

BST Application

Interval Tree

e9-XB

Your instinct, rather than precision stabbing, is
more about just random bludgeoning.

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Stabbing Query

❖ Given a set of intervals in general position

on the x-axis: $S = \{ s_i = [x_i, x_i'] \mid 1 \leq i \leq n \}$

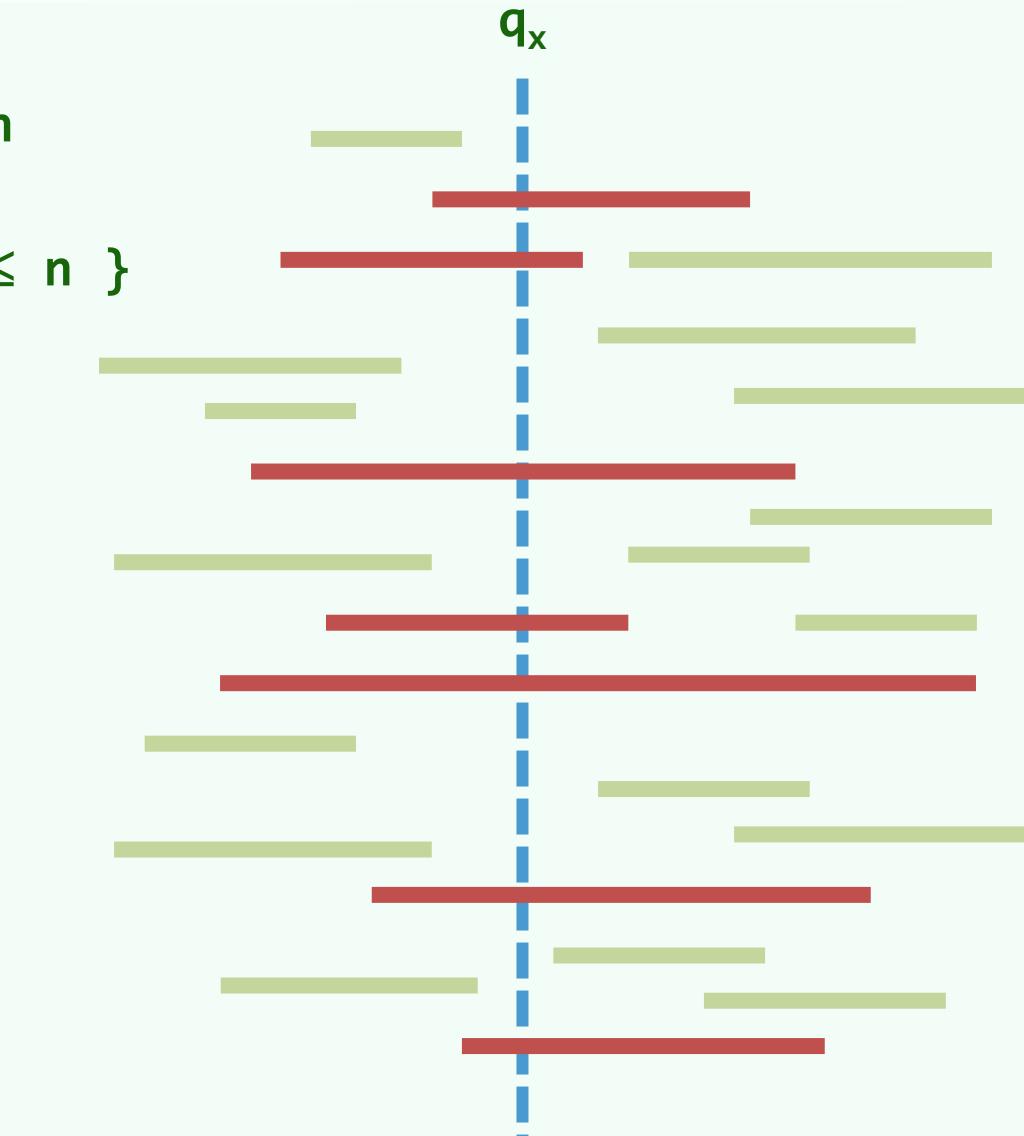
and a query point q_x

❖ Find all intervals that contain q_x

$$\{ s_i = [x_i, x_i'] \mid x_i \leq q_x \leq x_i' \}$$

❖ To solve this query,

we will use the so-called interval tree ...



