



Advanced Binary Search

Binary Search Revision



Time Complexity Discussion

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

Recurrence:

$$\checkmark \checkmark \left[\begin{array}{l} T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \\ T(1) = 1 \end{array} \right]$$

Time Complexity: $O(\log n)$

$$T(8) = T(4) + 1$$

$$T(4) = T(2) + 1$$

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

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(8) = T(4) + 1$$

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

$$= T(1) + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$$

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

$$= T(n/4) + 2$$

$$= T(n/8) + 3$$

$$= T(n/2^k) + k$$

$$\boxed{T(n/2^k) = 1} \rightarrow \underline{T(1) = 1}$$

when

$$k = \log n$$

$$n/2^k = 1$$

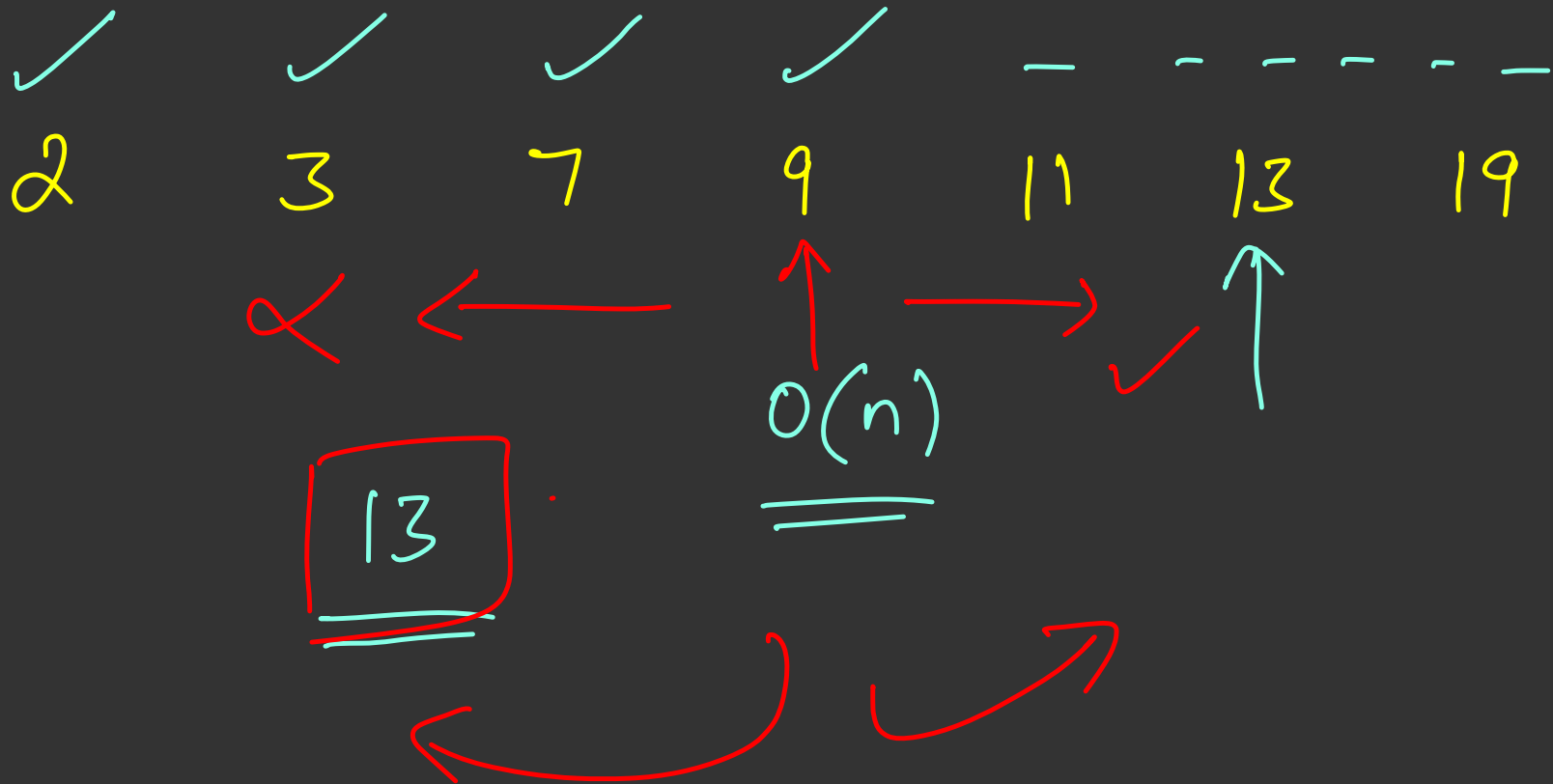
$$k = \log n$$

$$\underline{T(n) = \boxed{T(n/2^k) + k}}$$

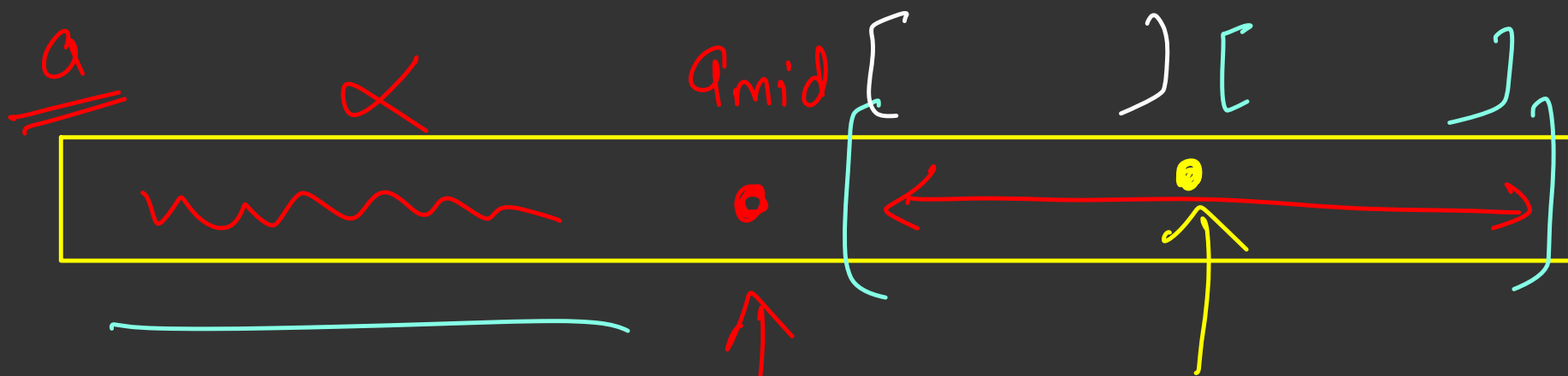
$$= T(n/2^{\log n}) + \underline{\log n}$$

$$= T(1) + \log n$$

$$= 1 + \log n = \underline{O(\log n)}$$



Array of size (n)

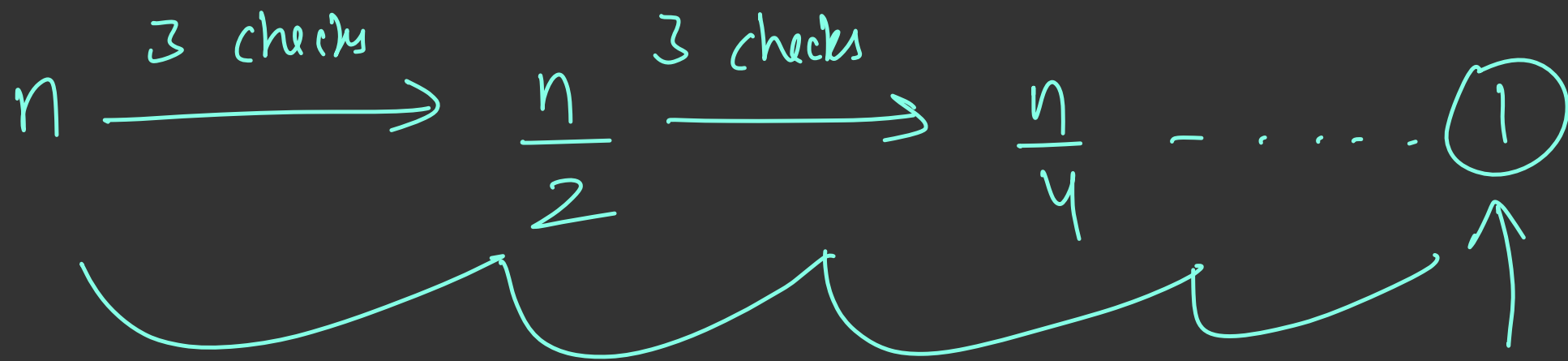


$a_{mid} < \text{target}$

(n) \rightarrow $(\frac{n}{2})$ \downarrow
 $(n/4)$

$a_{mid} > \text{target}$

$a_{mid} == \text{target}$



$$\underline{T(n) \rightarrow T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \underline{O(1)}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{n}} \longrightarrow \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) + \underline{\underline{3}}$$

iterations

Time to search in array of size

$$N = \text{Time to search in array of size } \frac{N}{2} + 3$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 3$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

2 5 9 1 7 6 13



Searching for 7

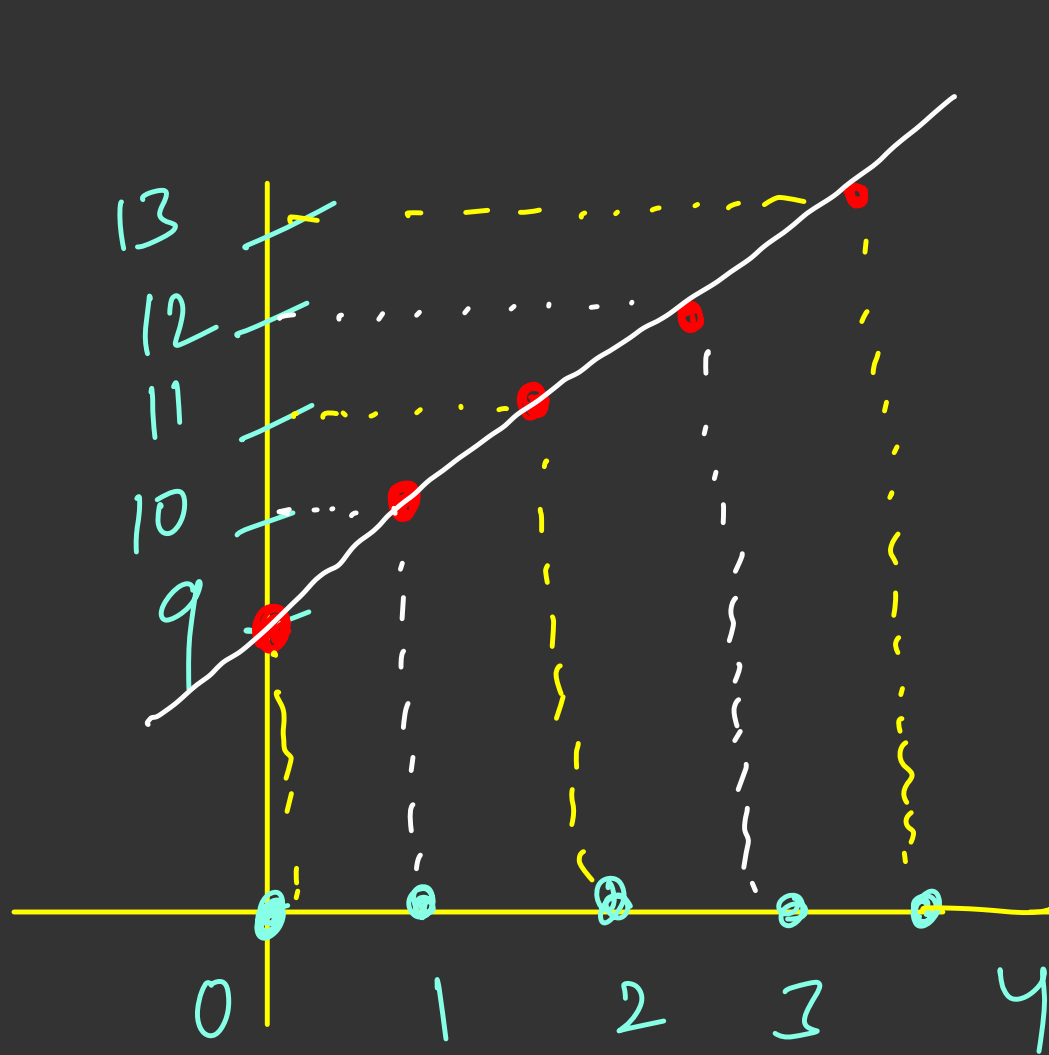
Binary Search Revision



Requirement for using Binary Search

Monotonicity

- $f(x) > f(y)$ iff $x > y$ (increasing monotonic)
- $f(x) < f(y)$ iff $x > y$ (decreasing monotonic)



$$f(x) = x + 9$$

is there some x
for which $f(x)$
 $= 12$

$$12 = x + 9$$

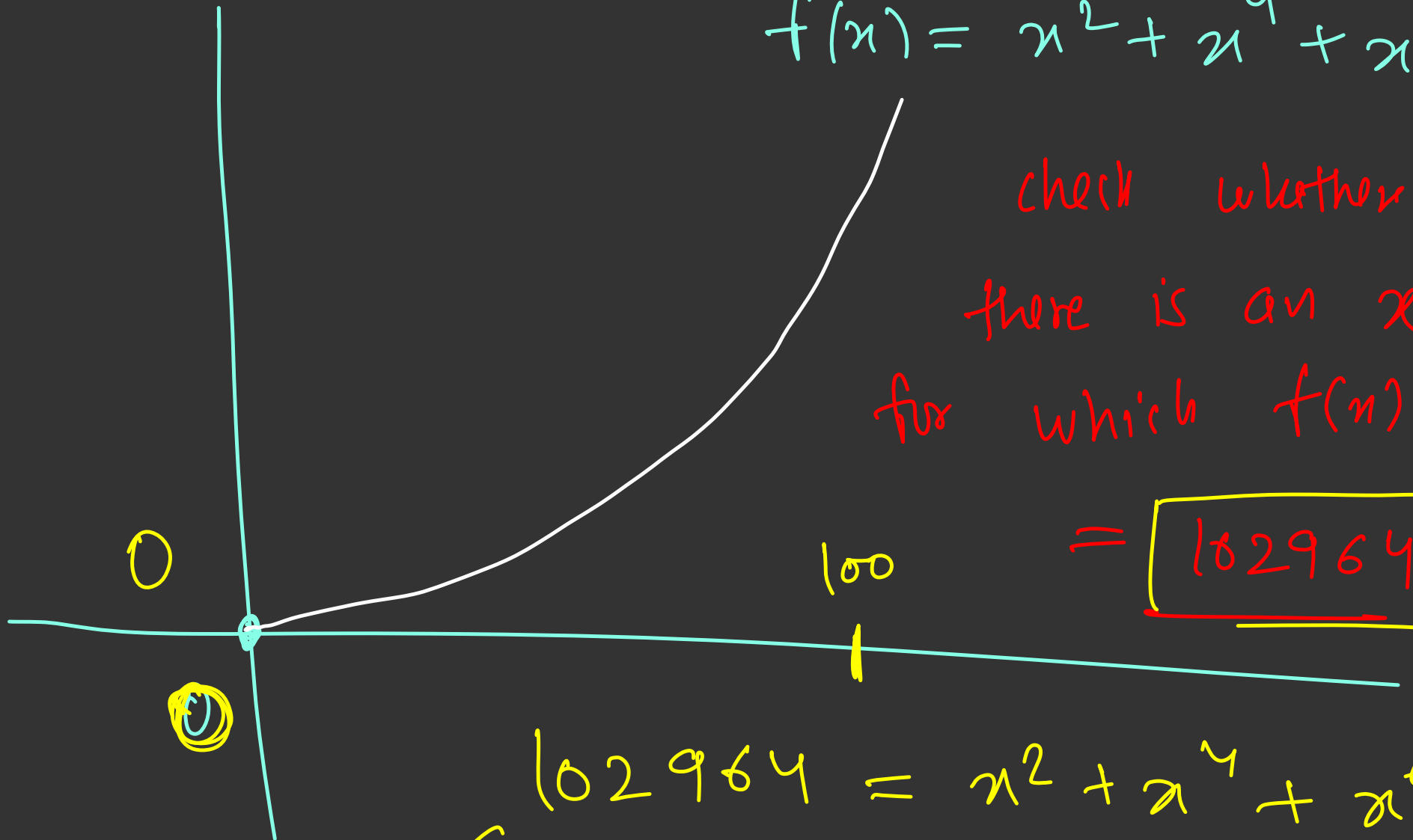
$$x = 3$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + 2$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + x^4 + x^6$$

