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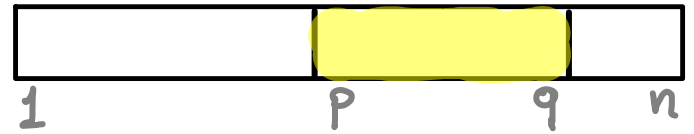
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Recursive function: **RandSelect**( $k, p, q$ )

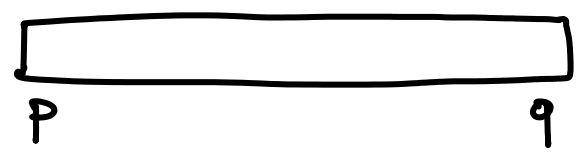


returns  $k$ -th smallest in subarray from index  $p$  to index  $q$ .

We start with **RandSelect**( $r, 1, n$ )

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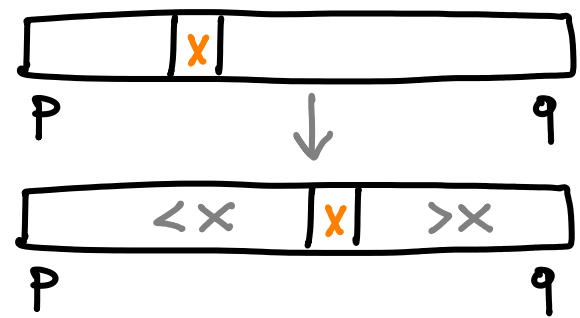
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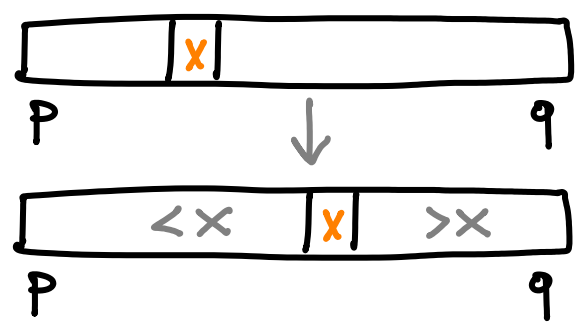
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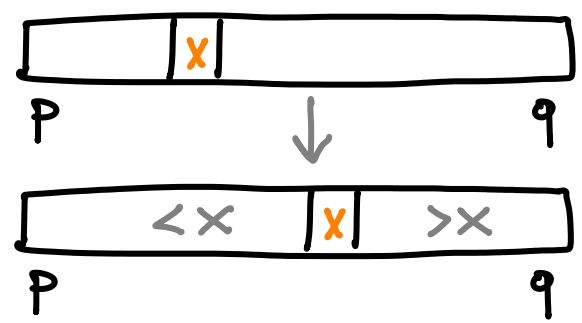
