

Condensing and Extracting Against Online Adversaries



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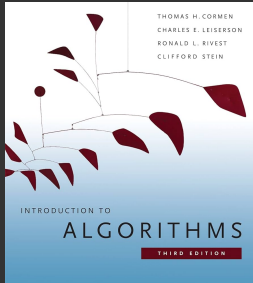


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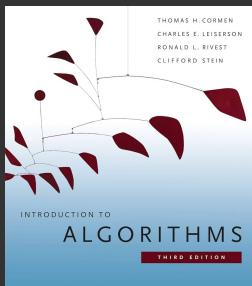
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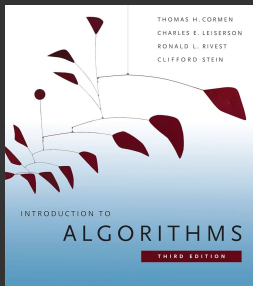
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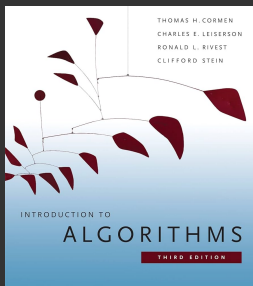
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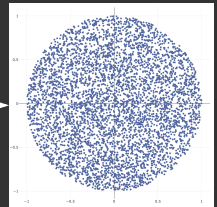
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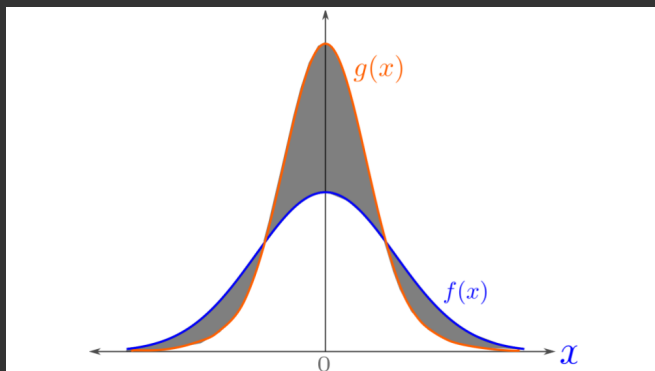
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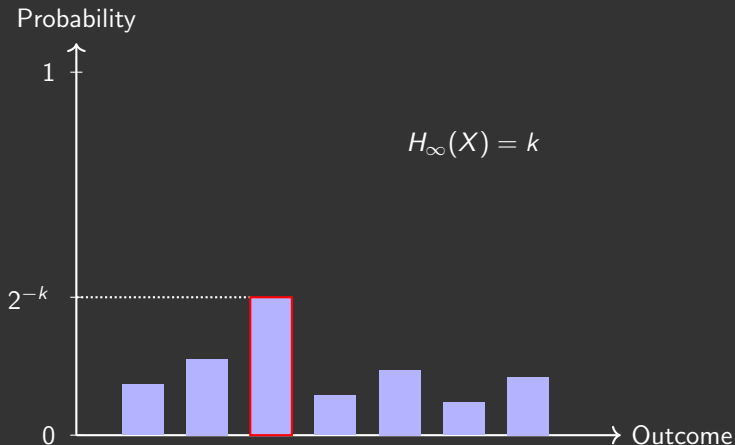
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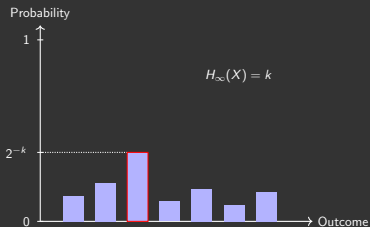
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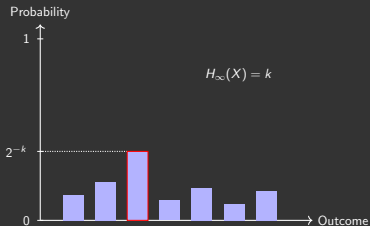


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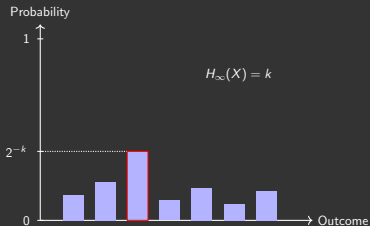
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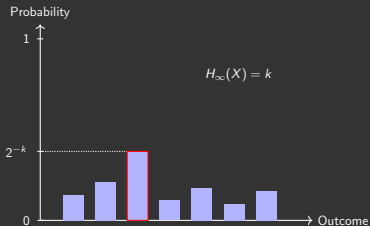
