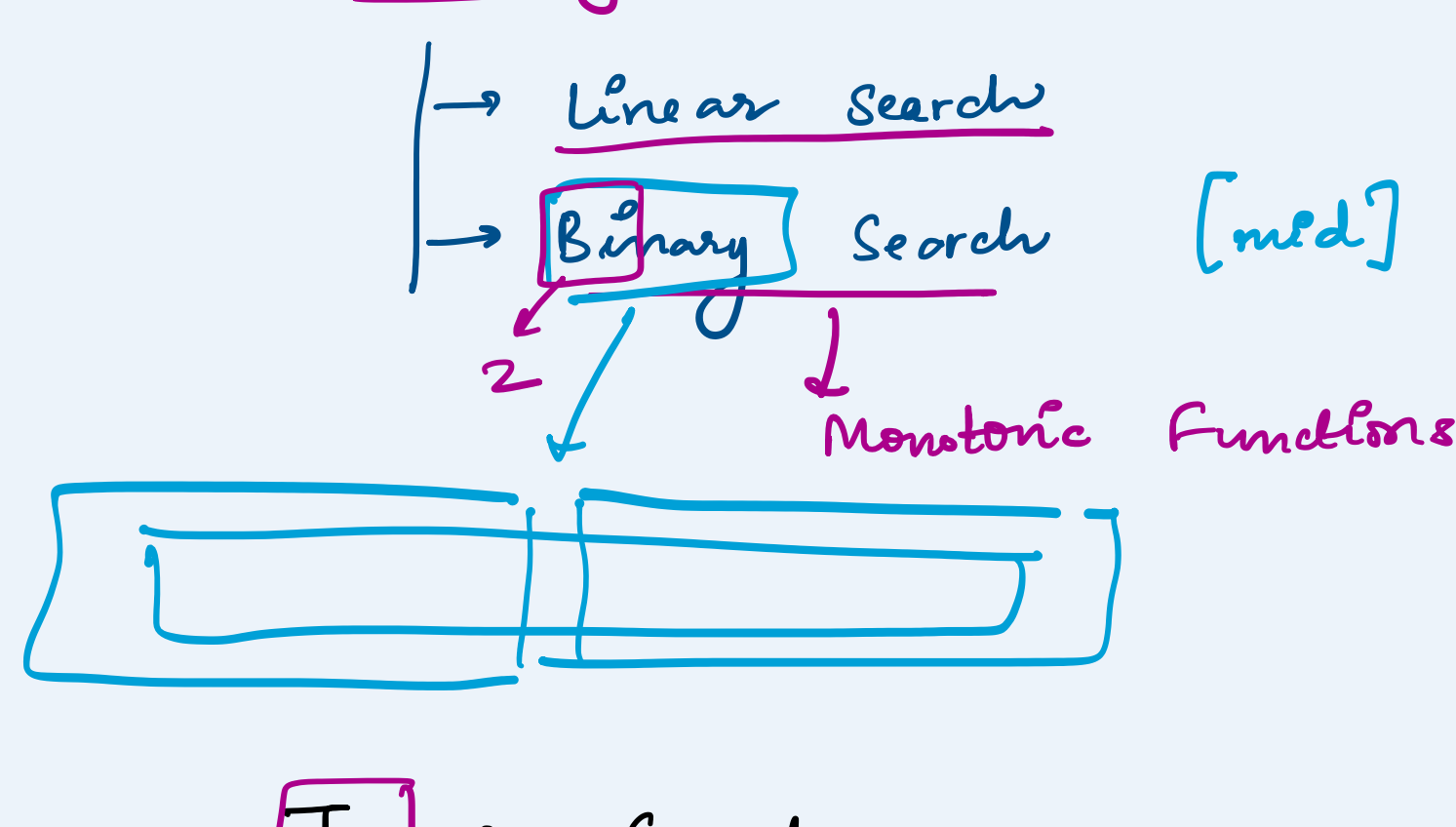


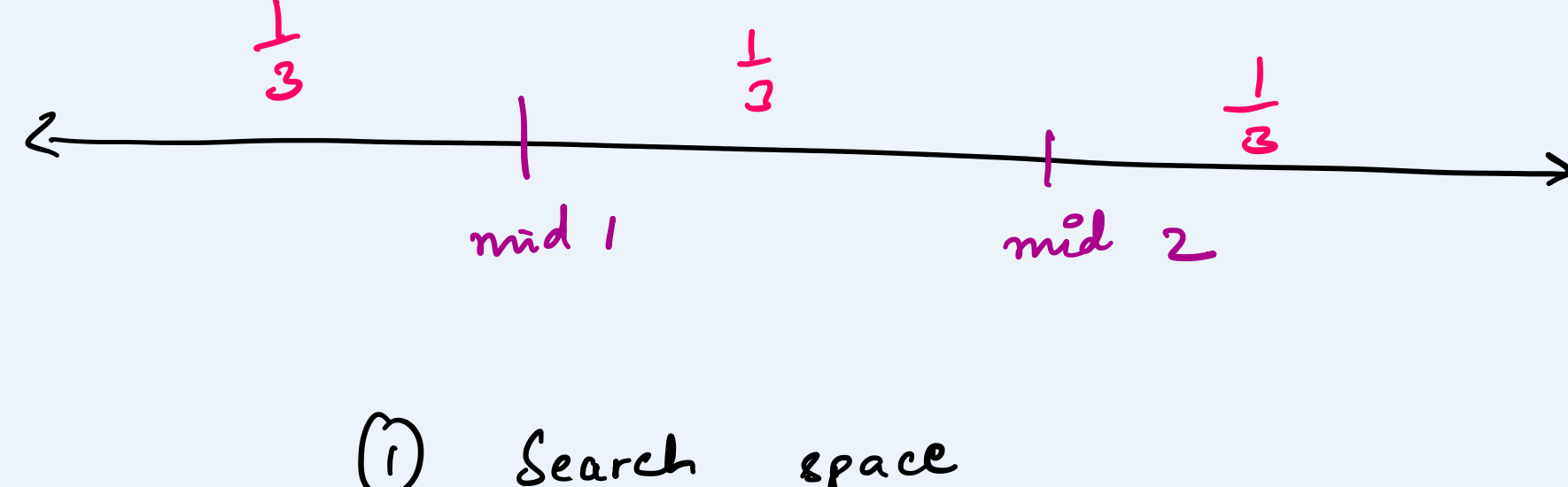
## Searching



## Ternary Search

→ Divide & conquer

→ division of array / function into 3 parts.