check whether
there is an x
for which $f(x)$

$$= \boxed{102964}$$



$$102964 = x^2 + x^4 + x^6$$

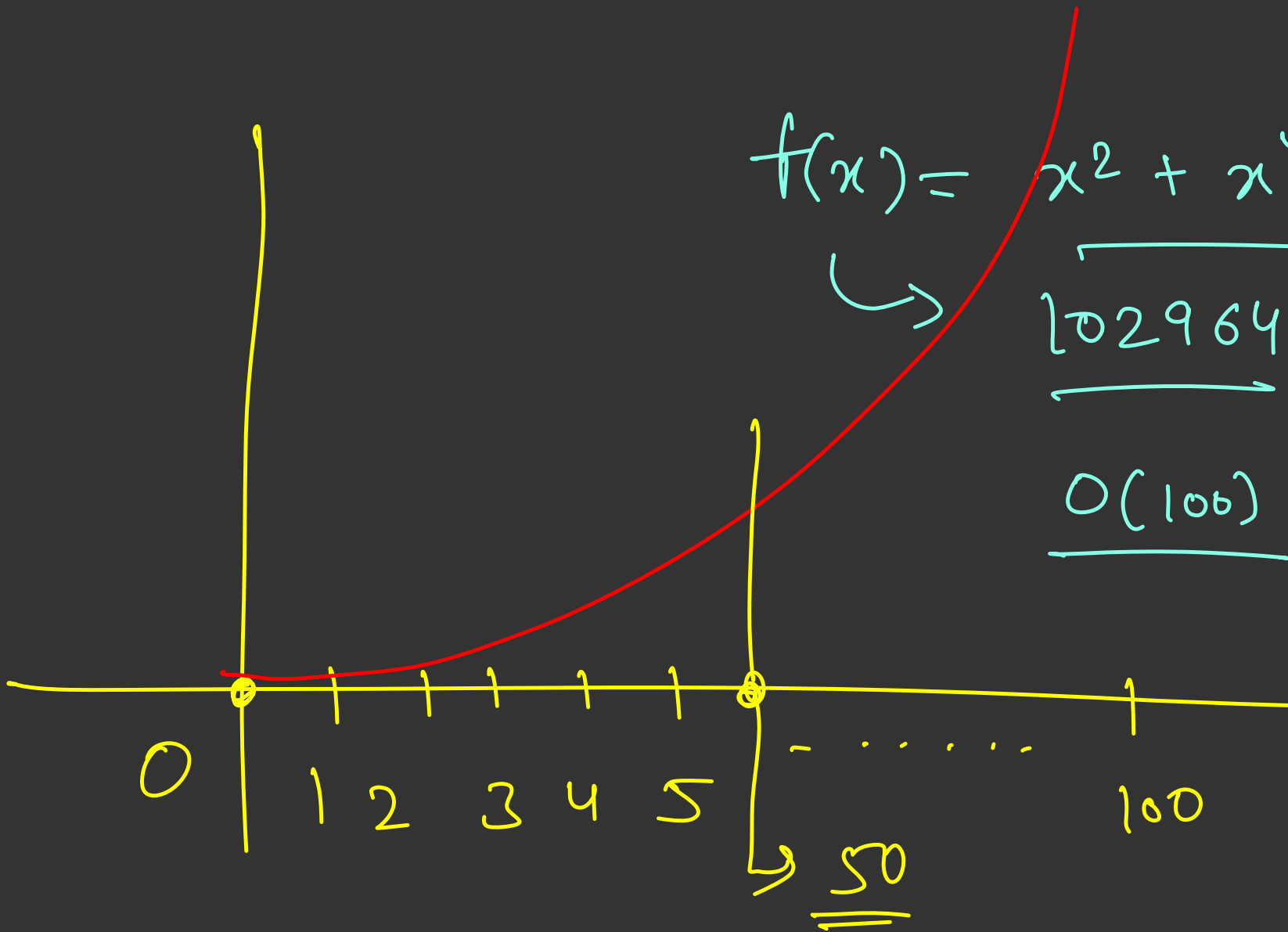
$$x = \underline{\underline{100}}$$

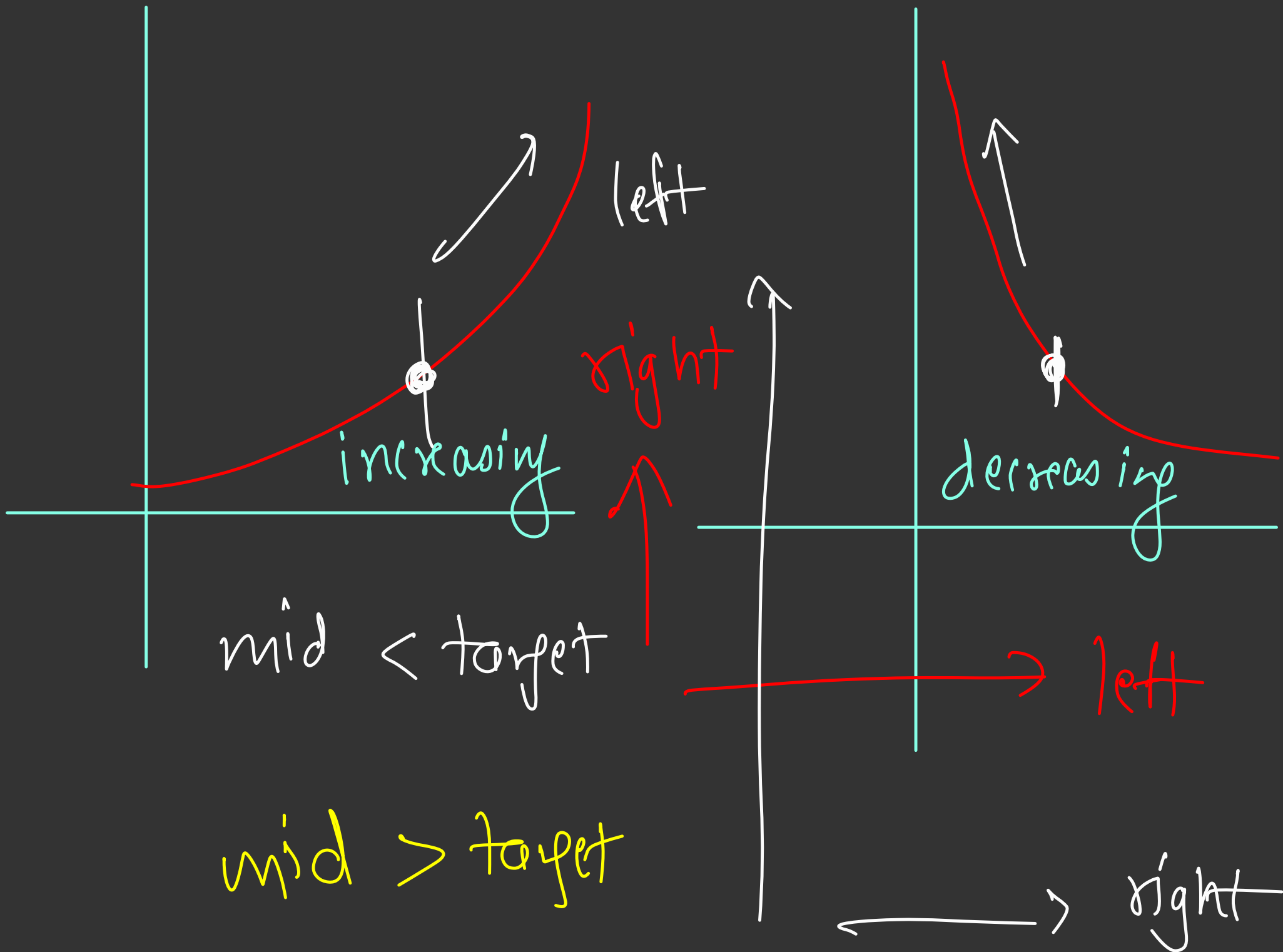
$$\underline{\underline{100^6}}$$

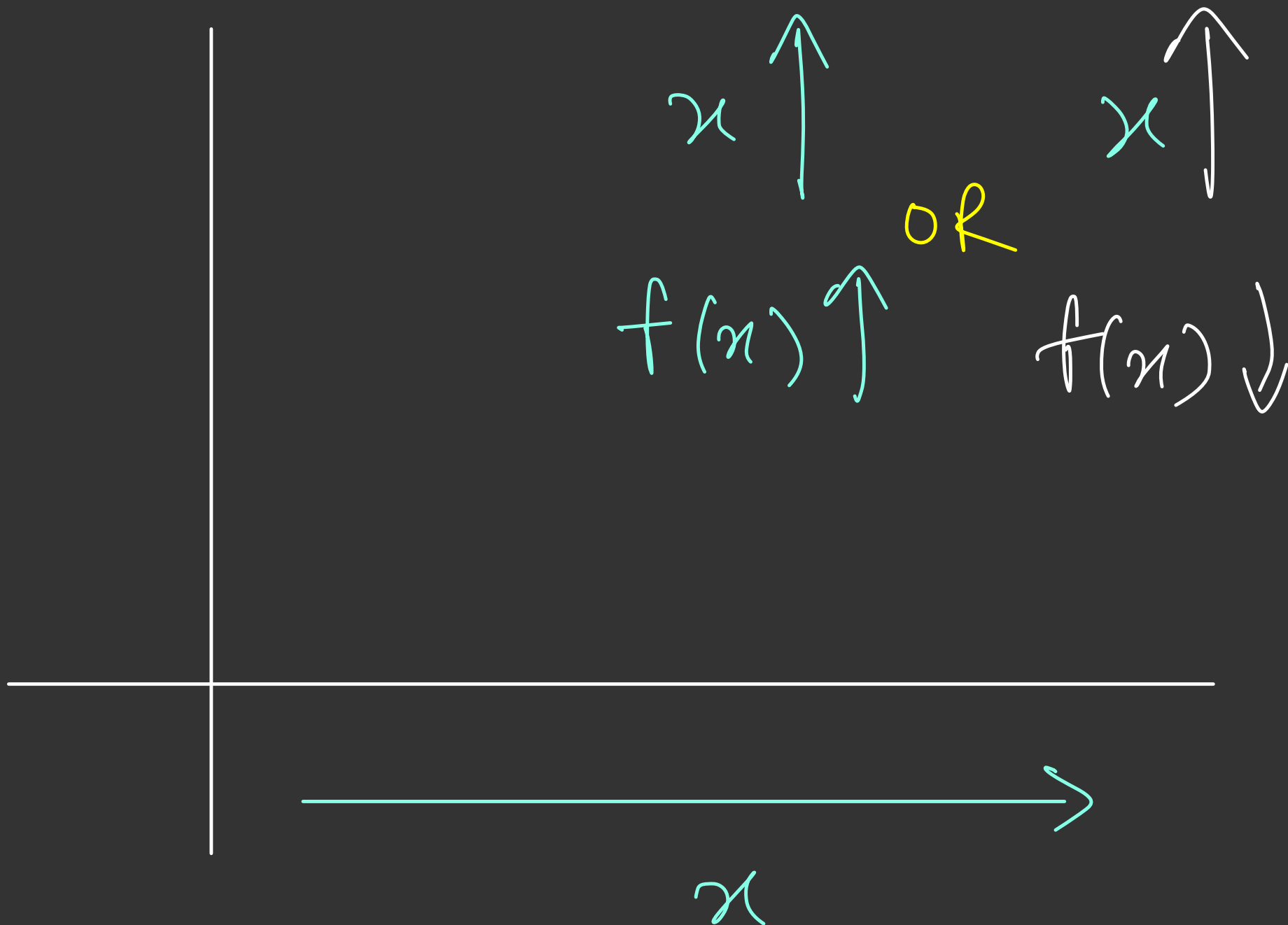
$$f(x) = x^2 + x^4 + x^6$$

$$\hookrightarrow 102964$$

$$\underline{O(100)}$$







increasing

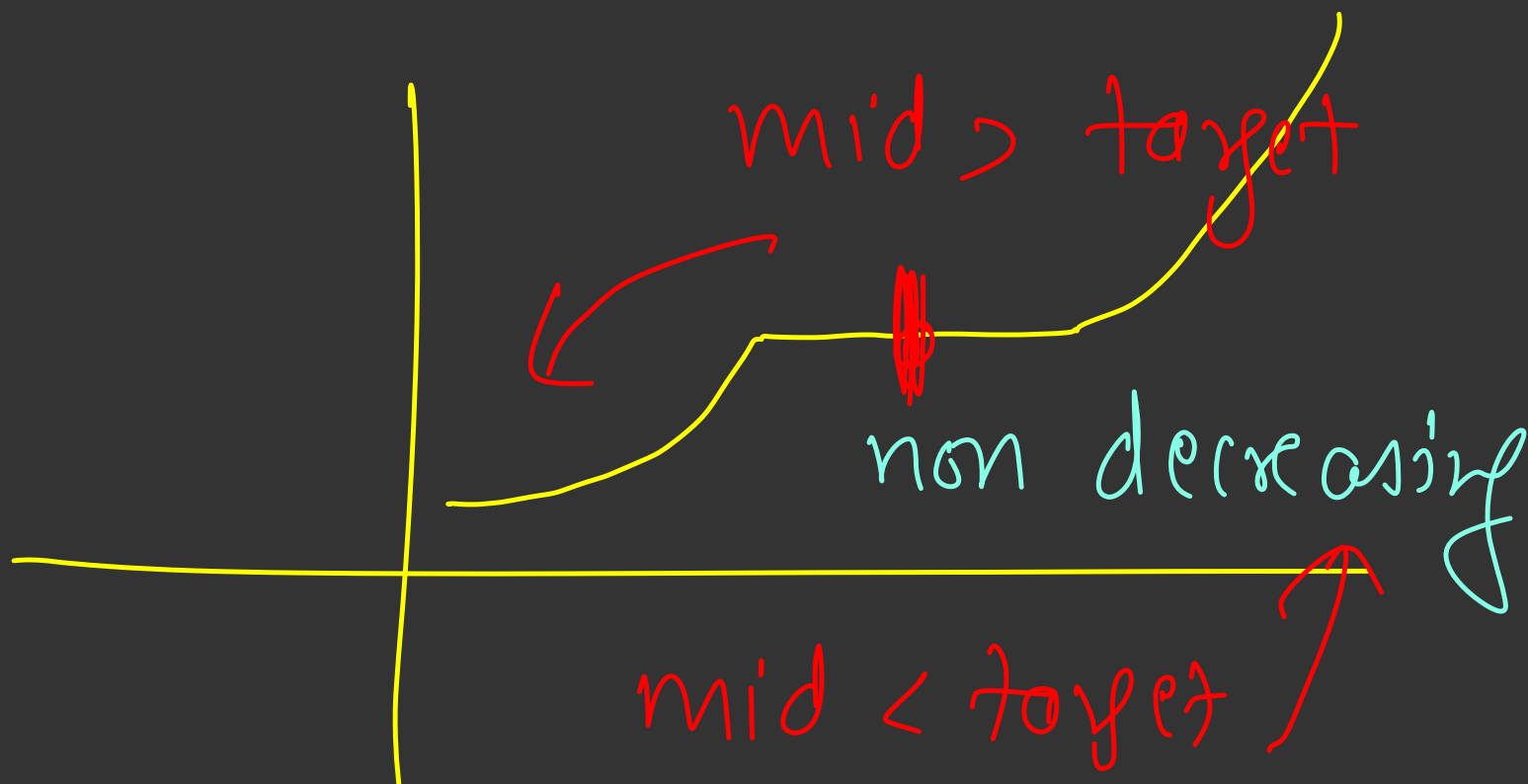
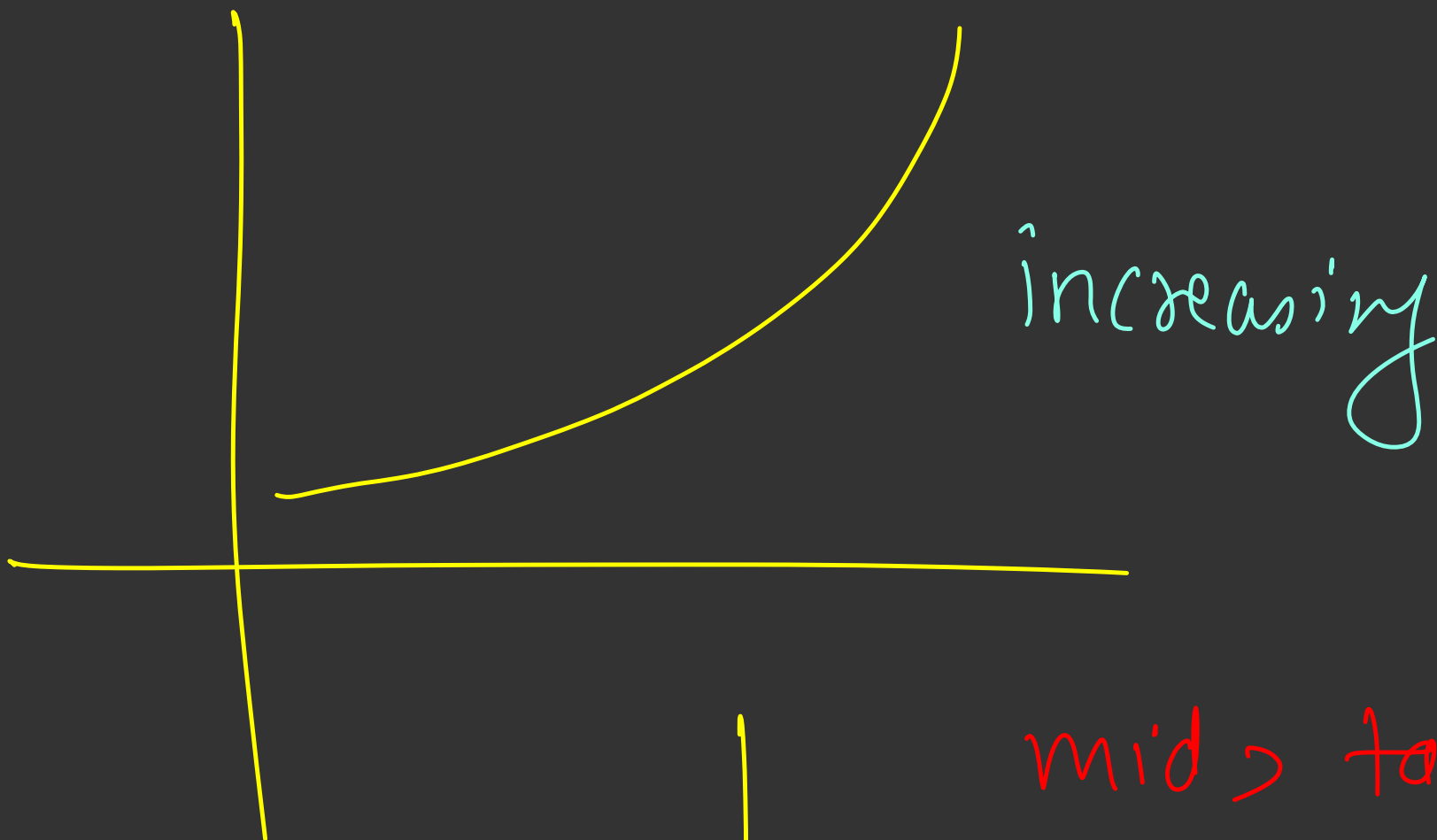
$$x_1 > x_2$$

$$f(x_1) > f(x_2)$$

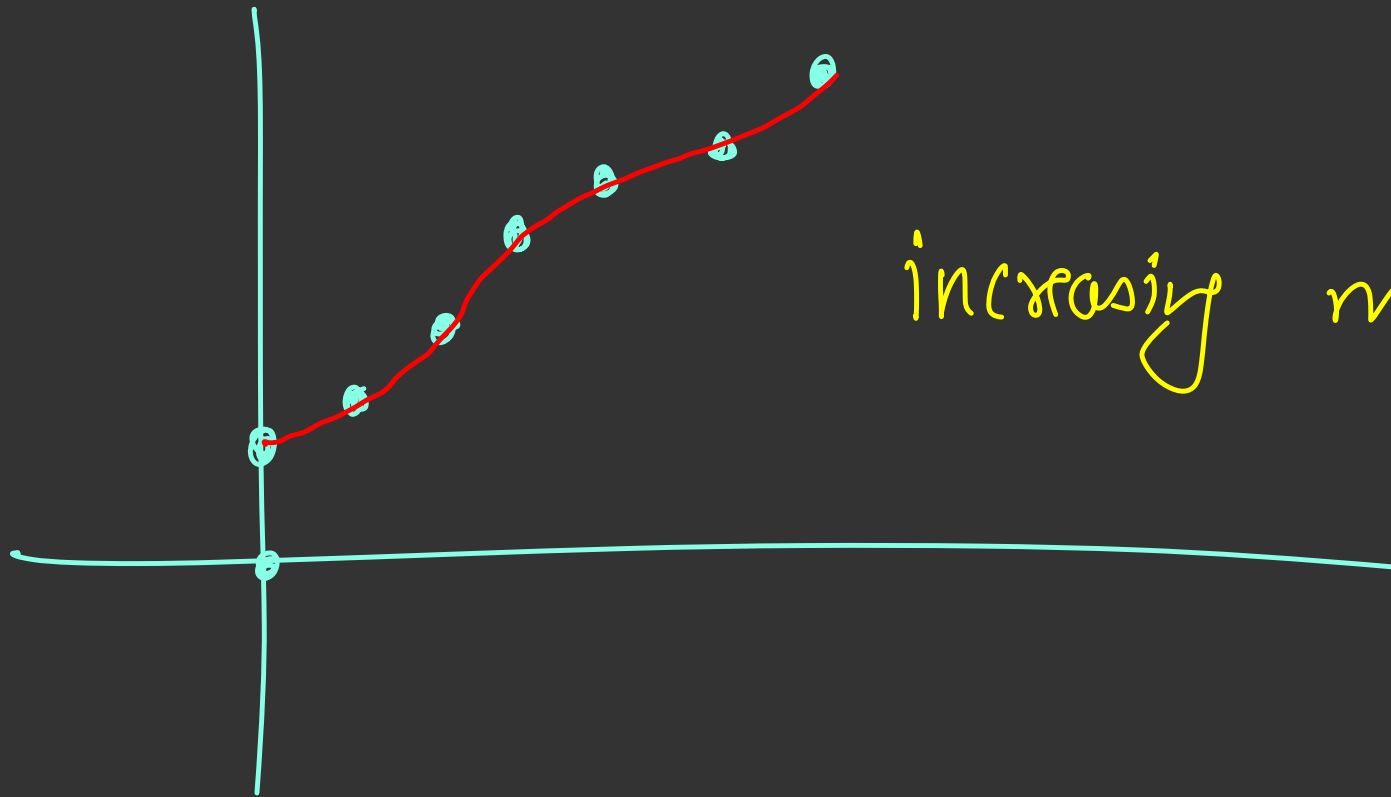
Non decreasing

$$x_1 > x_2$$

$$\underline{\underline{f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)}}$$



