

# The Knuth-Yao Quadrangle Inequality Speedup is a Consequence of Total Monotonicity

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# Motivation

- Nothing new: material here goes back 20-30 years.
- There are two classic cookbooks
  - Dynamic Programming Speedups in the literature:  
Knuth-Yao technique & SMAWK algorithm.
- They “feel” similar. Are they related?
- Knuth-Yao predates online algorithms.
  - Can the KY speedup be maintained online?
- Answers to the two questions turned out to be related.
- Note: major confusion arises in the analysis because certain essential terms, e.g., [quadrangle-inequality](#), [monotone](#) and [online-algorithm](#) have been used in very different ways in the two techniques’ literature.

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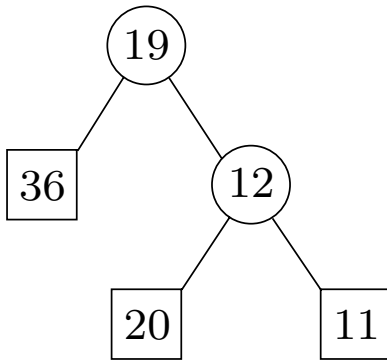
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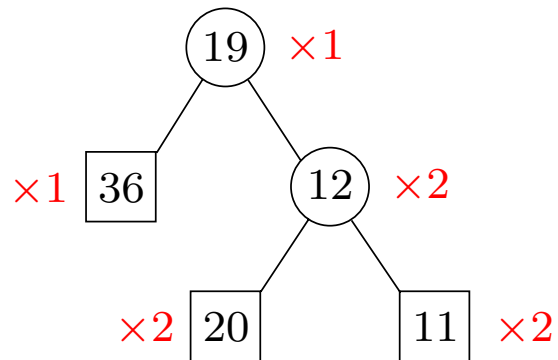


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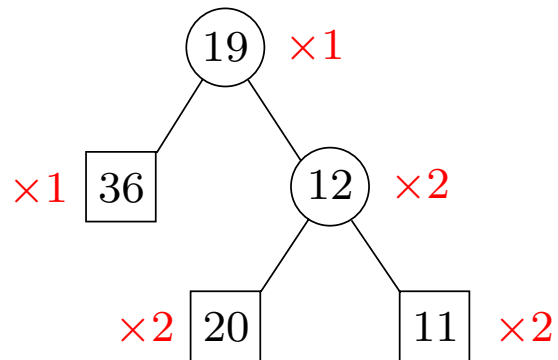


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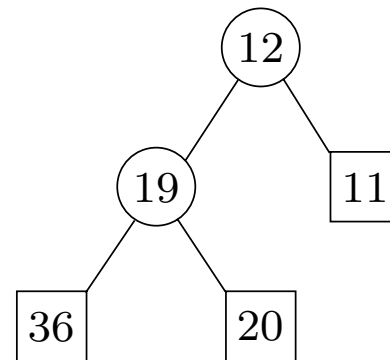