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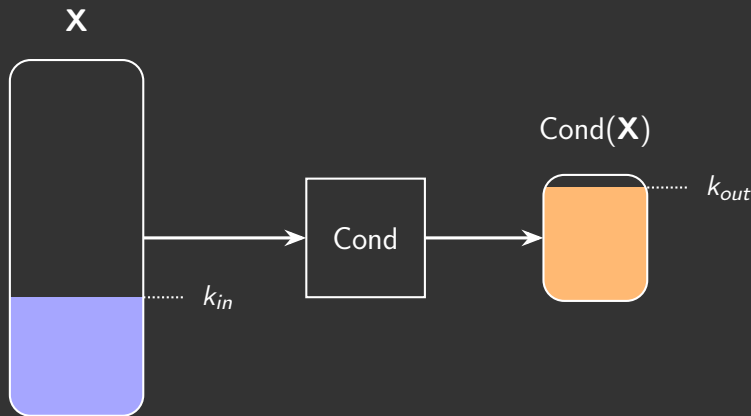
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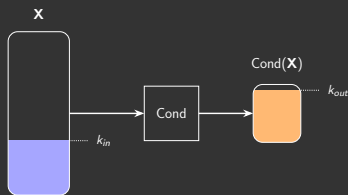
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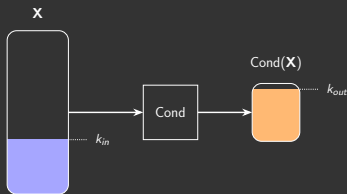
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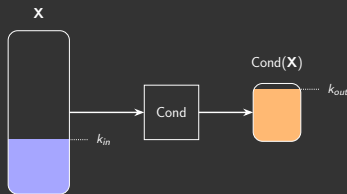
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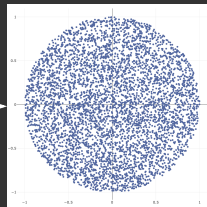
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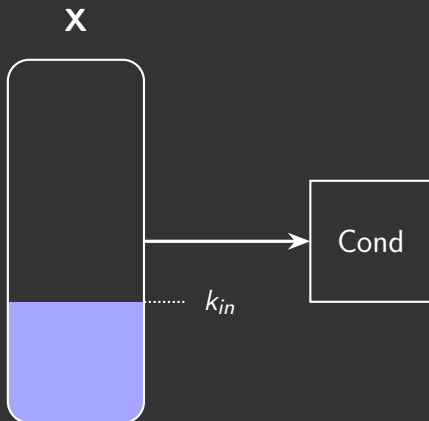
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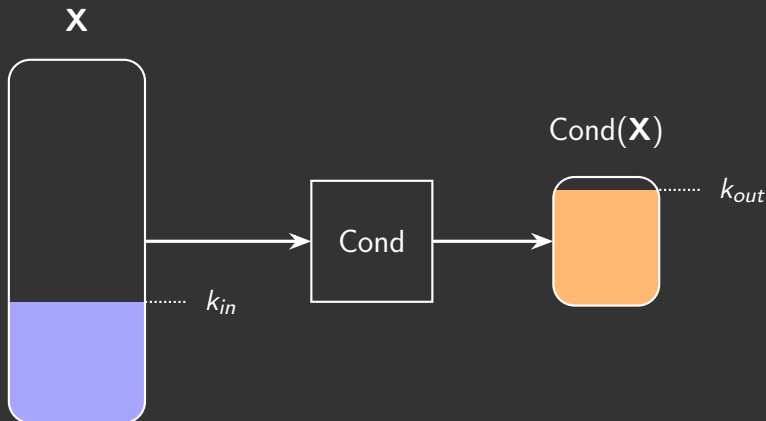
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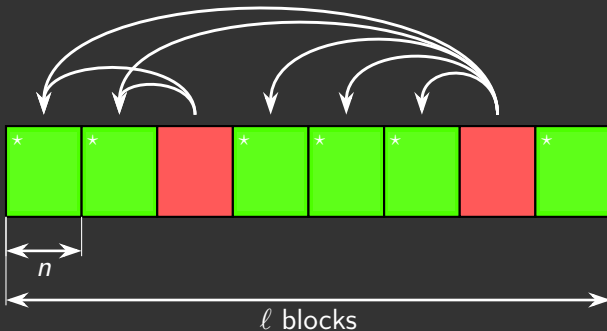
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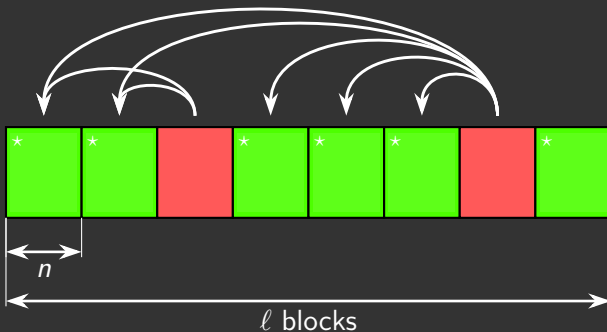
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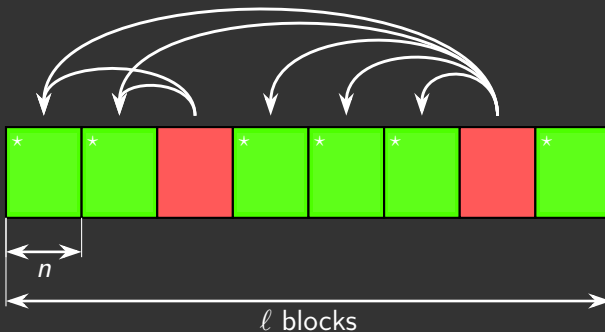
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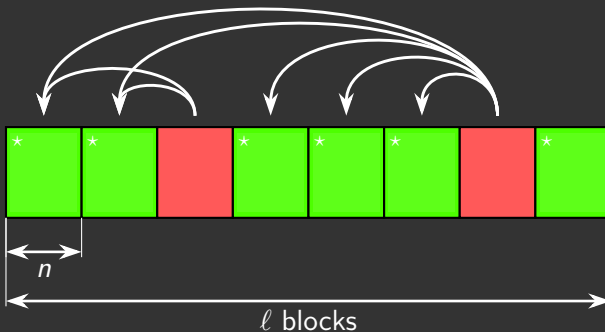