2 3 5 9 11 13 17



increasing monotonic

2

3

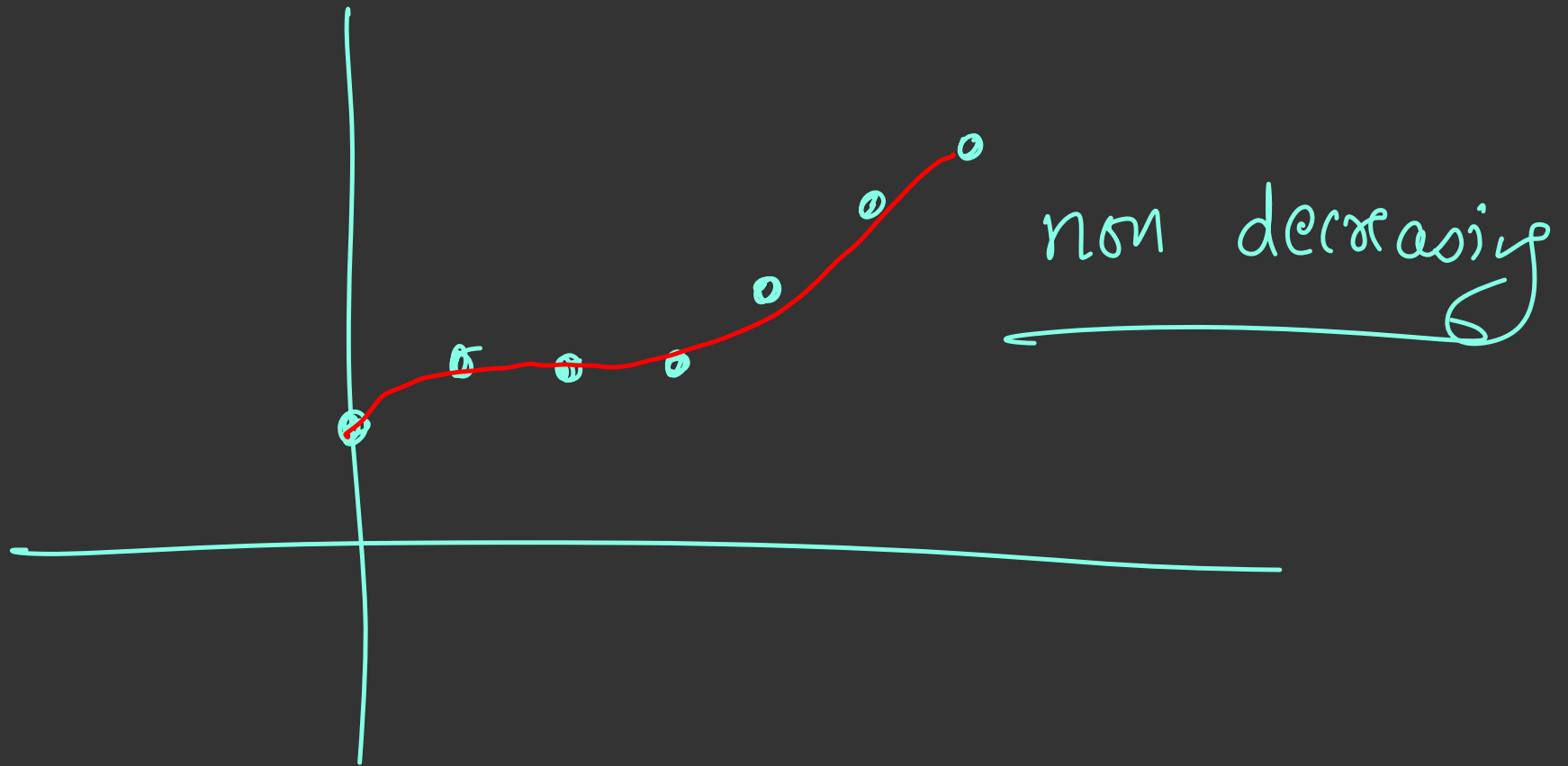
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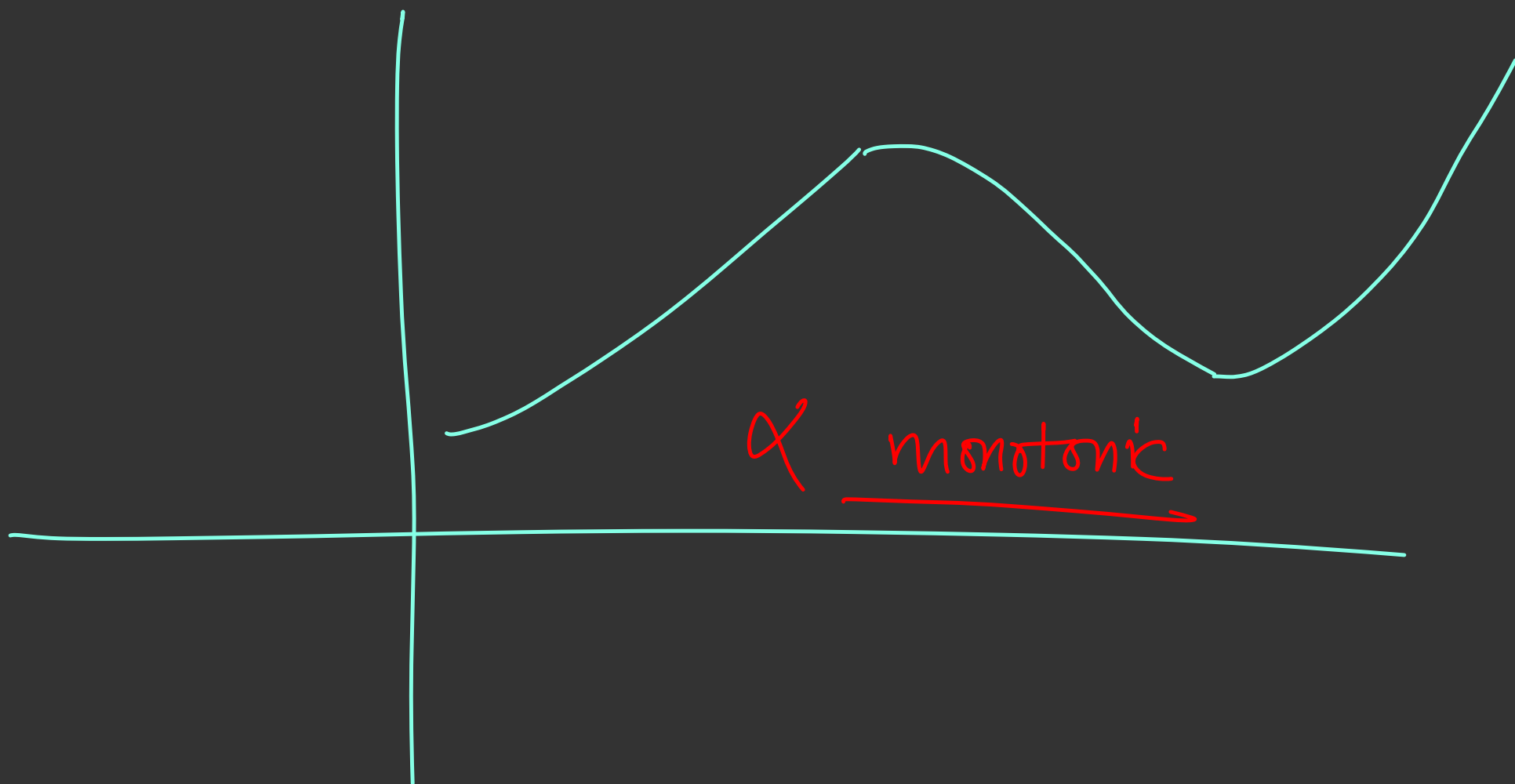
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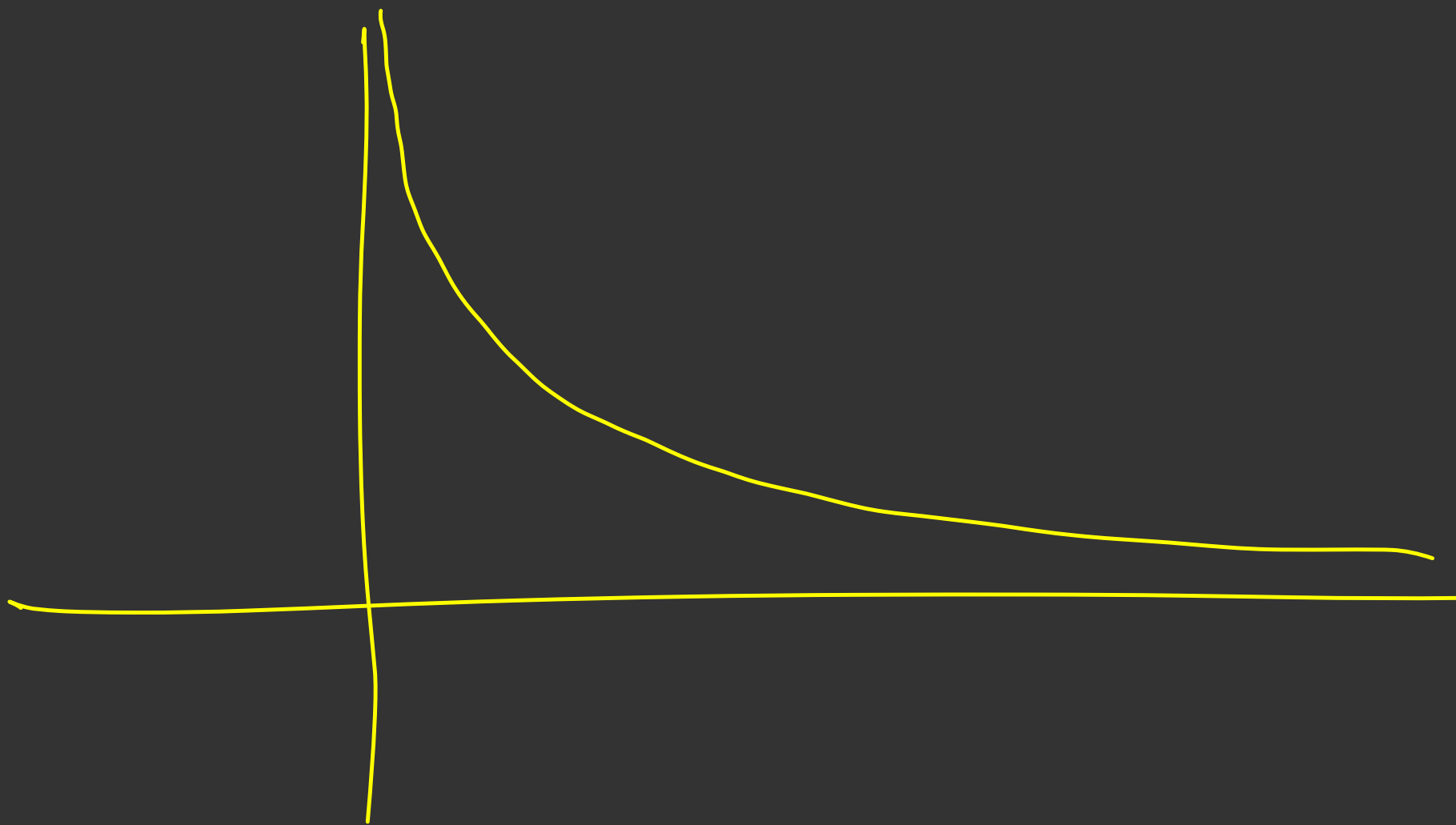
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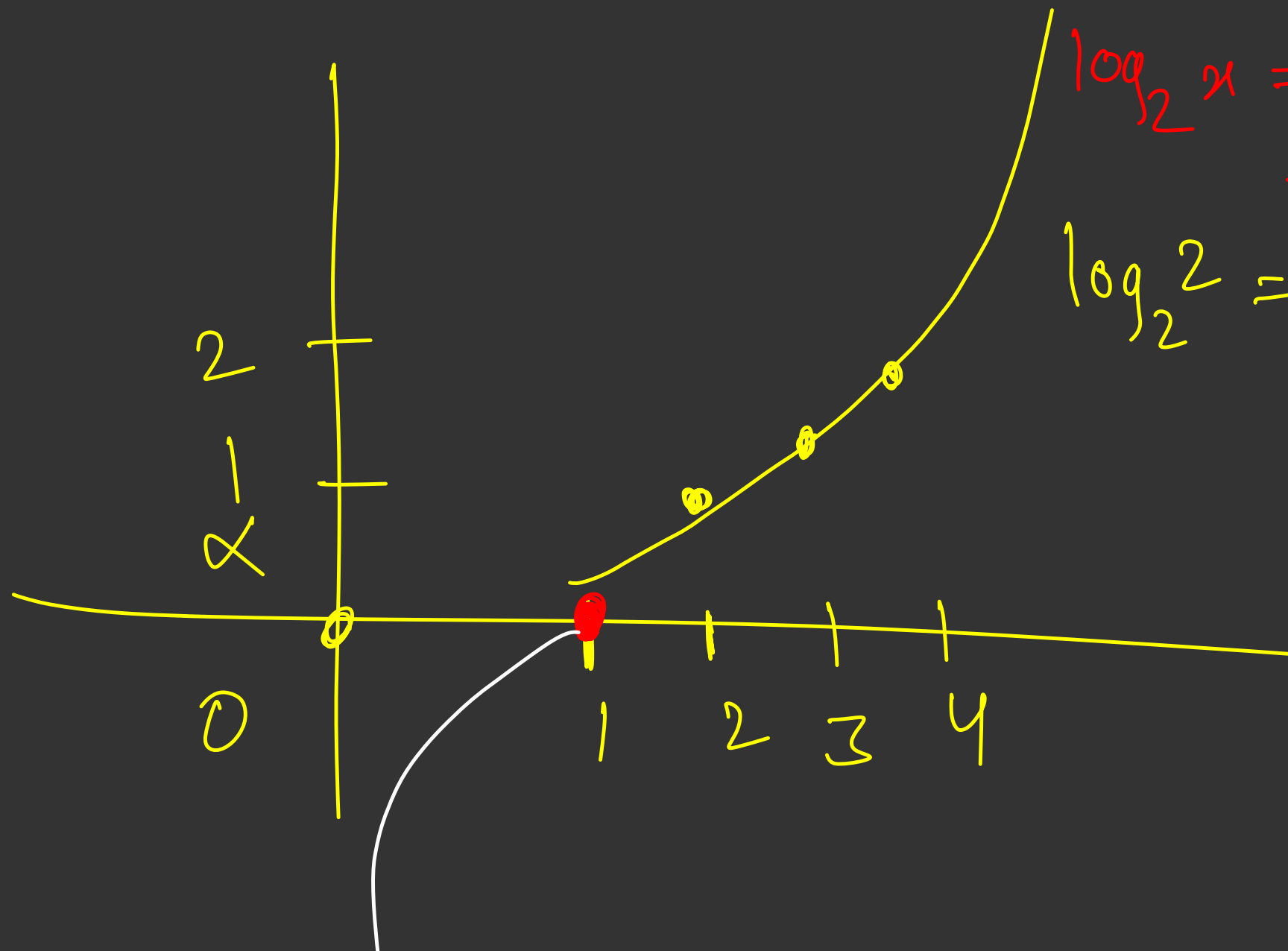




$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$



$$f(x) = \log_2 x$$



$$x = 1$$

$$\log_2 x = \log_2 1 = 0$$

$$\log_2 2 = 1$$

You want to cover 100km
of distance

In every second you cover
half of the remaining
distance

How much time to cover all
100km

lookm \longrightarrow 50

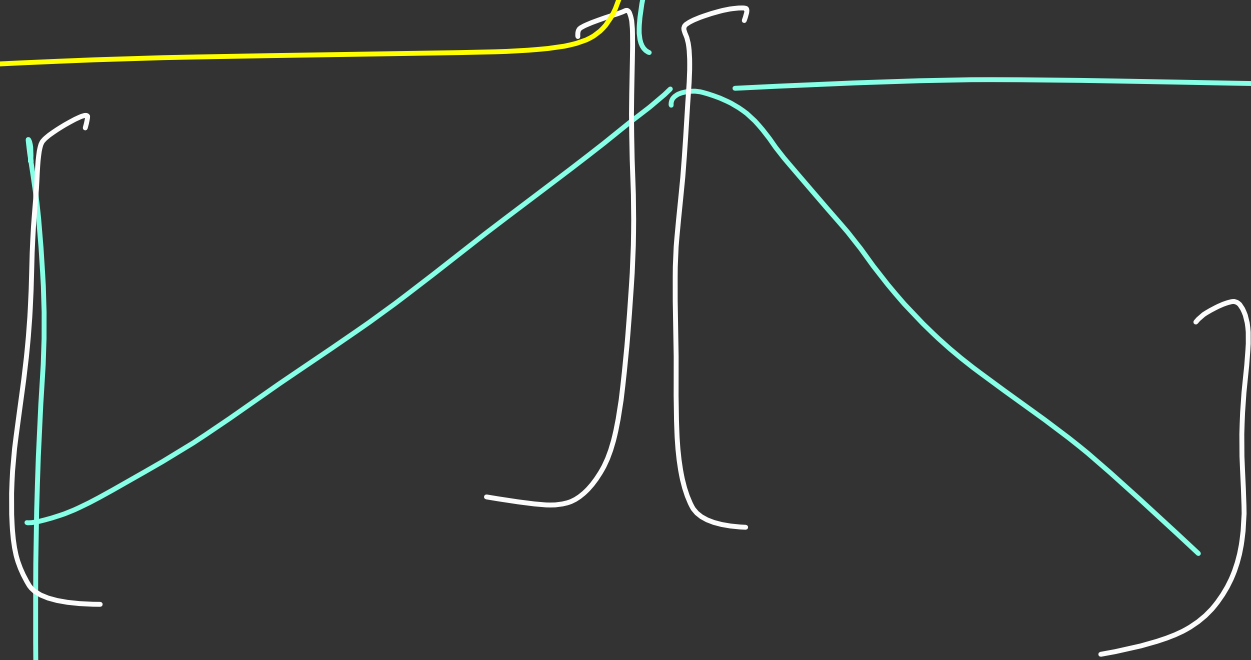
50 \longrightarrow 25

25 \longrightarrow 12.5

12.5 \longrightarrow 6.25

0.550001 \longrightarrow

1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1



$$\log n + \log n$$

$$2 \log n \rightarrow O(\log n)$$

Binary Search Revision



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

1	2	3	5	6	7	8	10	11	16	20
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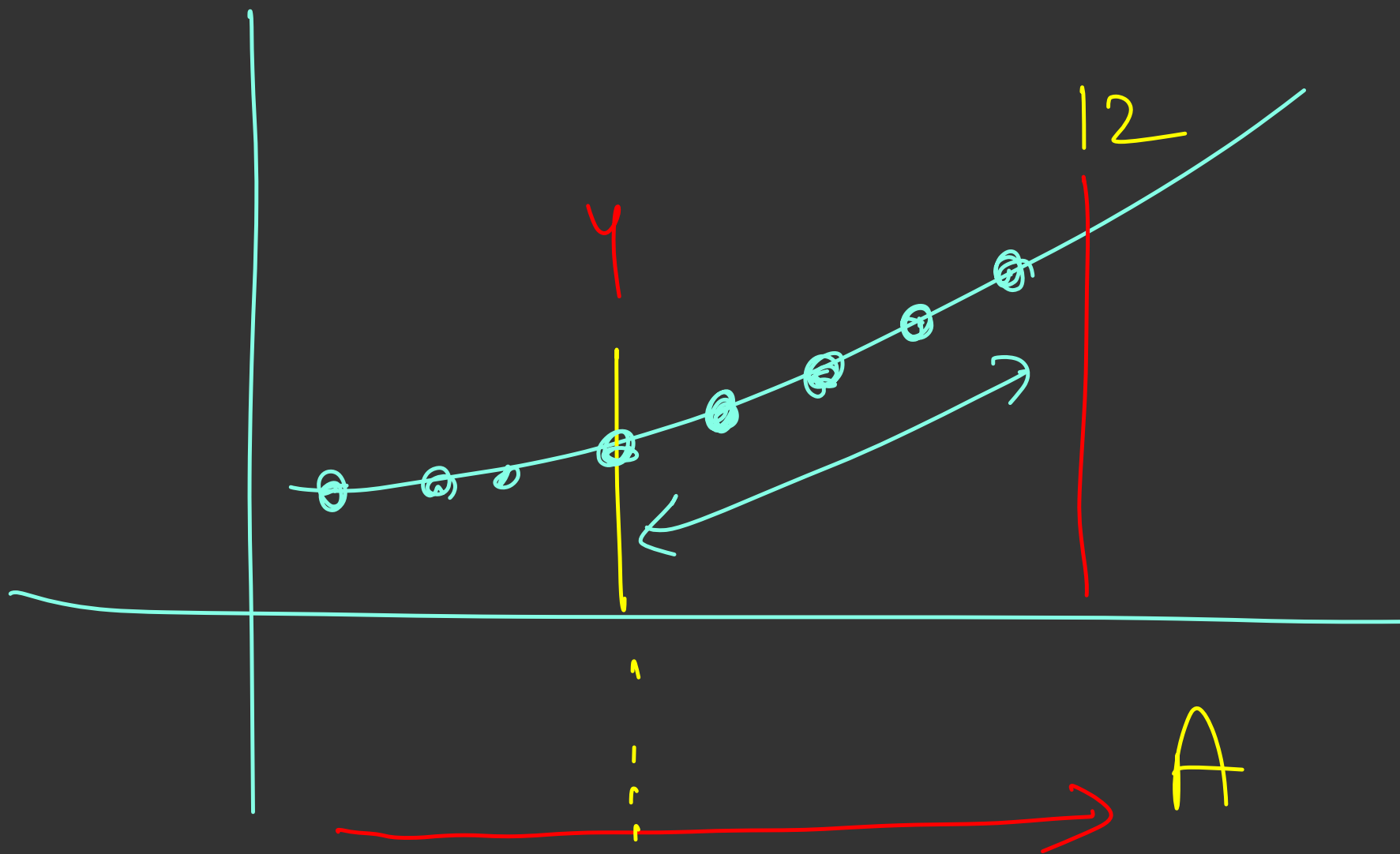
Ex: Number of Elements in the range 4 to 12 are 6

