

# **FIT2004**

## **Algorithms and Data Structures**

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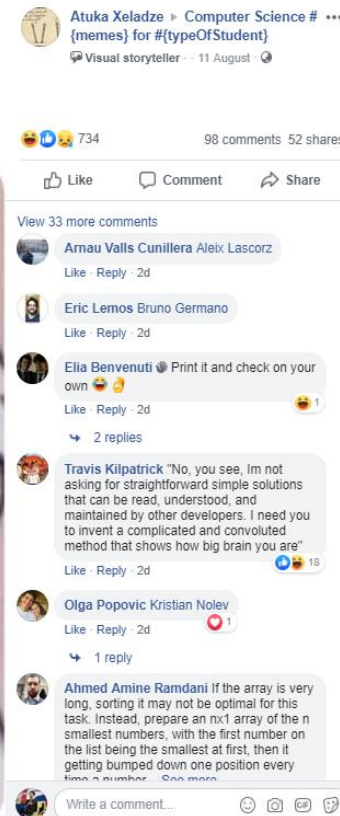
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Interviewer : you should find the nth smallest number in array.

Me : so basically if we sort the arra..

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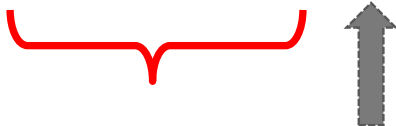
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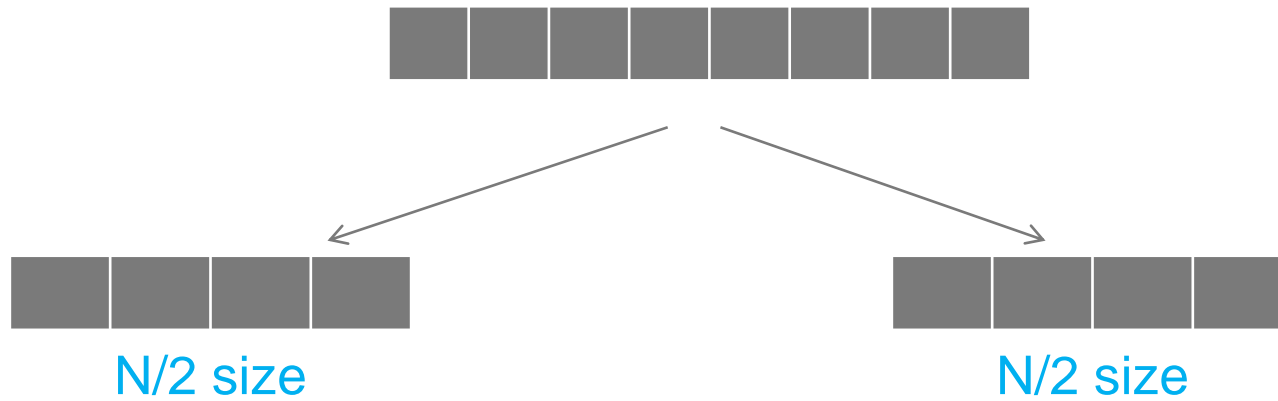
