
Space-Efficient Geometric Divide-and-Conquer Algorithms

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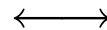


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Does size really matter?

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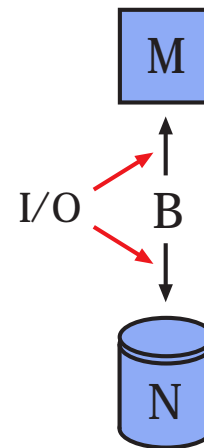
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Theory (I/O-Model):

- Limited fast memory.

Practice:

- Limited fast memory, e.g. in car navigation systems.



Core Issue:

- Utilize (fast) memory in the best possible way, i.e., use as little memory as possible.
(put aside compression...)



Definition 1.1

An algorithm A is called **in-place** iff during its execution A occupies $\mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$ bits in addition to the space required by the input.

Consequences:

- Classic **recursive** algorithms are not in-place.
 - Need to maintain a **call stack** of size $\Omega(\log n)$ addresses, i.e., occupies $\Omega(\log^2 n)$ bits.
- Algorithms using auxiliary pointer-based data structures (such as balanced binary trees) are not in-place.
 - Need to resort to **implicit** data structures.

Example:

- Heapsort is an in-place algorithm.
 - Implicit data structure, needs $\mathcal{O}(1)$ indices of size $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ bits each.



Sorting and Related Problems:

- Heapsort [Floyd, 1964].
- Stackless quicksort [Huang & Knuth, 1986, Wegner, 1987].
- Stable (multiset) [sorting](#) [Katajainen & Pasanen, 1994].
- Linear-time [merging](#) [Geffert et al., 2000].
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- Linear-time [k-selection](#) [Carlsson & Sundström, 1995].

Computational Geometry:

- Planar Convex Hull [Brönnimann et al., 2002]:
 - $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ time (modification of [Graham, 1972]).
 - $\mathcal{O}(n \log h)$ time, h points on convex hull (modification of [Chan, 1996]).



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Powerful Tools:

- Implicit dictionaries [Munro, 1986]: $\mathcal{O}(\log_2^2 n)$ updates/queries.
- Recursion. . .



“In Situ” Geometry Results:

- Line Segment Intersection: $\mathcal{O}\left((n + k) \log_2^2 n\right)$ time and $\mathcal{O}\left(\log_2^2 n\right)$ extra bits [Chen & Chan, 2003].
- 3d-convex hull and related: $\mathcal{O}\left(n \log_2^3 n\right)$ time and $\mathcal{O}\left(\log_2^2 n\right)$ extra bits [Brönnimann et al., 2004].

Data Structures:

- Dictionaries [Brodnik & Munro, 1999, Francheschini et al., 2002].
- Deque with random access [Brodnik et al., 1999].
- Dynamic arrays [Raman et al., 2001].
- ... more results ...



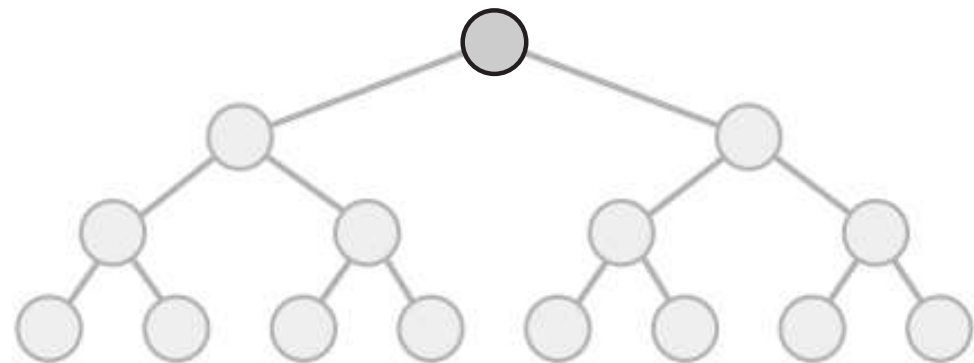
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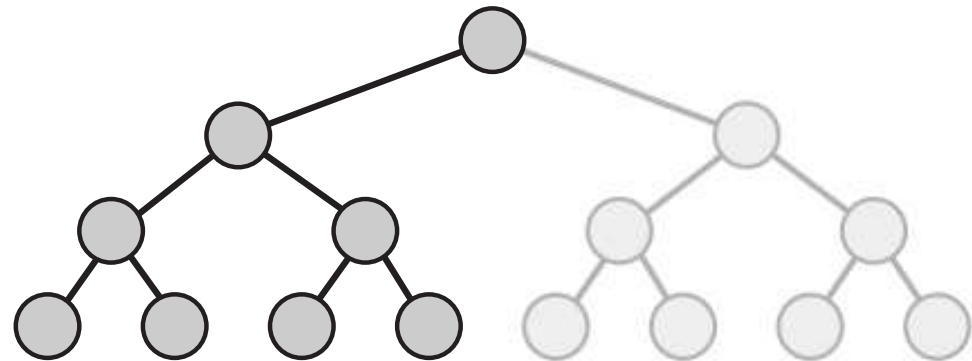
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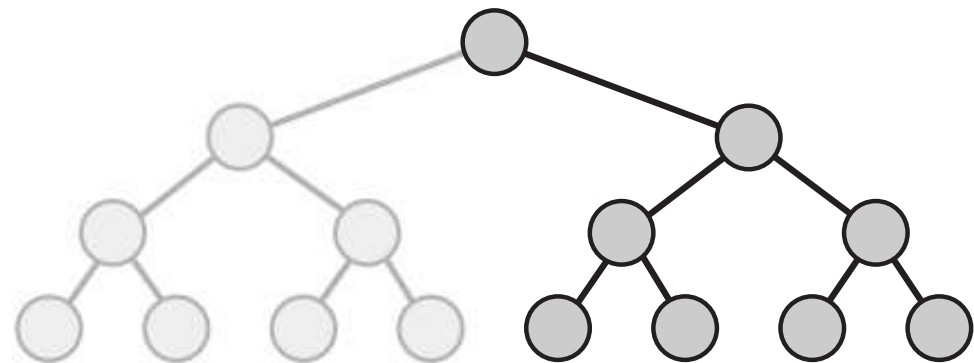




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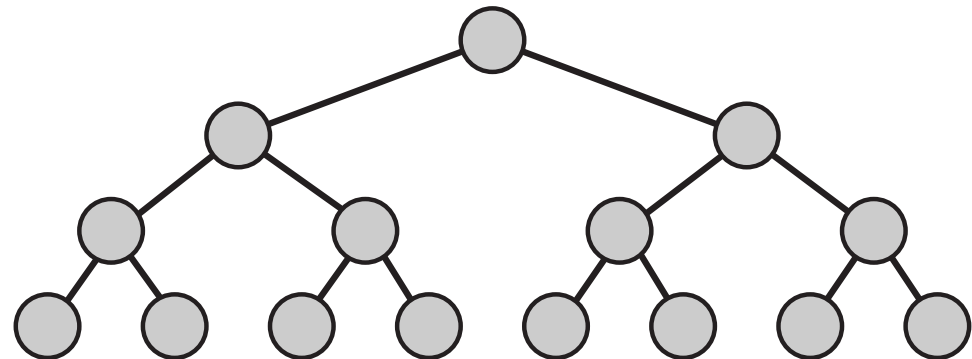




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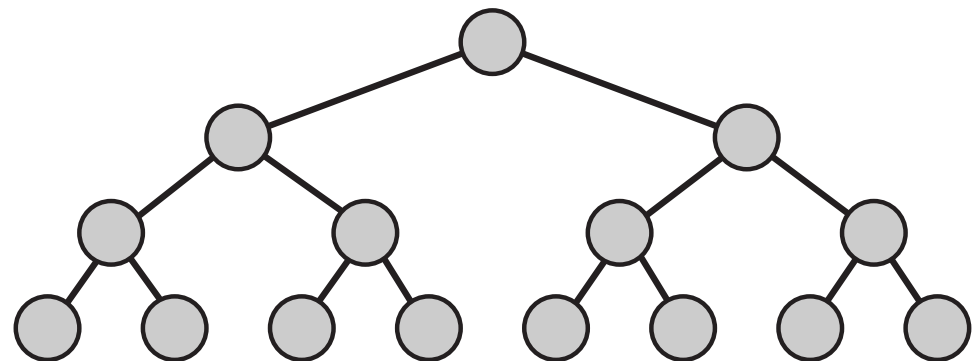




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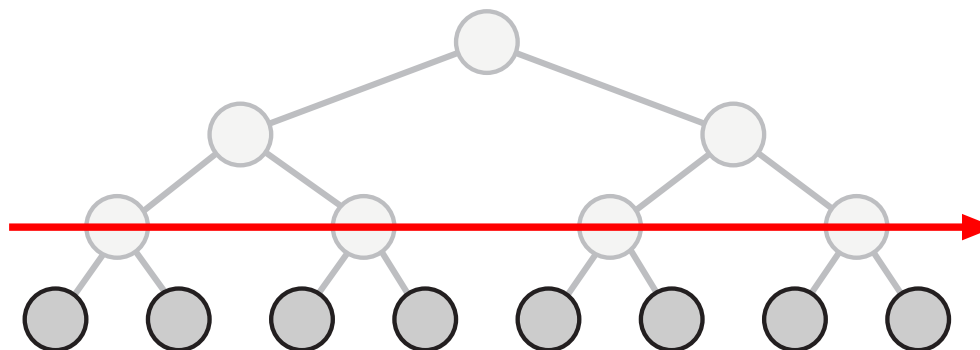