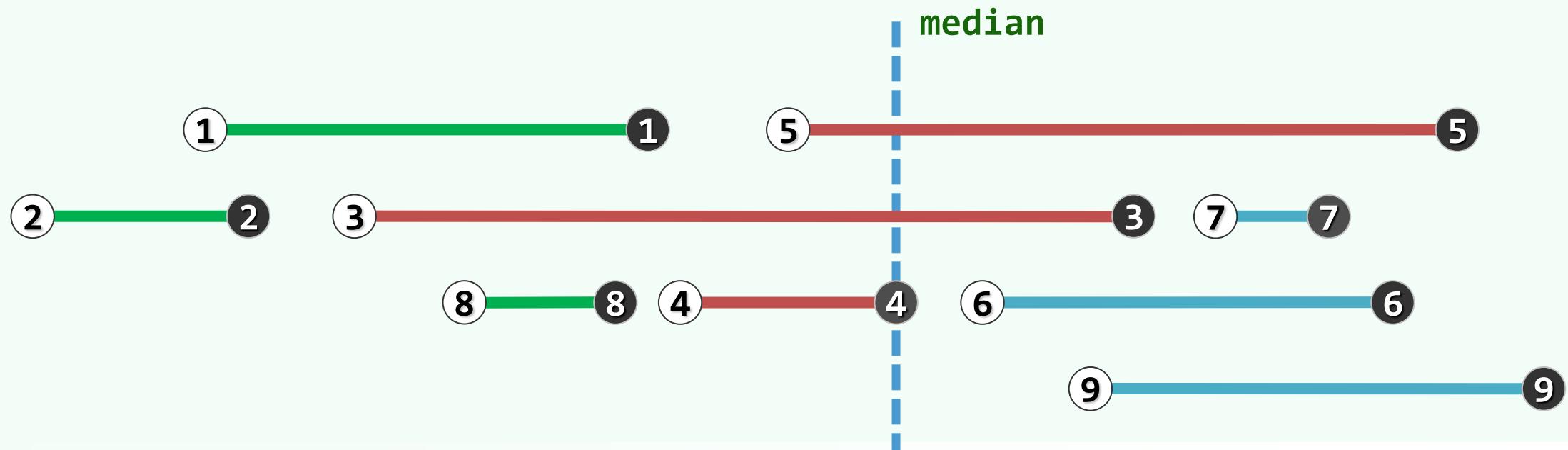
Median

❖ Let $S = \{ s_1, \dots, s_n \}$ be the set of intervals

❖ Let $P = \partial S$ be the set of all endpoints

// by general position assumption, $|P| = 2n$

❖ Let $\text{median}(P) = x_{\text{mid}}$ be the median of P

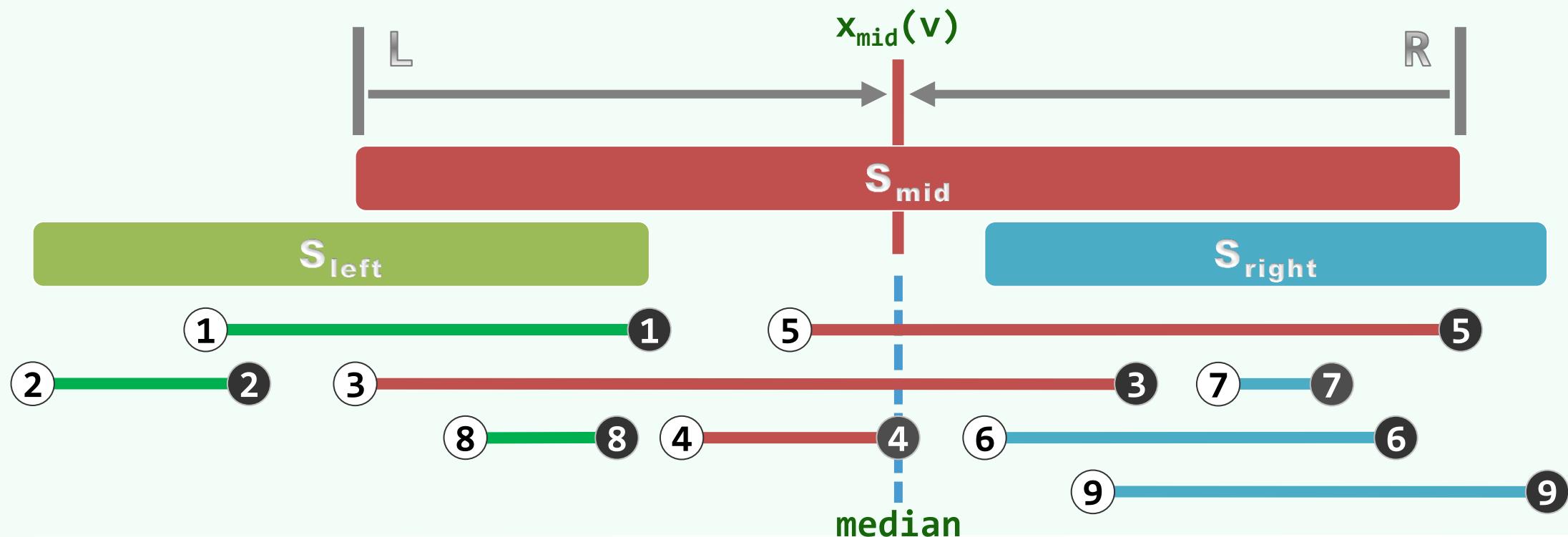


Partitioning

❖ All intervals can be then categorized into 3 subsets :

$$S_{left} = \{ S_i \mid x'_i < x_{mid} \} \quad S_{mid} = \{ S_i \mid x_i \leq x_{mid} \leq x'_i \} \quad S_{right} = \{ S_i \mid x_{mid} < x_i \}$$

❖ $S_{left/right}$ will be **recursively** partitioned until they are empty (leaves)

