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**BST Application**

**Interval Tree**

Your instinct, rather than precision stabbing, is more about just random bludgeoning.

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# Stabbing Query

- ❖ Given a set of intervals in general position on the **x**-axis:

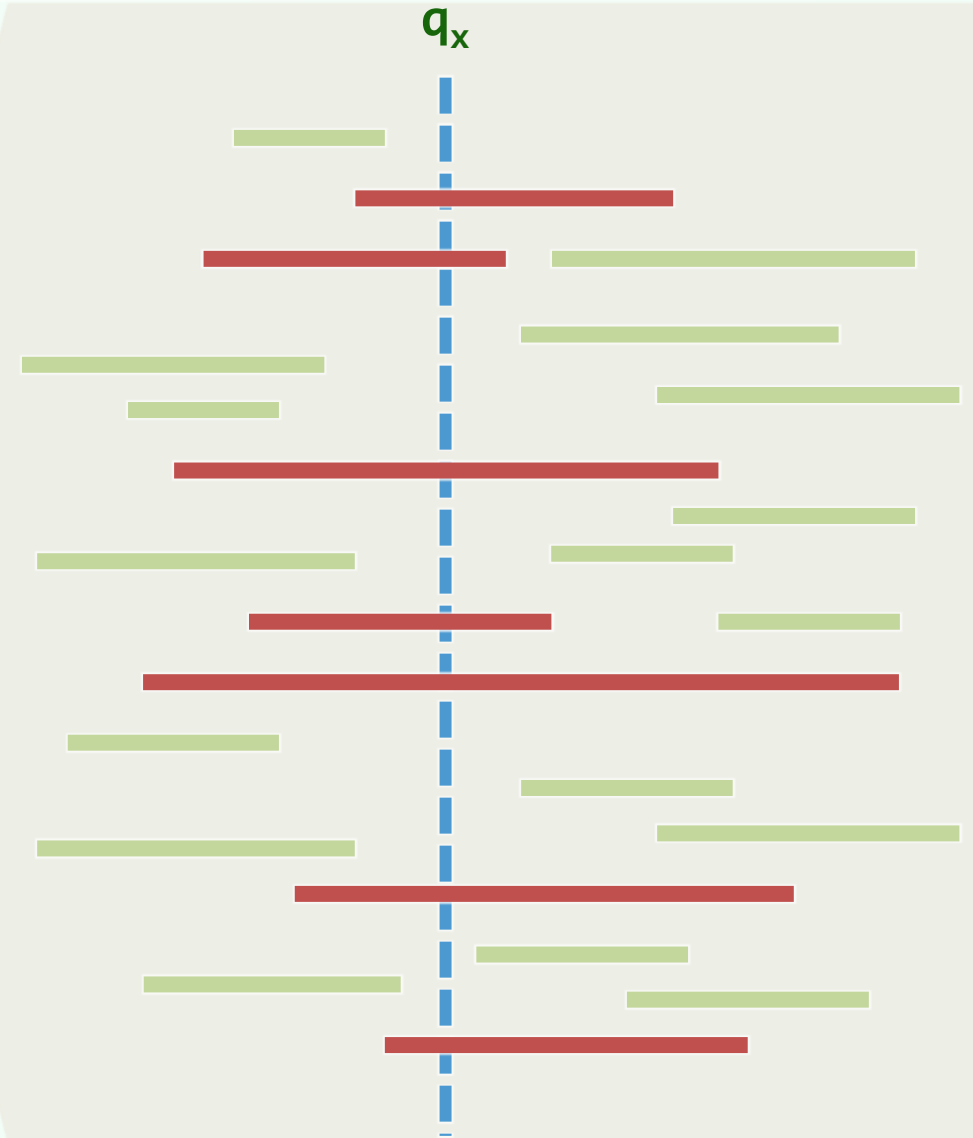
$$S = \{s_i = [x_i, x'_i] \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