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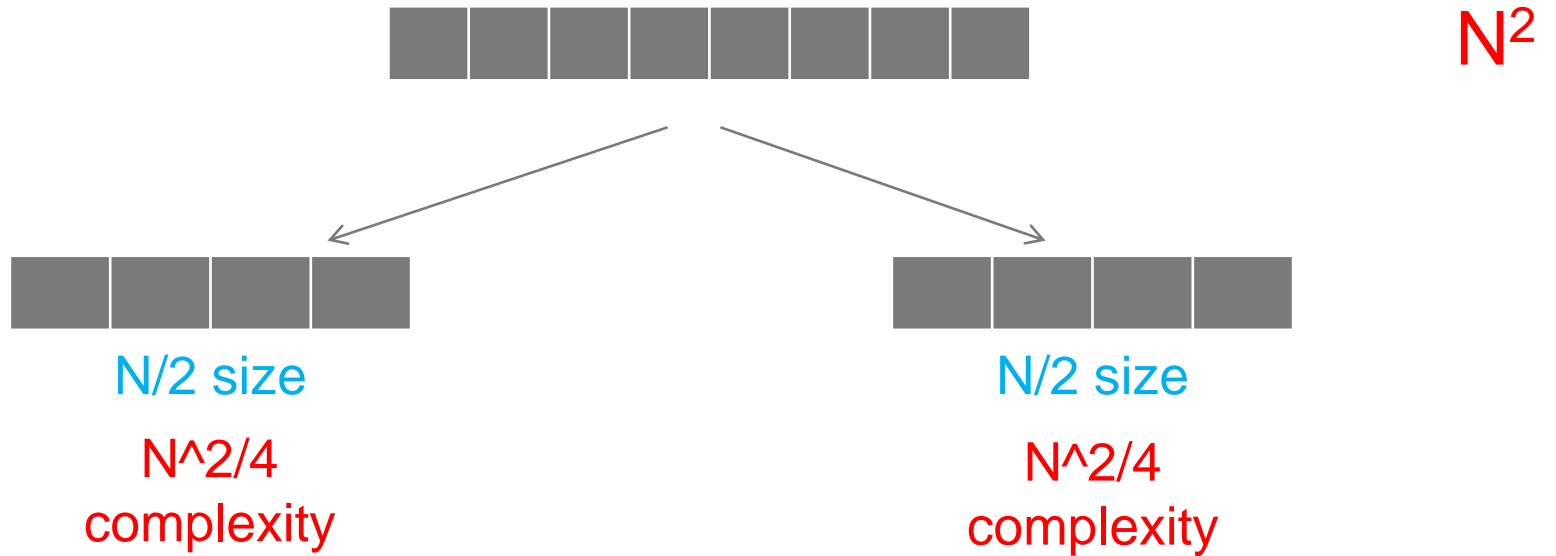
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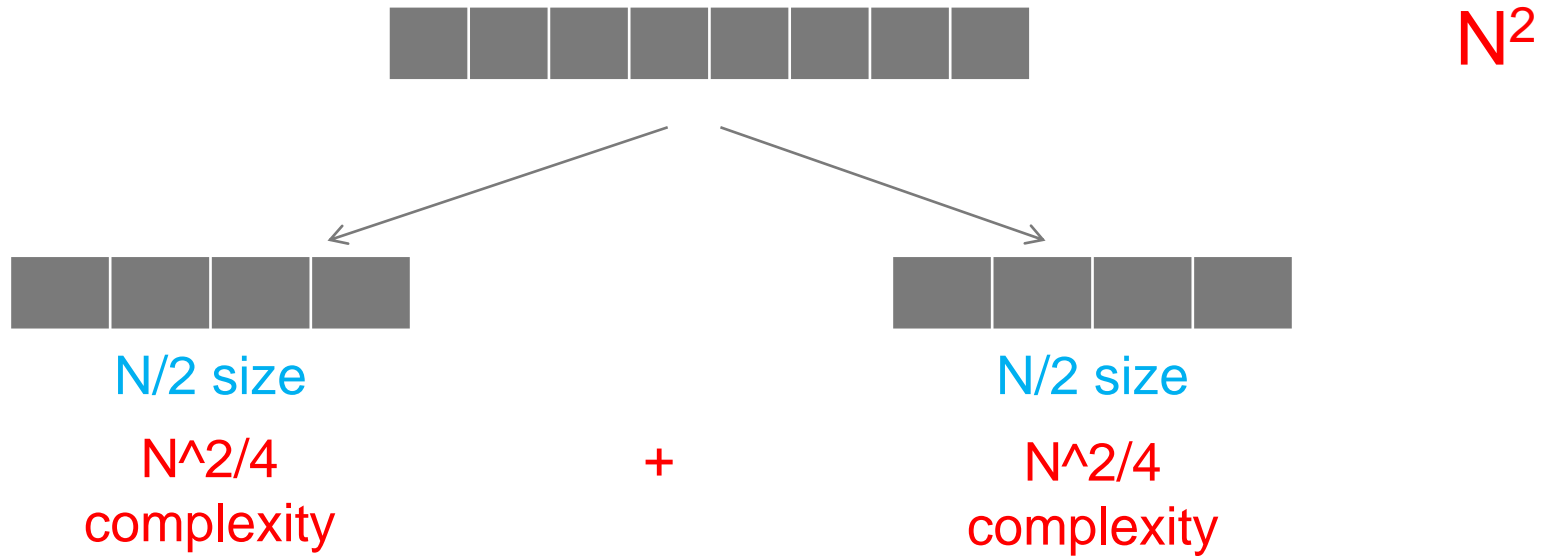
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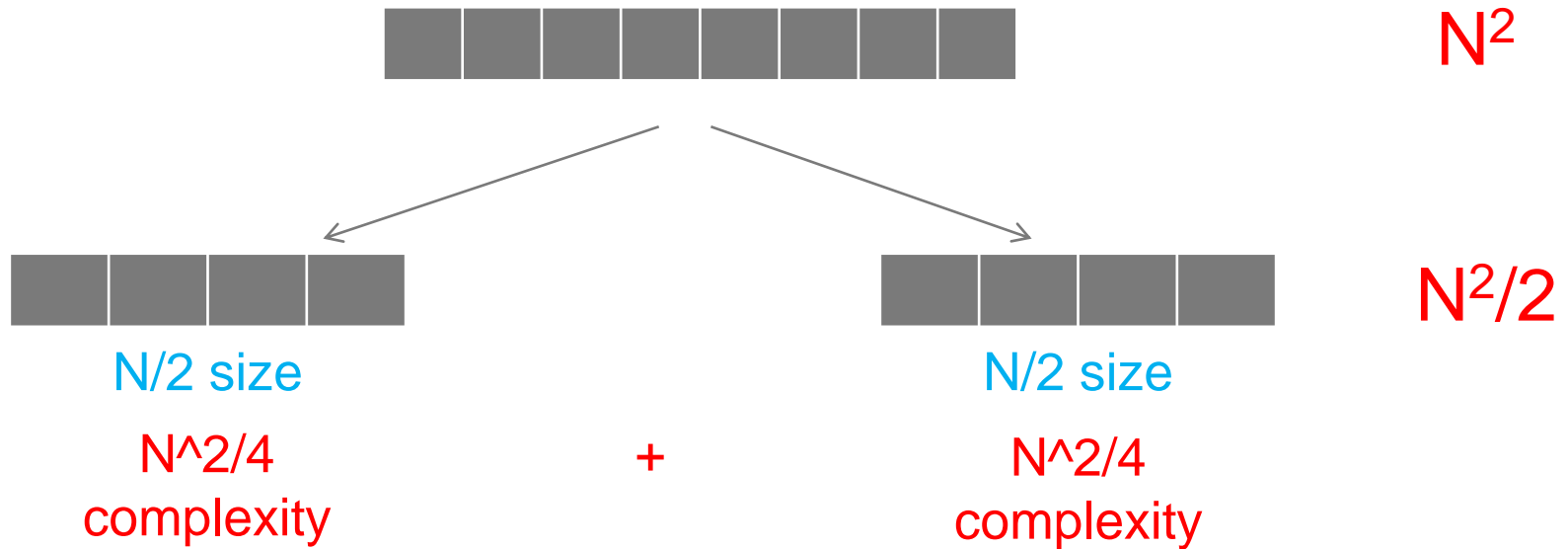
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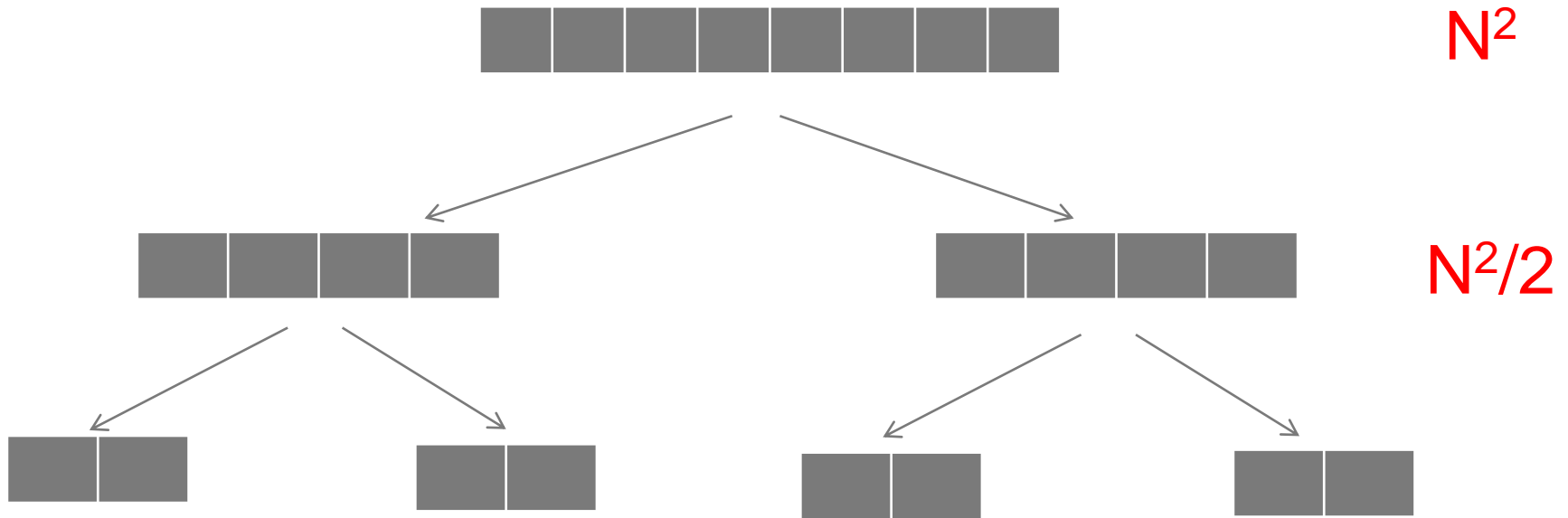
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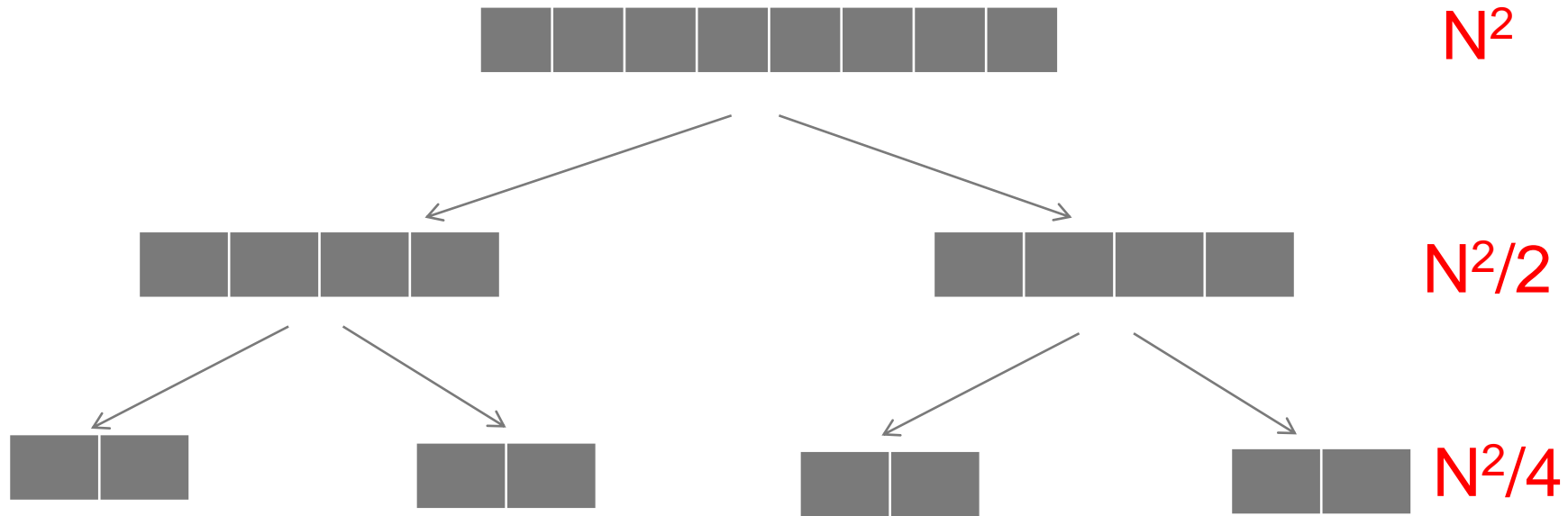
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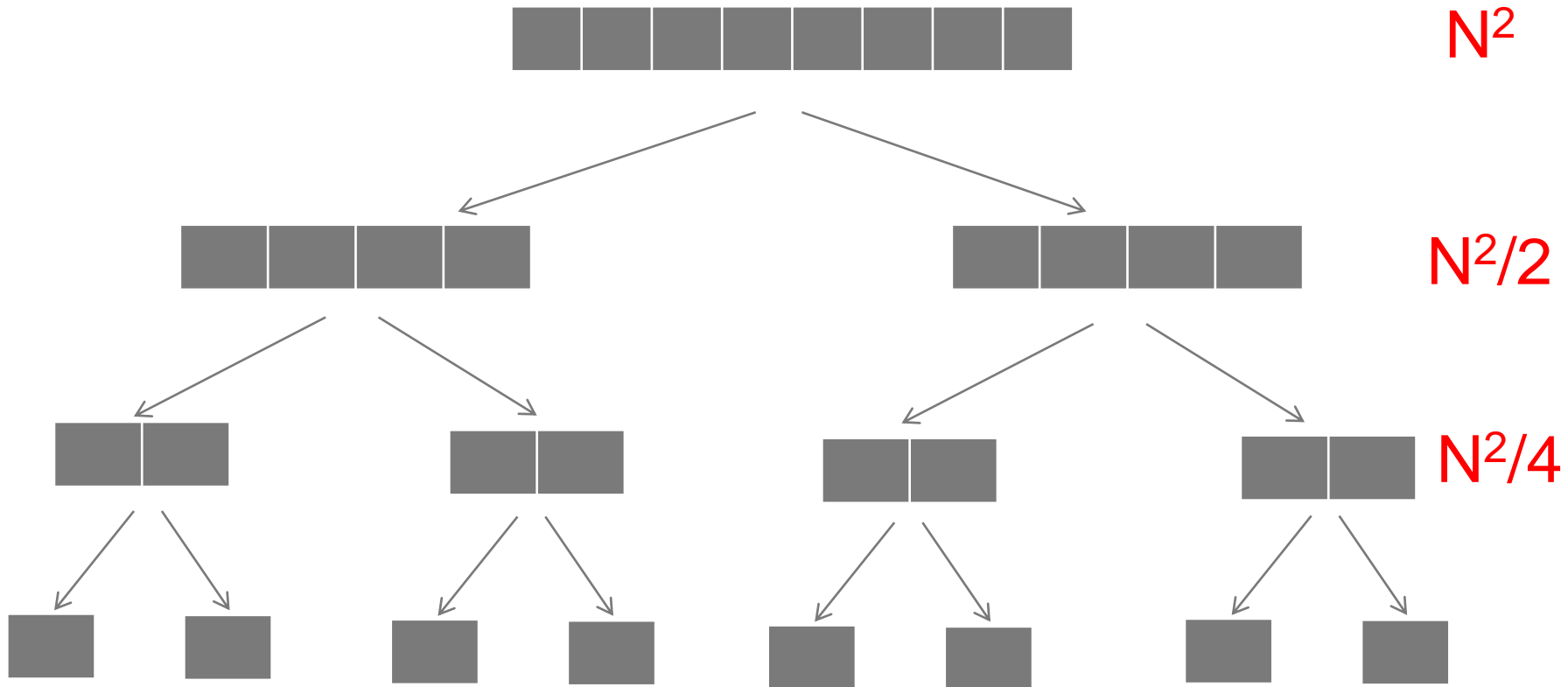
