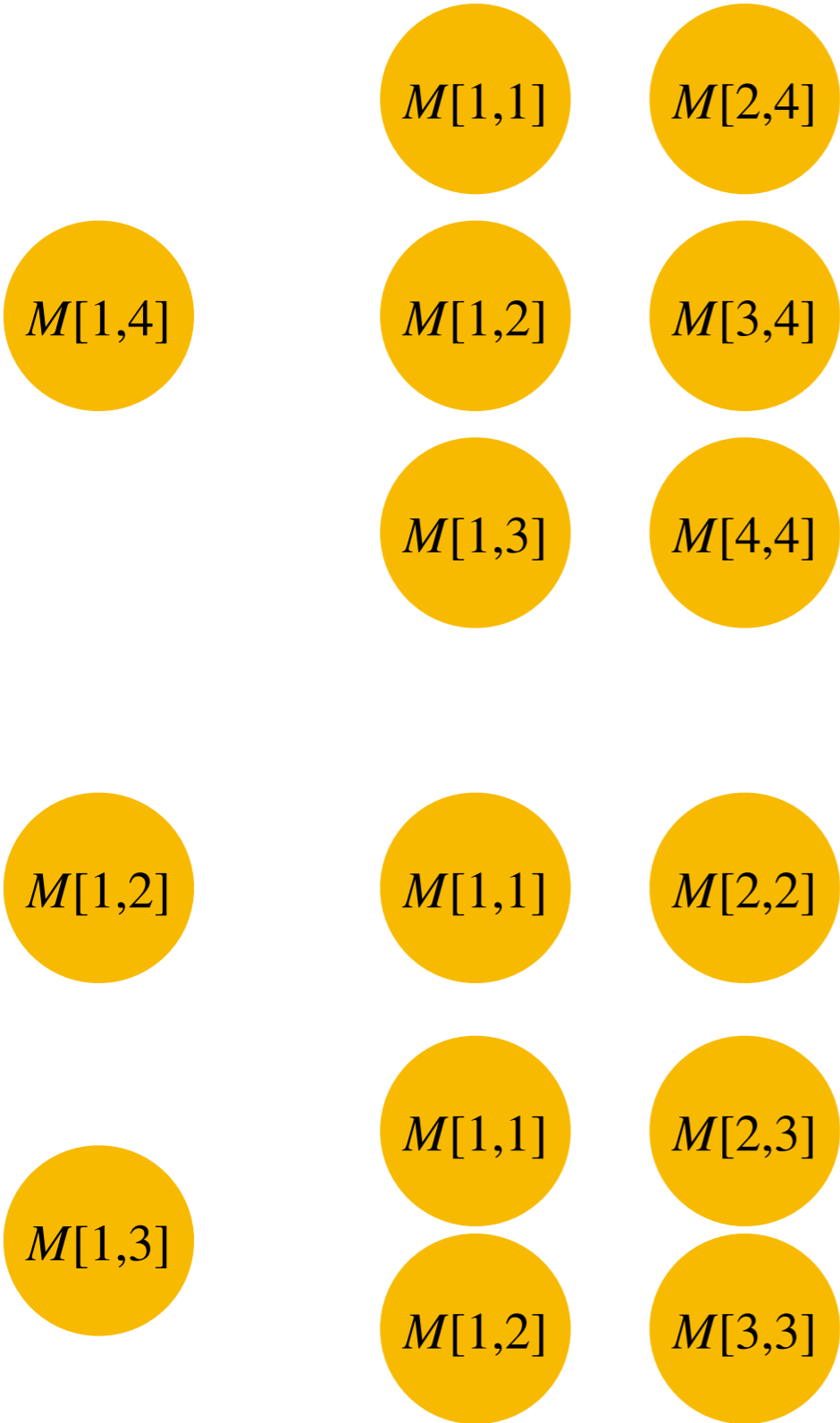
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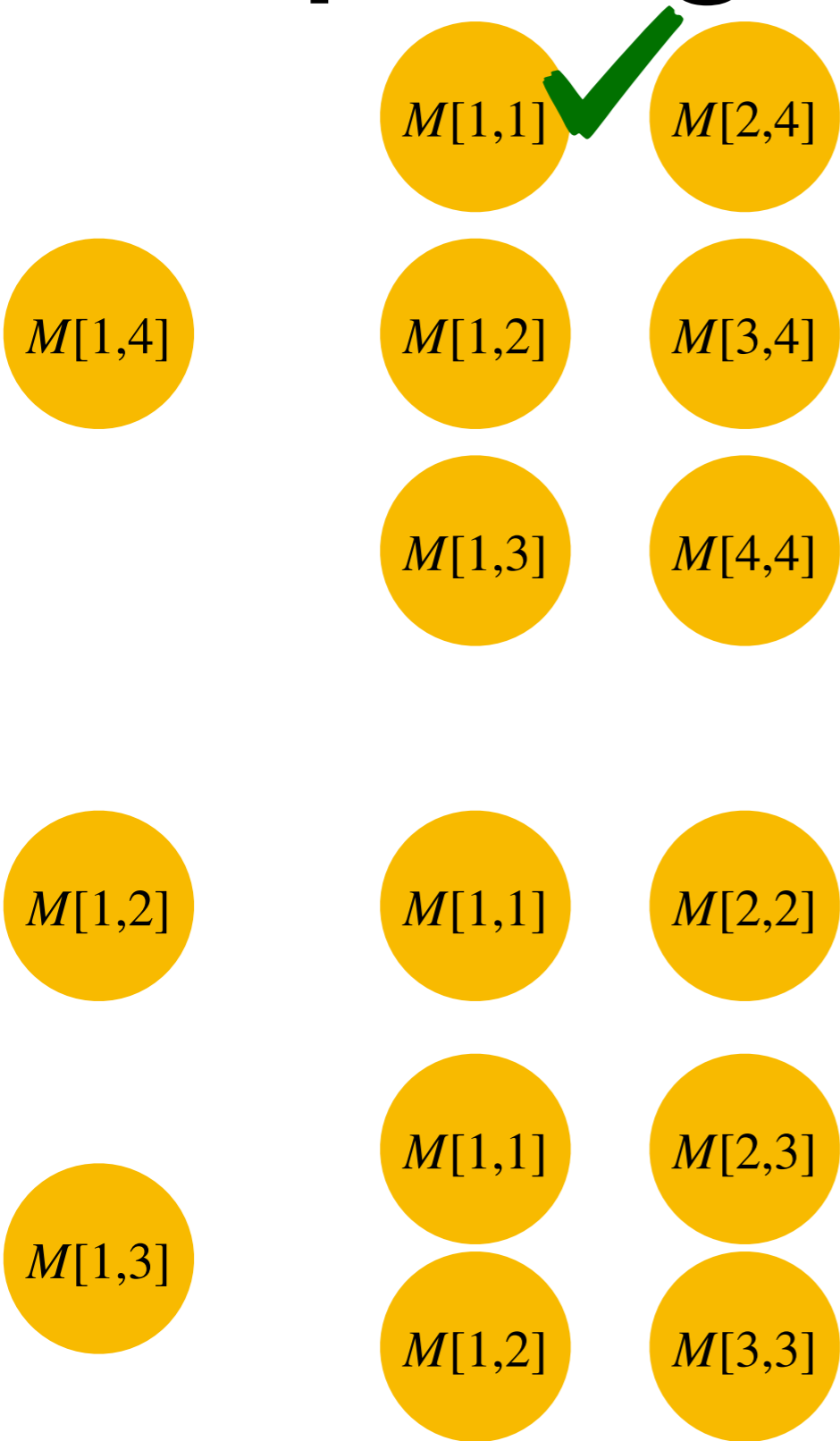


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