

Advanced Algorithms

Winter term 2019/20

Lecture 9. Succinct data structures

(Based on lectures from Simon Gog and from Erik Demaine)

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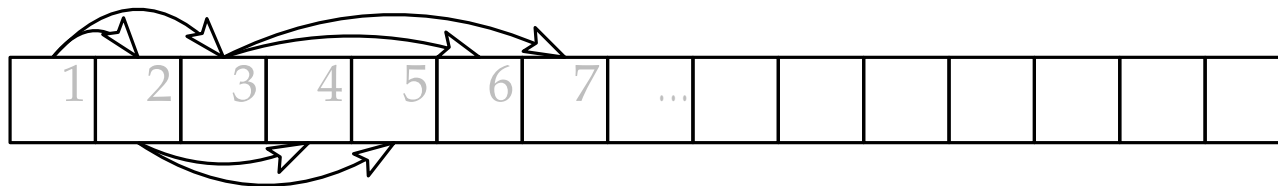
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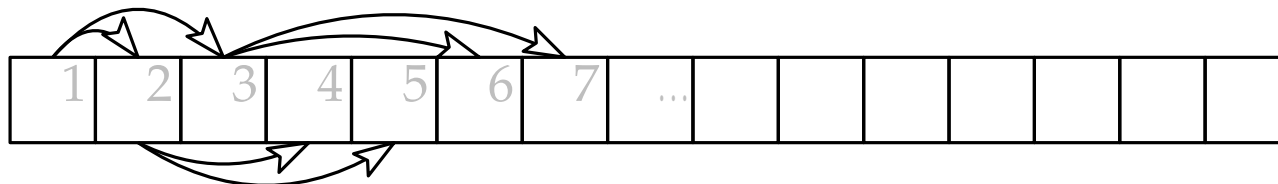
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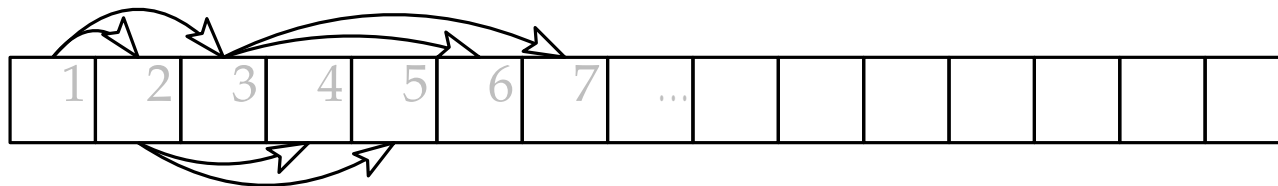
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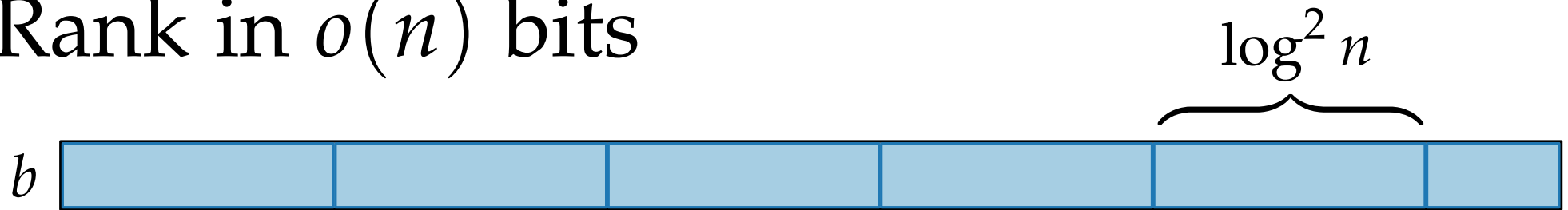
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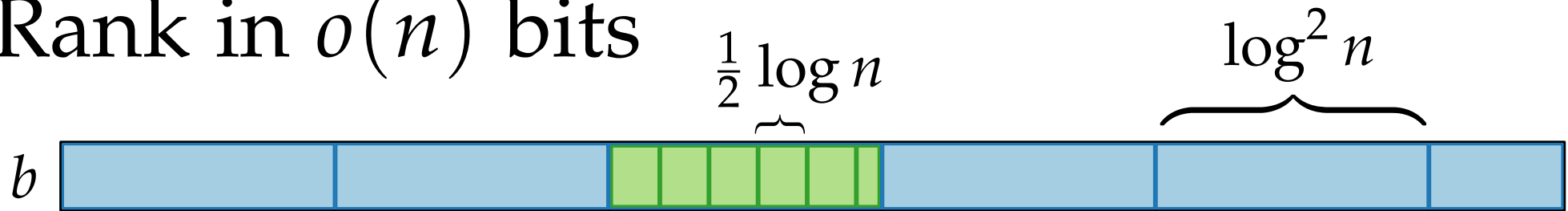