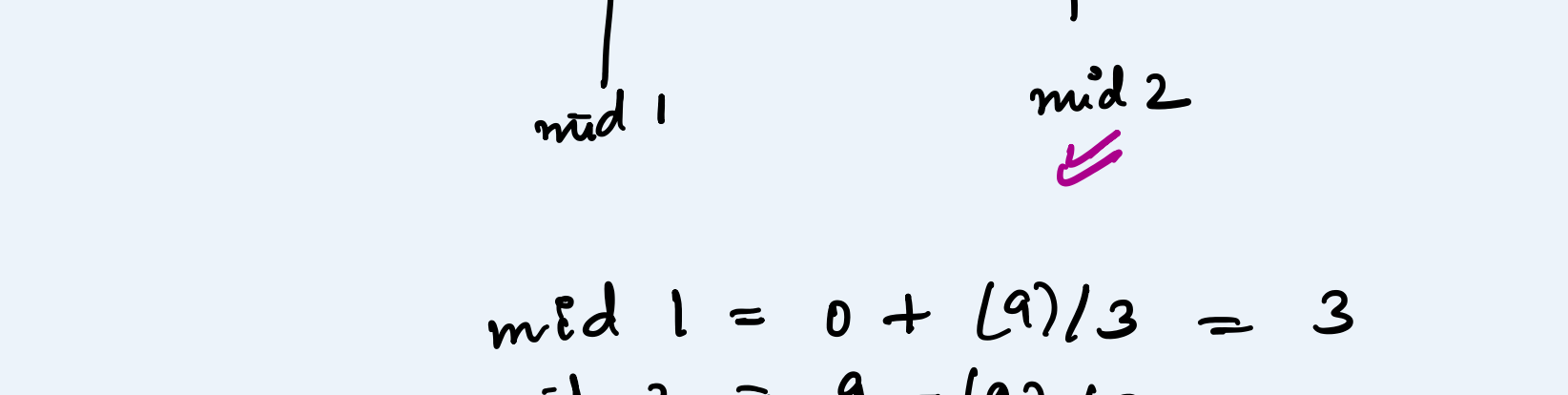


① Search space

② find mid 1 and mid 2

$$\text{mid 1} = l + (r-l)/3$$

$$\text{mid 2} = r - (r-l)/3$$



$$\text{mid 1} = 0 + (9)/3 = 3$$

$$\text{mid 2} = 9 - (9)/3 = 6$$

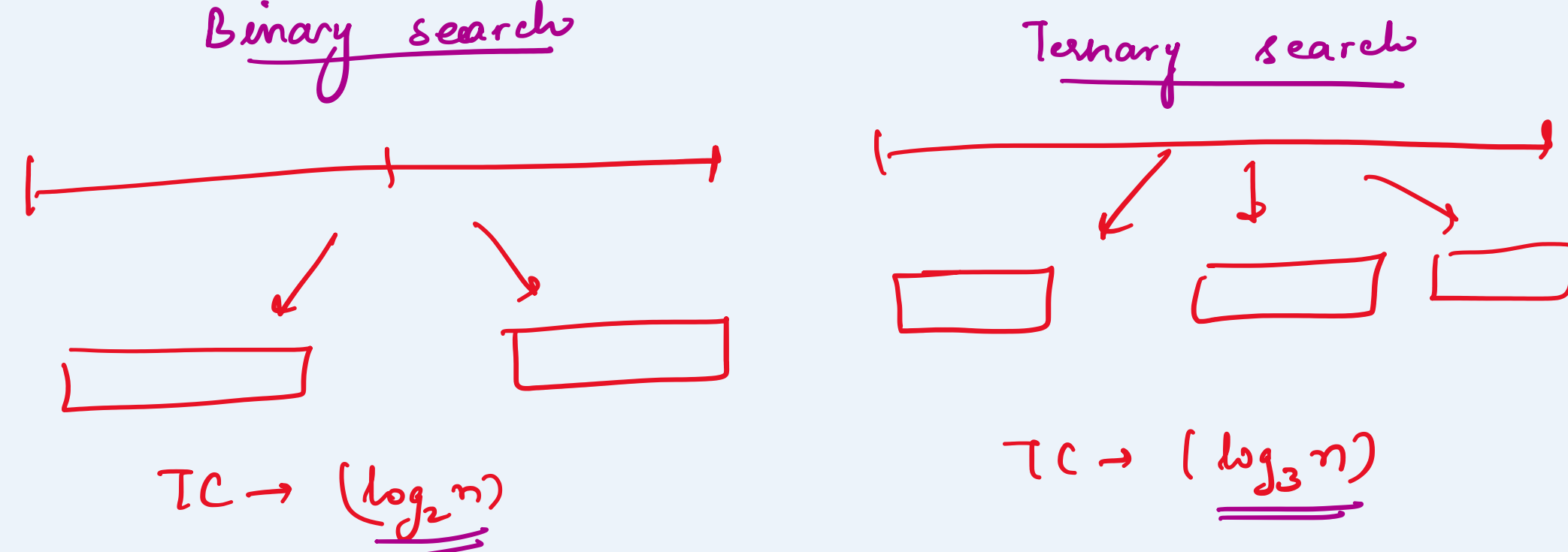
target → 6

target > arr[mid1] & target < arr[mid2]

$$l = \text{mid 1} + 1;$$

$$r = \text{mid 2} - 1;$$

while (l <= r) {



for each iteration,

Ternary search → 4 comparisons

Binary search → 2 comparisons

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 4C$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2C$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 4C \Rightarrow T(n) = \frac{4C \log(n)}{\log(3)} + C_1$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2C \Rightarrow T(n) = \frac{2C \log(n)}{\log(2)} + C_1$$

$$BS \rightarrow T(n) = 2C \log_2 n + O(1)$$

$$TS \rightarrow T(n) = 4C \log_3 n + O(1)$$

Time taken for Ternary search is

$2 \log_3 2$  times the time taken by BS.

$$(TS) = 2 \log_3 2 (BS)$$

$$\text{Since } 2 \log_3 2 > 1$$

↓

we get more comparisons for ternary search.