$4 \leq arr[i] \leq 12$
how many such 'i' exist

$$\boxed{A} = \text{no. of elements} \leq 12$$

$$B = \text{no. of elements} < 4$$

$$A - B = \text{answer}$$



$$A - B = \text{answer}$$

find no. of elements in sorted

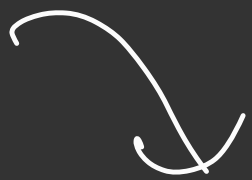
array $\leq X$

= index of the highest number

$\leq X$



≤ 12



1 2 3 5 6 7 8 10 11 16 20

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Considering 1 based indexing

$$\underline{\text{no. of elements}} \leq X$$

$$= \text{index of highest element} \leq X$$

Given a number x , find out
the index of the highest element
which is $\leq x$

ans = 7

1 2 4 6 9 [11 17] 19 22

$x = 18$

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

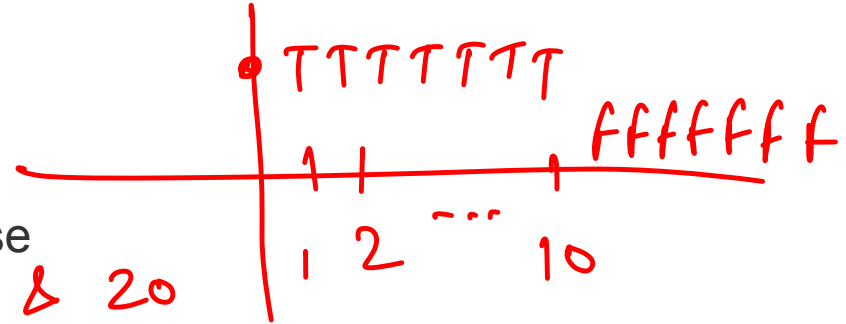
Predicate Functions

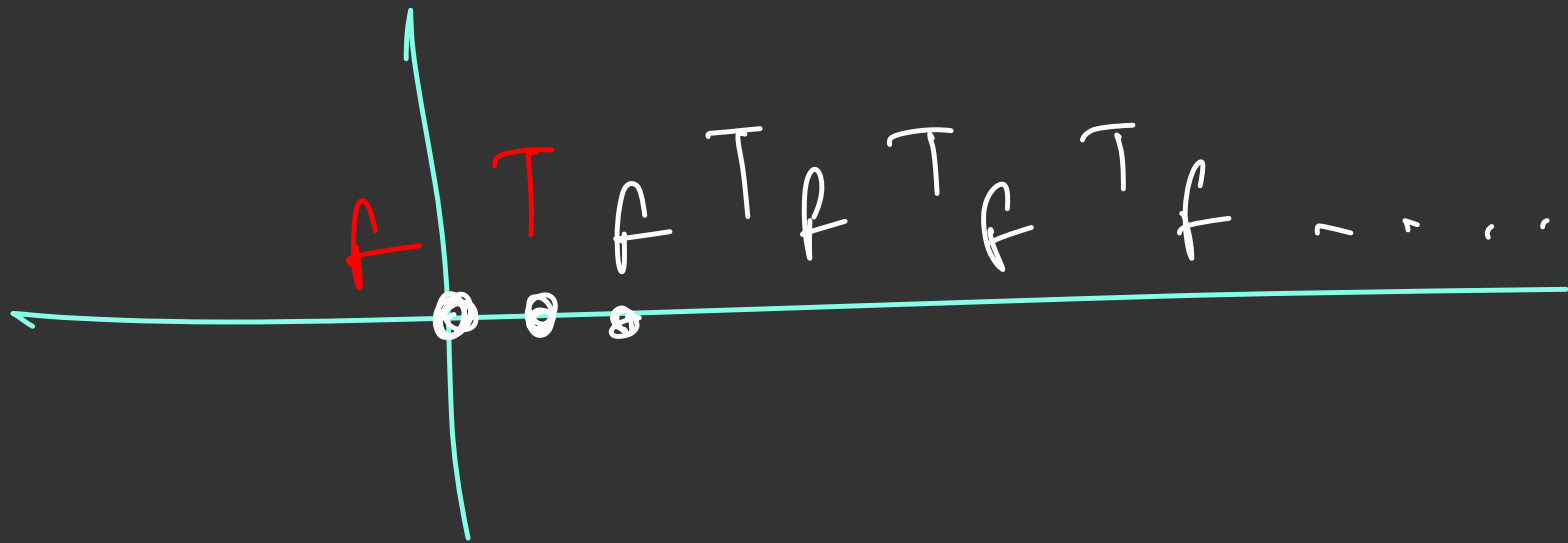
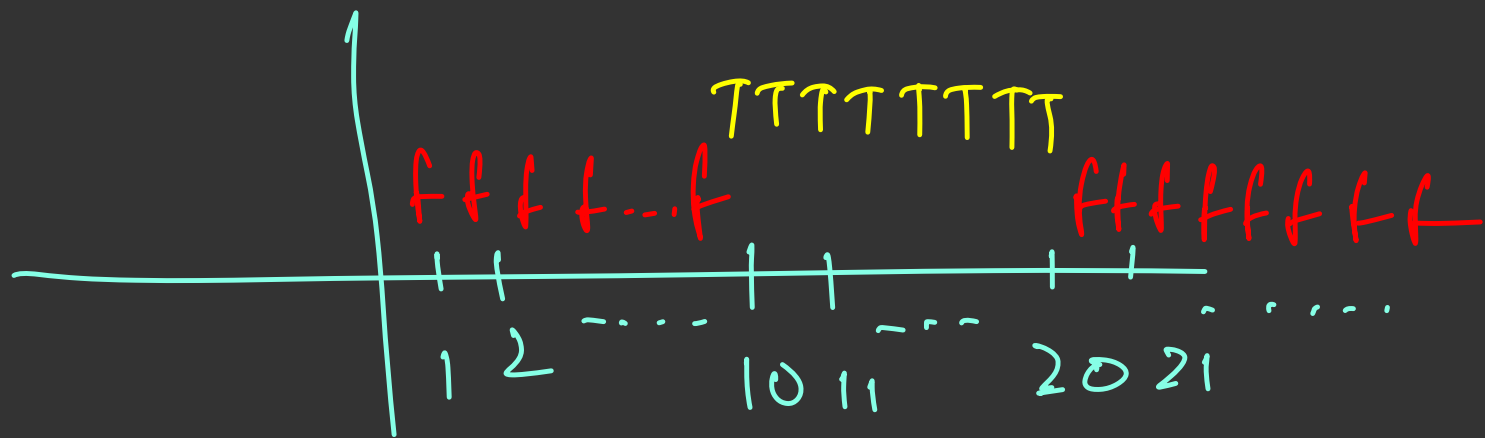


Functions that return a single TRUE or False for every input. You use predicate functions to check if your input meets some condition or not.

Examples:

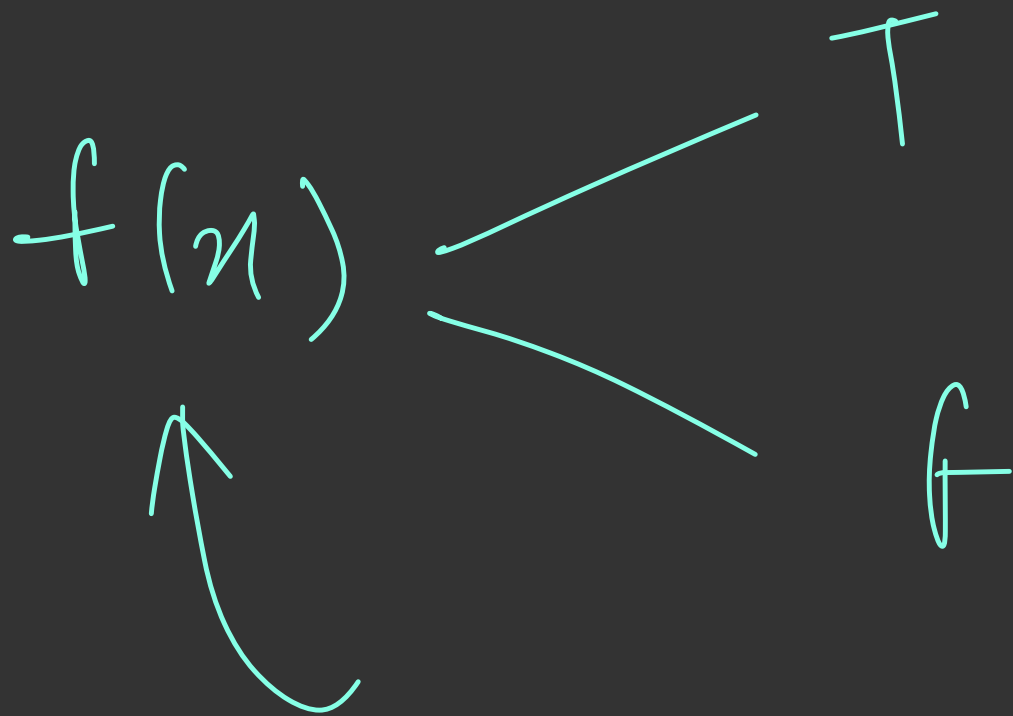
- $F(x) = \text{True if } x > 10 \text{ otherwise False}$
- $F(x) = \text{True if } x \text{ is between 10 \& 20 otherwise False}$
- $F(x) = \text{True if } x^2 \text{ is an odd number otherwise False}$





Square of an odd number = odd

Square of an even no = even



$$\underline{f(n) = n + 2}$$

Binary Searching on Answer



- Consider a predicate P defined over some ordered set S (the search space).
- The search space consists of candidate answers to the problem.
- We use the predicate to verify if a candidate answer is legal or not.

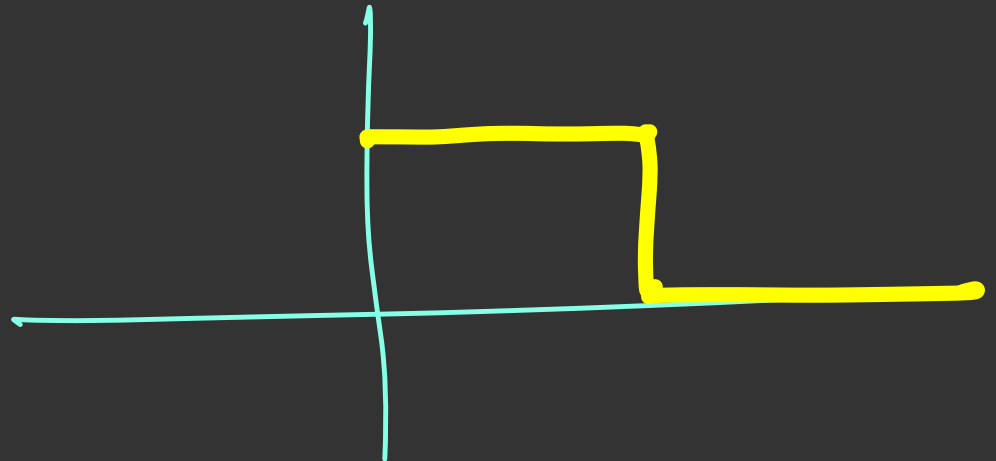
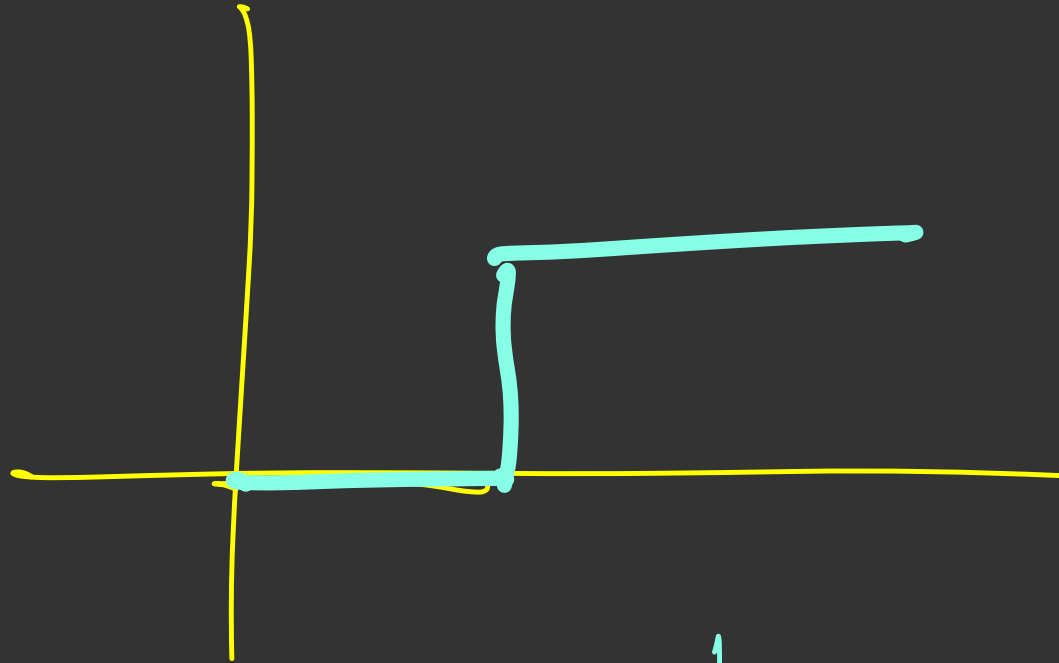
Example: We have the set of numbers $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