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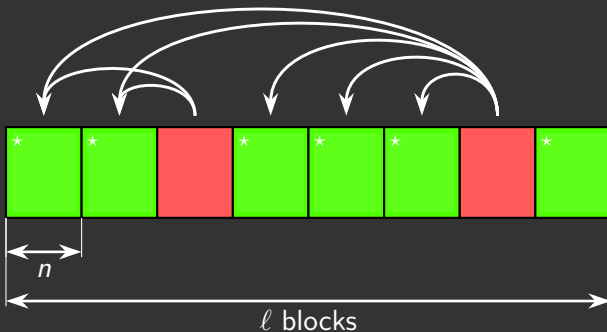
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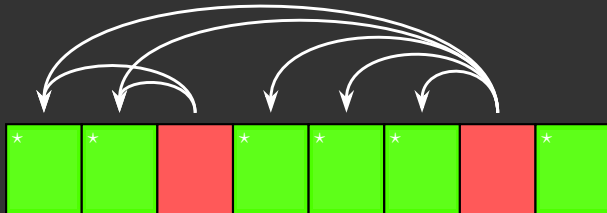
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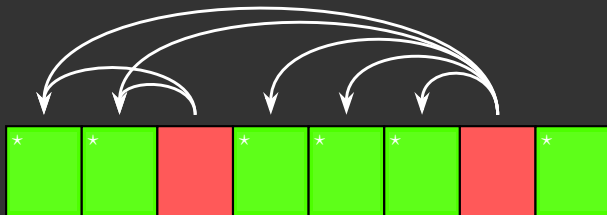


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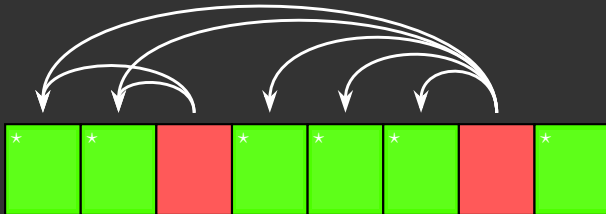
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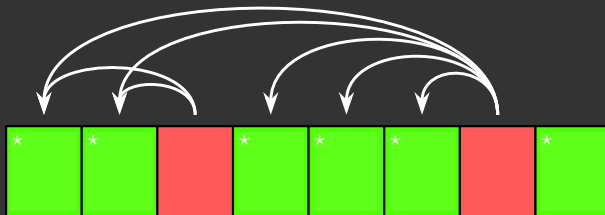
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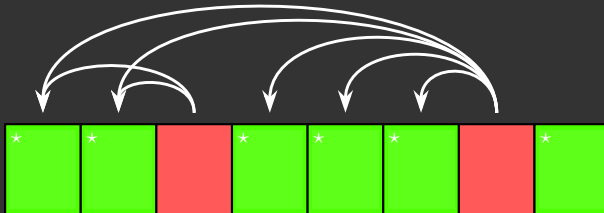


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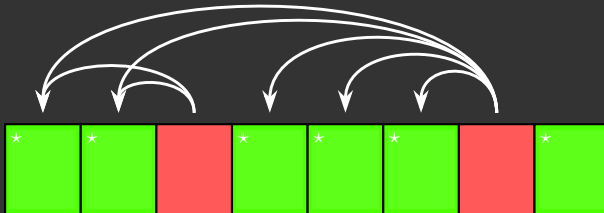
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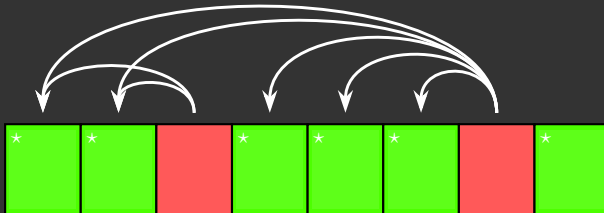
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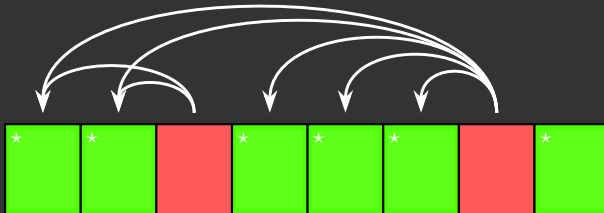
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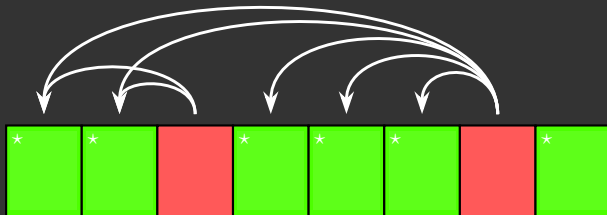
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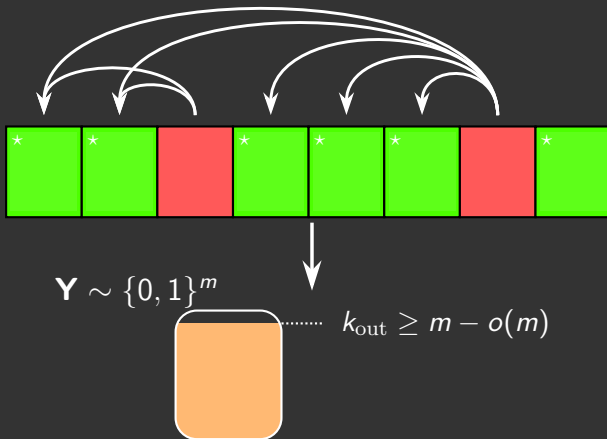