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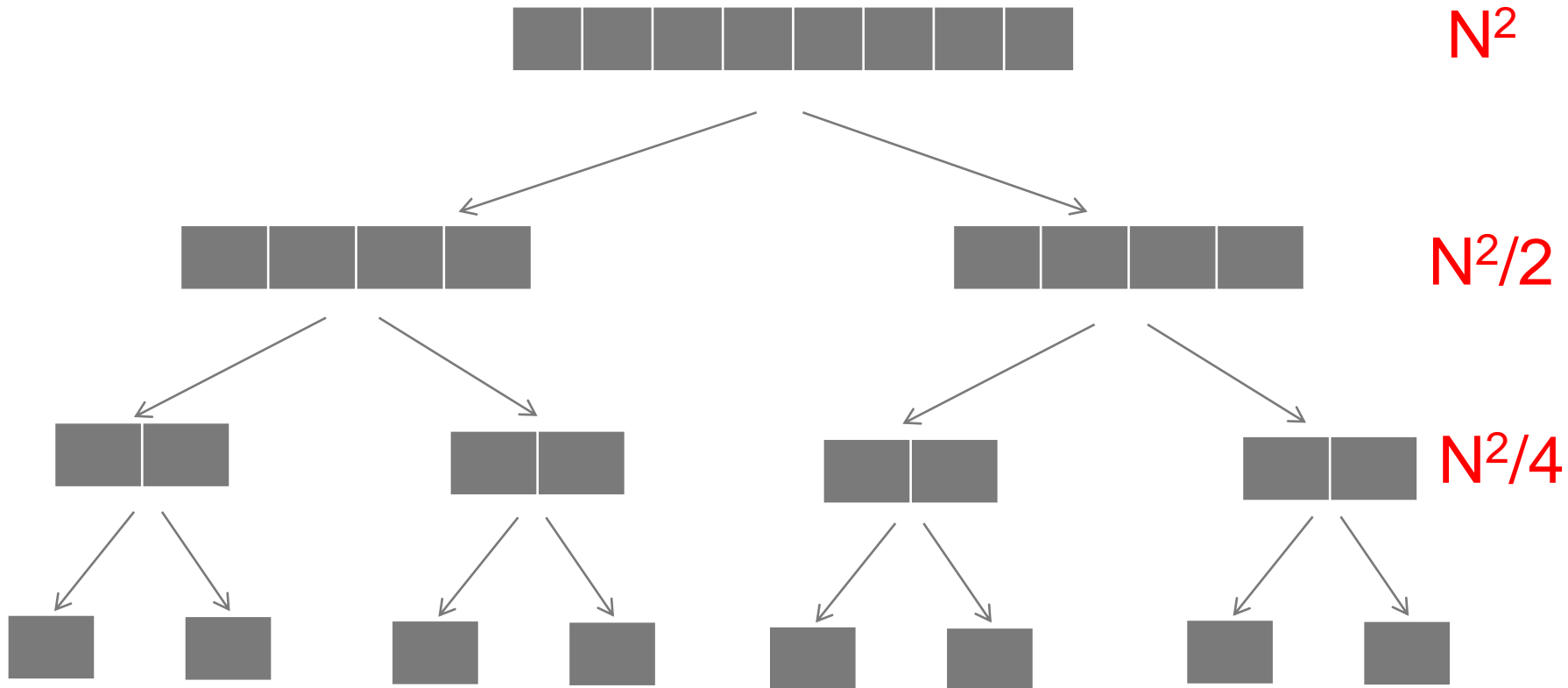
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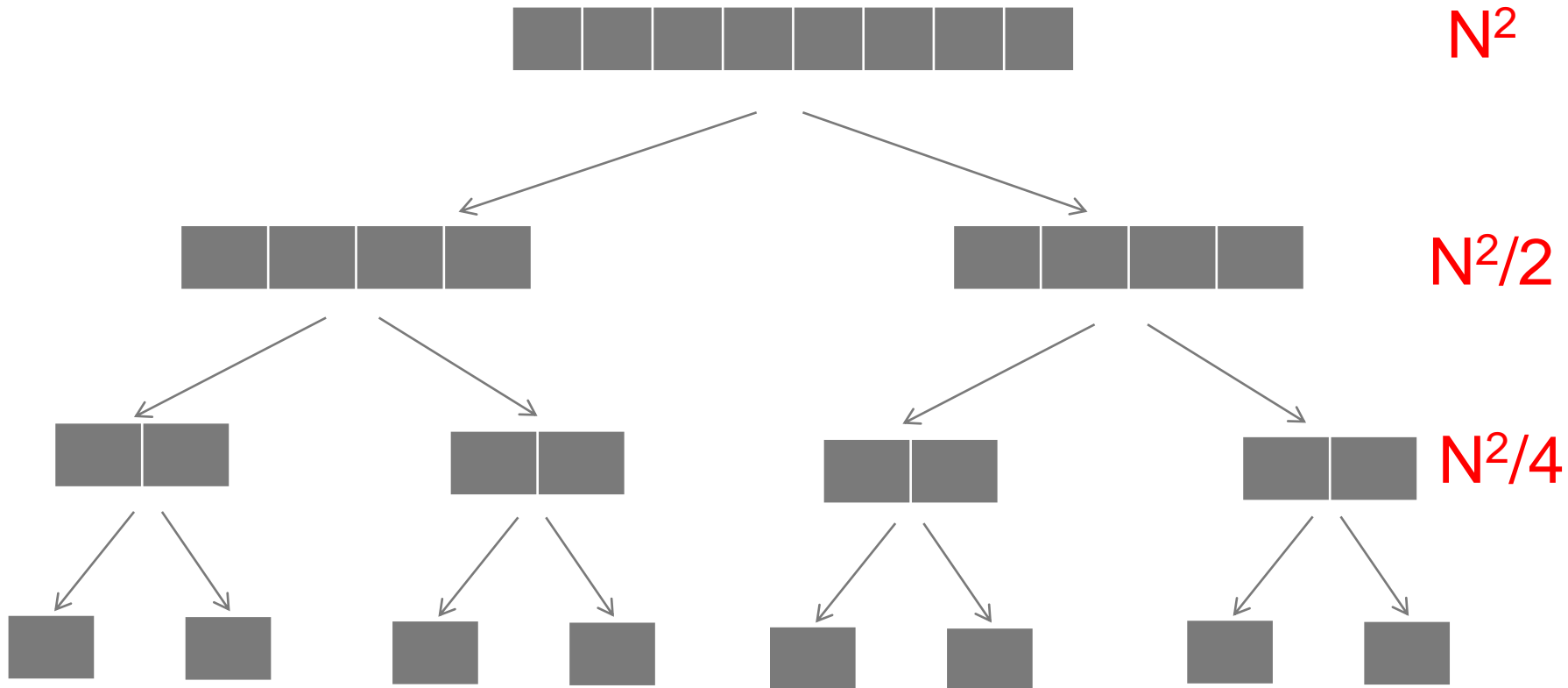
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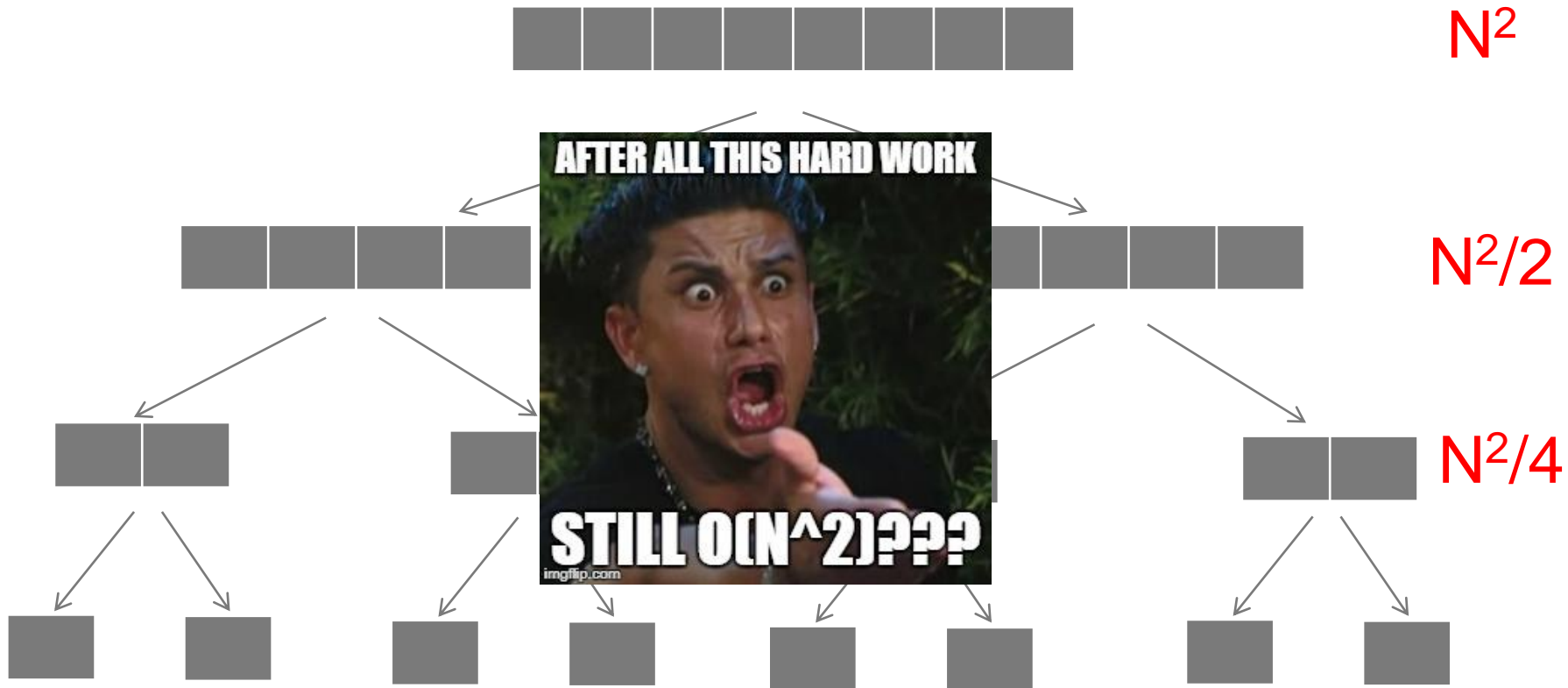


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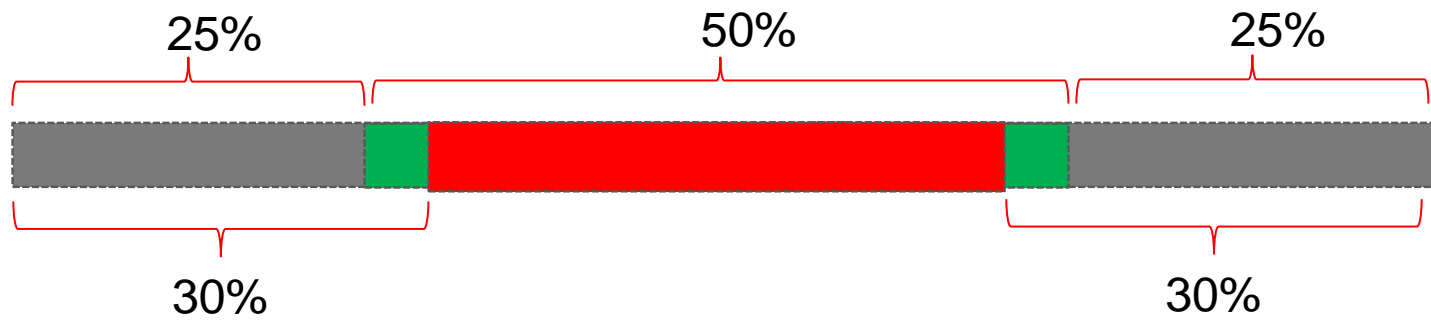
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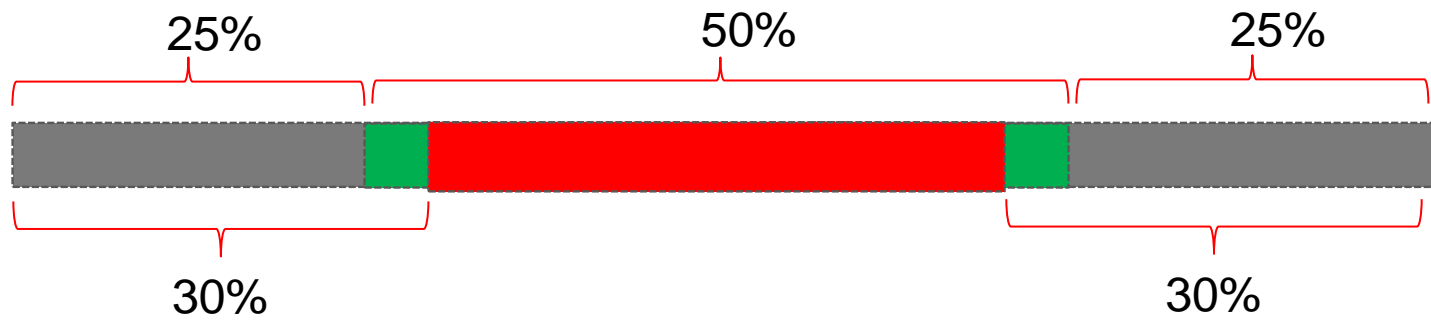