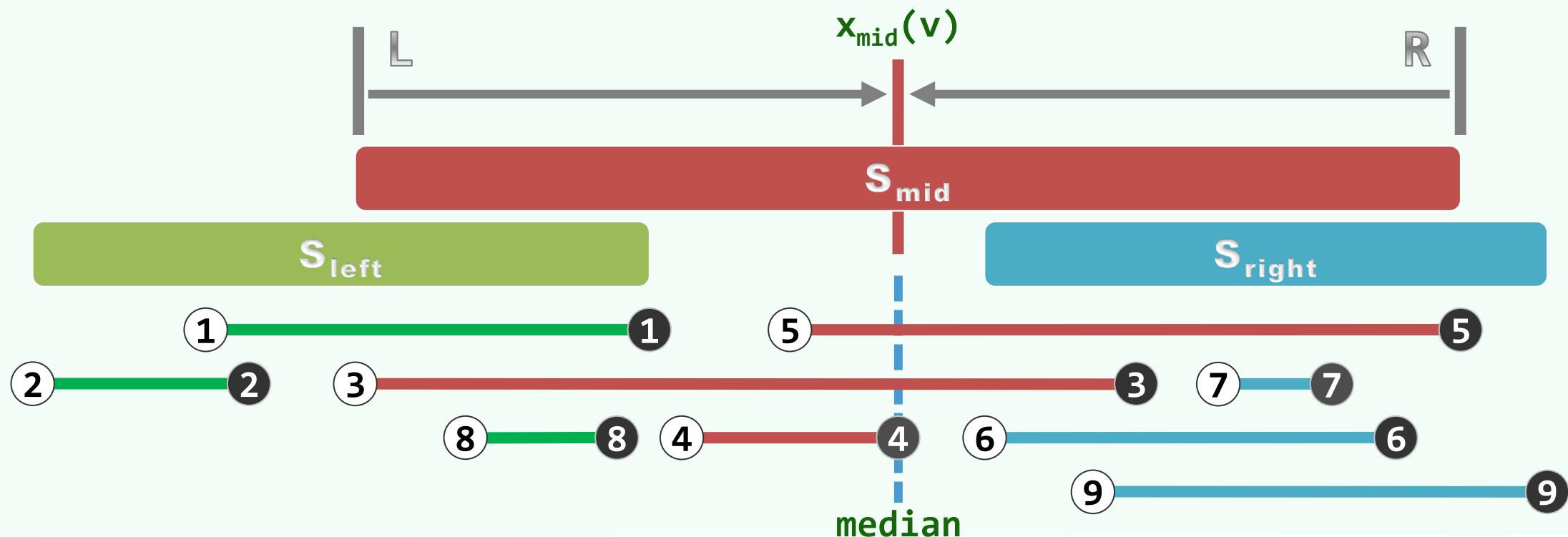


Balance

❖ $\max\{ |S_{left}|, |S_{right}| \} \leq n/2$

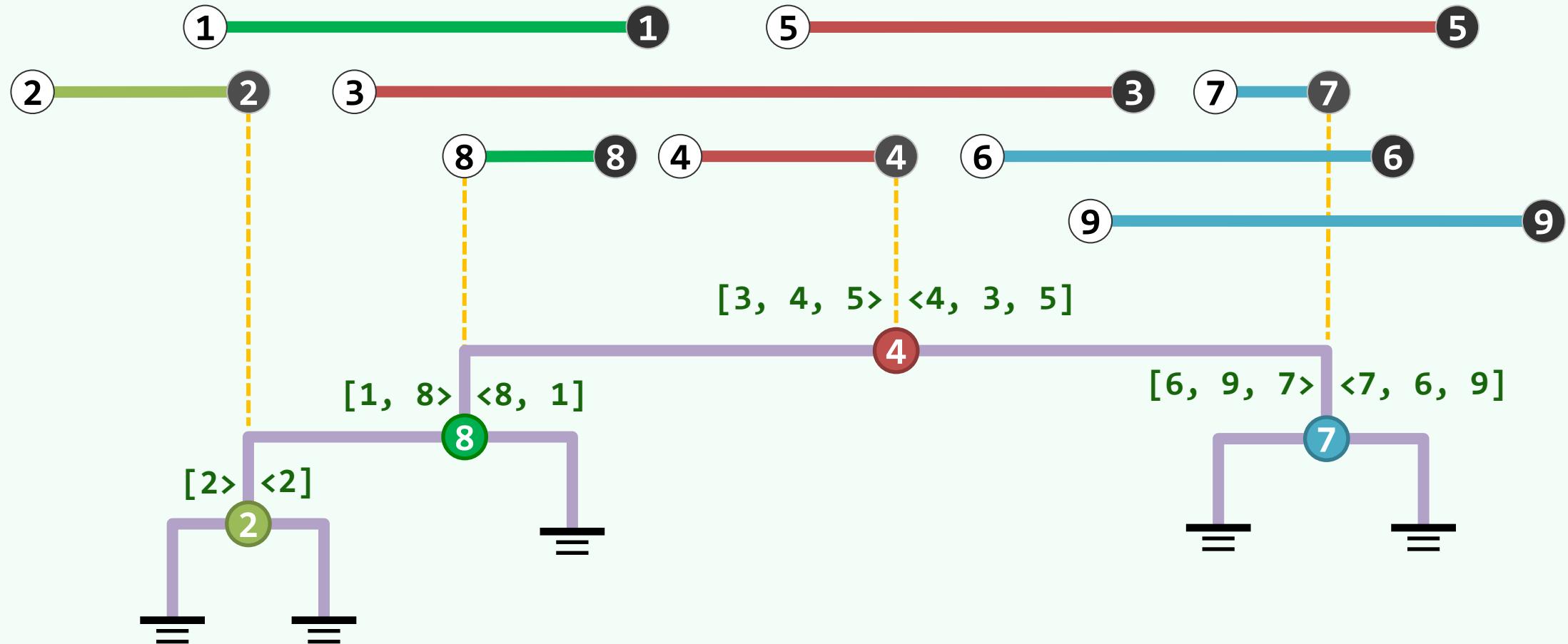
❖ **Best case:** $|S_{mid}| = n$