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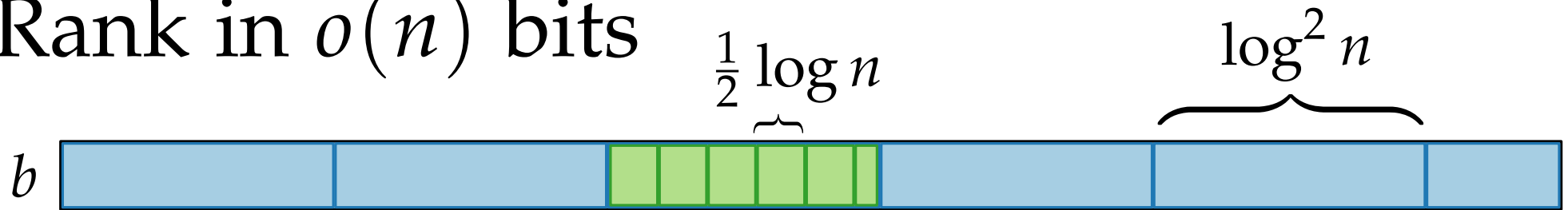
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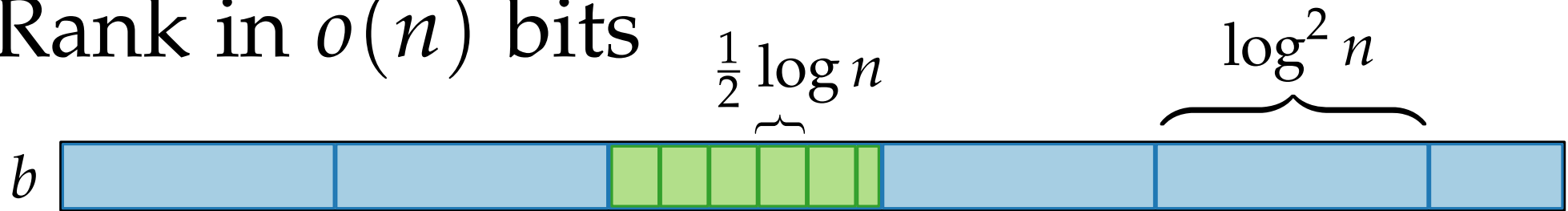
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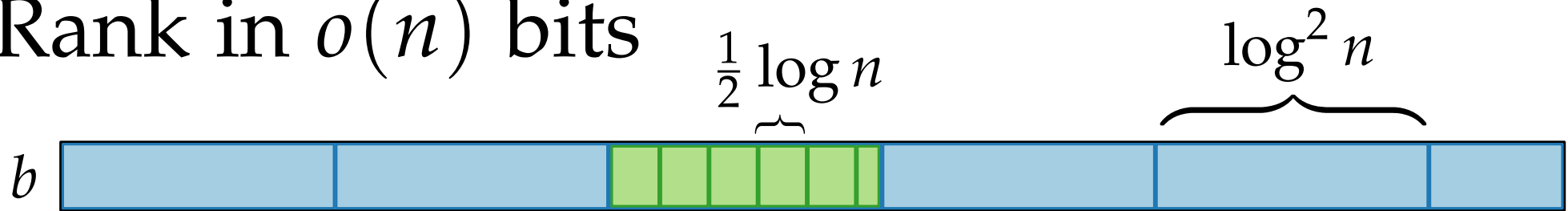
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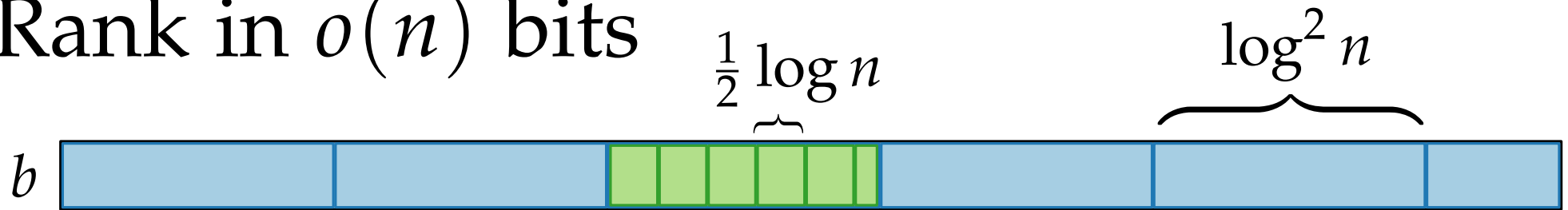
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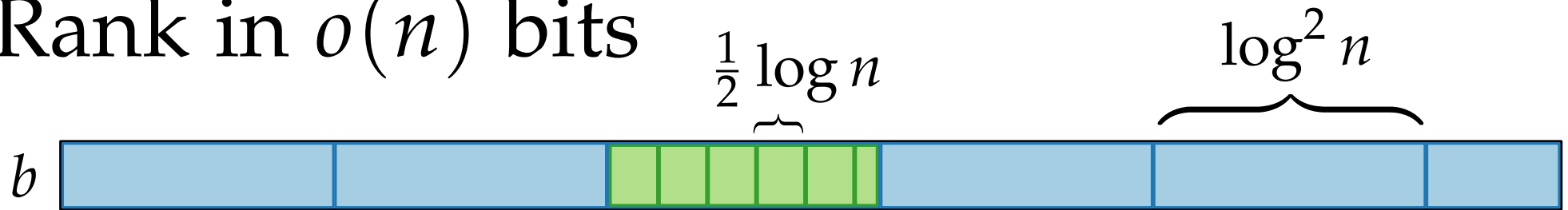
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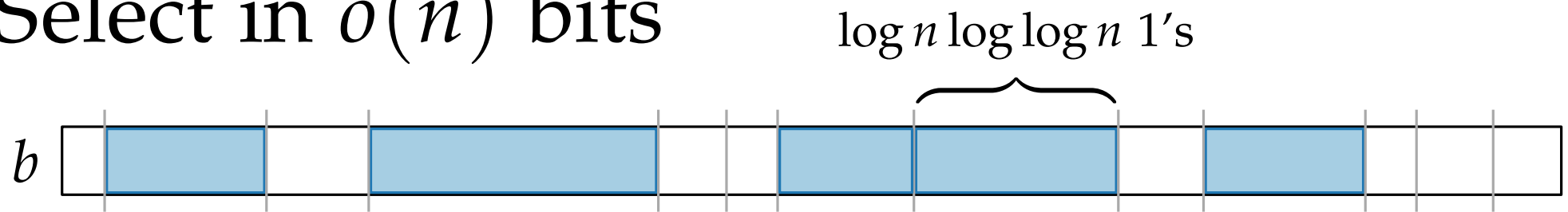