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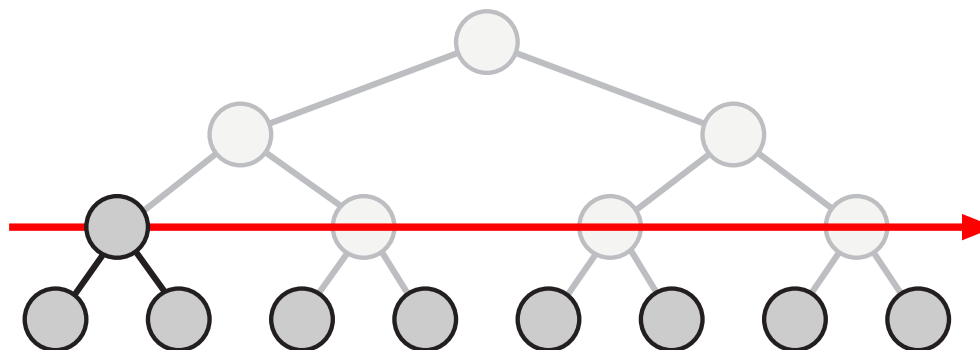
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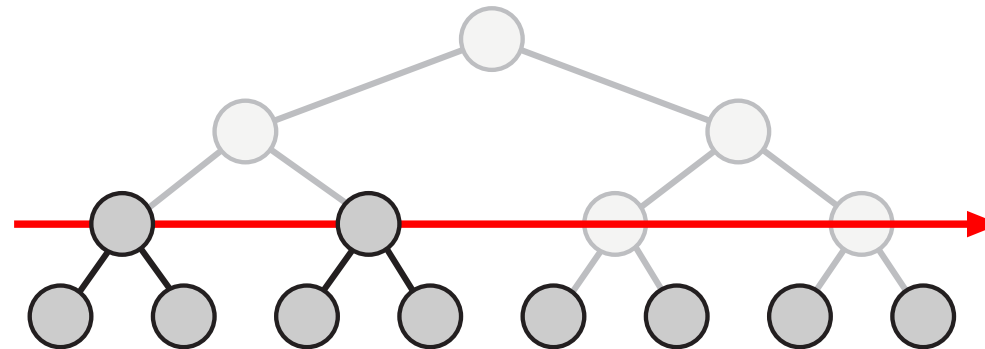
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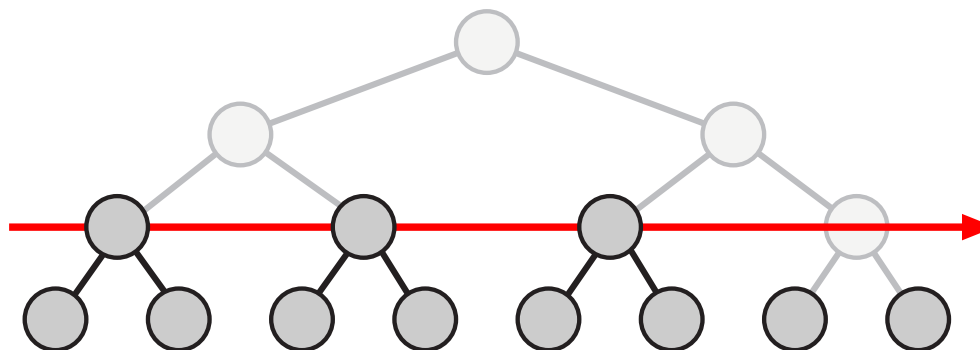
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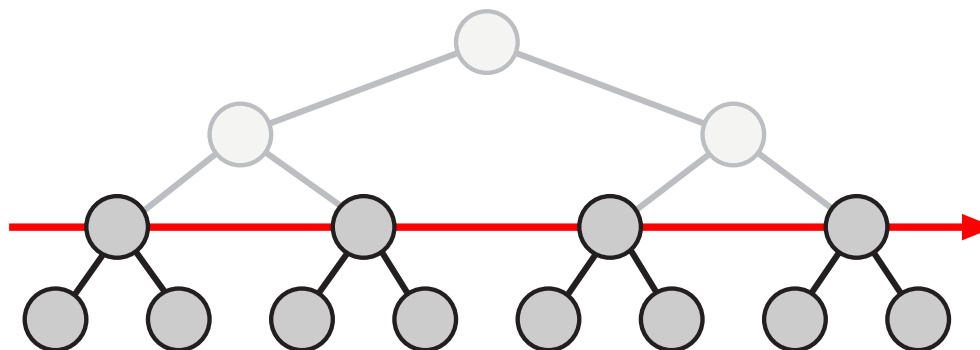
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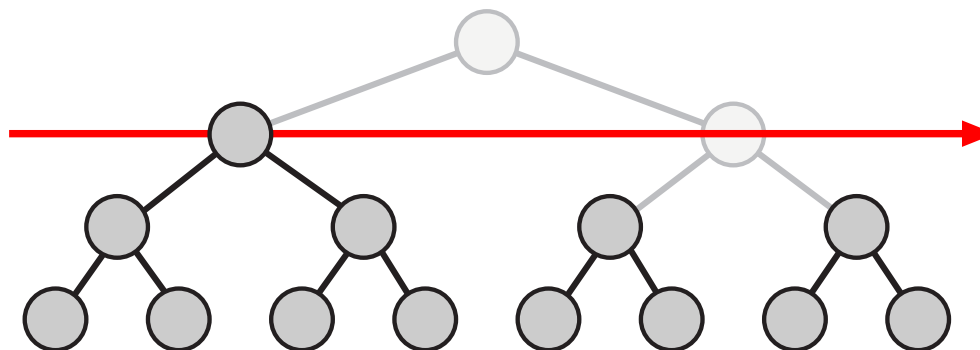
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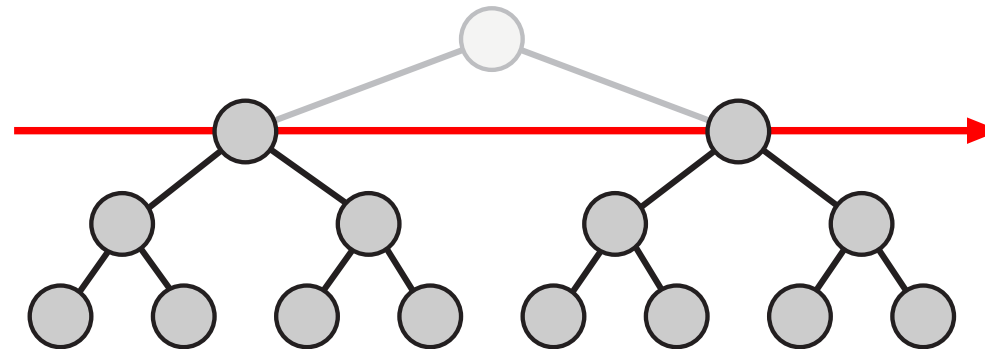
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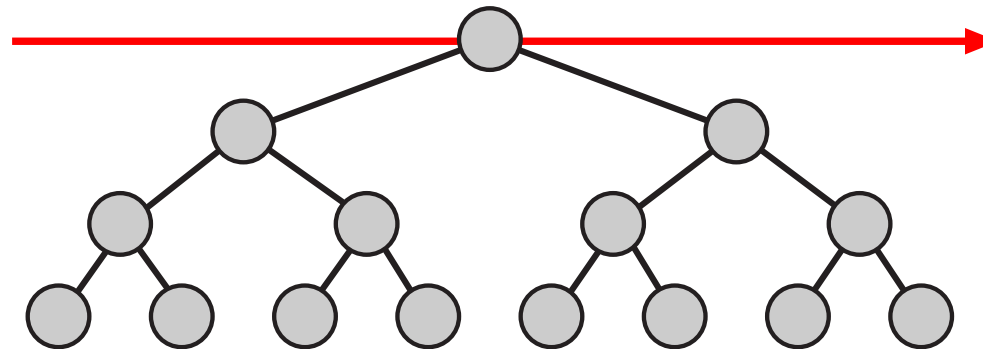
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Two Drawbacks:

- Bad (memory) locality of data accesses (\rightarrow cache efficiency?)
- Bad (spatial) locality of data accesses for geometric data.



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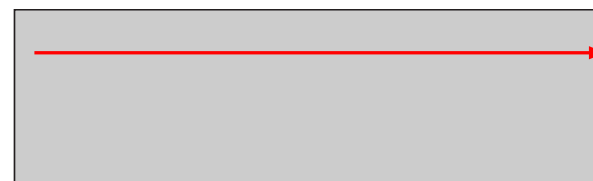


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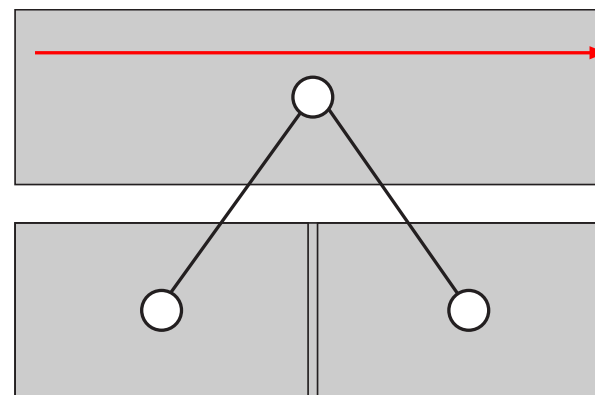


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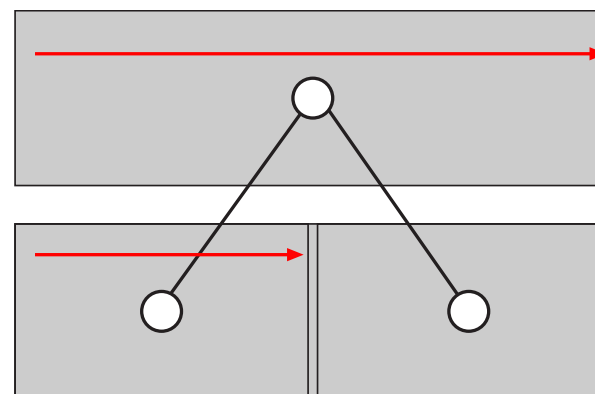


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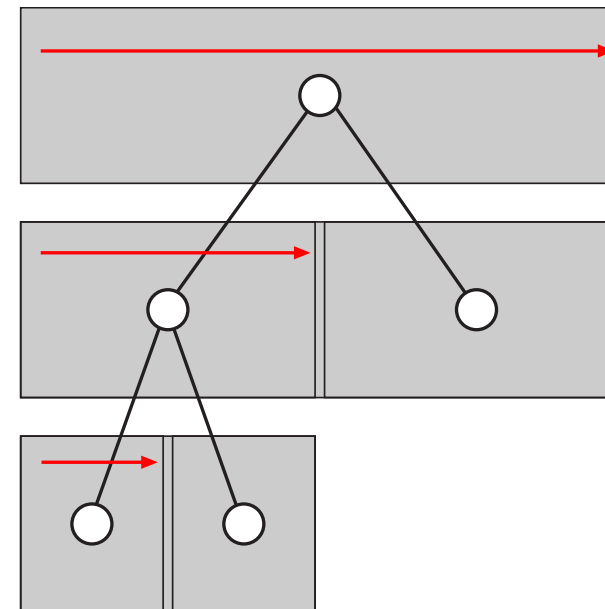


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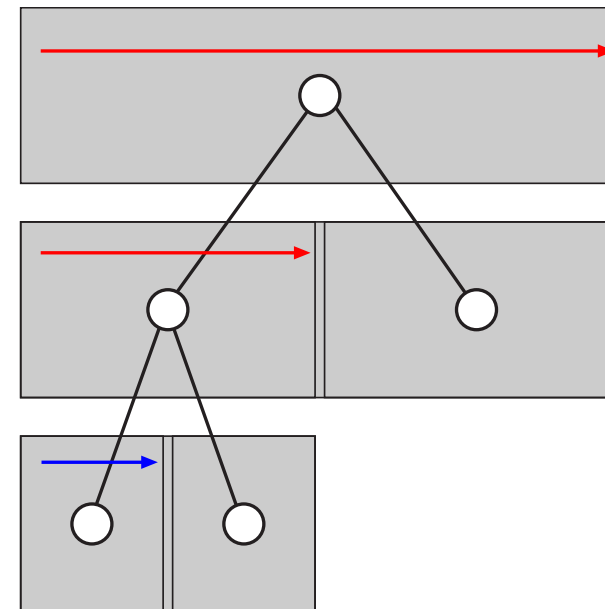


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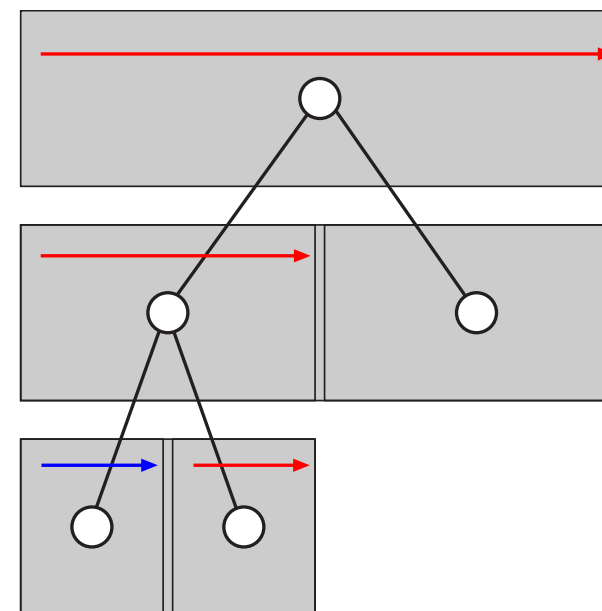


