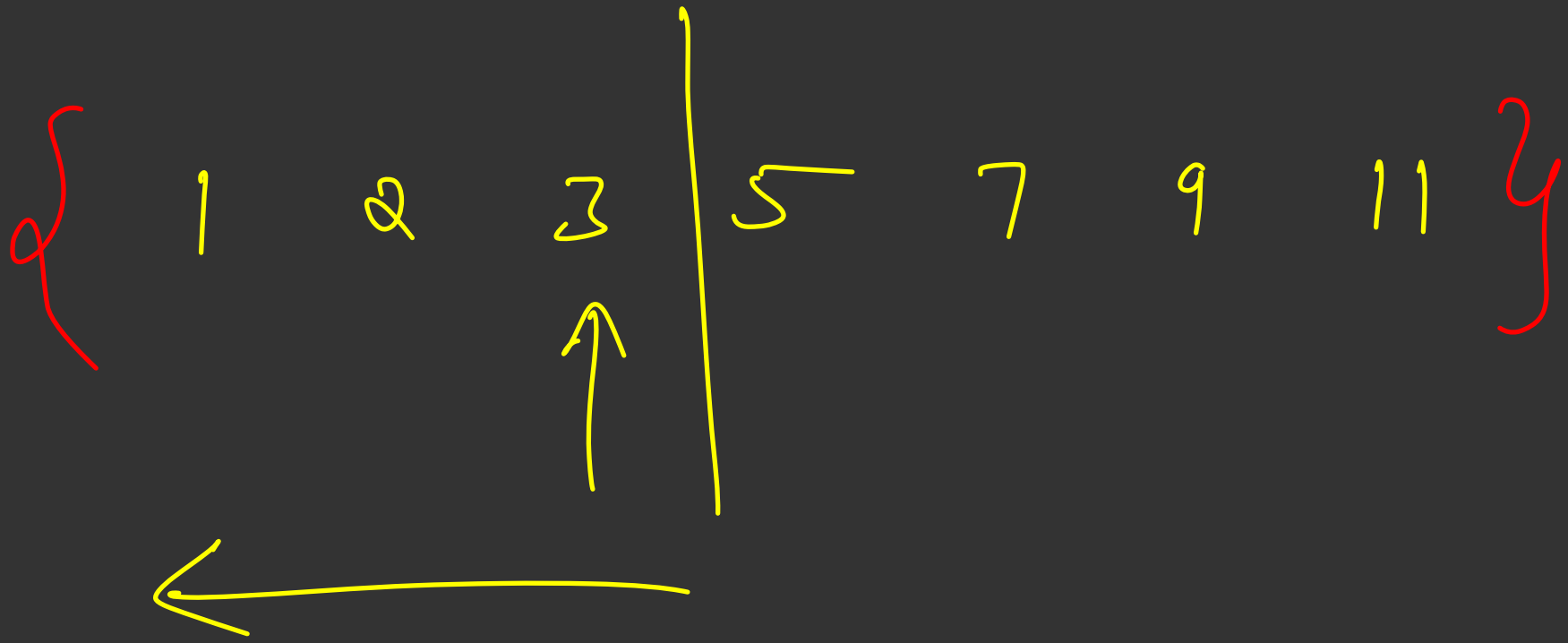
Binary Searching on Answer

Advanced Binary Search

① Sorted array → find x



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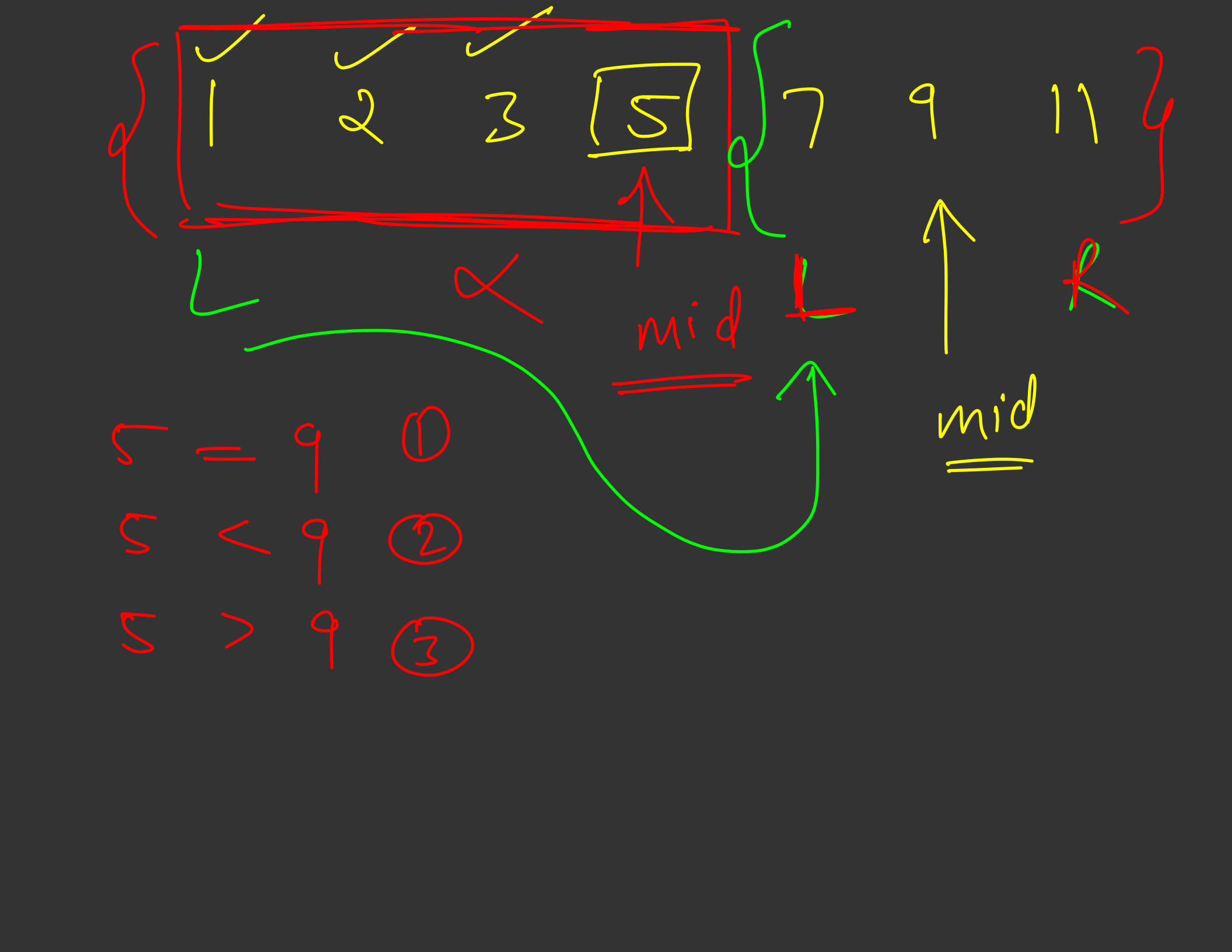
1
2
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L
mid
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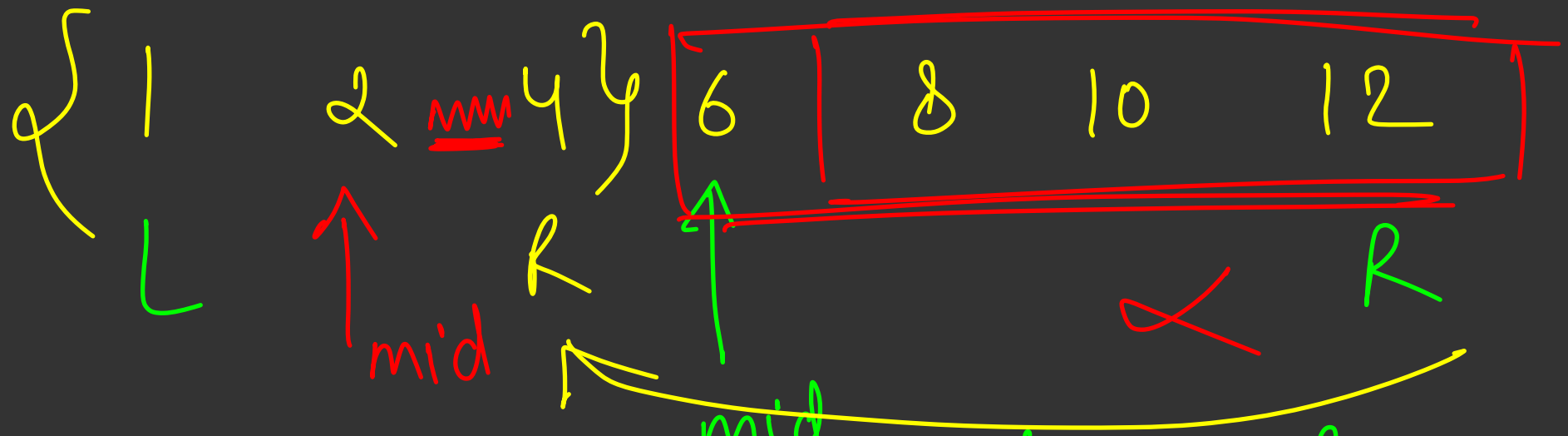
mid
5 = 9 ①
5 < 9 ②
5 > 9 ③