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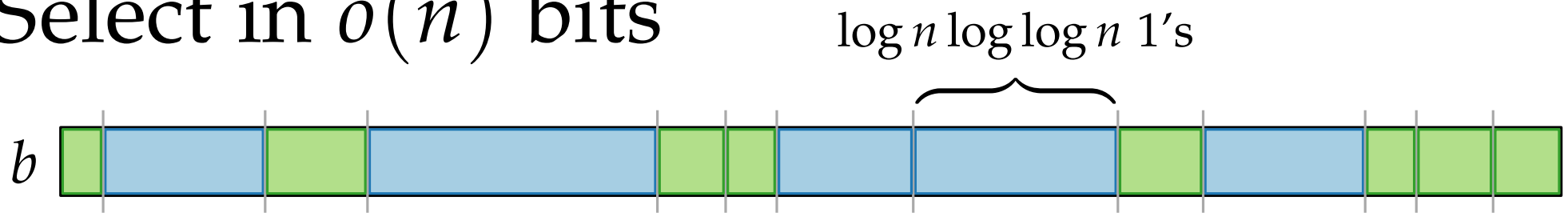
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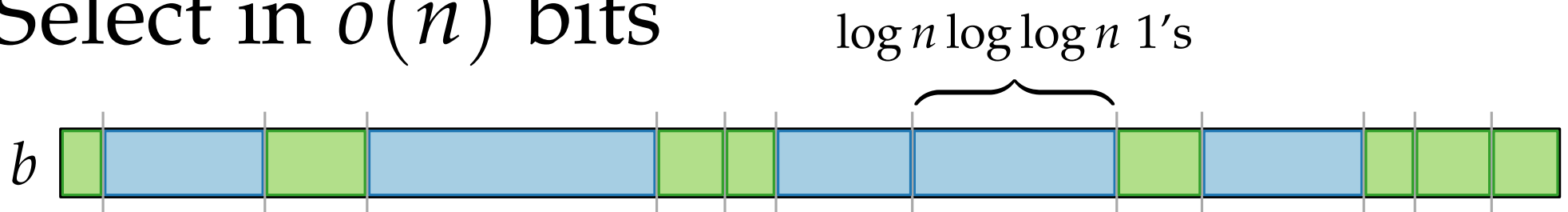
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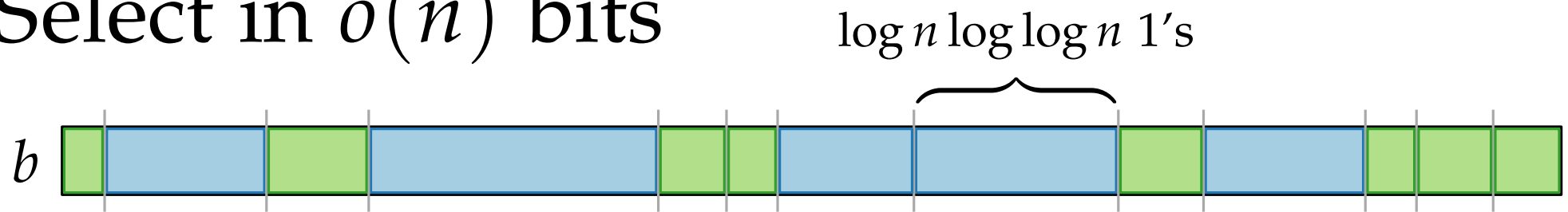
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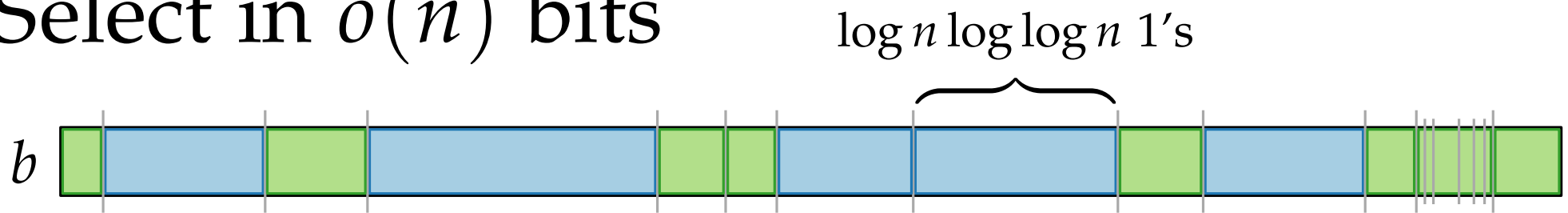
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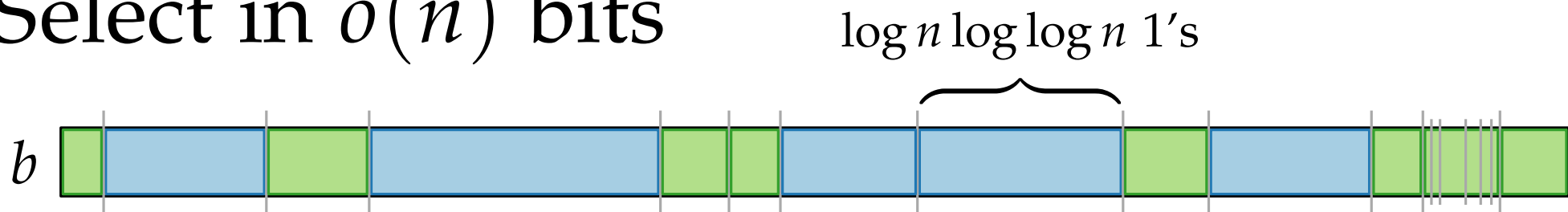
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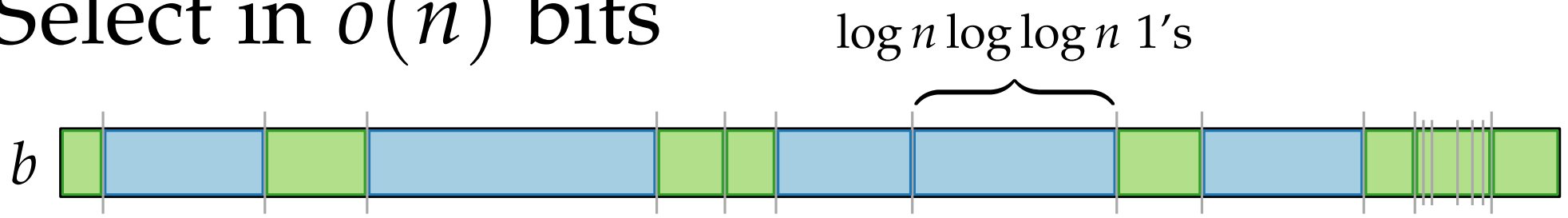


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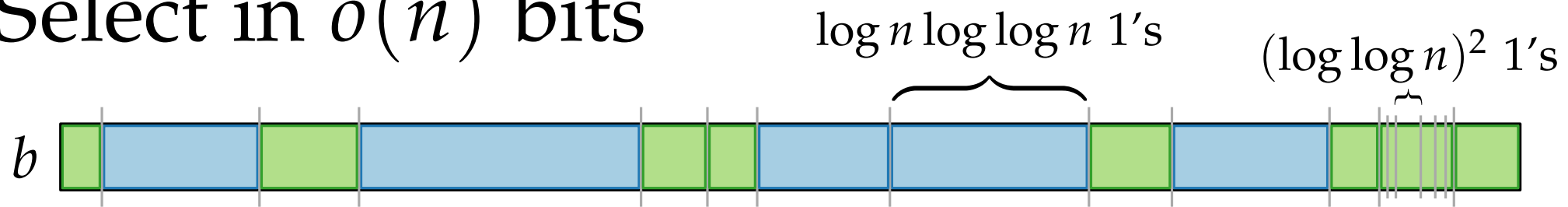