and a query point  $q_x$

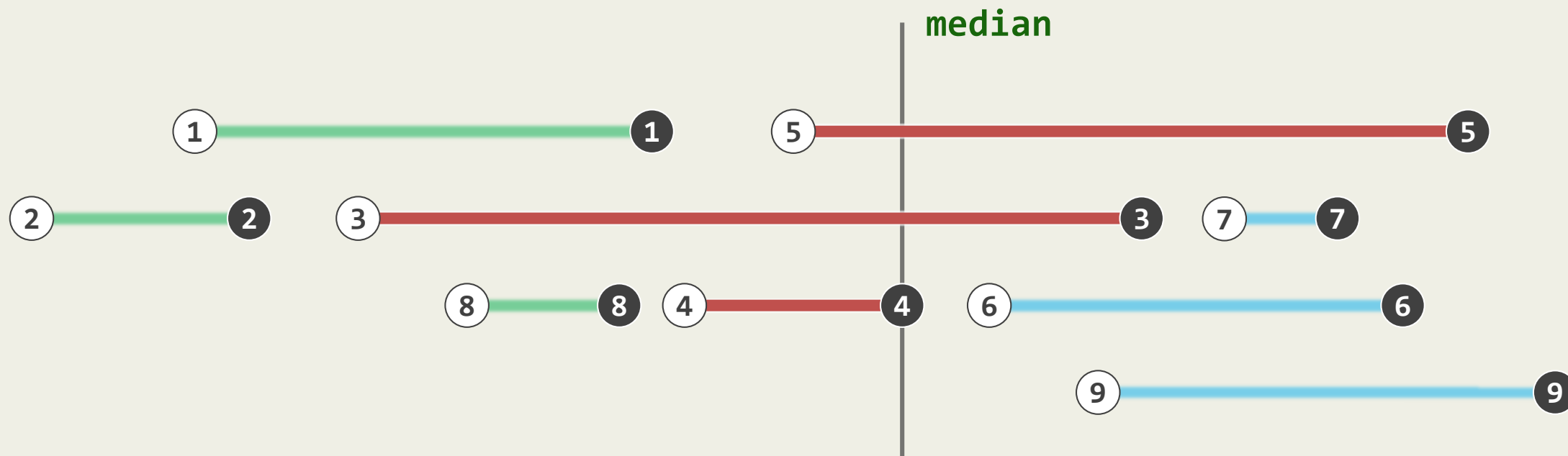
- ❖ Find all intervals that contain  $q_x$

$$\{s_i = [x_i, x'_i] \mid x_i \leq q_x \leq x'_i\}$$

- ❖ To solve this query,  
we will use the so-called interval tree ...