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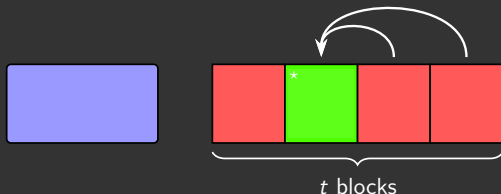
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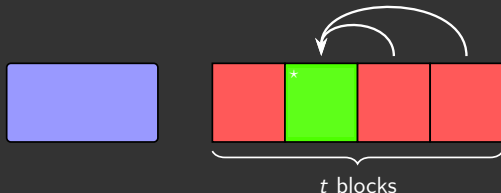
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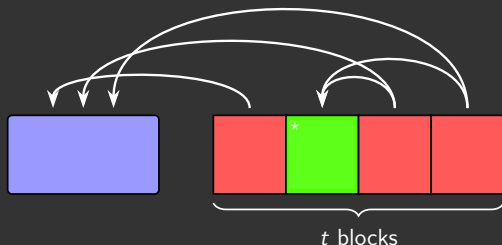
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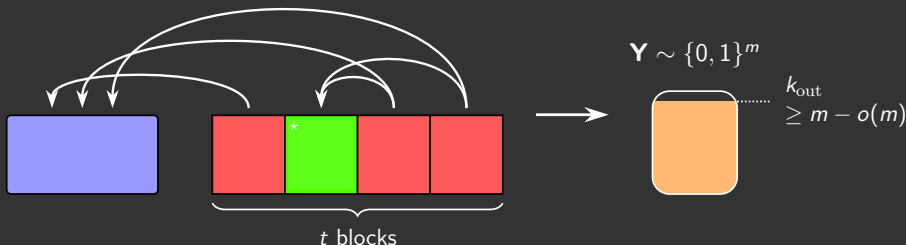
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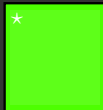
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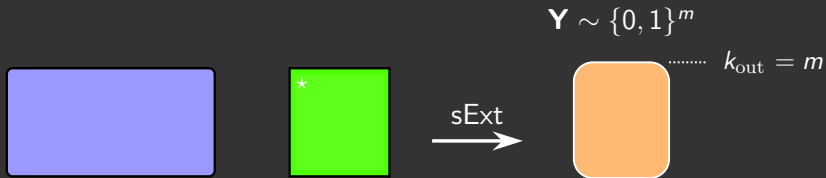
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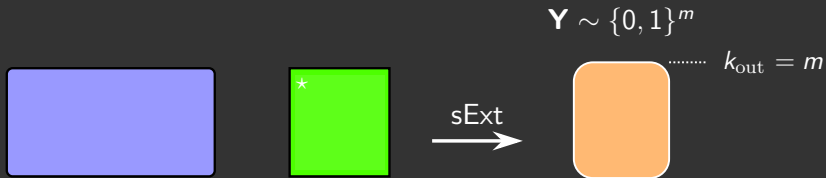
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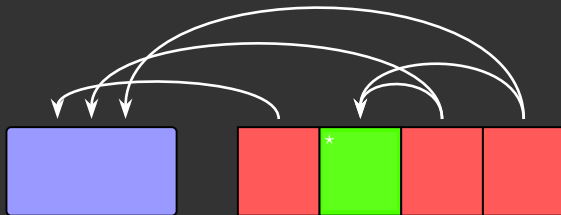
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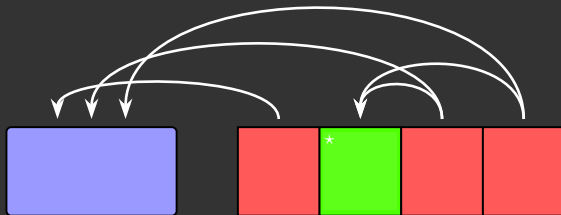
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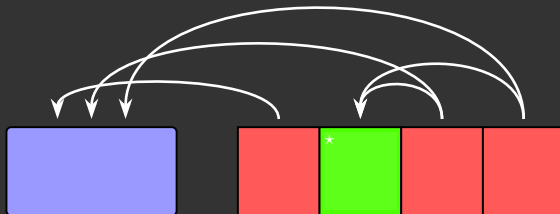
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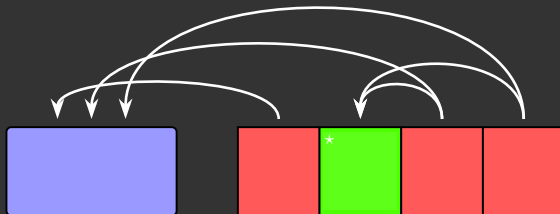
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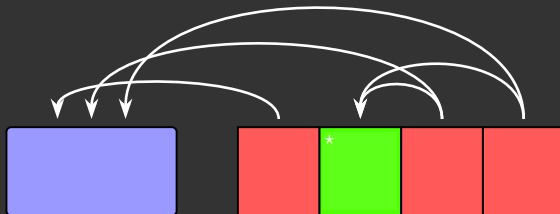