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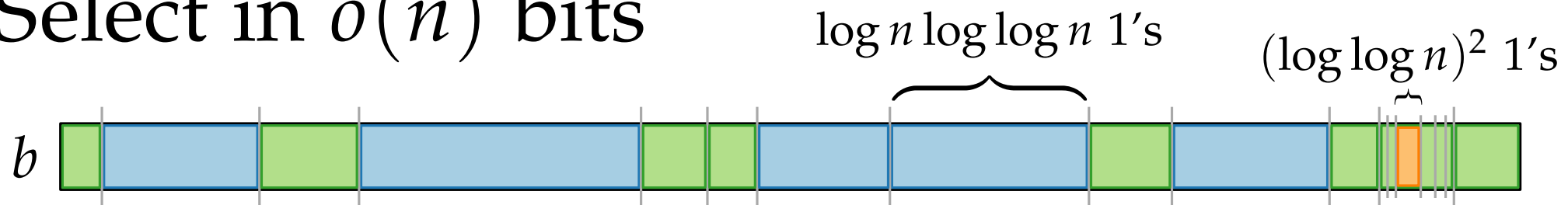
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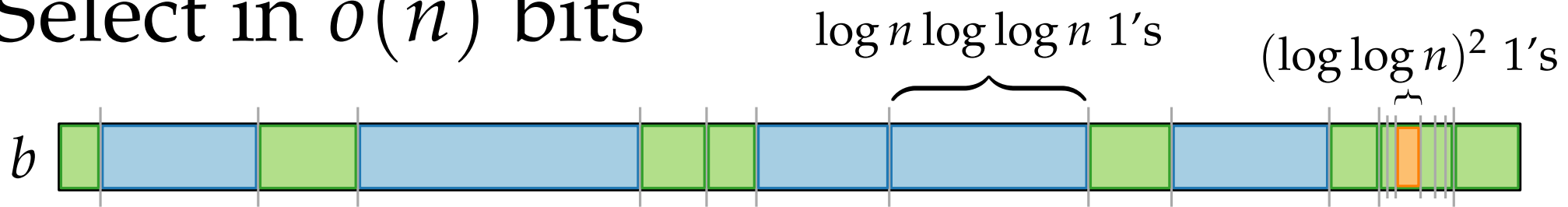
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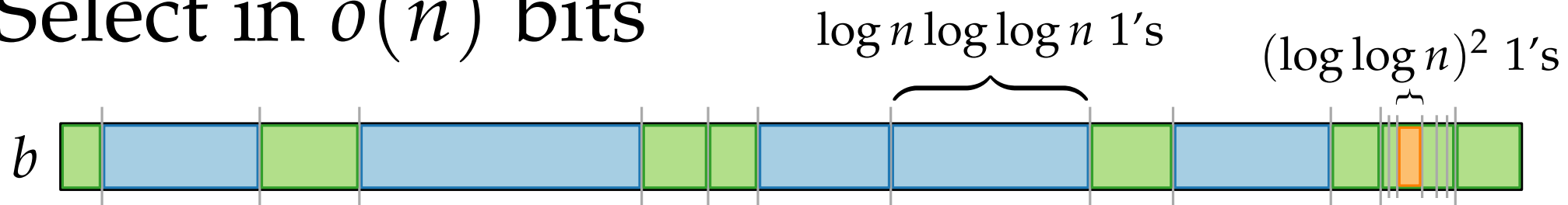
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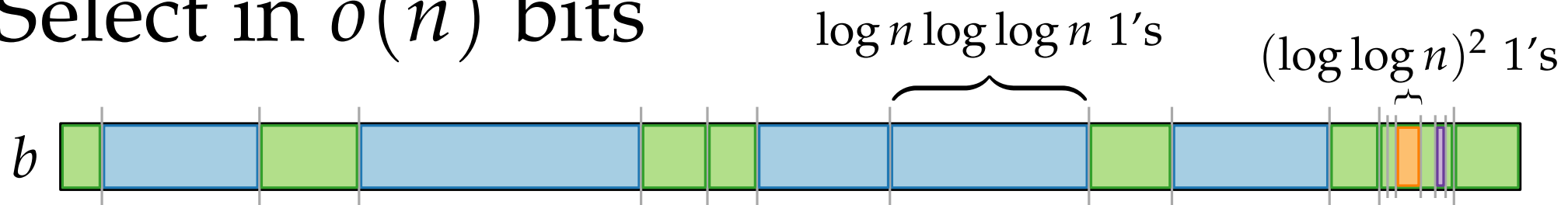
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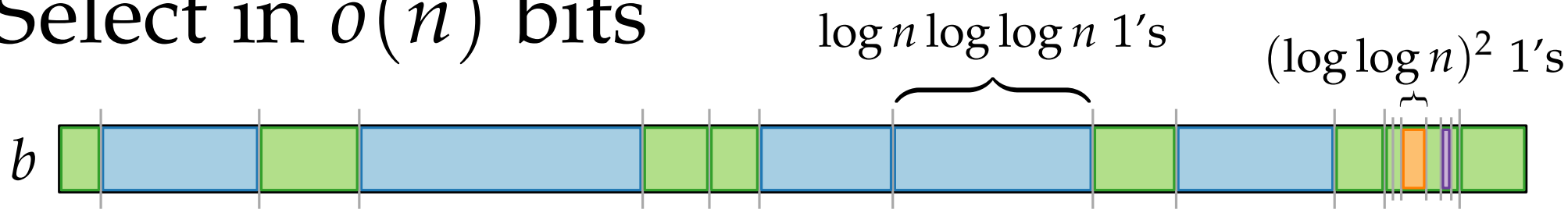
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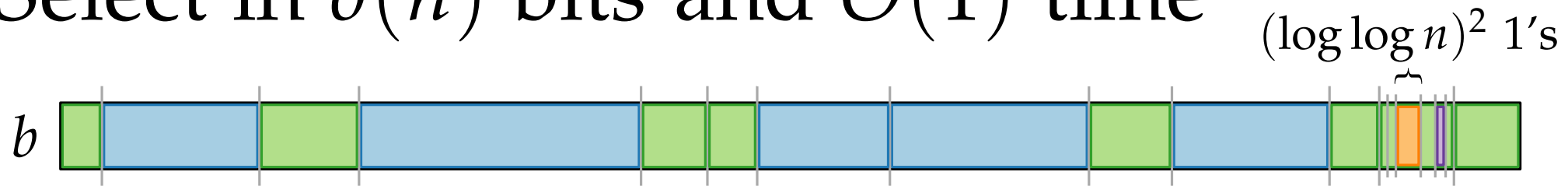