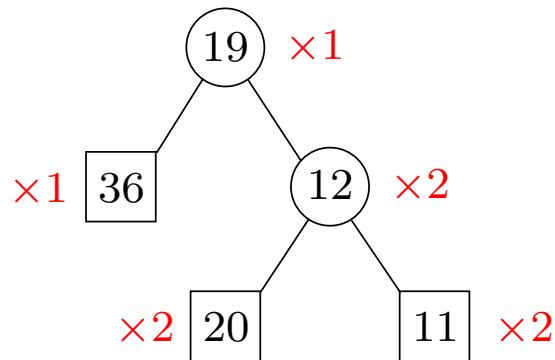
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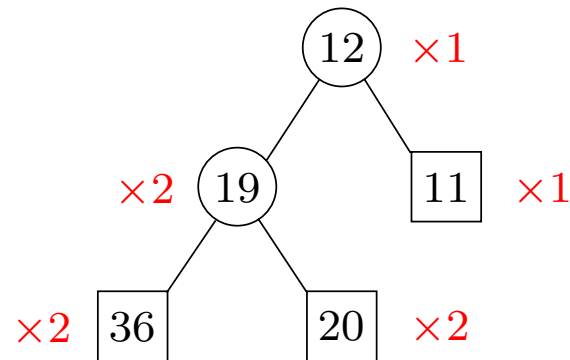
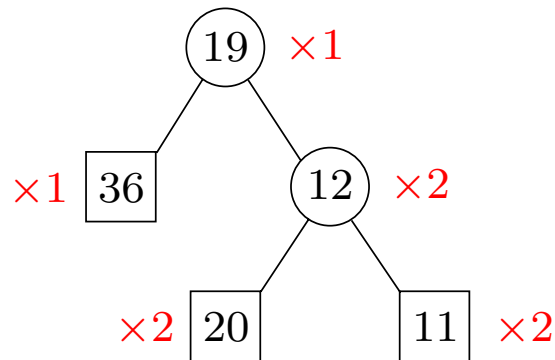
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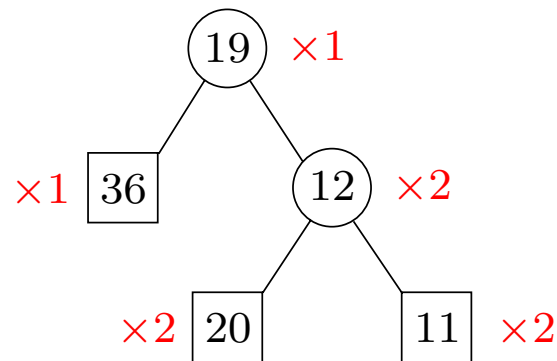
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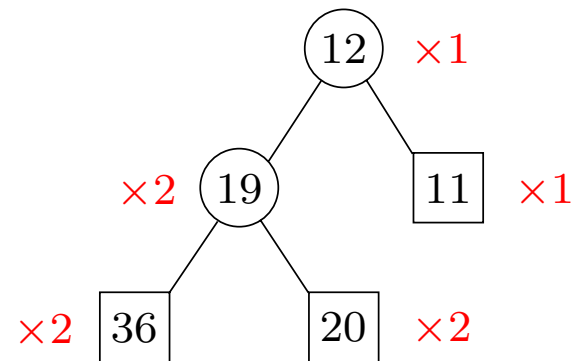
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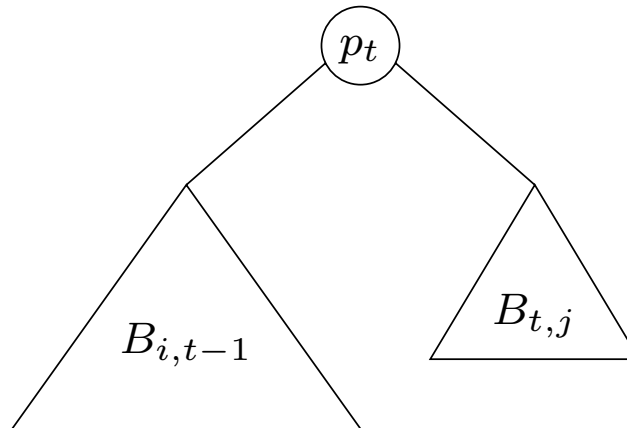
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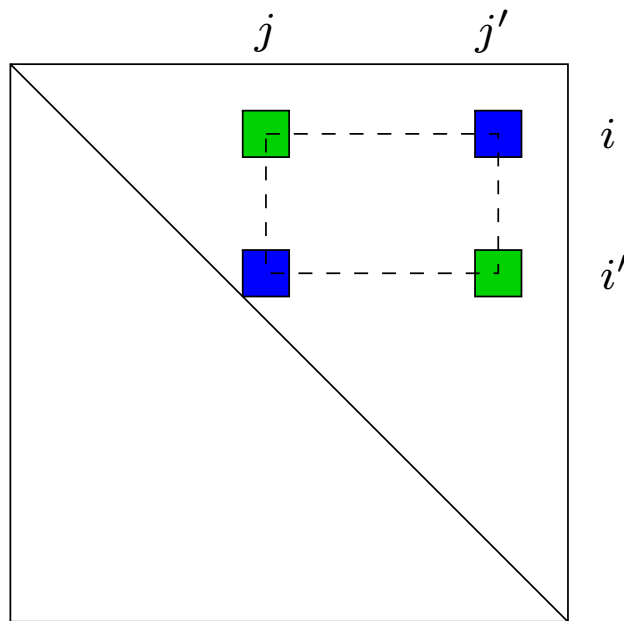