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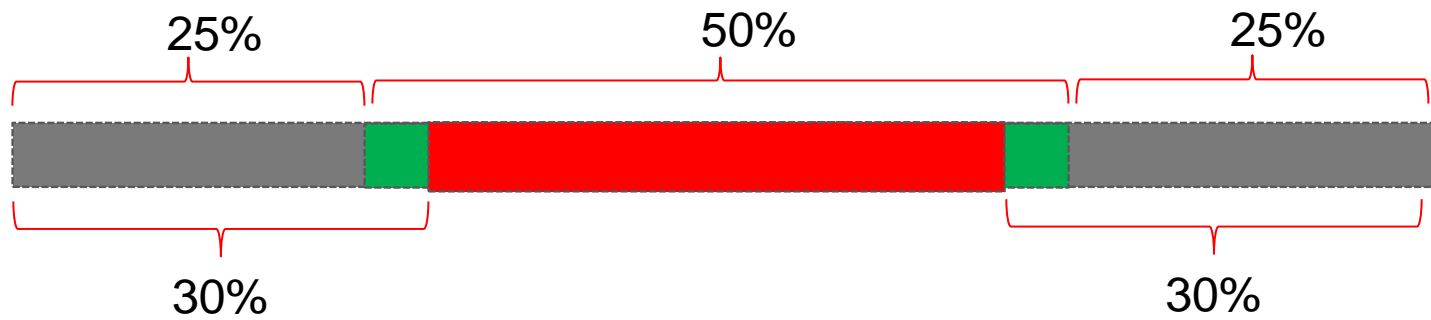
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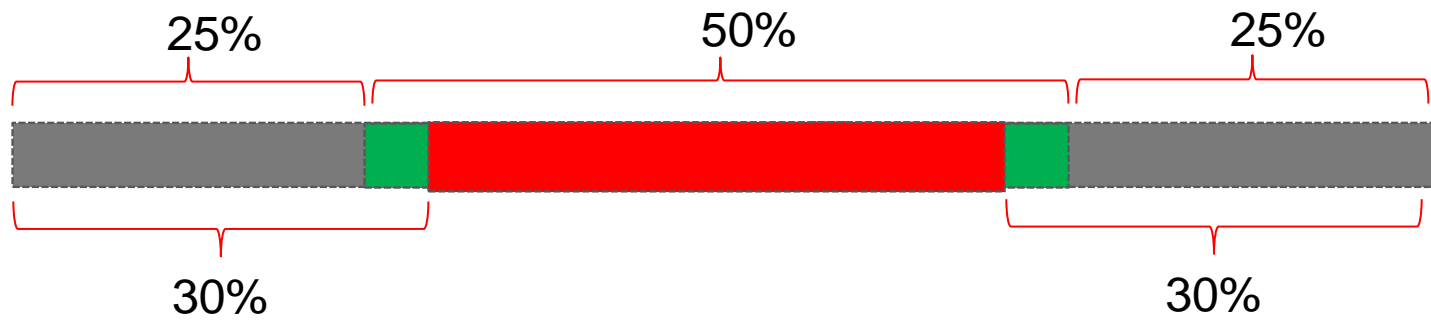
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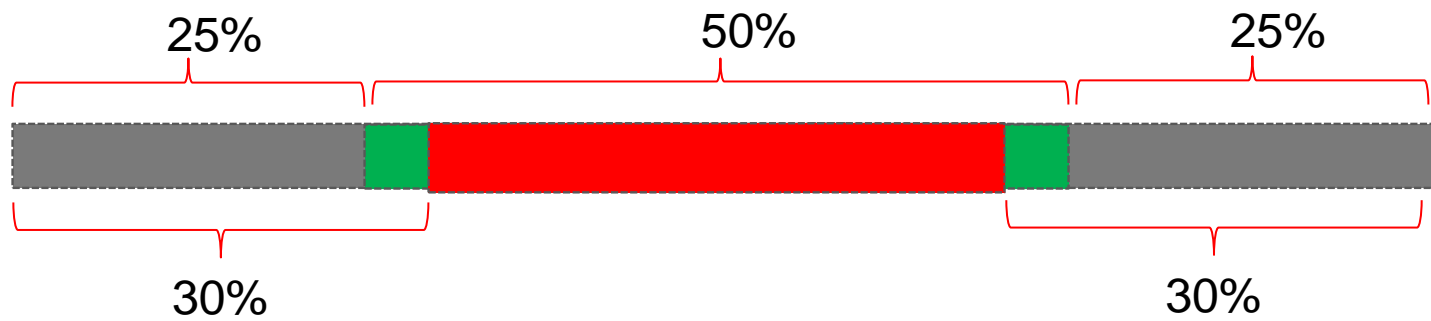




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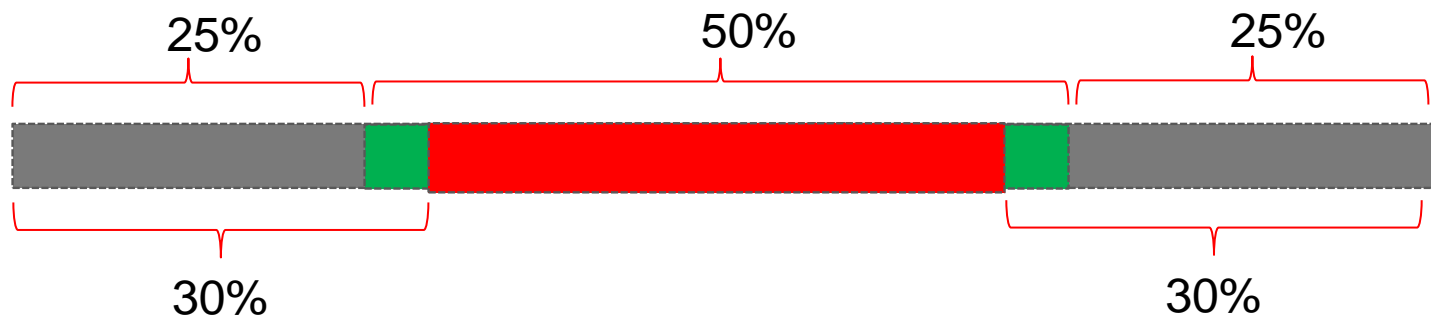
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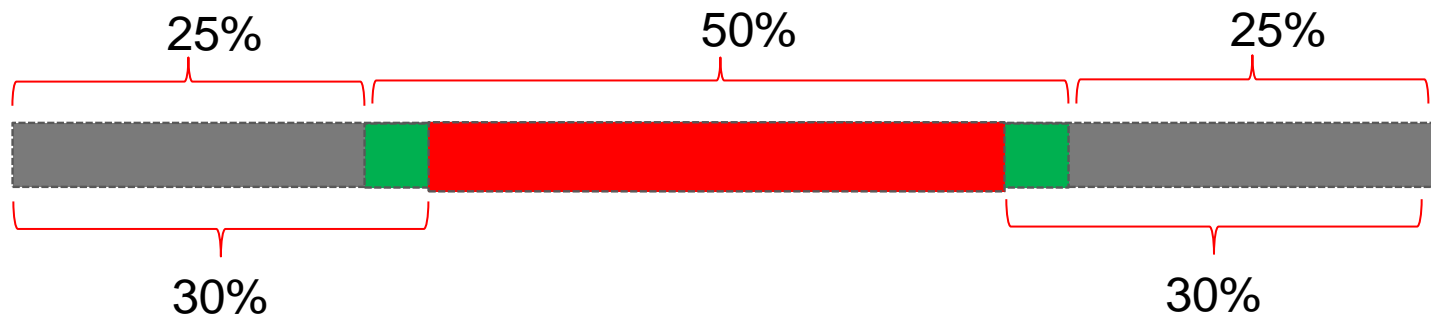
