

# Optimal dislocation with persistent errors in subquadratic time

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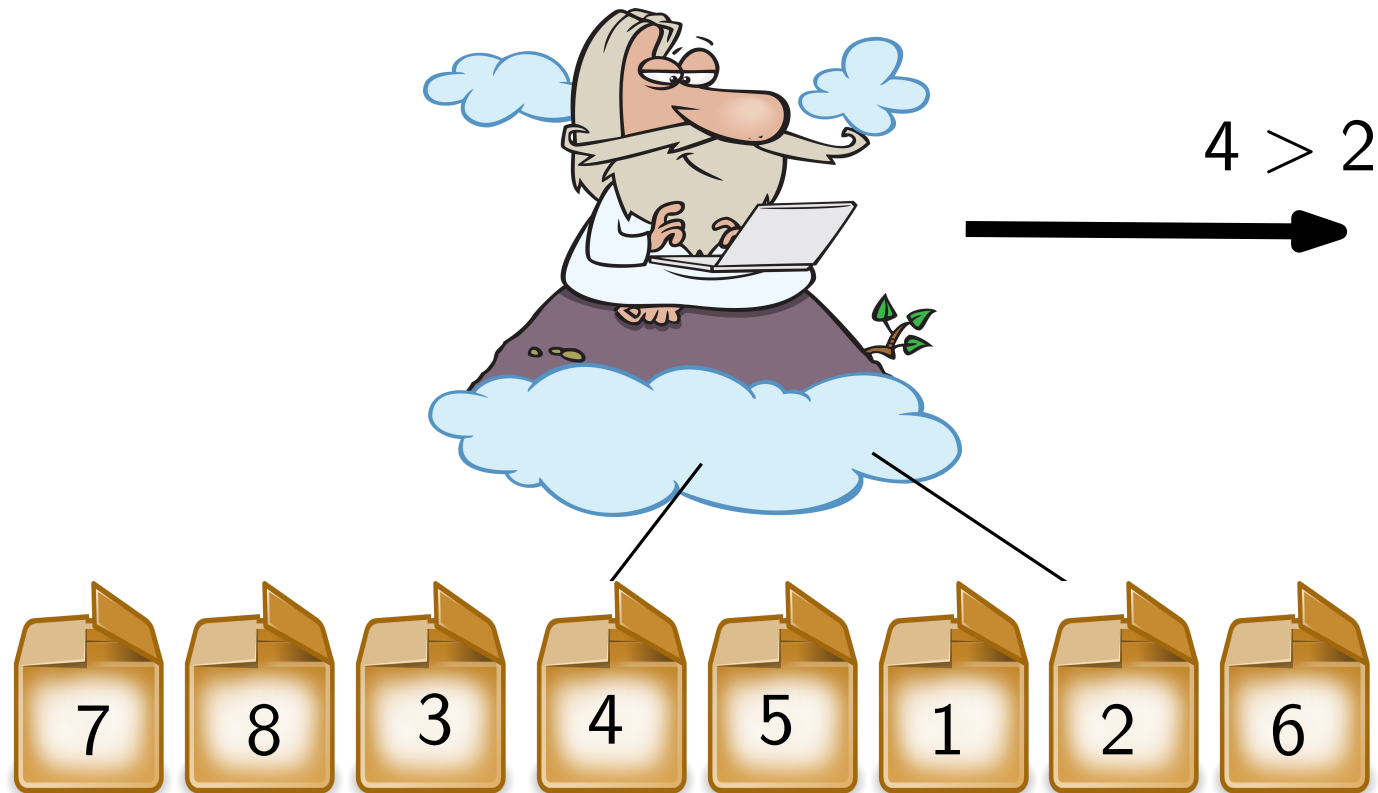
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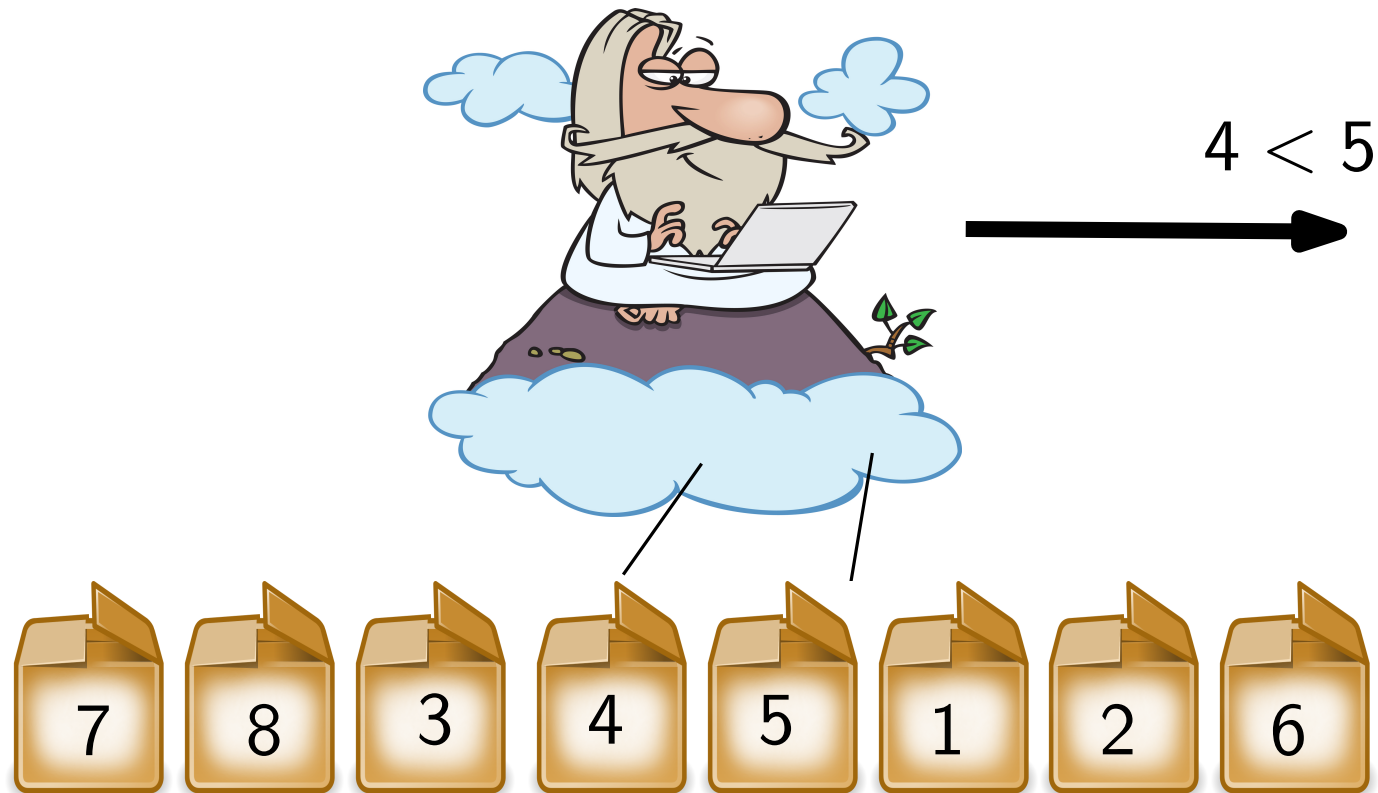
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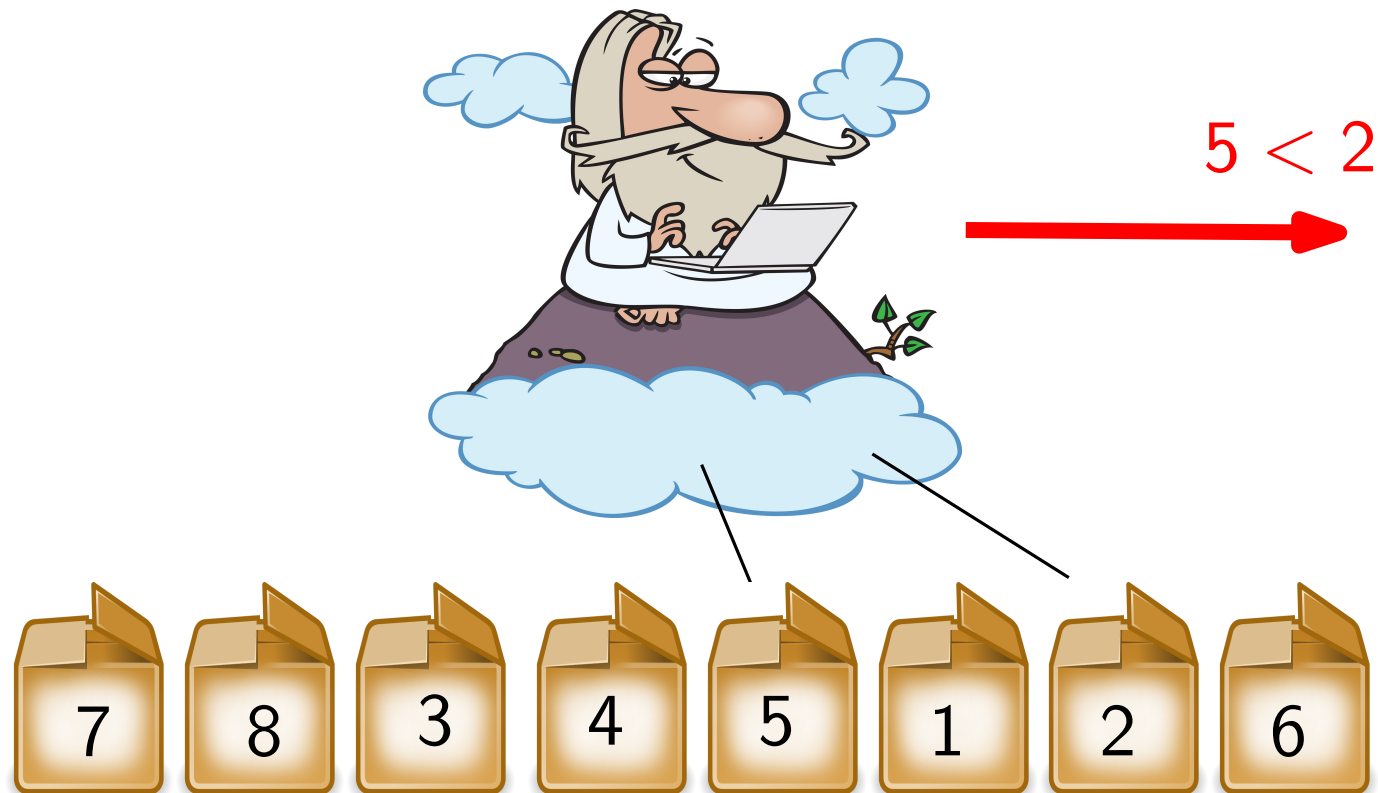
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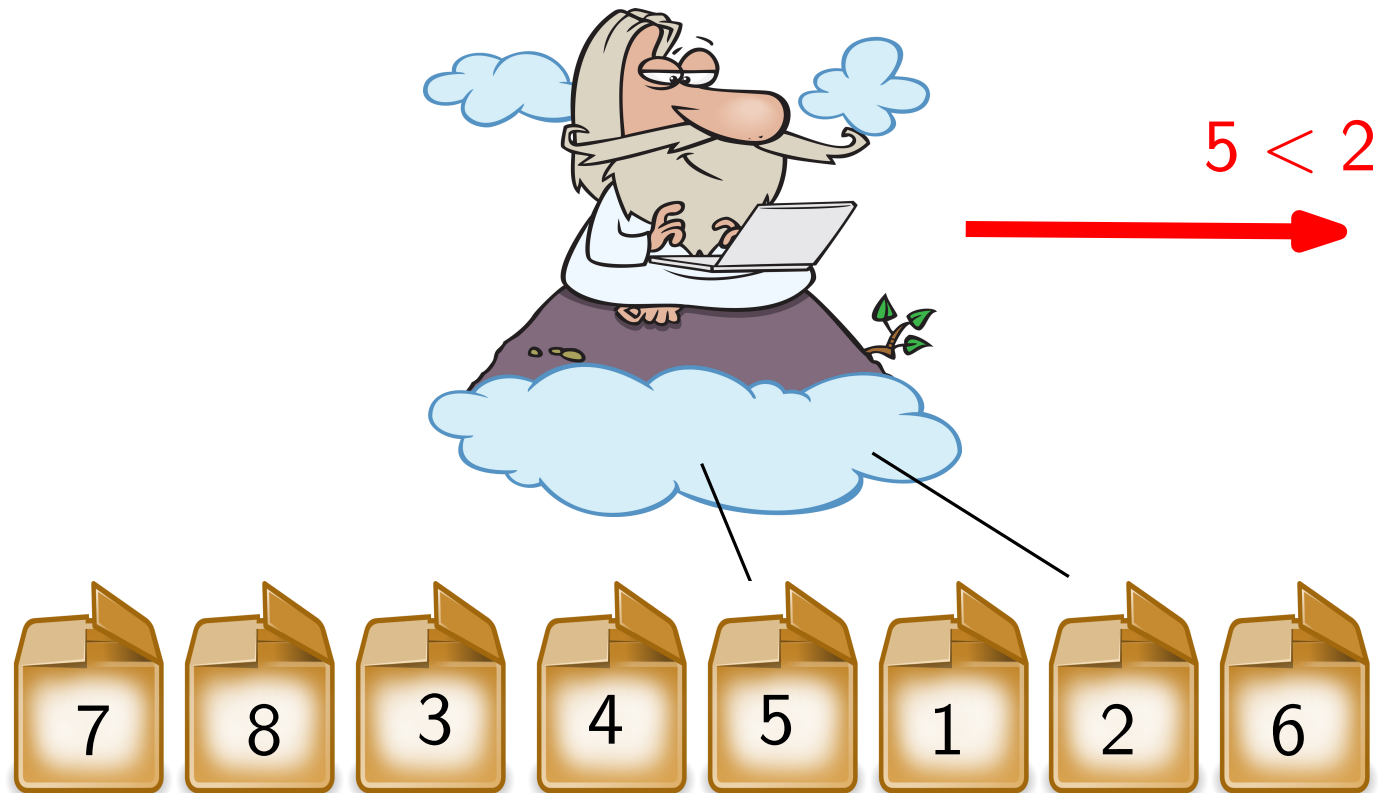


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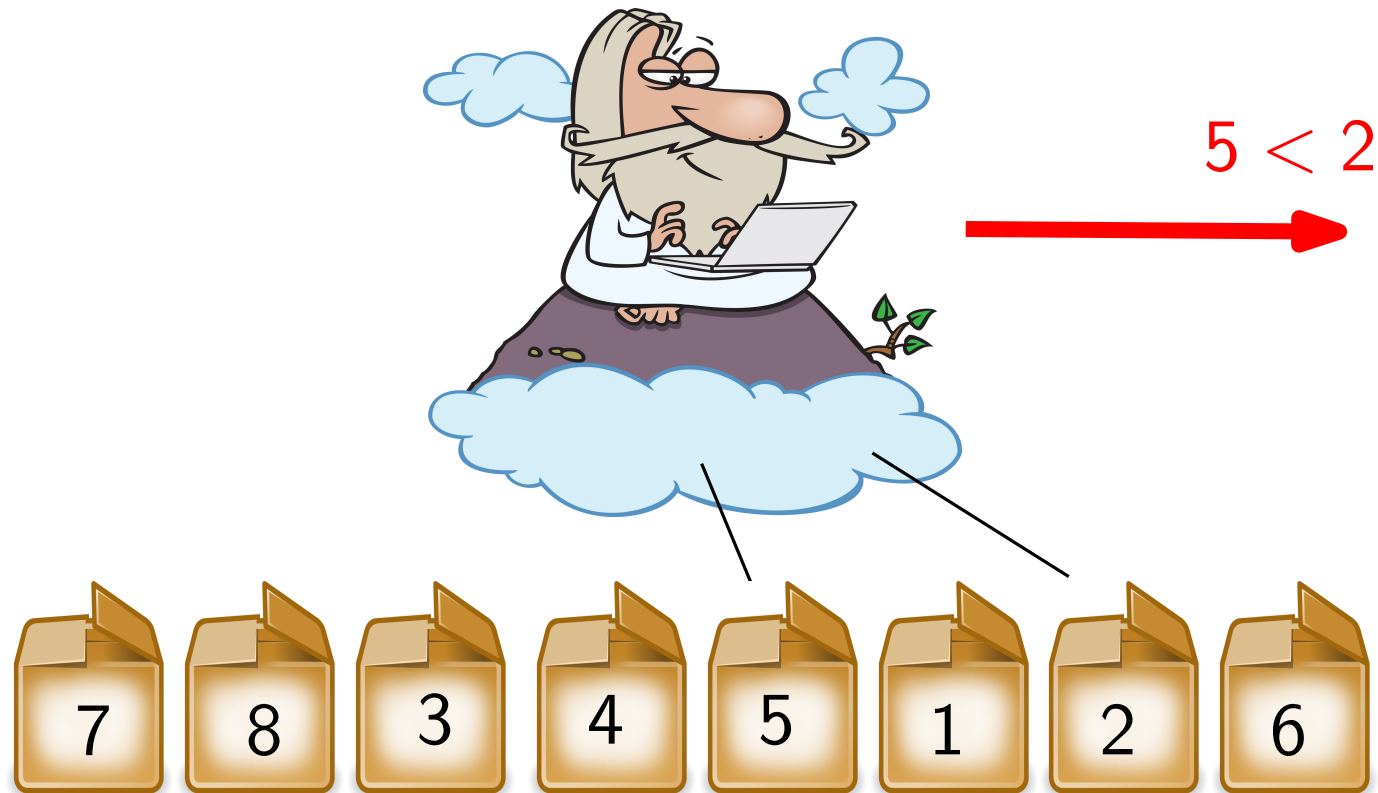