❖ **Worst case:** $|S_{mid}| = 1$



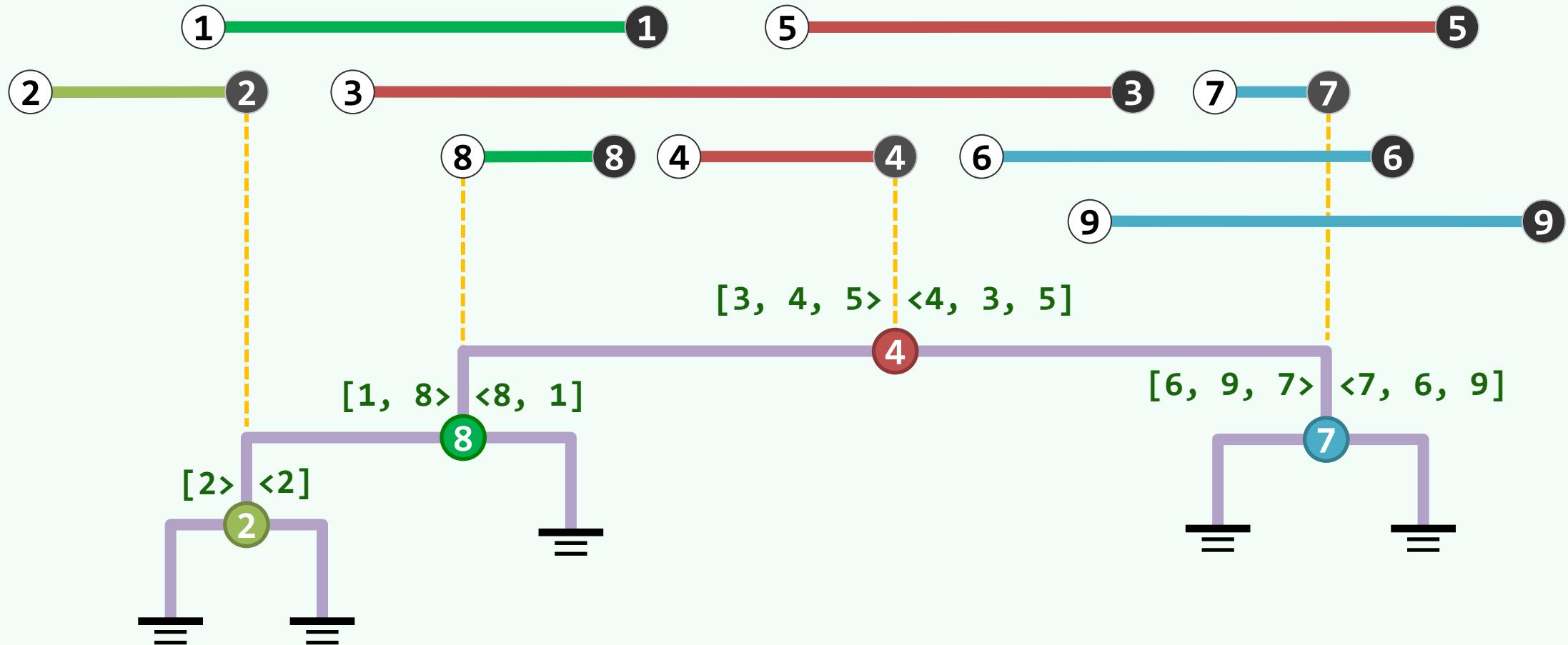
Associative Lists

❖ $L_{\text{left/right}}$ = all intervals of S_{mid} sorted by the LEFT/RIGHT endpoints