$6 < 4$ ①

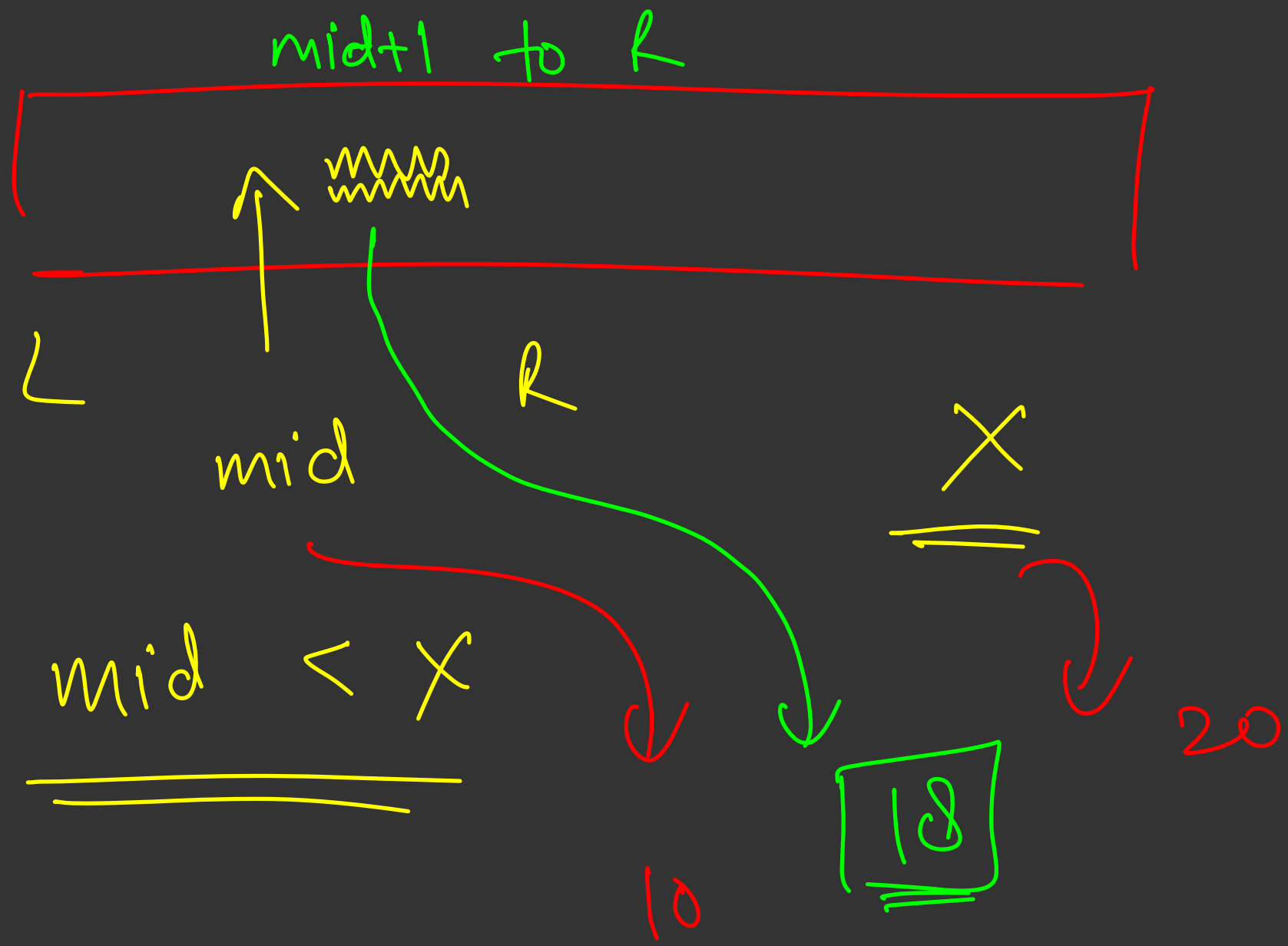
$6 > 4$ ②

$6 = 4$ ③

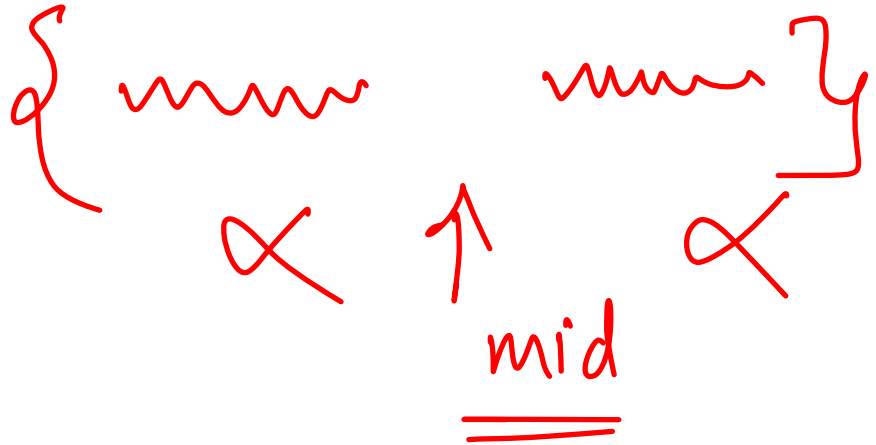
= No. of elements smaller than 4

= index of largest element smaller than 4

$2 > 4$ ① $2 < 4$ ② $2 = 4$ ③

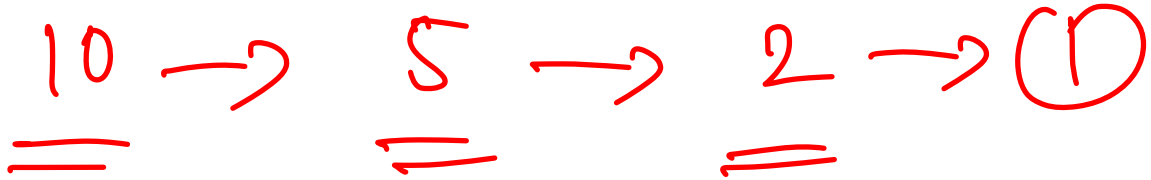

mid+1 to R
L
mid
R
X
mid < X
10
18
20

Binary Search Revision



Time Complexity Discussion

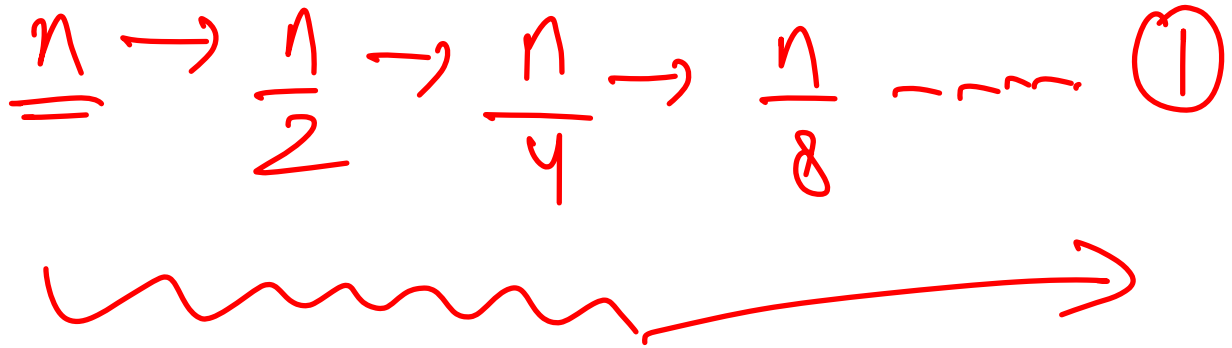
We are reducing our search space at every step into half of current search space



Recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n / 2) + 1$$

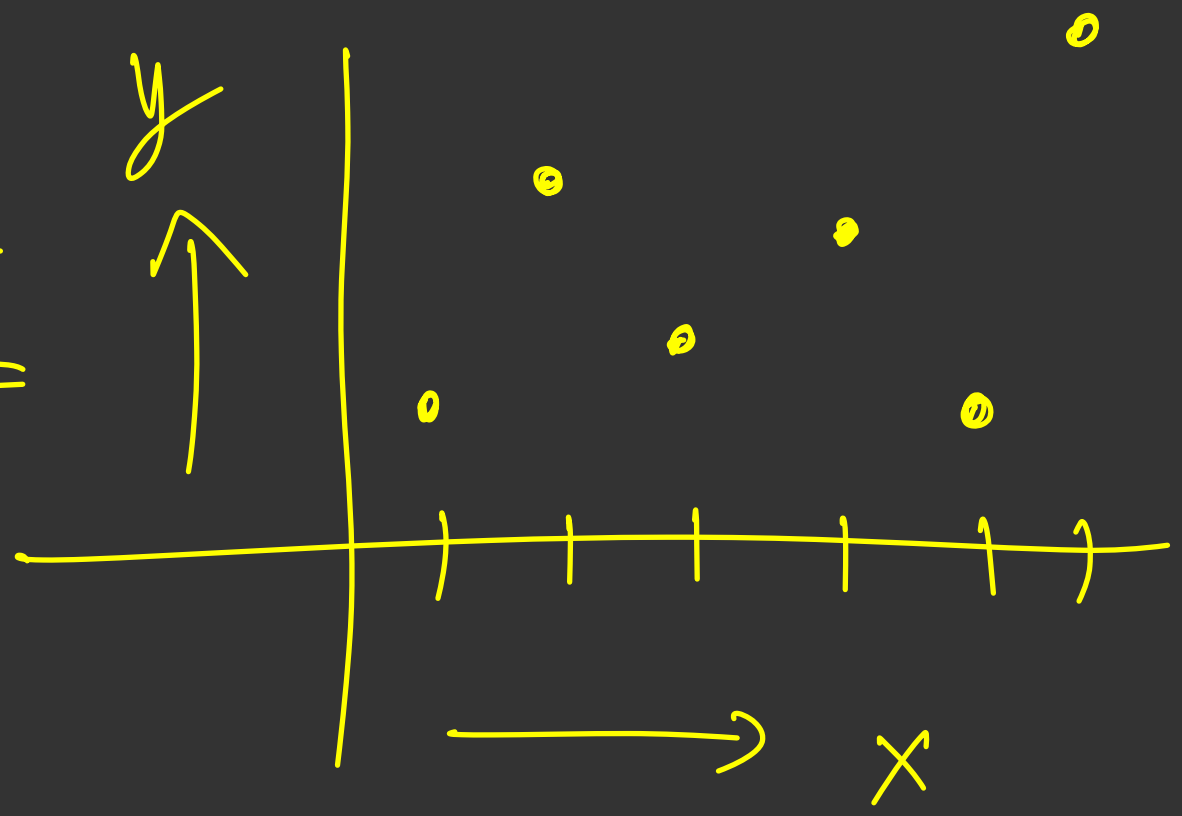
$$T(1) = 1$$



Time Complexity: O(logn)