# Median

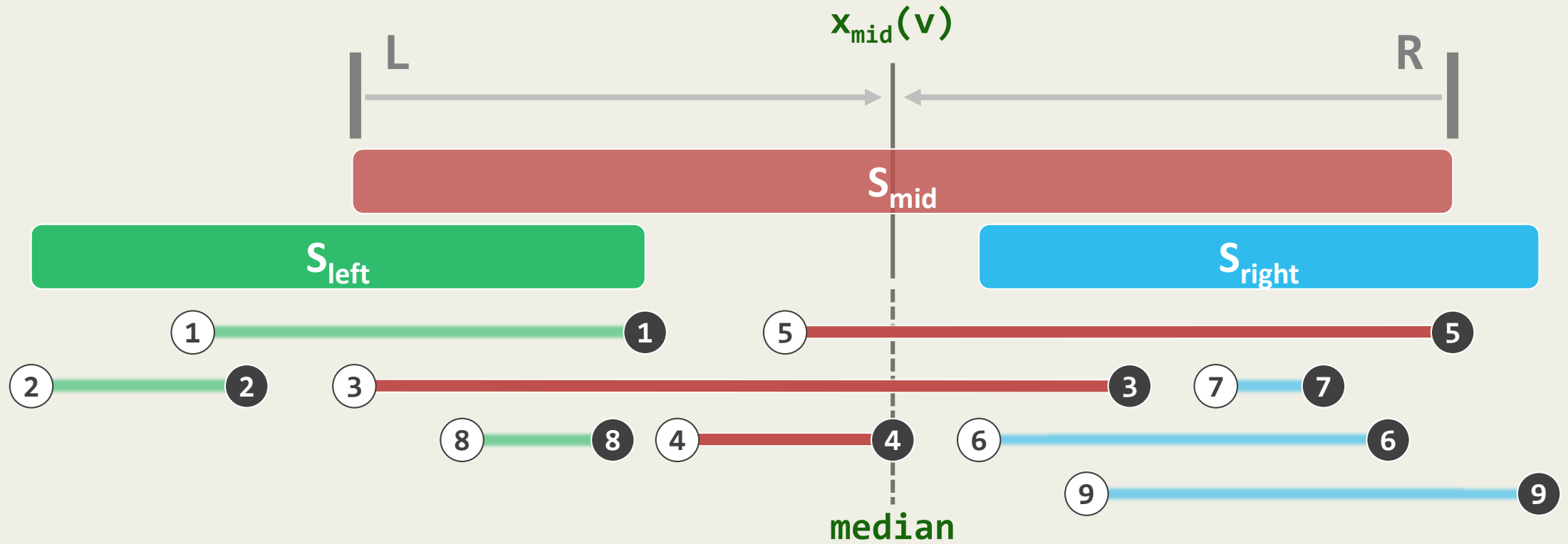


❖ Let  $P = \partial S$  be the set of all endpoints

( By general position assumption,  $|P| = 2n$  )

❖ Let  $x_{mid} = median(P)$  be the median of P

# Partitioning



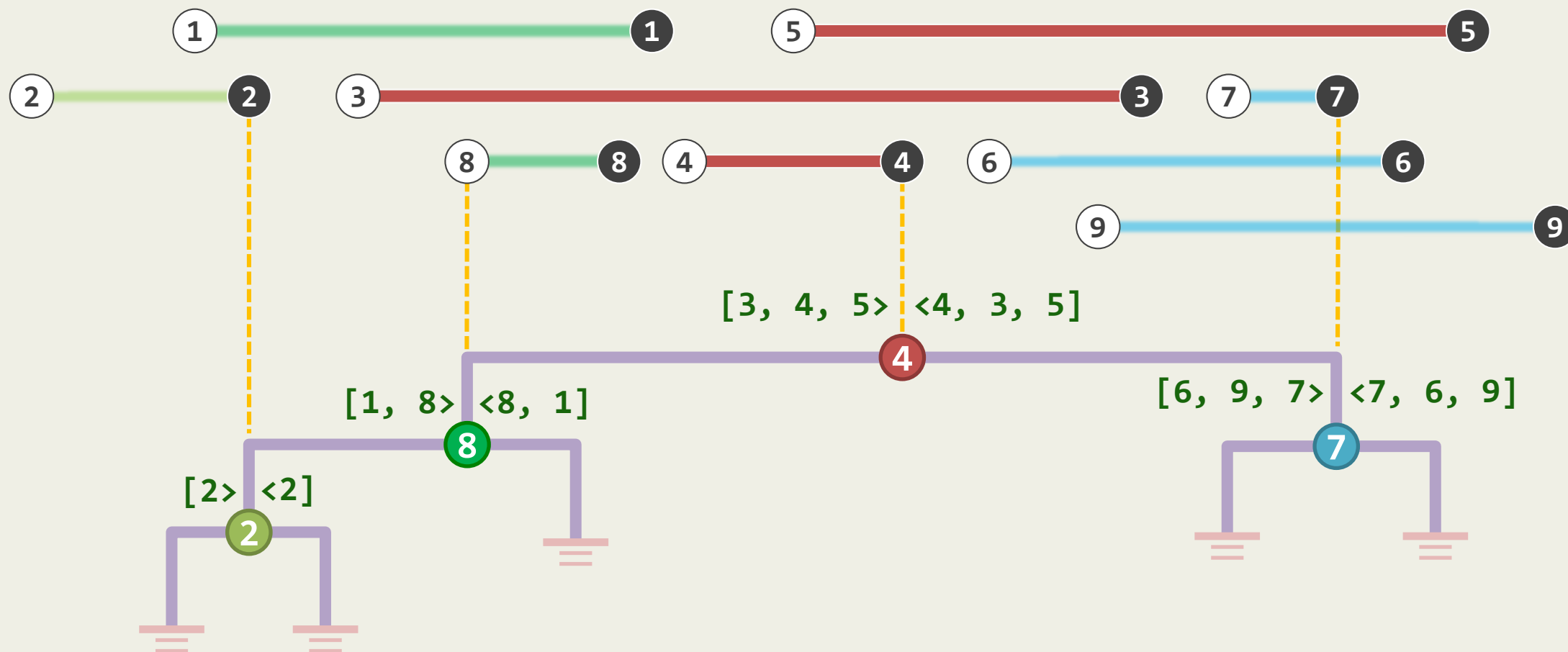
❖ All intervals can be then categorized into **3** subsets:

$$S_{left} = \{ S_i \mid x'_i < x_{mid} \} \quad S_{mid} = \{ S_i \mid x_i \leq x_{mid} \leq x'_i \} \quad S_{right} = \{ S_i \mid x_{mid} < x_i \}$$

❖  $S_{left/right}$  will be **recursively** partitioned until they are empty (leaves)

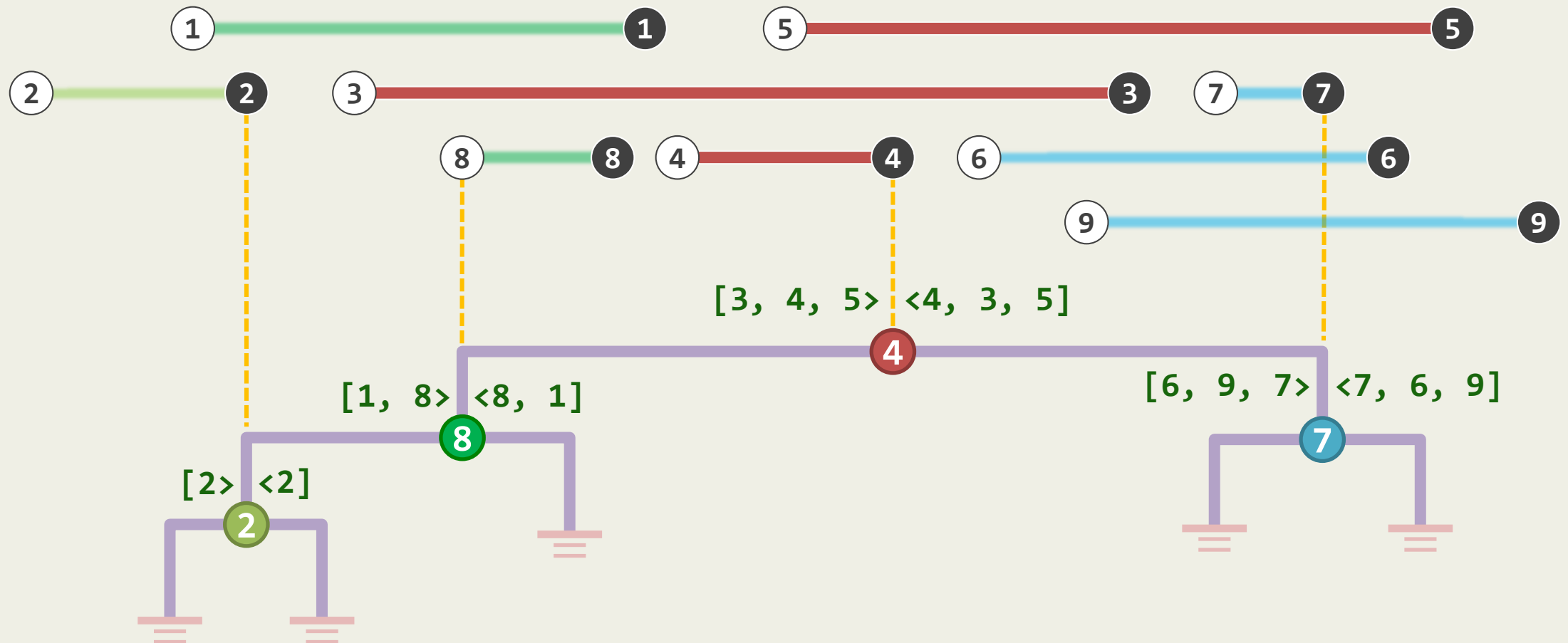
# Balance & $O(\log n)$ Depth

$$\max\{|S_{left}|, |S_{right}|\} \leq n/2 \quad \text{Best case: } |S_{mid}| = n \quad \text{Worst case: } |S_{mid}| = 1$$