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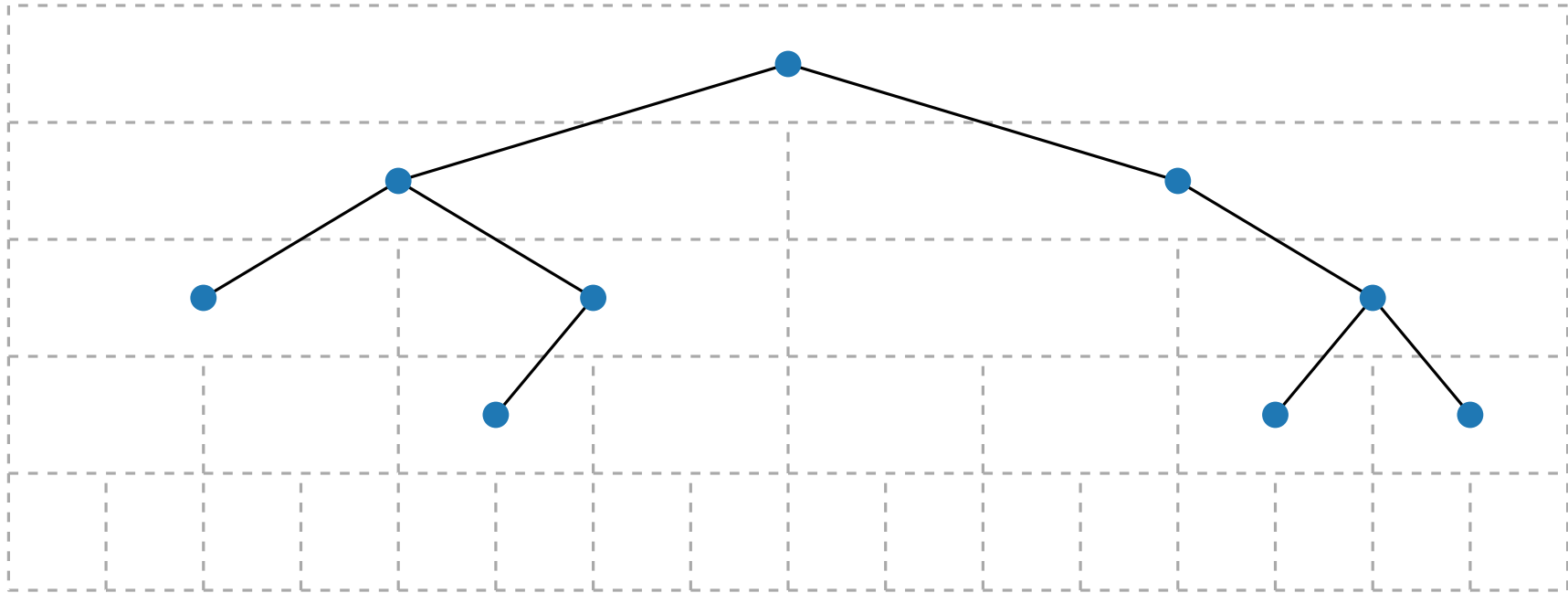
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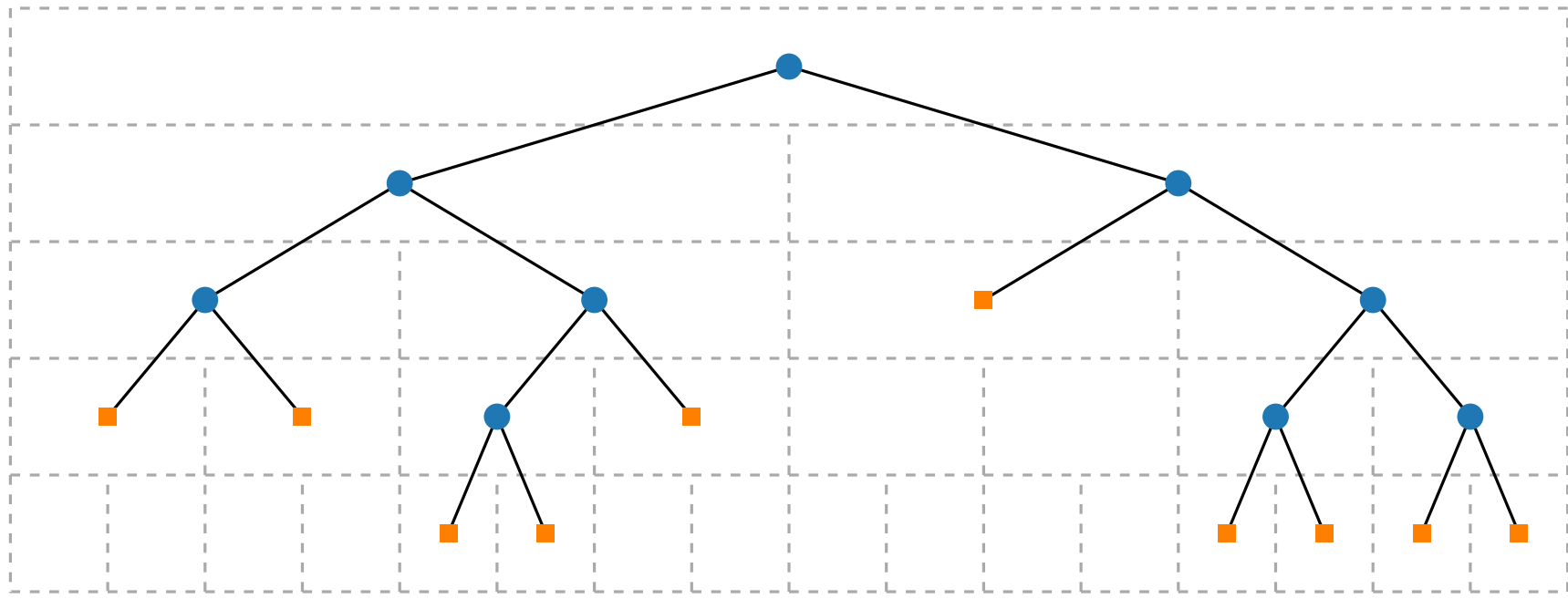
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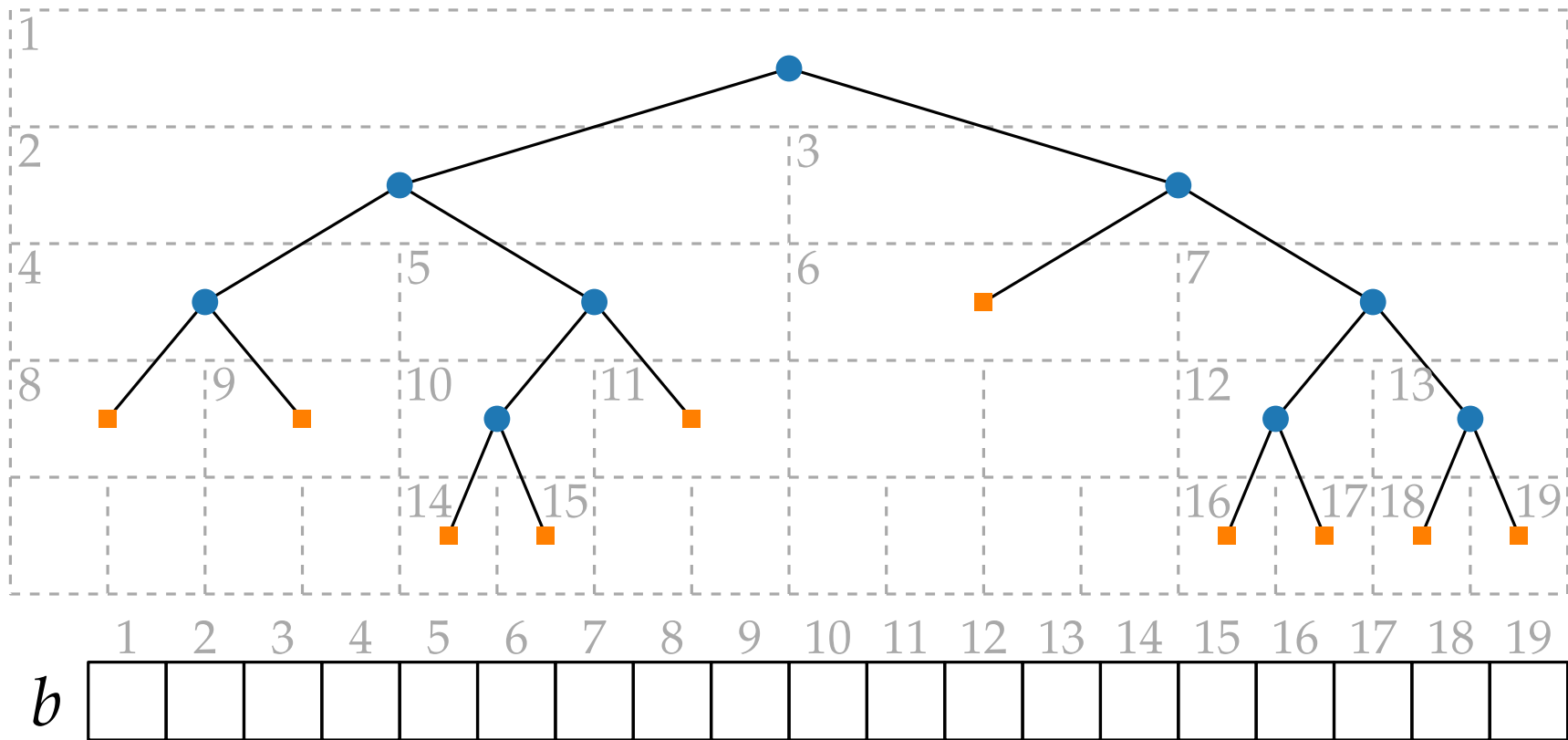
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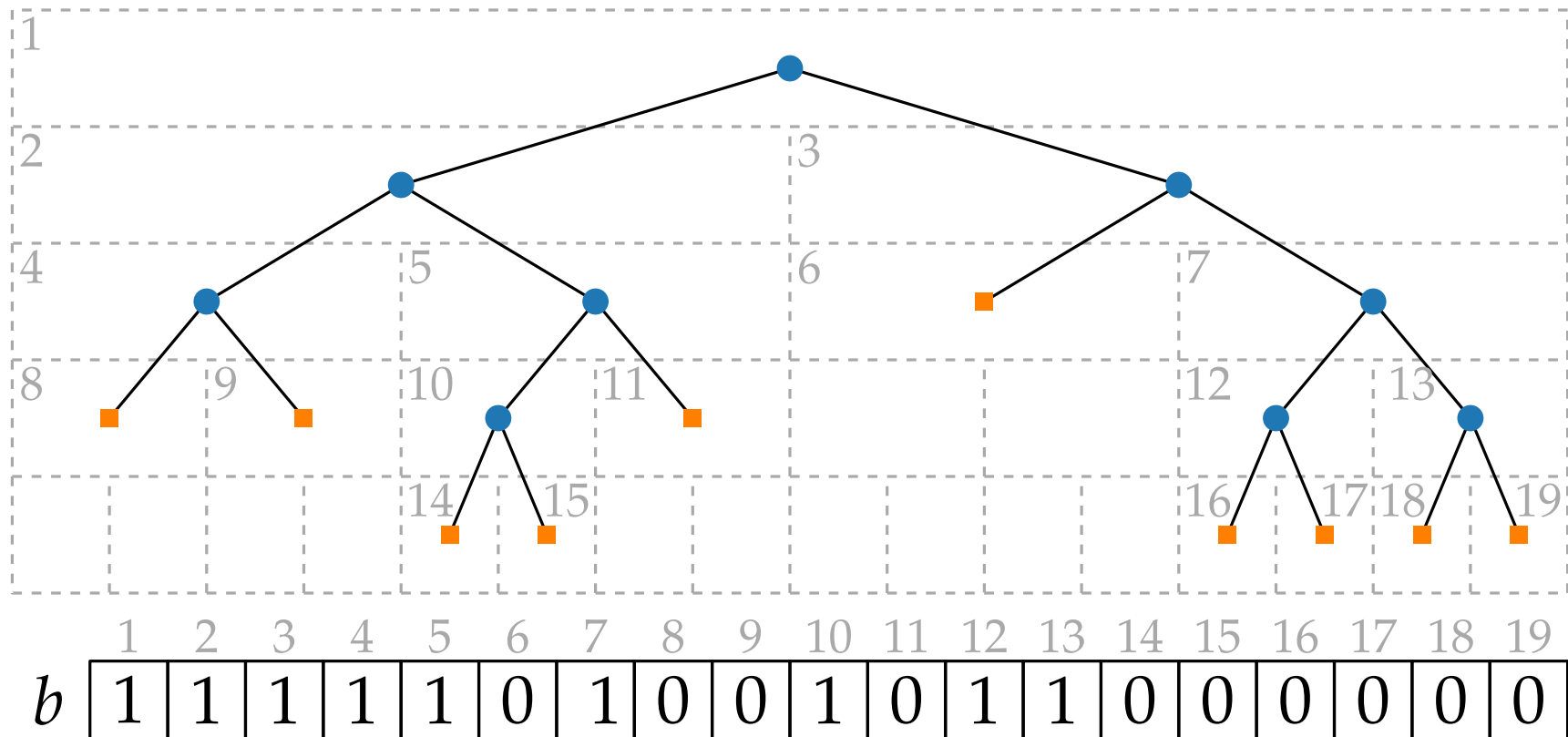
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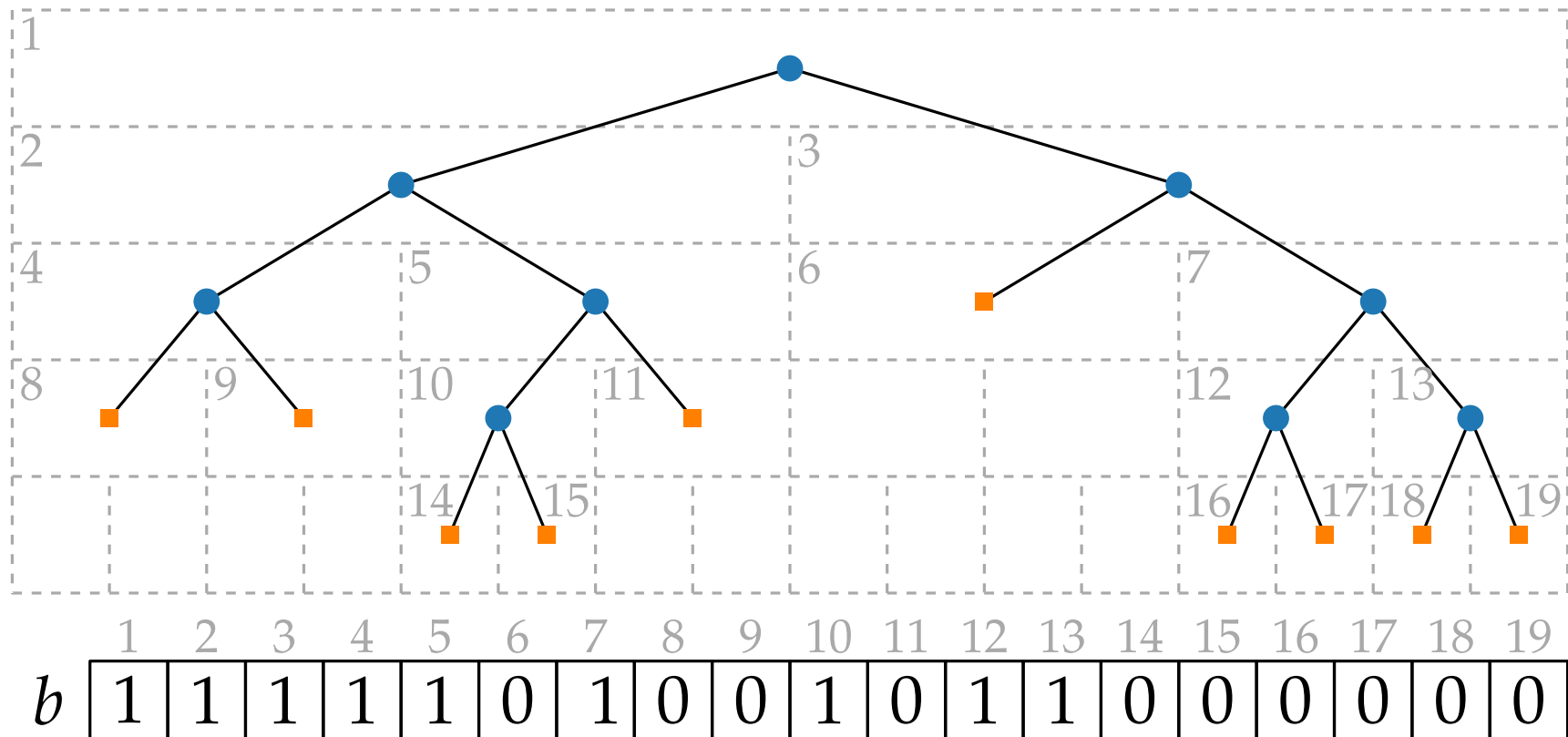
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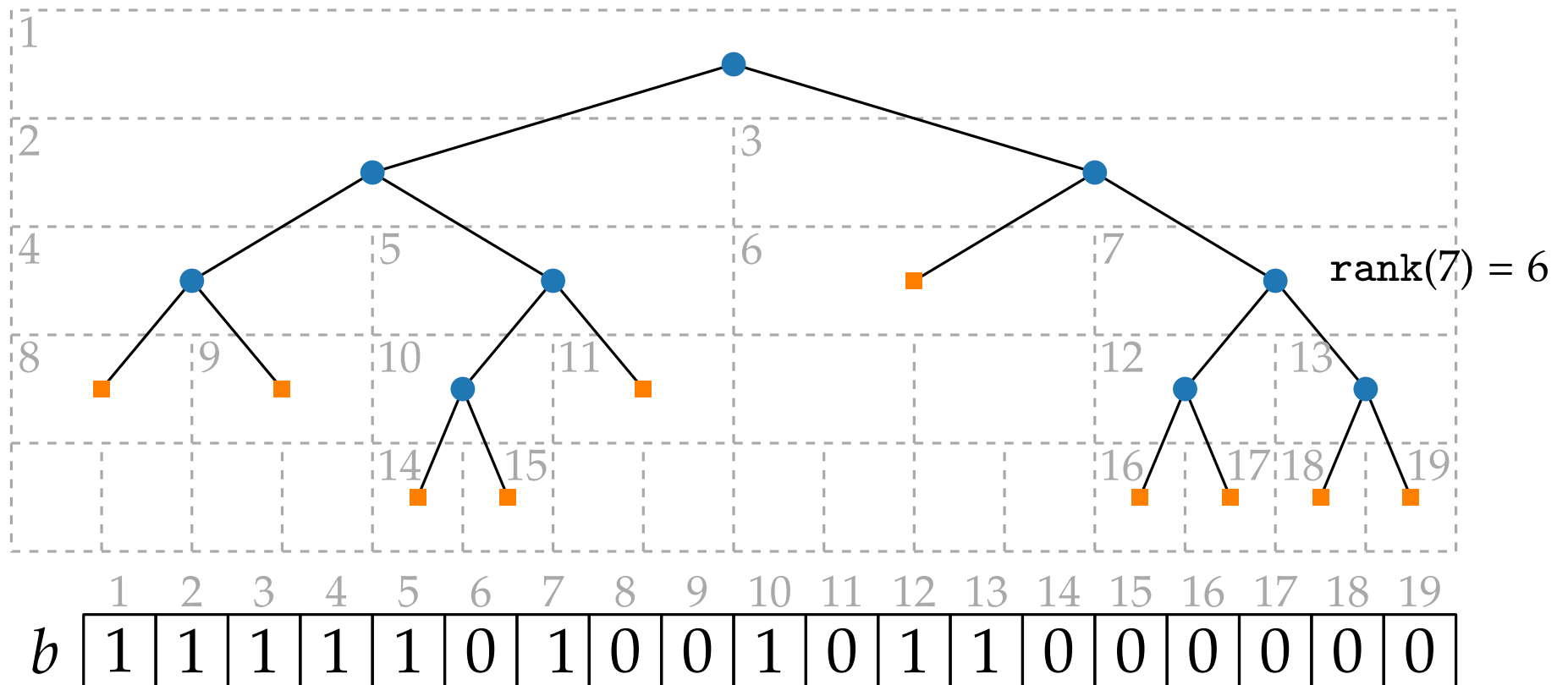
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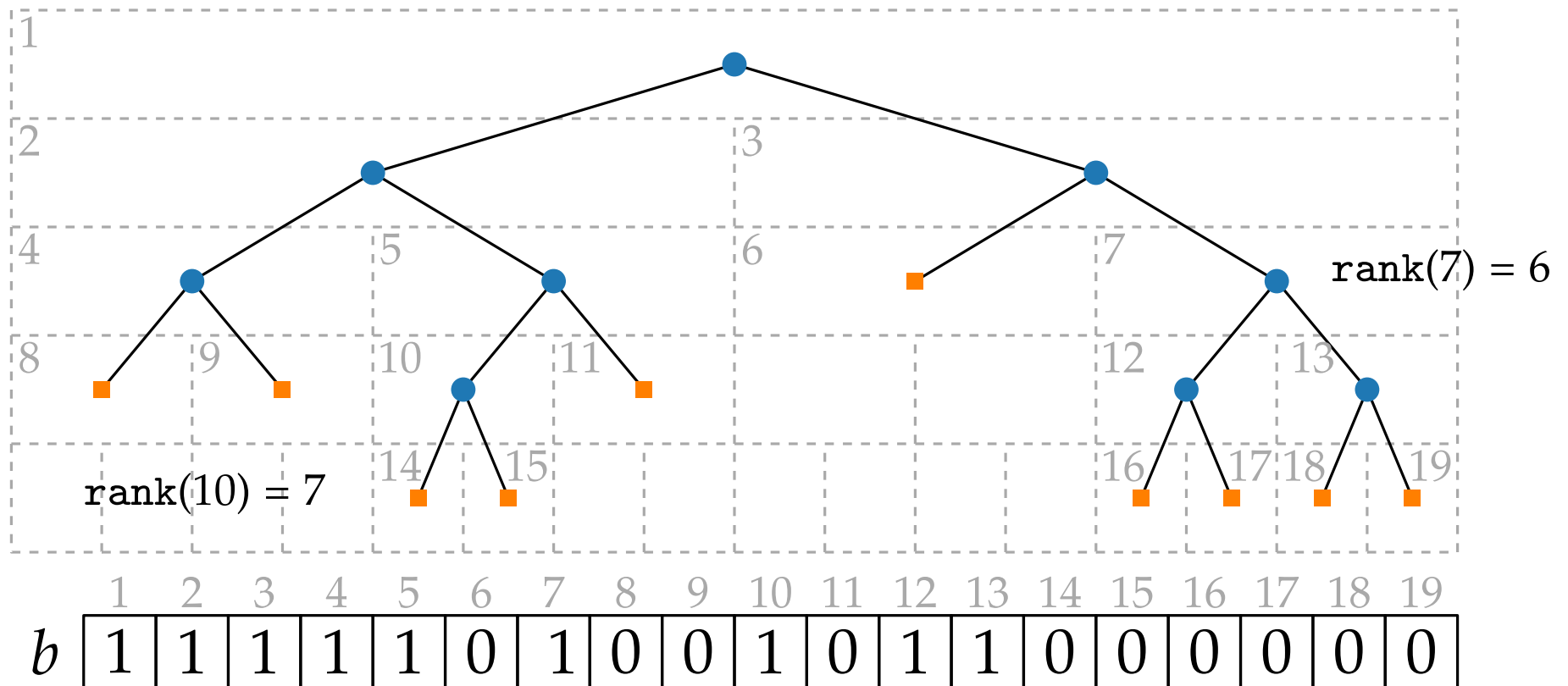