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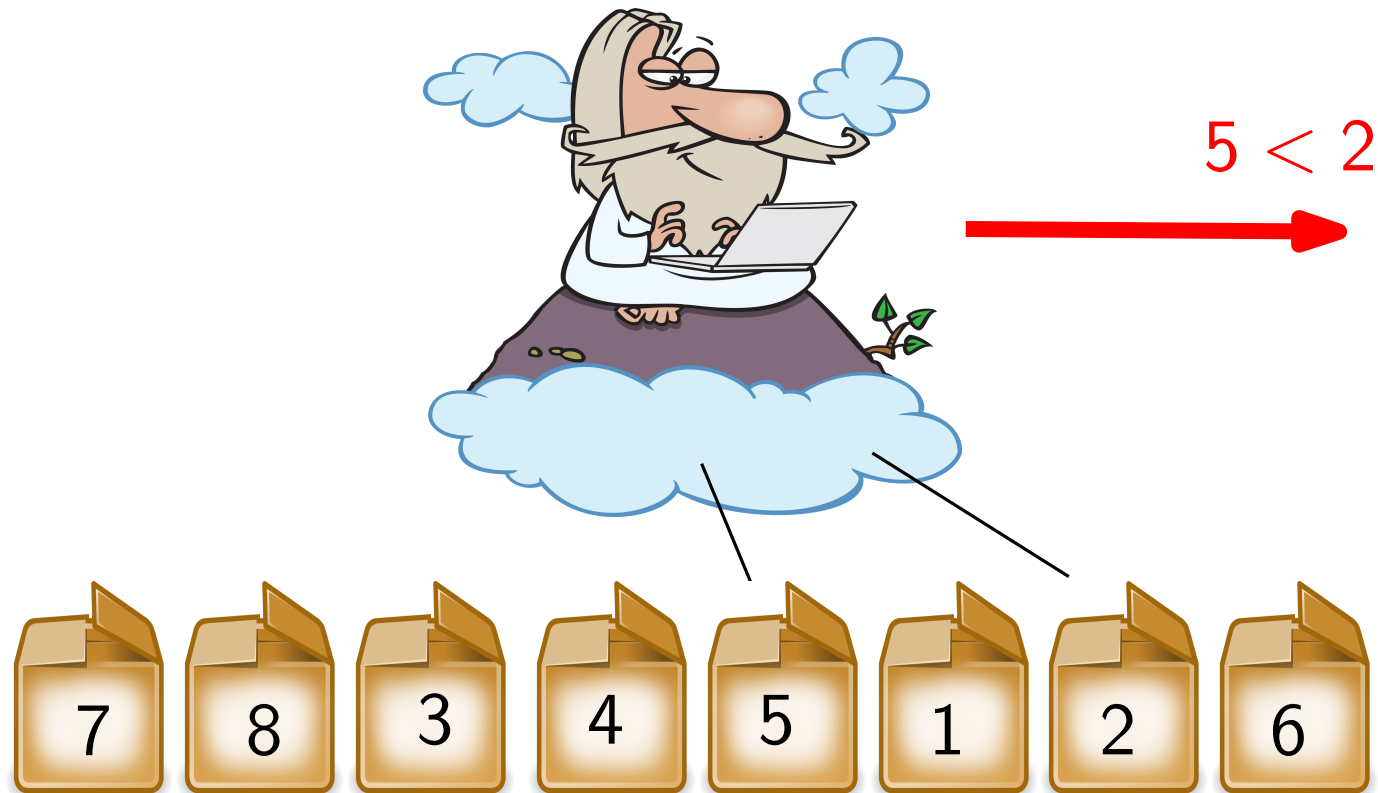
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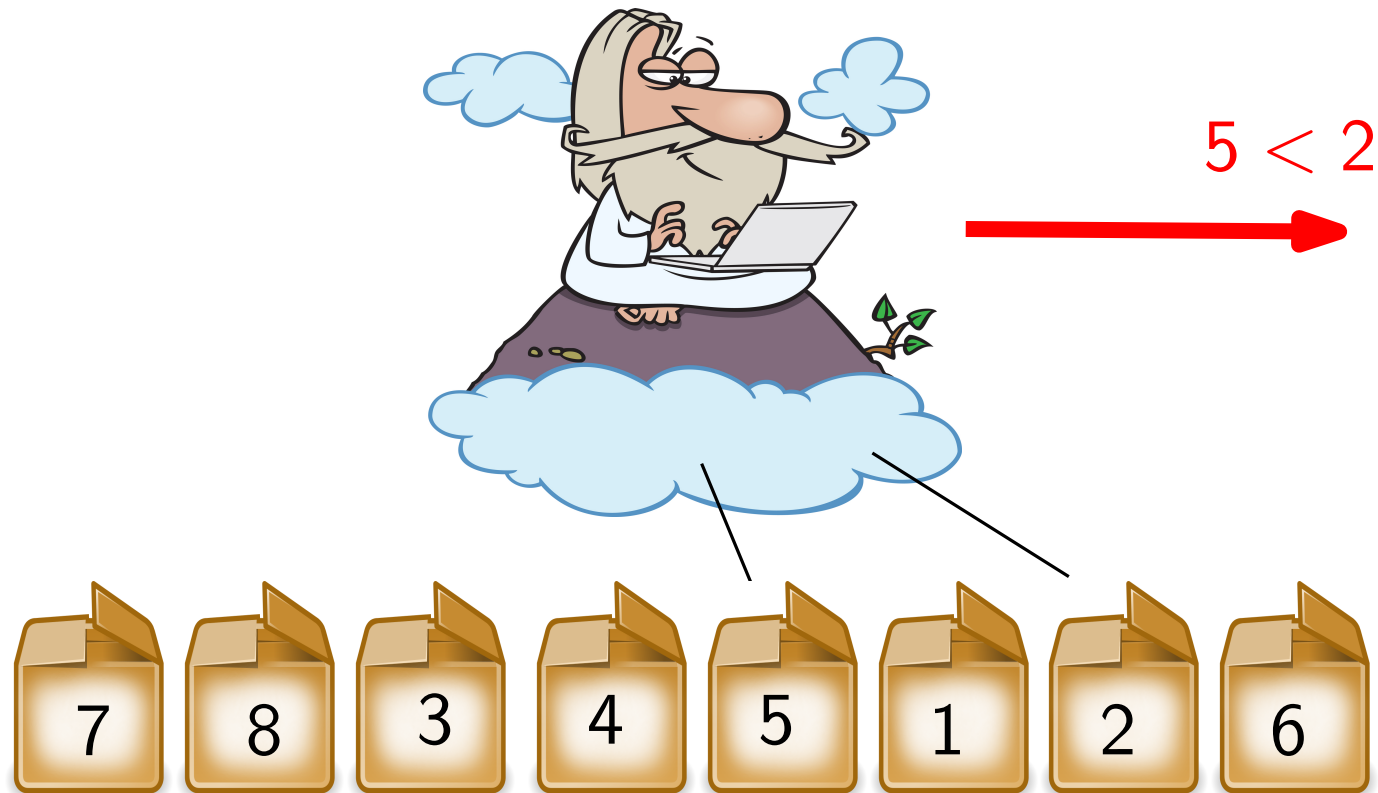
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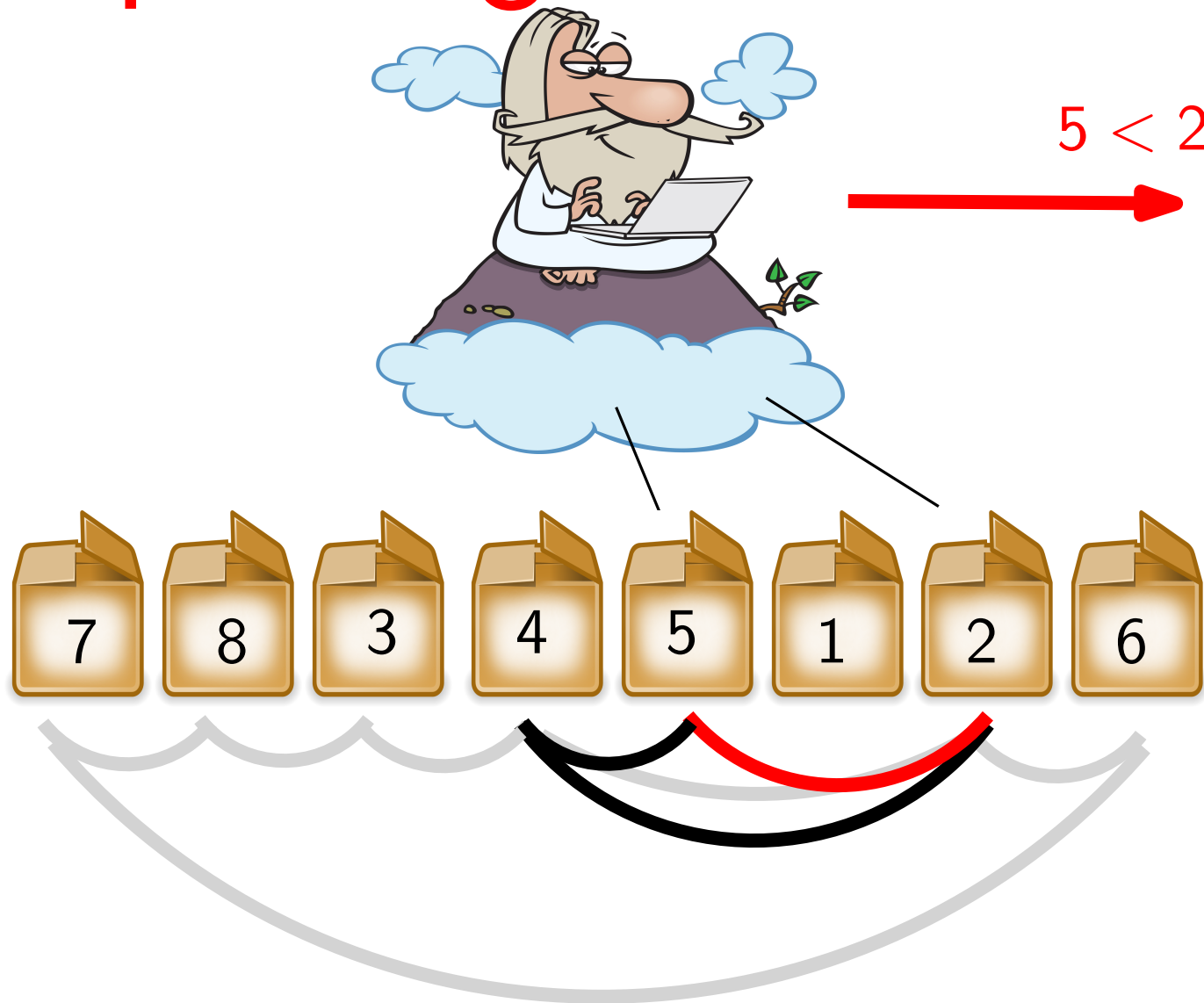
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Dislocation

What can be done?

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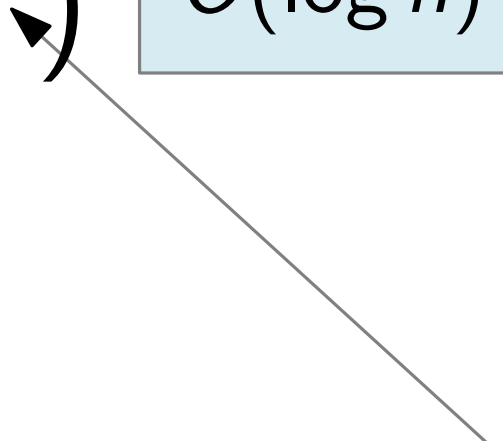
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$$\frac{110525}{(1/2-p)^4}$$

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Subquadratic time?

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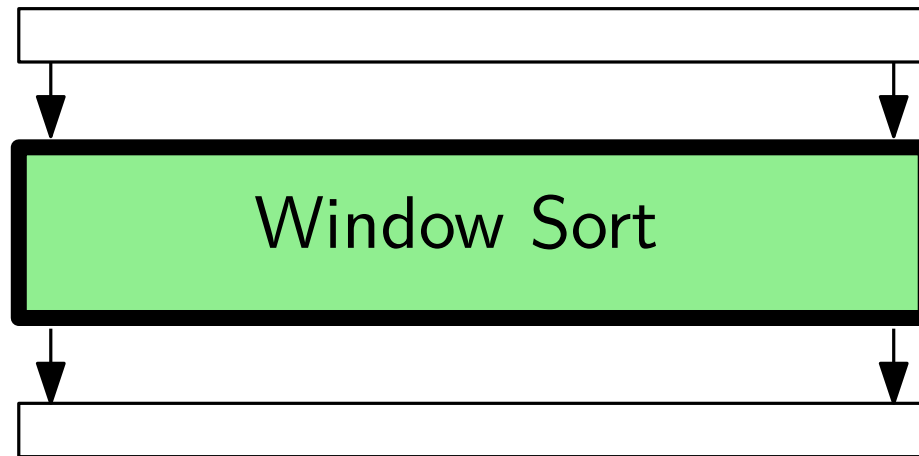
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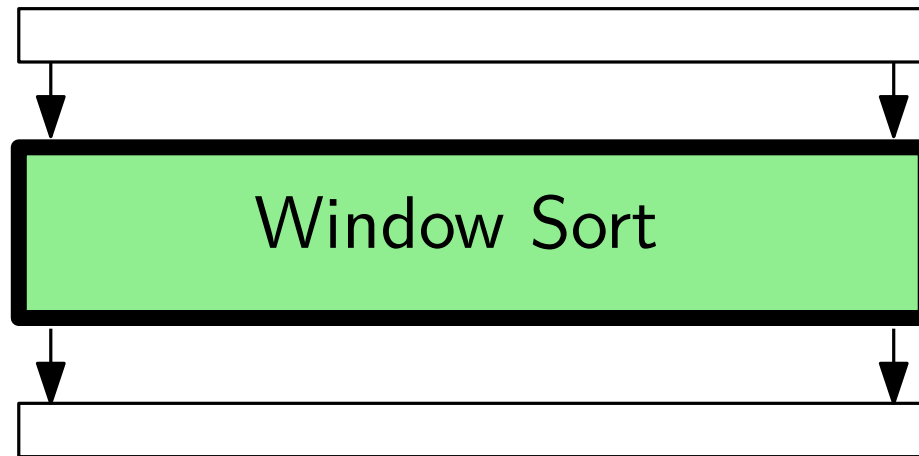
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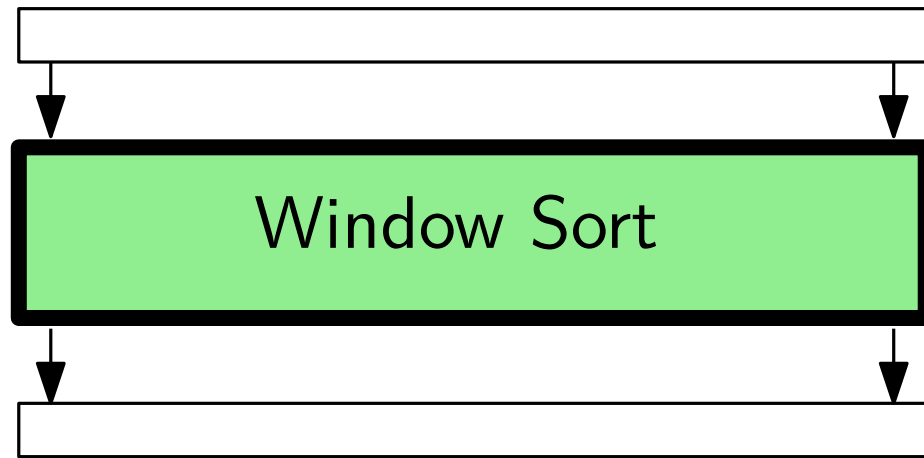