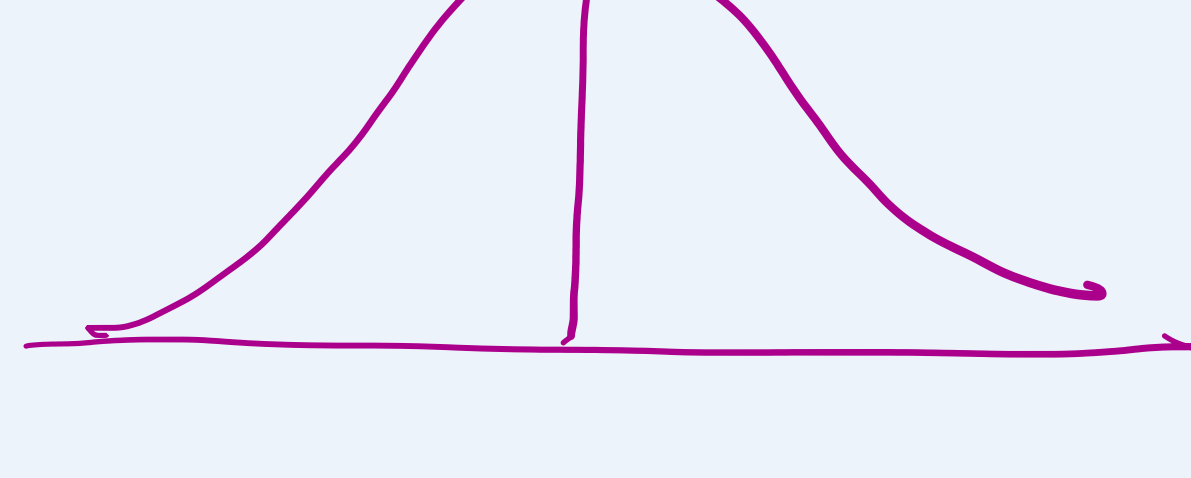
Linear function → TS

BS

## Unimodal distribution

→ A unimodal distribution is a distribution with one clear peak or most frequent value.

→ The values increase at first, reach to a single peak and then it decreases.

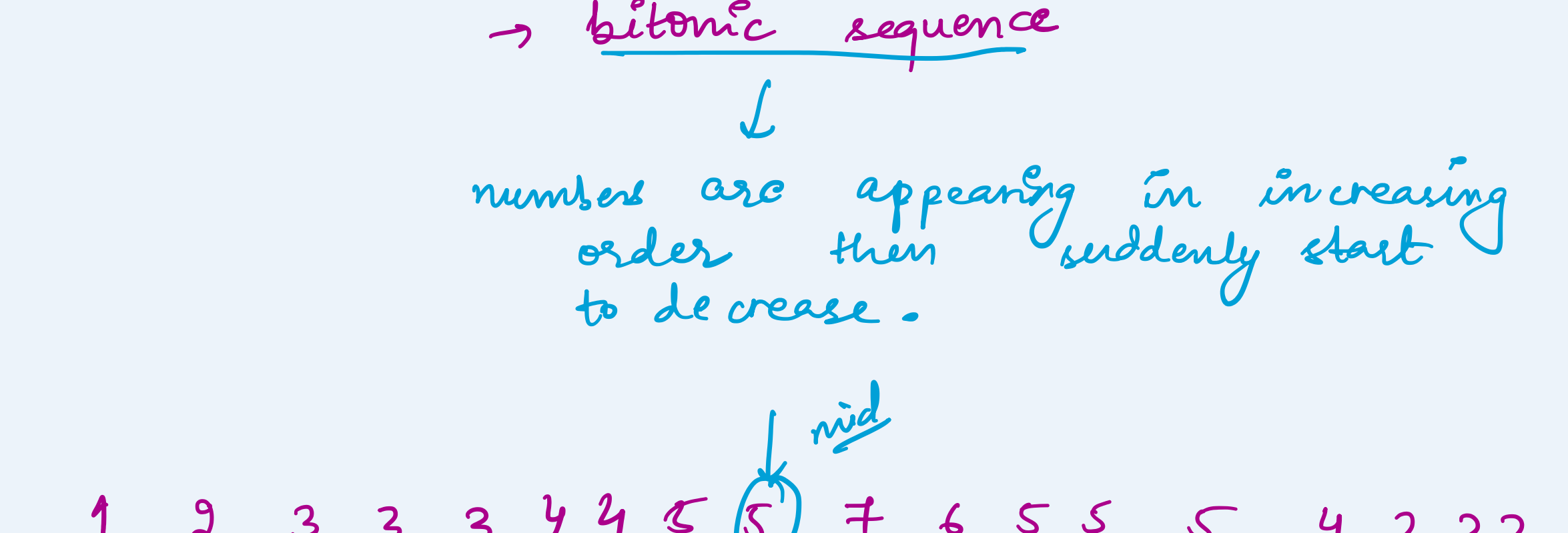


1 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 5 5 5 4 2 2 2

→ bitonic sequence

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numbers are appearing in increasing order then suddenly start to decrease.