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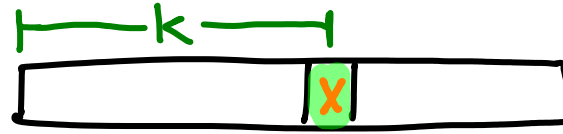
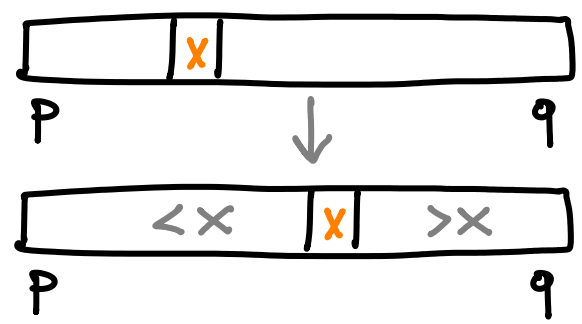




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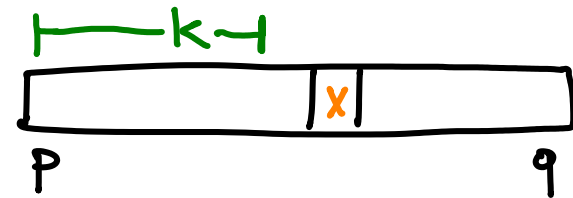
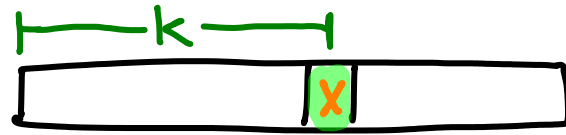
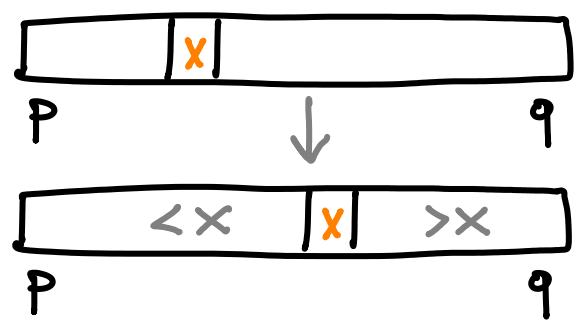
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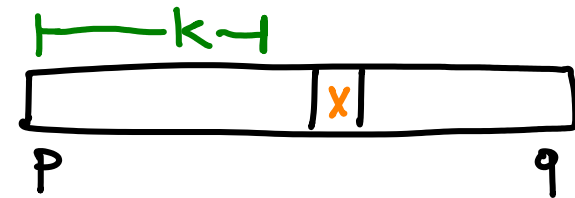
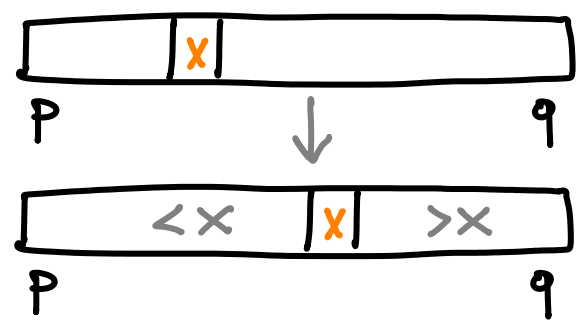
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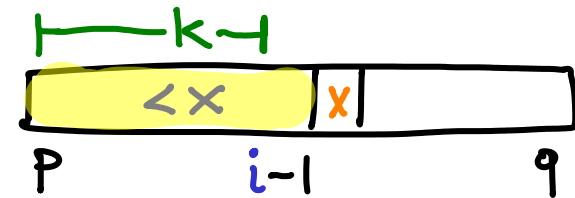
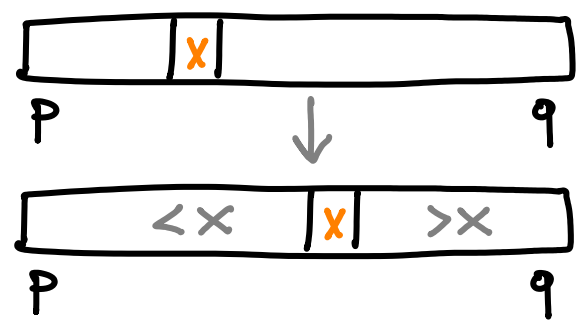
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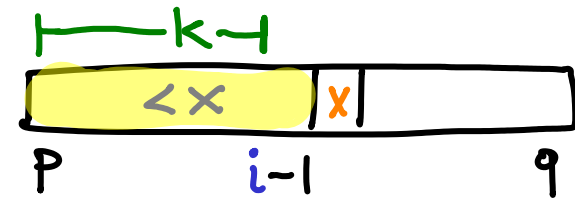