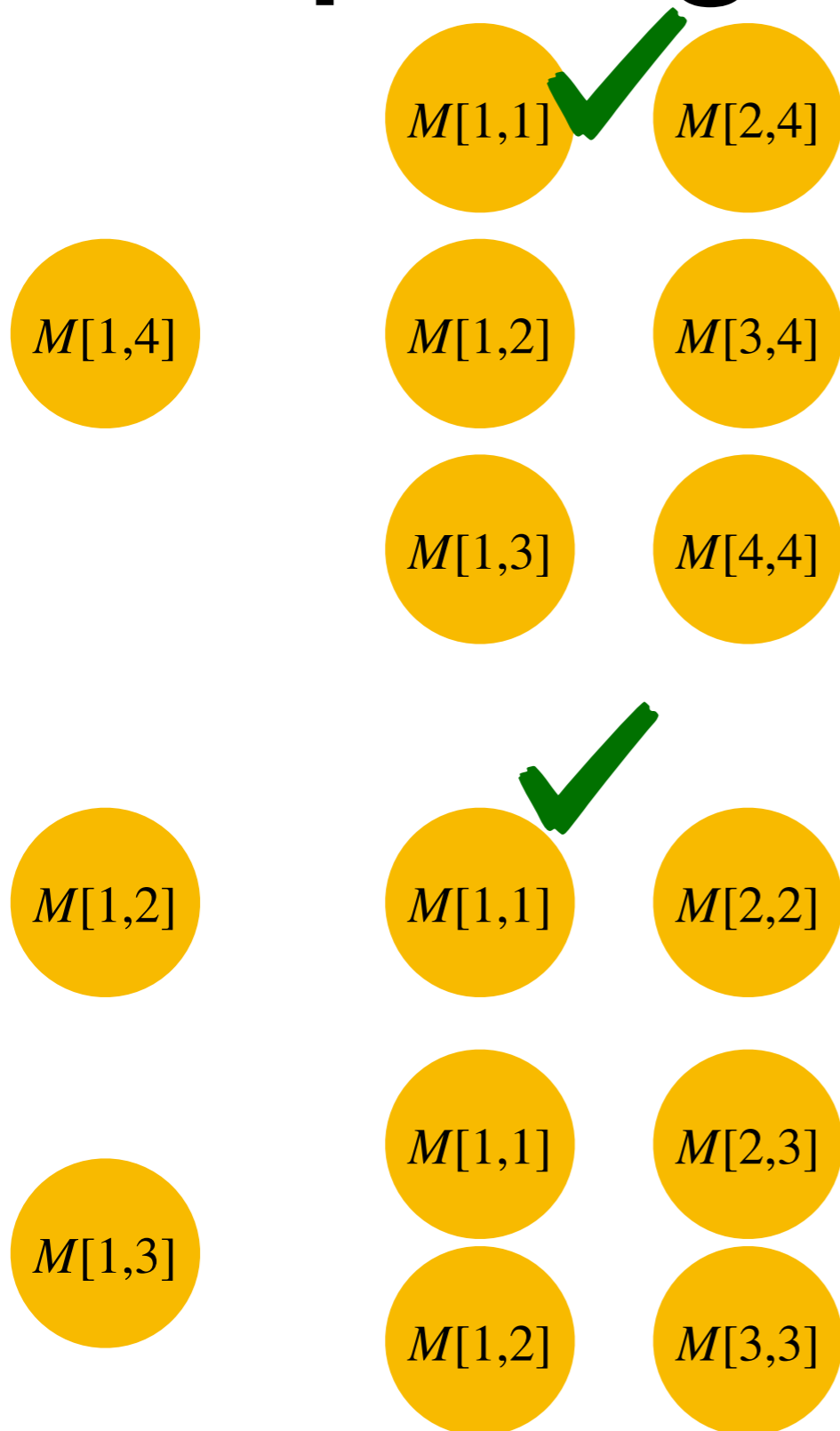
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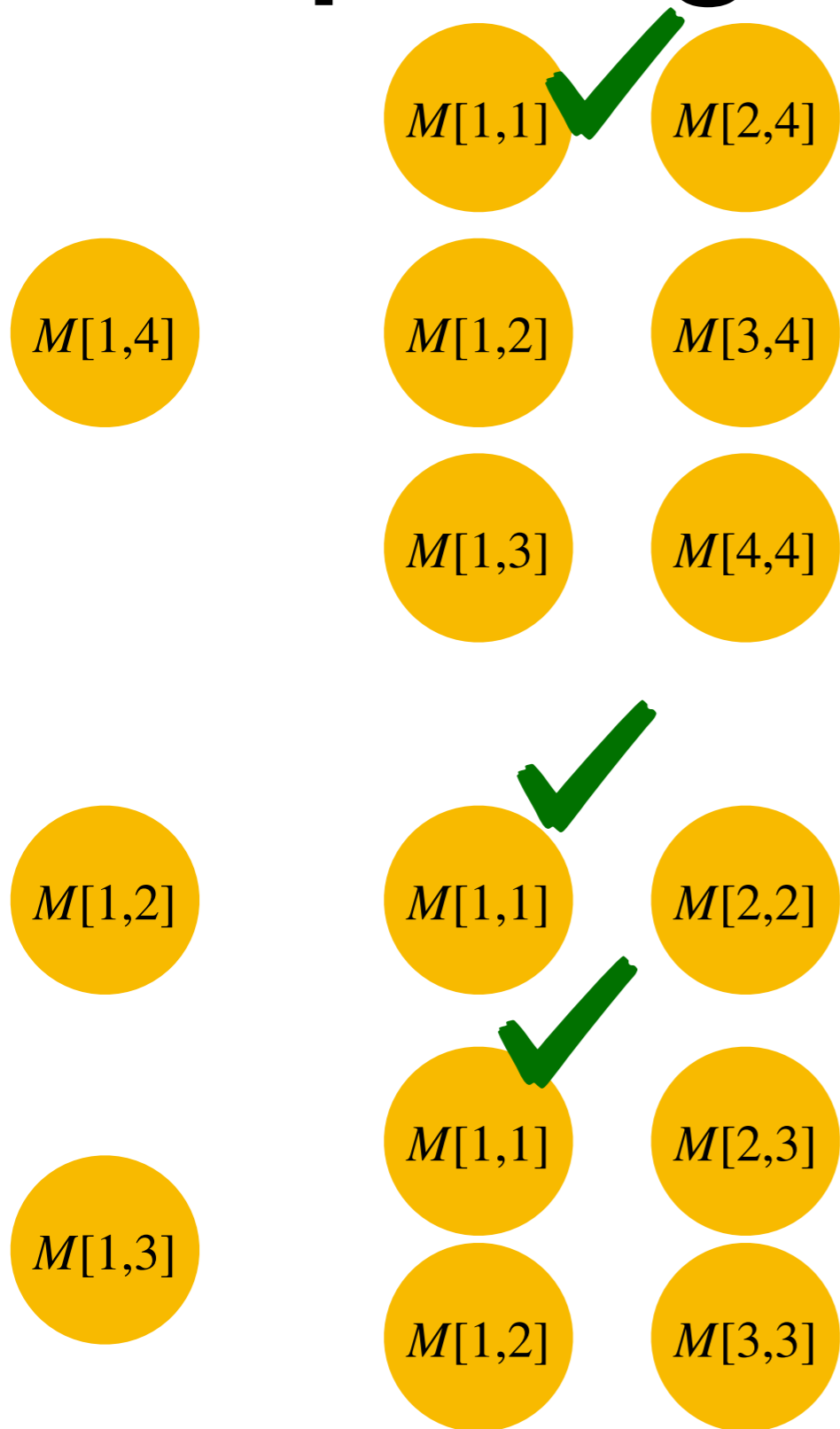