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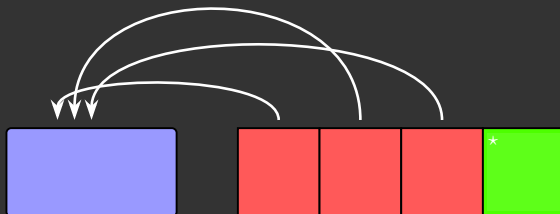
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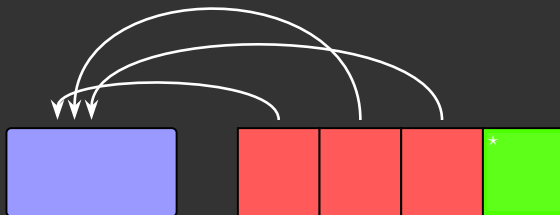


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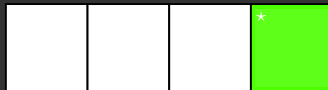
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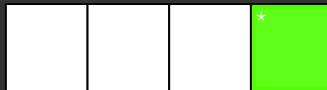
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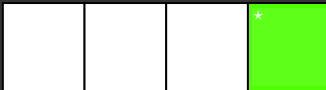
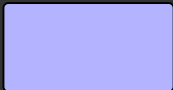
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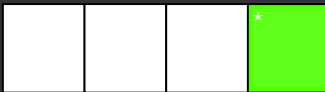
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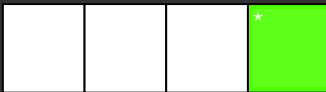
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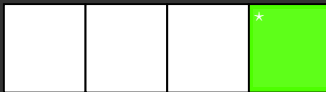
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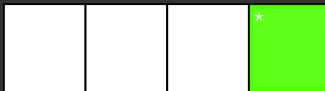
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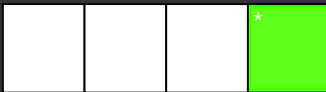
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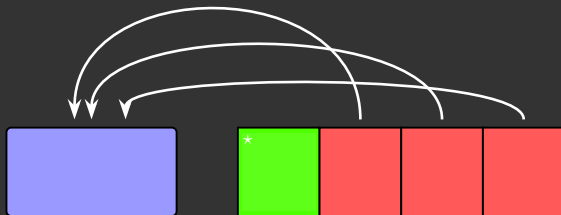