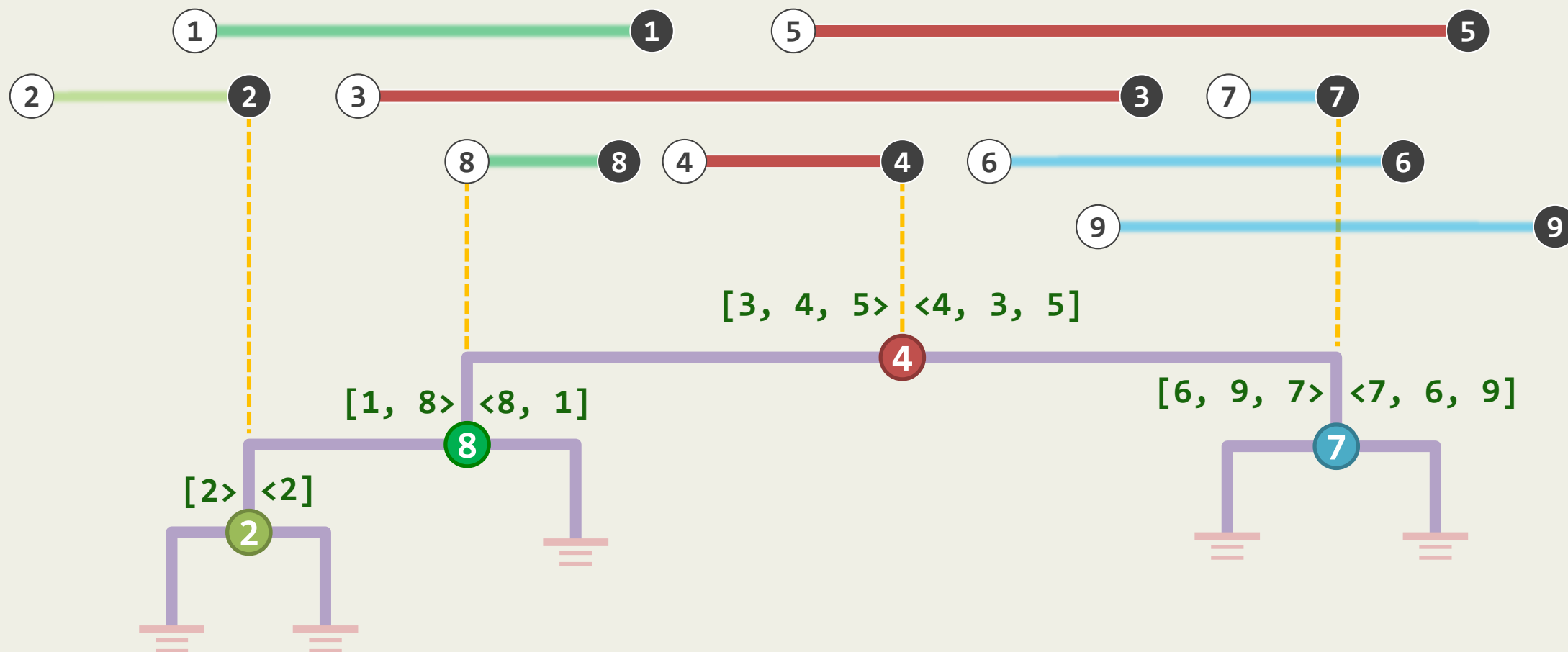
# Associative Lists

❖  $L_{\text{left/right}}$  = all intervals of  $S_{\text{mid}}$  sorted by the **left/right** endpoints