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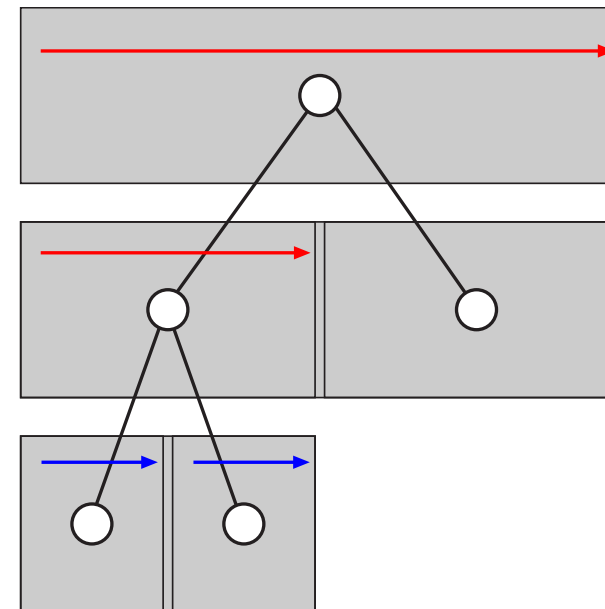


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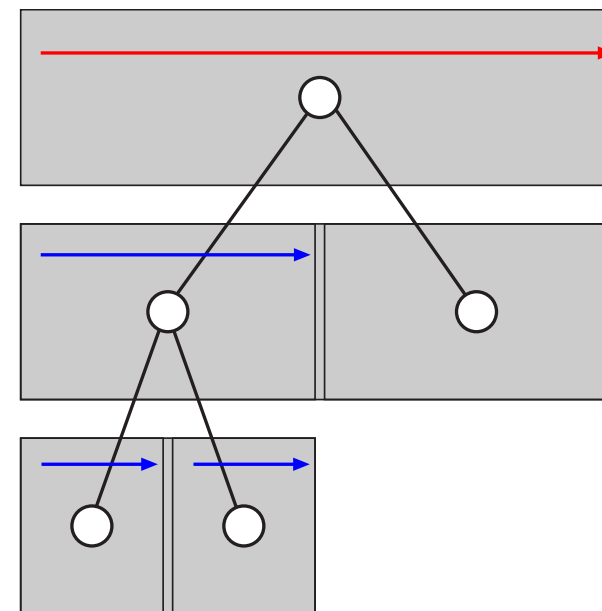


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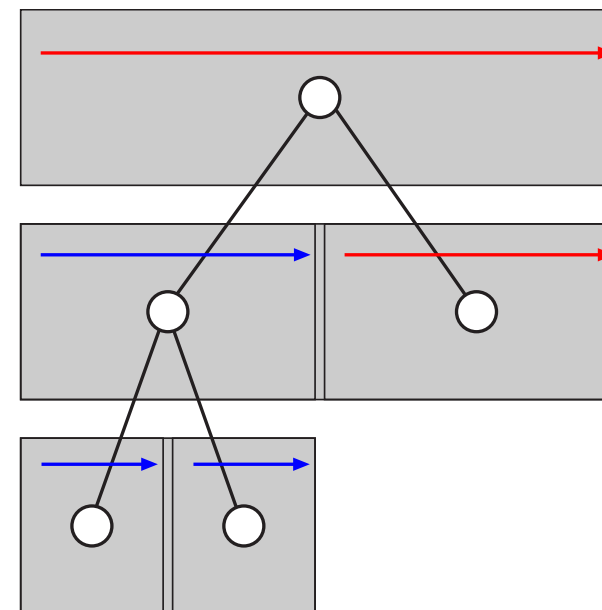


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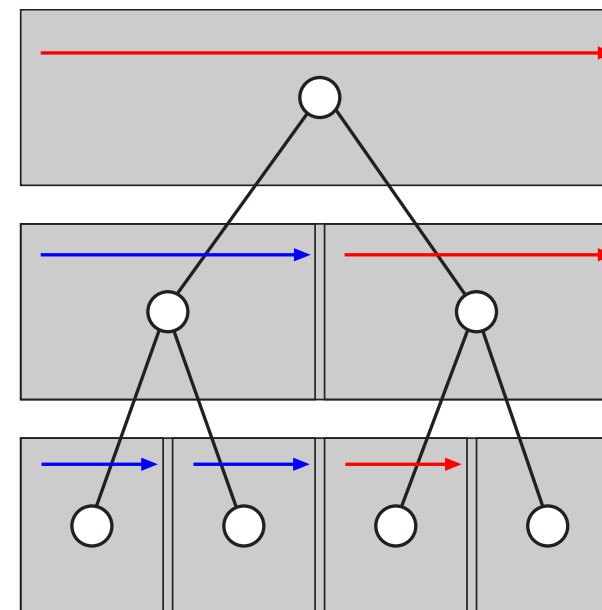


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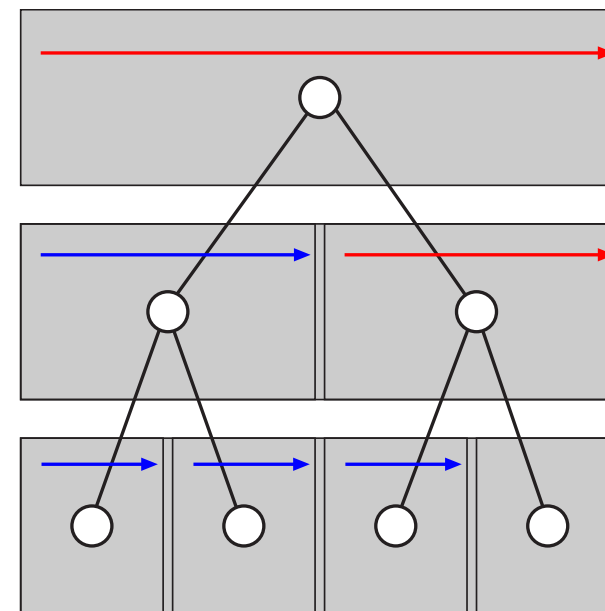


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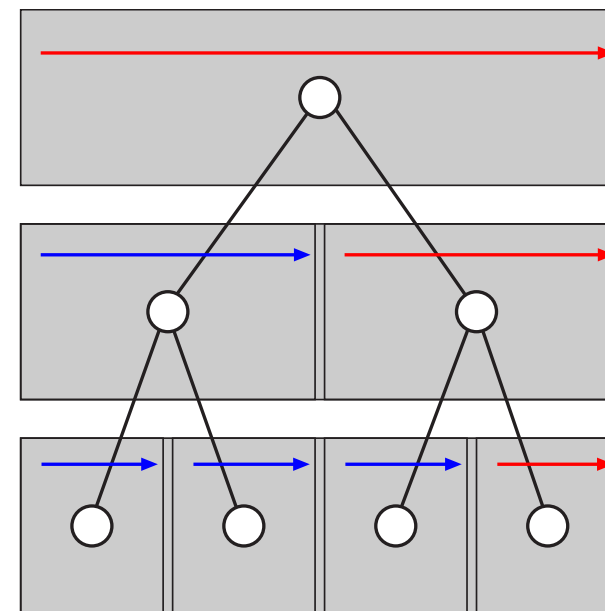


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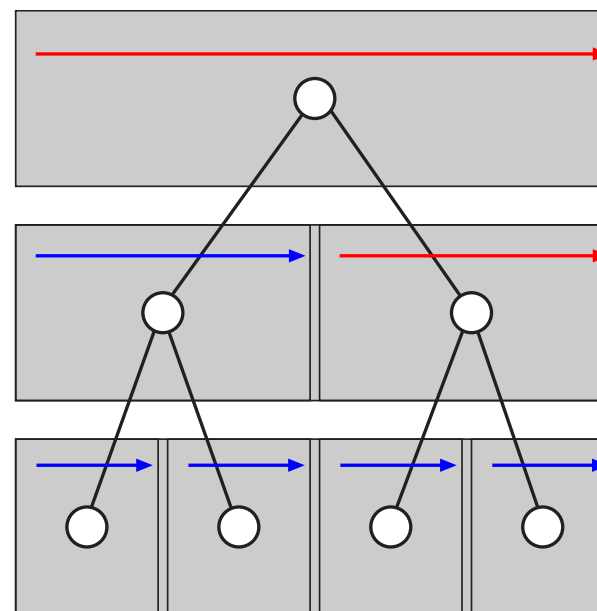


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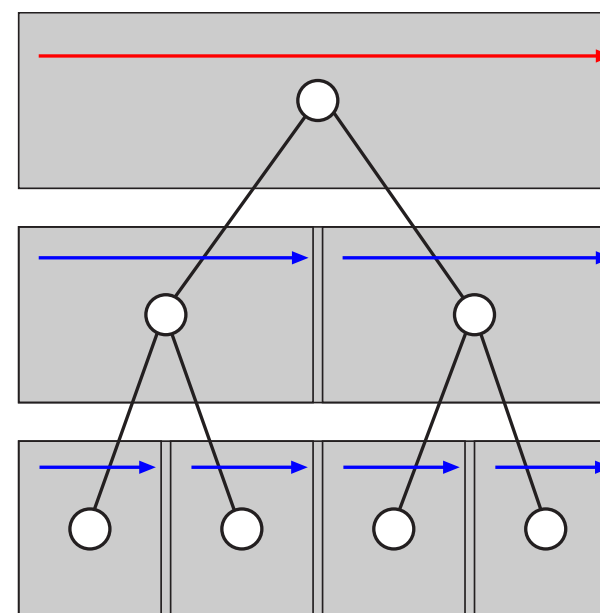


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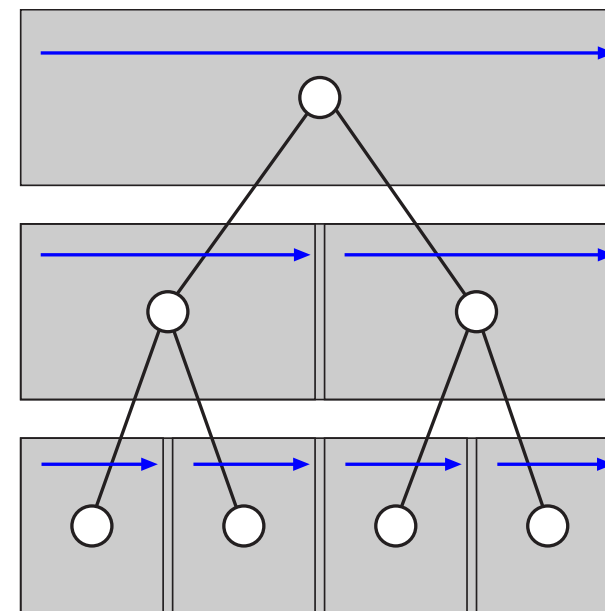