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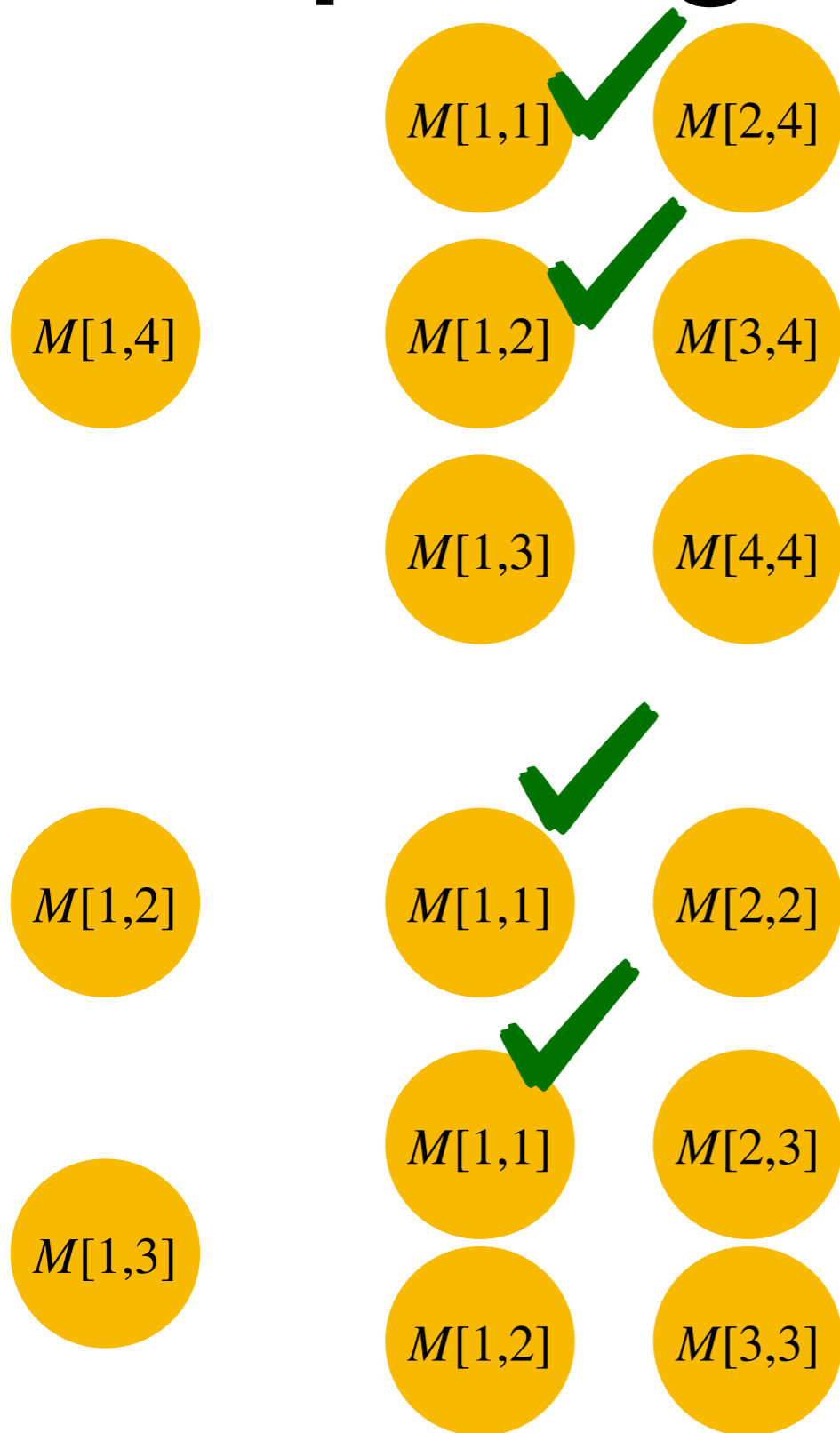
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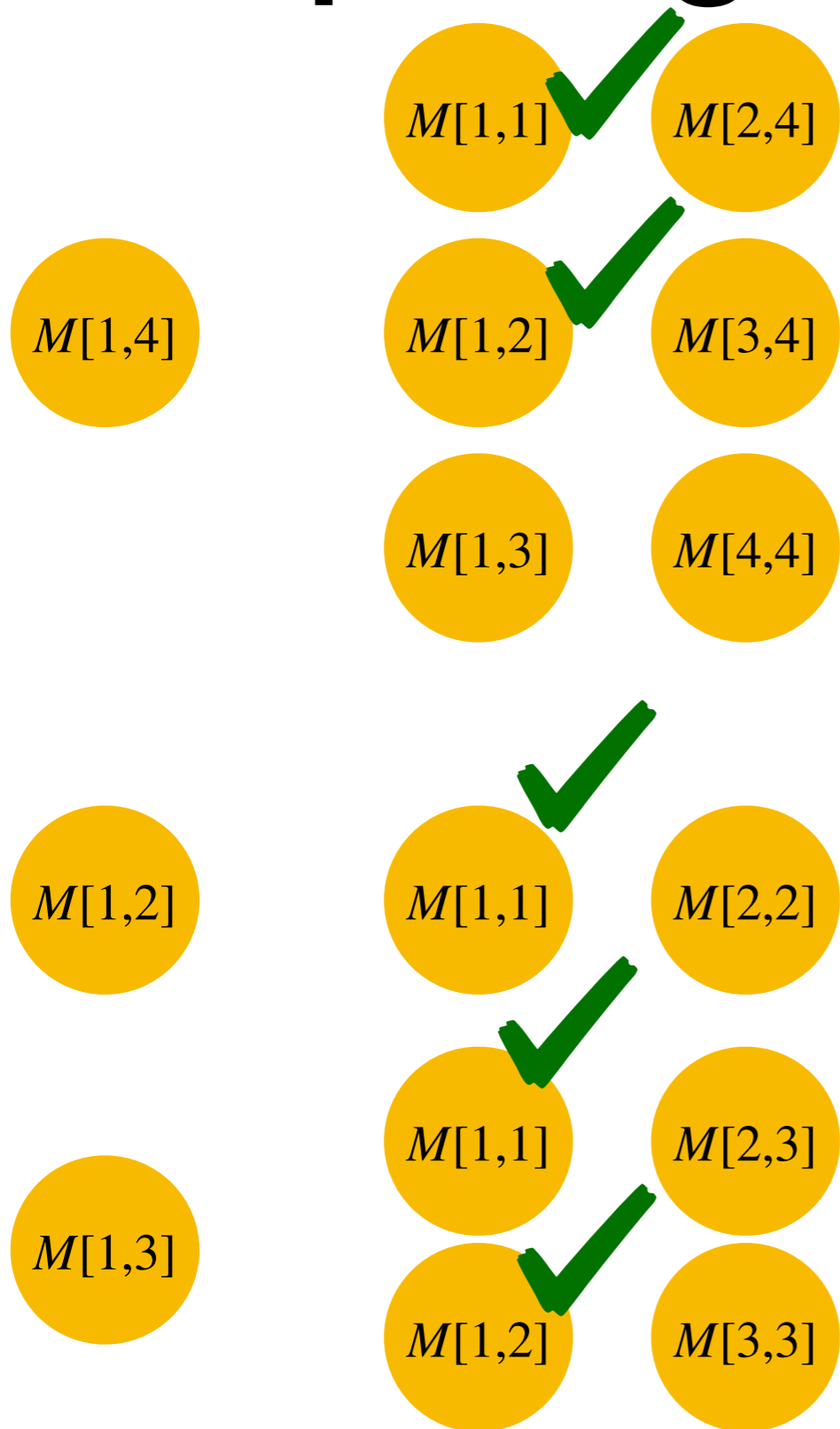