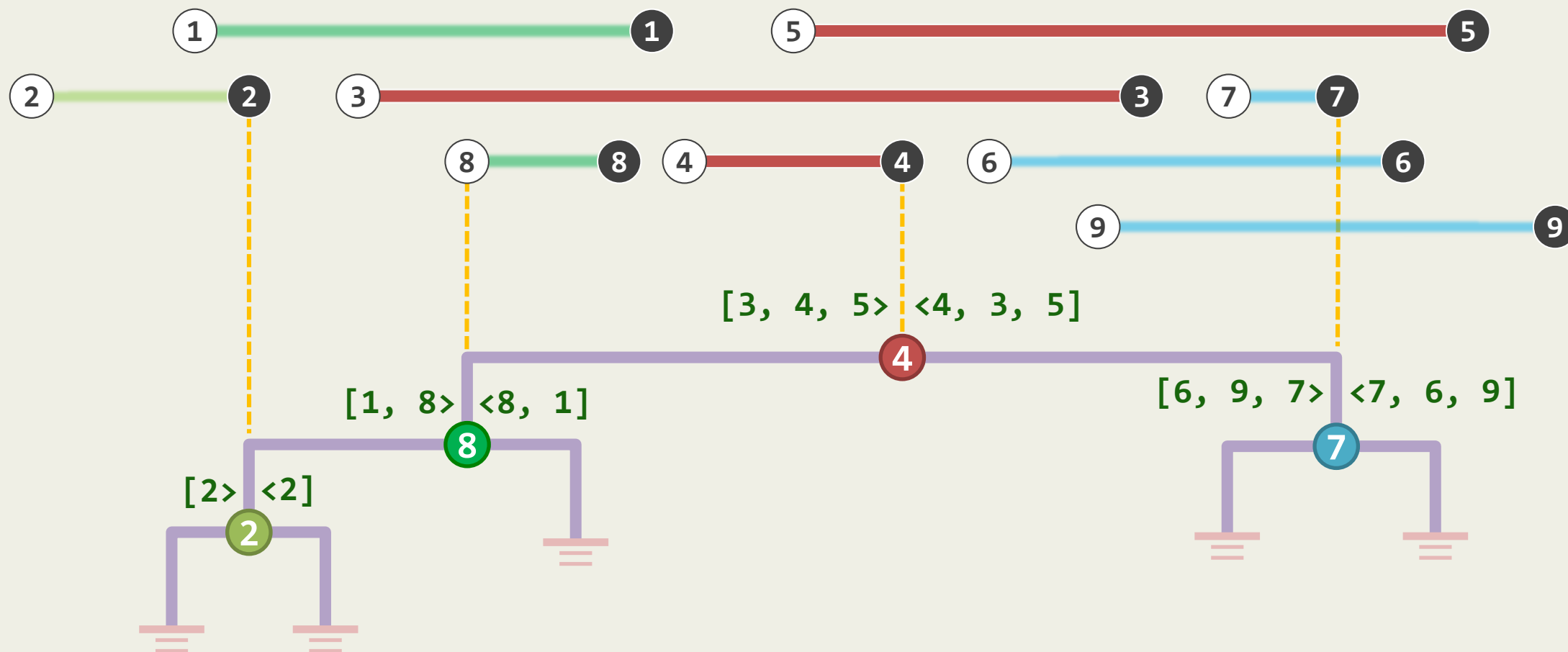
## $O(n)$ Size

❖ Each segment appears twice (one in each list)