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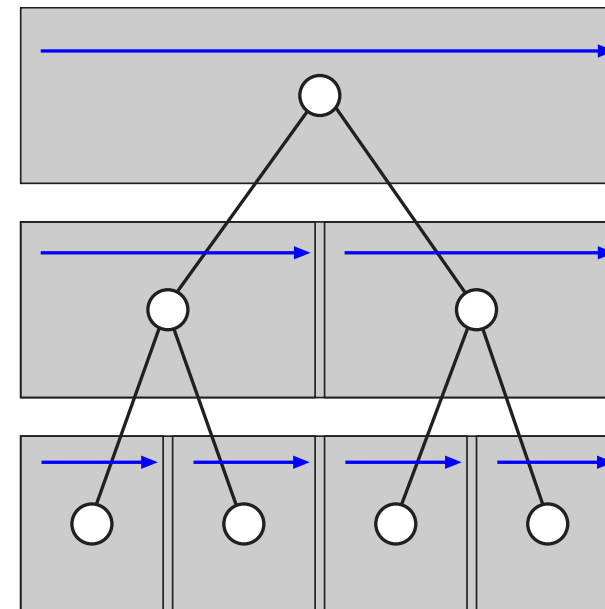


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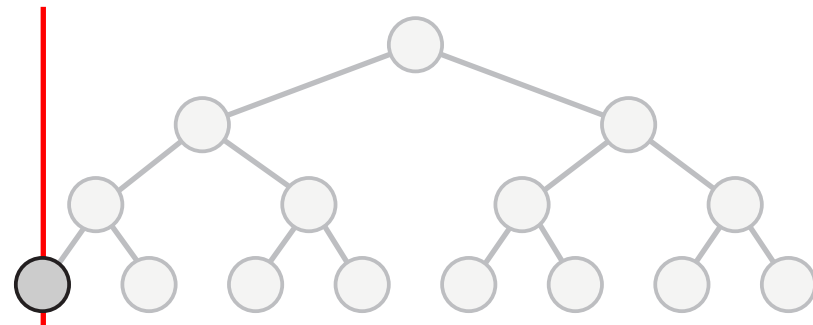




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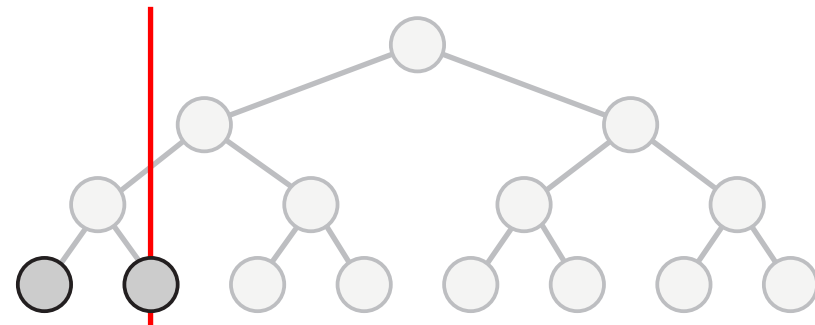




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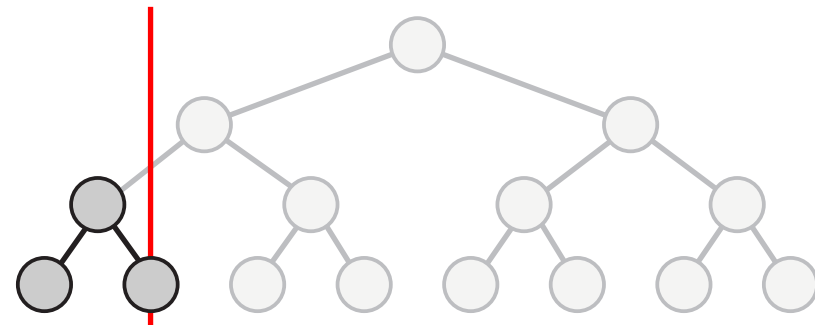




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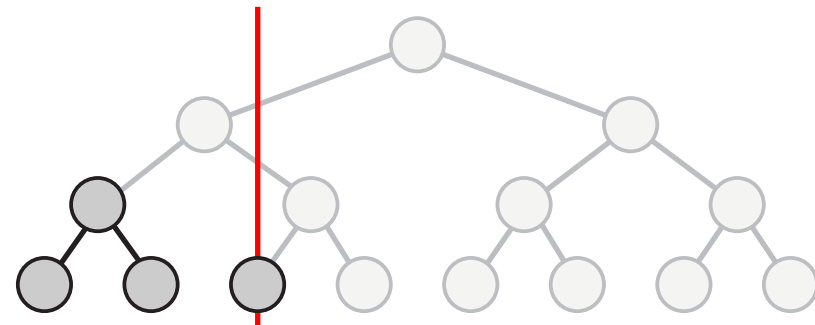




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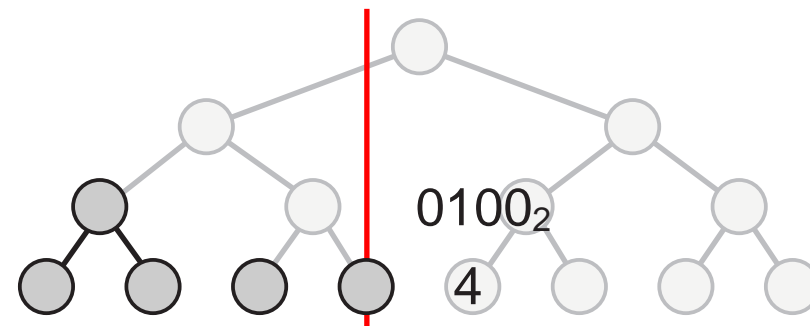




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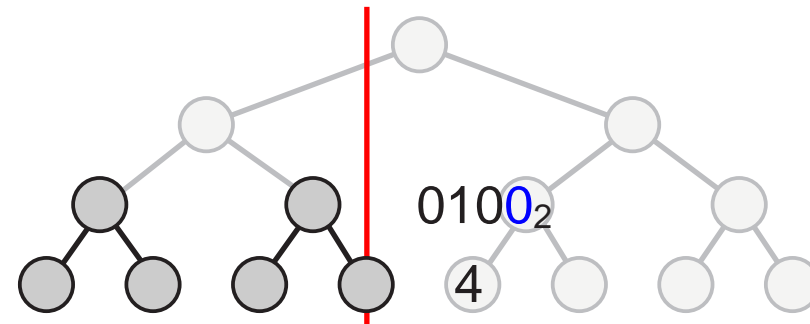




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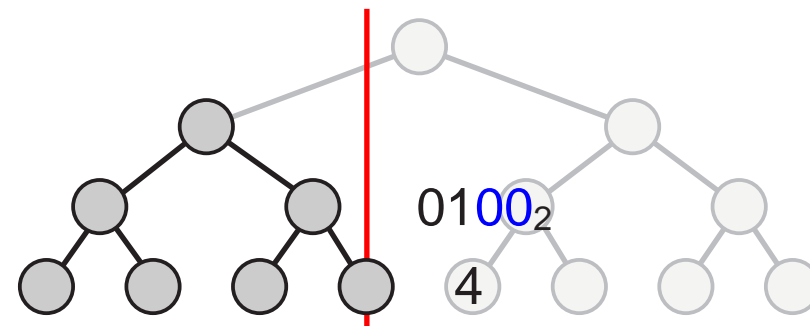




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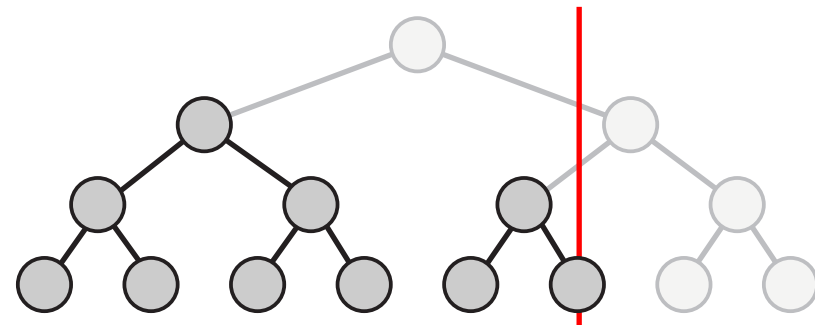




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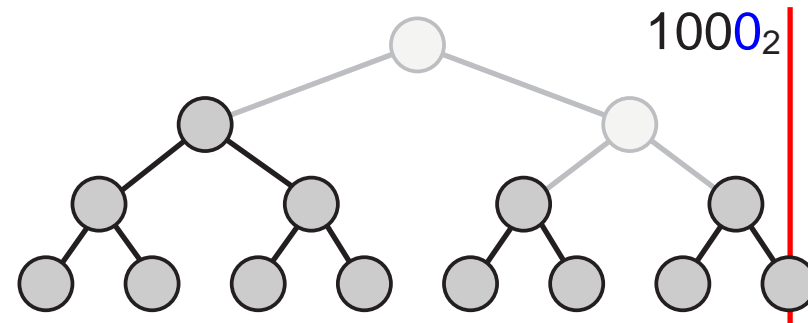




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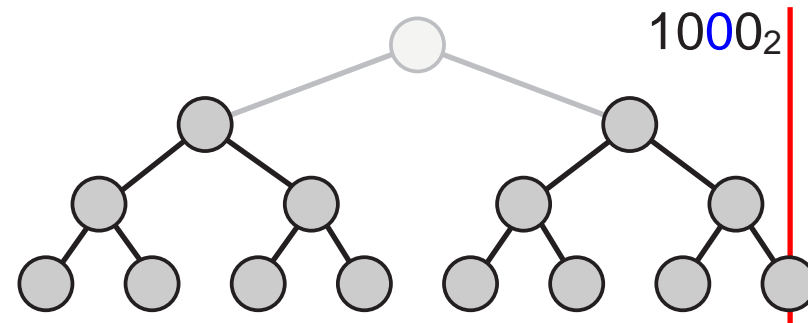




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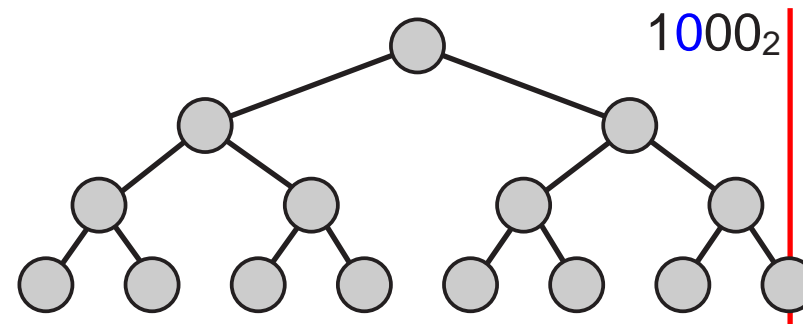




