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$$\max(m, n) \left\lceil \frac{\max(m, n)}{\min(m, n)} \right\rceil$$

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When sorted from top to bottom, left to right, the order of the tiles are only changed when a vertical move is made. However, the change of the number of out-of-order pair is always even. Since the original number of out-of-order pairs is 0, the number of out-of-order pairs will always stay even. Since the number of out-of-order pairs is odd on the target arrangement, it is impossible to arrange the tiles from the left arrangement to the right arrangement.

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$$\begin{aligned} \min \left( \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} |u_i + u_{i-1}| \right) &= (k+1-k) - (k-(k-1)) = 1-1 = \boxed{0} \\ \max \left( \sum_{i=k}^{k+1} |u_i + u_{i-1}| \right) &= \max(u_{k+1} - u_k + u_k - u_{k-1}) \\ &= \max(2u_k - u_{k+1} - u_{k-1}) \\ &= 2n - 1 - 2 \\ &= \boxed{2n - 3} \end{aligned}$$

# 6

$$x[x[x[x]]] = 50$$

$$x[x[x[x]]] \approx x^4$$

$$x^4 = 50 \implies x = \pm \sqrt[4]{50} \approx \pm 2.66 \implies x[x[x[x]]] = 50 \implies x \in (-3, -2) \cup (2, 3)$$

If  $x > 0$ ,  $x \in (2, 3)$ .

$$x < 3$$

$$\lfloor x \rfloor \leq 2$$

$$x[x] < 6$$

$$\lfloor x[x] \rfloor \leq 5$$

$$x[x[x]] < 15$$

$$\lfloor x[x[x]] \rfloor \leq 14$$

$$x[x[x[x]]] < 42$$

$$x[x[x[x]]] \neq 50$$

If  $x < 0$ ,  $x \in (-3, -2)$ .

$$x[x[x[x]]] = 50 \implies \lfloor x[x[x]] \rfloor = m \in \mathbb{Z}^-$$

$$xm = 50 \implies x = \frac{50}{m}$$

$$-3 < x < -2$$

$$-3 < \frac{50}{m} < -2$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} < \frac{m}{50} < -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$-25 < m < -\frac{50}{3}$$

$$-24 \leq m \leq -17$$

$$x = \frac{50}{m} \in \left\{ -\frac{50}{24}, \dots, -\frac{50}{17} \right\} \implies \boxed{x = -\frac{50}{19}}$$