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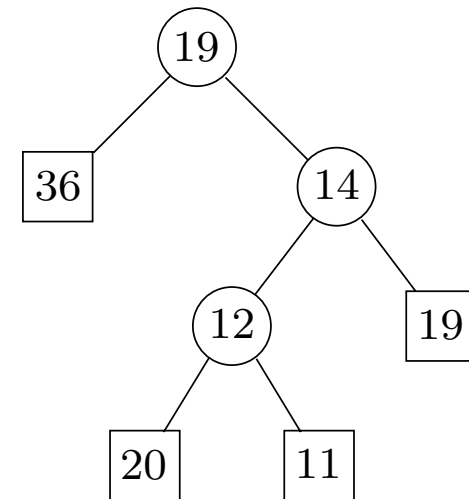
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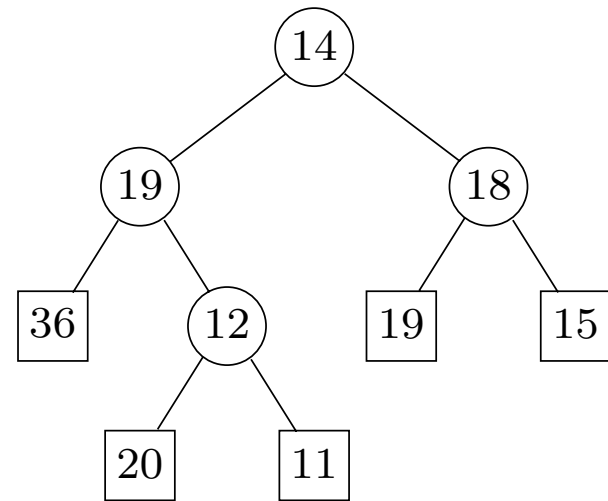
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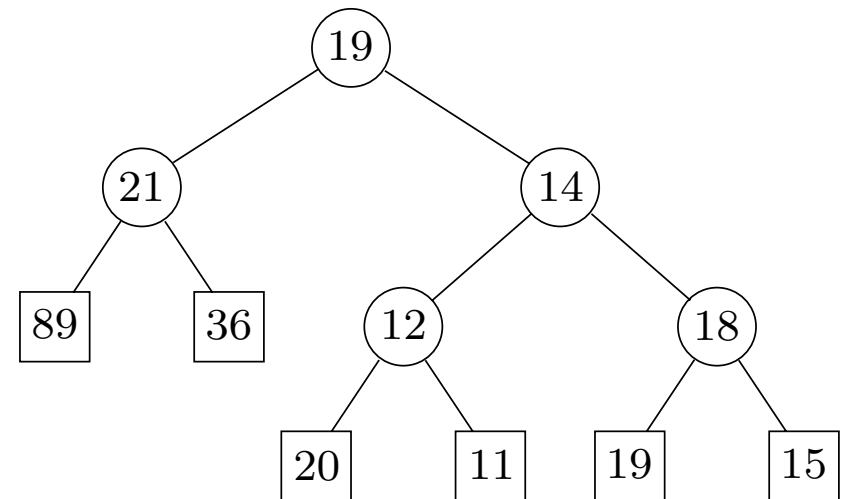


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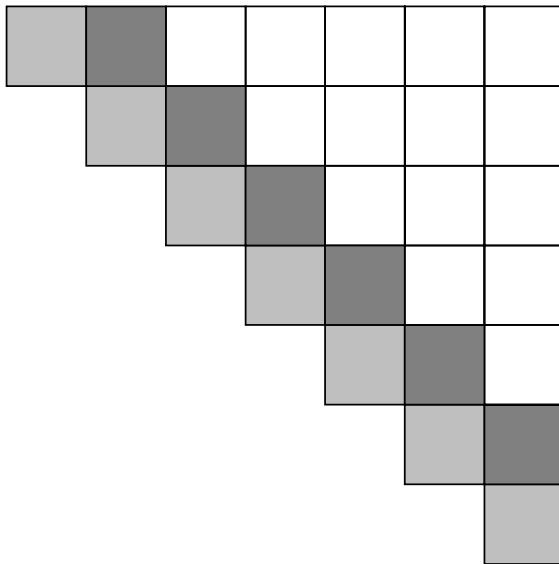
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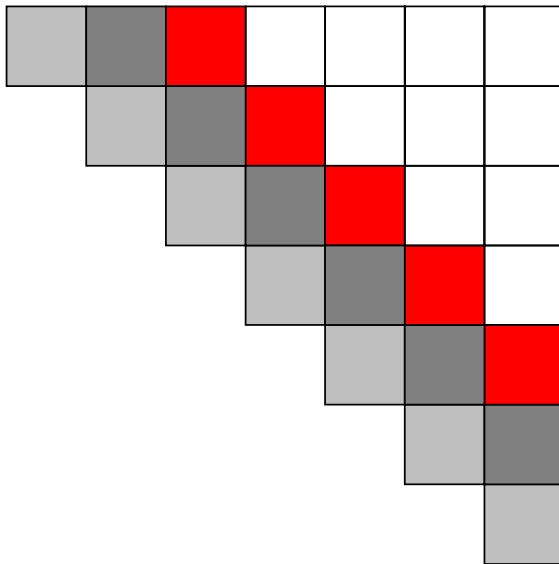
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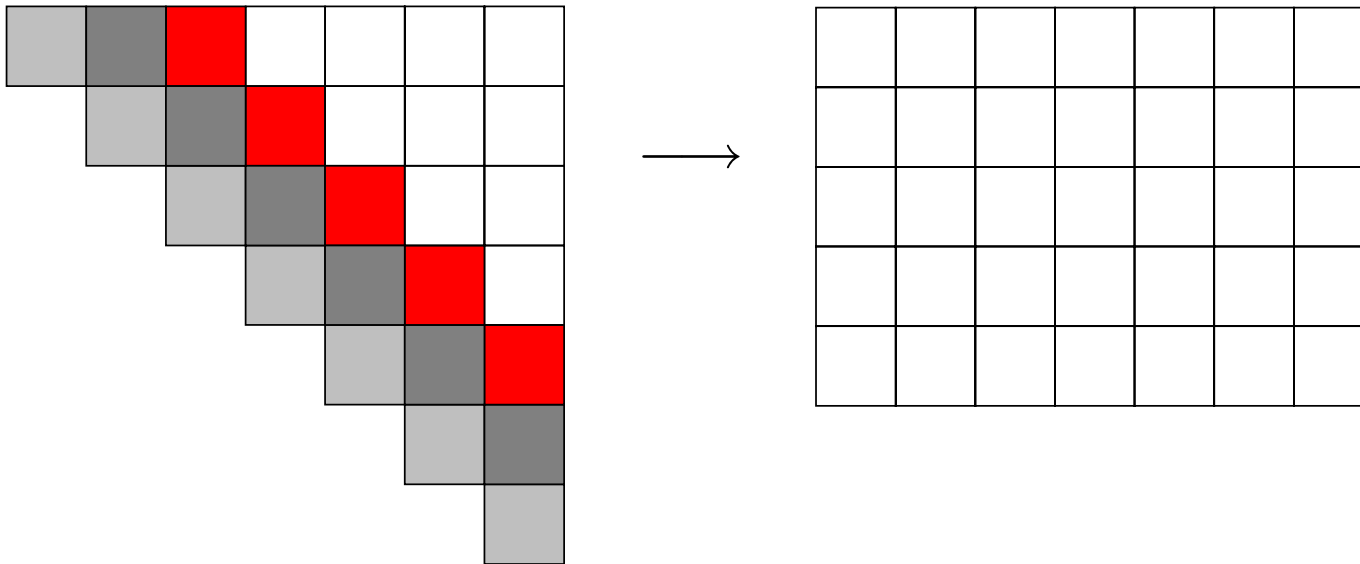