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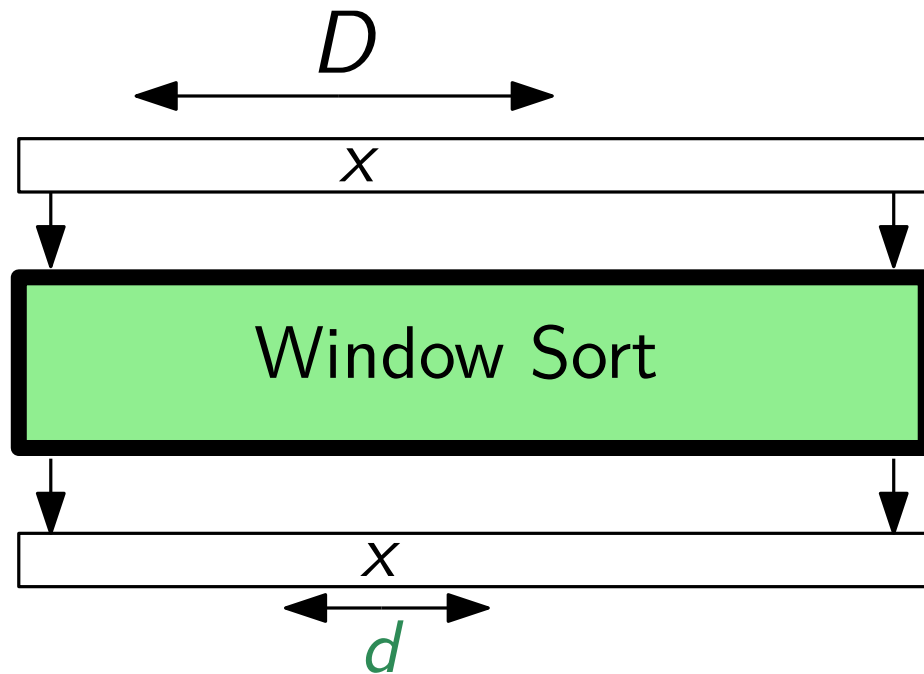
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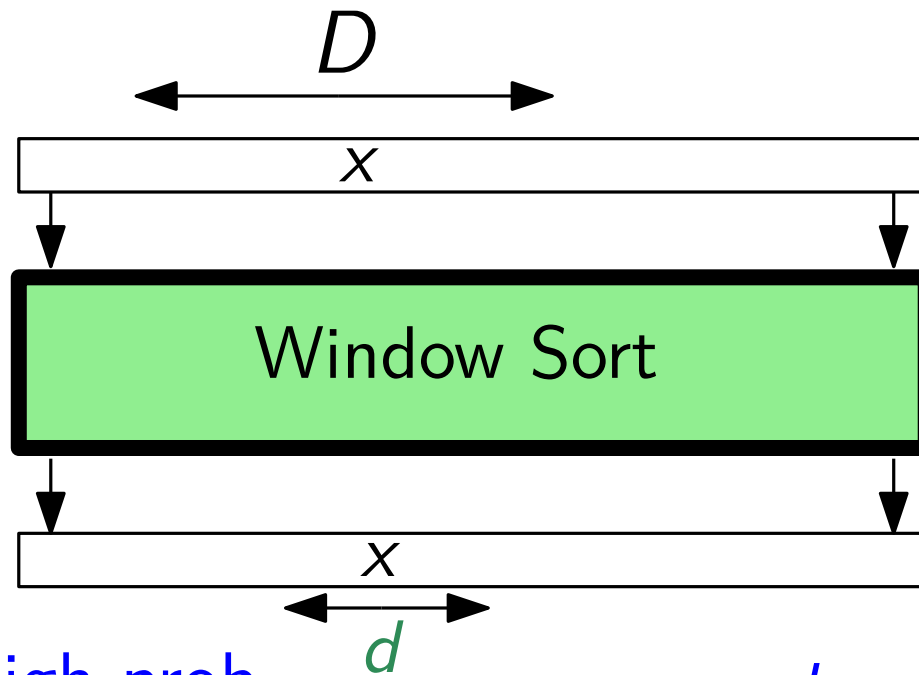
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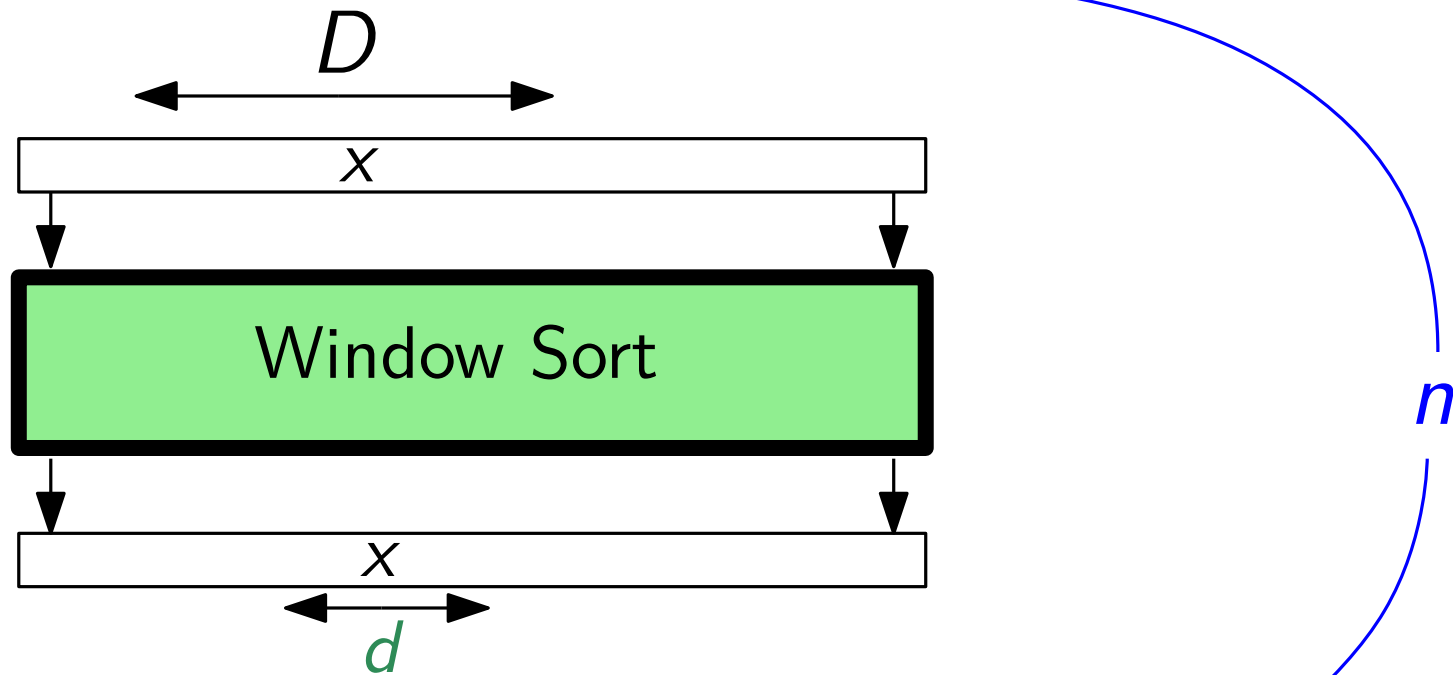
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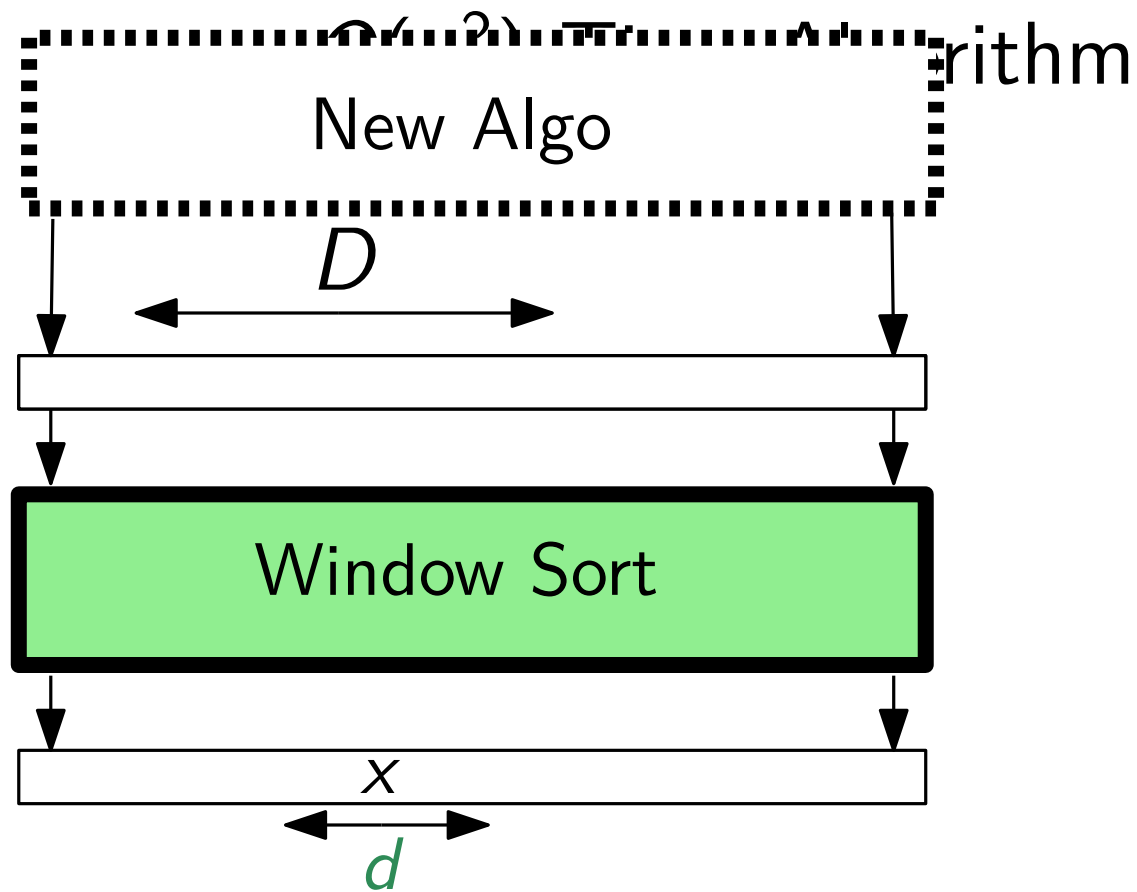
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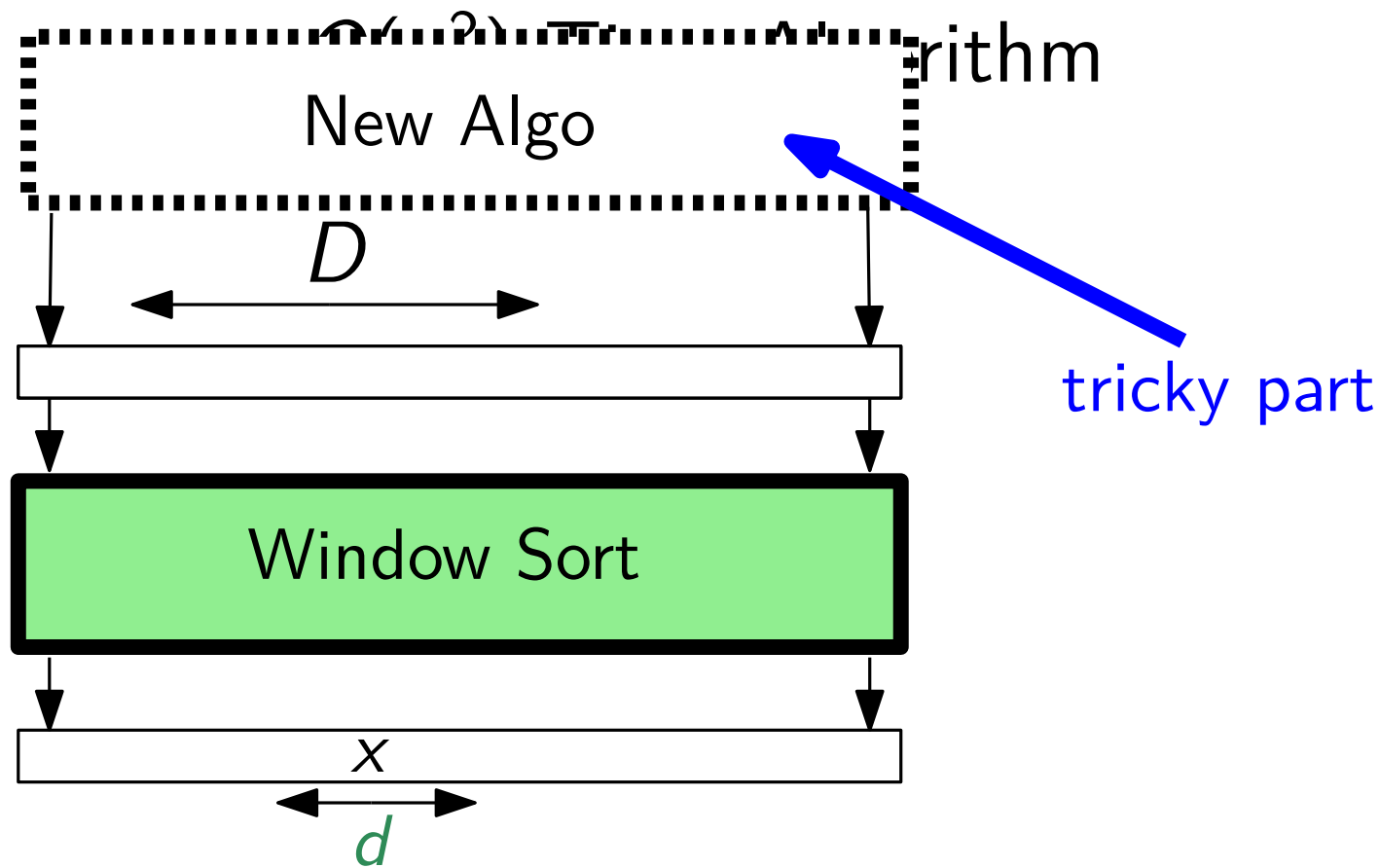
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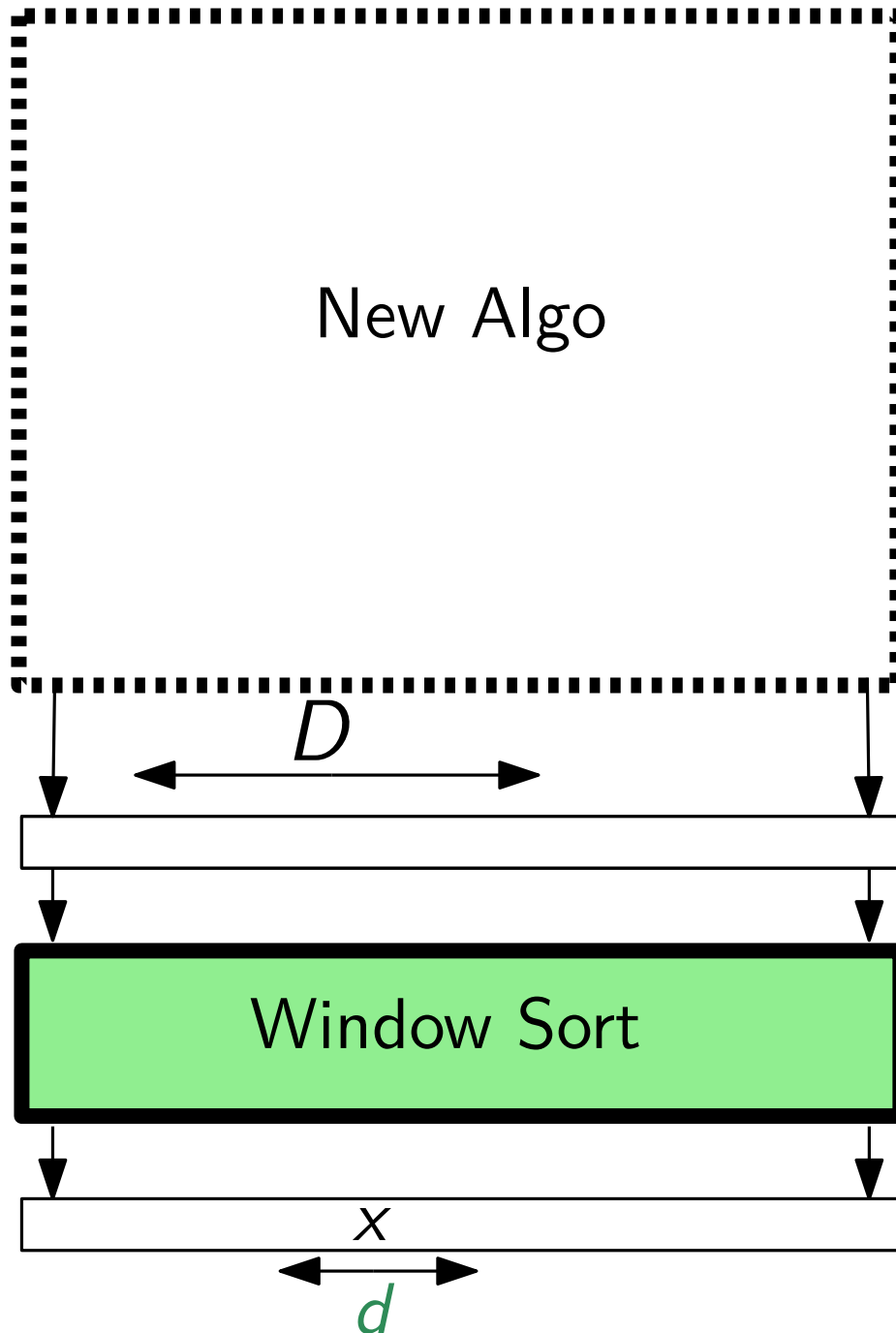


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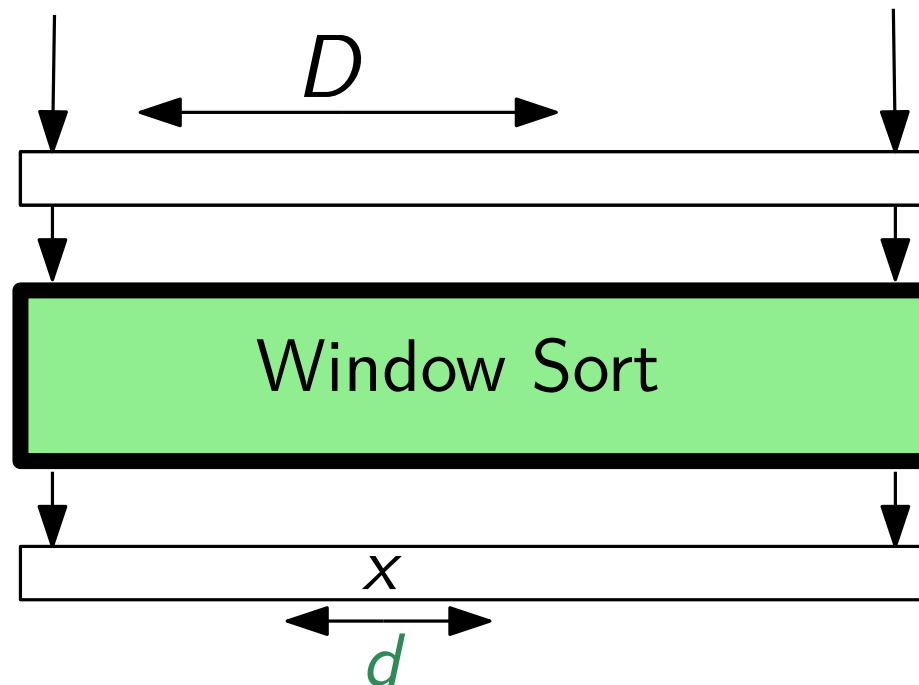
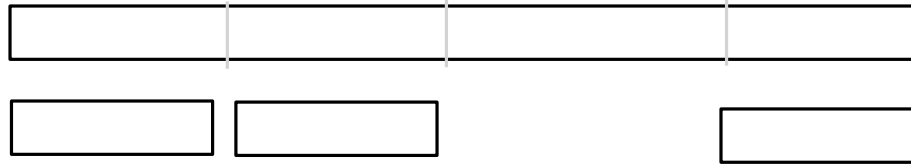
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New Algo

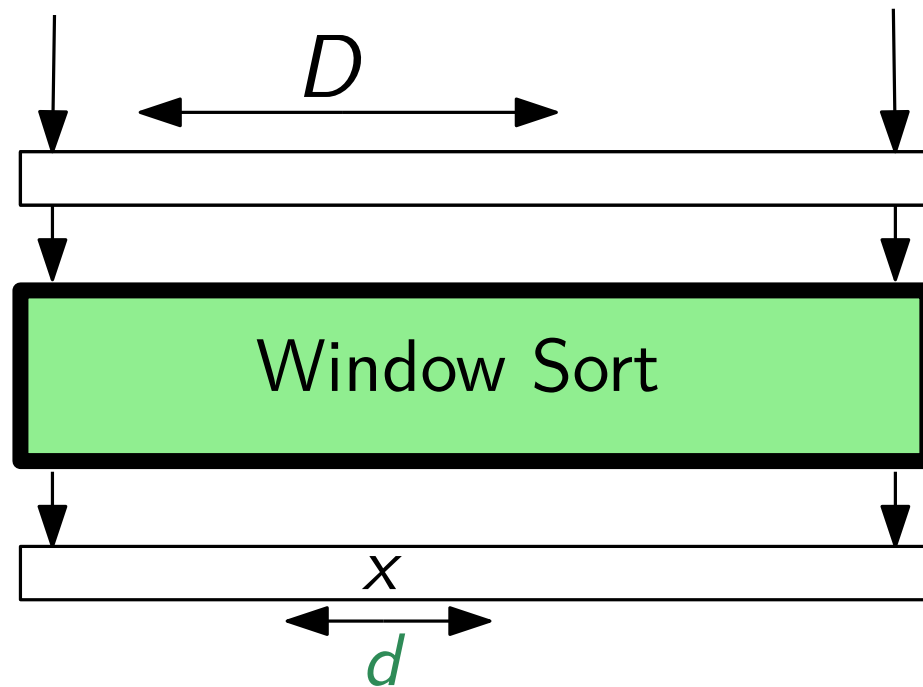
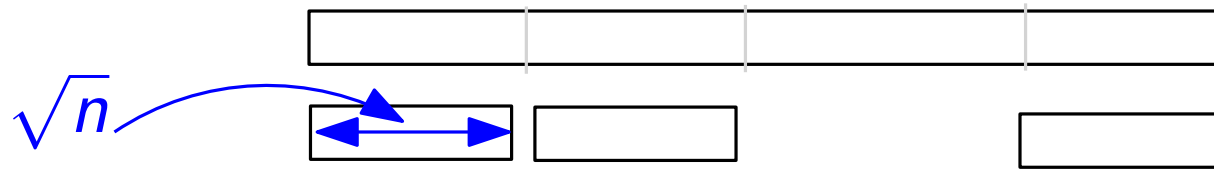