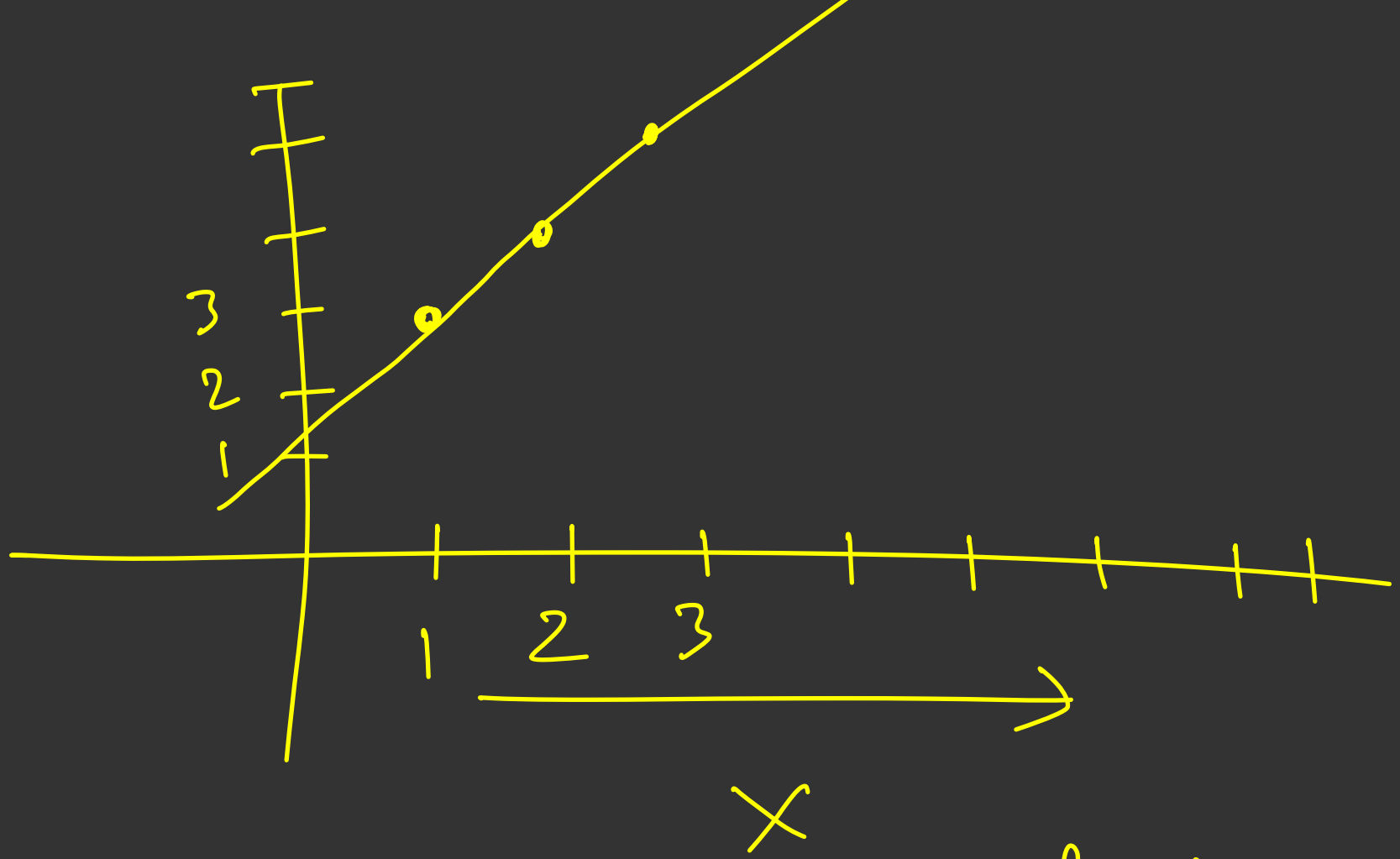
Monotonicity function

$f(x) \longrightarrow y$



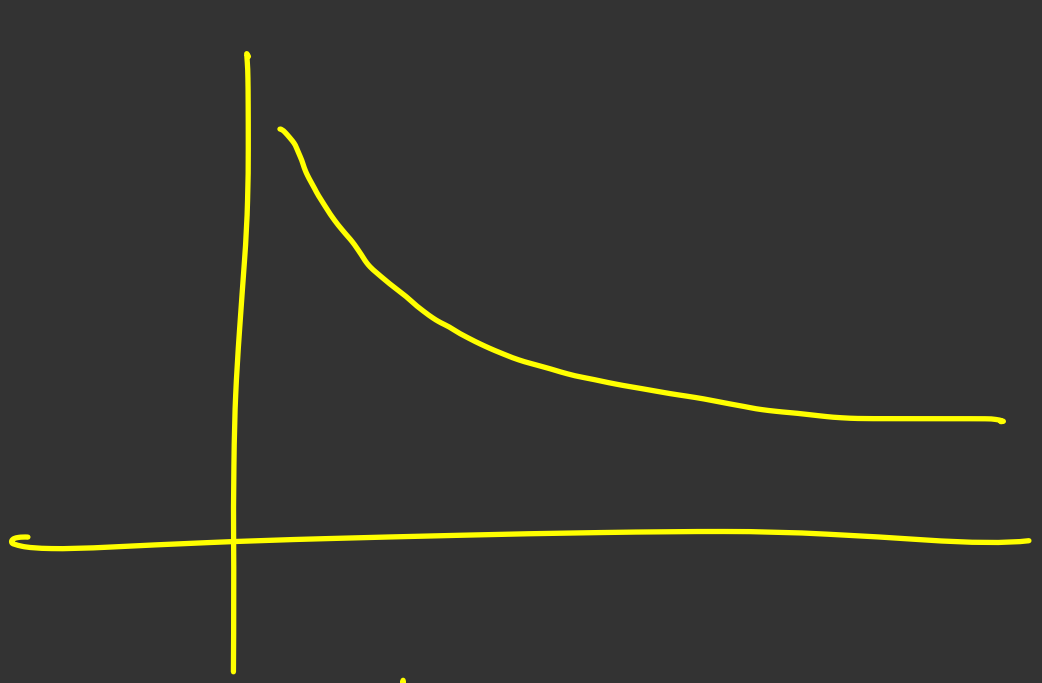
x = input

y = output

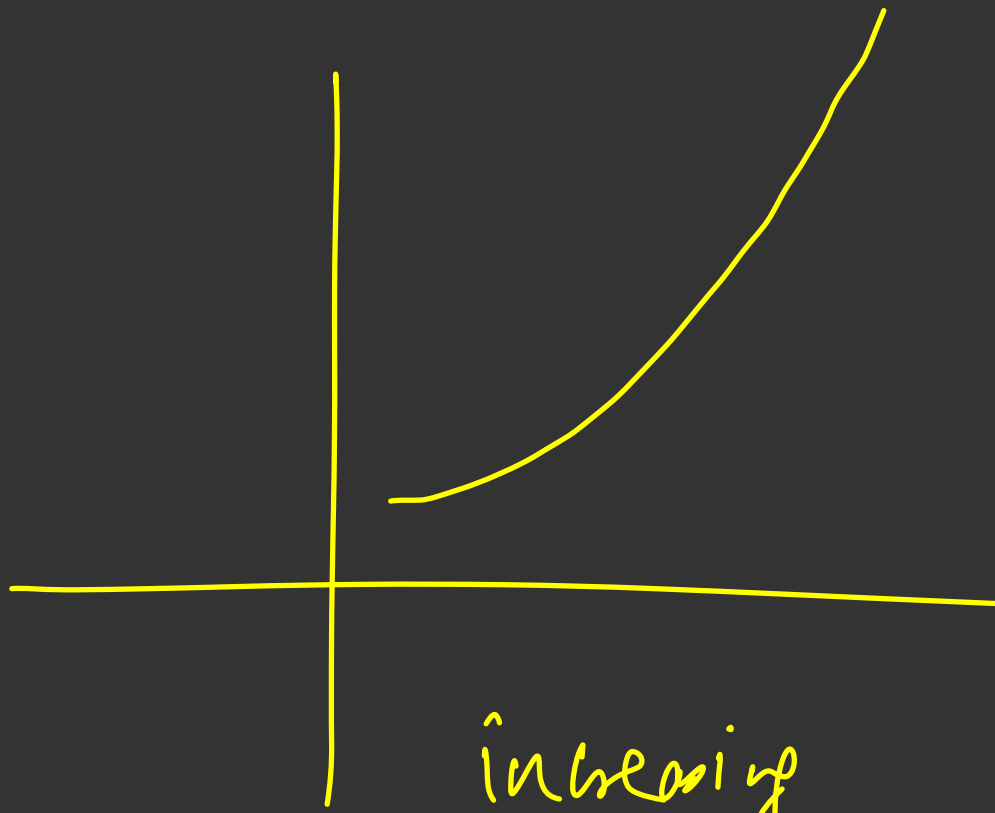


① $x \uparrow \quad y \uparrow$ $\qquad f(x) = x + 2$

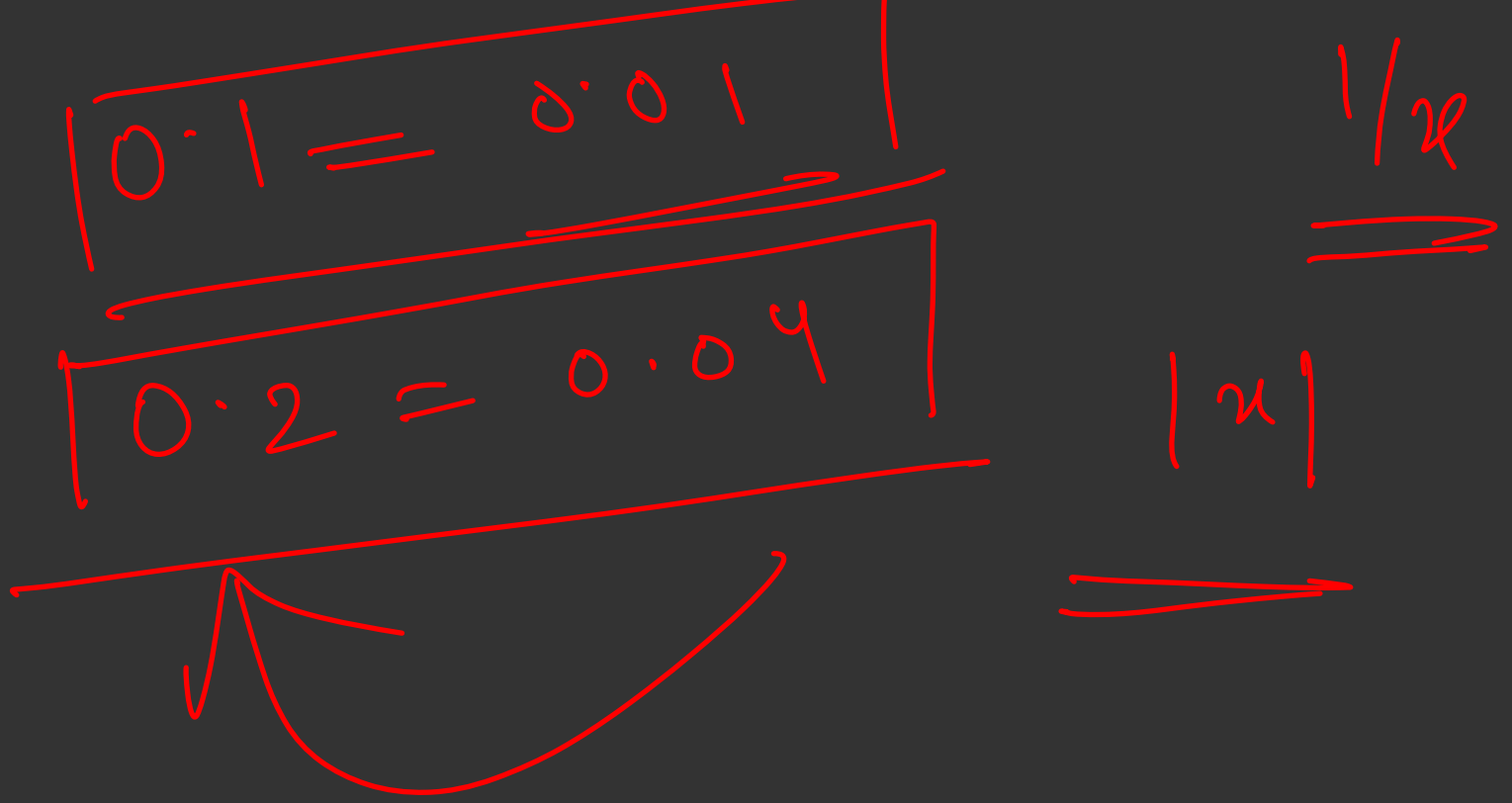
② $x \uparrow \quad y \downarrow$ $\qquad f(x) = 1/x$