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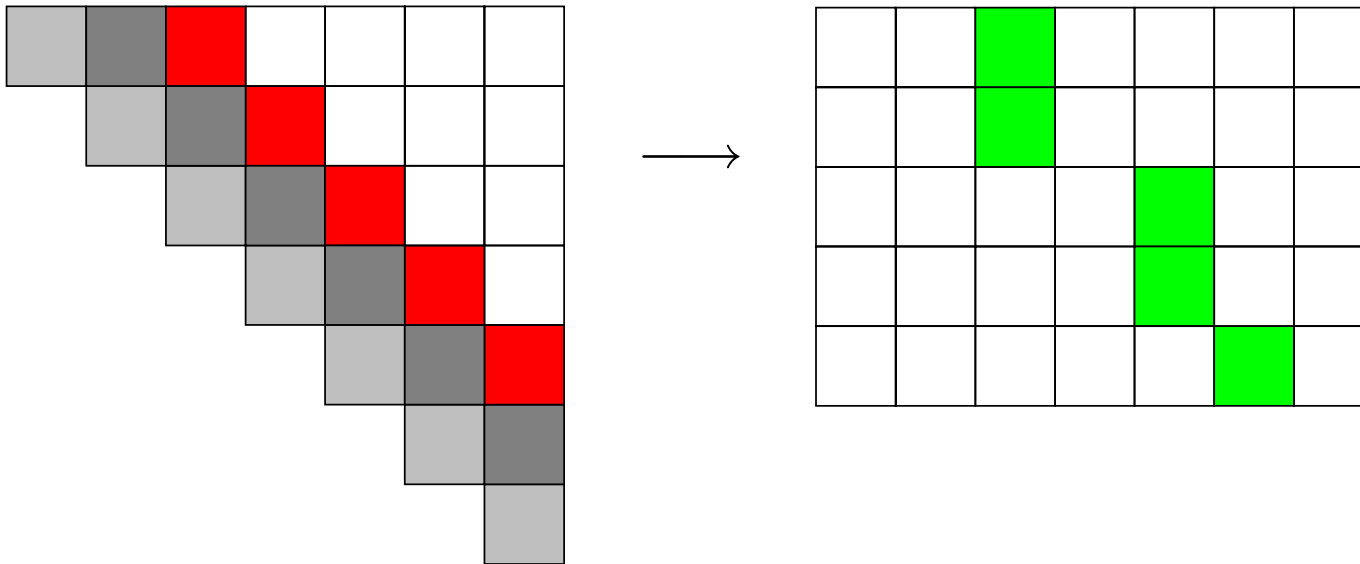
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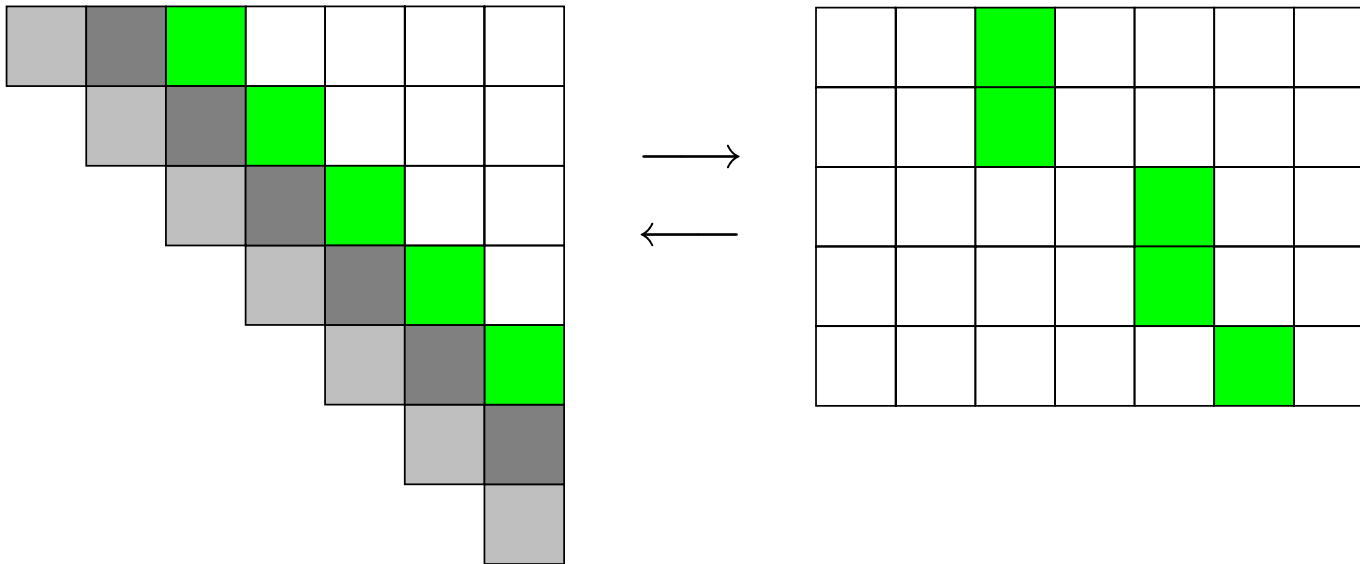
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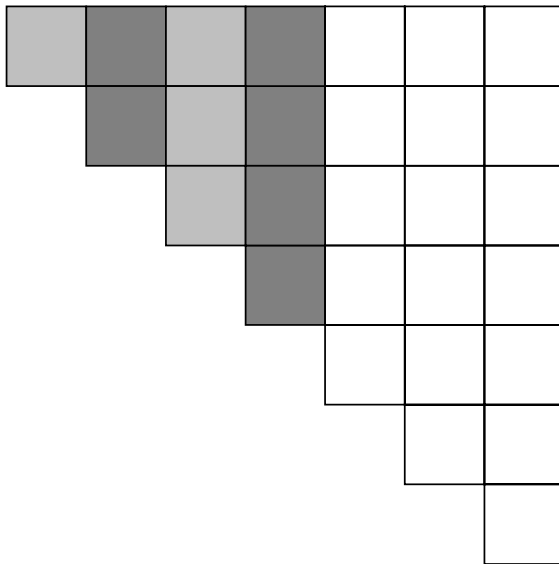
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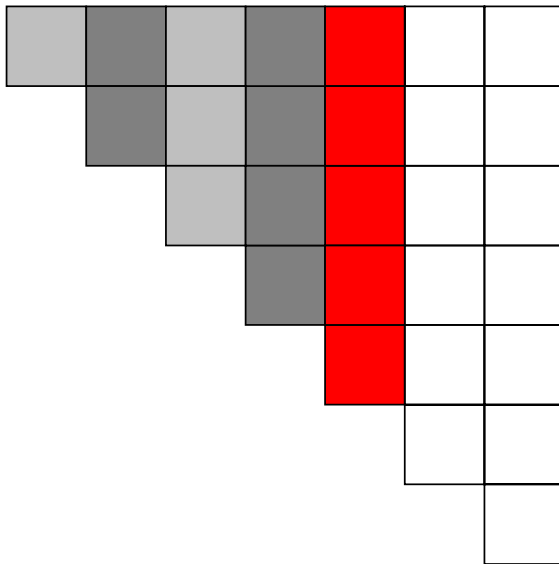
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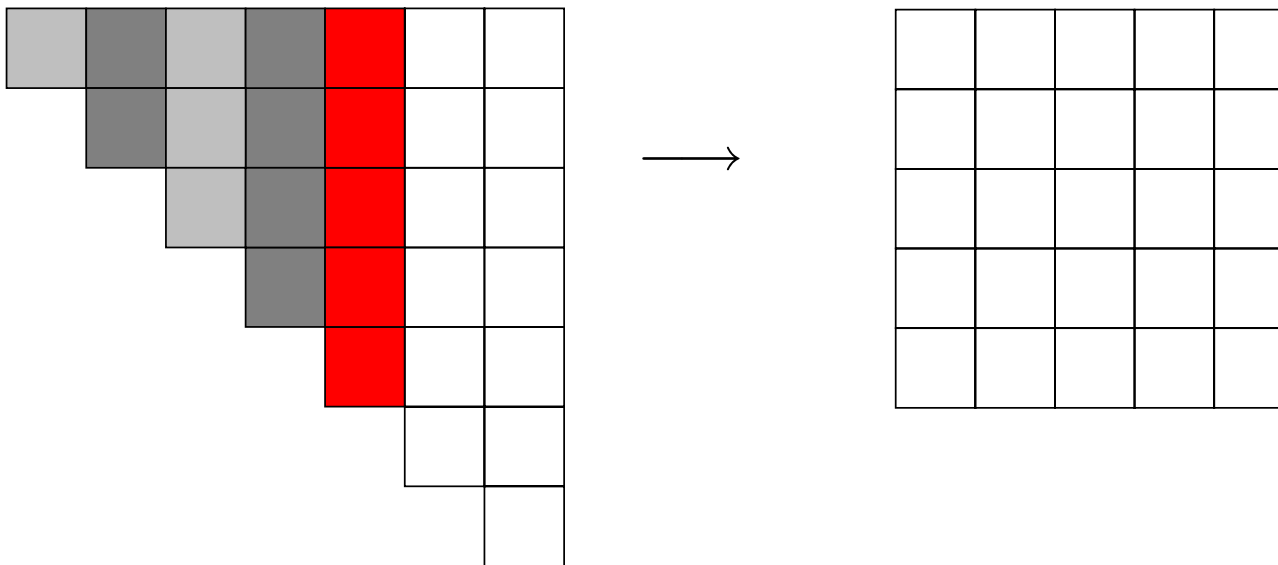
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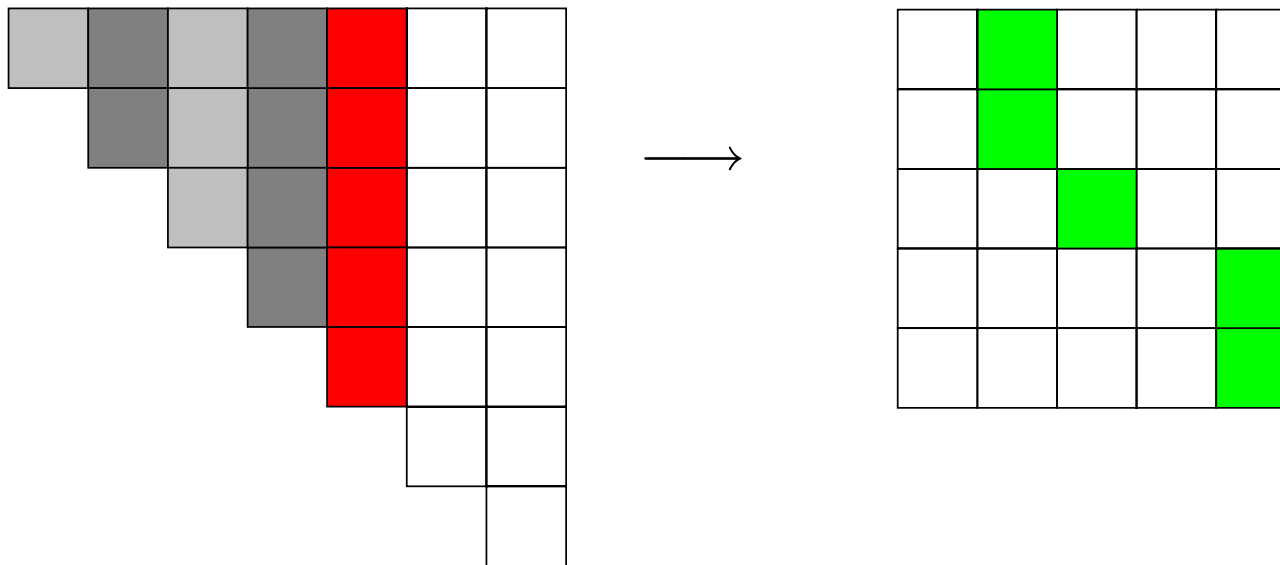