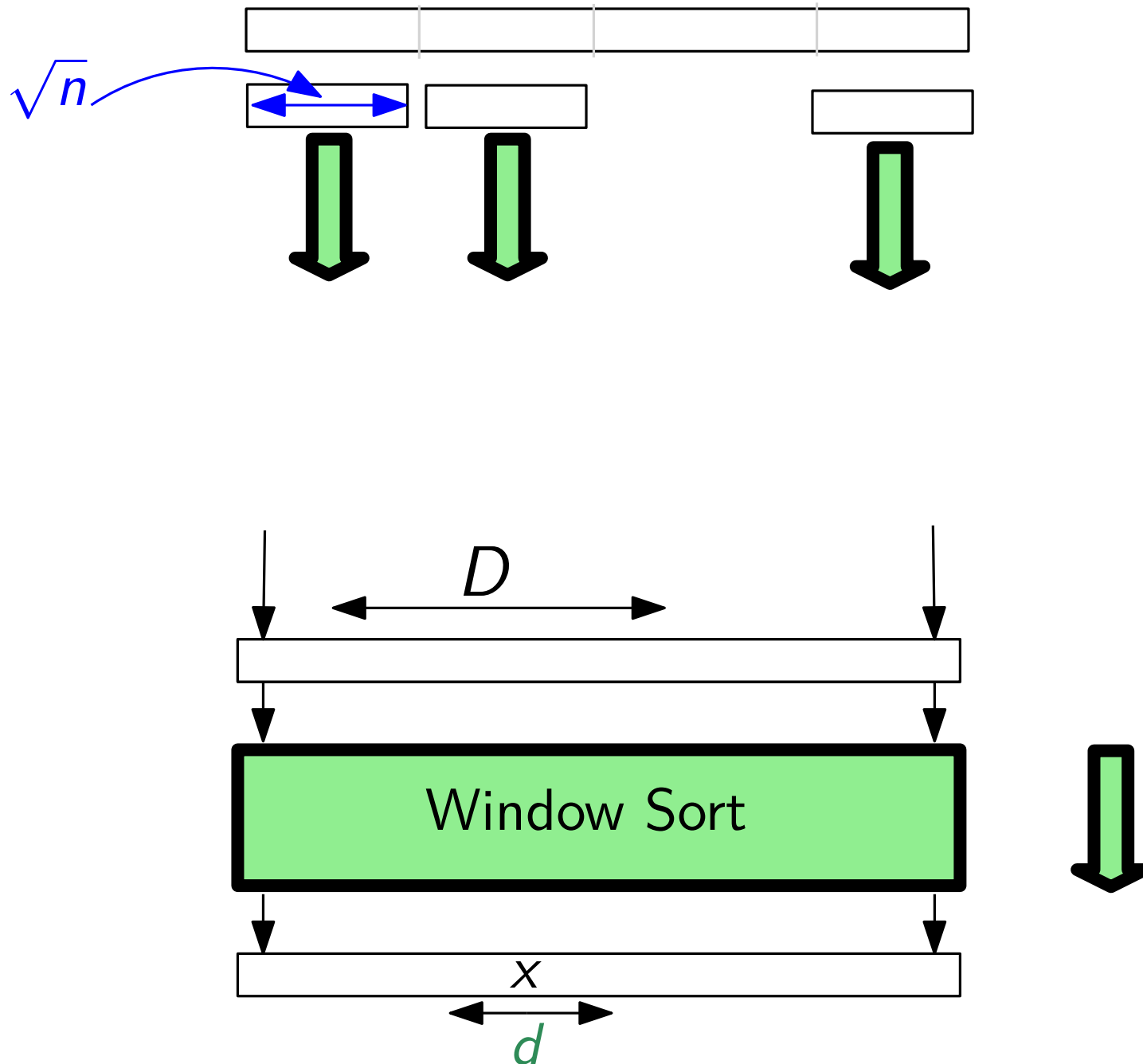
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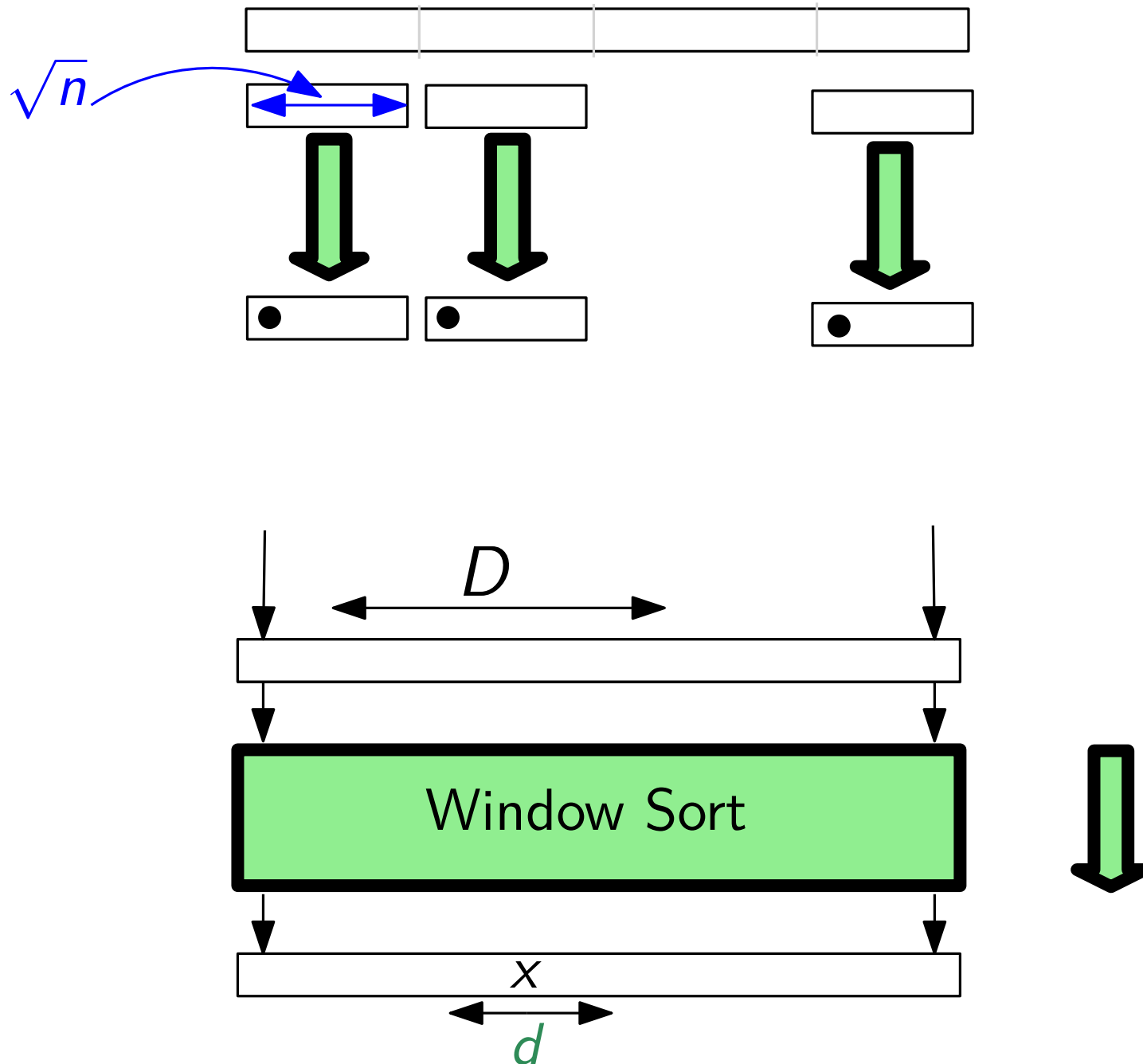
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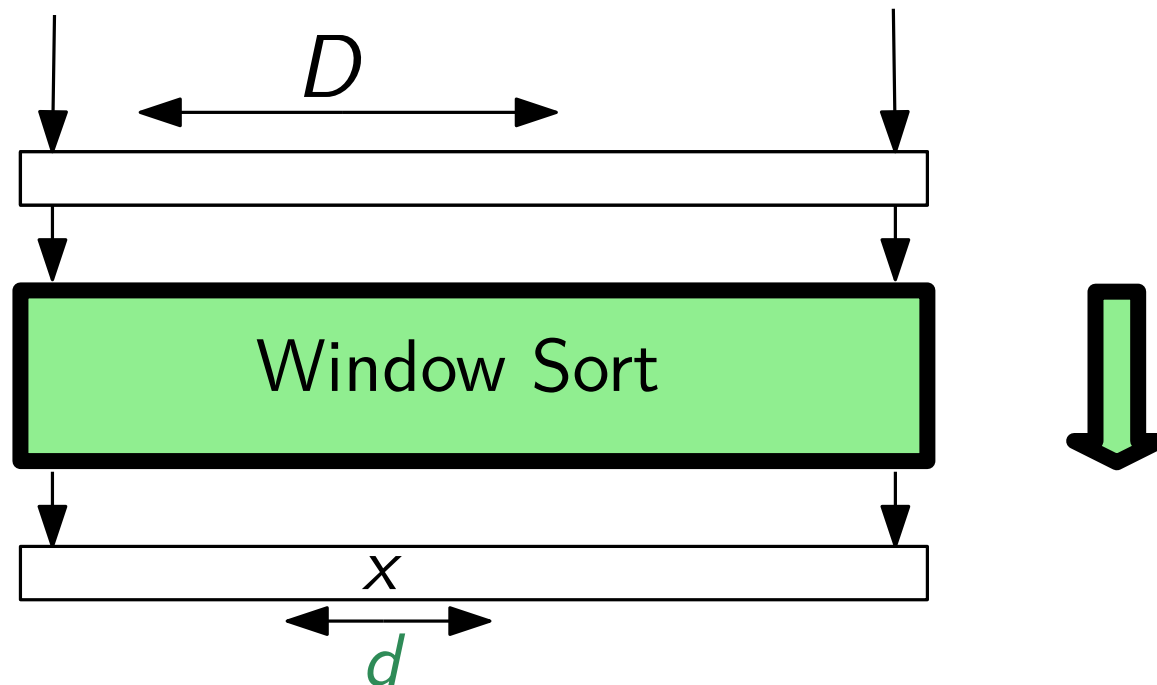
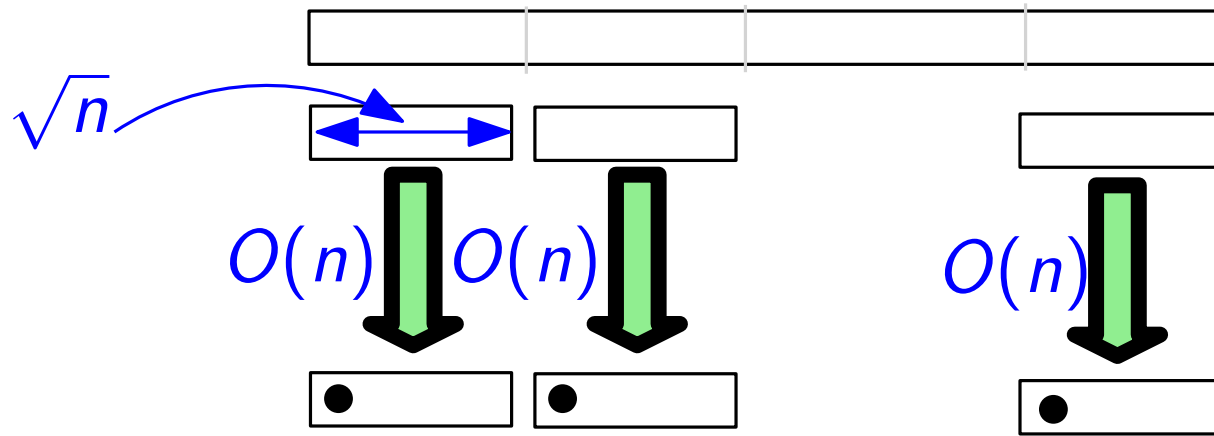
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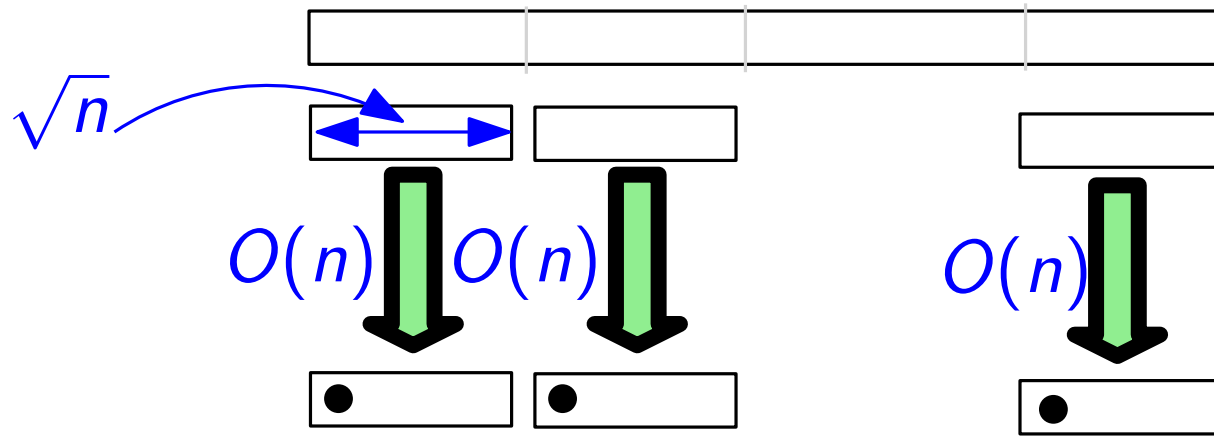
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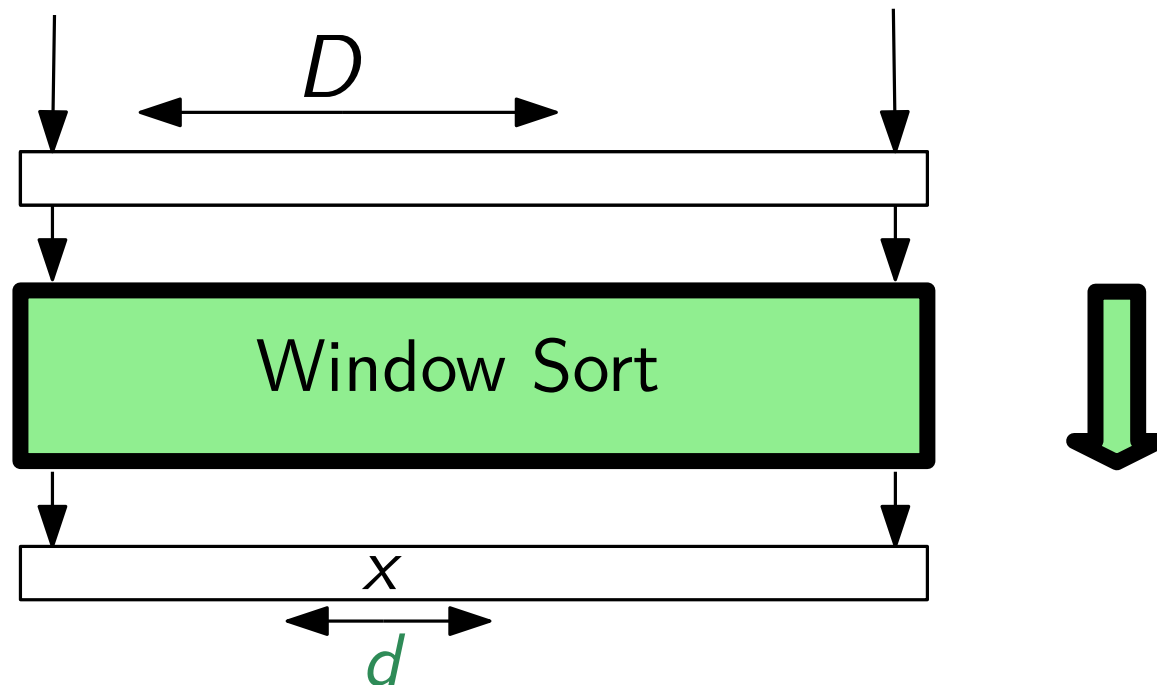
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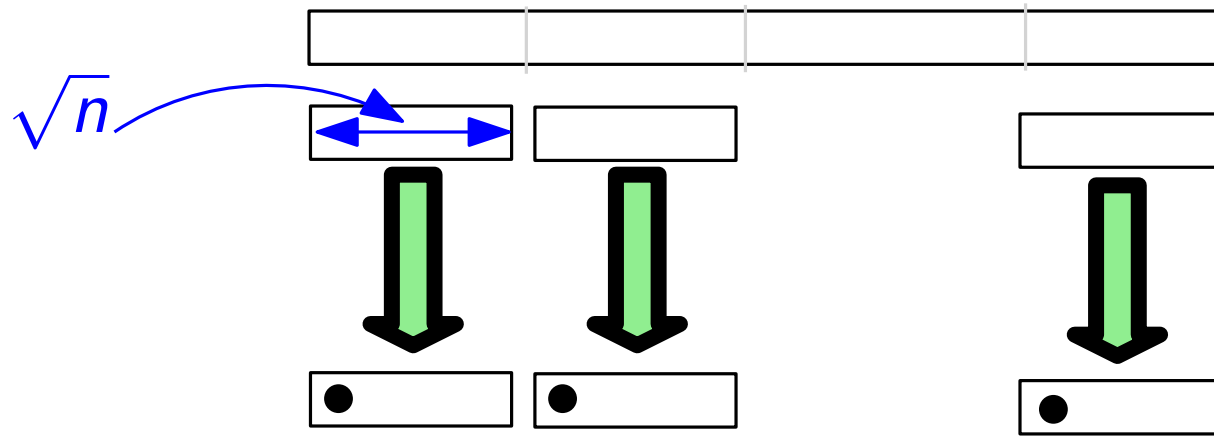
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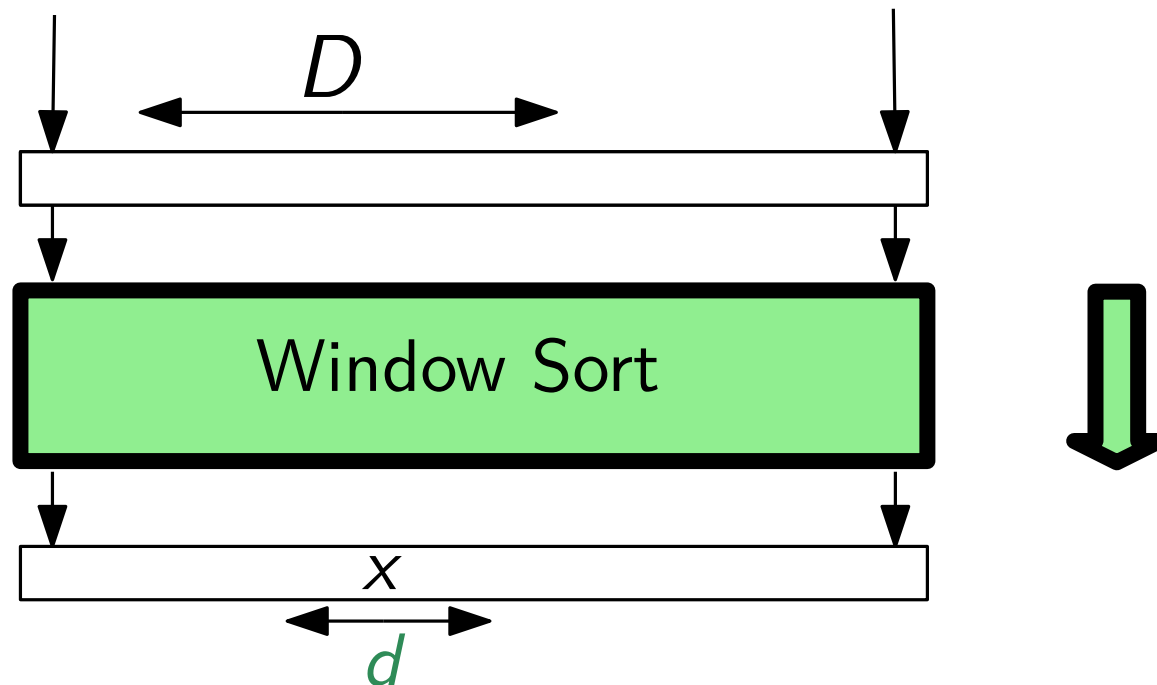


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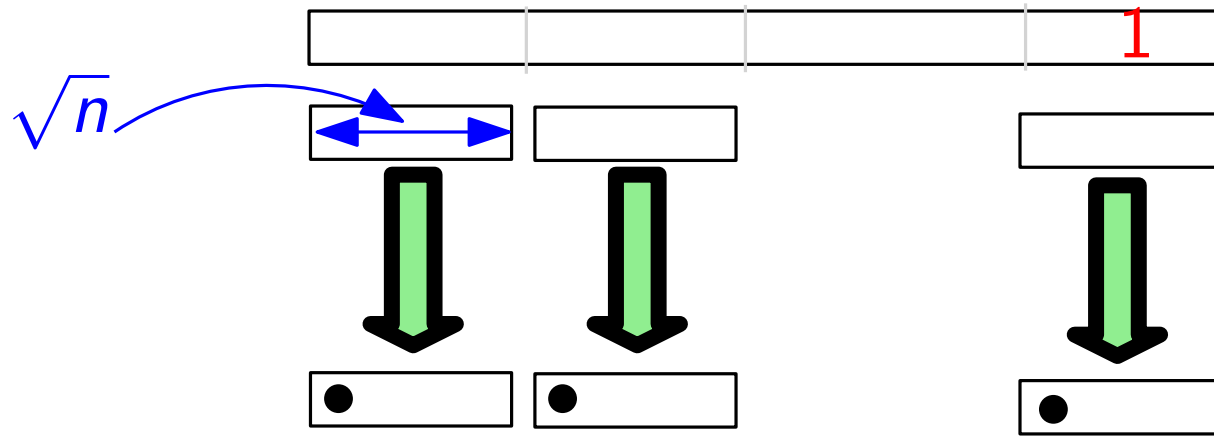