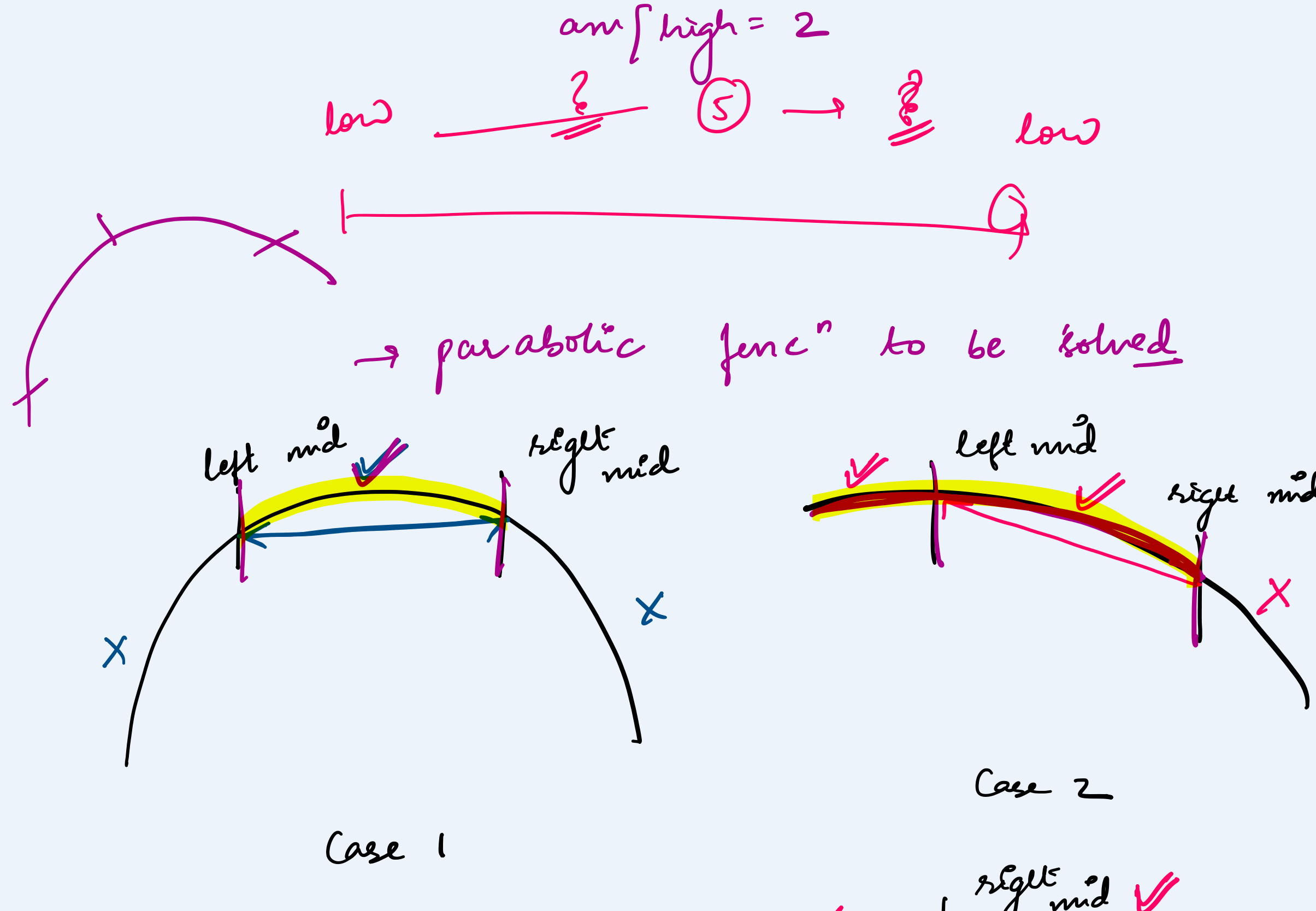


mid = 5

arr[low] = 1

arr[high] = 2

low → 3 → 5 → 6 → low



## Ternary search applications

→ unimodal function to determine the max or min value of a function

→ unimodal functions have single highest value

[a, b]

determine (x)

func(x) will be maximised

unimodal in nature

inc → [a, x]

dec → [x, b]