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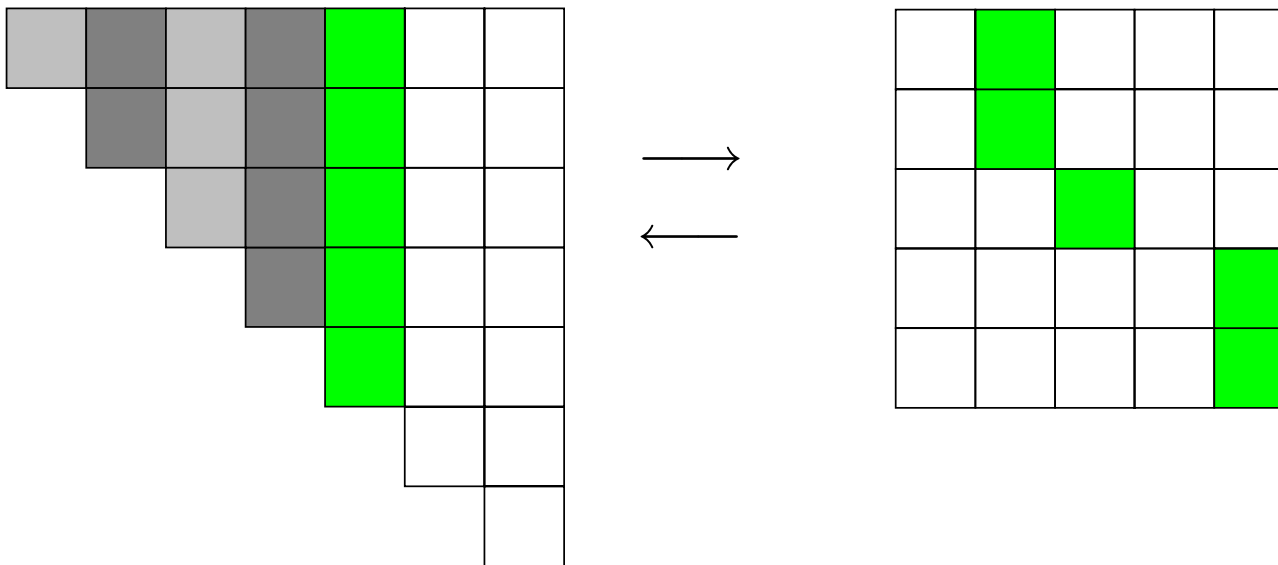
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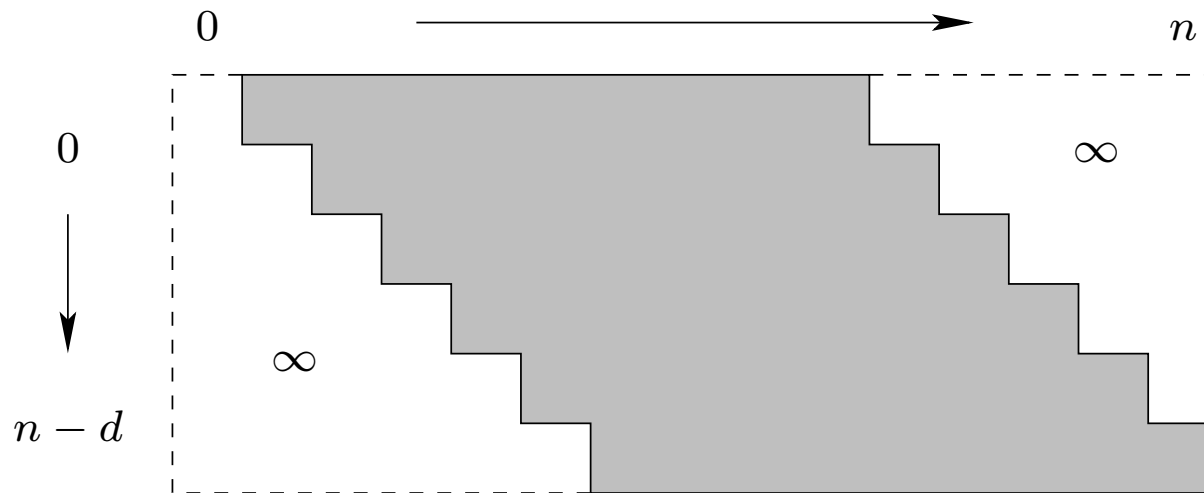
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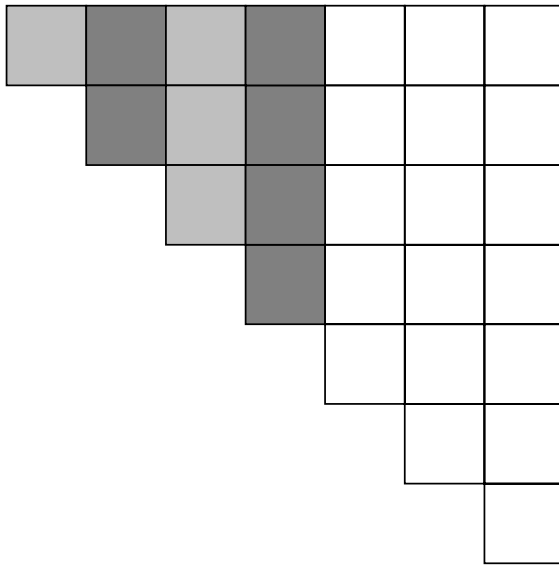
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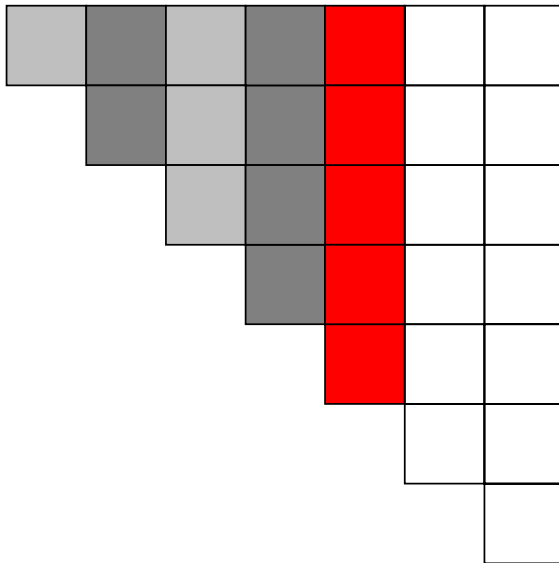
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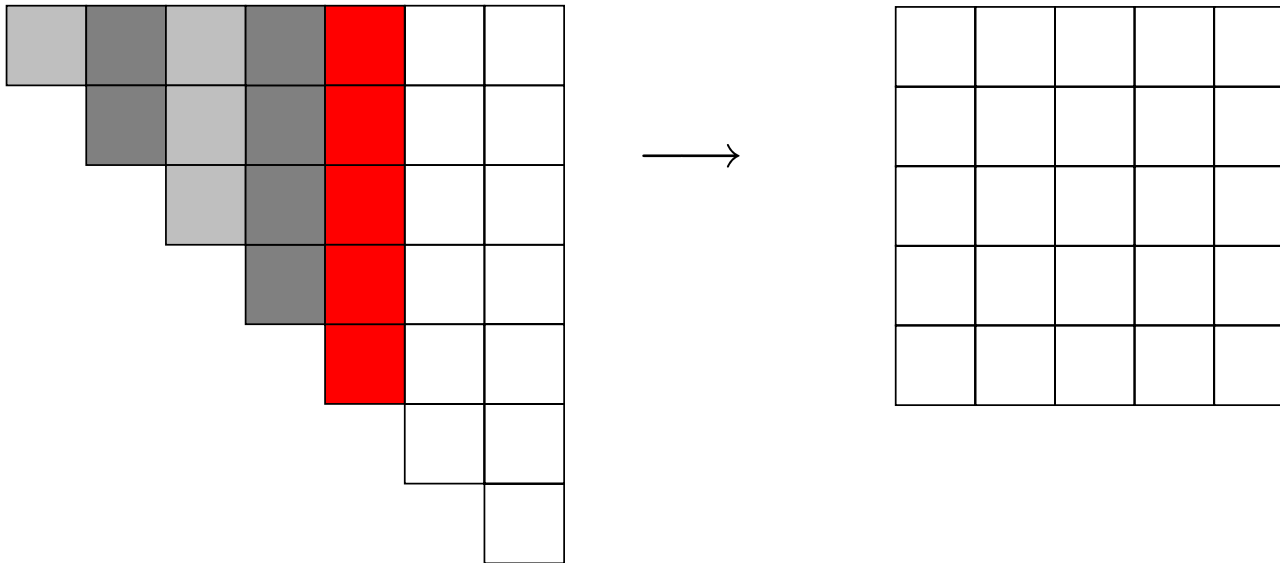
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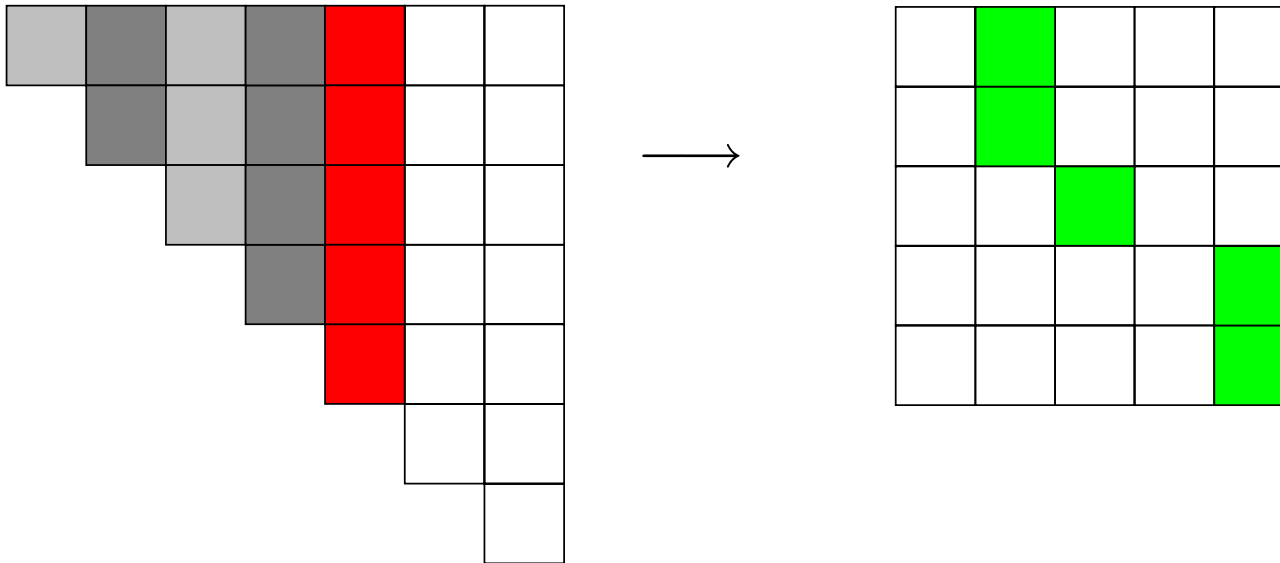