decreasing
monotonic function



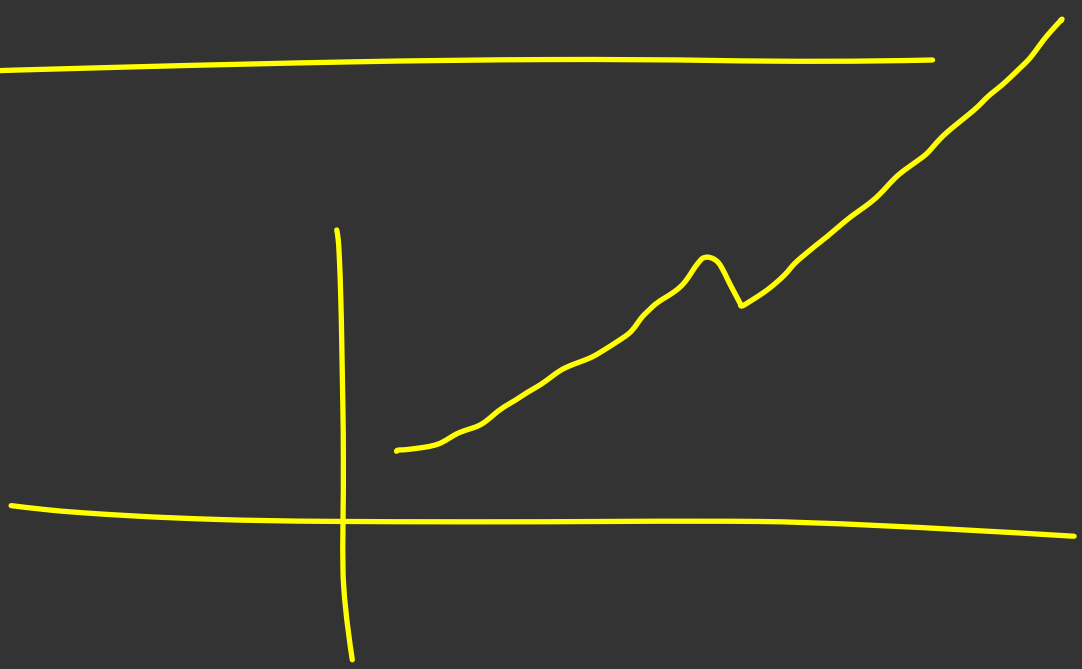
increasing
monotonic
function



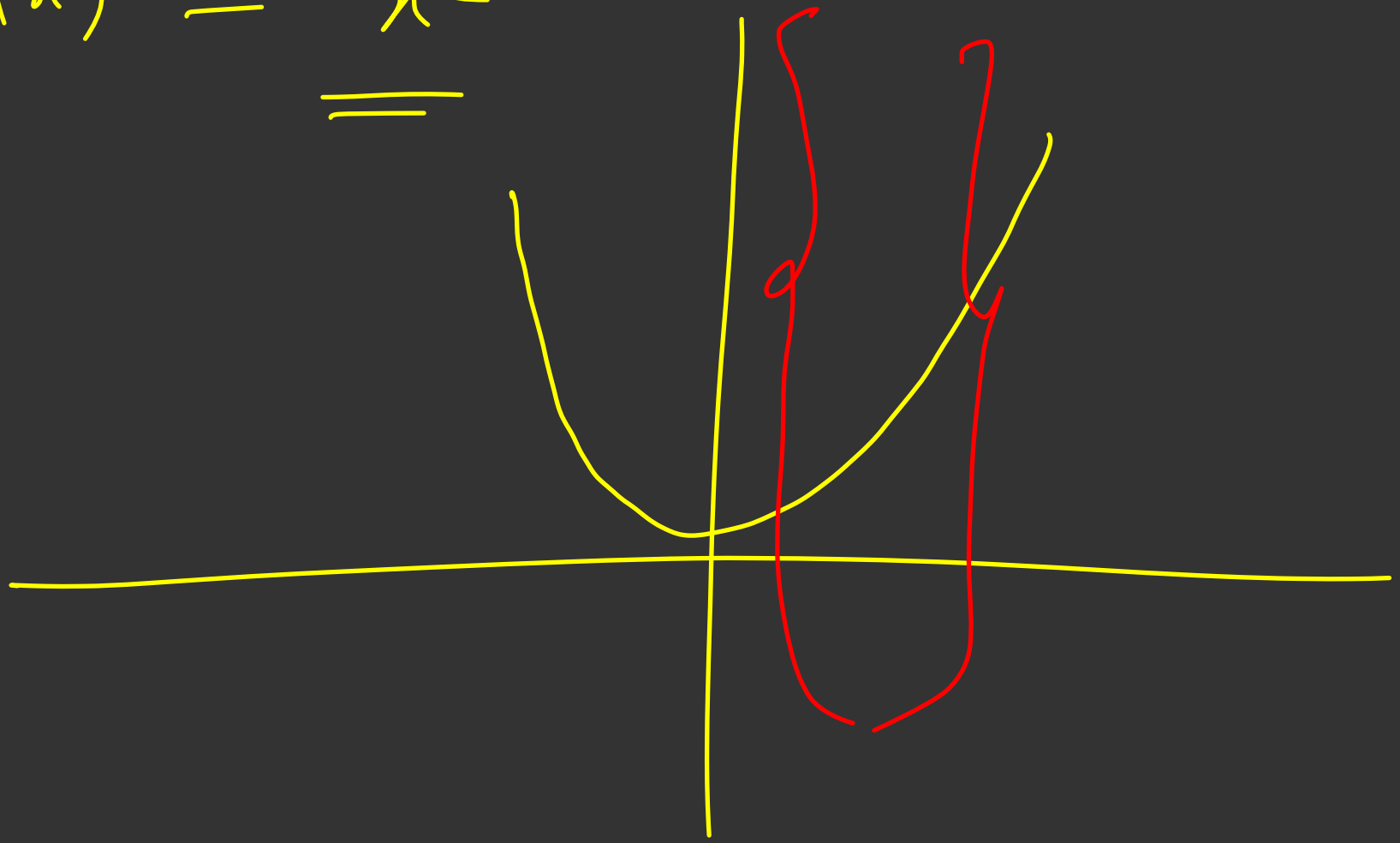
$x \uparrow \quad f(x) \uparrow$


Convex
Concave

$x \uparrow$ $\quad$ $f(x) \uparrow$



$f(x) = x^2$



Binary Search Revision

Requirement for using Binary Search

Monotonicity

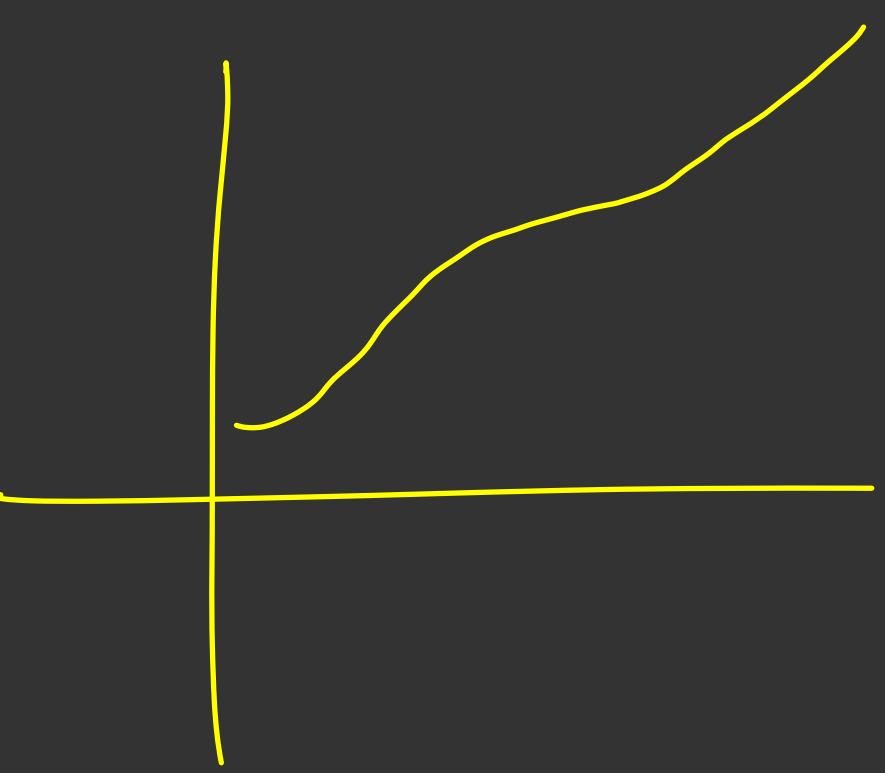
- f(x) ≥ f(y) iff x > y (increasing monotonic)
- f(x) ≤ f(y) iff x > y (decreasing monotonic)

non decreasing

non increasing

increasing | non decreasing

decreasing | non increasing



$f(x) = x^2 + 2$

tell me the value of x for which $f(x) = 66$

x	$f(x)$
$x = 0$	2
$x = 1$	3
$x = 2$	6
$x = 3$	11
$x = 4$	18
$x = 5$	27
$x = 6$	38
$x = 7$	51
$x = 8$	66

$f(x) = 1026$

10^{16}

$x =$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$y =$	2	3	6	11	18	27	38	51	66
	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F	F
	T	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F