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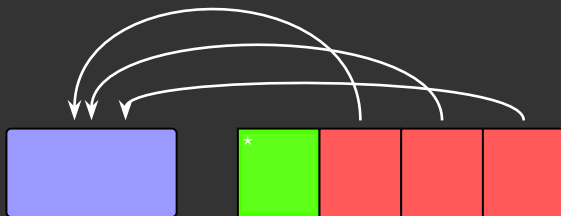


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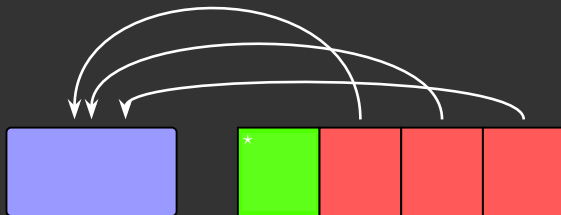
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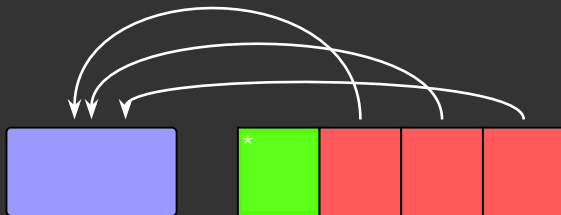
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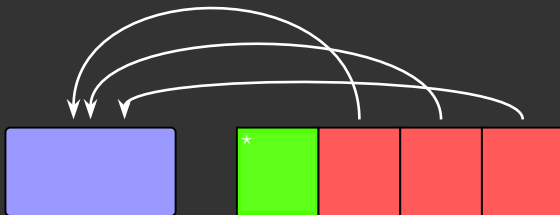
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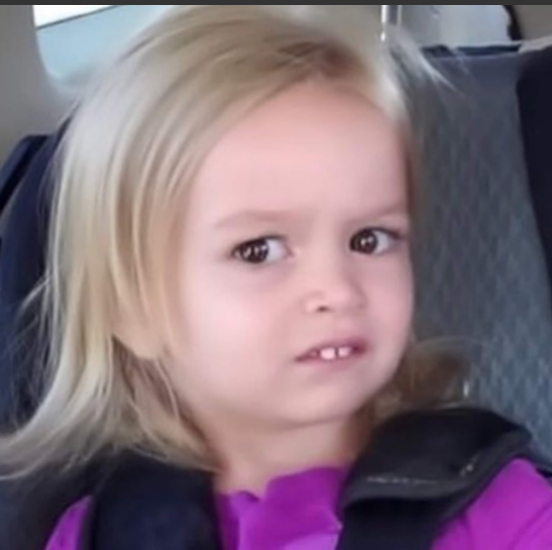
If those b bits **uniform**, $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{uniform}}$ s.t. $H_{\infty}^{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{uniform}}) \geq k_{\text{out}}$

Then, $\mathbf{Y}$ s.t. $H_{\infty}^{\varepsilon \cdot 2^b}(\mathbf{Y}) \geq k_{\text{out}} - b$

Applying above

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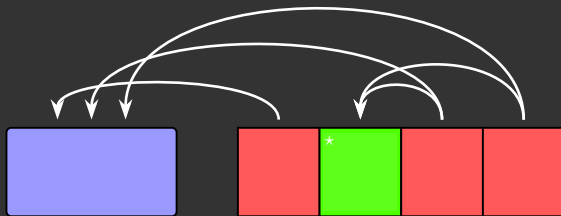
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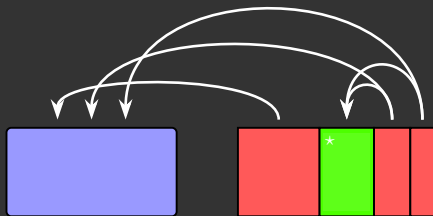
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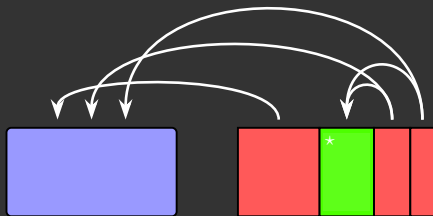