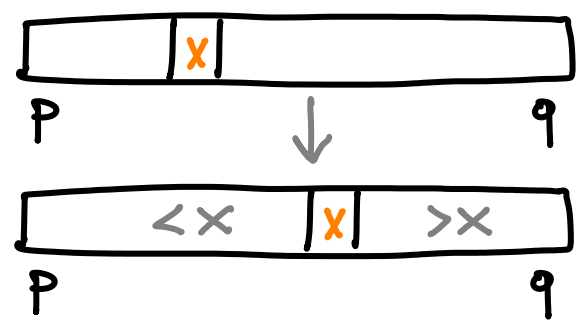
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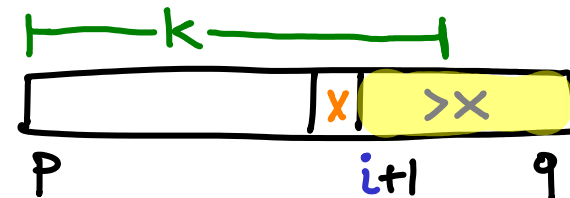
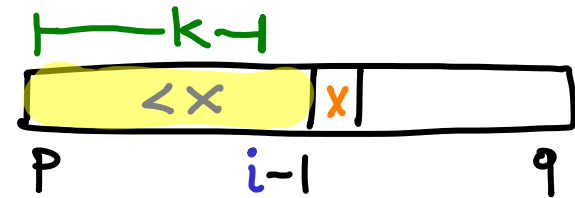
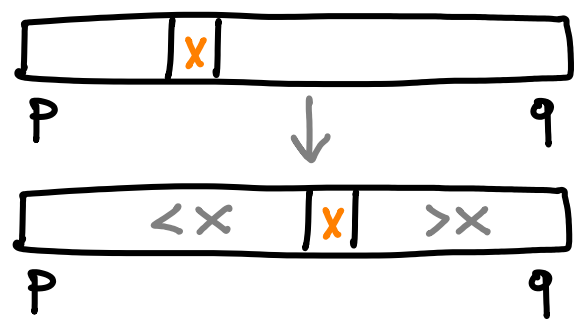
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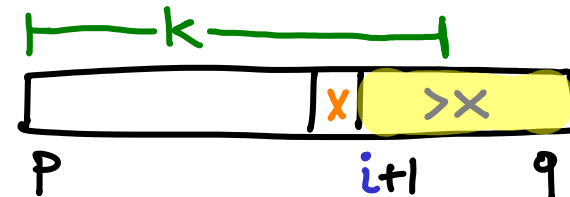
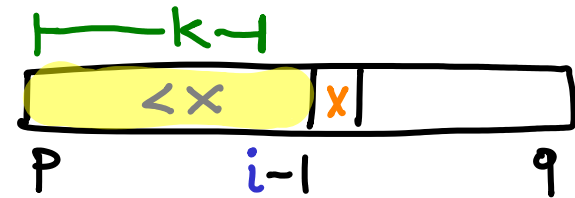
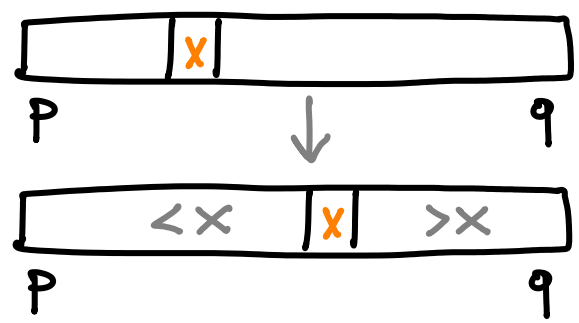
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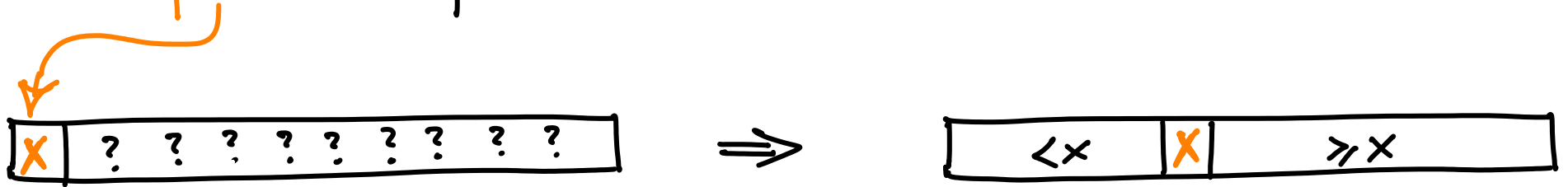
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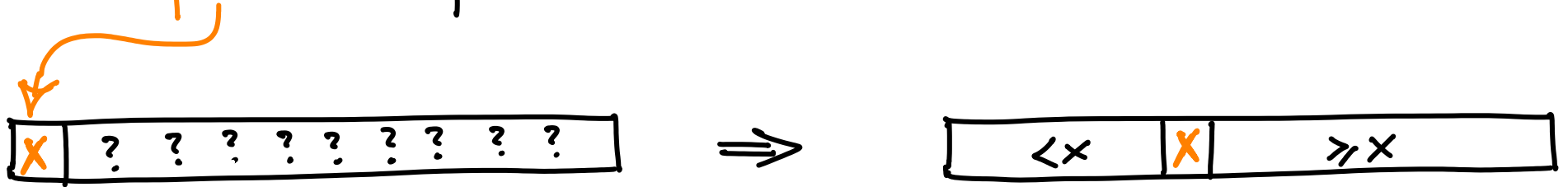
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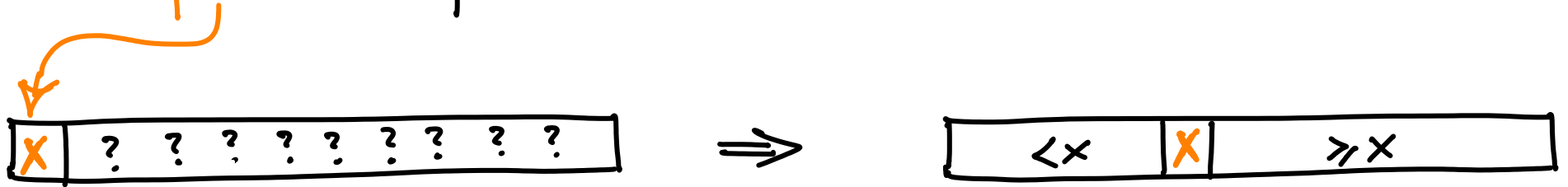