$x^2 + 2 \leq 39$

$y = 18$

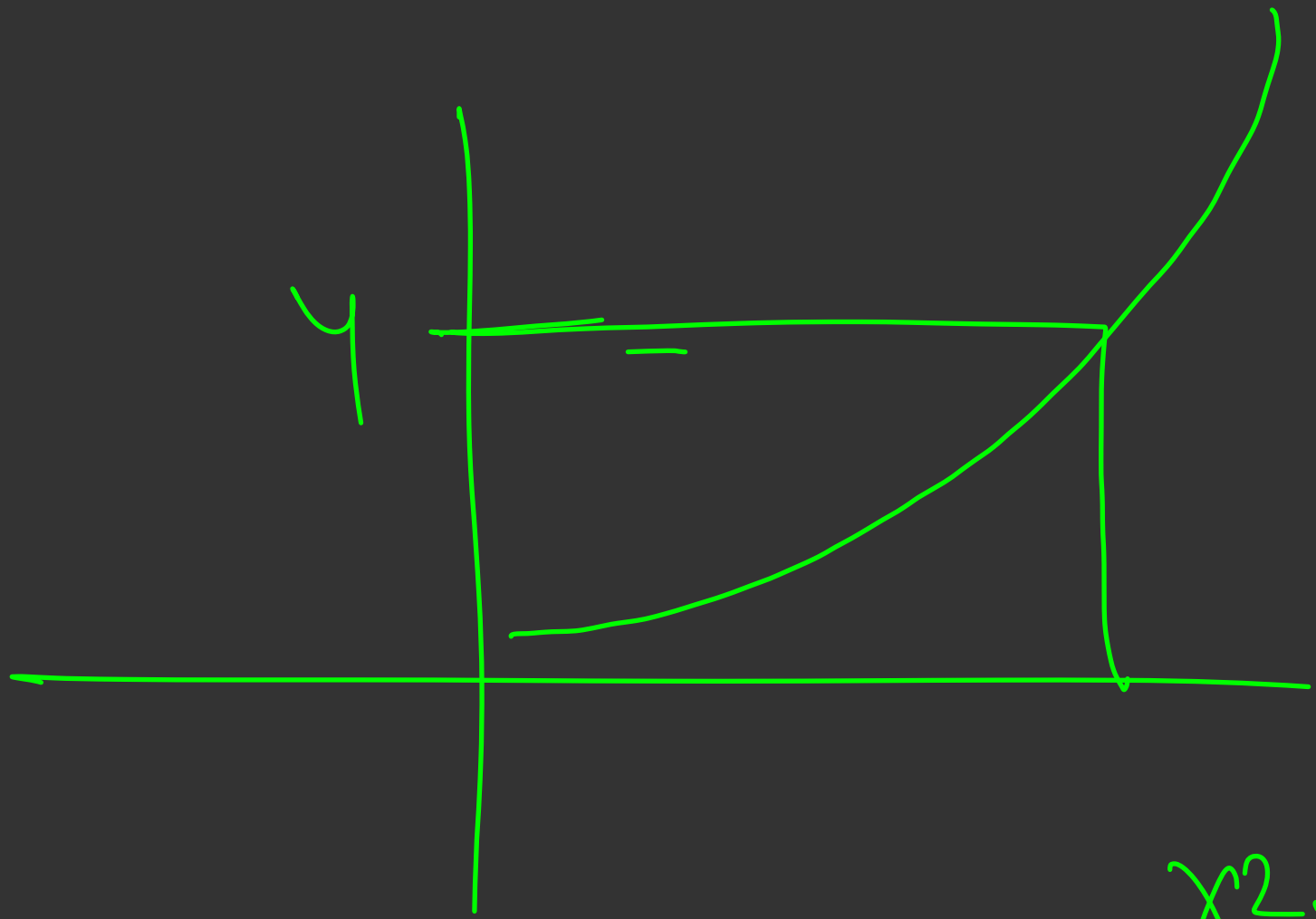
$x = 4$

$4^2 + 2 = 18$

$6^2 + 2 \leq 39$

$38 \leq 39$

39



x^2+2

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2$$

find out the value of x for which $f(x) = y$

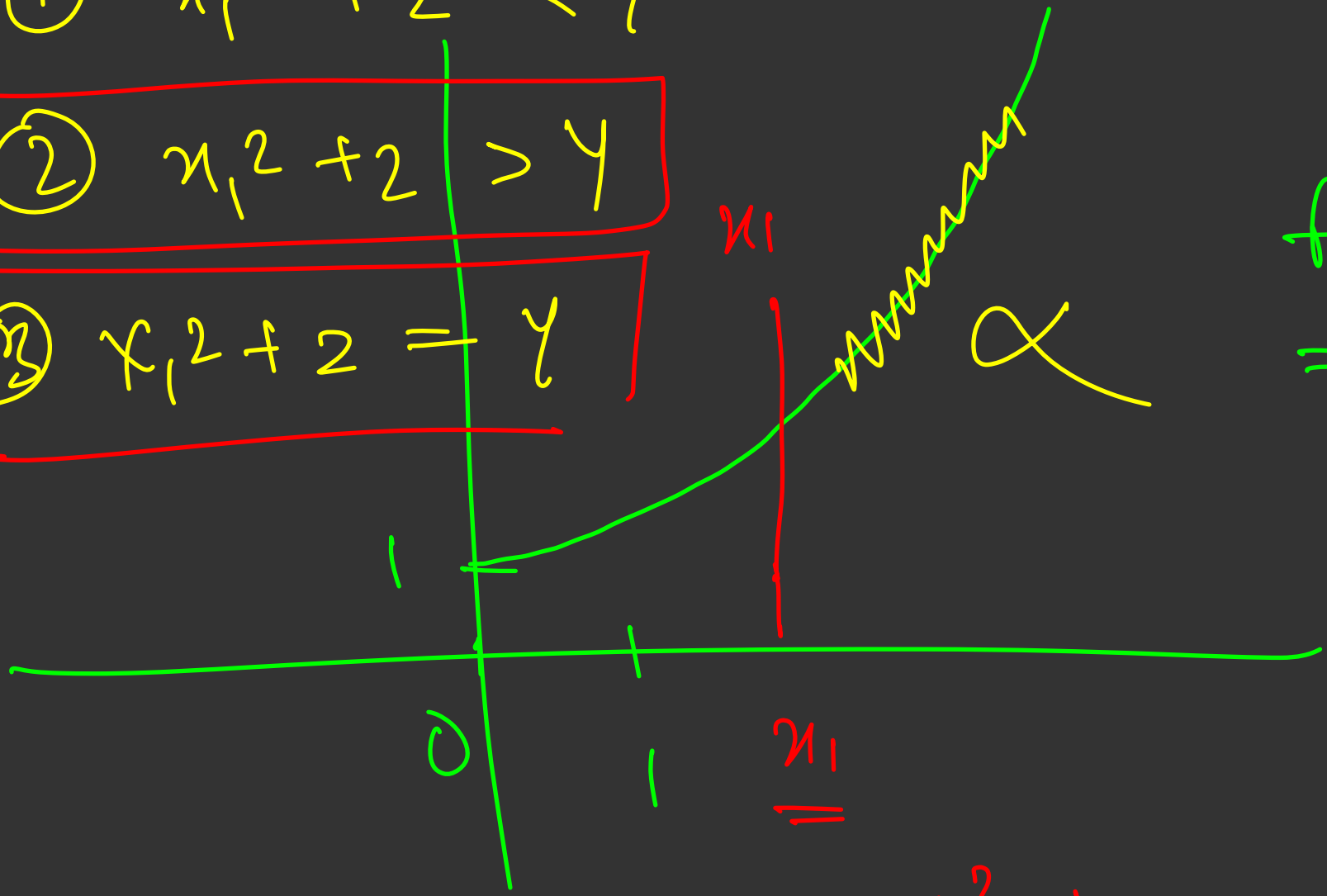
$$y = x^2 + 2$$

$$x = \sqrt{y - 2}$$

① $x_1^2 + 2 < y$

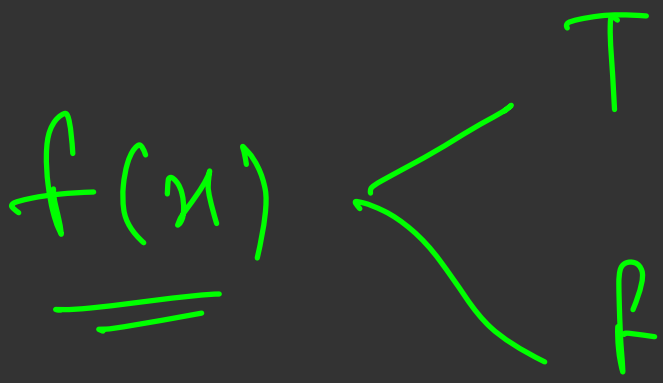
② $x_1^2 + 2 > y$

③ $x_1^2 + 2 = y$



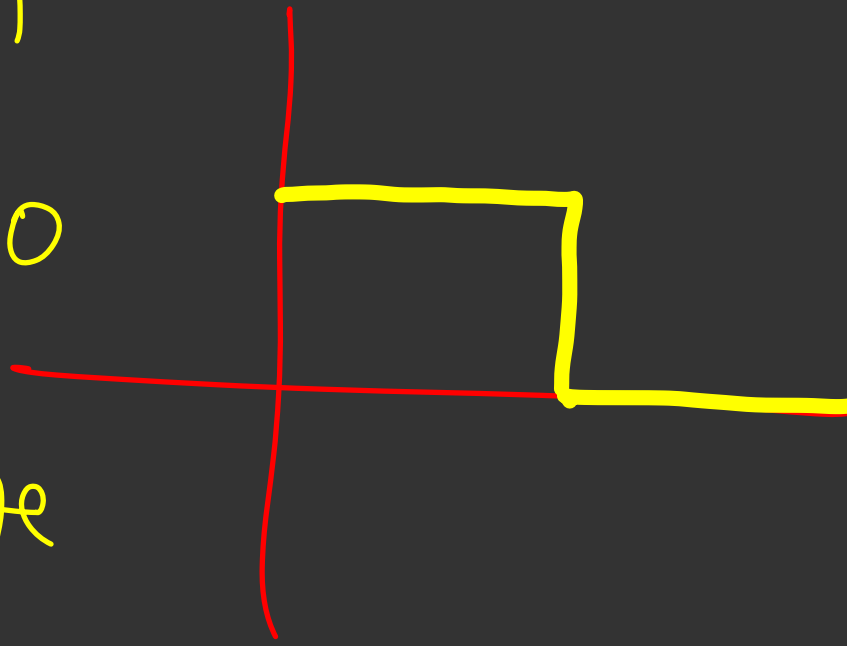
$x_1^2 + 2 = y$

Predicate function

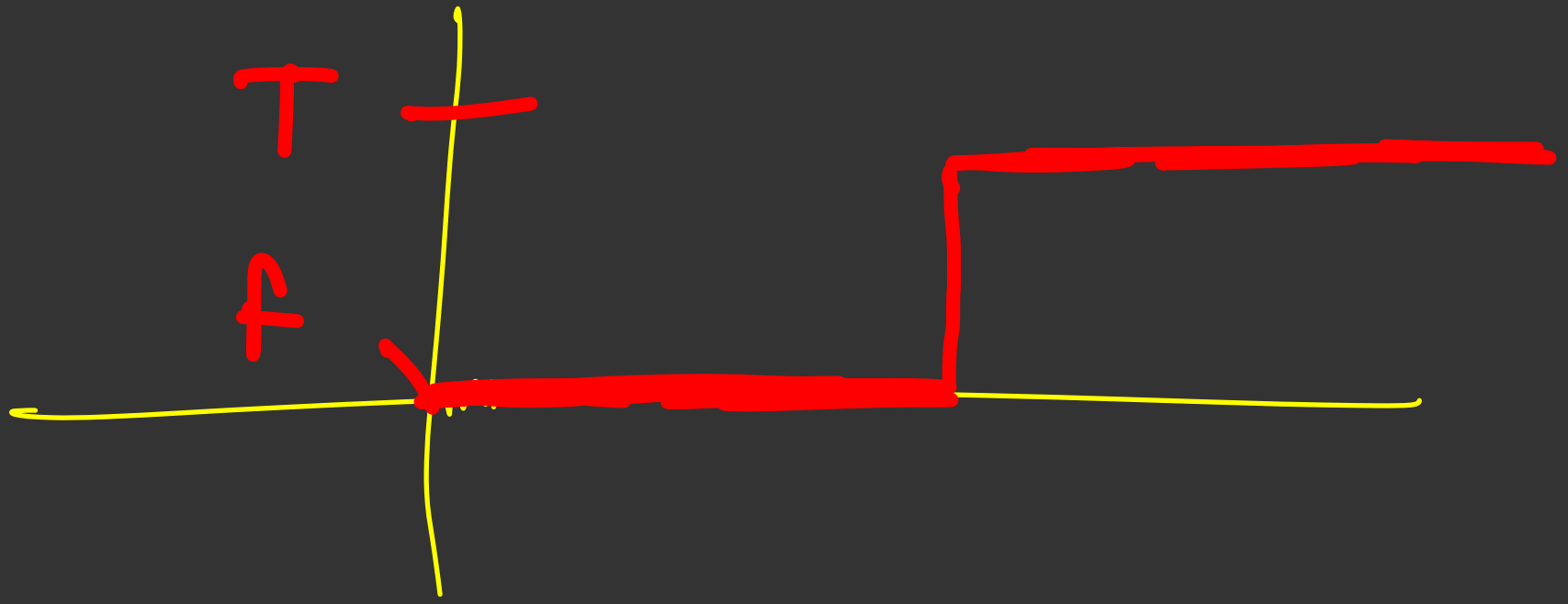


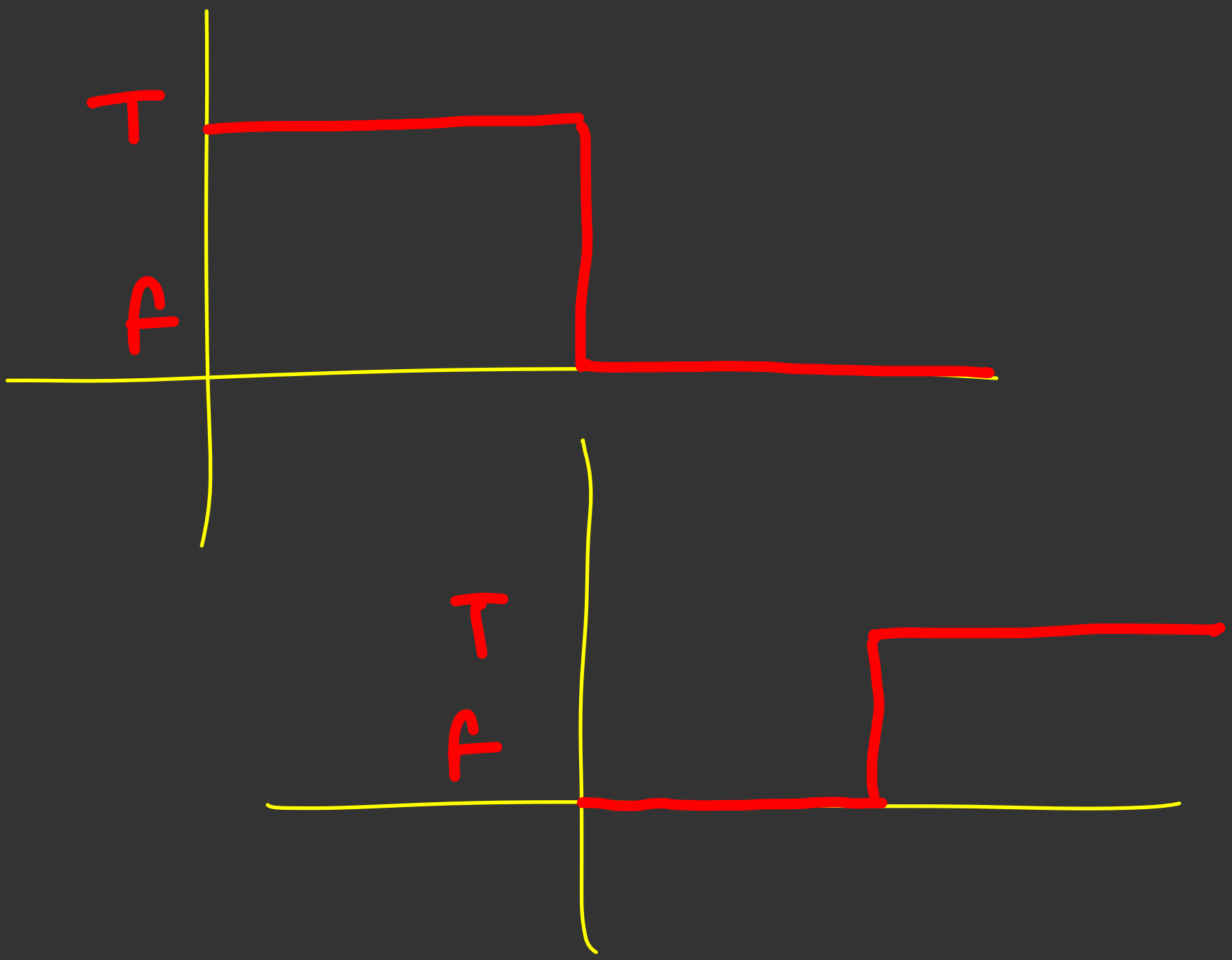
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } x < 3 \\ F & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

f(x) < T → 1
f → 0

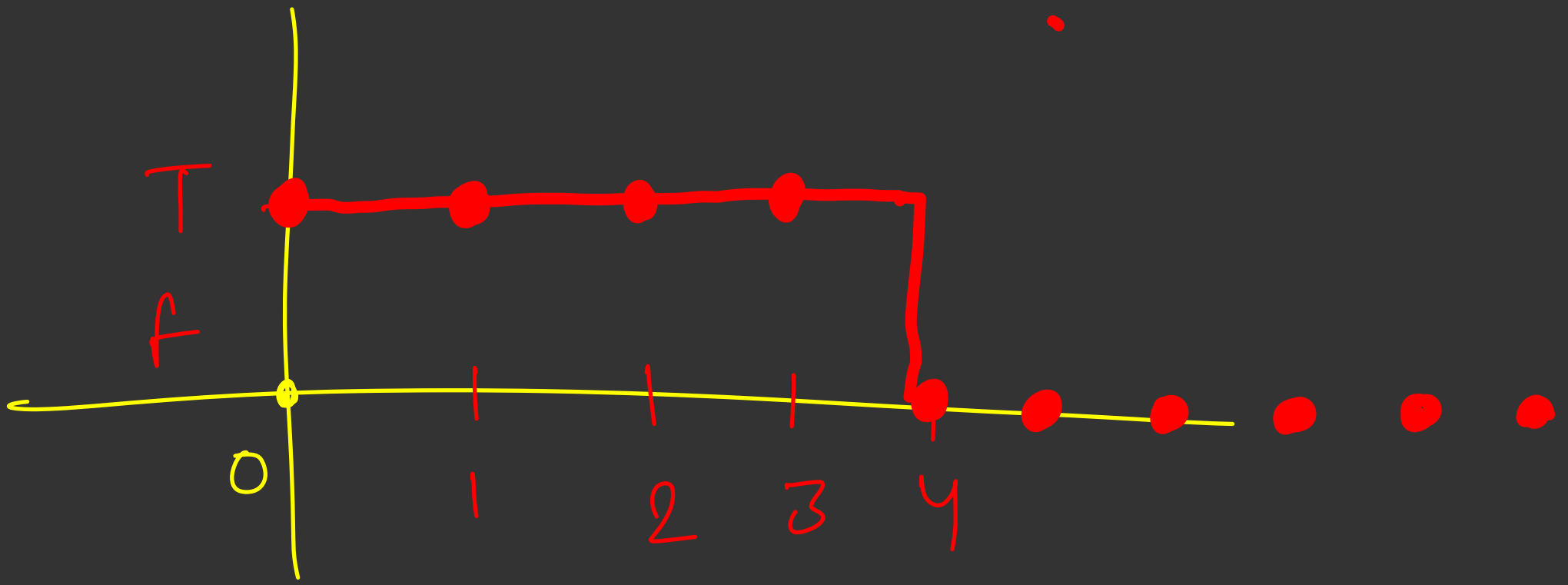


Monotonic + predicate




T
F
T
F

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } x+2 \leq 5 \\ f & \text{if } x+2 > 5 \end{cases}$$