## unimodal function

$$f(x) = -ax^2 + bx + c$$

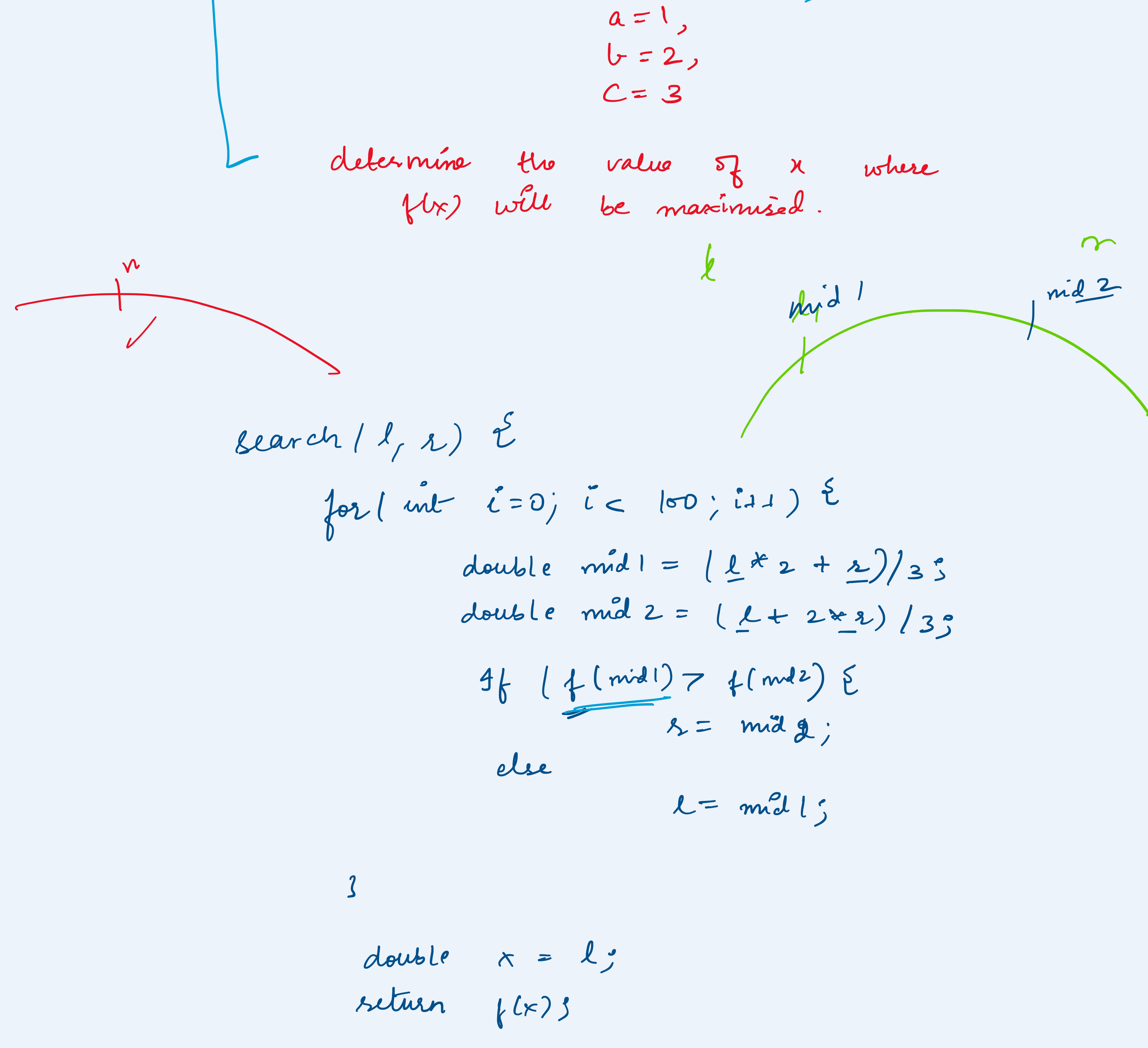
where

$$a = 1,$$

$$b = 2,$$

$$c = 3$$

determine the value of x where f(x) will be maximised.



search(l, r) {

for (int i=0; i<100; i++) {

$$\text{double mid 1} = (l * 2 + r) / 3;$$

$$\text{double mid 2} = (l + 2 * r) / 3;$$

$$\text{if } (f(\text{mid 1}) > f(\text{mid 2})) \{$$

$$r = \text{mid 2};$$

else

$$l = \text{mid 1};$$

}

$$\text{double } x = l;$$

$$\text{return } f(x);$$

}

$$\text{double } f(\text{double } x) \{$$

$$\text{return } -x^2 + 2x - 3;$$

}