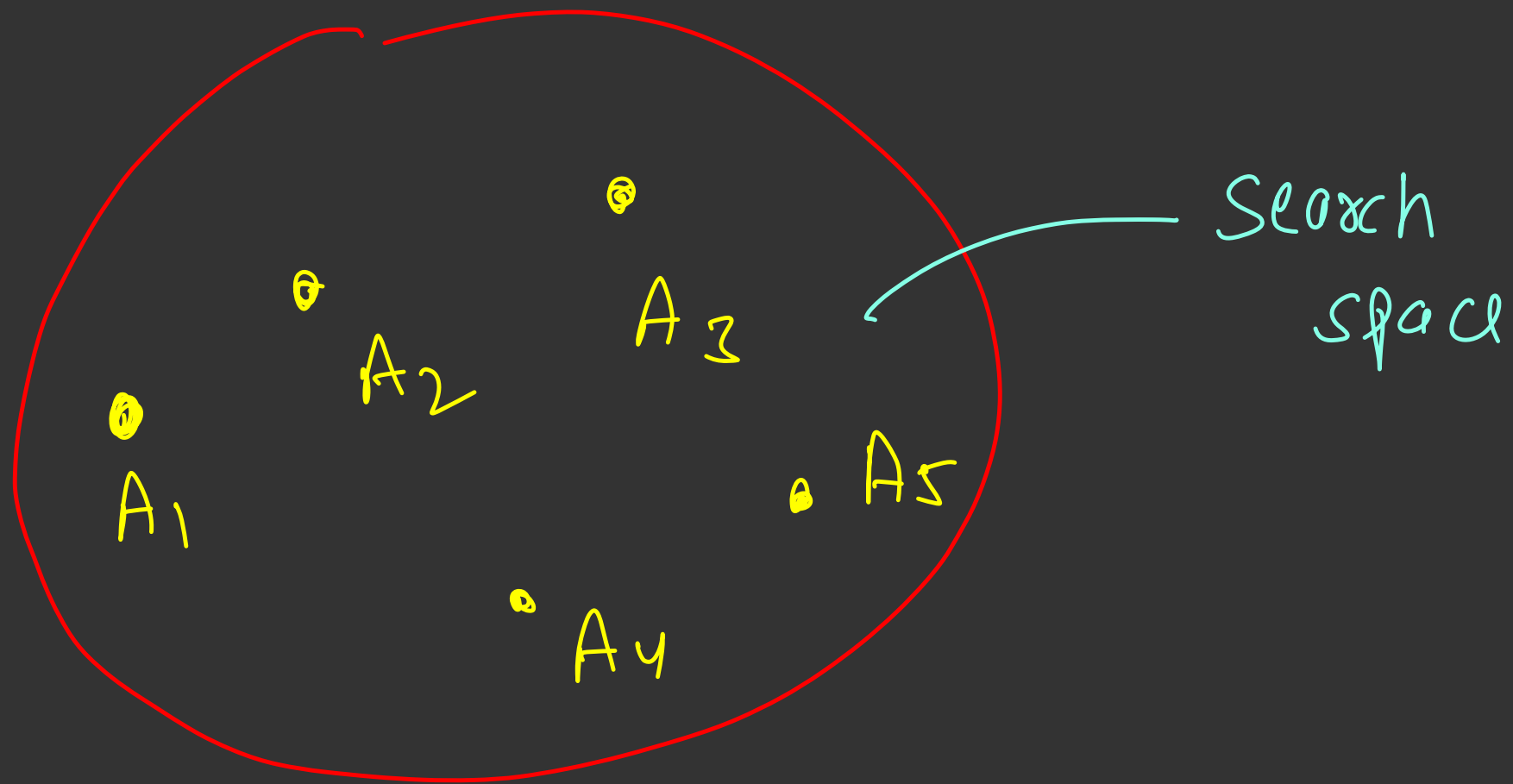
Our predicate function could be following:

- Return TRUE if the number is less than 3 and FALSE otherwise

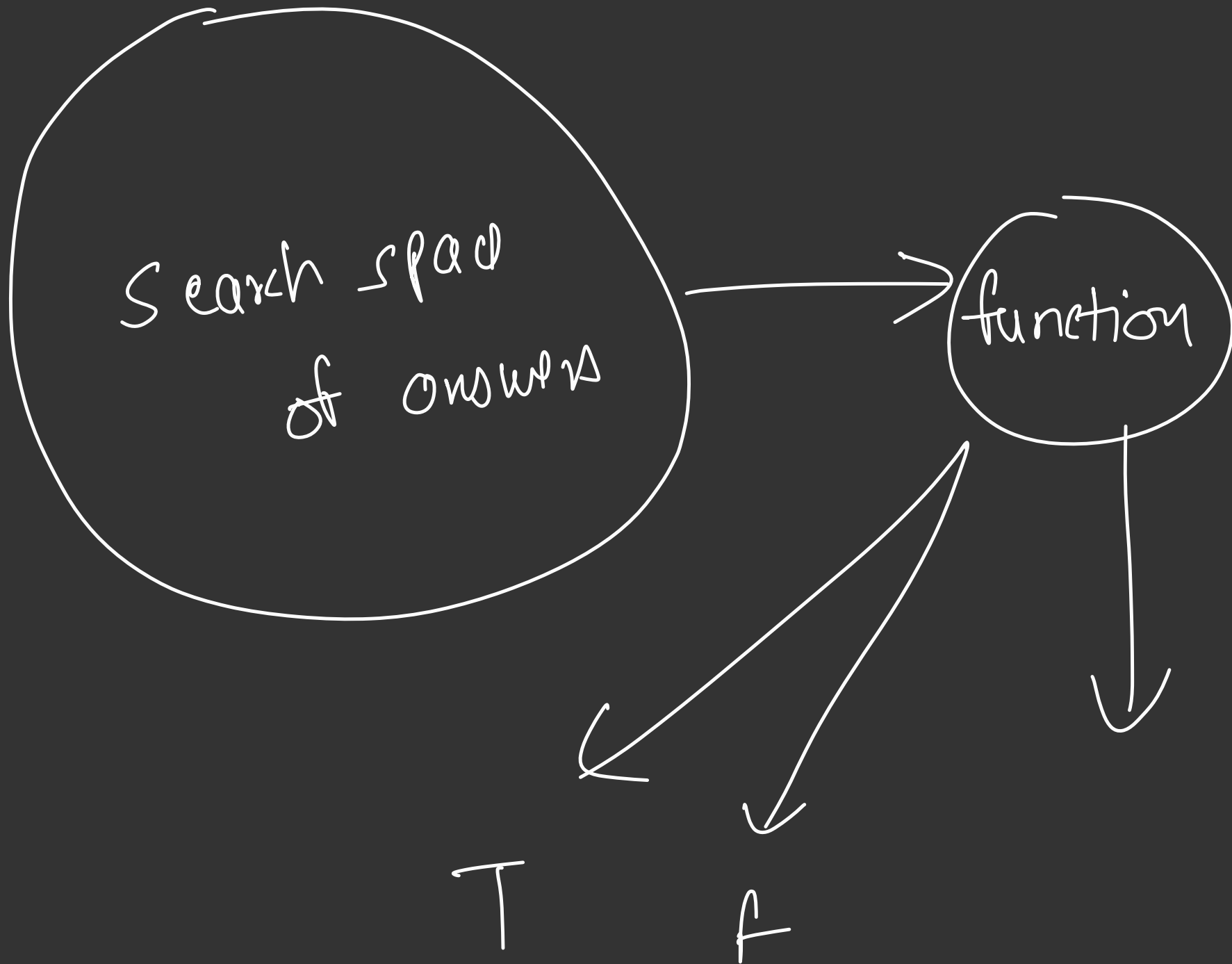


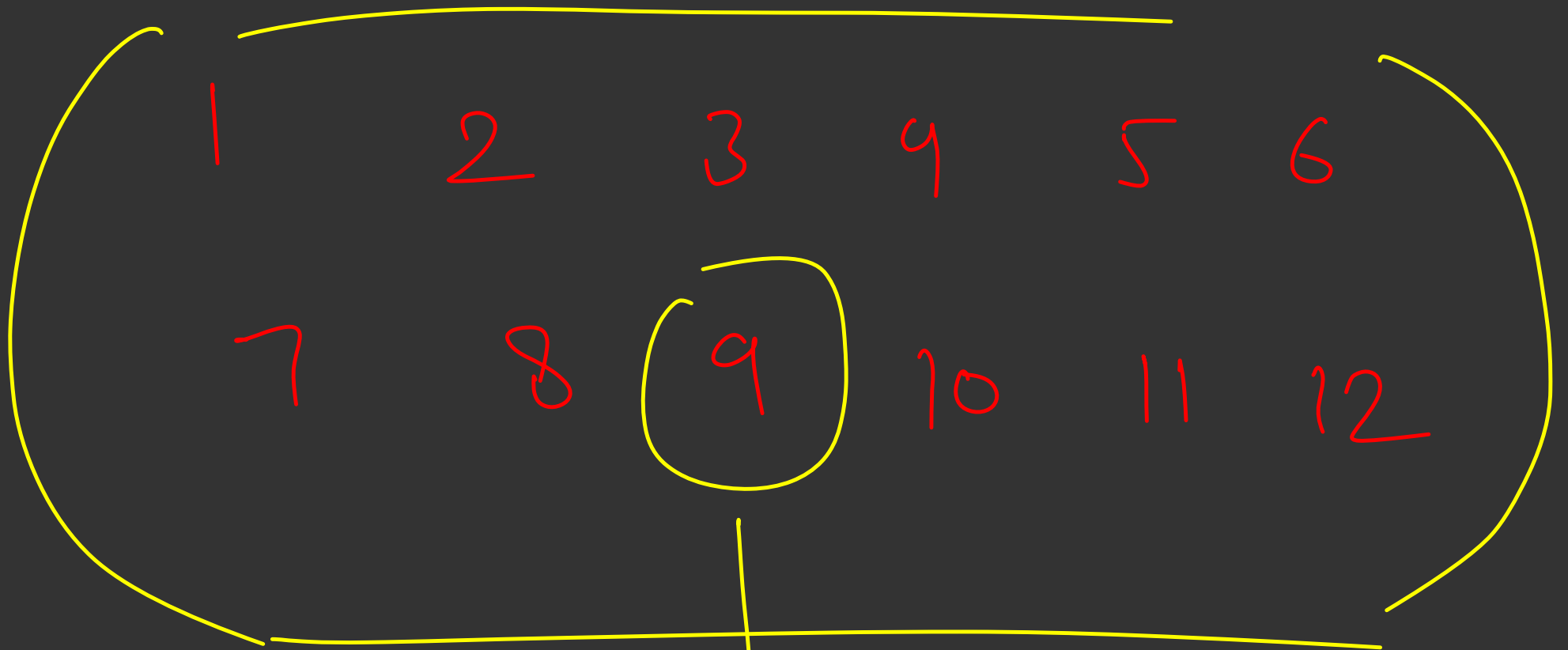
min possible answer





Given a task find out the
min employees needed to
complete the task





$f(9)$

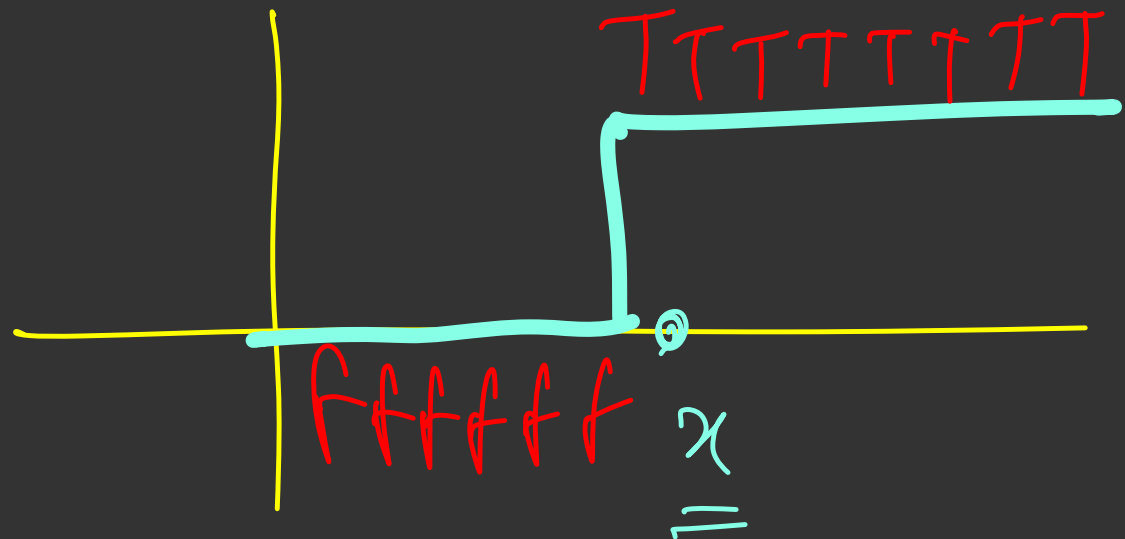
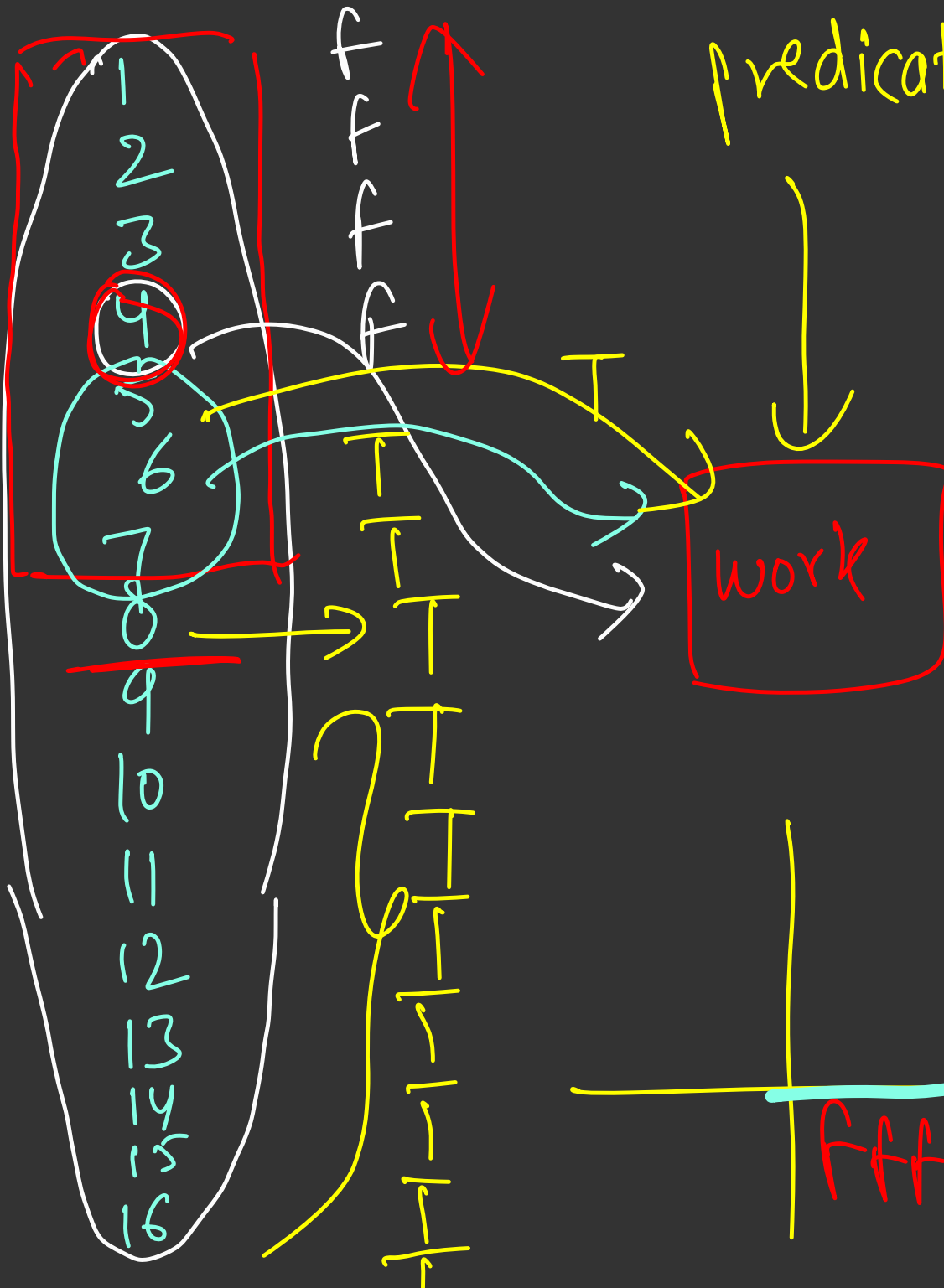
T