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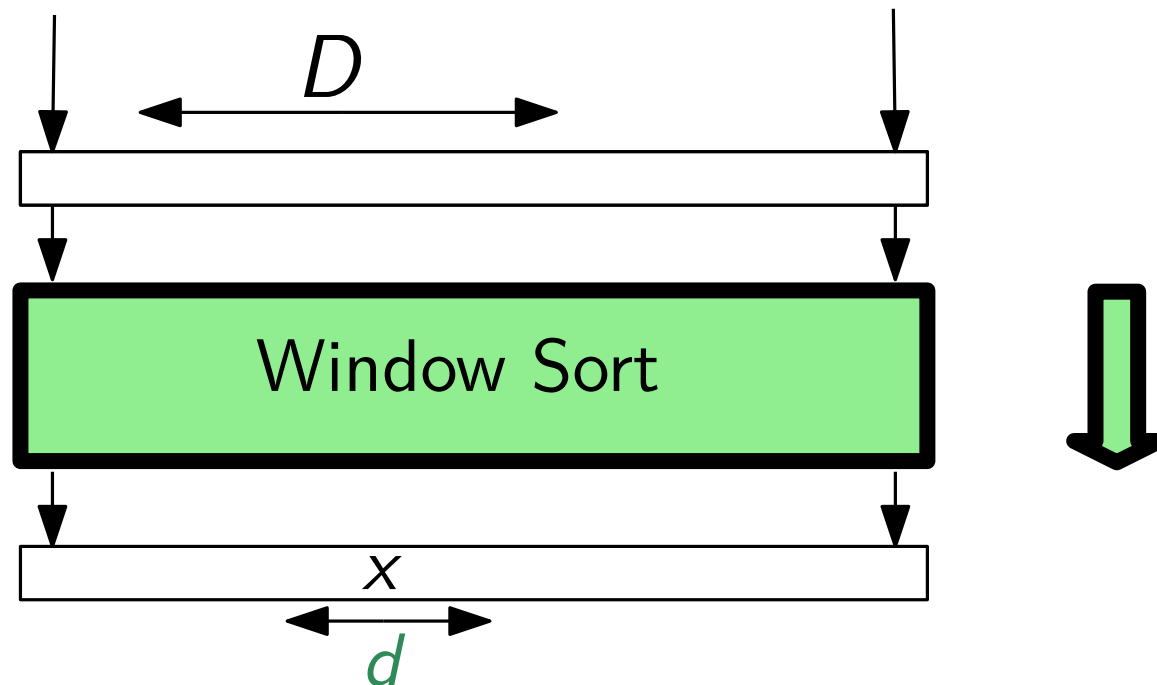


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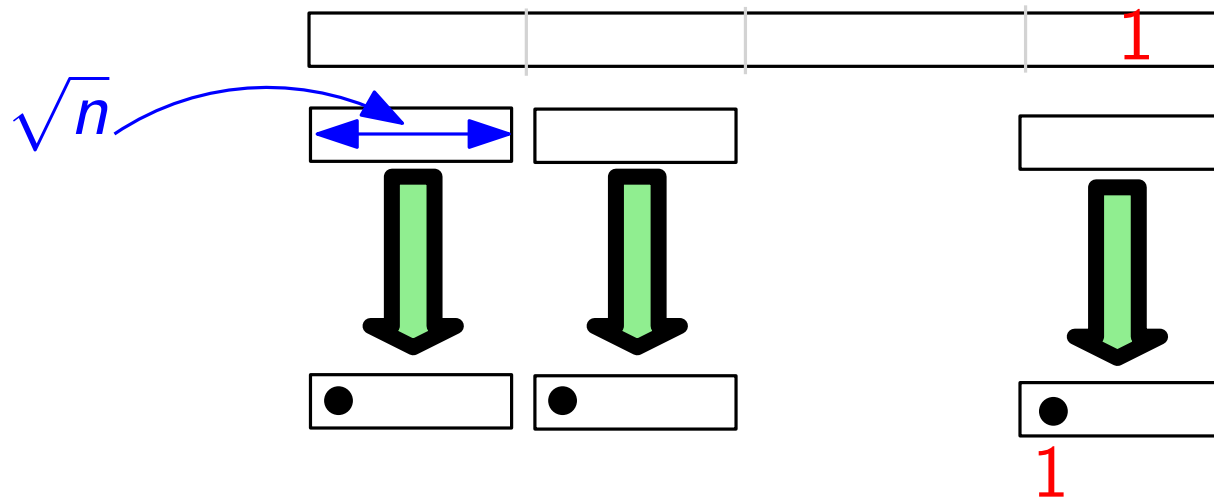
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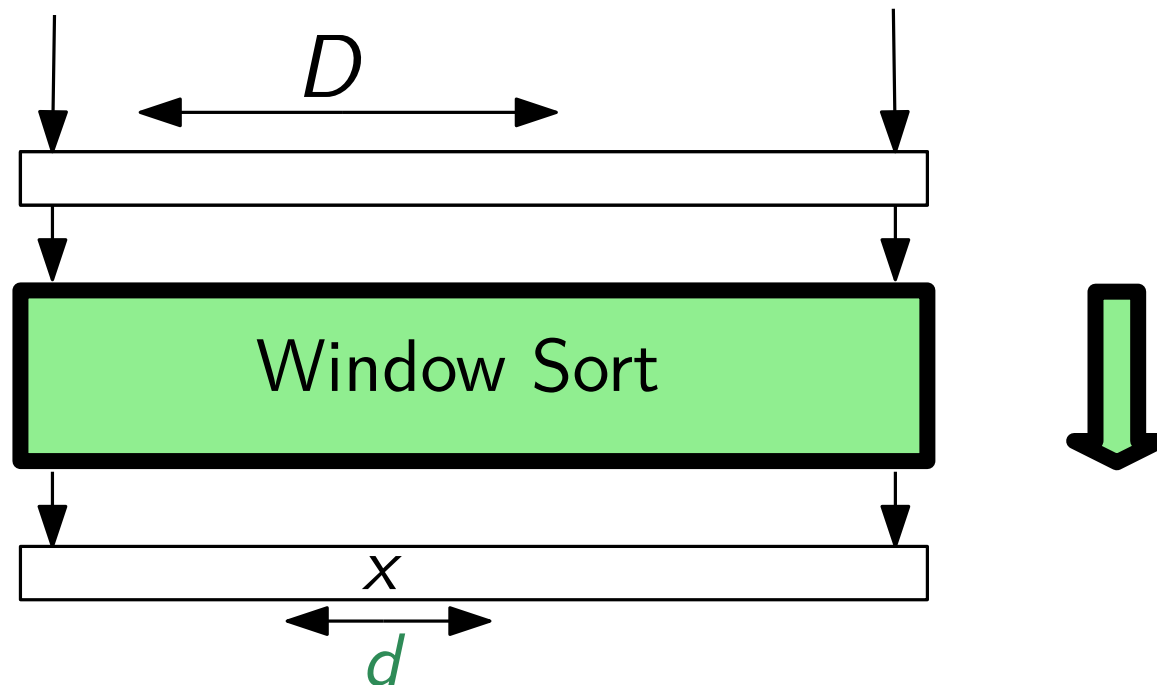


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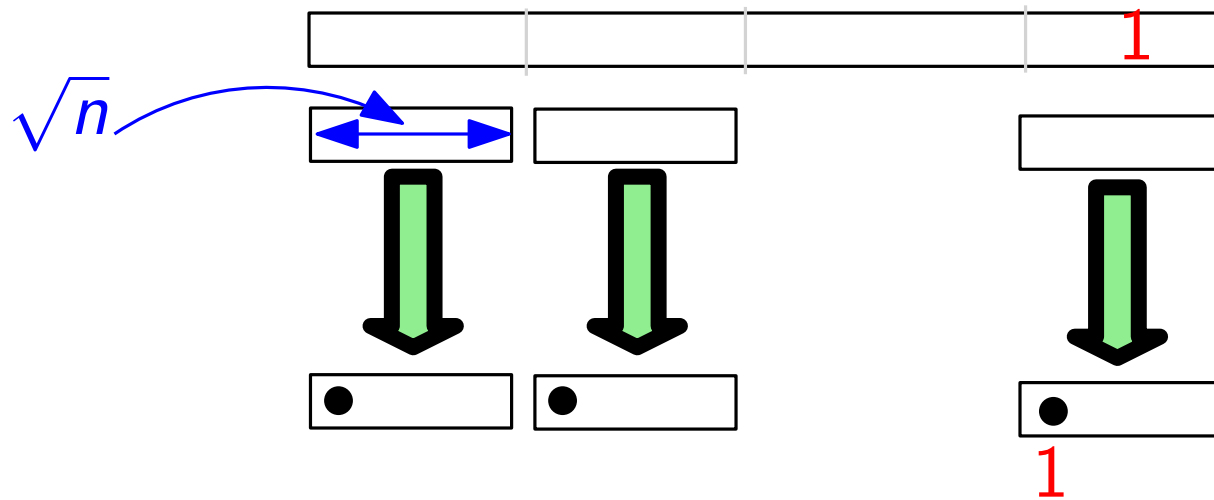


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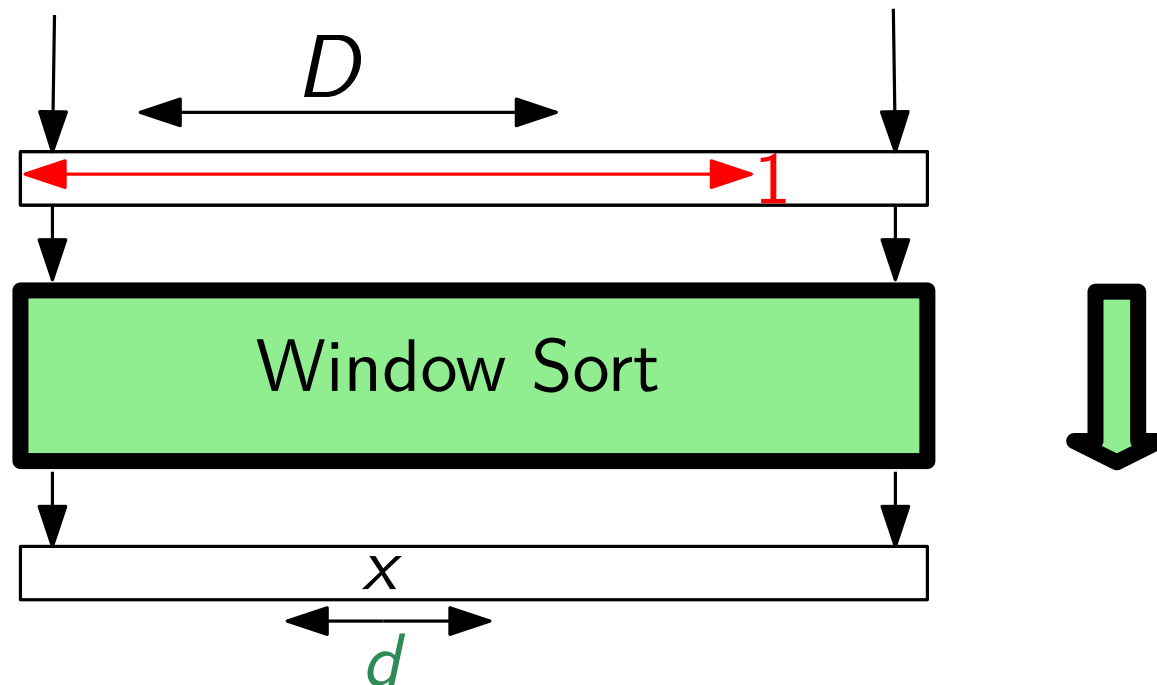


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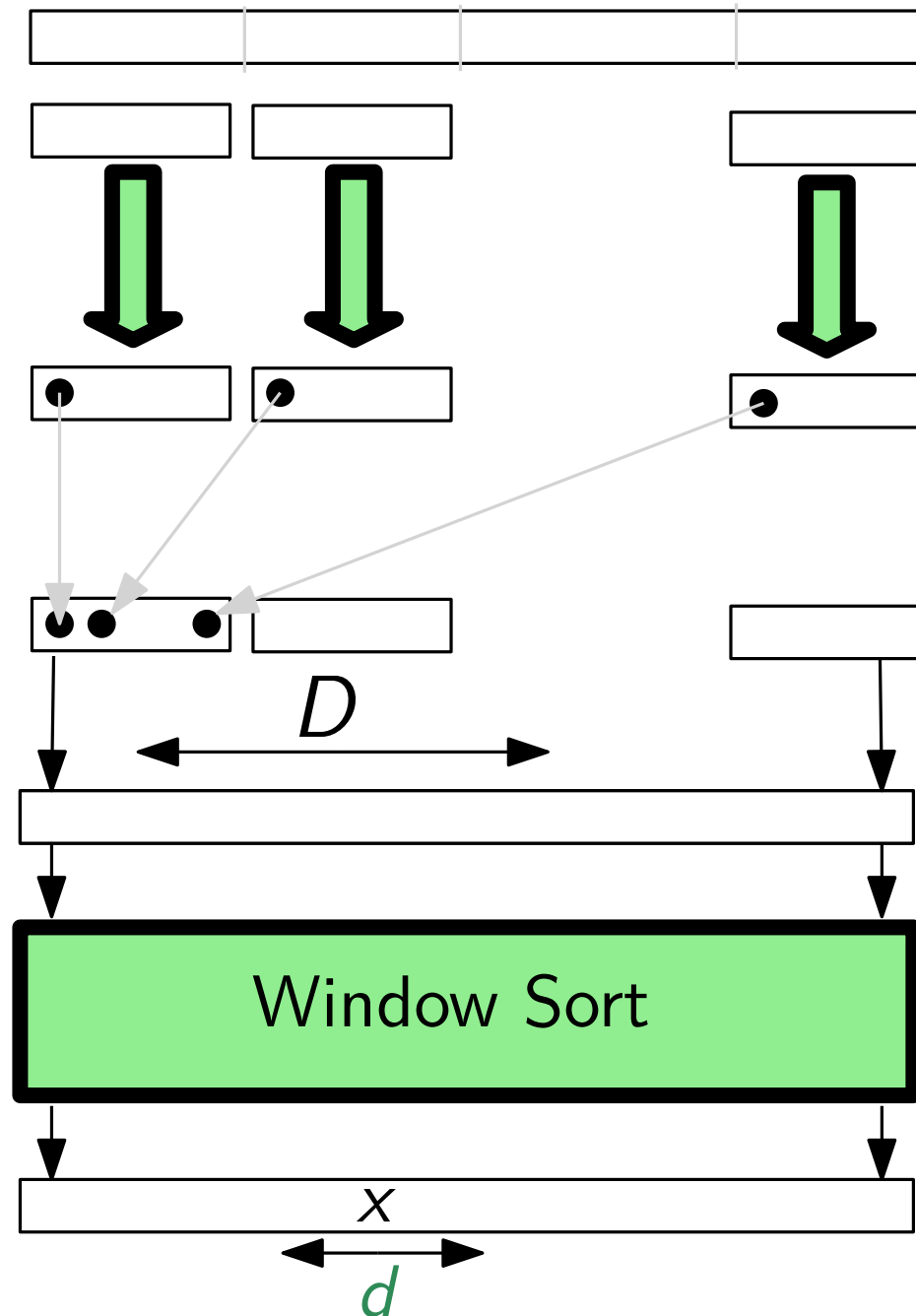