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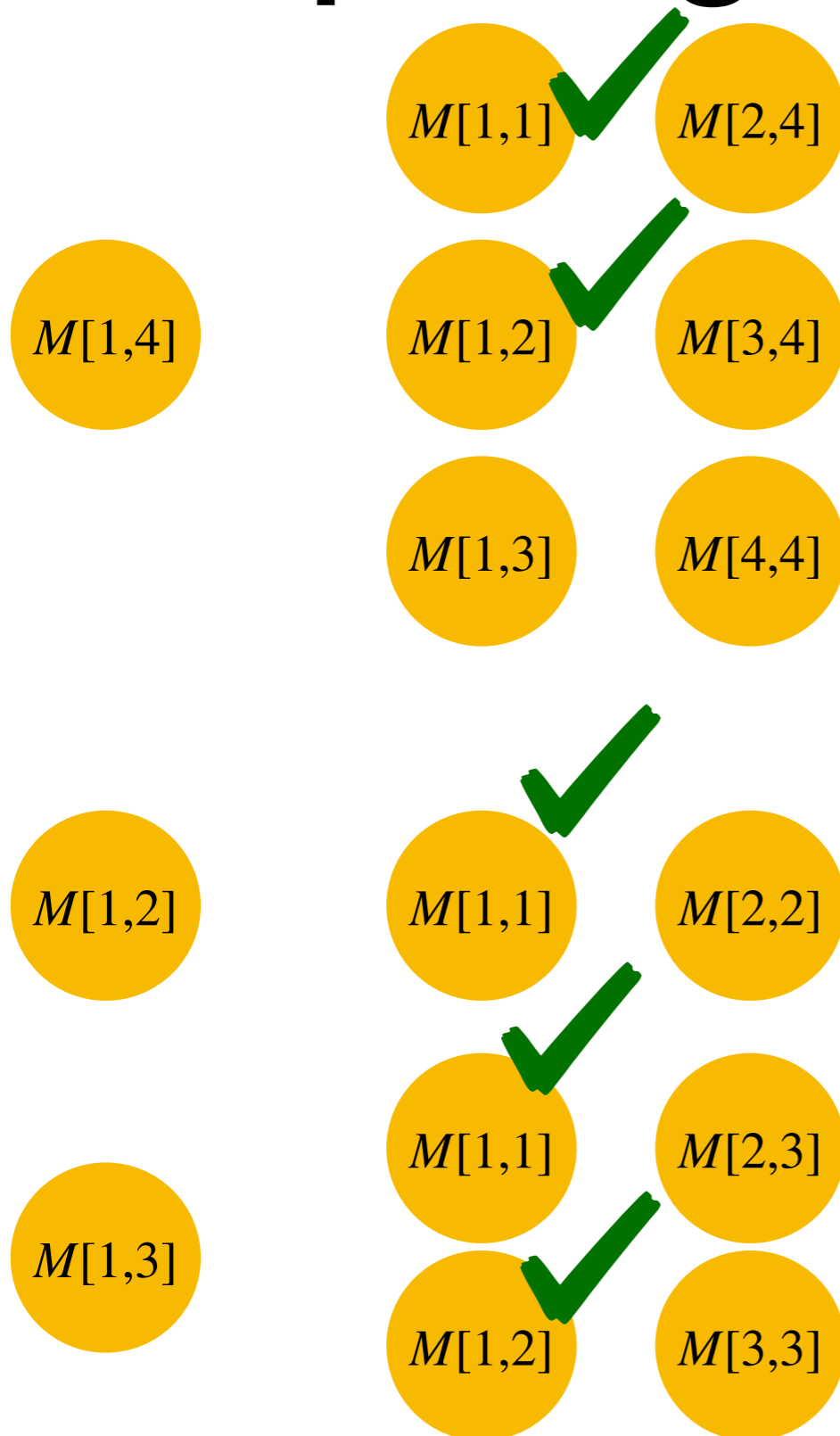
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