F

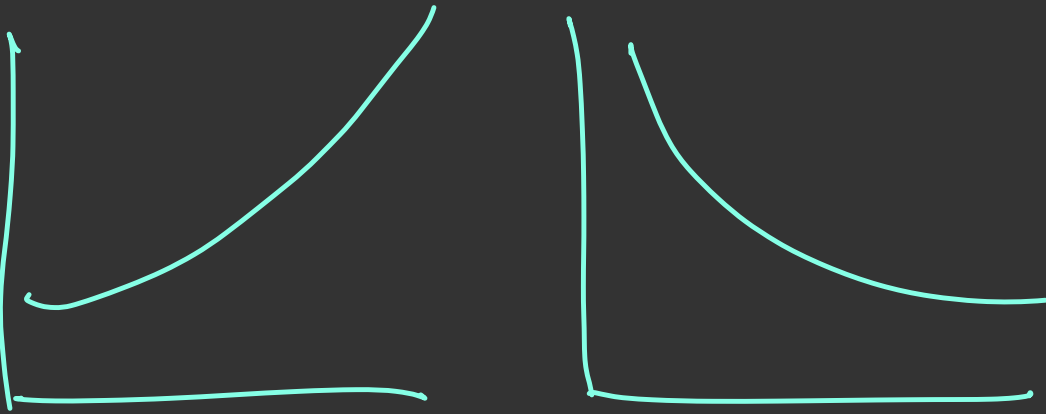
Task T \longrightarrow min no. of
employees required to
get it done = 5