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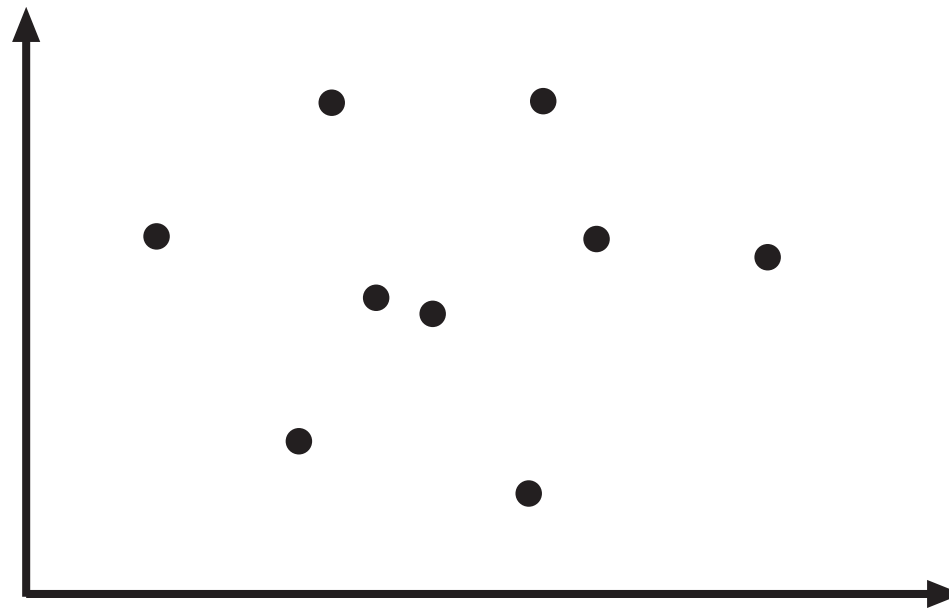
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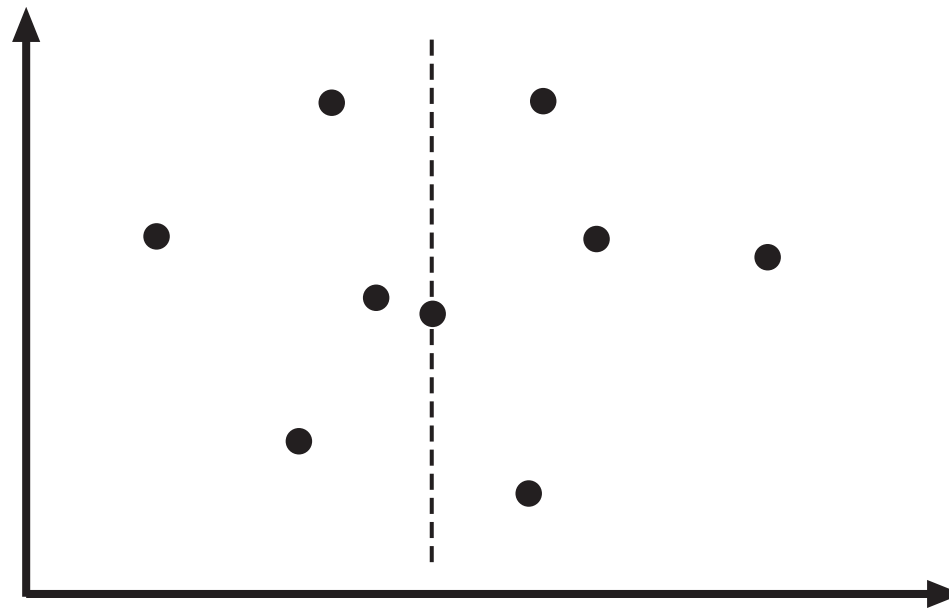
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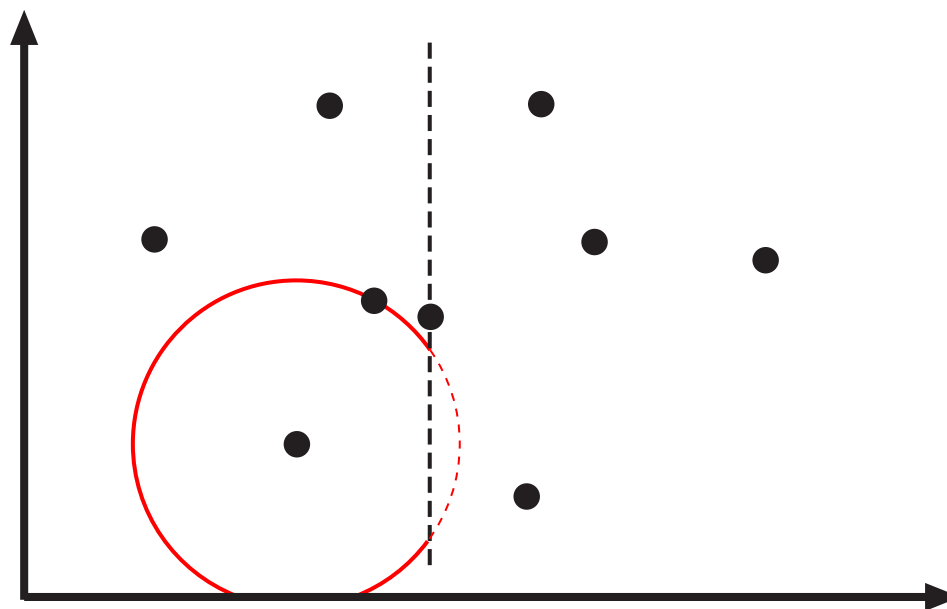
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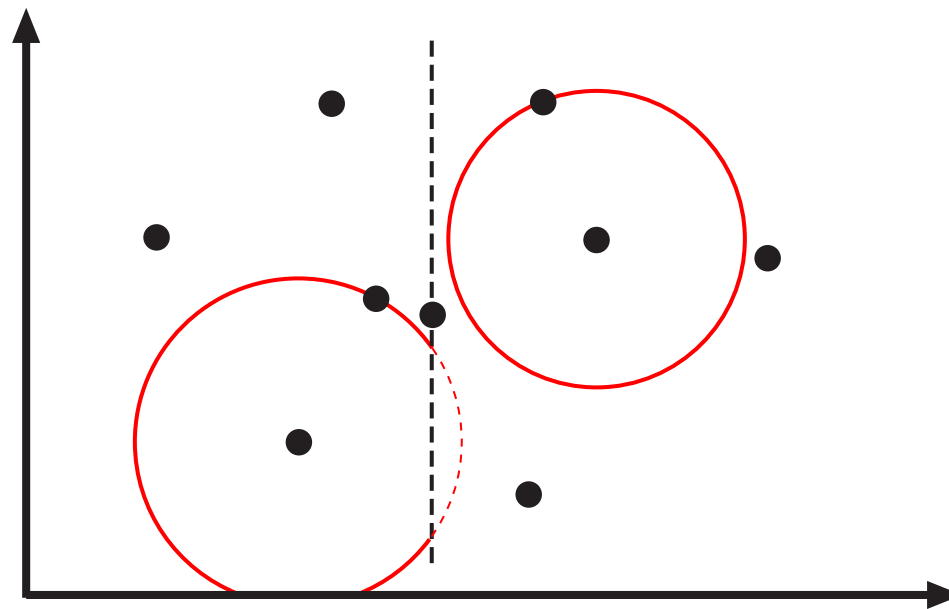
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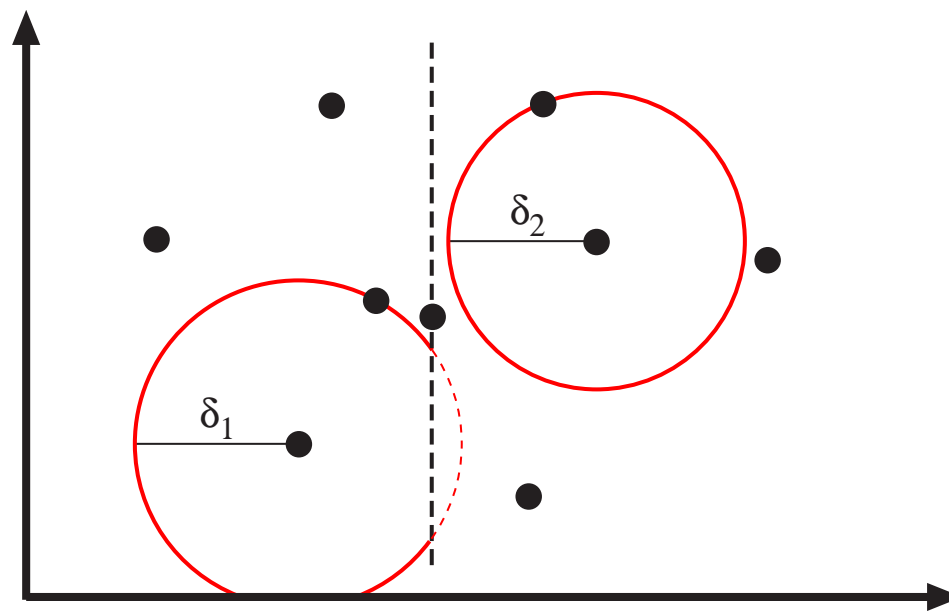
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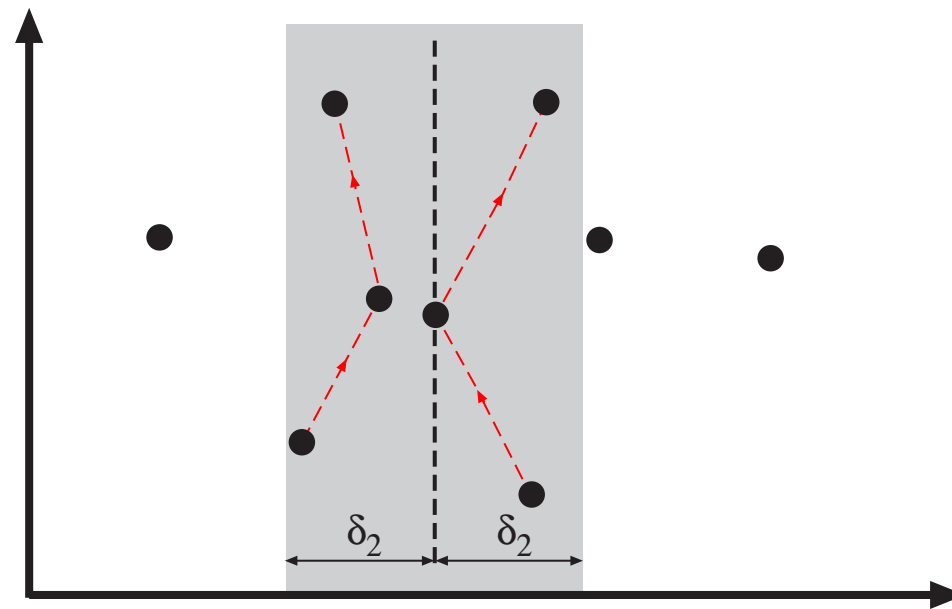
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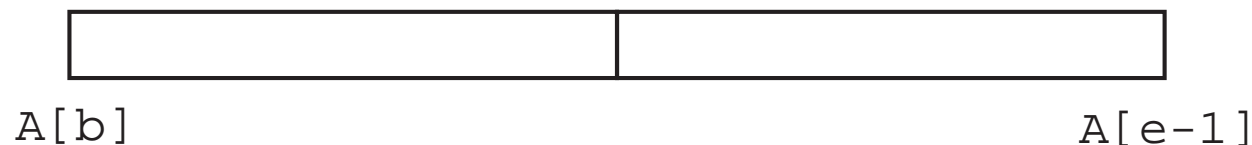
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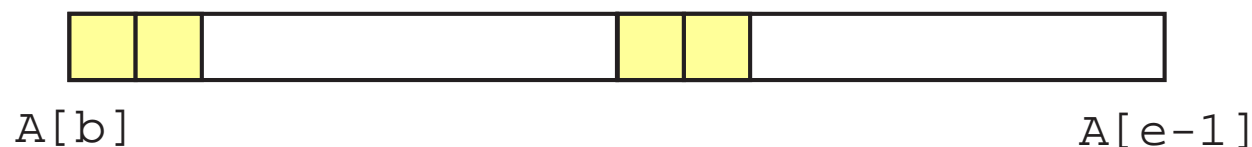