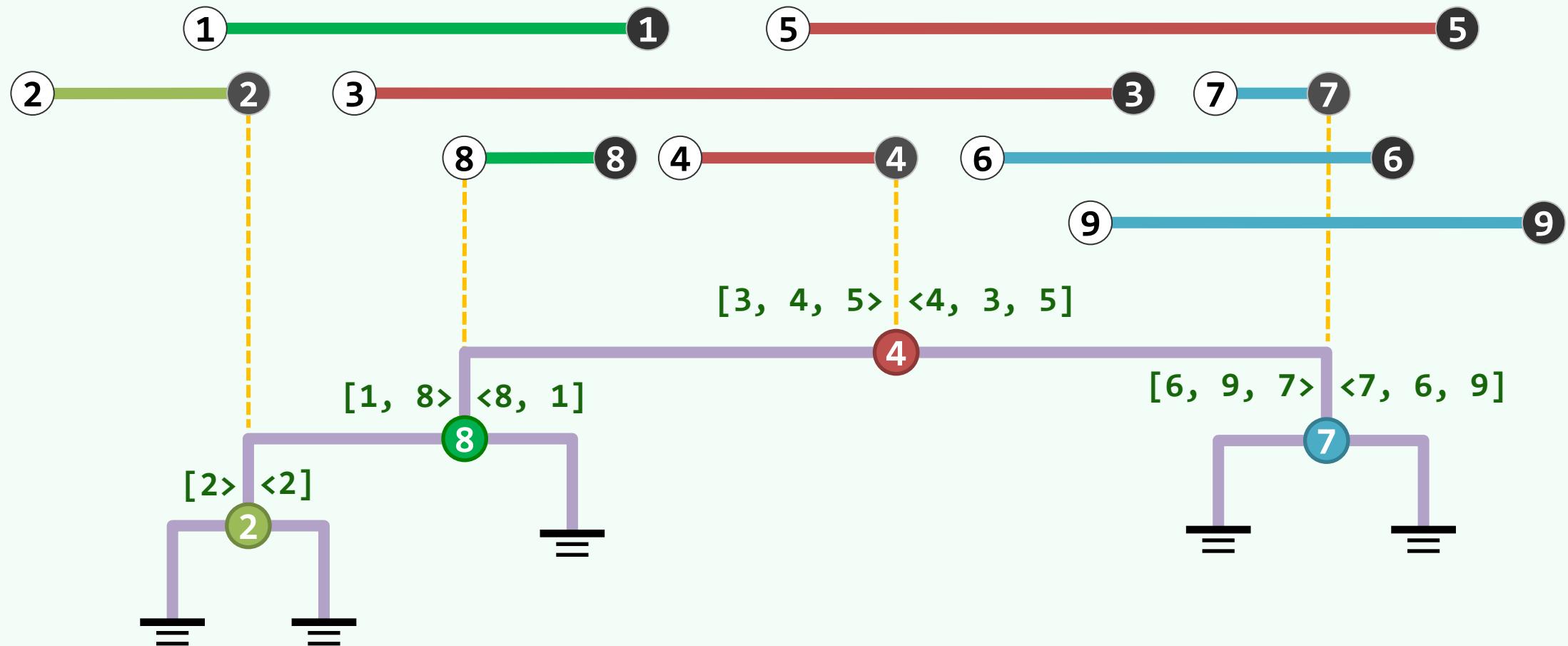
$\Theta(n)$ Size

❖ Each segment appears twice



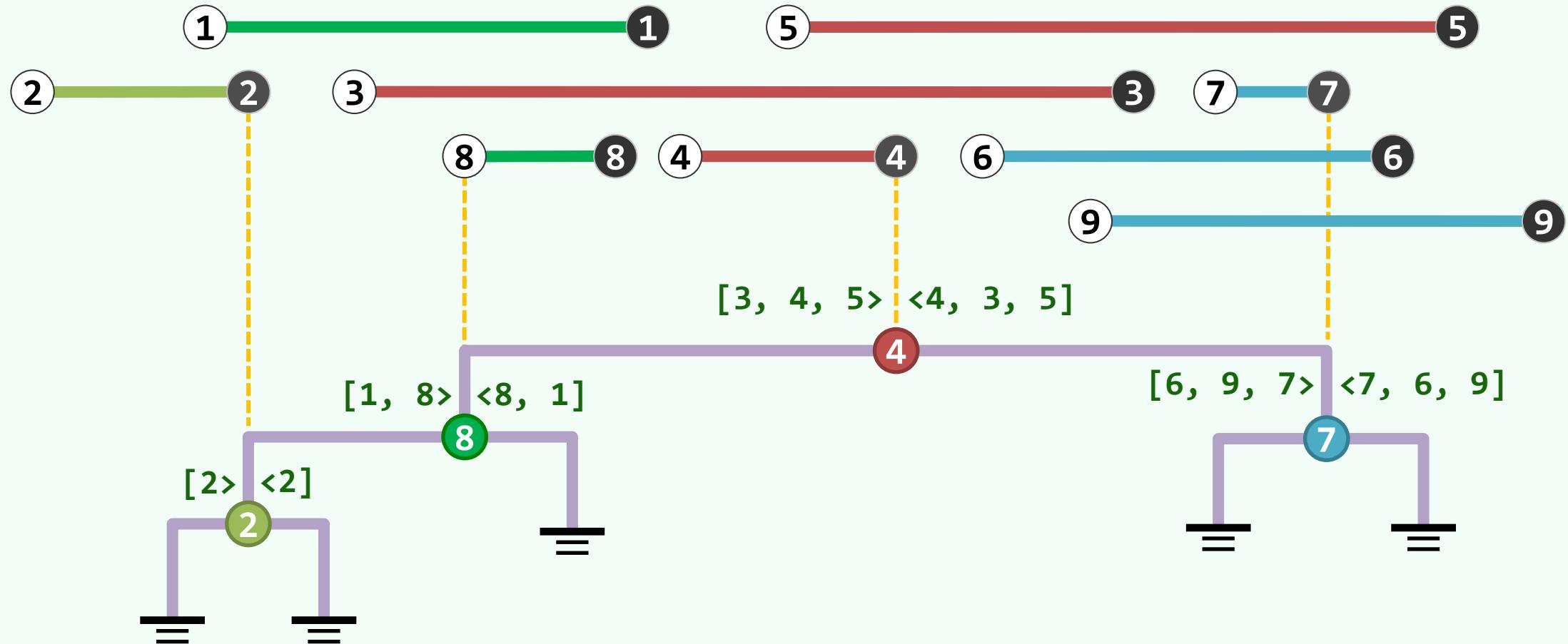
$\Theta(\log n)$ Depth

❖ Partitionings are done evenly



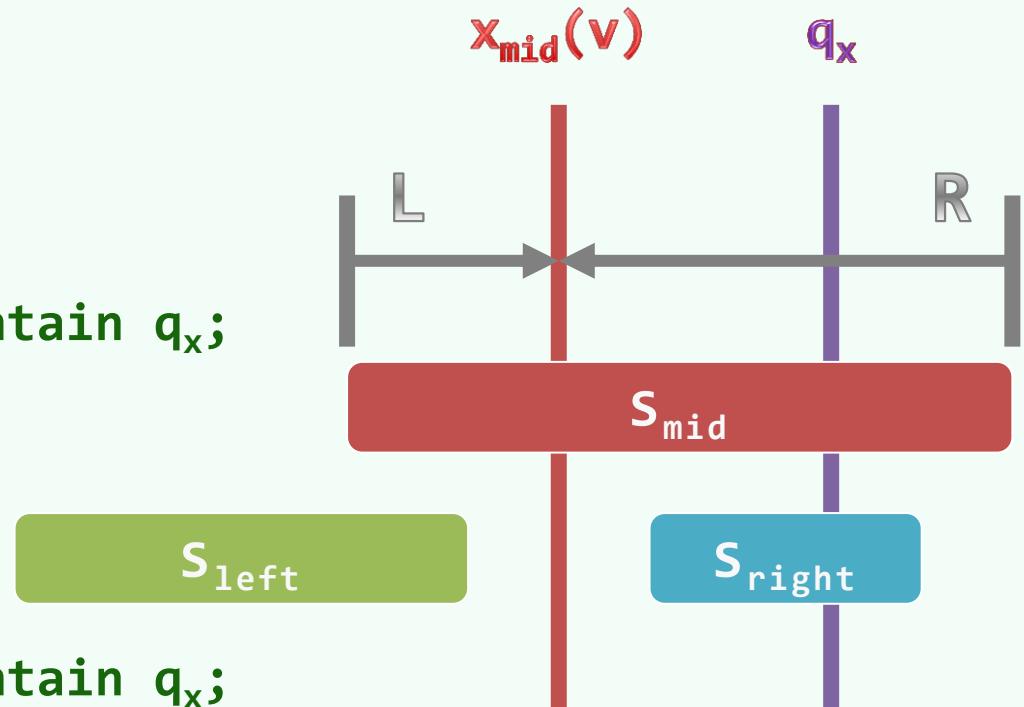
$\Theta(n \log n)$ Construction Time

❖ Hint: avoid repeatedly sorting



queryIntervalTree(v , q_x)

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if ( ! v ) return; //base  
  
if (  $q_x < x_{\text{mid}}(v)$  ) {  
    report all segments of  $S_{\text{mid}}(v)$  that contain  $q_x$ ;  
    queryIntervalTree(  $\text{lc}(v)$ ,  $q_x$  );  
}  
else if (  $x_{\text{mid}}(v) < q_x$  ) {  
    report all segments of  $S_{\text{mid}}(v)$  that contain  $q_x$ ;  
    queryIntervalTree(  $\text{rc}(v)$ ,  $q_x$  );  
}  
else //with a probability  $\approx 0$   
    report all segments of  $S_{\text{mid}}(v)$ ; //both  $\text{rc}(v)$  &  $\text{lc}(v)$  can be ignored
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$\mathcal{O}(r + \log n)$ Query Time

❖ Each query visits $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ nodes

//LINEAR recursion