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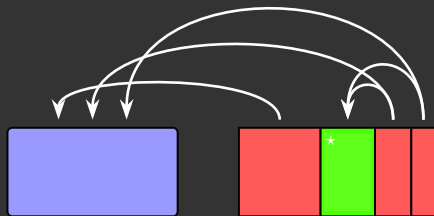
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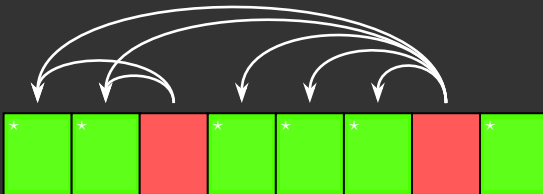
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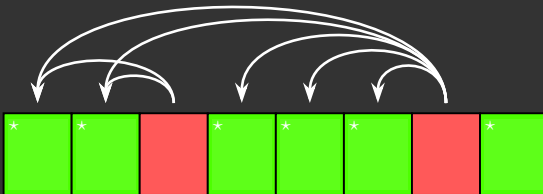
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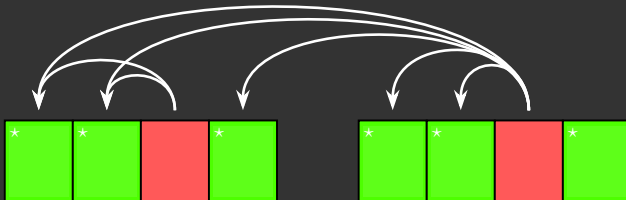
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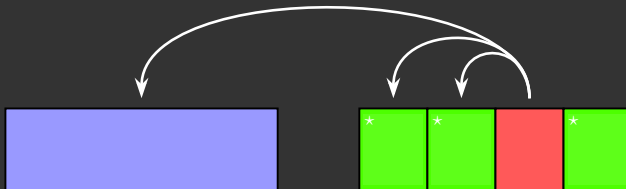
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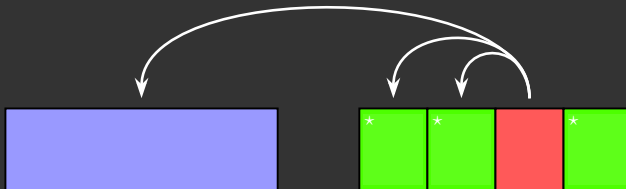
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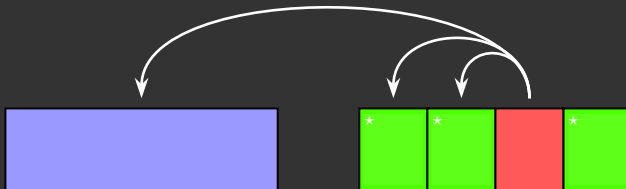
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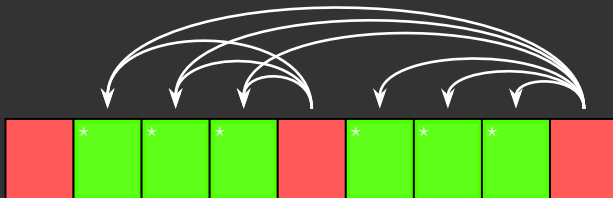
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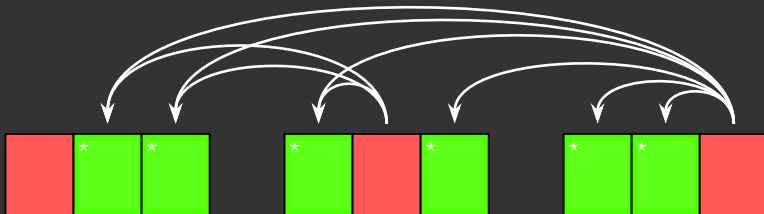
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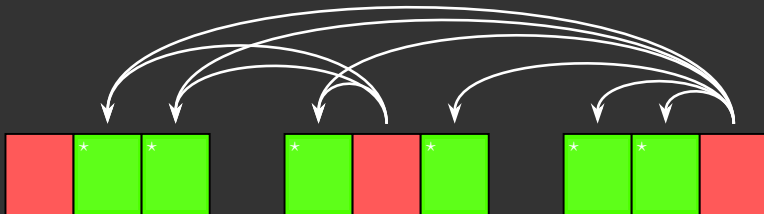
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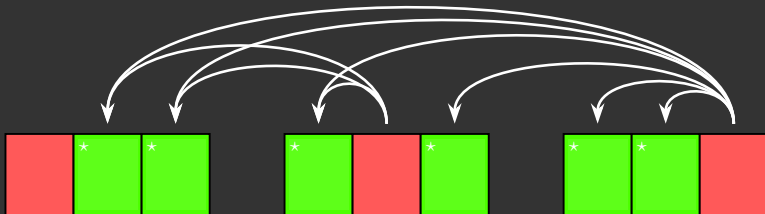