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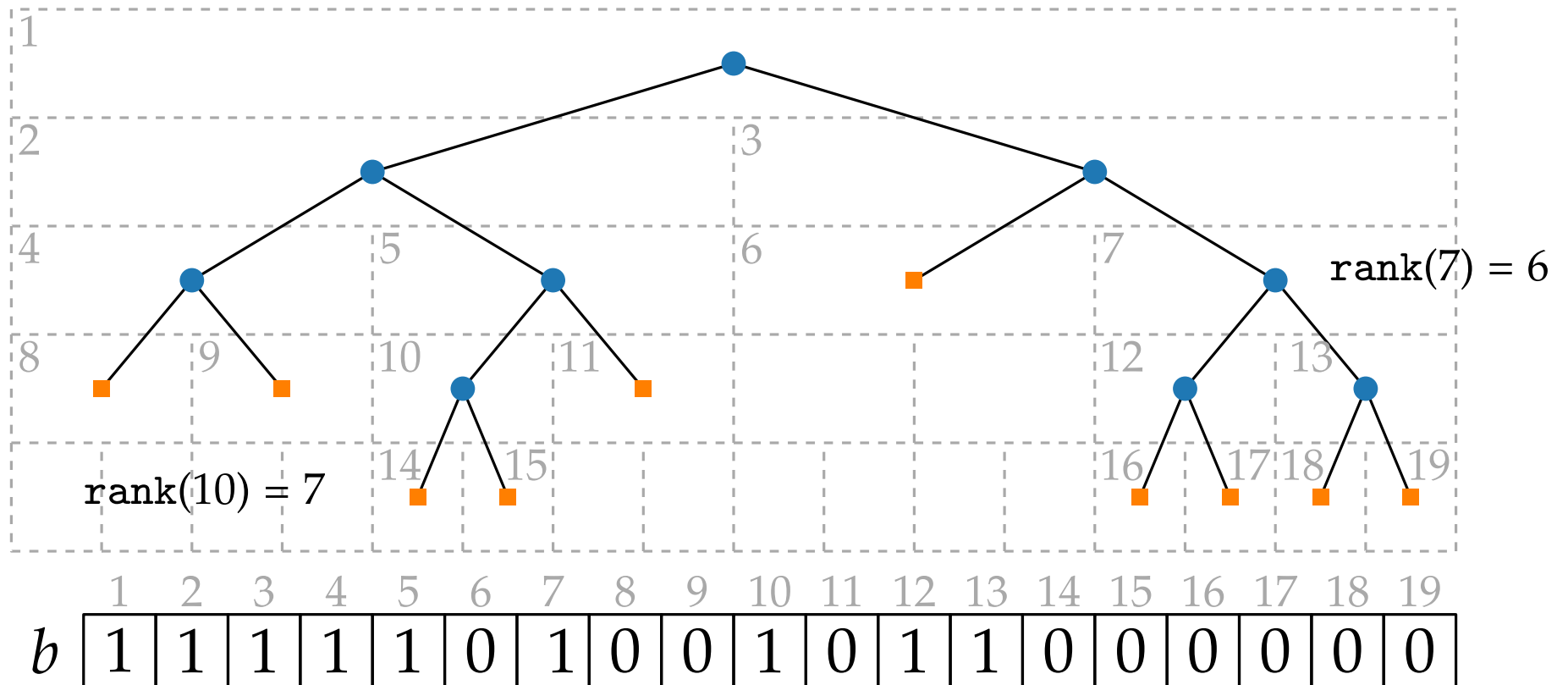
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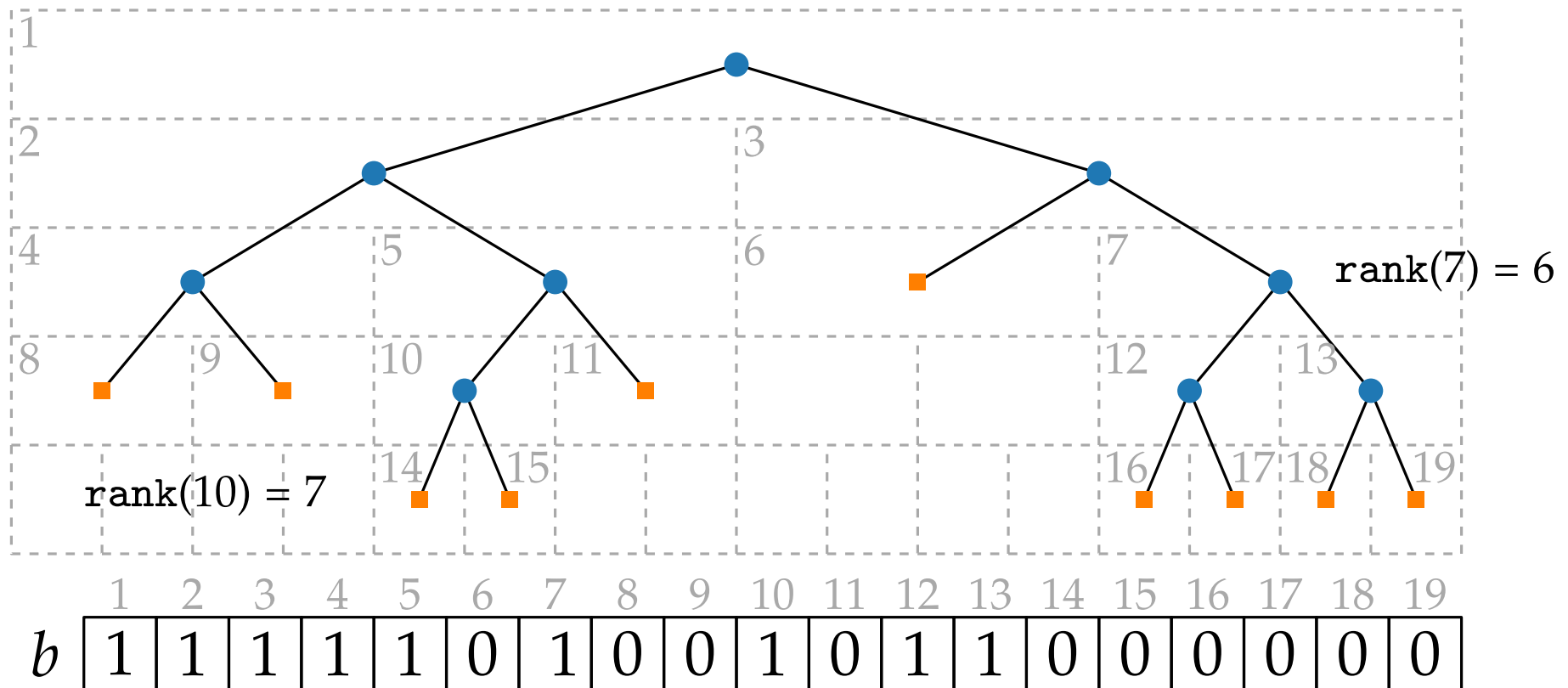
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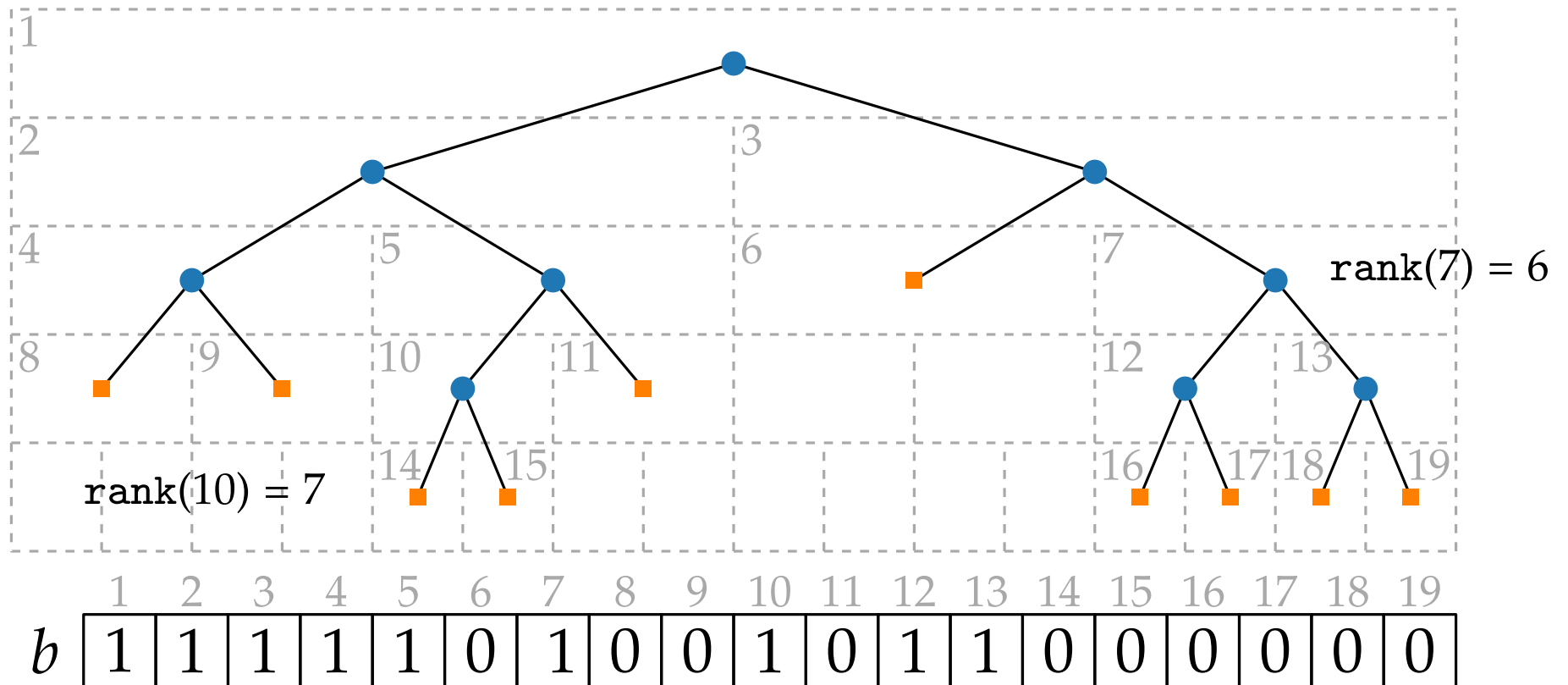
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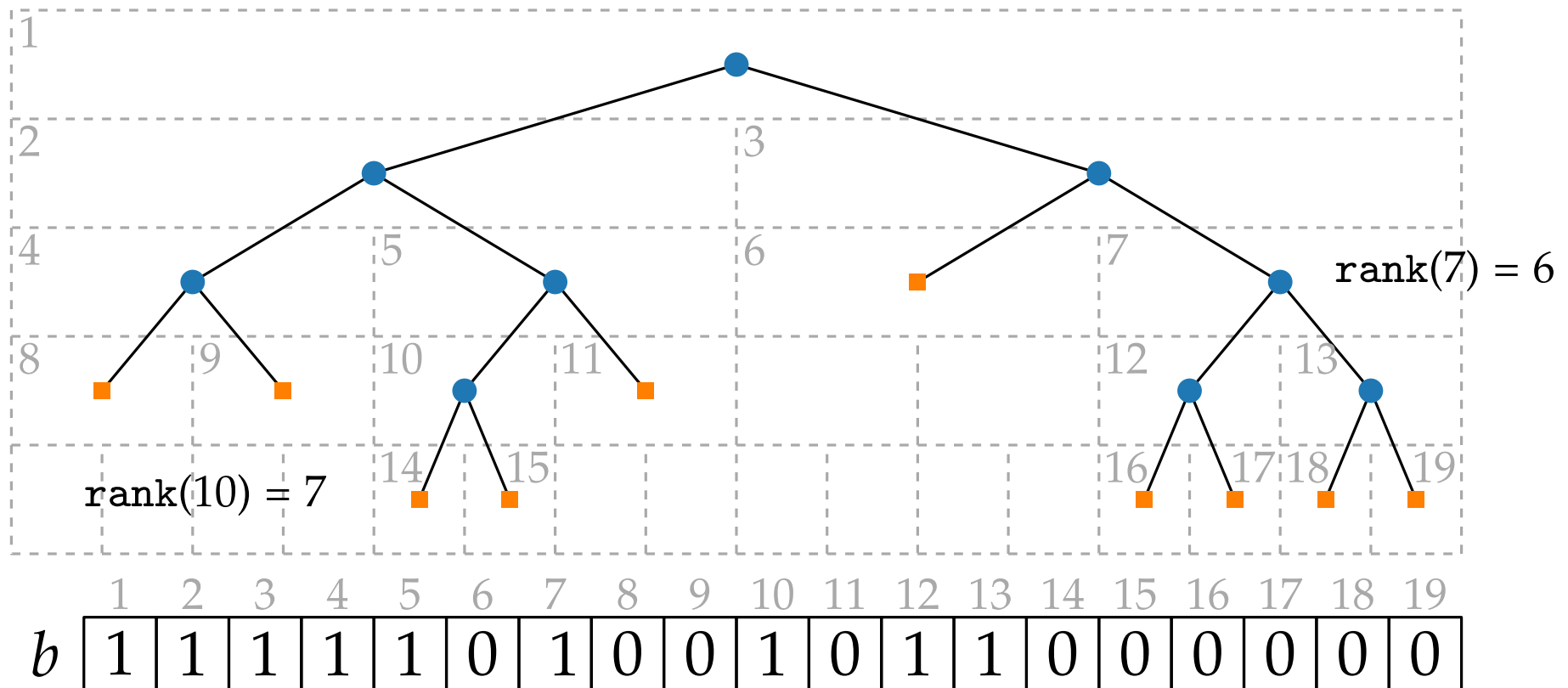
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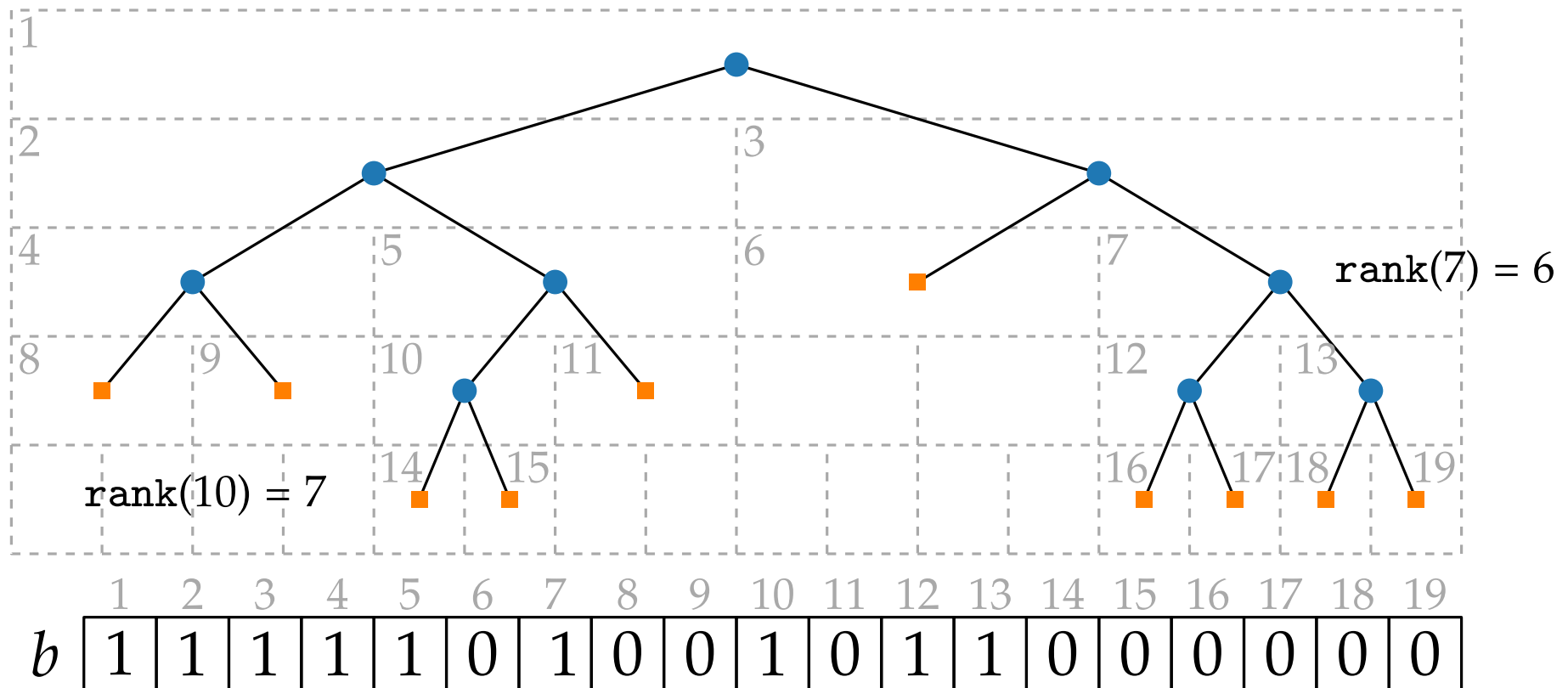
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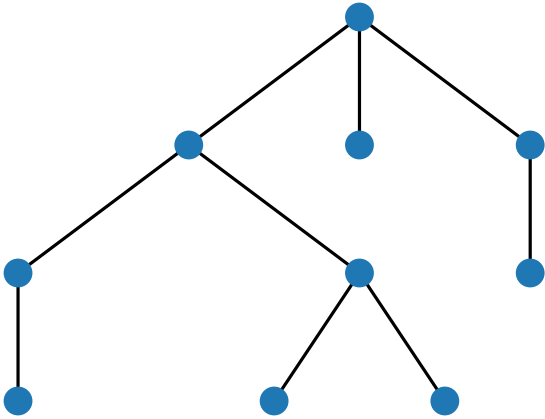