16 employees

predicate function



monotonicity

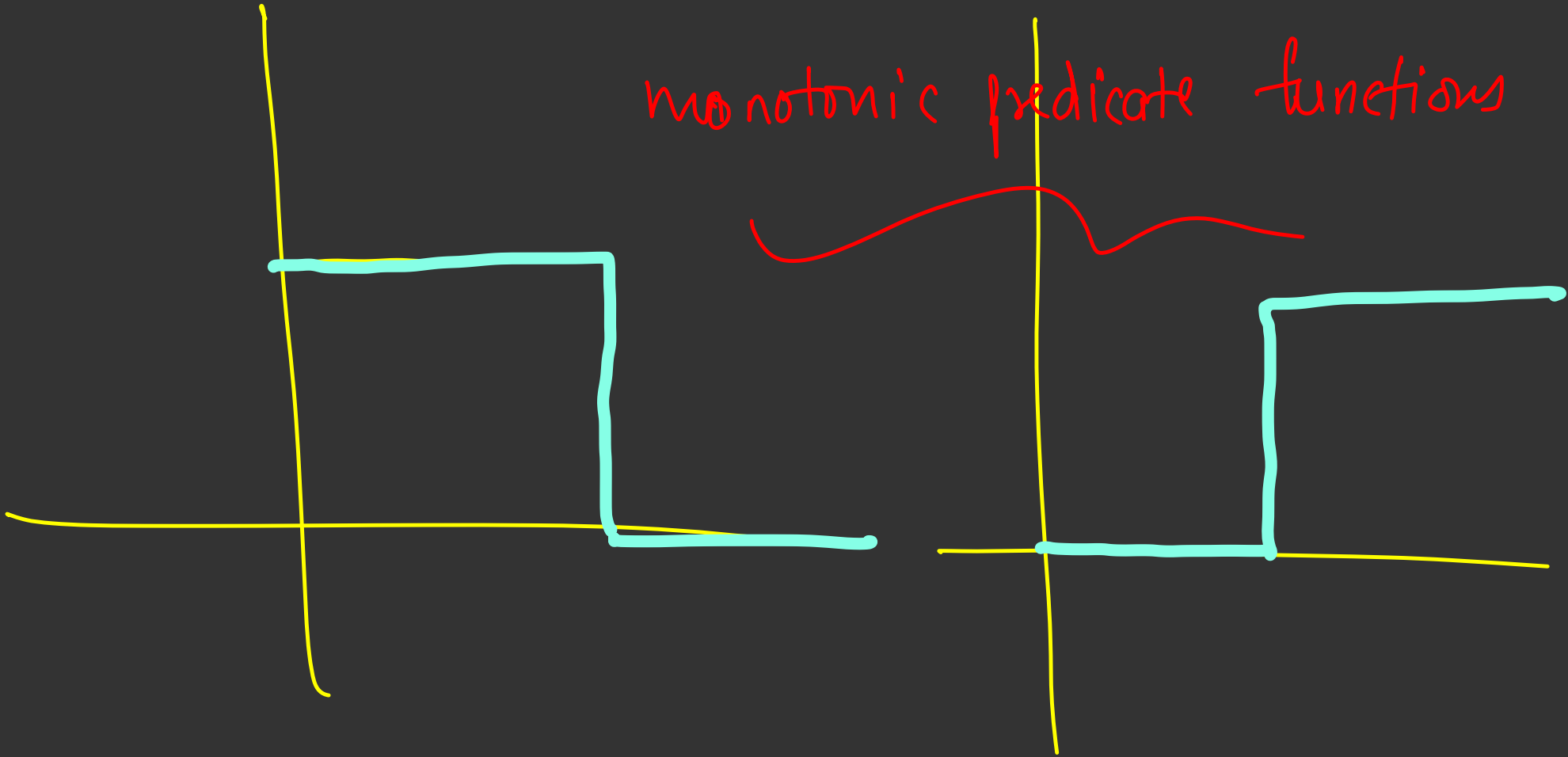


predicate function

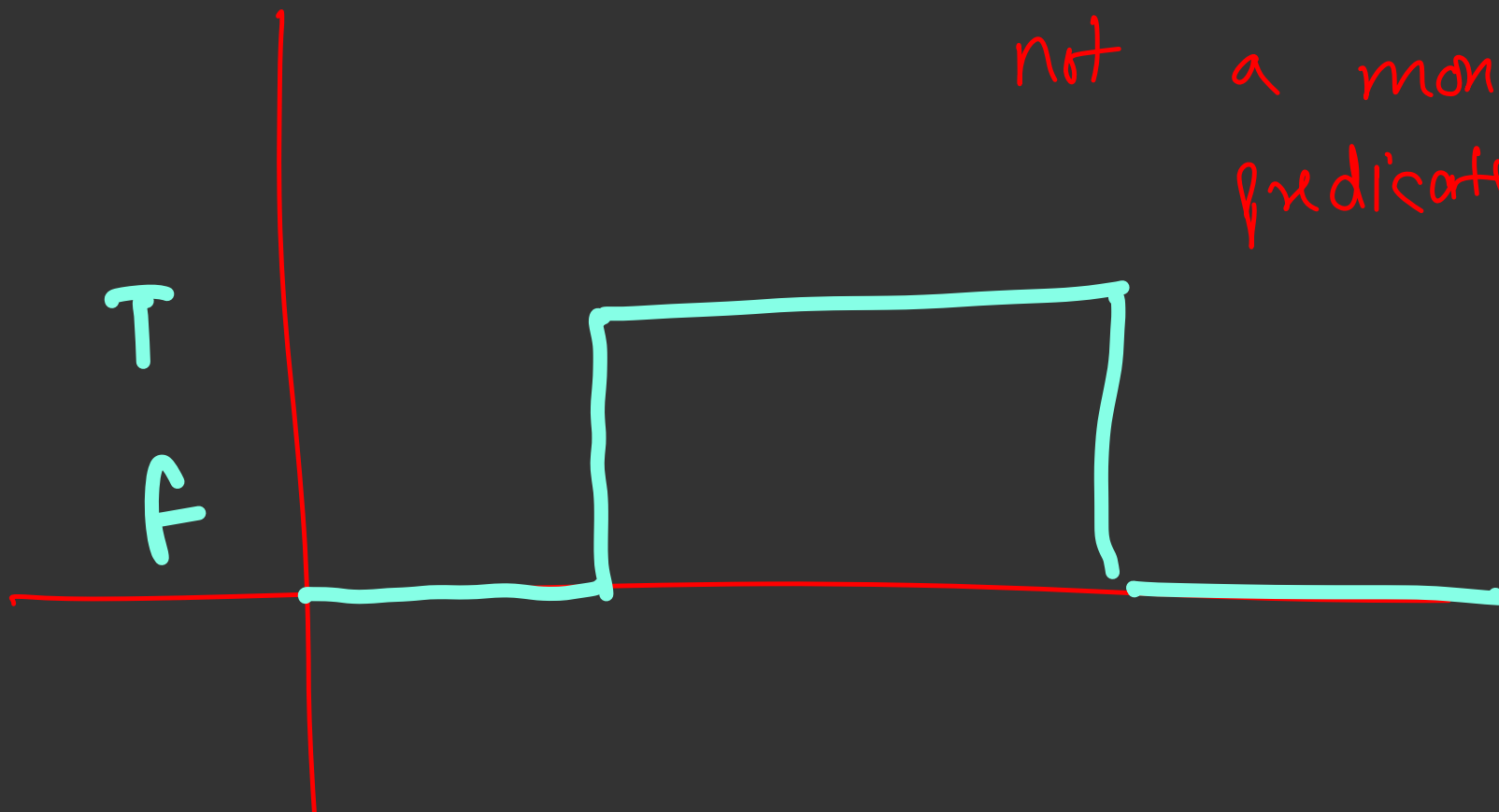


True = 1 , false = 0

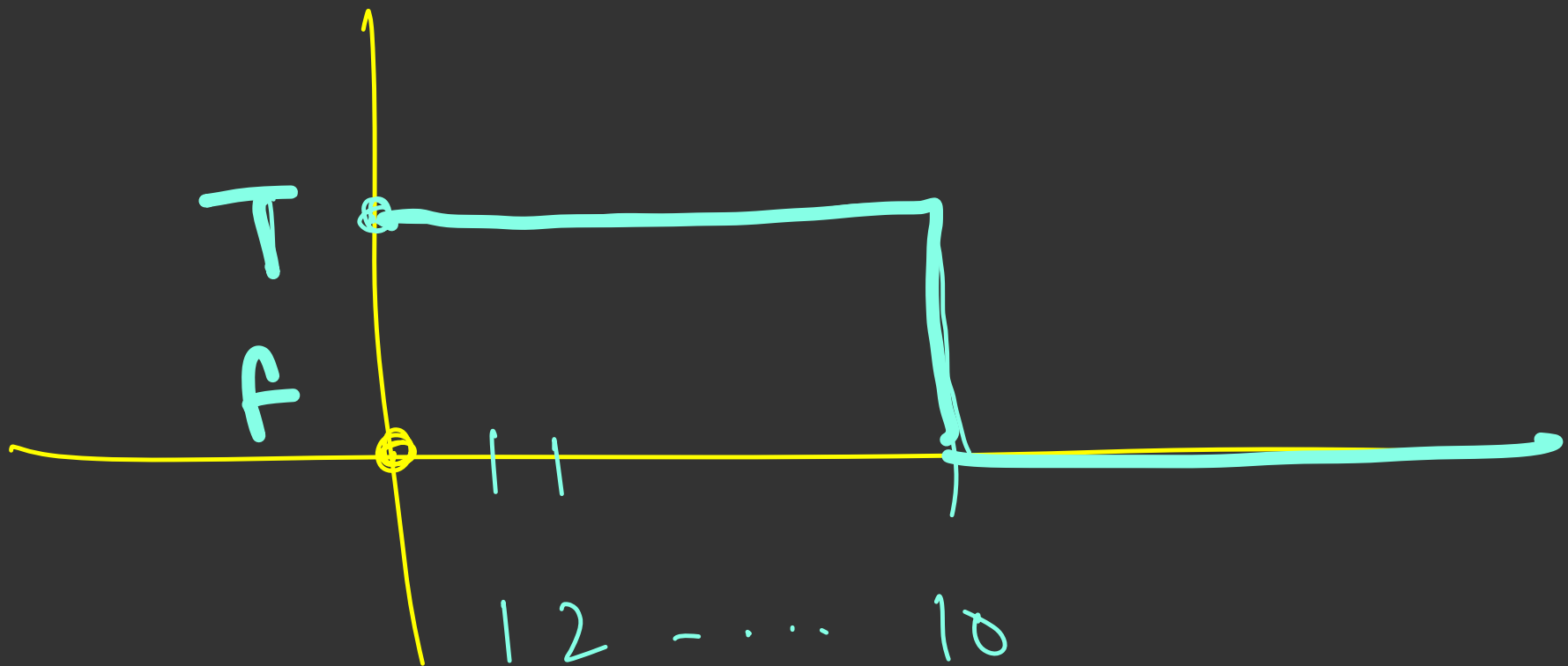
monotonic predicate functions



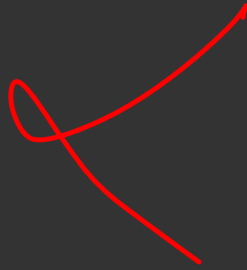
not a monotonic
predicate function

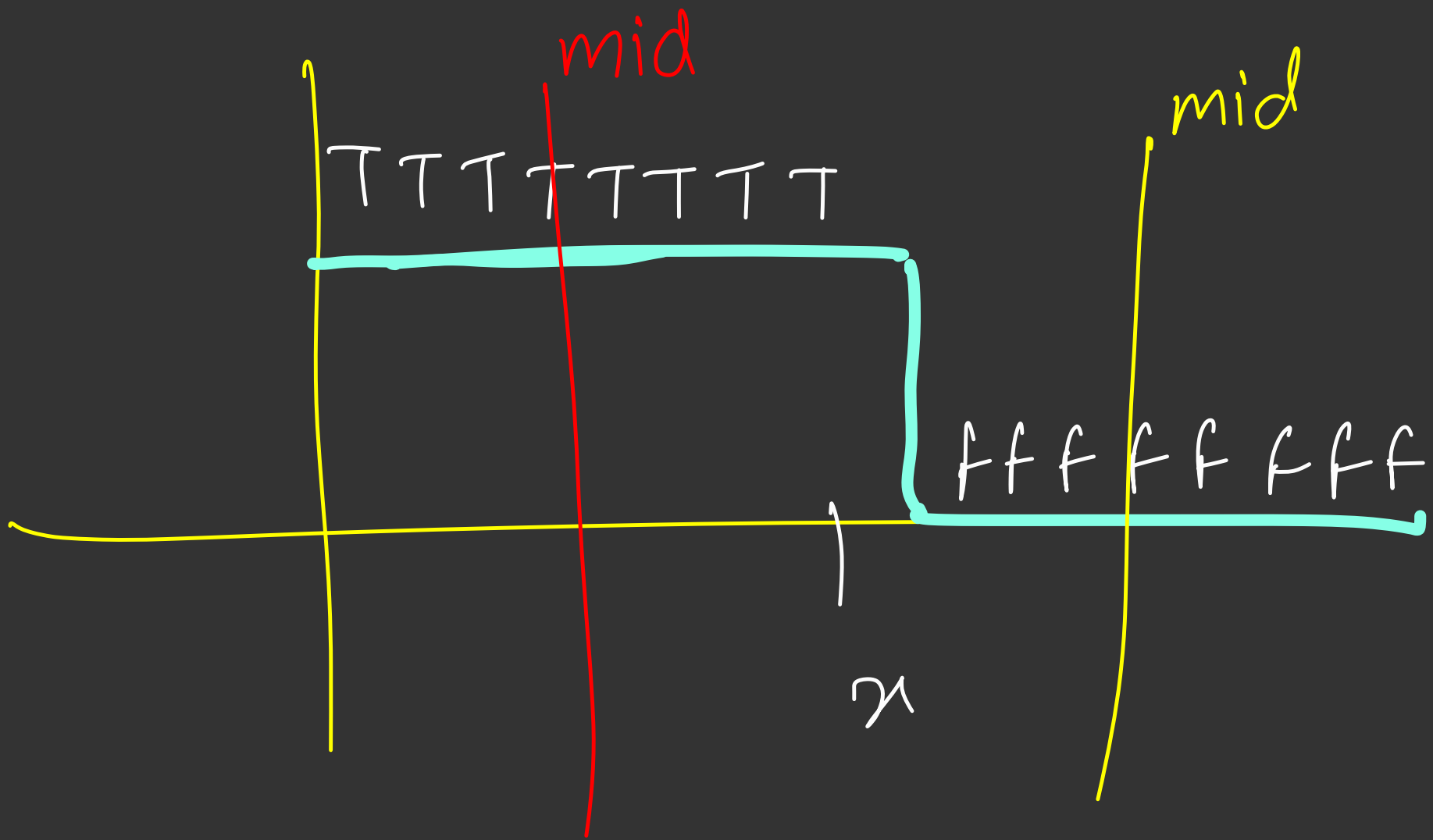


$f(x) = \text{True}$ if $x^2 \leq 100$
and false o/w



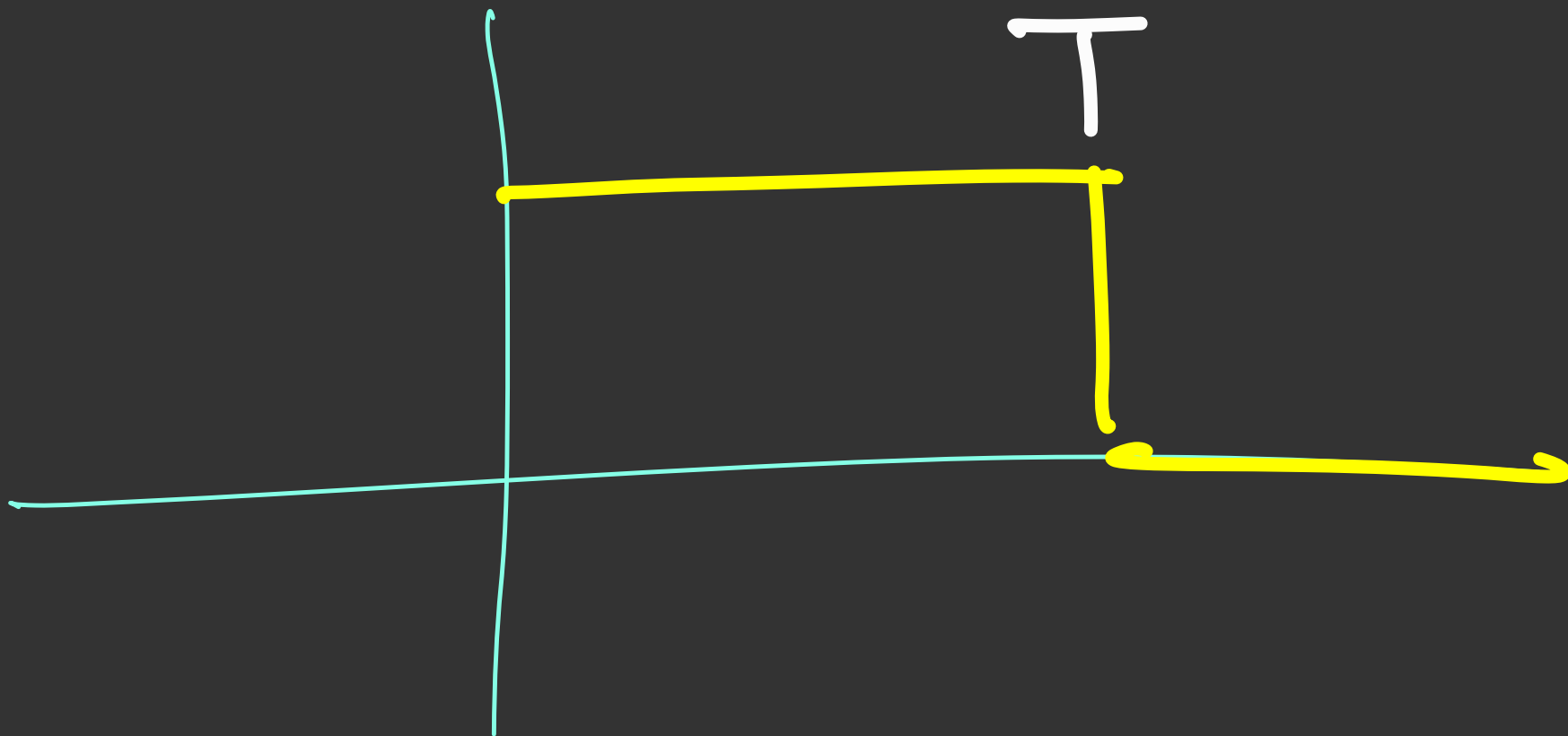
$f(x) = \text{True}$ if x is prime
and false o/w





no. of elements in array $\leq x$

\Rightarrow index of highest element $\leq x$



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]

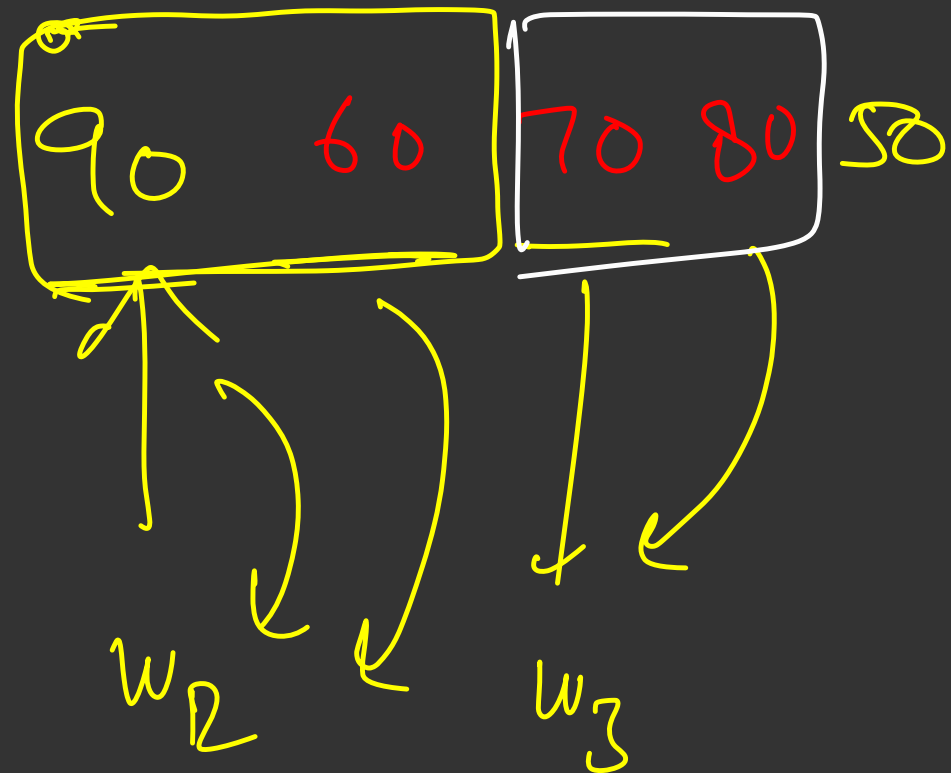
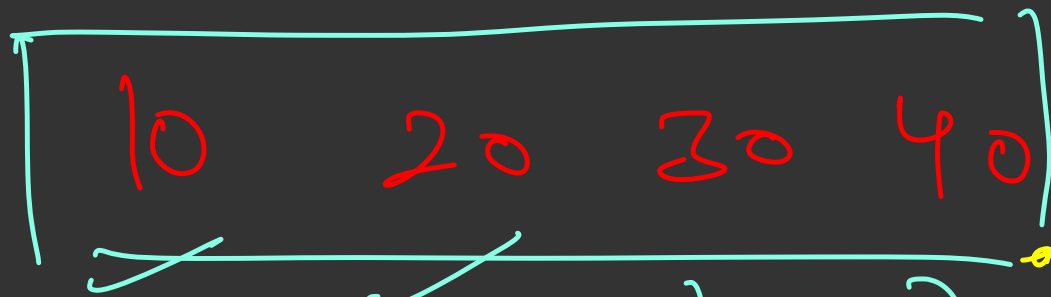
- Solution : 10 20 30 40 50 | 60 70 | 80 90