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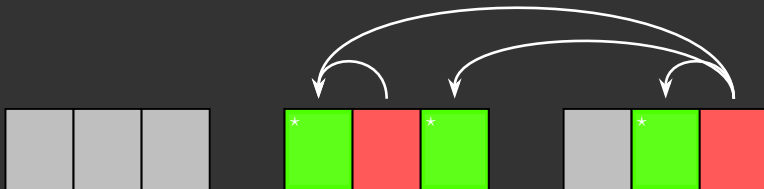
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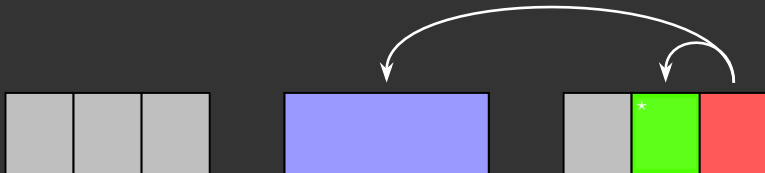
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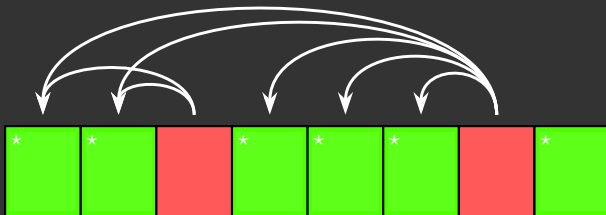
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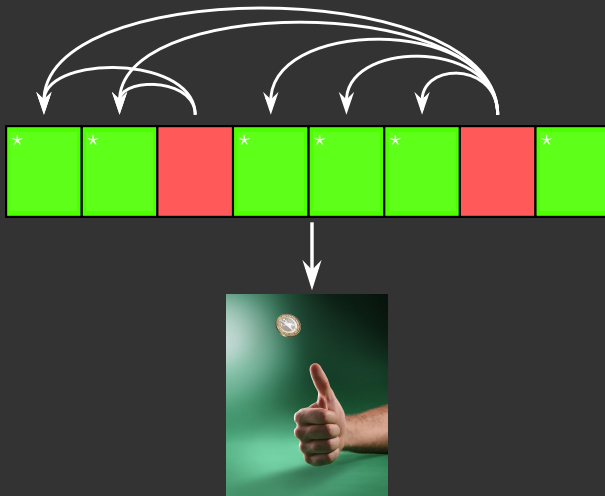
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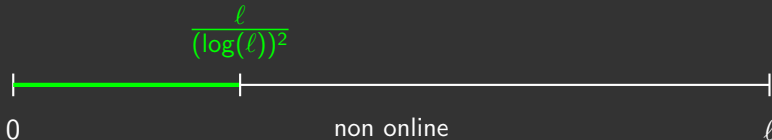
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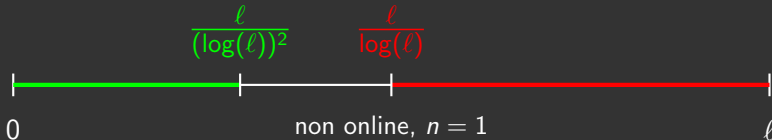


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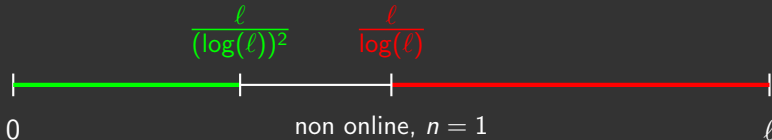
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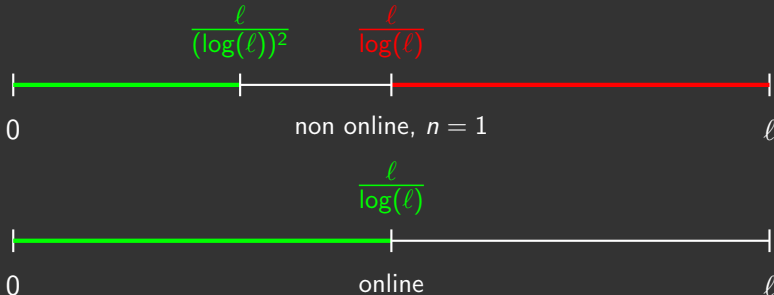
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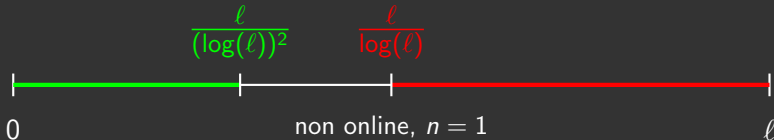
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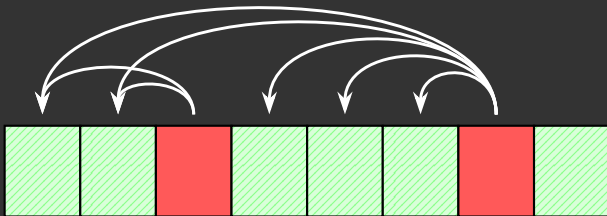
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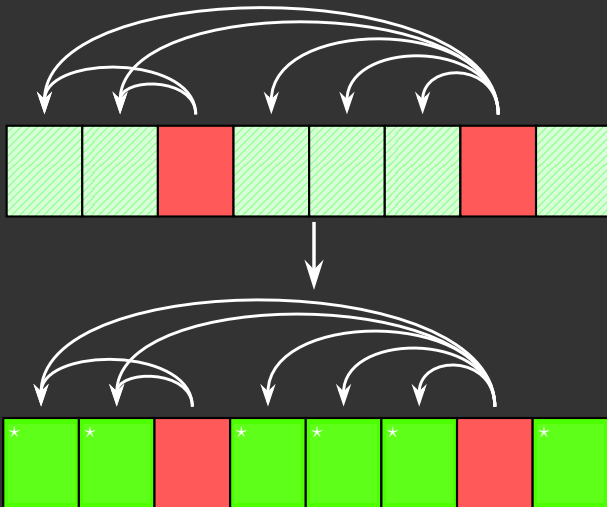
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