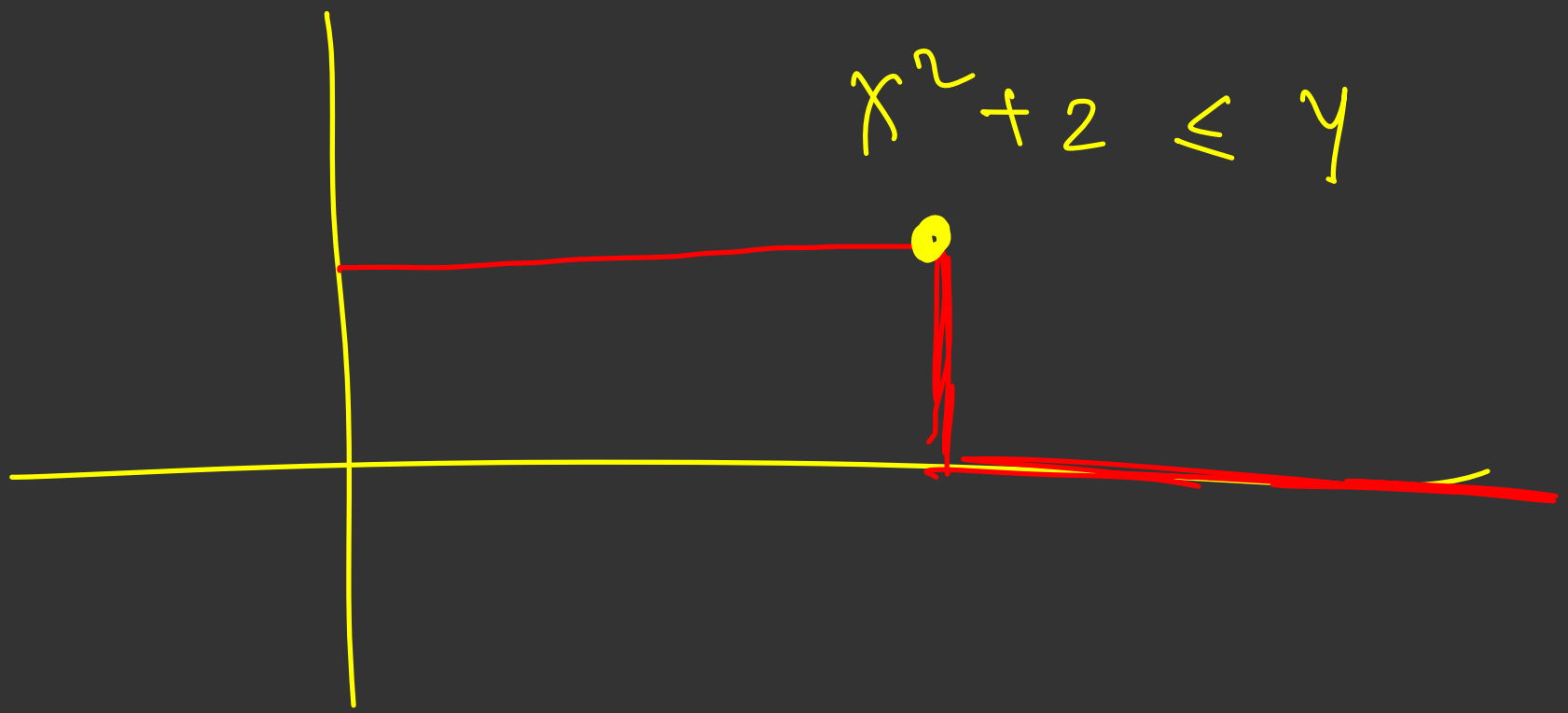


$f(x) = x^2 + 2$ $\quad y$

$x^2 + 2 = y$

$x^2 + 2 \leq y$ $\qquad x^2 + 2 > y$

f


$x^2 + 2 \leq y$

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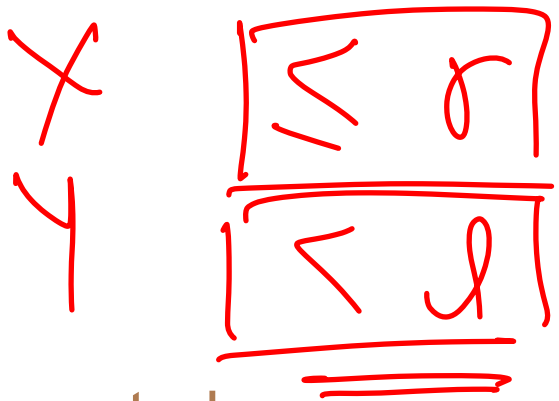
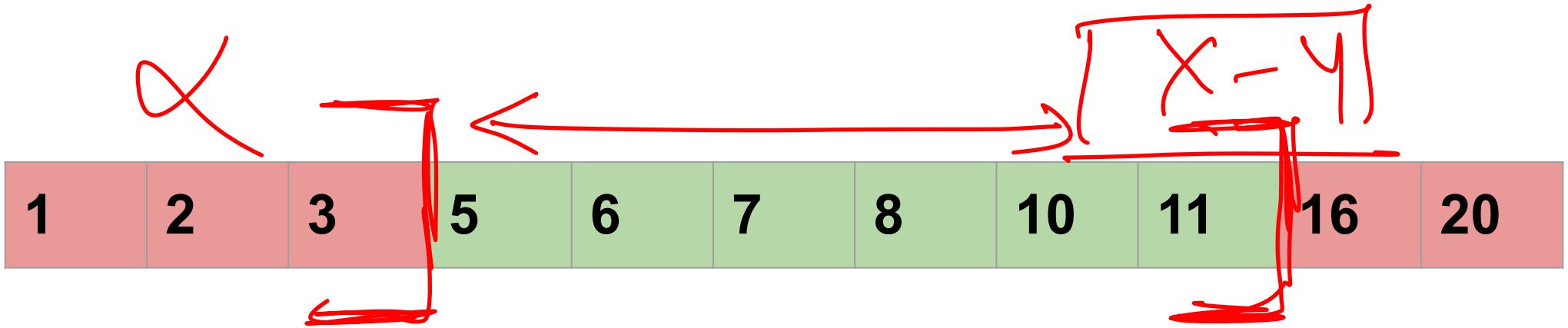


Find Number of elements in the range of l to r in a sorted array



Ex: Number of Elements in the range 4 to 12 are 6

L = 4

R = 12

Predicate Functions

Predicate functions are functions that return a single TRUE or False. You use predicate functions to check if your input meets some condition or not.

Examples:

- F(x) = True if x > 10 otherwise False
- F(x) = True if x is a character otherwise False
- F(x) = True if x^2 is an odd number otherwise False

Binary Searching on Answer

monotonic predicate

- Consider a predicate P defined over some ordered set S (the search space). The search space consists of candidate answers to the problem. In our case, a predicate is a function which returns TRUE or FALSE. We use the predicate to verify if a candidate answer is legal or not.

- Example: We have the set of numbers {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}. Our predicate function could be following:
  Return TRUE if the number is less than 3 and FALSE otherwise

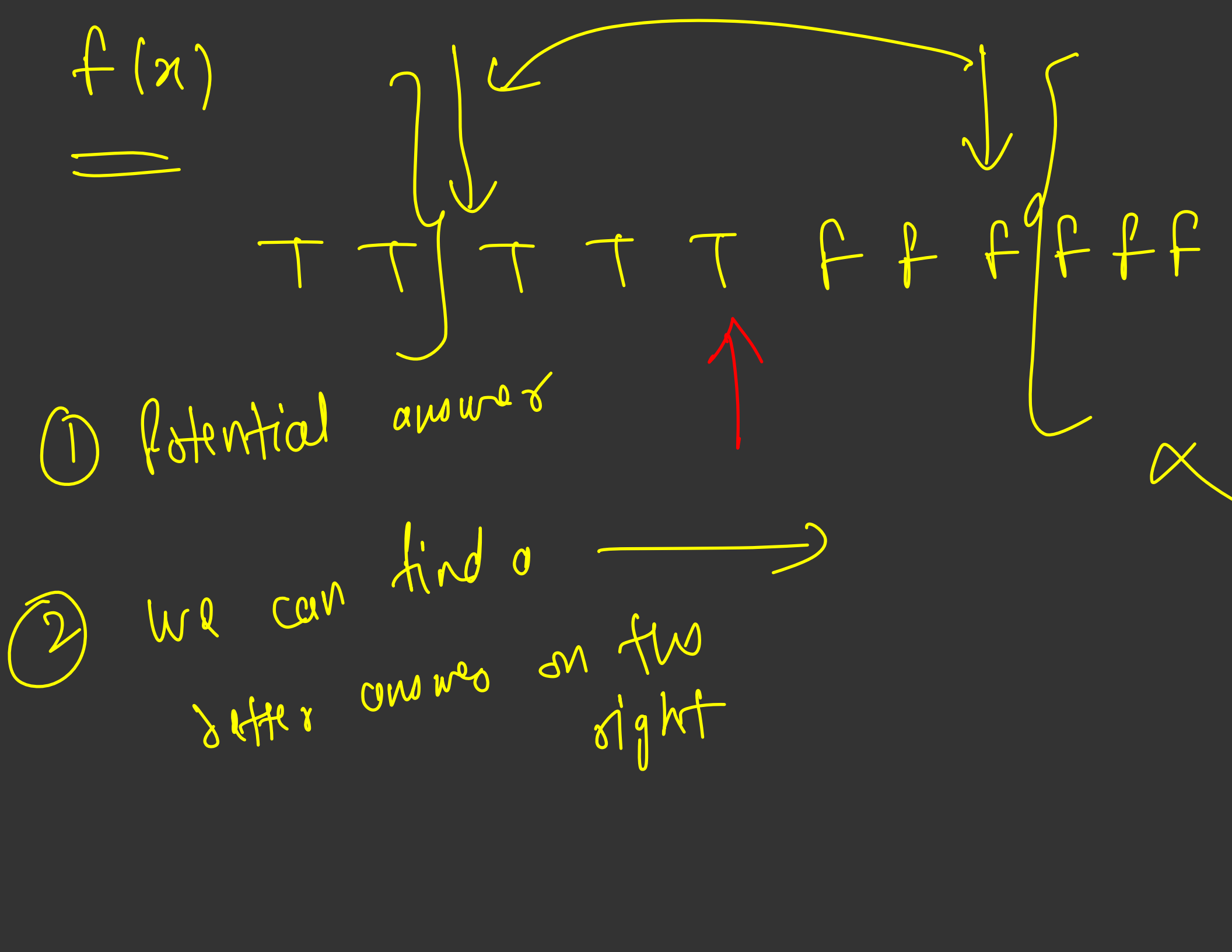
Monotonic Predicate Function

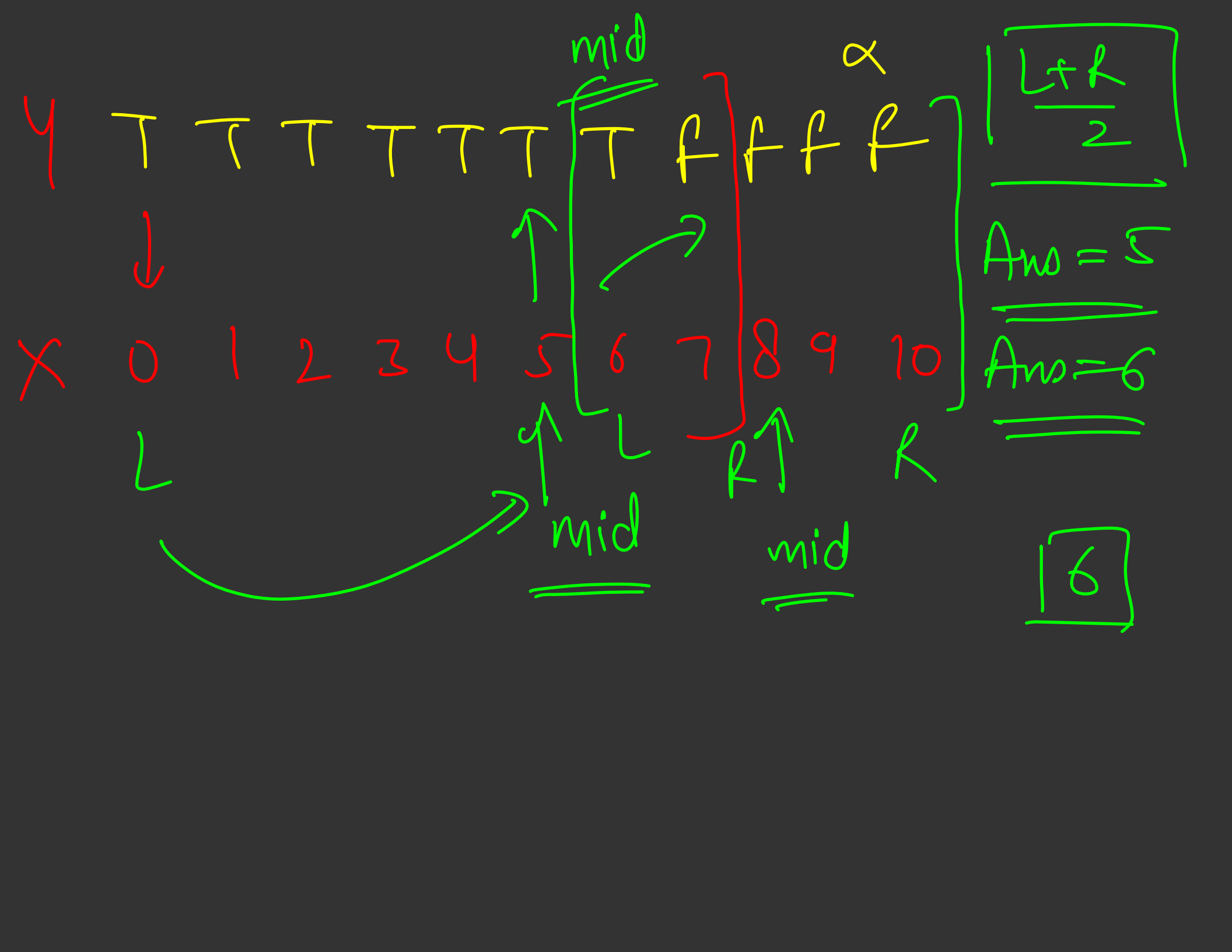
1. TTTTTTTTTFFFFFFFF

T	T	T	T	F	F	F	F	F

2. FFFFFFFFTTTTTTTTT

F	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	T


f(x)
T T T T T f f f f f f
① Potential answer
② We can find a better answer on the right


mid
α
L+R / 2
Y T T T T T T T f f f f
X 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Ans = 5
Ans = 6
L
mid
L
R
mid
R
6

① finding out last true

② finding out first false

FairWorkload Problem

Given an array of workloads, split it among ‘k’ workers, such that the maximum work that any worker has to do is minimised (can’t change order of workloads).