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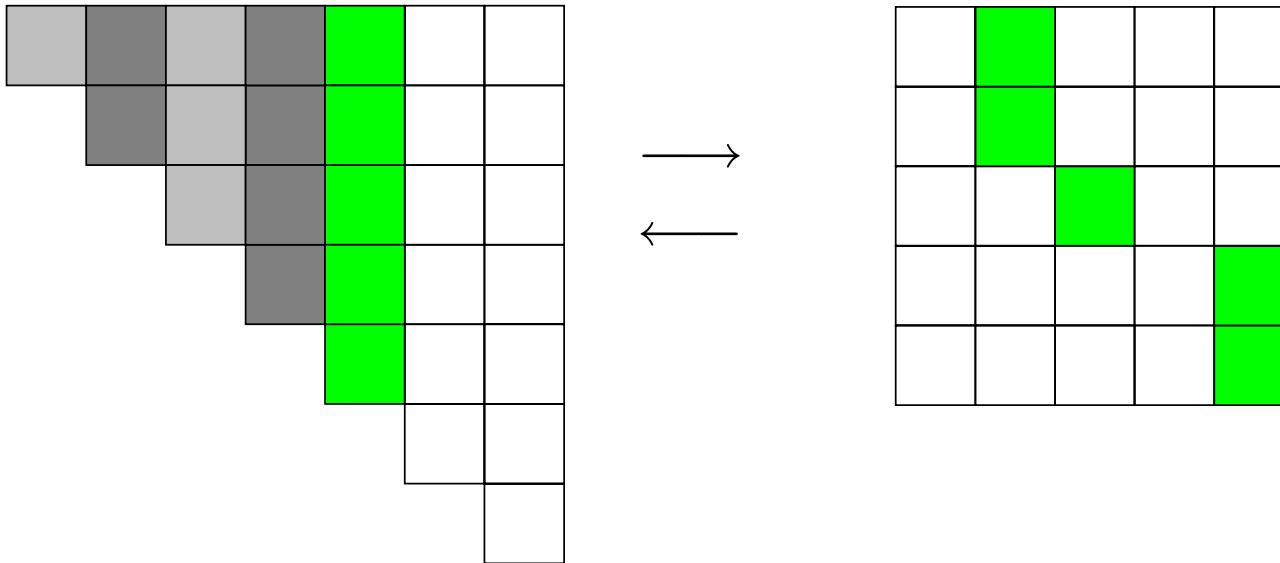
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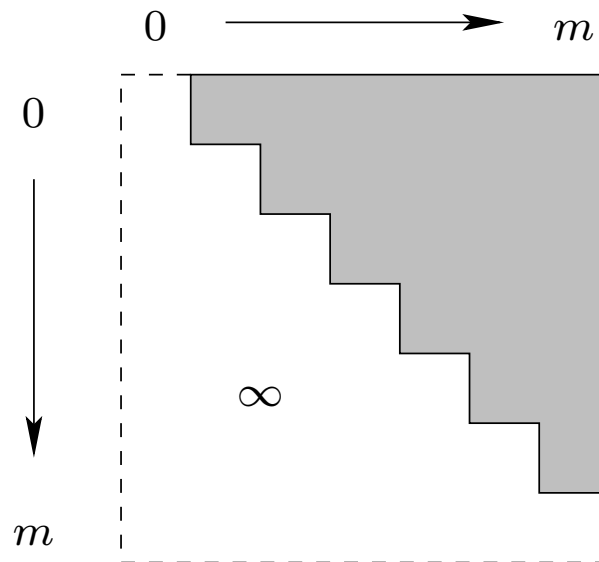
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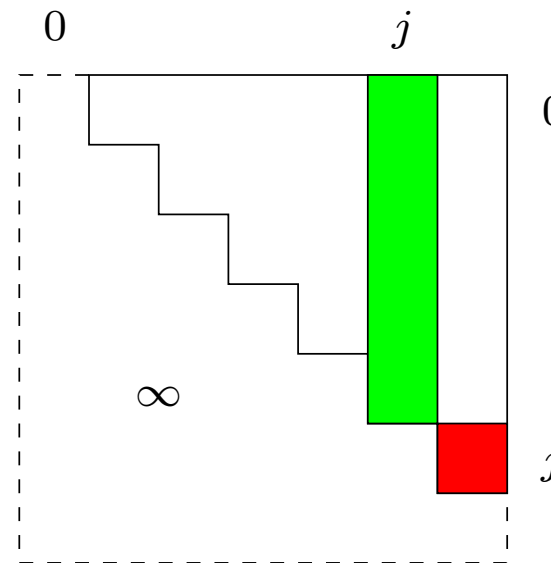
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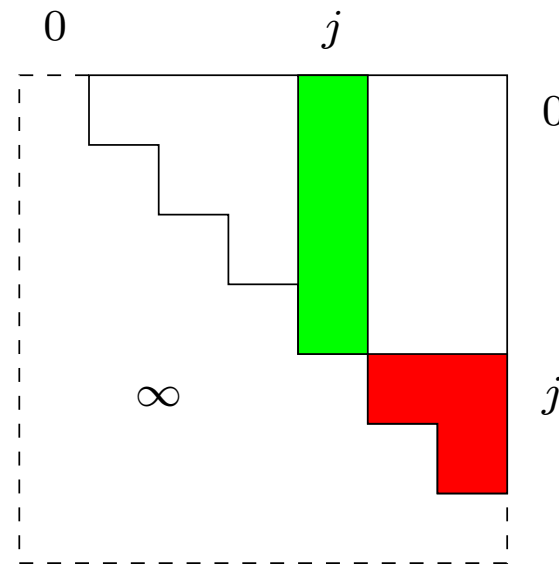
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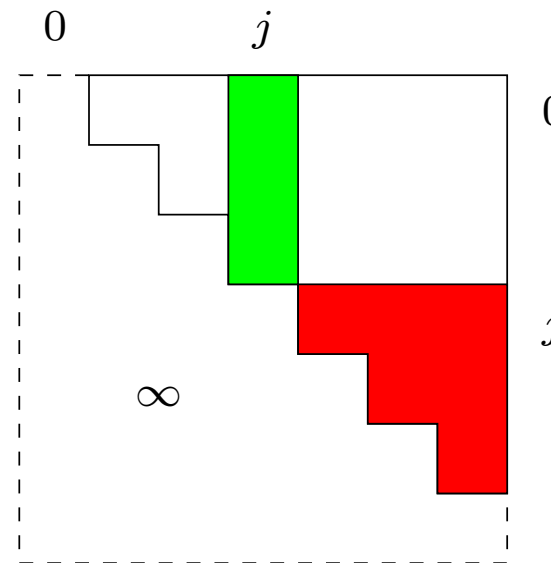
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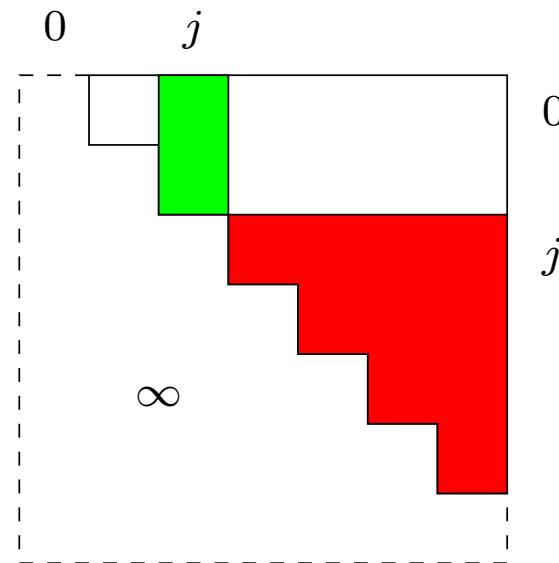
