

Branching on
target **last**
element.

x_1	x_3
x_2	x_1
x_3	x_2

(nothing is aligned)



x_2	x_3
x_3	x_2
x_1	x_1



We can safely disregard:
violates “aligned pair”
($x_1 < x_2$ both in A and B)

x_1	x_3
x_3	x_1
x_2	x_2

One position is aligned.
Further branching needed

ALIGNED	x_1	x_1
	x_2	x_2
	x_3	x_3

Immediately gives
an upper bound
(not necessarily optimum)