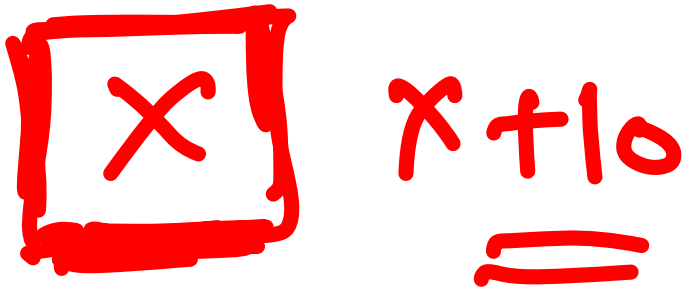
Eg. [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90]

- Solution : 10 20 30 40 50 | 60 70 | 80 90

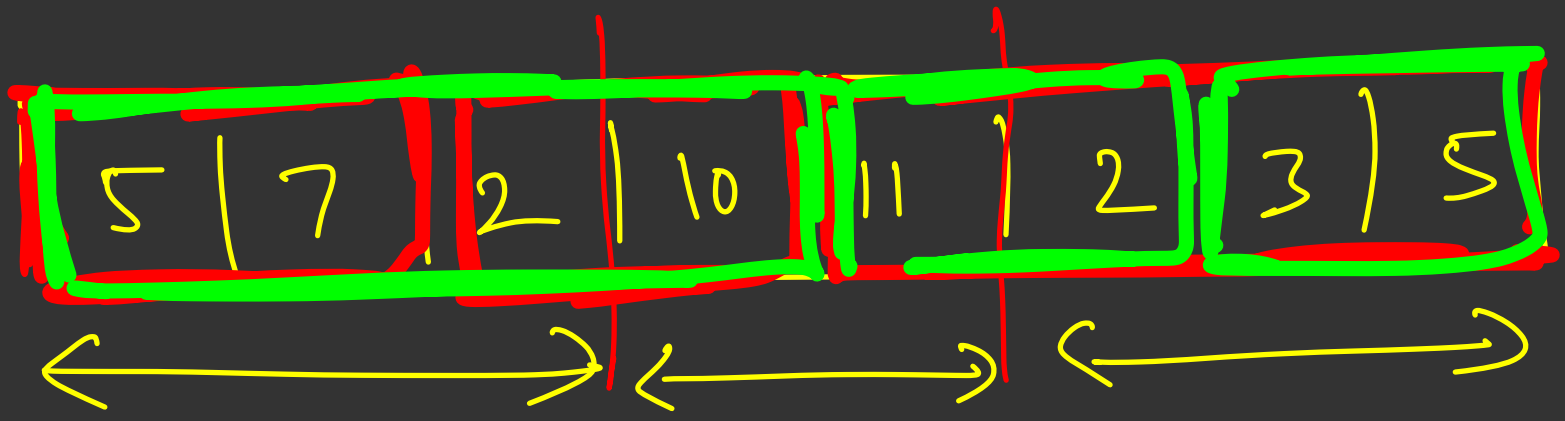
  First worker - 150,

  Second worker - 130,

  Third worker - 170



Is it possible to partition workload in a way that the highest workload of any worker is less than 170? Hence, answer is 170.

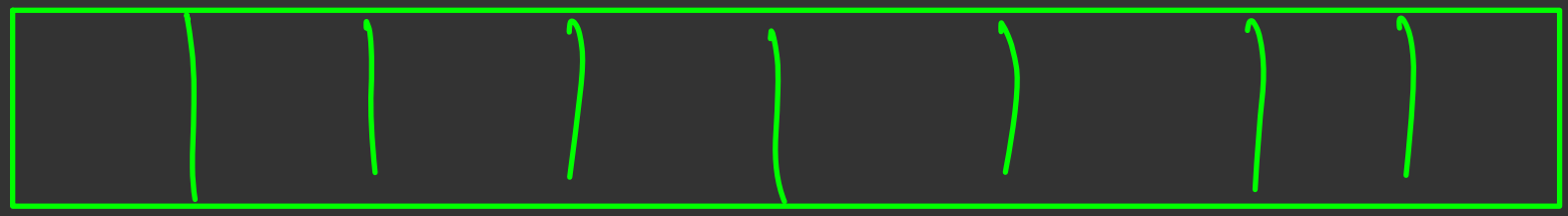


w_1 w_2 w_3

24 13 8 ← 24

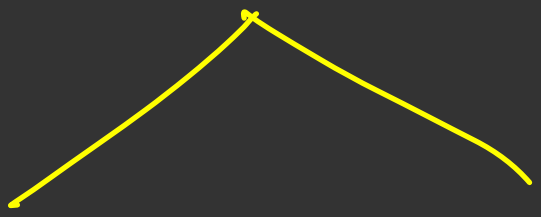
14 21 10 ← 21

12 12 21 ← 21



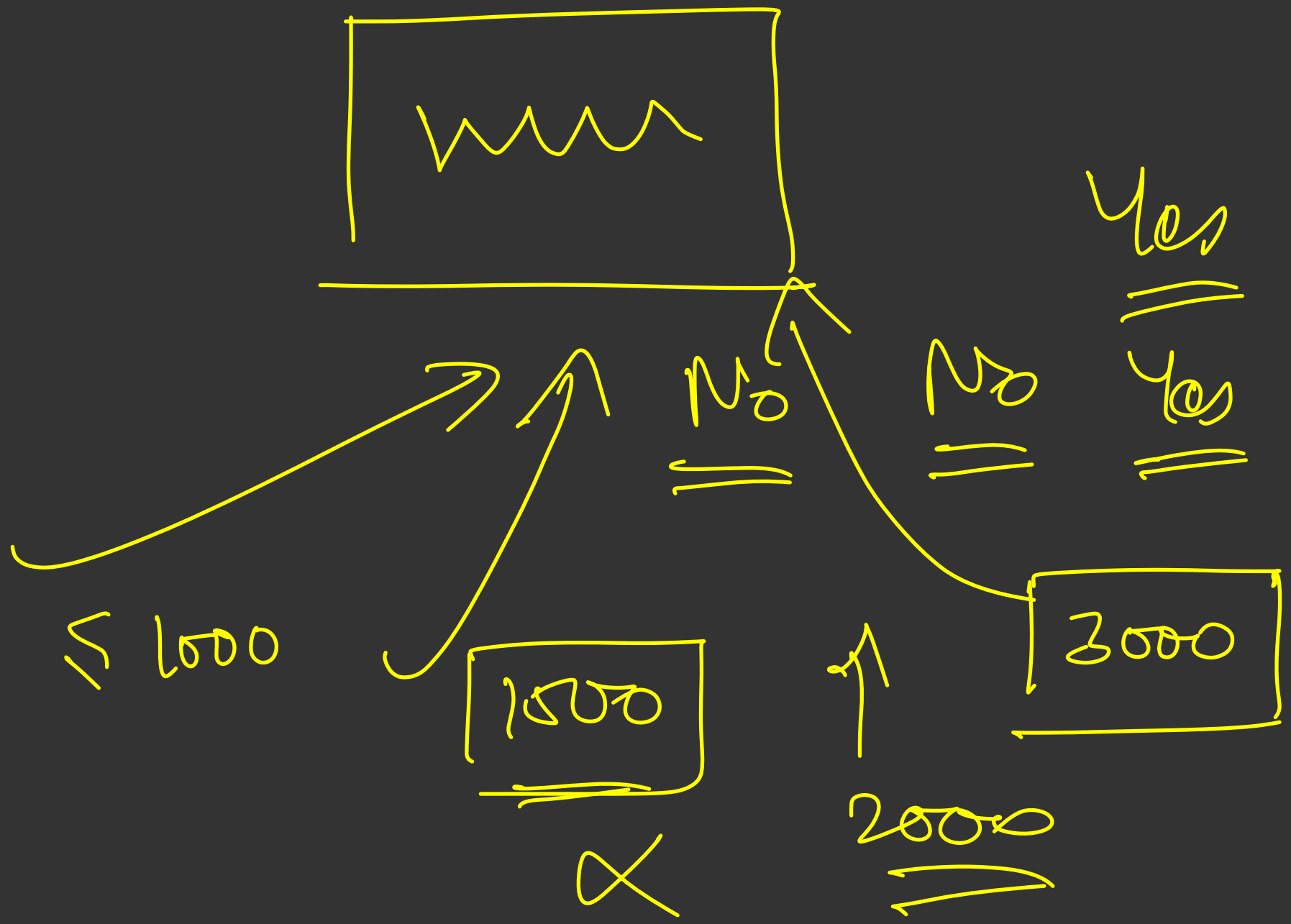
k

Can you divide the array into k parts such that the maximum workload on any worker is ≤ 1000 ?