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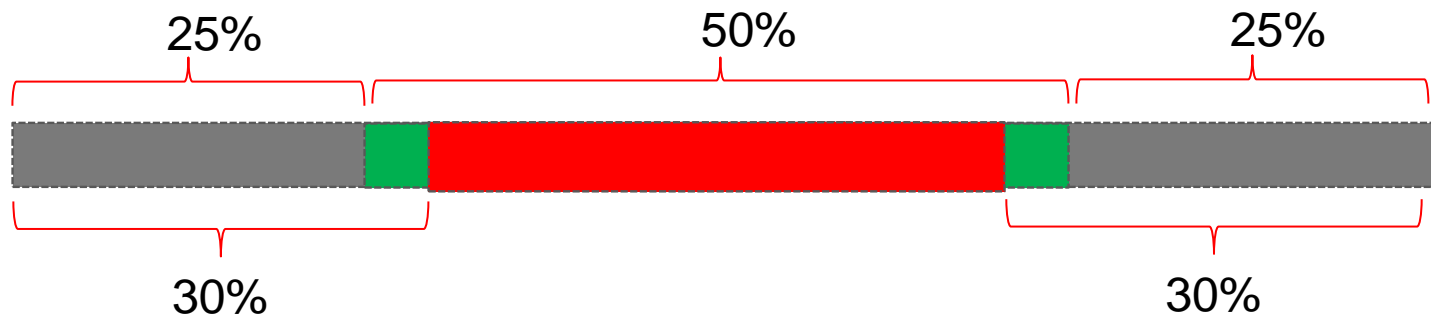
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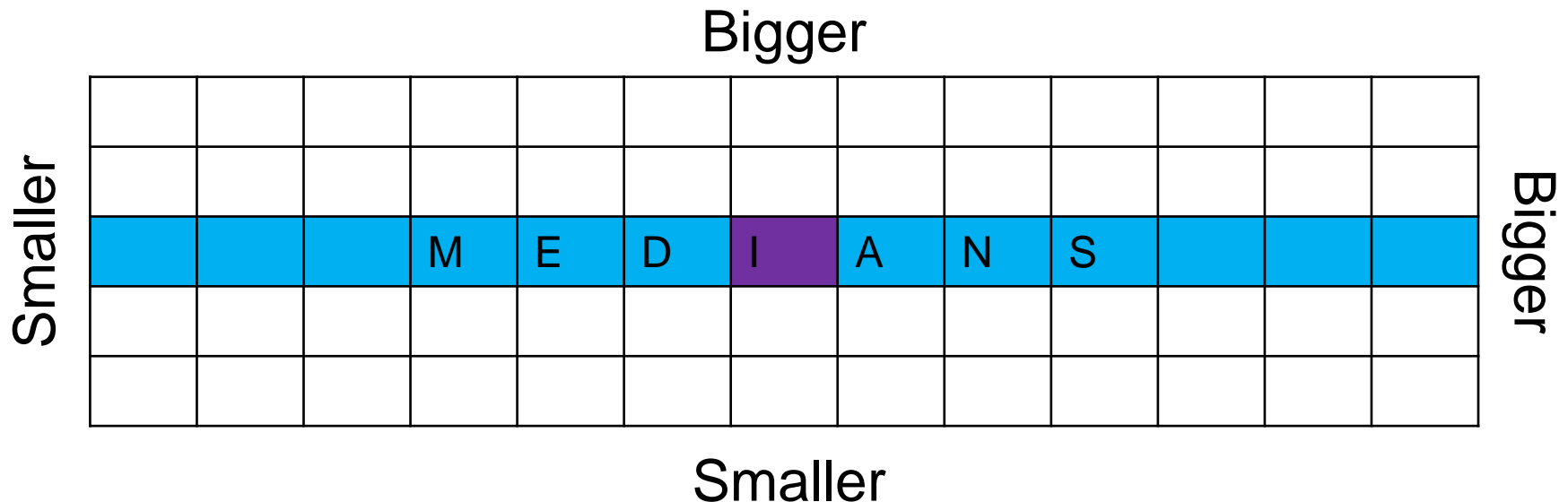
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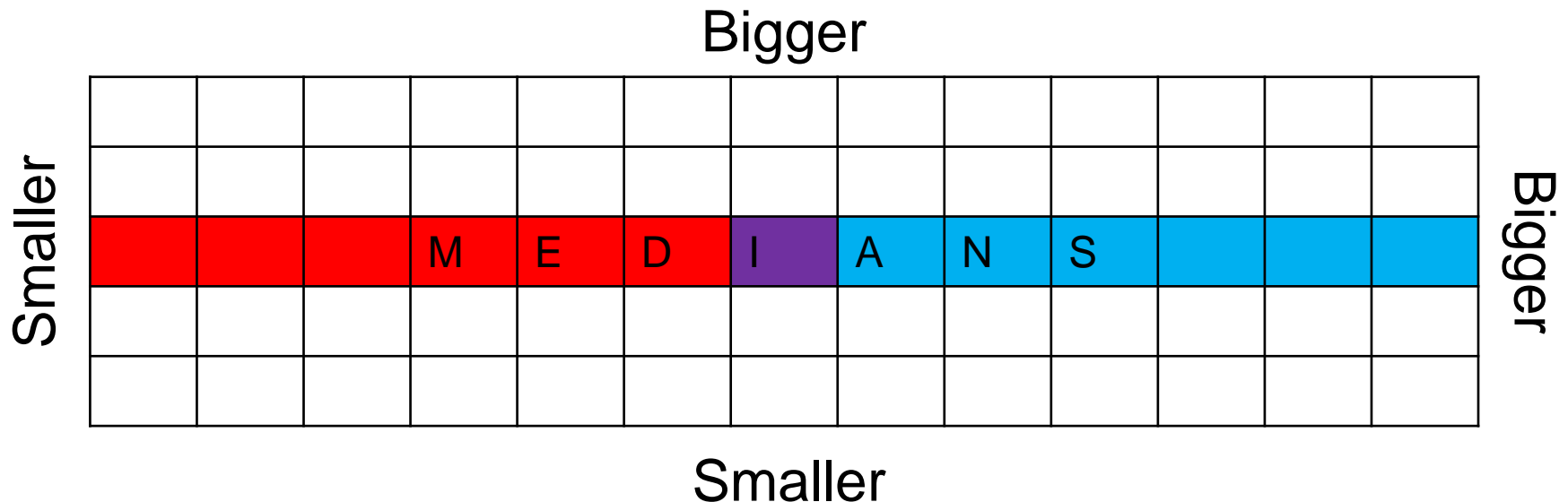
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- Find the median of those!
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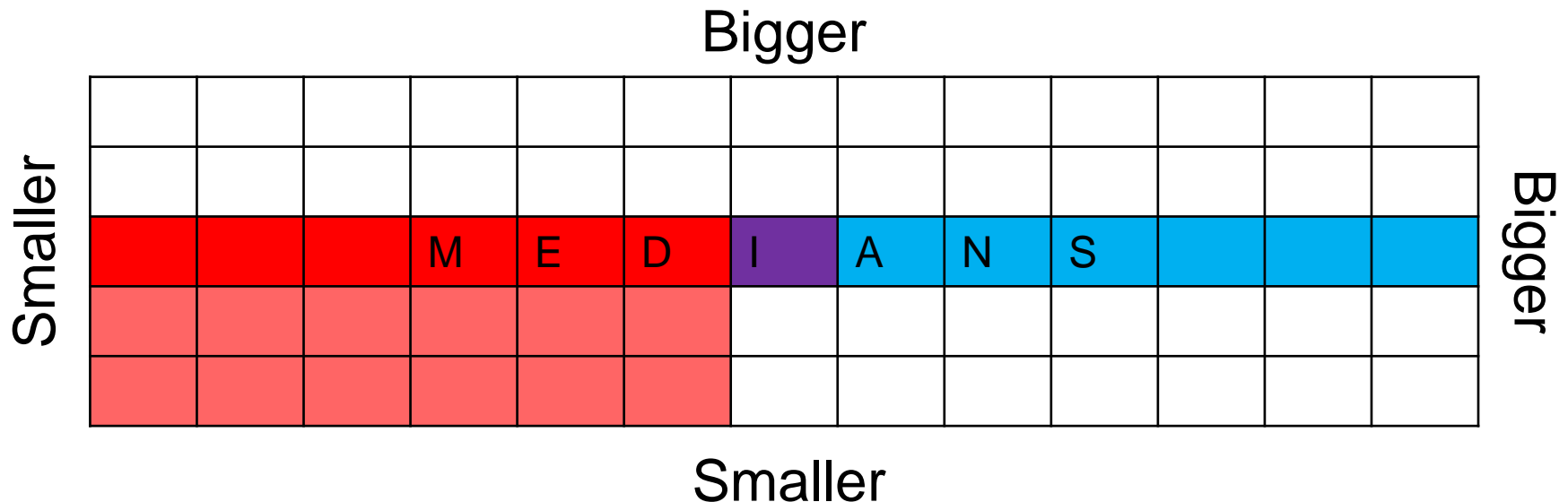
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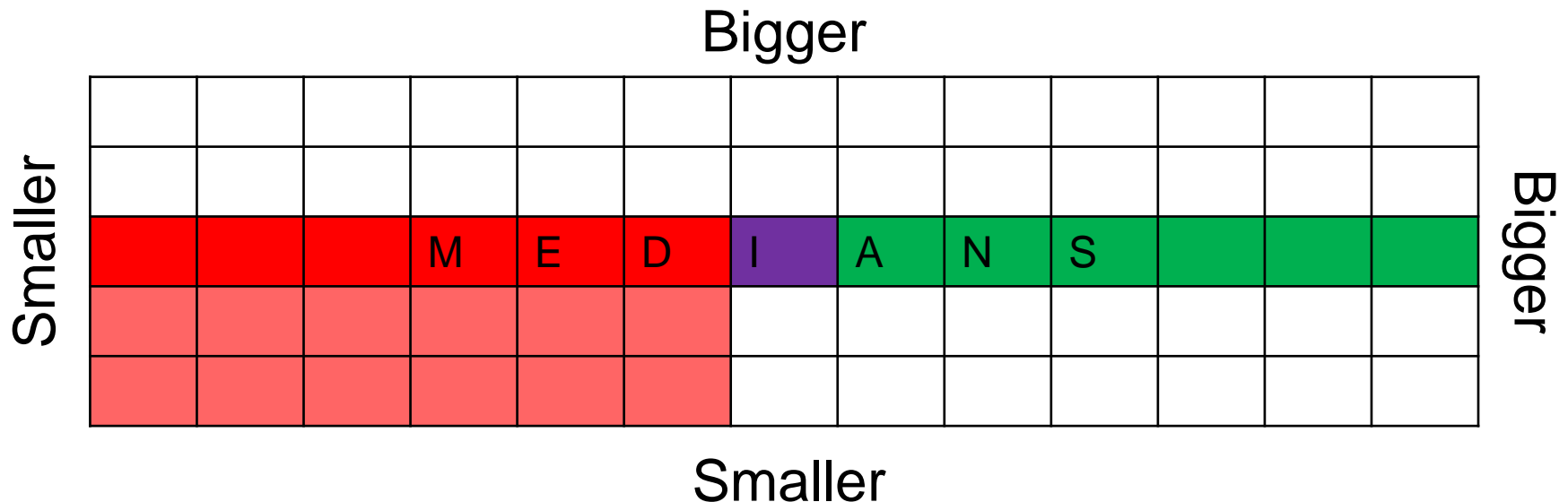