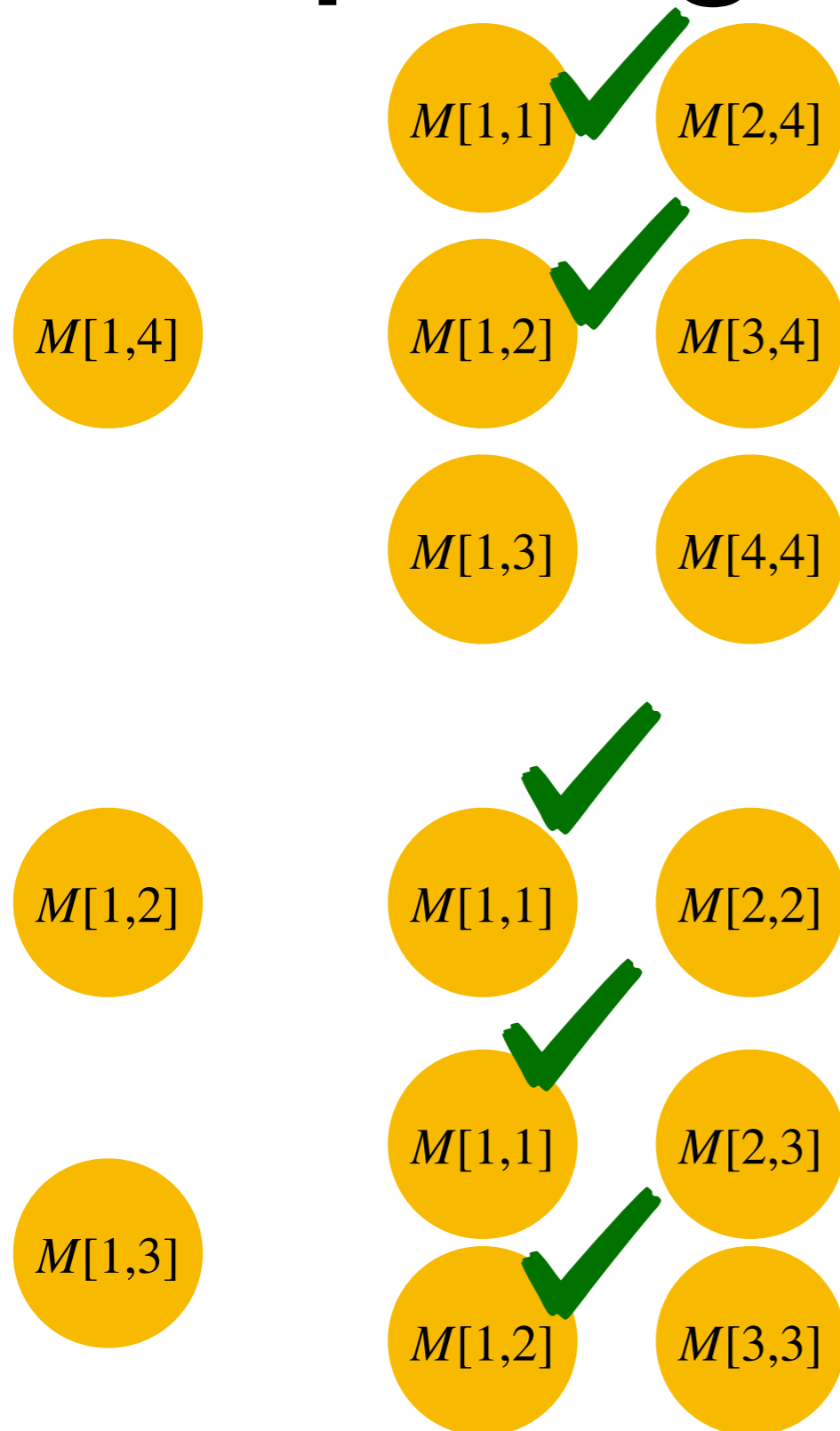
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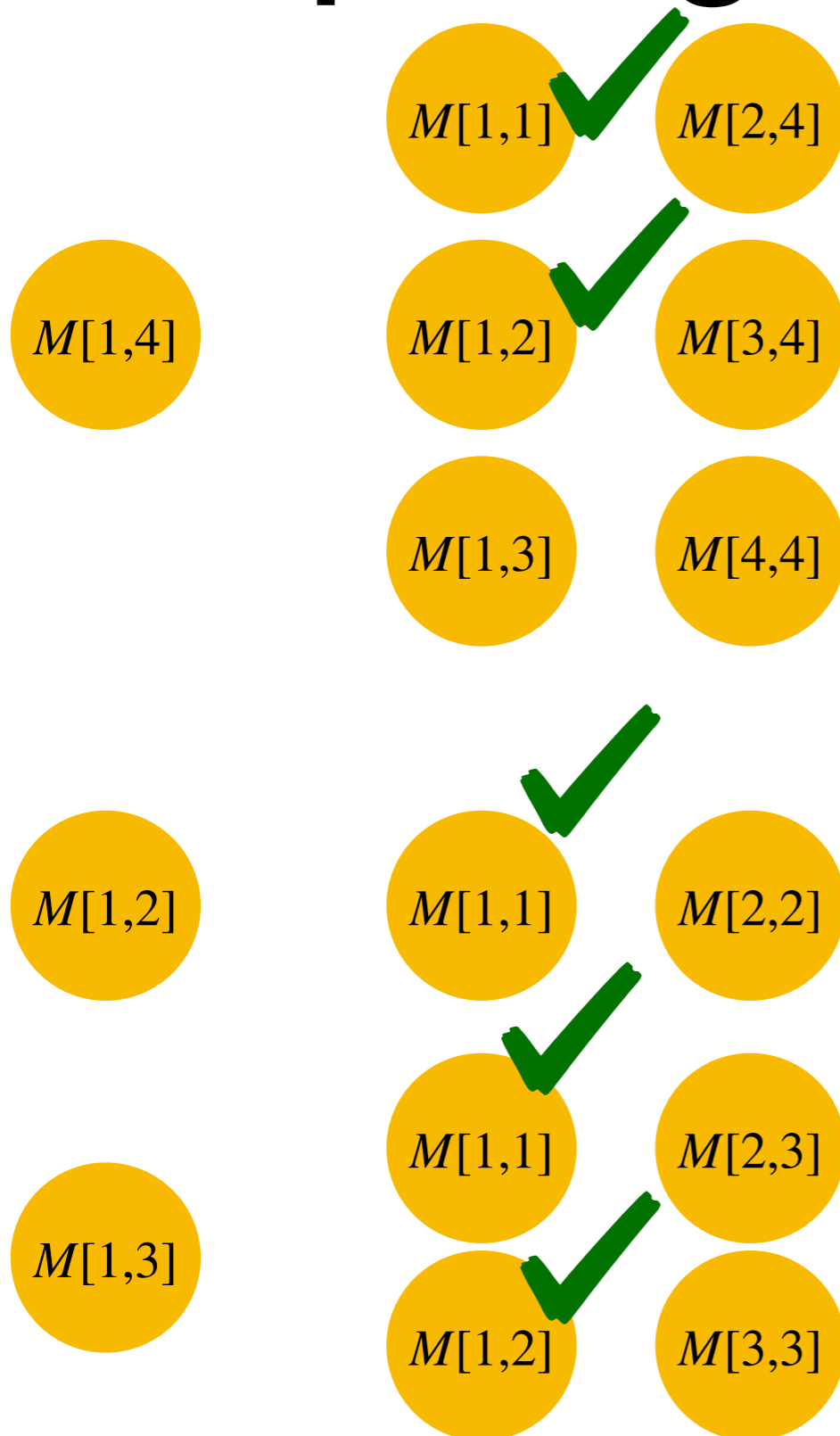
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*Annotations:*

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3			3	3	3
4				4	5
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# The table $\mathcal{S}$

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# Dynamic Programming vs Divide and Conquer

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DQ is not normally used for optimisation problems.

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In DQ, the subproblem dependency can be represented by a tree.