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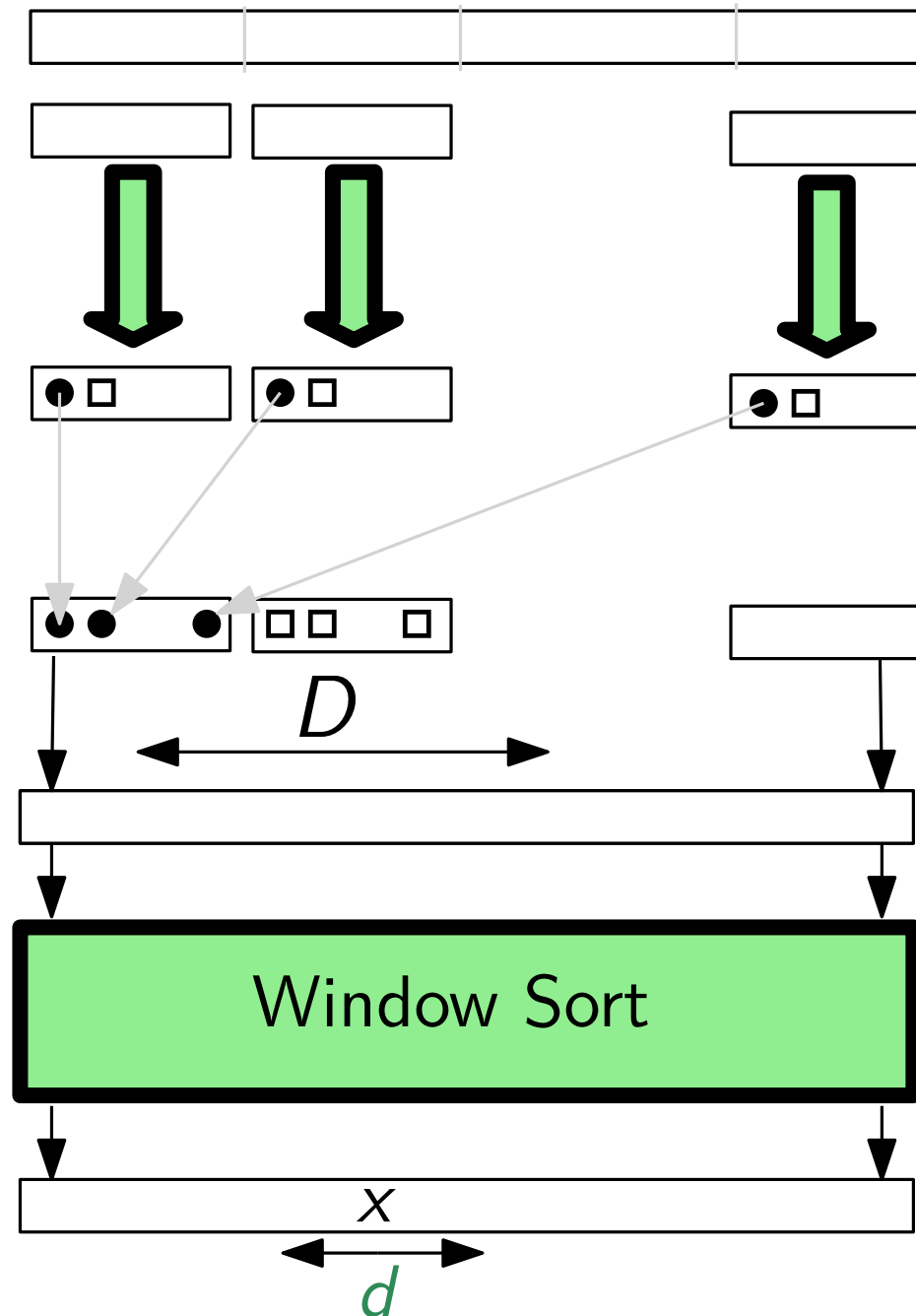
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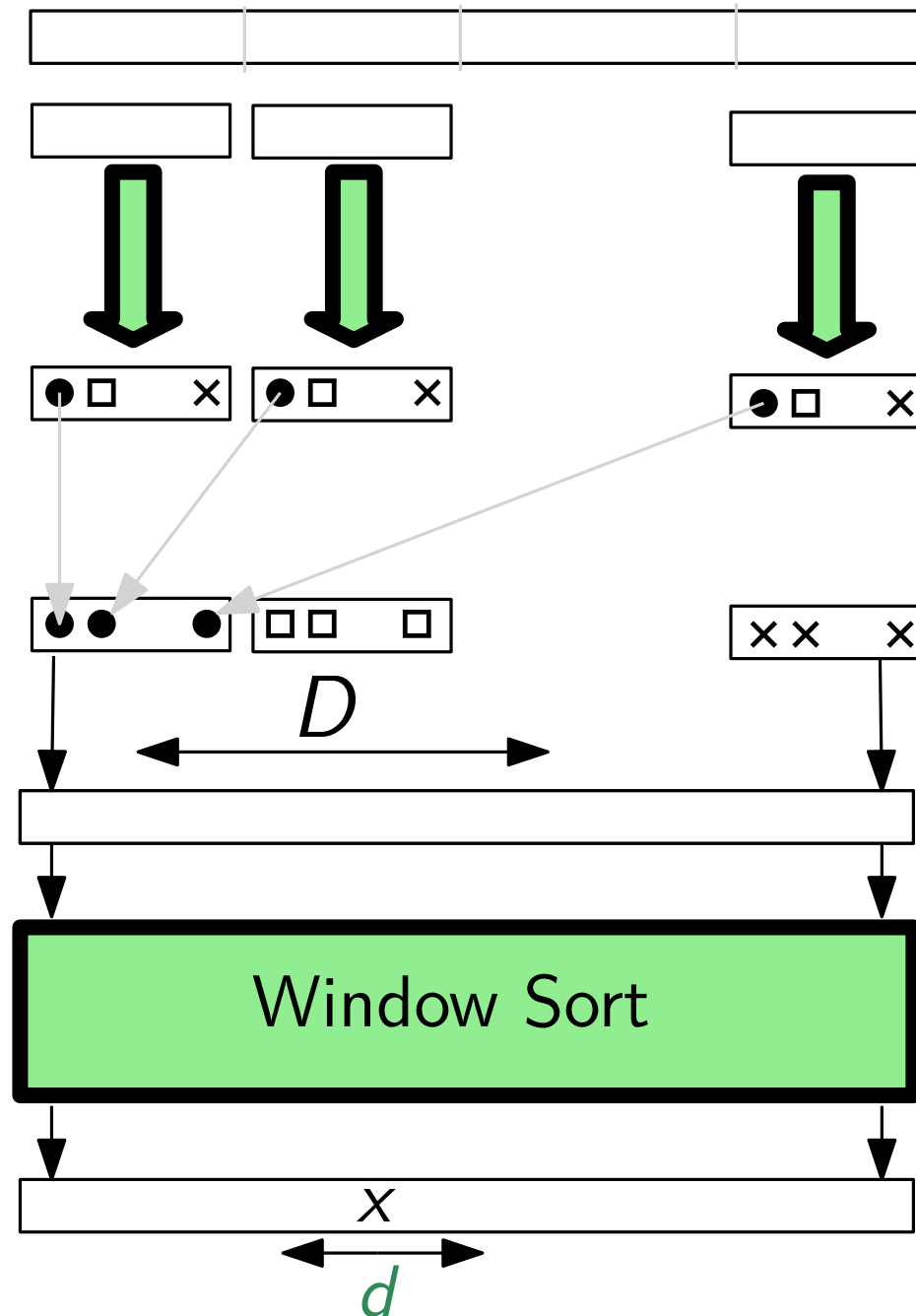
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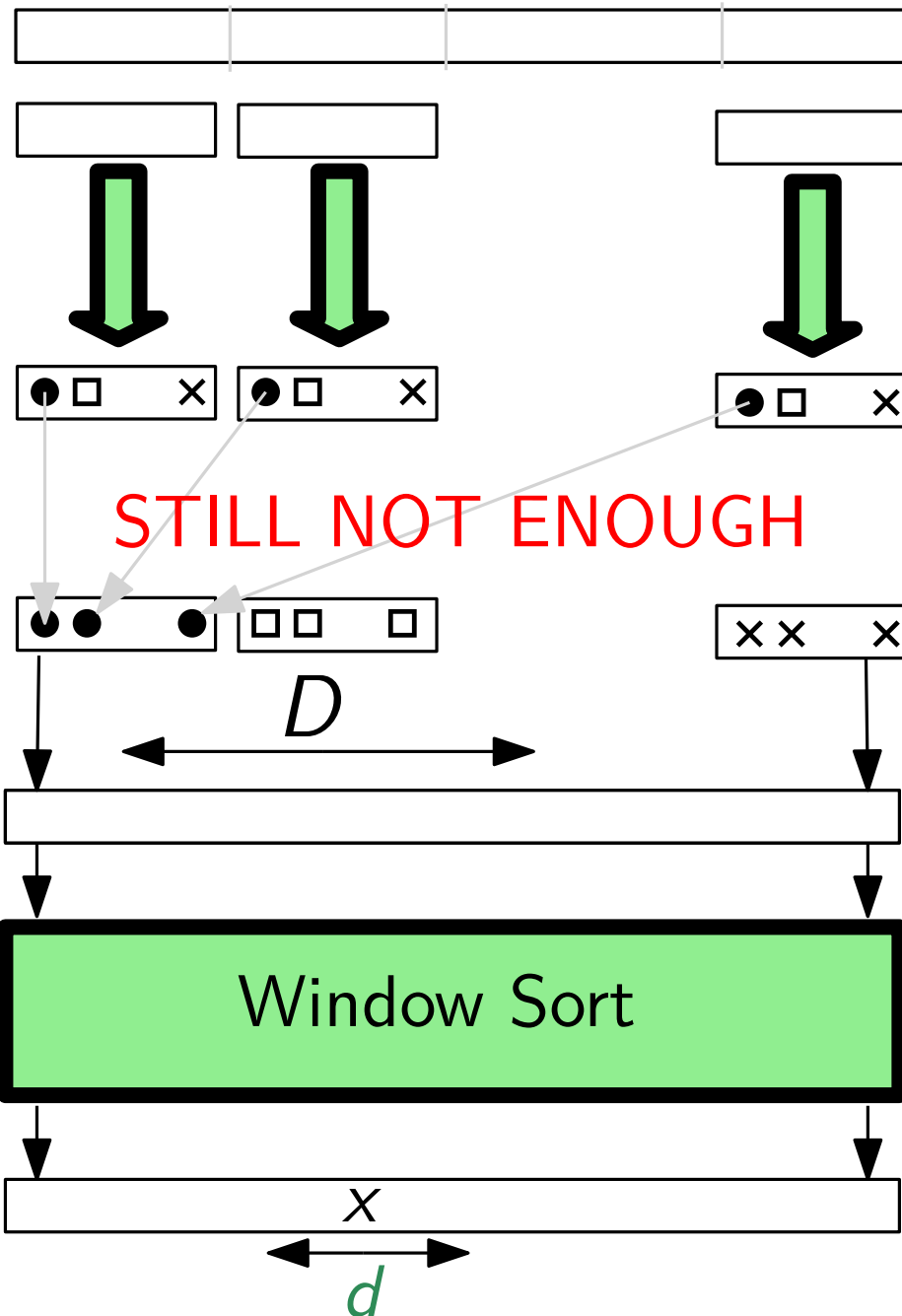
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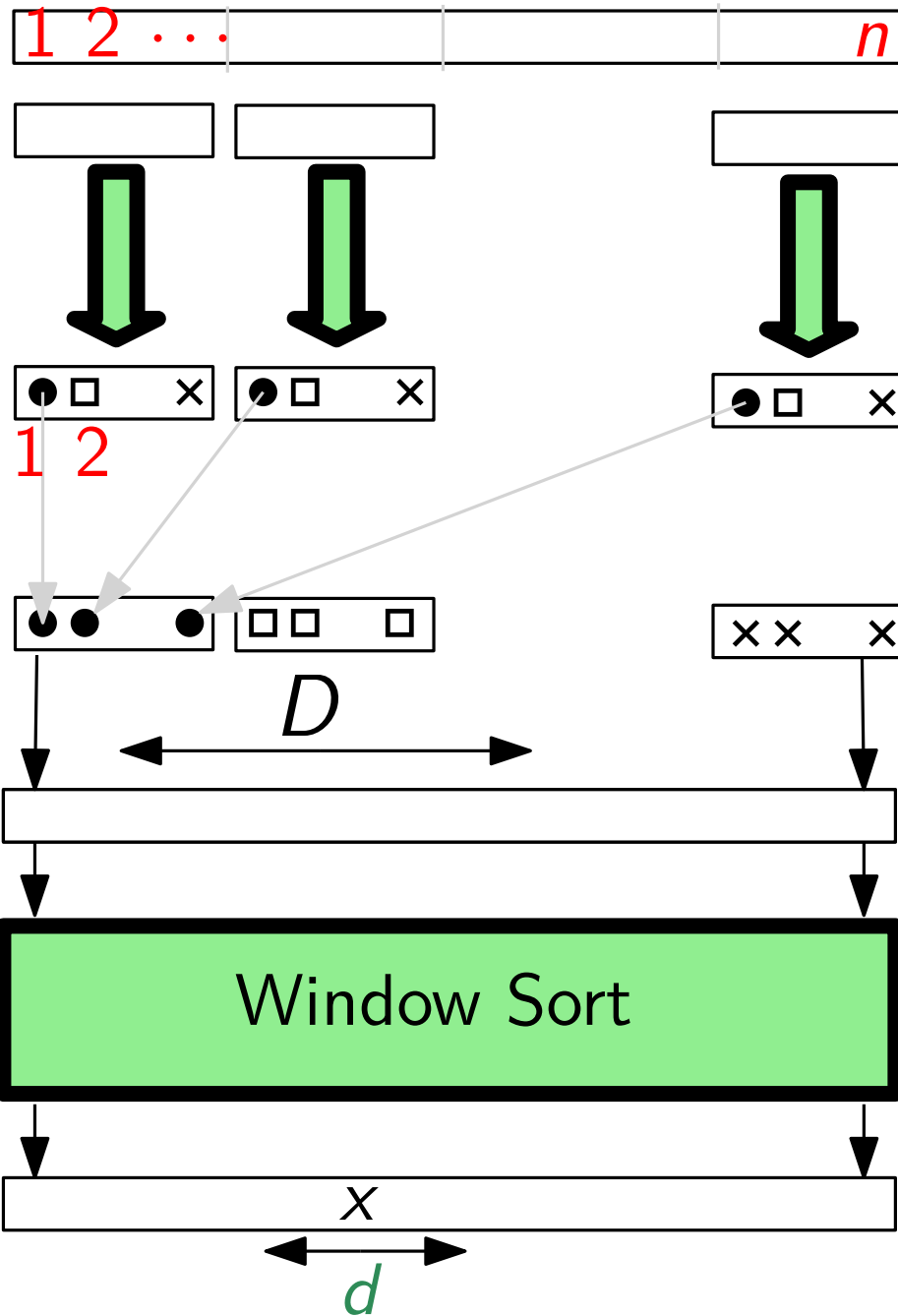


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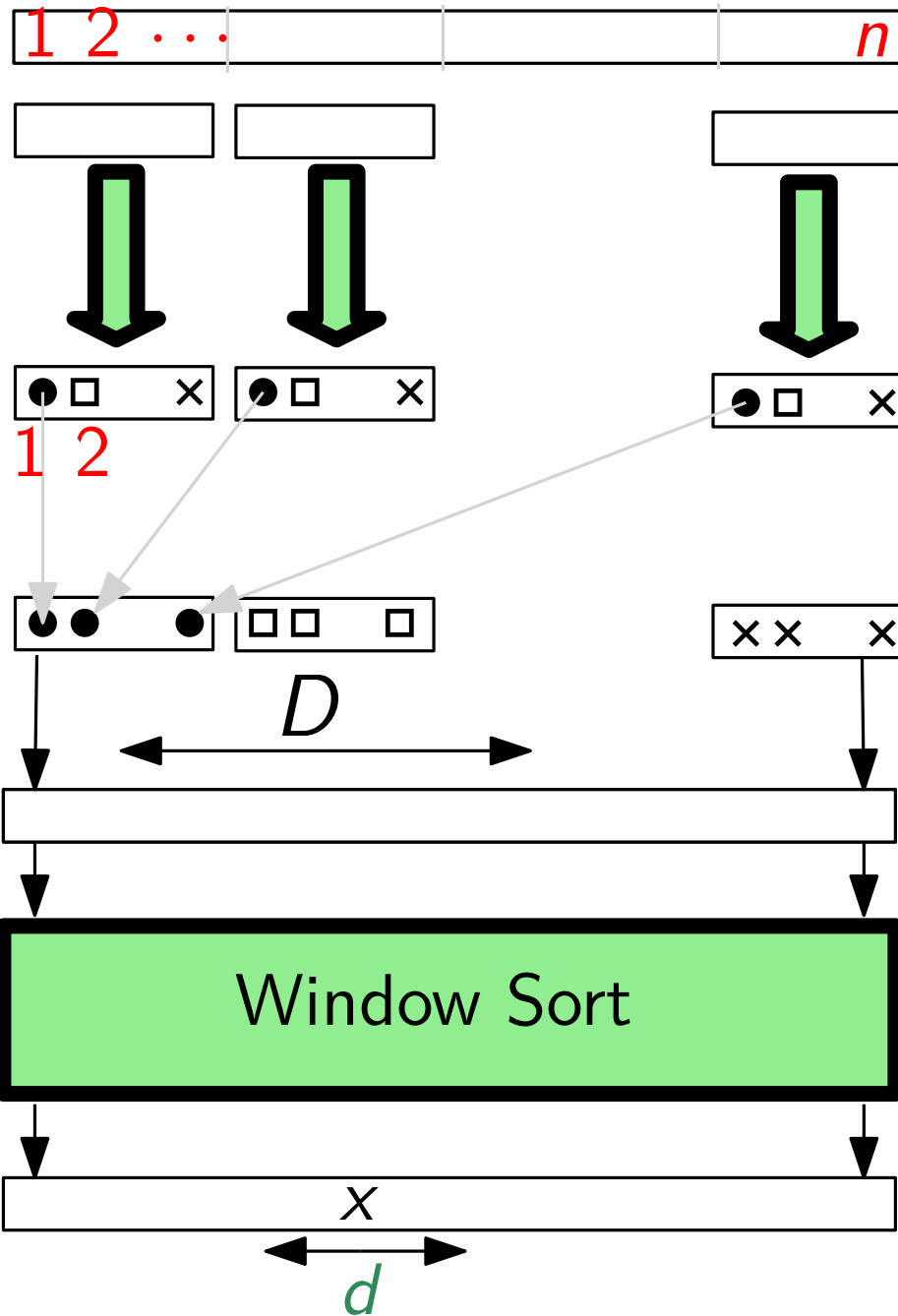
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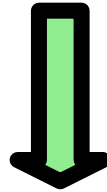
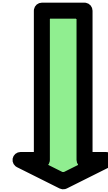
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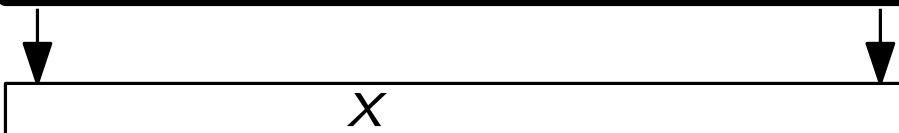
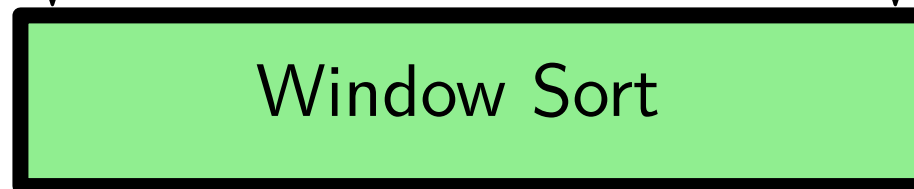
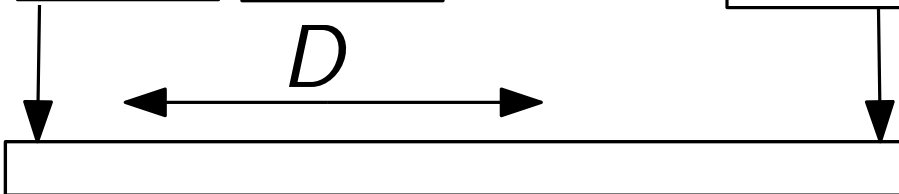
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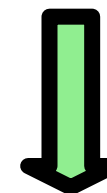
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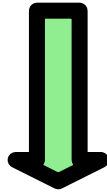
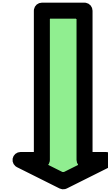


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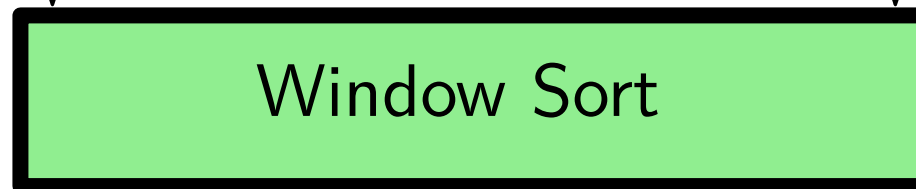
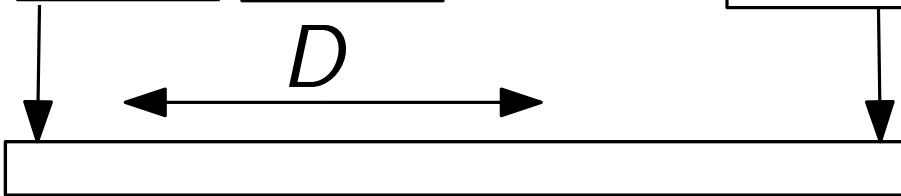
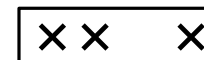


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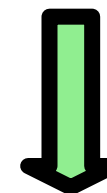


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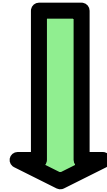
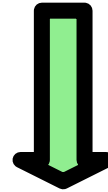
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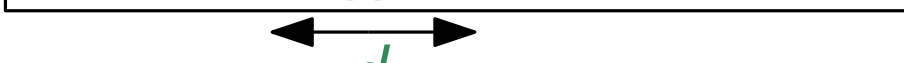
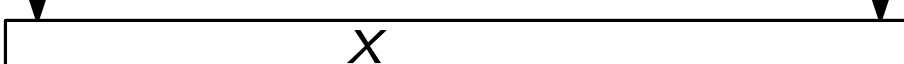
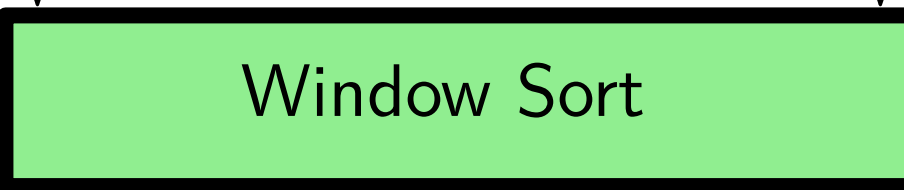
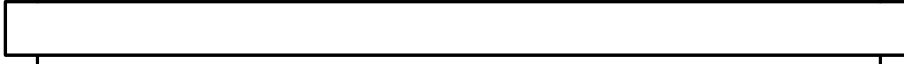
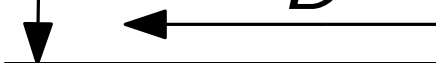
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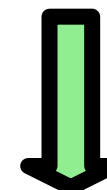
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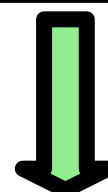
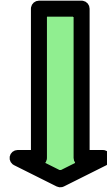
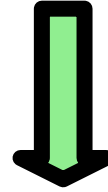
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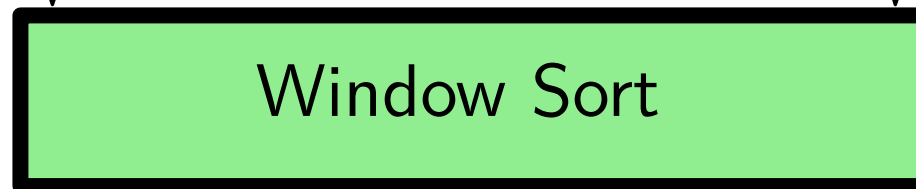
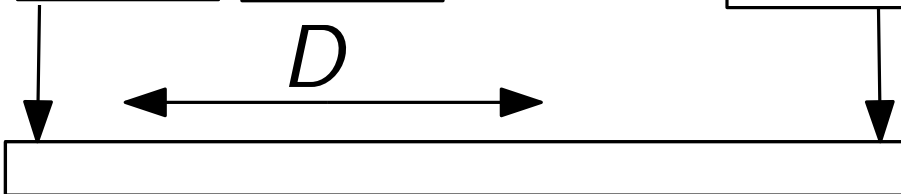
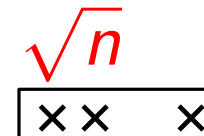
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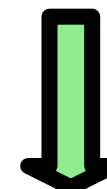