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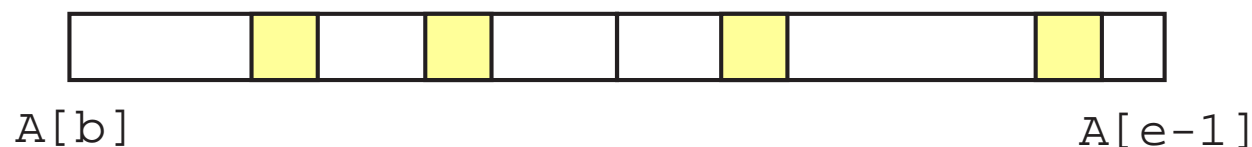
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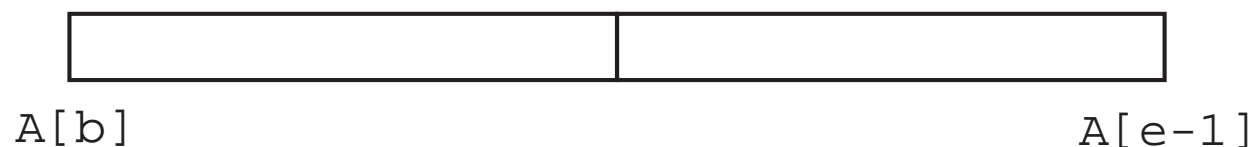


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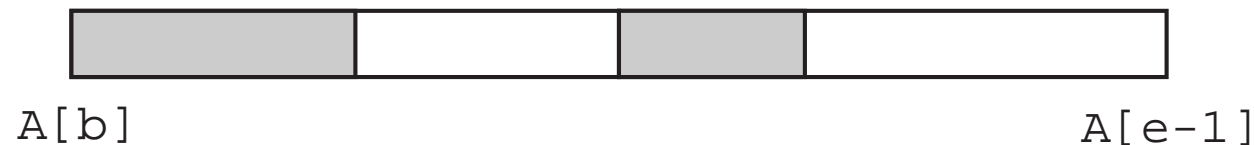
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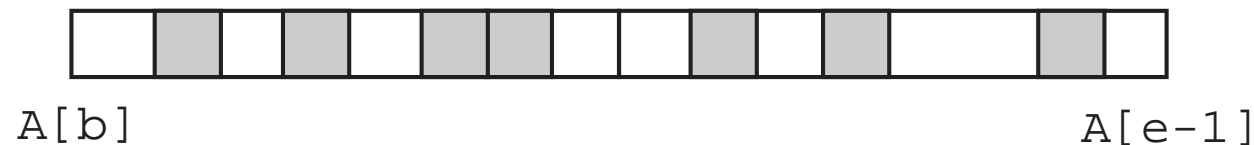
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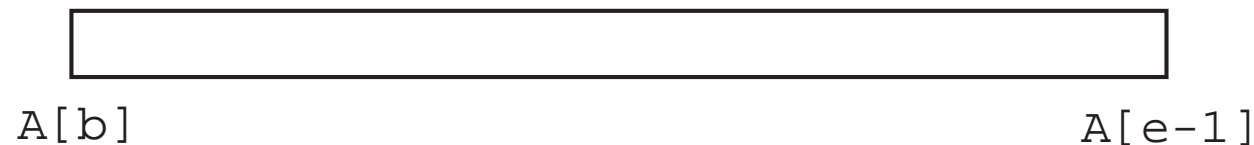
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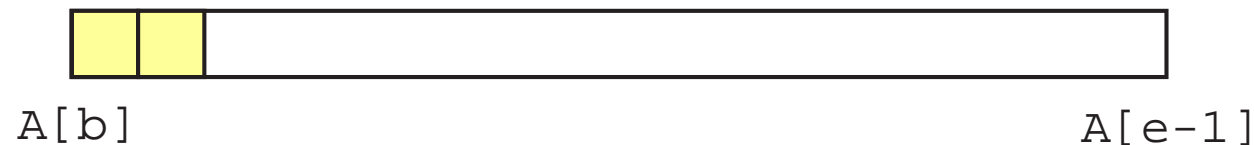
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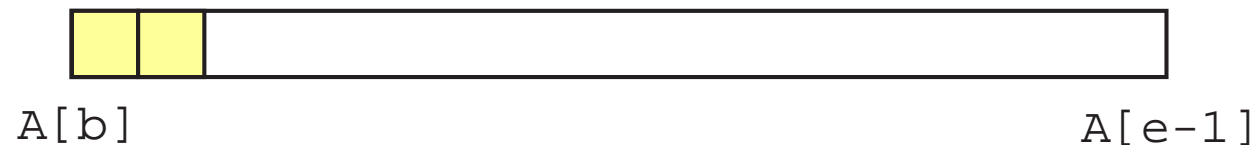
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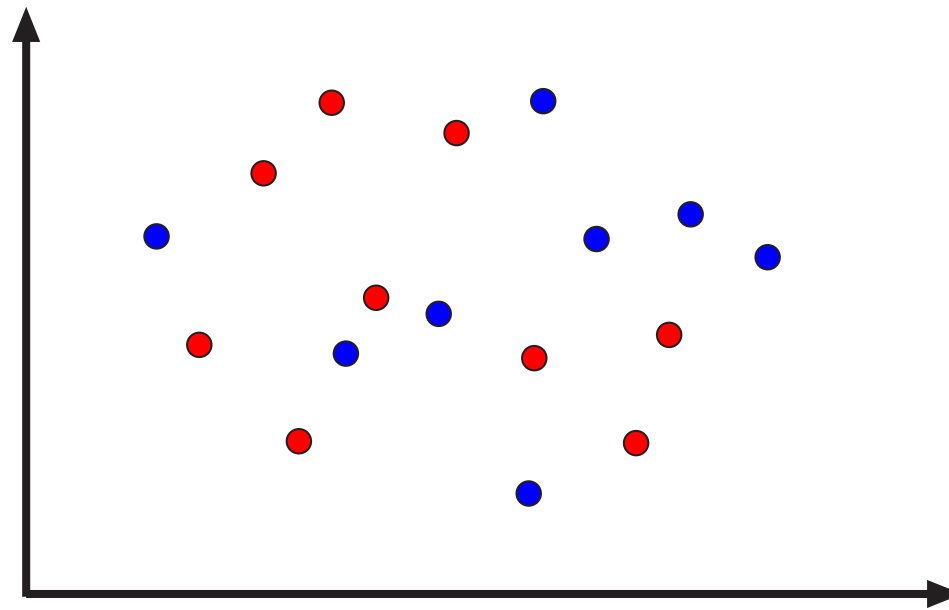
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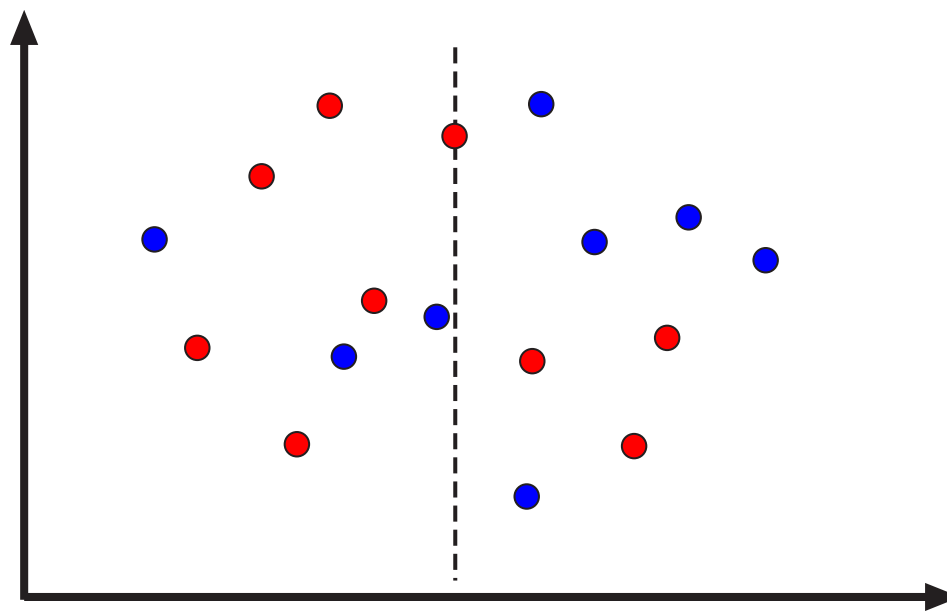


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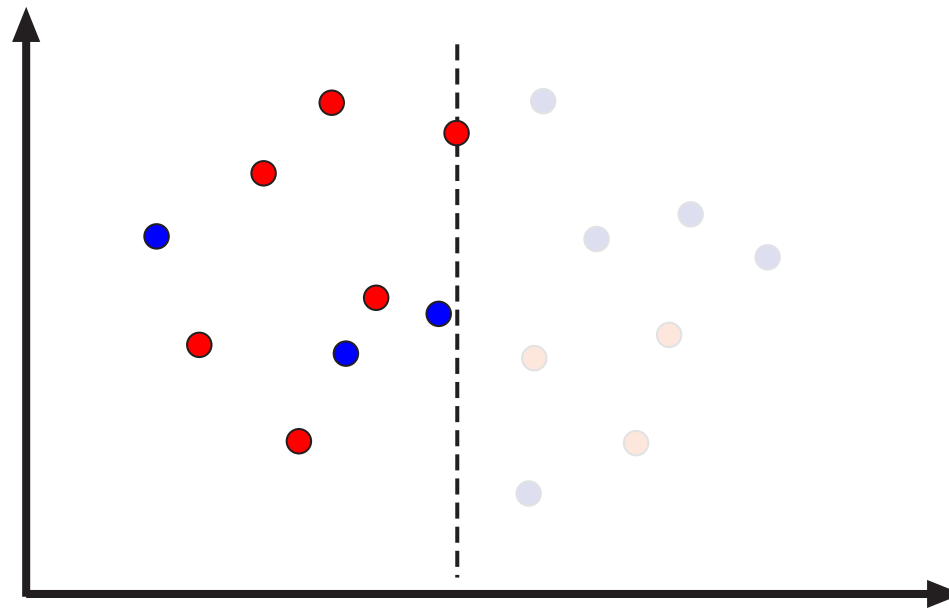


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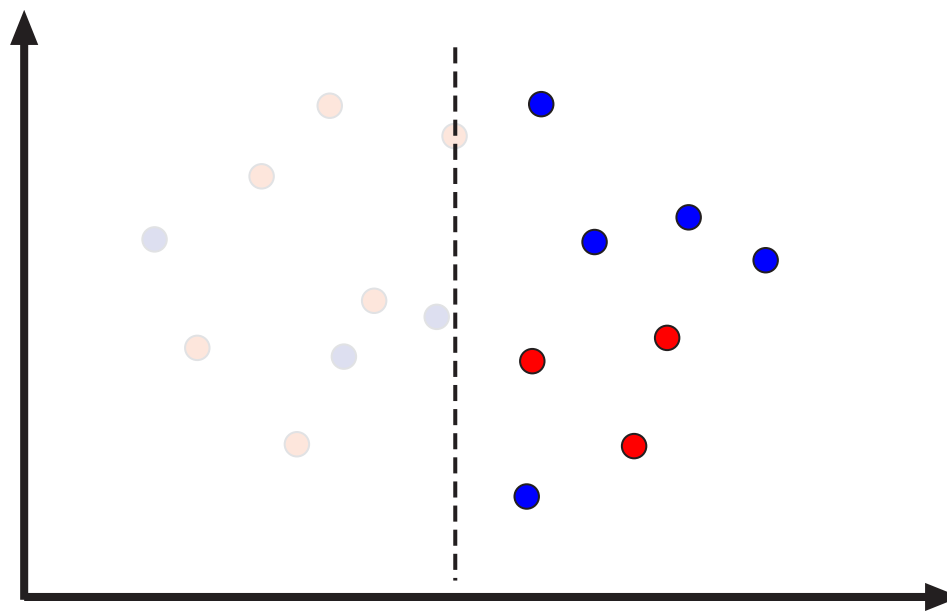