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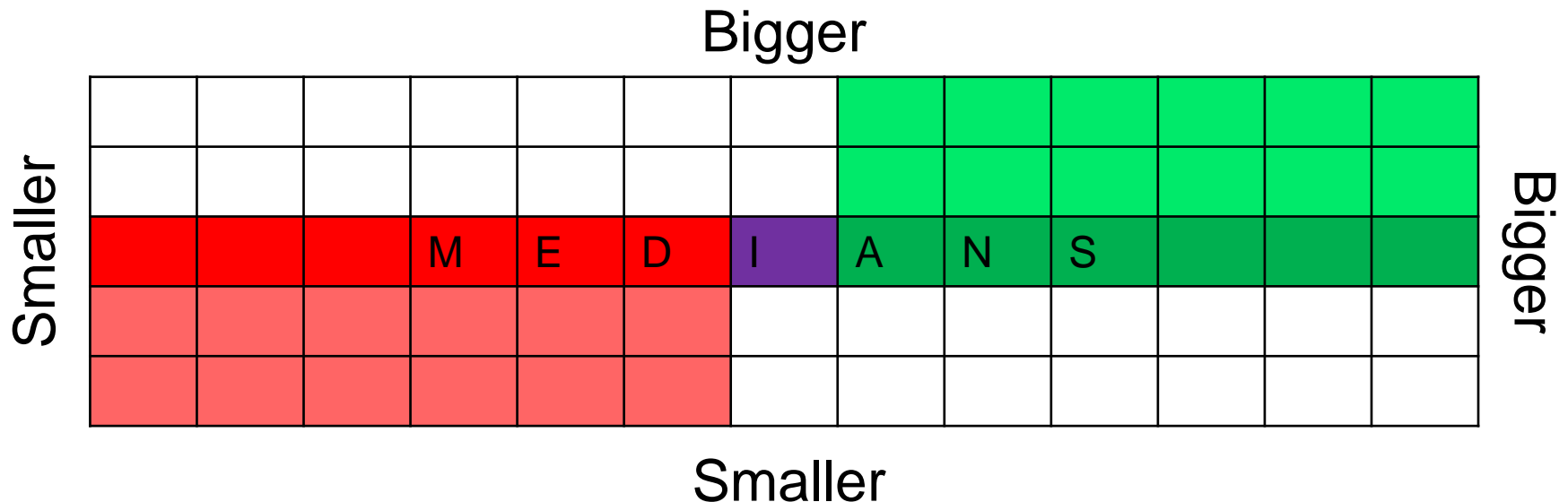
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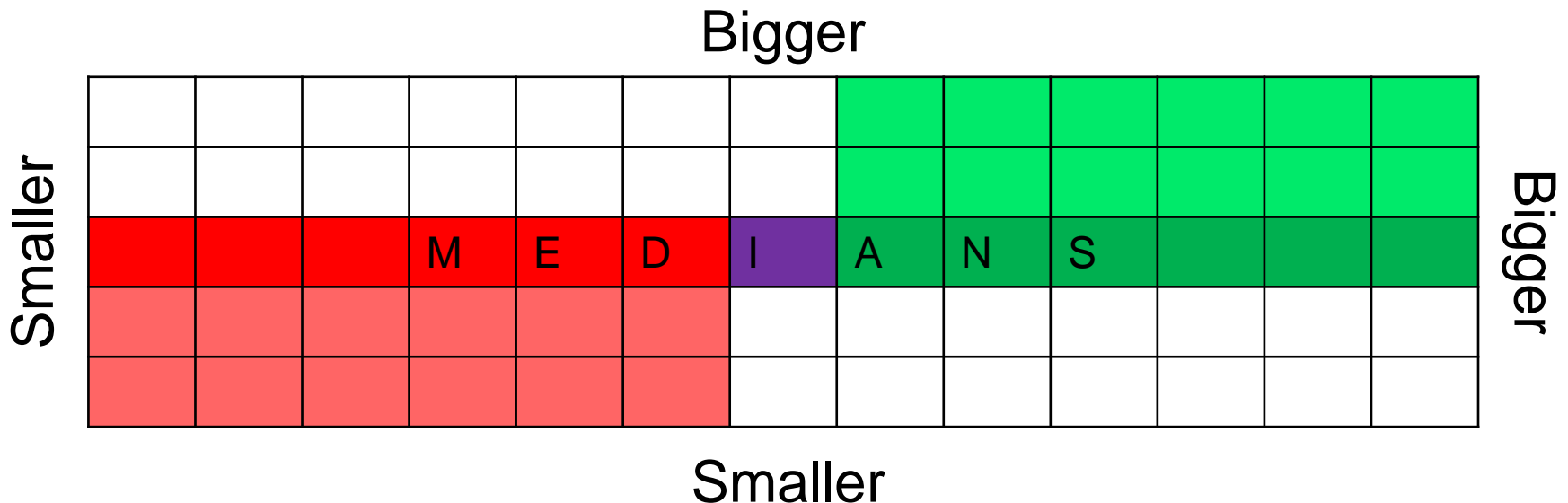
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- Median of medians is greater than 30% and also less than 30%, so its in the middle 40%
- The worst split we can get using the MoM is 70:30!
- However, we did need to find the exact median of  $n/5$  items... how?