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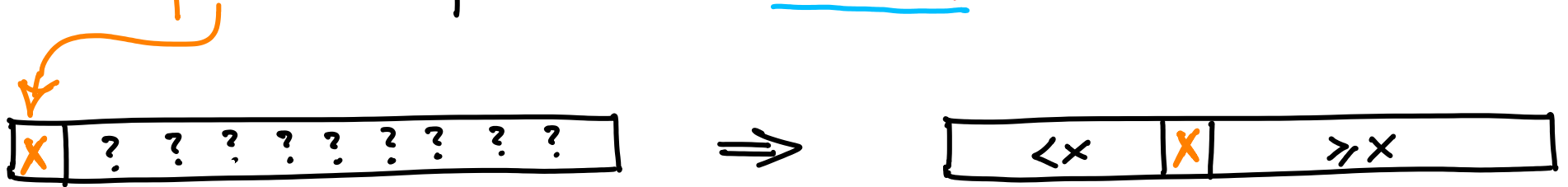
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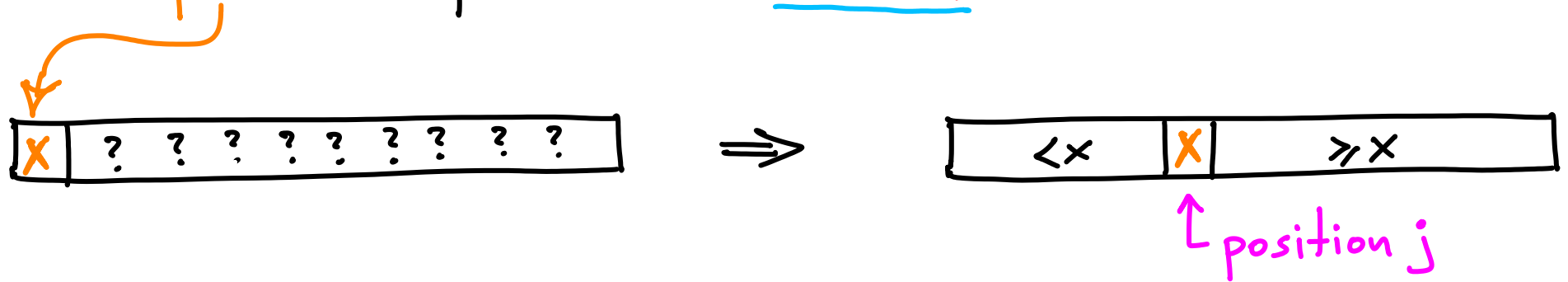
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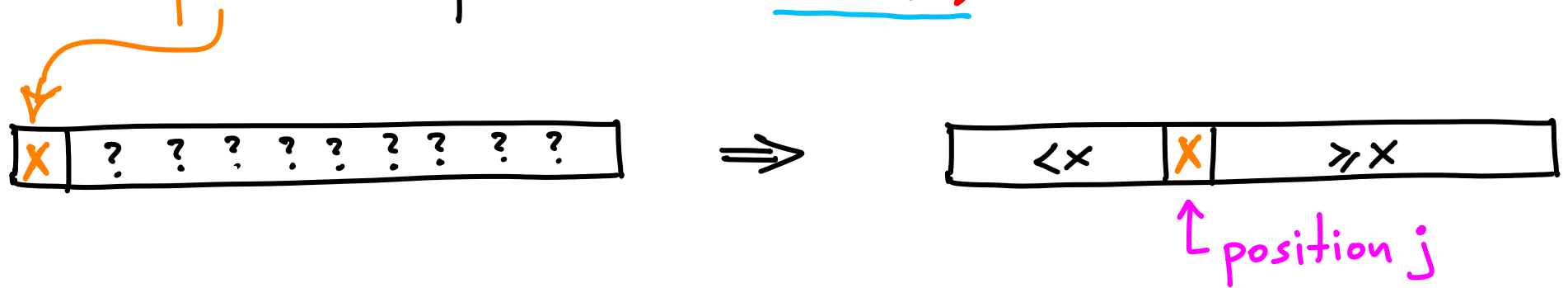
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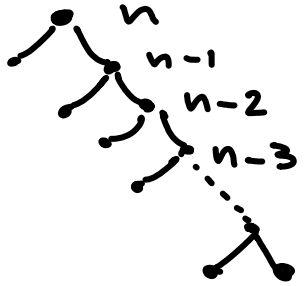
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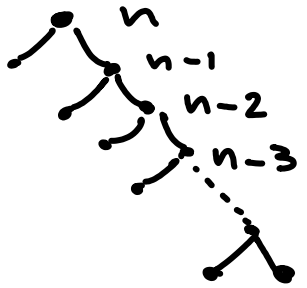


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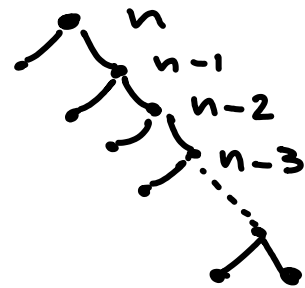
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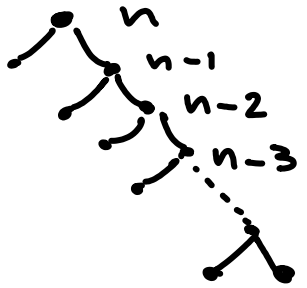