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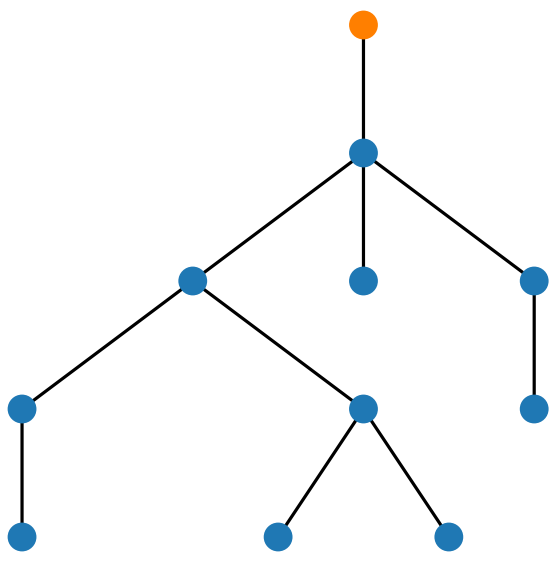
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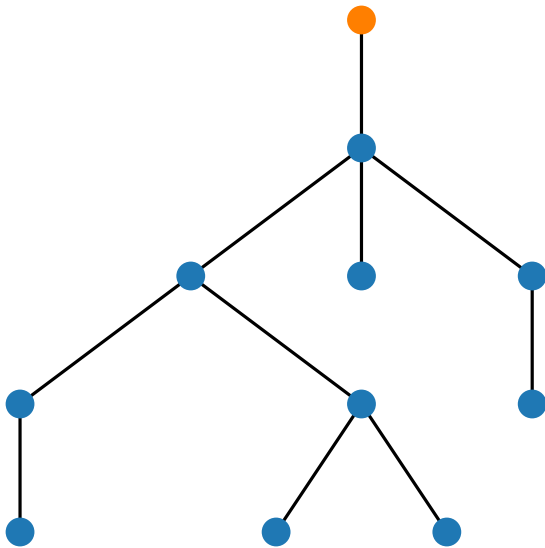
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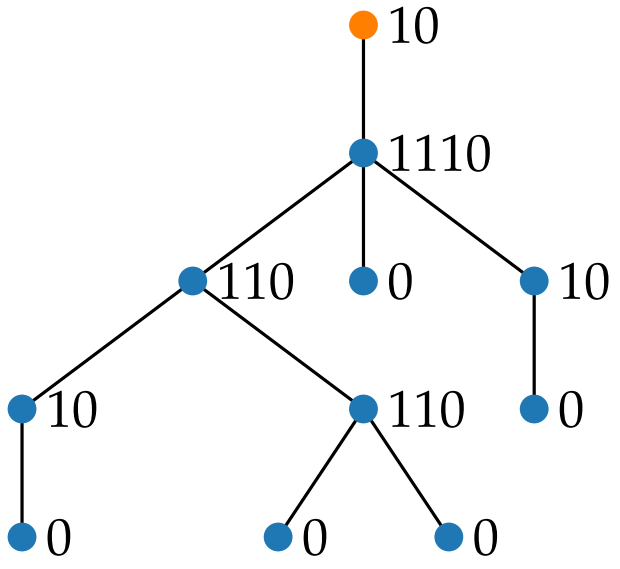
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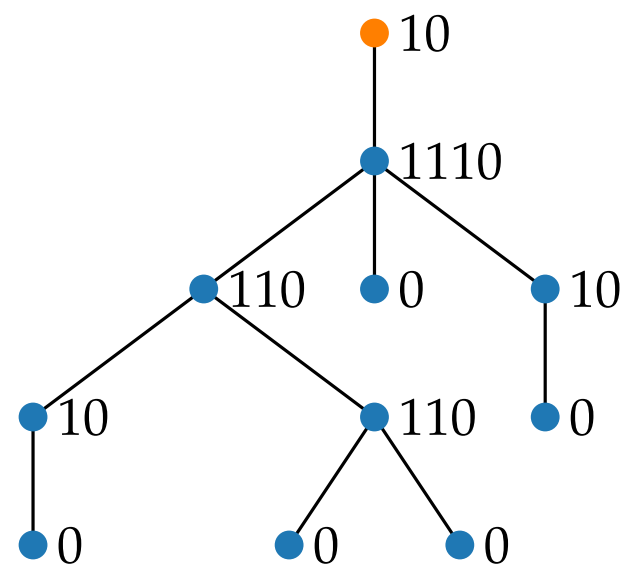


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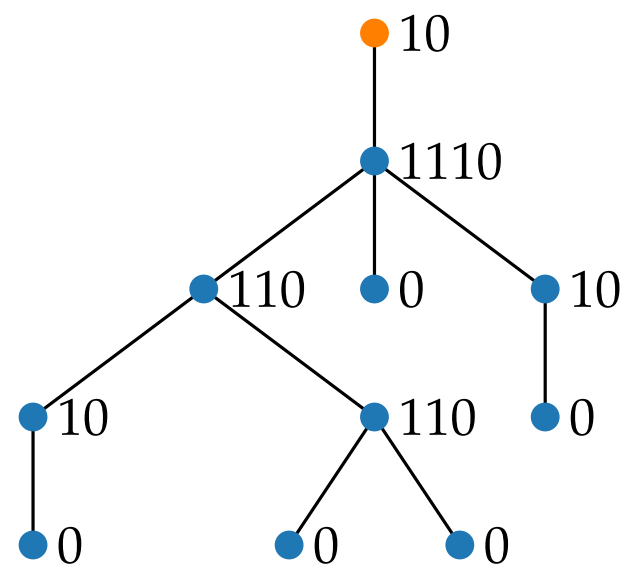
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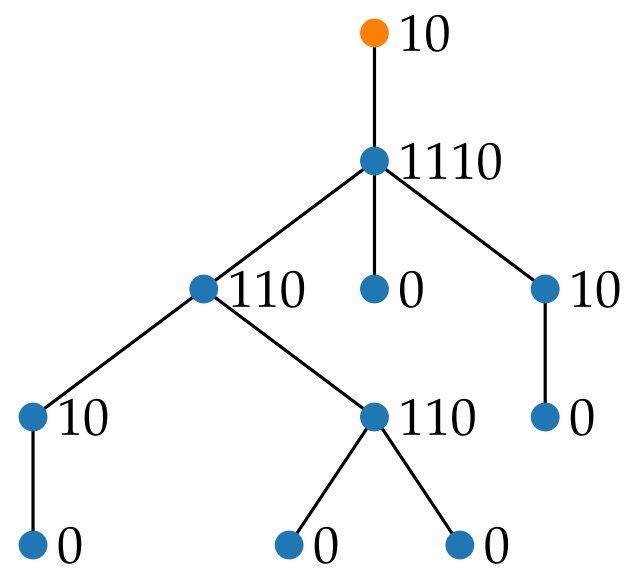
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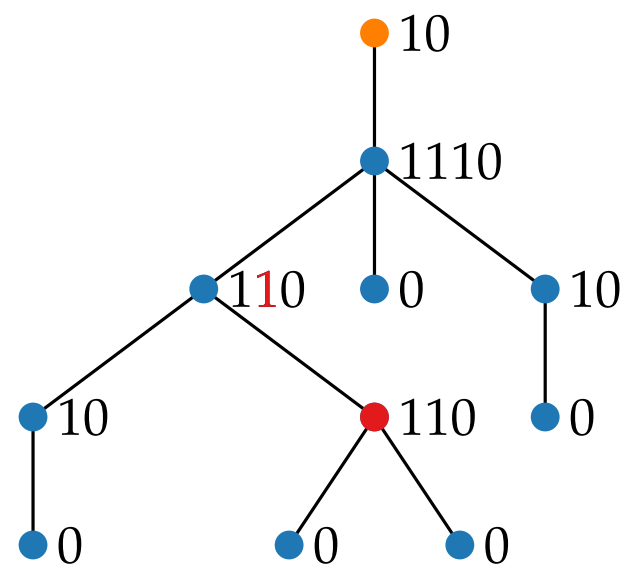