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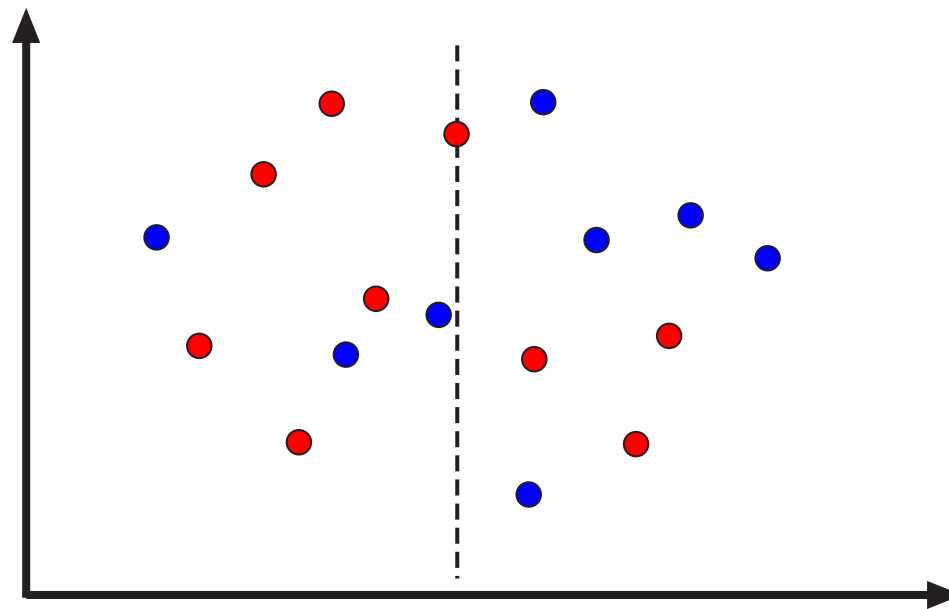


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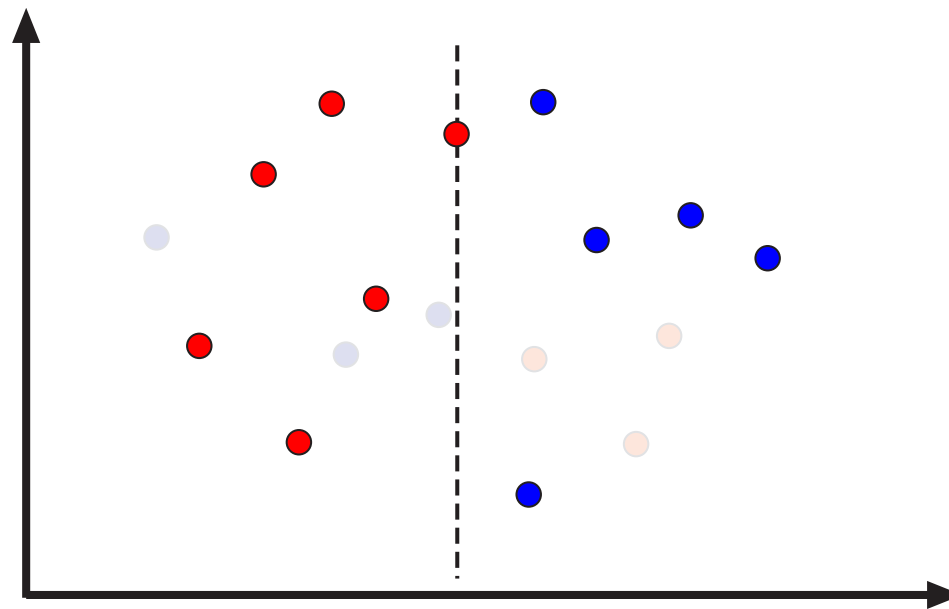


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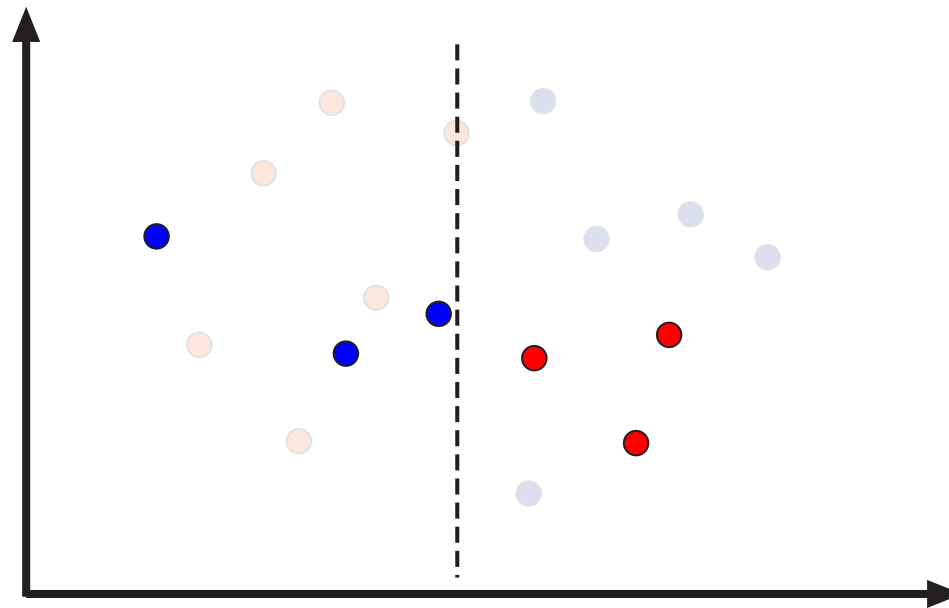


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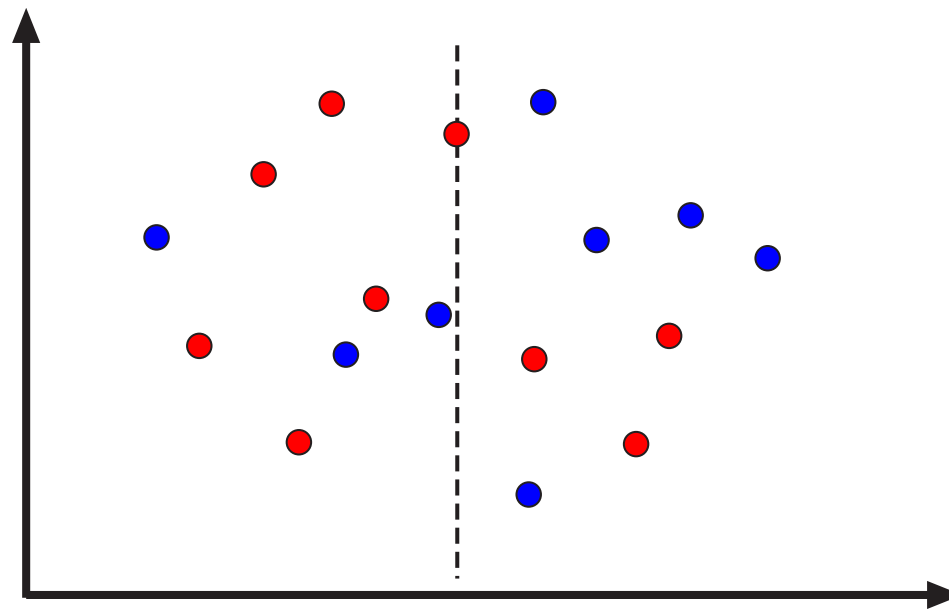


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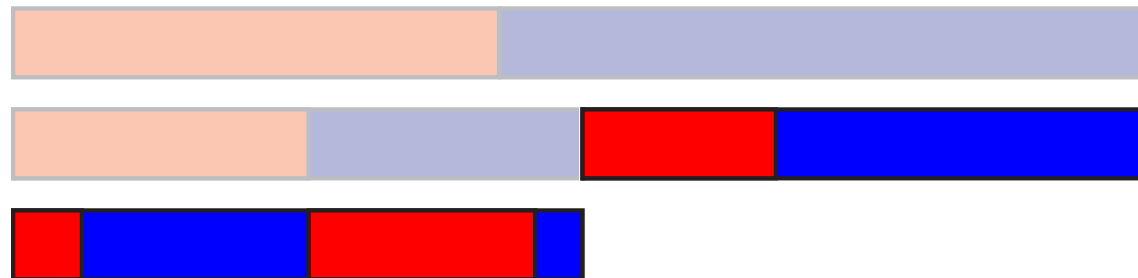
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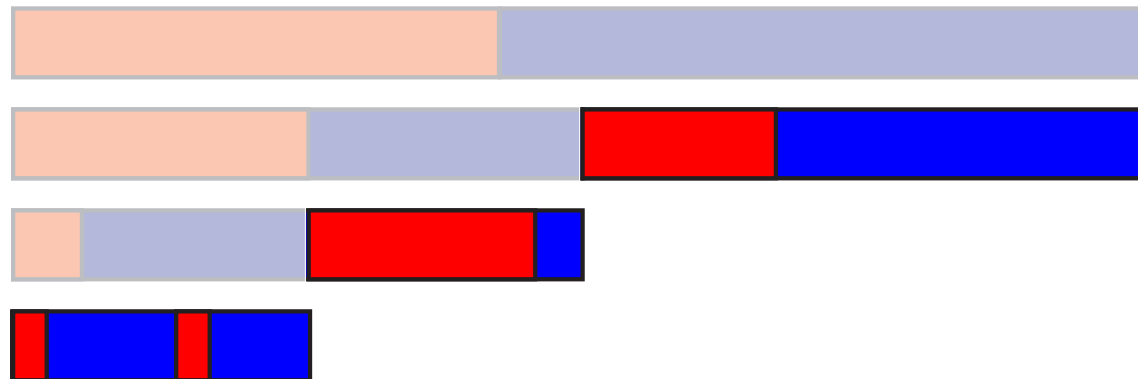
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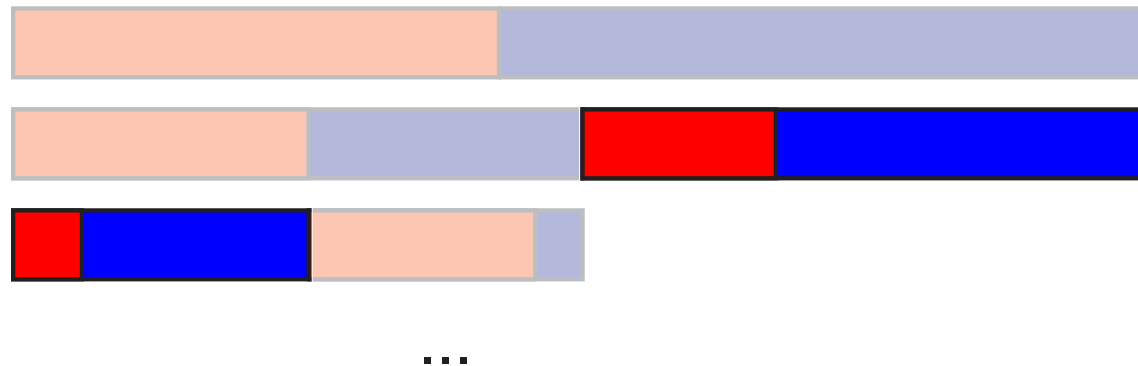
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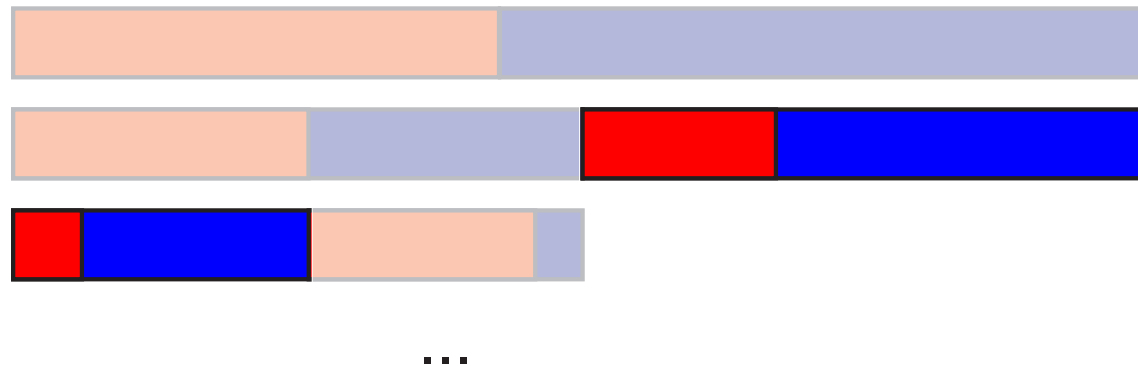
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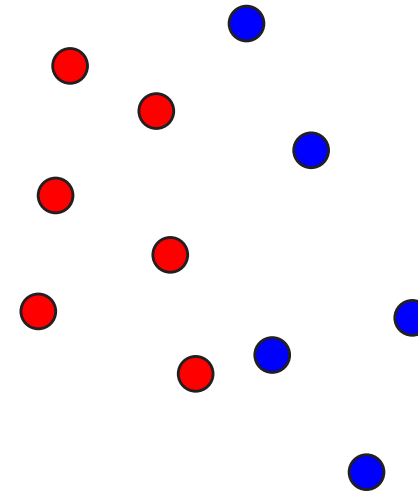
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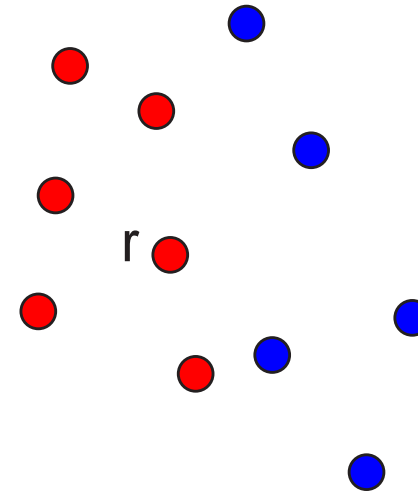