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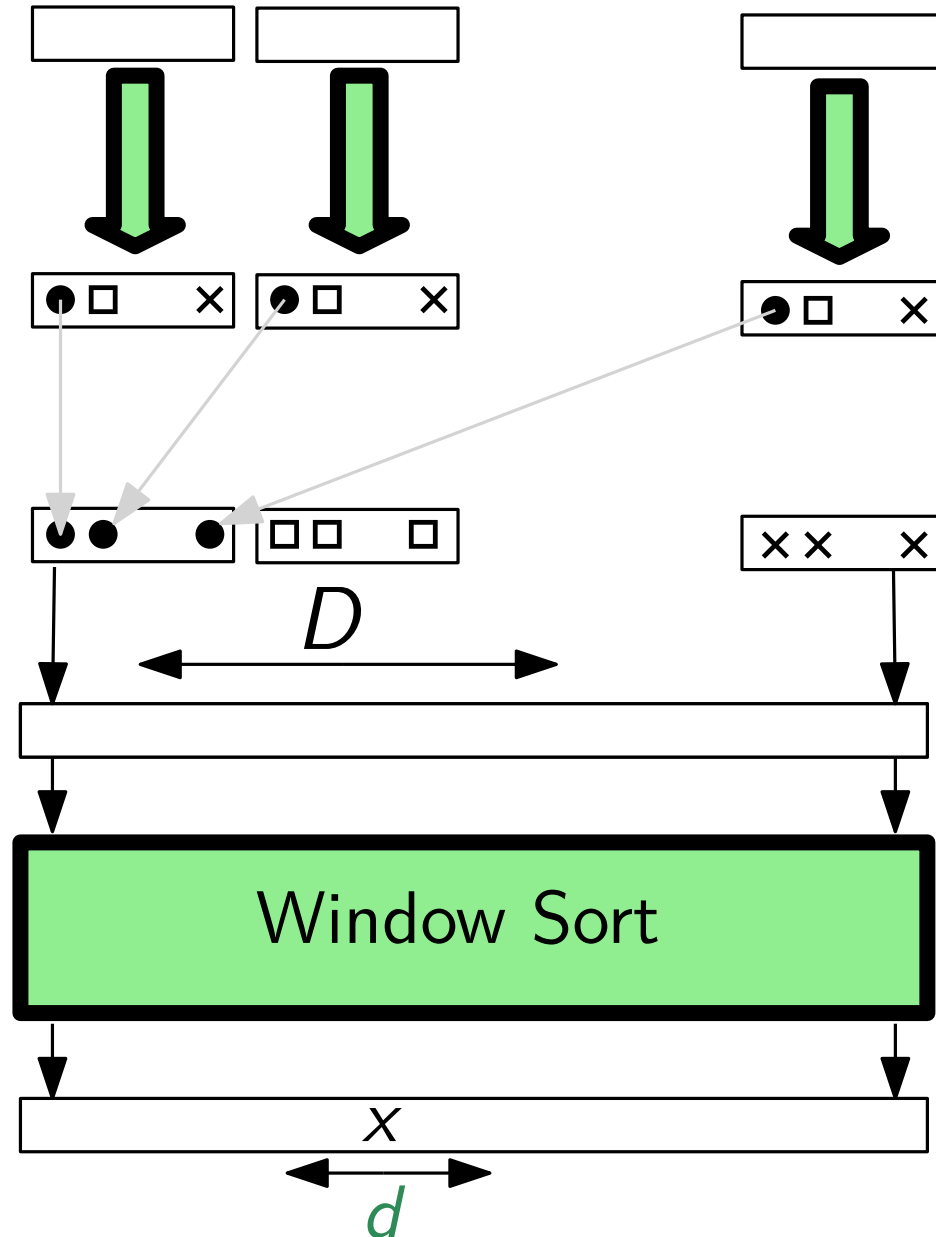
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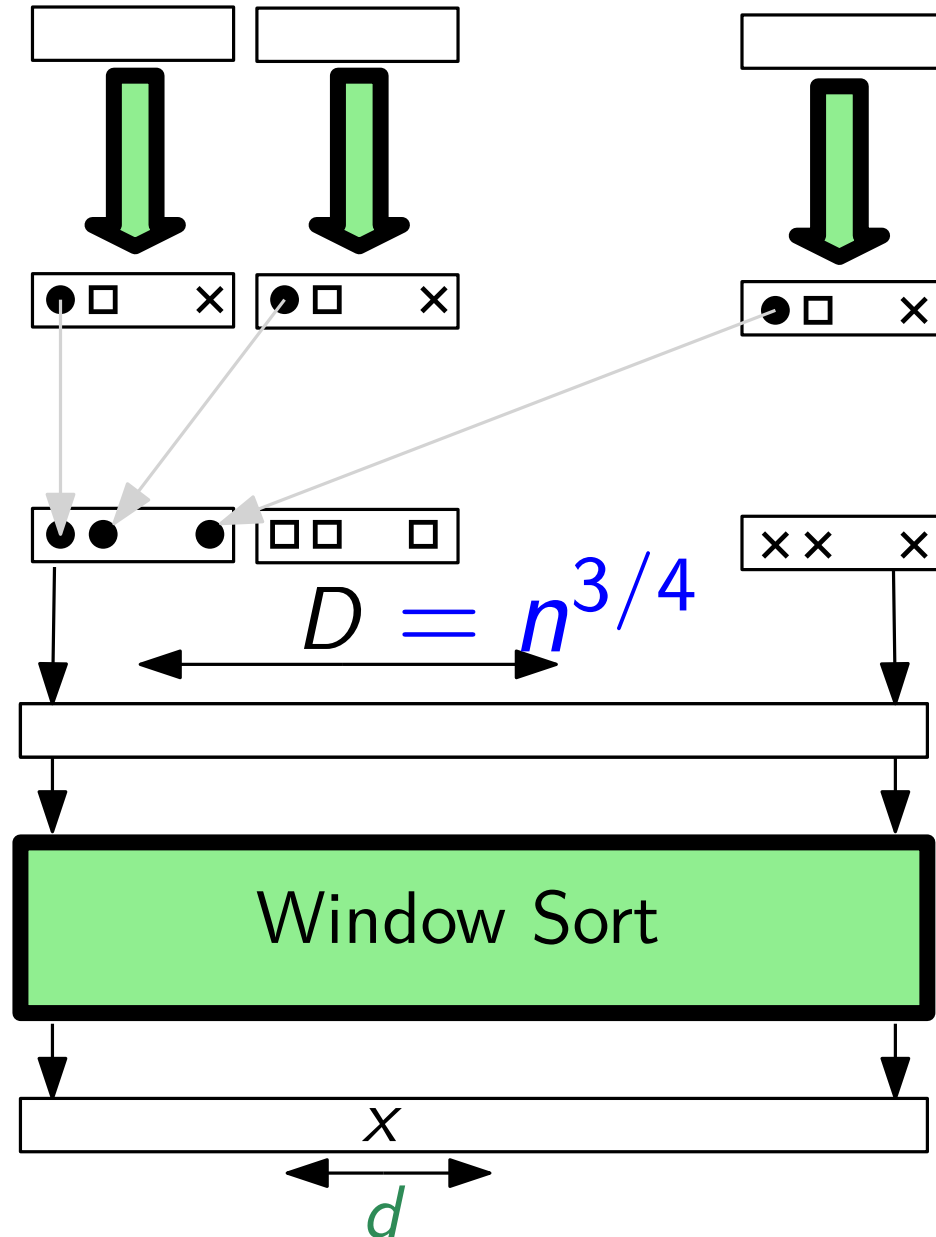


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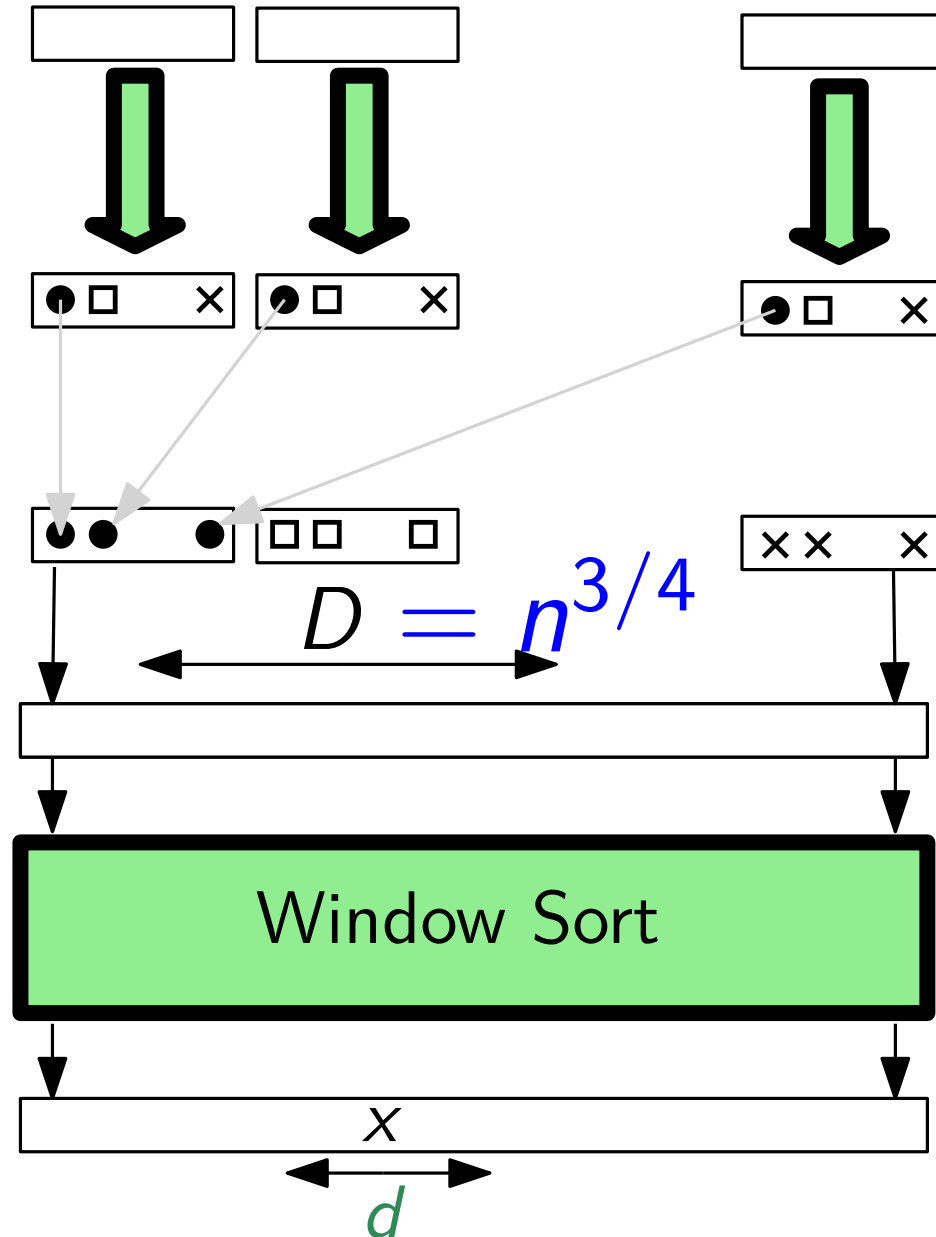


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# Simple Faster Algo

random permutation



$$O(n^{3/2})$$

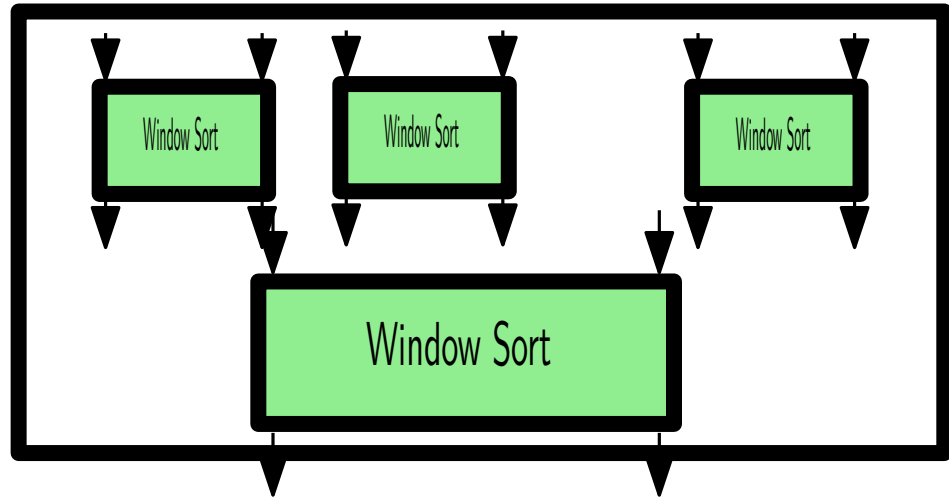
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That was the **simple** version...



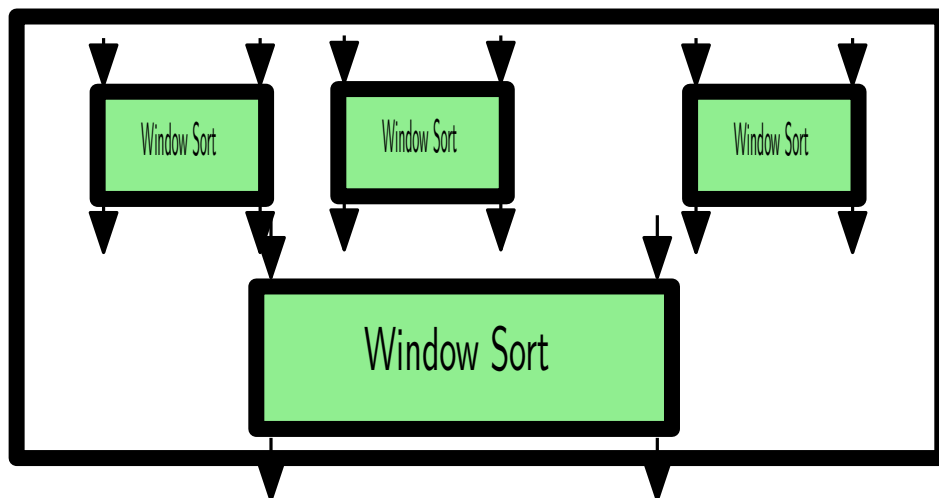
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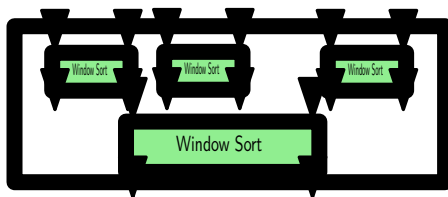
$O(n^{2-\delta})$



$$O(n^2)$$



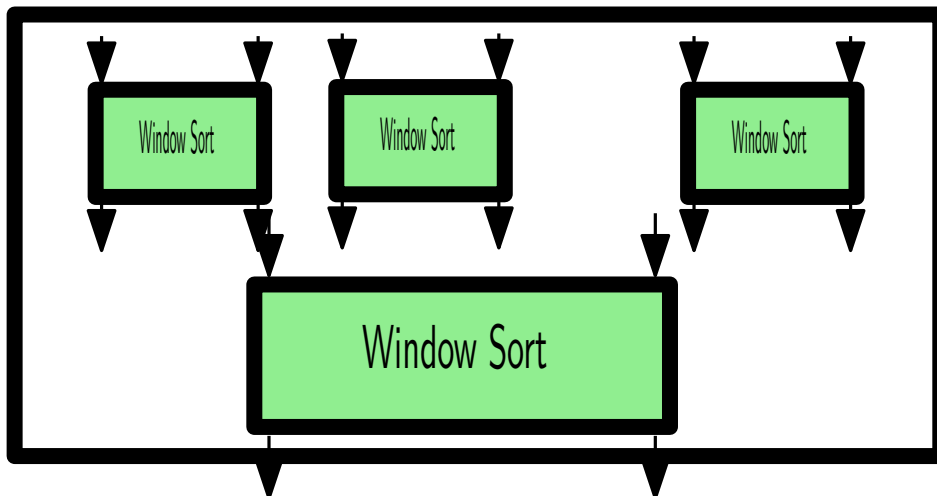
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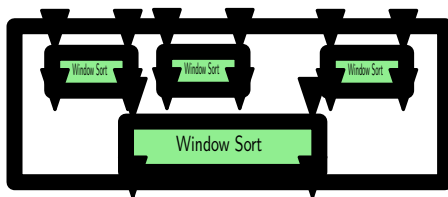
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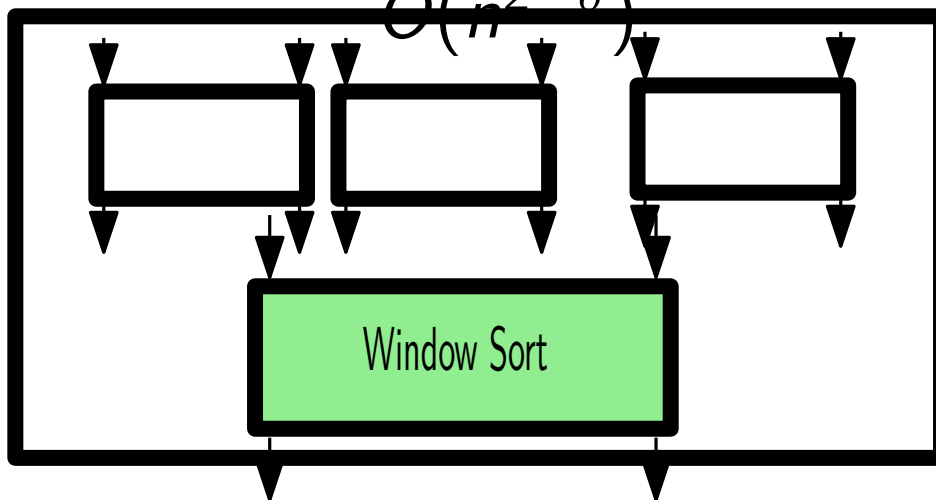
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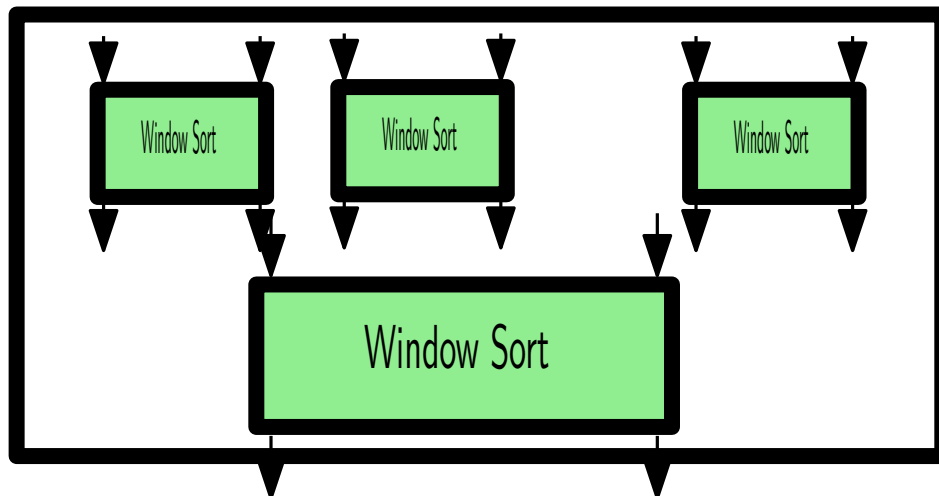