# $O(n \log n)$ Construction Time

❖ Hint: avoid repeatedly sorting





## queryIntervalTree( $v$ , $q_x$ )

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if ( !  $v$  ) return; //base
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if (  $q_x < x_{mid}(v)$  )
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    report all segments of  $S_{mid}(v)$  containing  $q_x$ ;
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    queryIntervalTree(  $lc(v)$ ,  $q_x$  );
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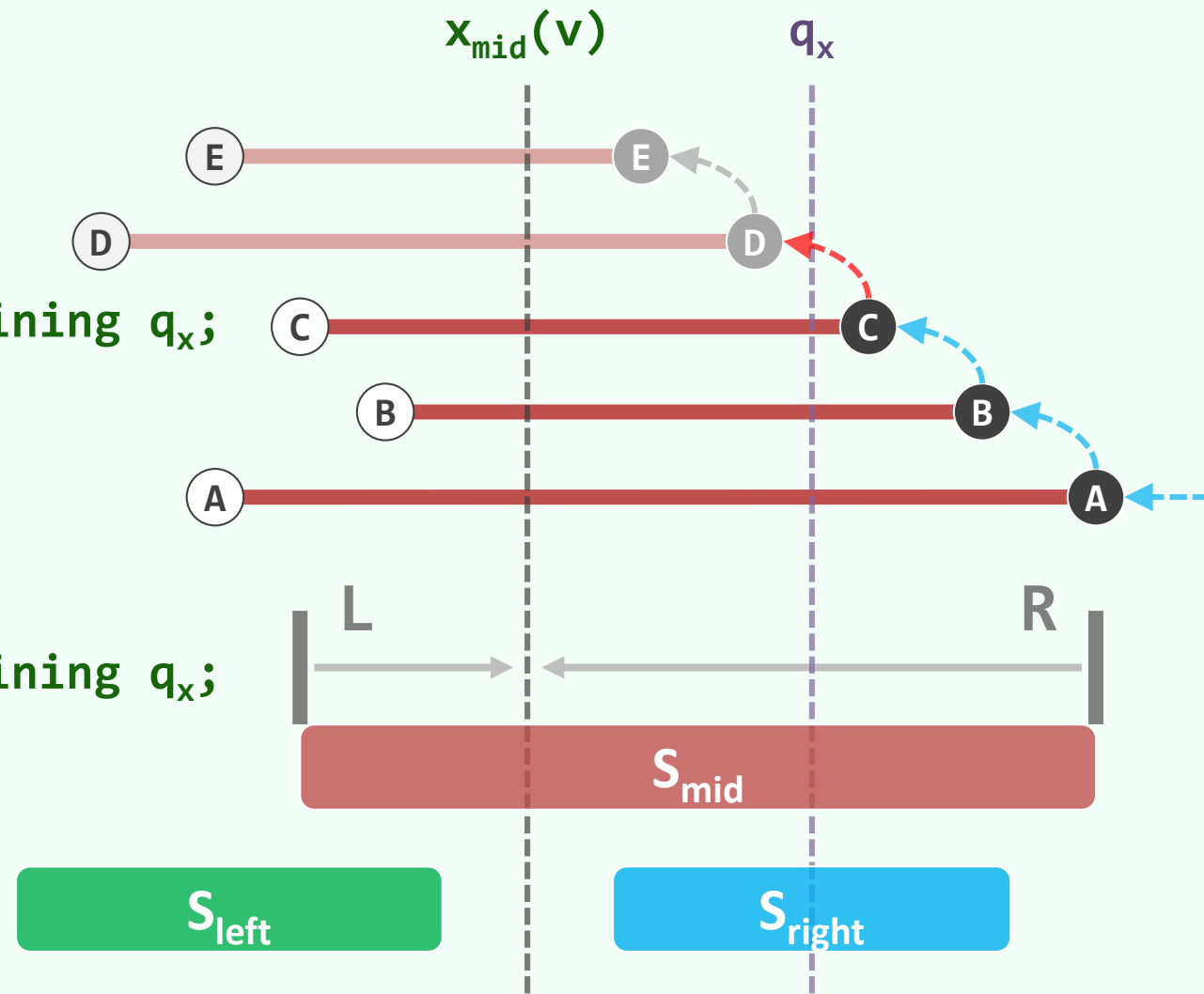
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else if (  $x_{mid}(v) < q_x$  )
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    report all segments of  $S_{mid}(v)$  containing  $q_x$ ;
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    queryIntervalTree(  $rc(v)$ ,  $q_x$  );
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else //with a probability  $\approx 0$ 
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    report all segments of  $S_{mid}(v)$ ; //both  $rc(v)$  &  $lc(v)$  can be ignored
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$O(r + \log n)$  Query Time

❖ Each query visits  $O(\log n)$  nodes // LINEAR recursion