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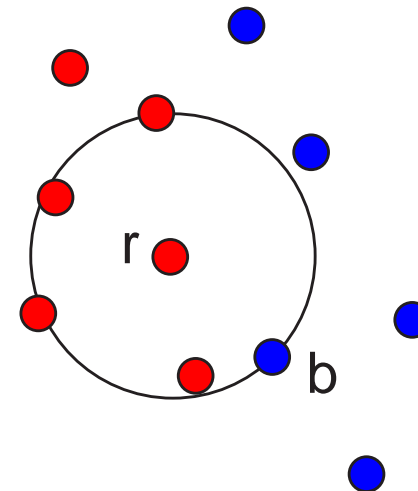




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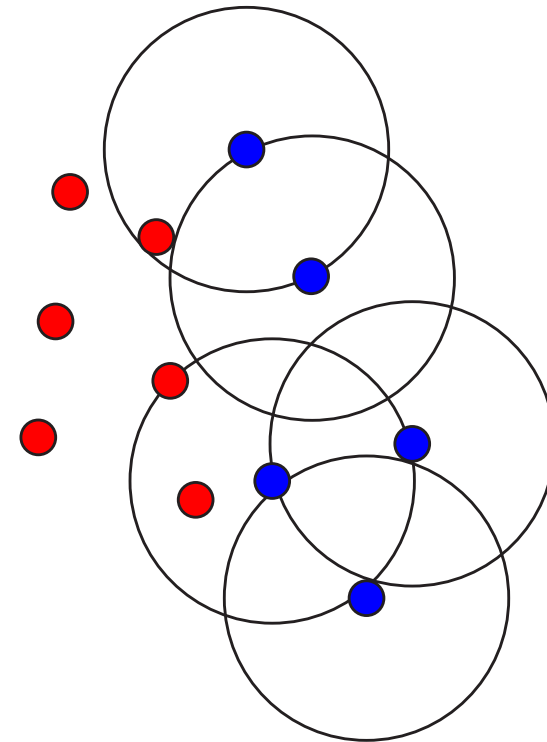




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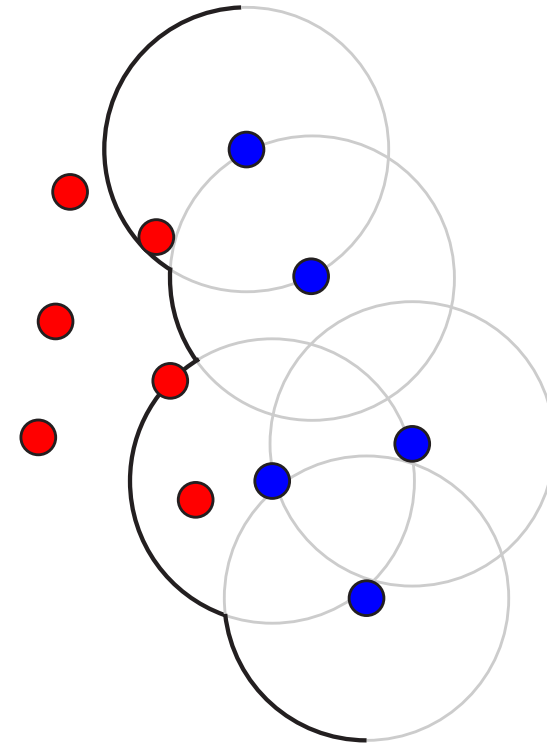




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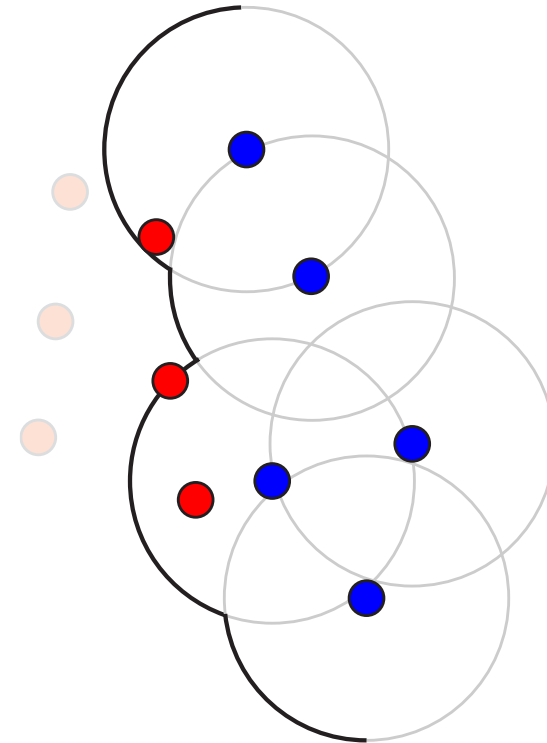




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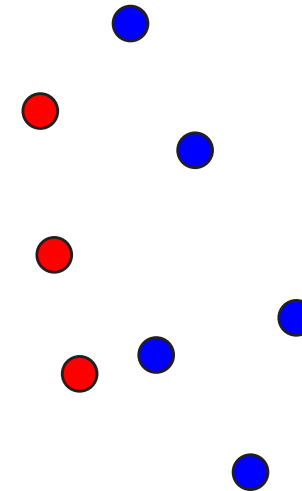




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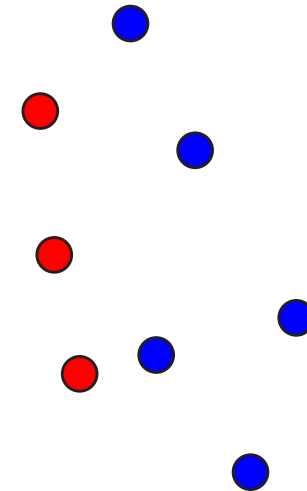




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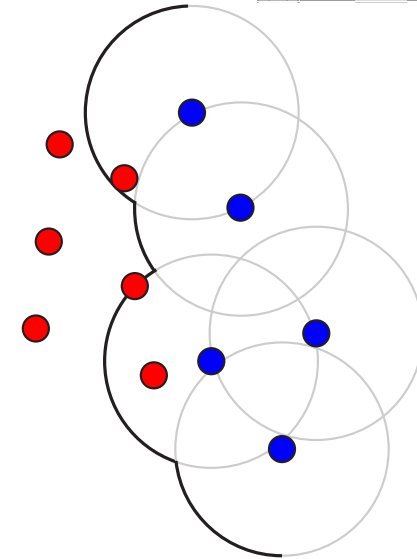


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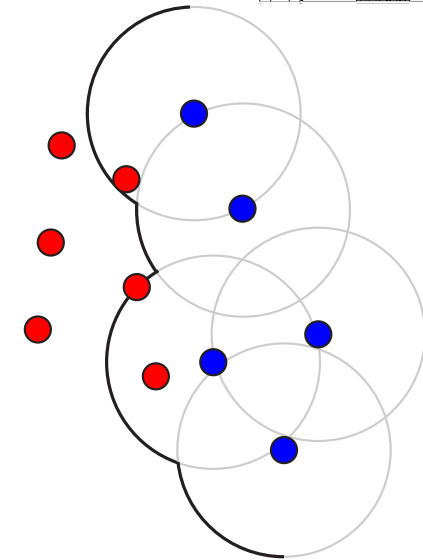
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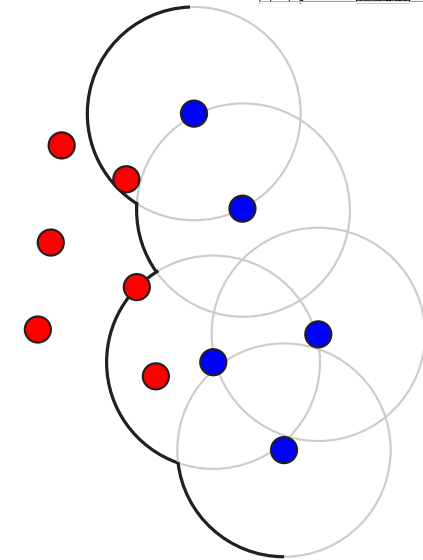
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Space-efficient algorithms:

- “What can be done using an array and some pointers?”
- Possible: Geometric *divide-and-conquer* (as long as work is done upon returning from recursion...).

Preliminary results:

- (Convex hull and) convex-hull related problems.
- [Bichromatic] closest pair, all-nearest-neighbors.

Work in progress:

- Scheme for general geometric *divide-and-conquer*.
- Immediate consequence: Orthogonal line segment intersection.

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