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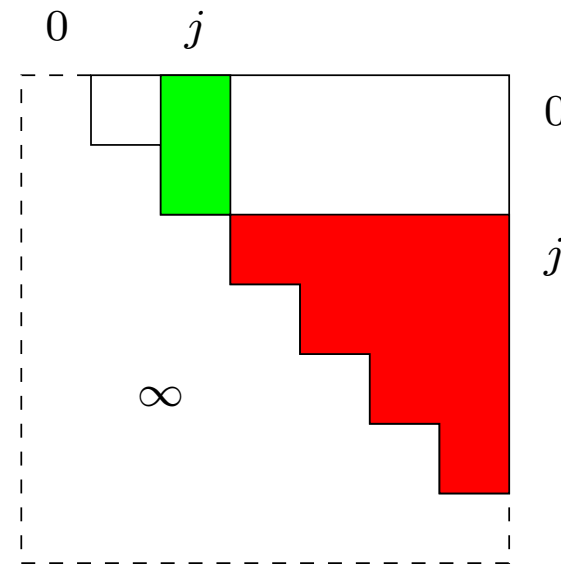
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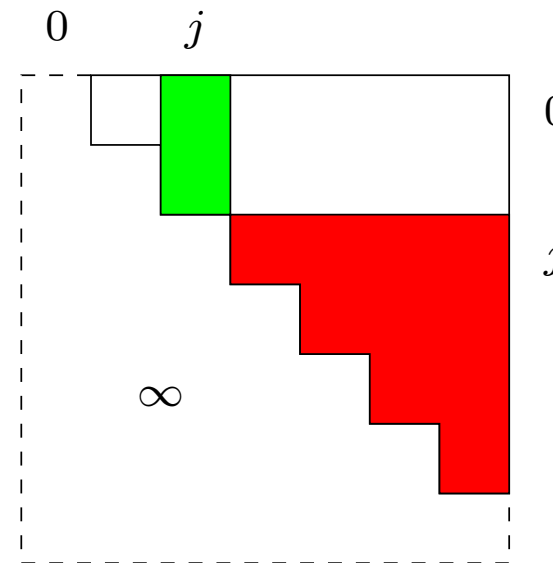
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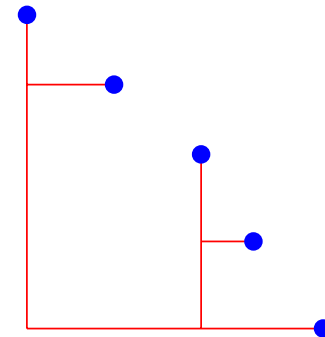
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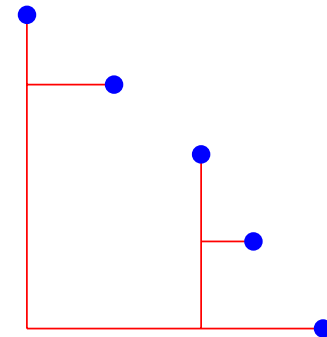


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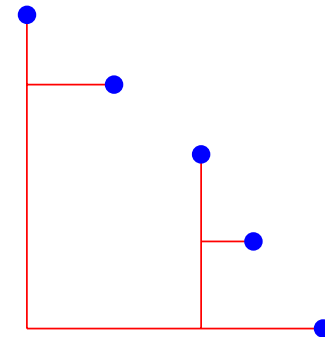
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# Questions?