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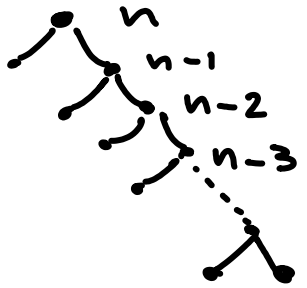
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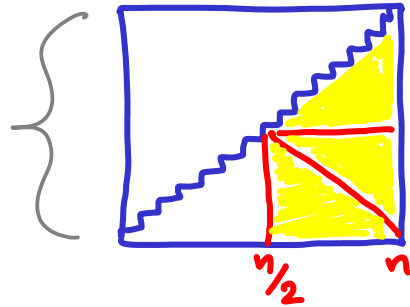
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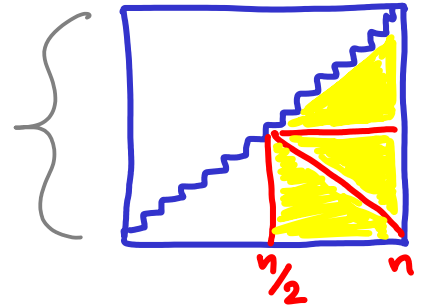
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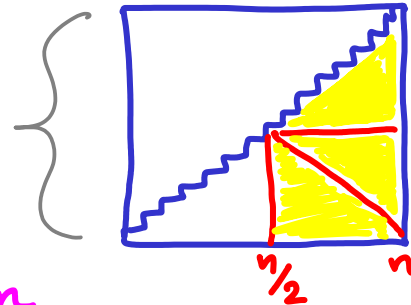


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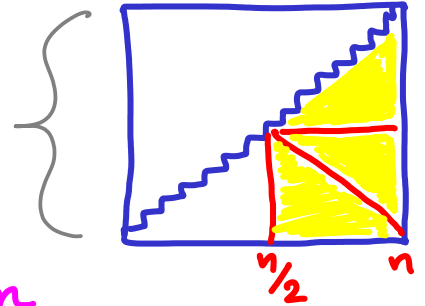
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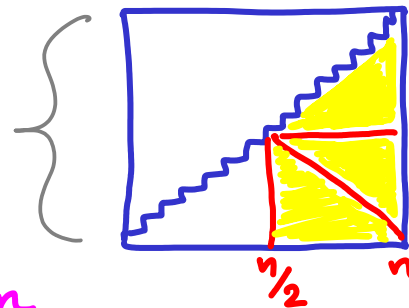
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