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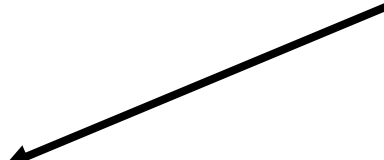
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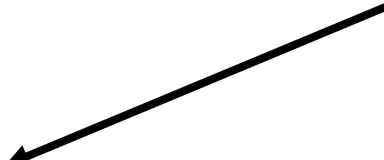
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*Quickselect time complexity recurrence*

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- $T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right)$  for recursing on the list of the medians of groups of 5 (inside the call to median of medians)
- $T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right)$  for the main recursive call, which is guaranteed to have split the list at least 30:70 (because the pivot was selected by MoM)
- $an$  for the linear time partition algorithm + time to find medians of groups of five

**Solving this give linear time!**

So armed with a linear time quickselect, we can now quicksort in  $N \log N$  worst case...



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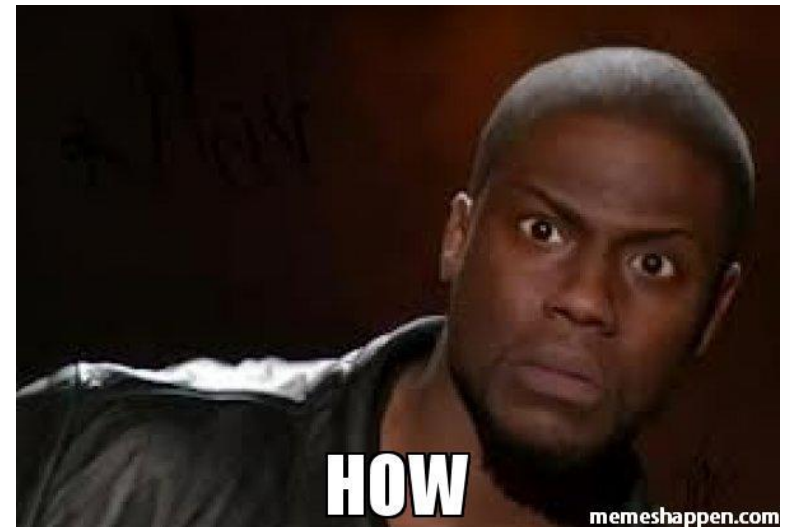
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