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?

let's assume the maximum work
that anybody has to do = 150

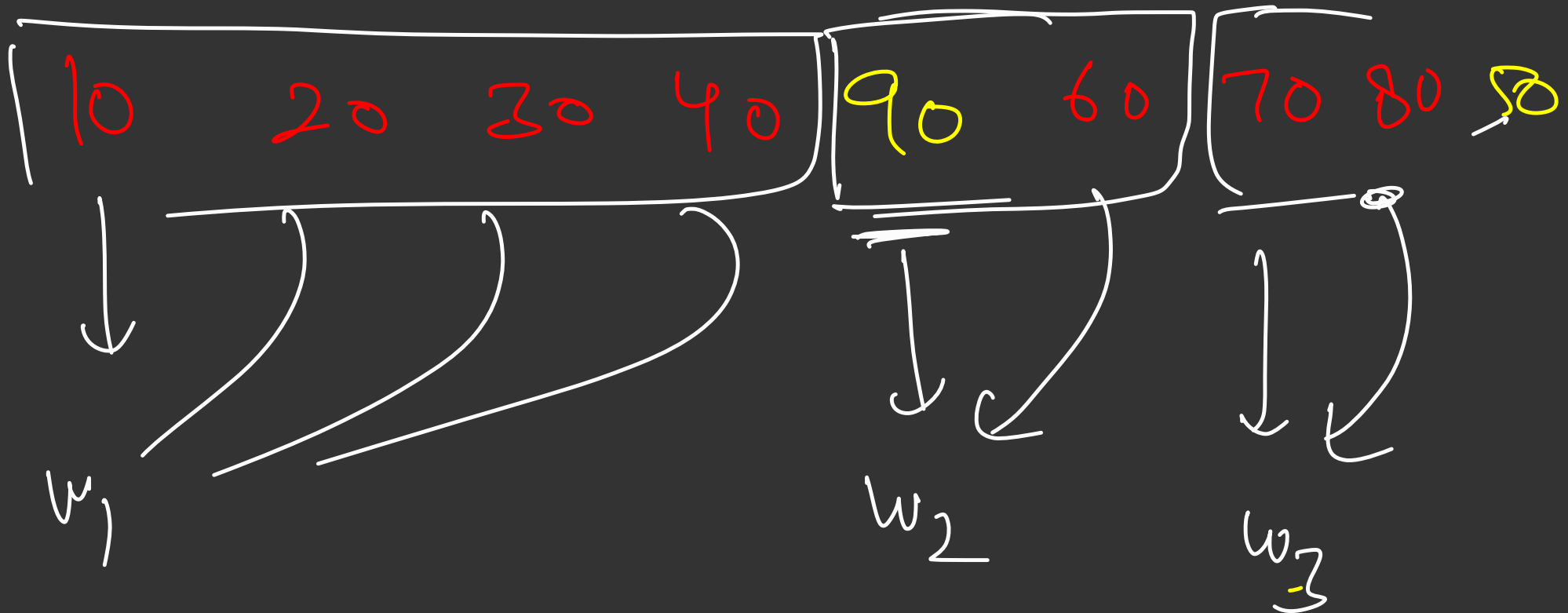
$$k = 3$$



let's assume the maximum work
that anybody has to do = 180

$$k = 3$$

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let's assume the maximum work

that anybody has to do ≈ 200

$$k = 3$$

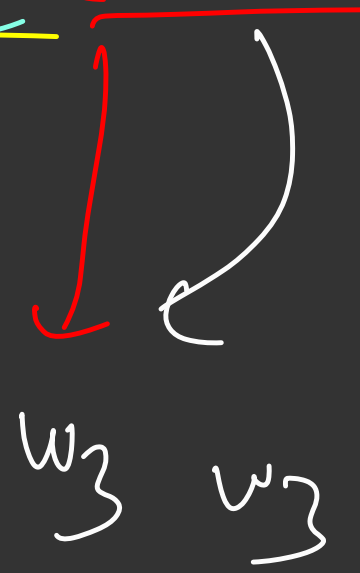
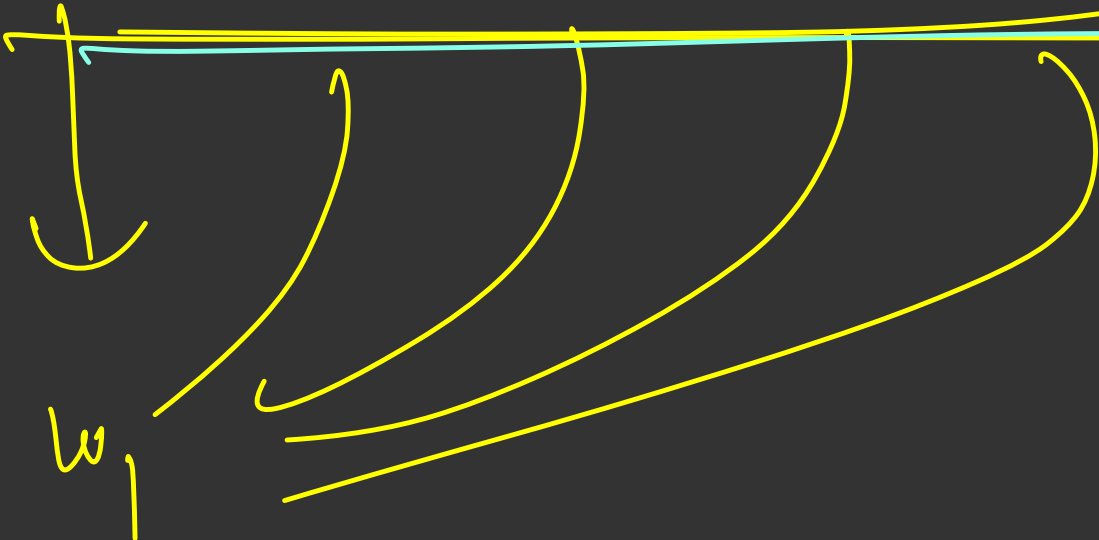
~~180~~

200 ✓

10 20 30 40 90

60 70

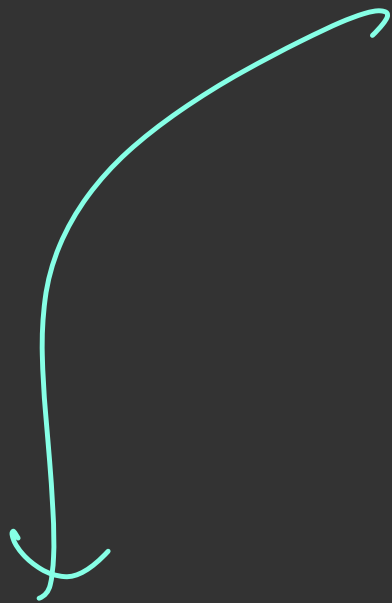
80 50



Time

Complexity for Binary

Searching problems



$O(\log_{\text{search space}} \times \text{Time to test 1 candidate})$

$$O\left(\log(\text{sum of all elements}) \times O(n)\right)$$

Sum of all elements — max in the

10 20 40 90 80 array

min → max of array

max \rightarrow sum of all elements