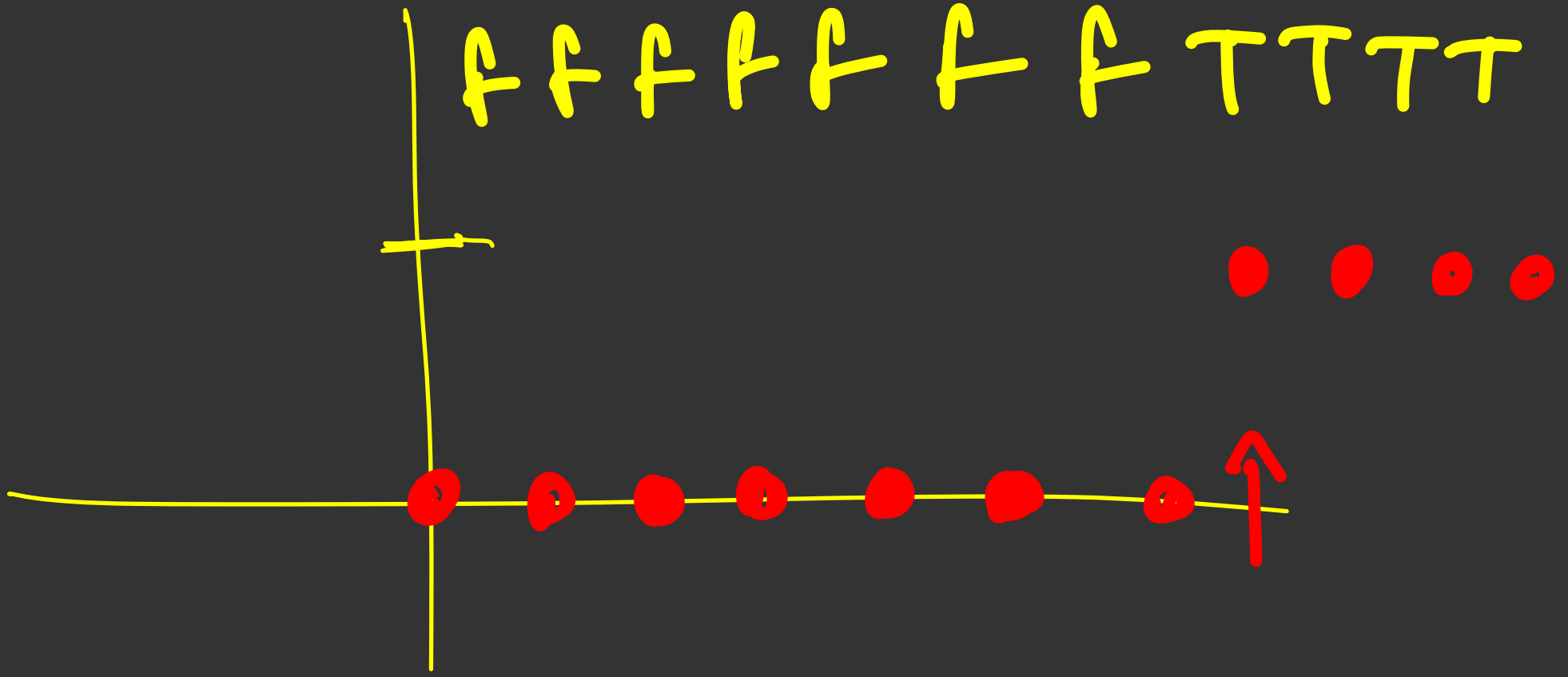


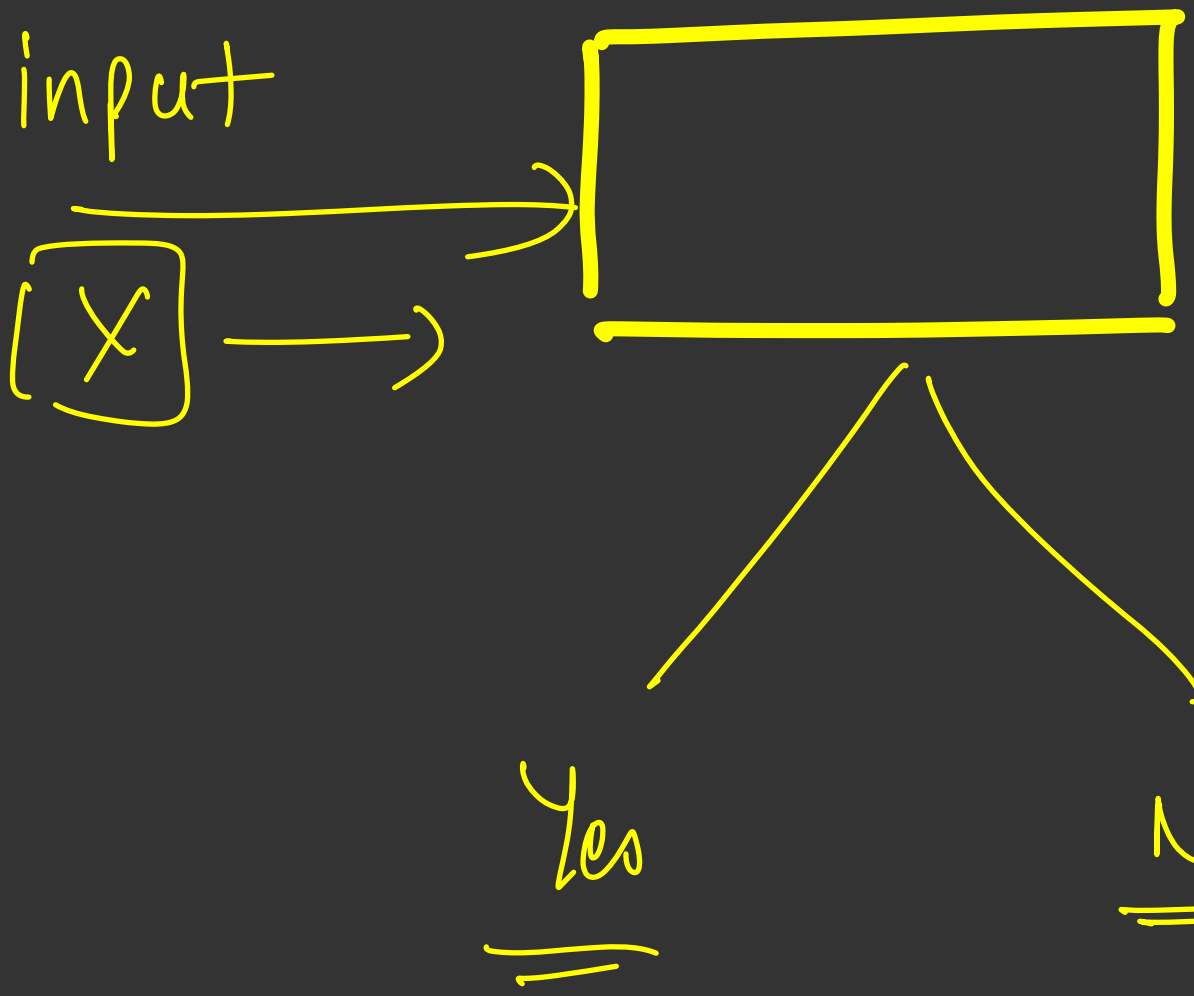
Yes

No


Yes
No
No
Yes
1000
1500
2000
3000

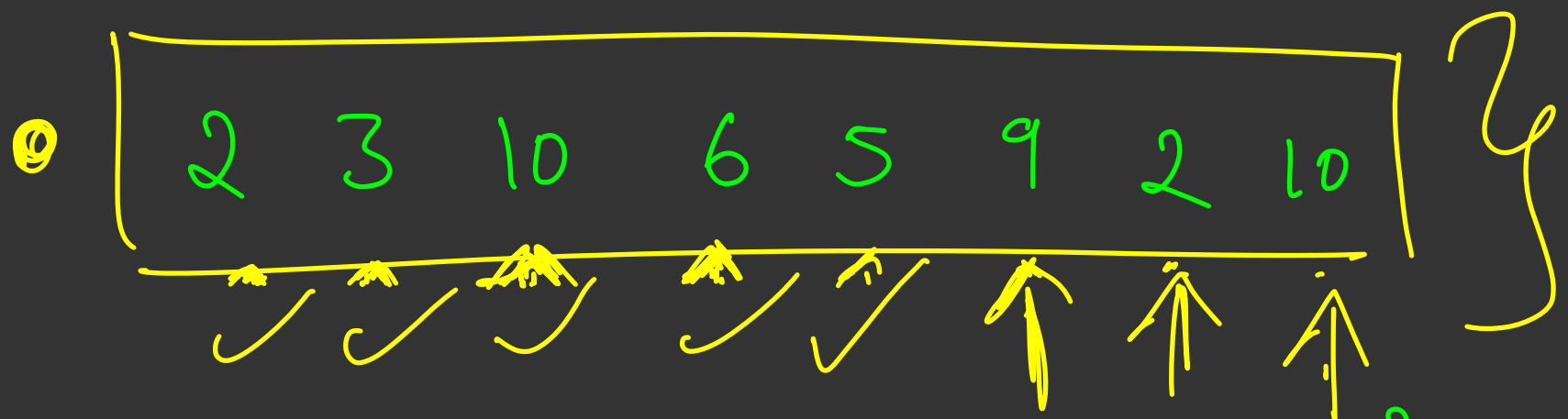
Can I divide s.t highest workload $\leq$ X





Checker

whether or not you can split the array into k subarrays such that max workload $\leq X$



$X = 28$

2 subarray

$w_1 = 2 + 3 + 10 + 6 + 5$

$w_2 = 9 + 2 + 10$

Yes

k

X

```
int count = 1 ;
int sum = 0
```

w[i] > x

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for ( int i = 0 ; i < n ; i++ ) {
    if ( sum + w[i] <= x )
        sum += w[i]
    else
        sum = w[i]
        count++
}
```

if (count > k)

return false

else

return true

20	30	40	50	60

$k = 5$

$X \leq 10$

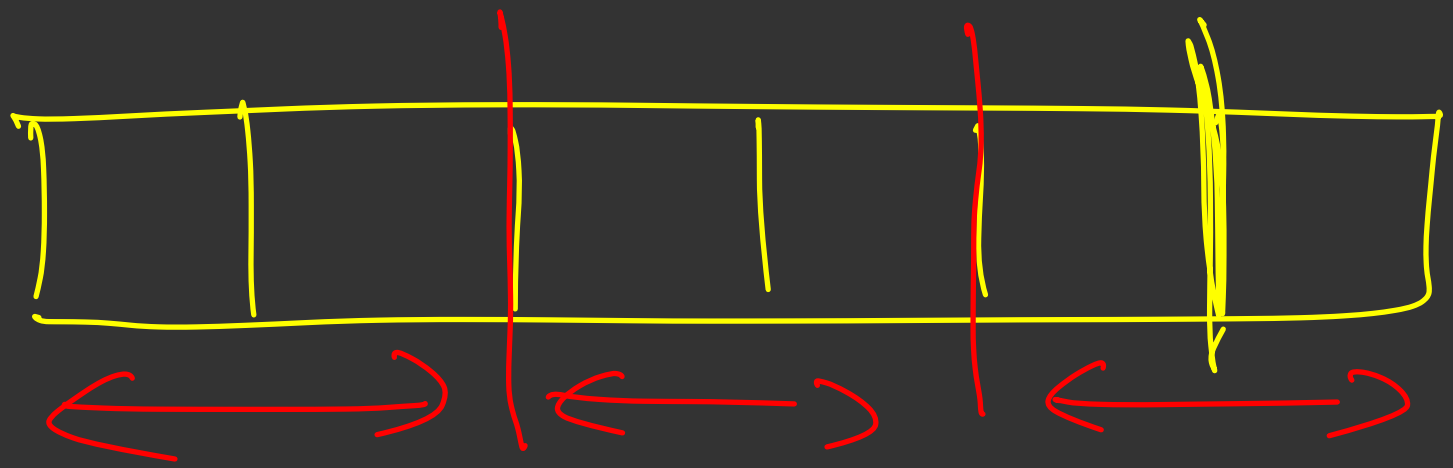
$\Rightarrow$

if you can assign to

5 workers

Can you also assign to

6 workers



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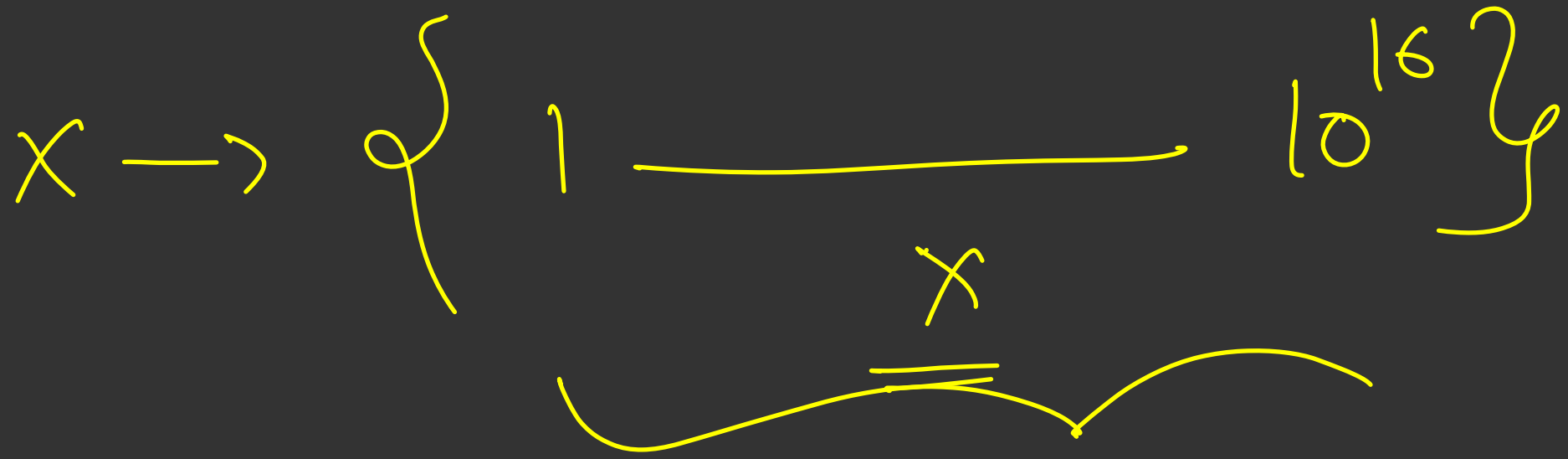
4



$O(n)$. $O(\log(\text{search space}))$

$1 \quad 10^{16}$

Sqrt(X) → k

x → 1 to 10^{16}

10^8

x <= 10

Sqrt(x) = 3

$k^2 \leq x$

r = x

$(10^{16})^2$

k =	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
⇒	T	T	T	T	F	F	F

$x = 10$

```
while (l ≤ r) {
    mid = (l+r)/2
    if (mid x mid ≤ x)
        ans = mid
        l = mid+1
    else
        r = mid-1 }
```