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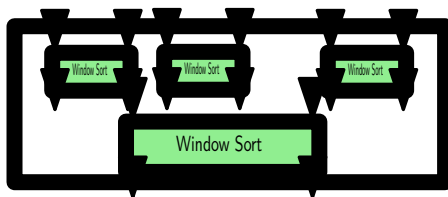




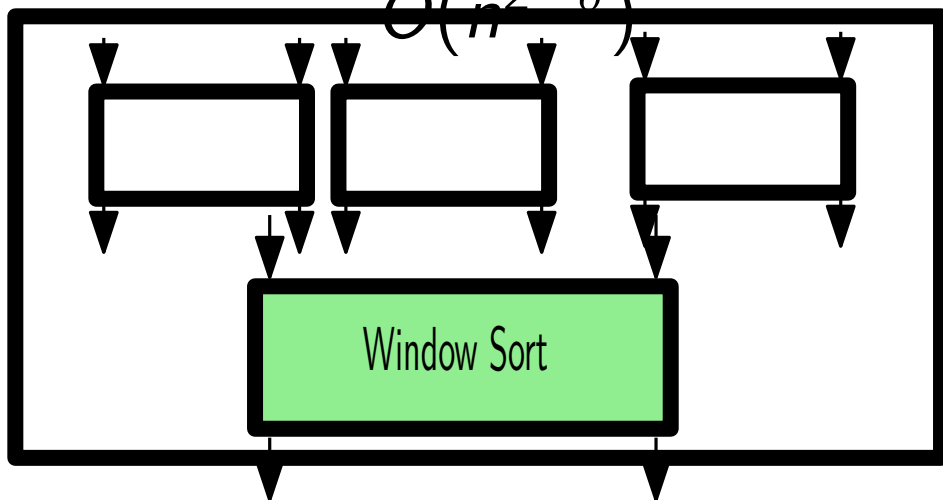
$$O(n^2)$$



$$O(n^{2-\delta})$$



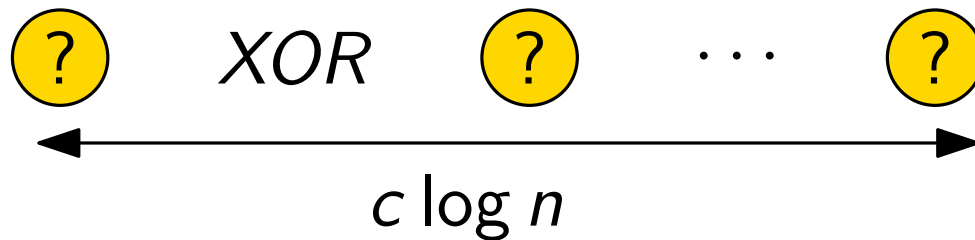
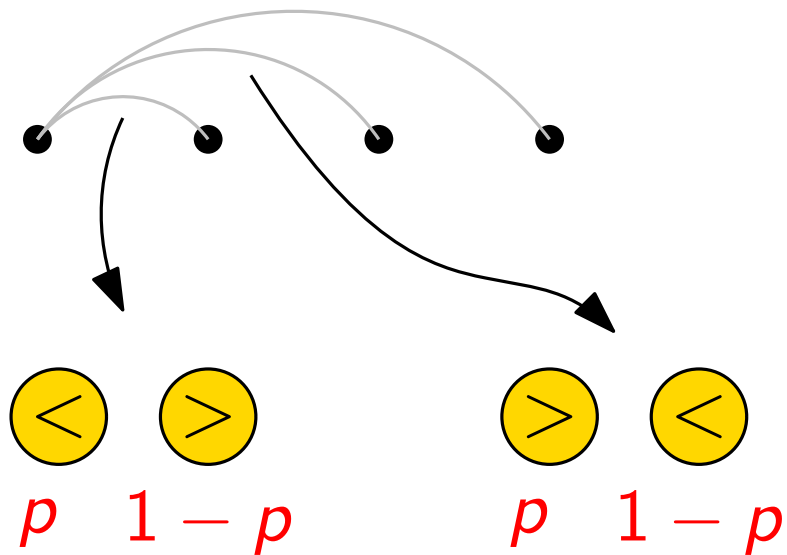
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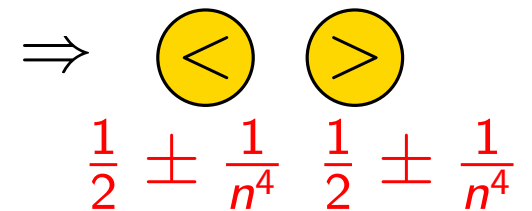
$$\dots O(n^{3/2})$$

## Part II: Derandomization

# Comparisons $\Rightarrow$ Randomness

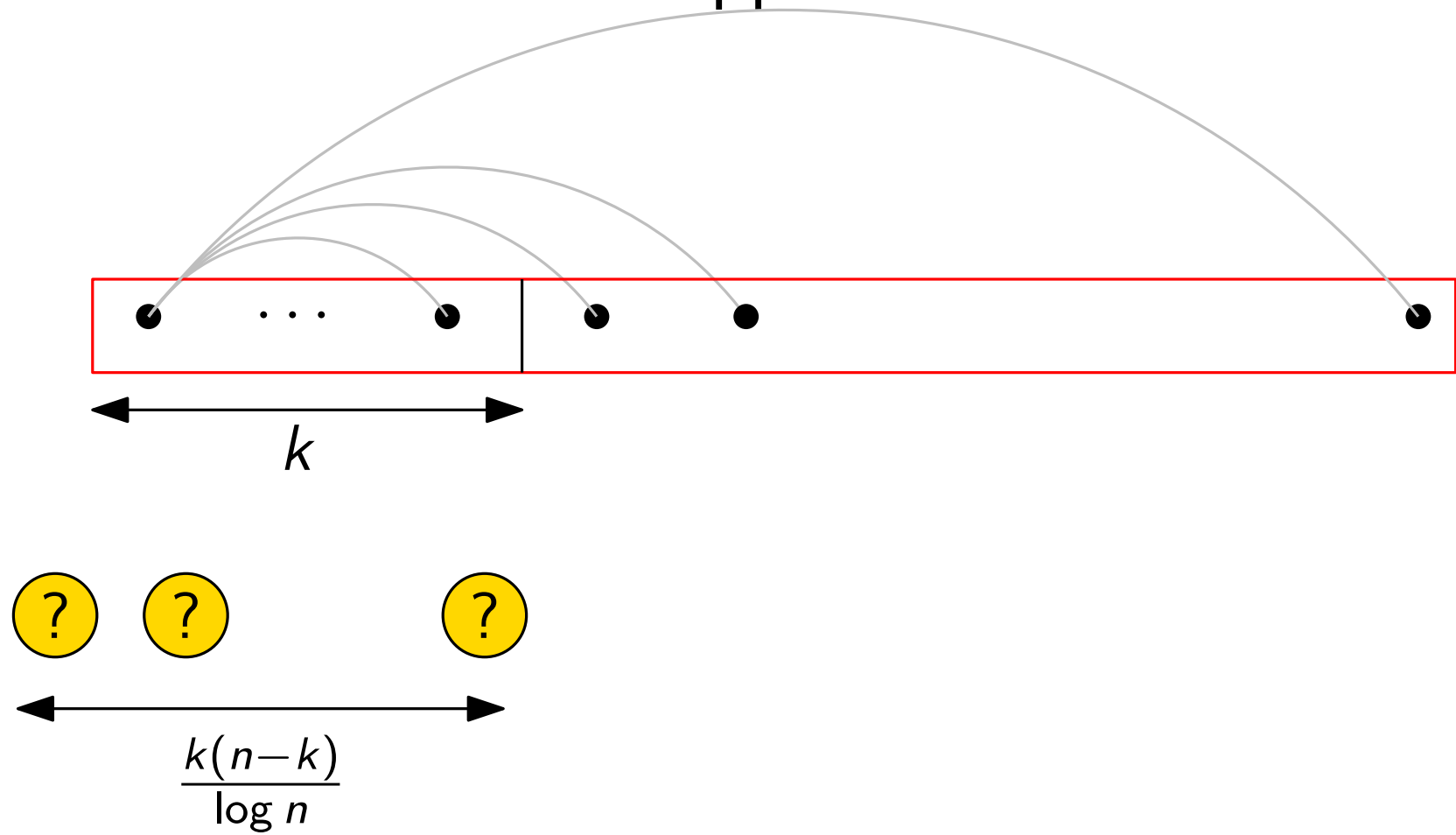


Comparisons



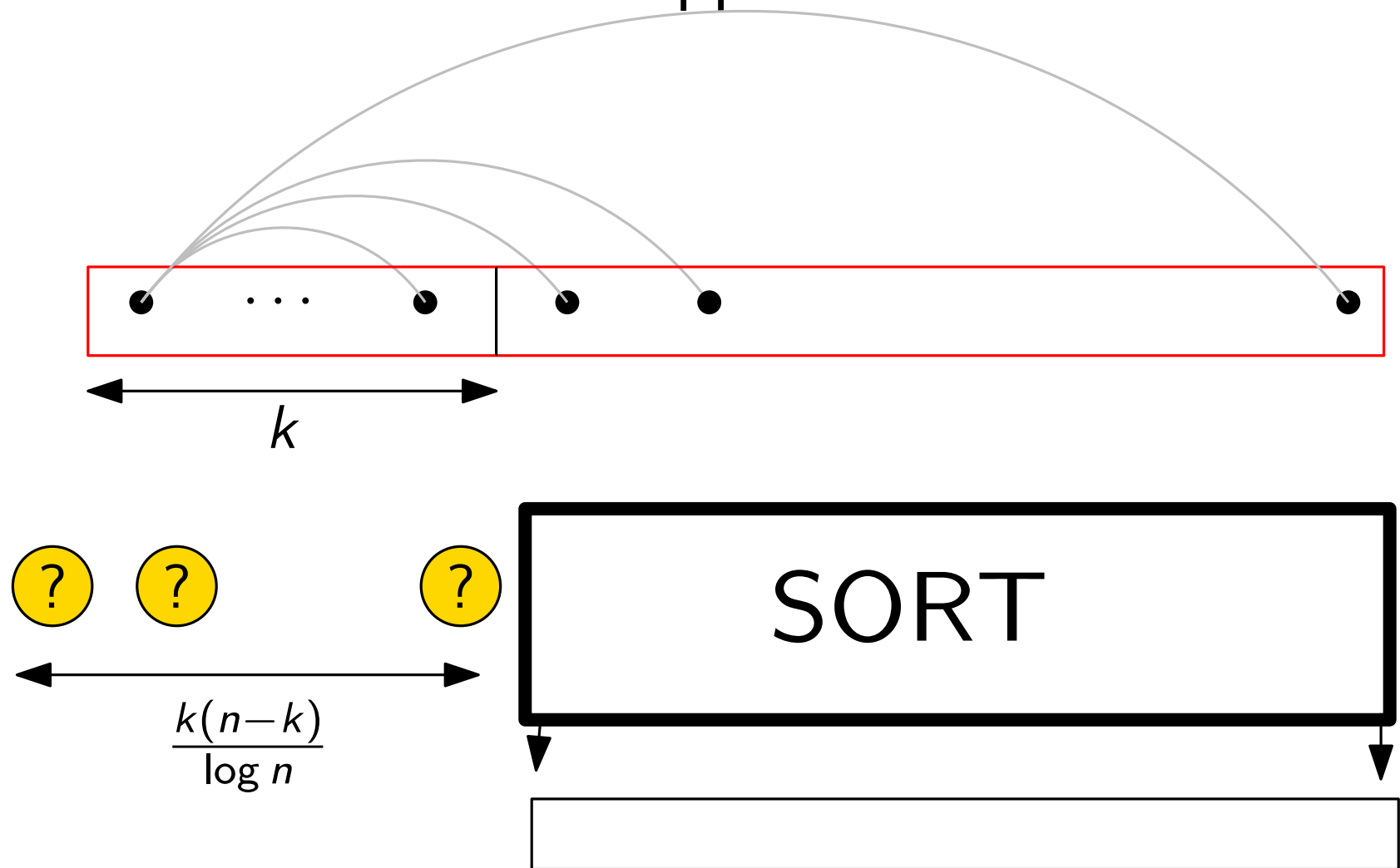
One random bit

# Naive Approach

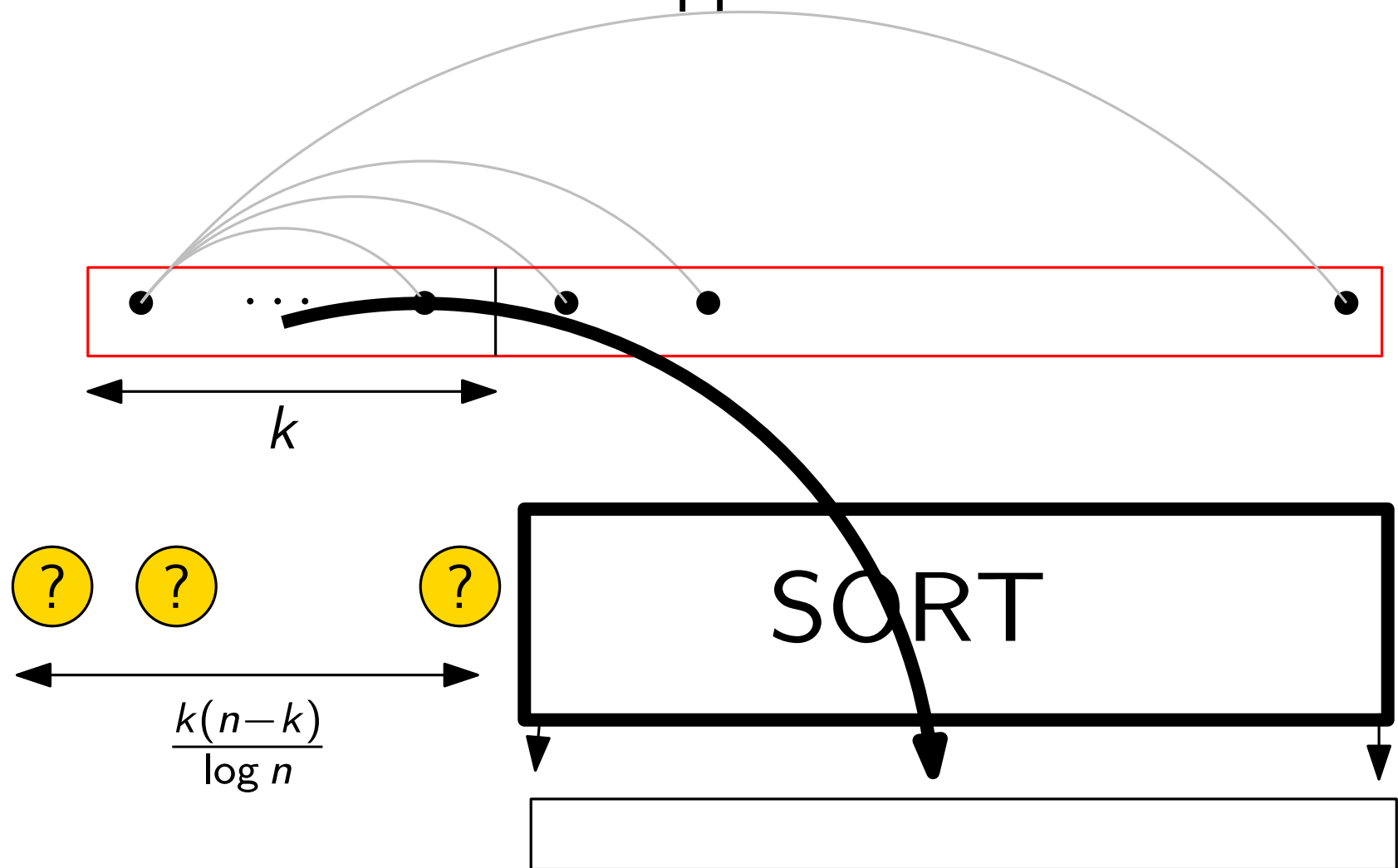




# Naive Approach



# Naive Approach



## REINSERT

# Open Questions

Time:	MAX	Dislocation	TOTAL
$O(n^{3+C})$	$O(\log n)$		$O(n)$
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$		
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$		$O(n)$
$O(n^{3/2})$	$O(\log n)$		$O(n)$

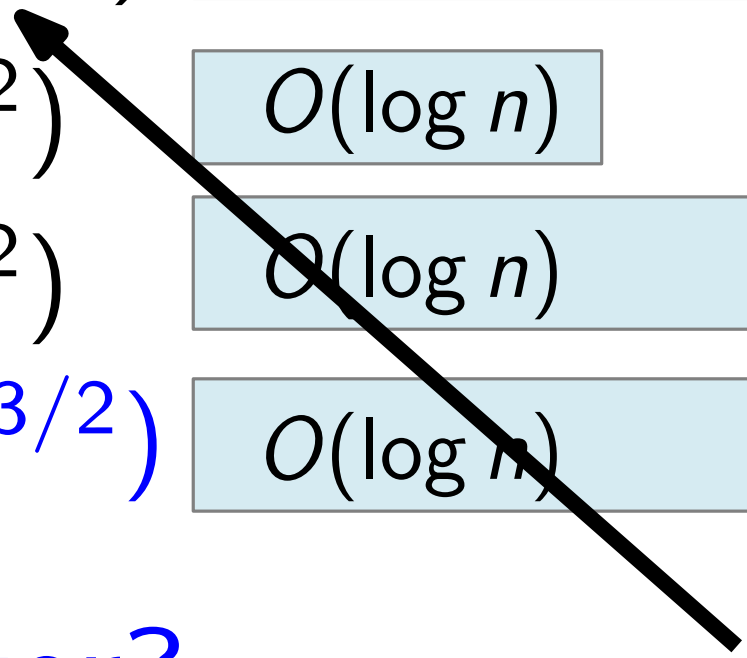
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# Open Questions

Time:	MAX Dislocation	TOTAL
$O(n^{3+C})$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
$\tilde{O}(n^{3/2})$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$

$O(n \log n)$   
comparisons

Faster?



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# Open Questions

Time:	MAX Dislocation	TOTAL
$O(n^{3+C})$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$

$p < 1/16$

$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
$O(n^{3/2})$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$

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Any  $p < 1/2$ ?

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$p < 1/16$		
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
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Any  $p < 1/2?$   $p < 1/2$

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$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	
$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
$O(n^{3/2})$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$

Other error models?

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