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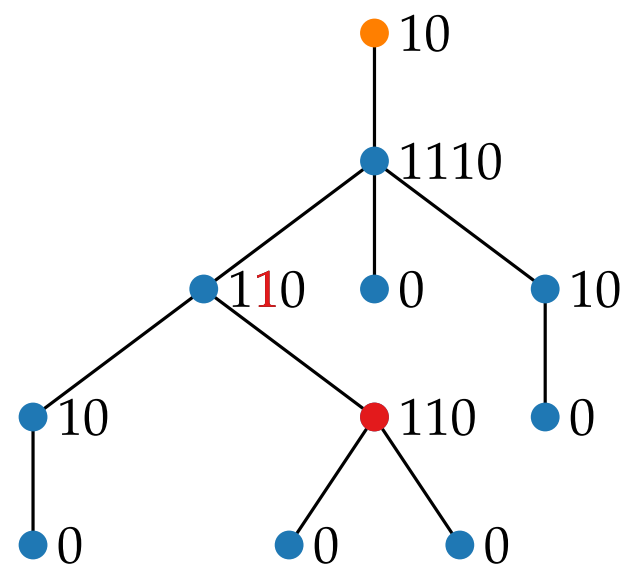
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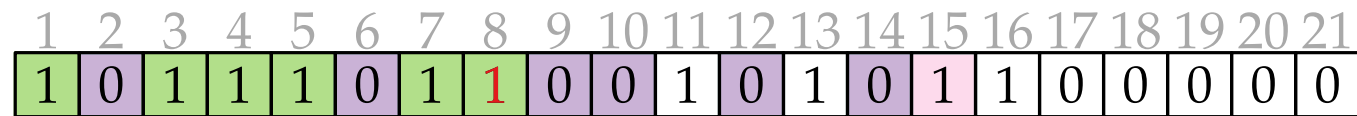
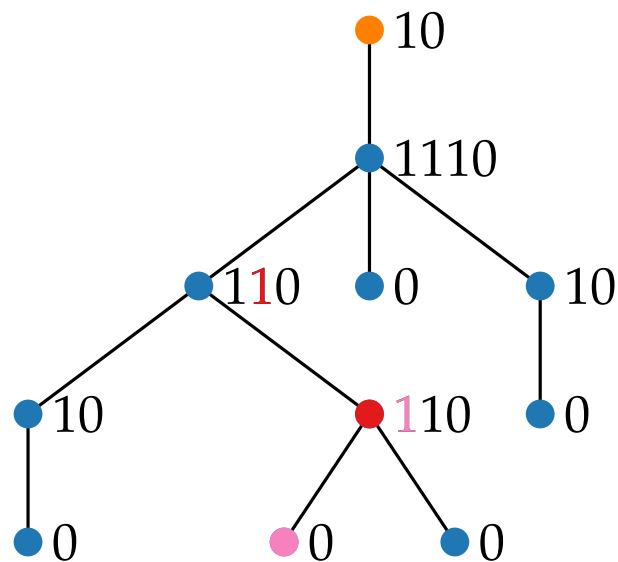
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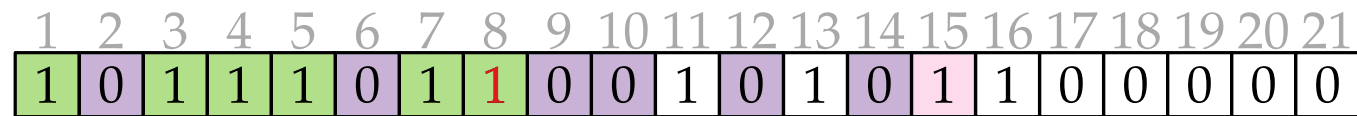
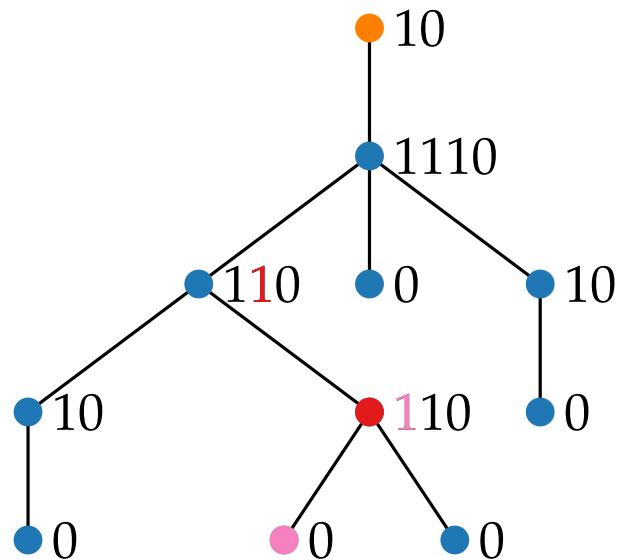
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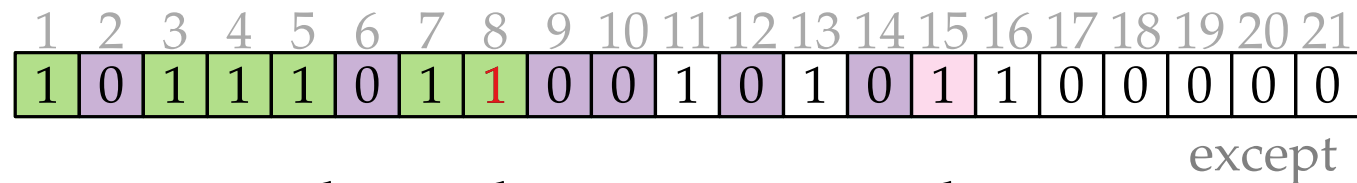
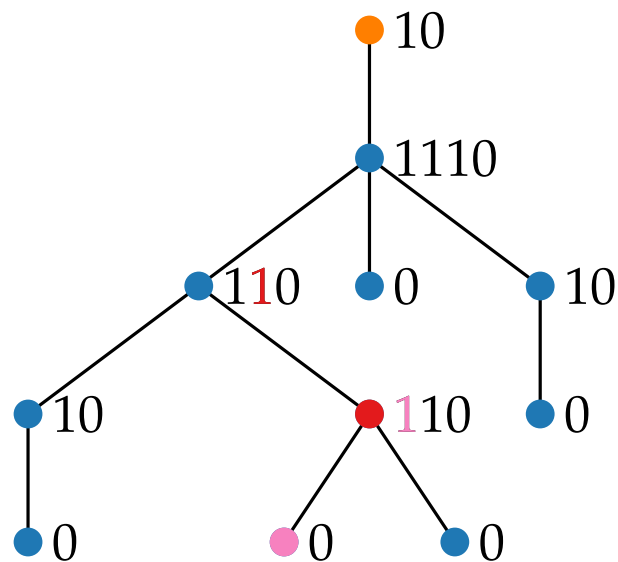
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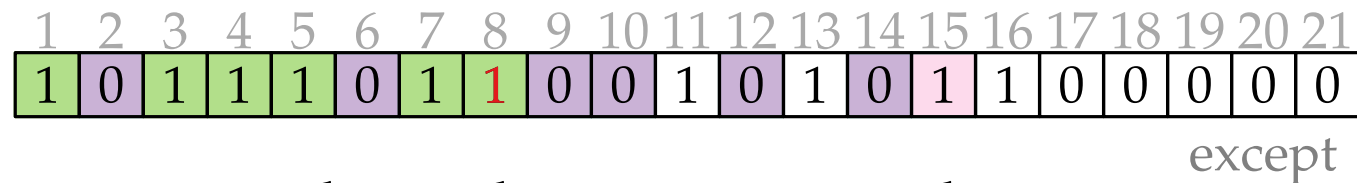
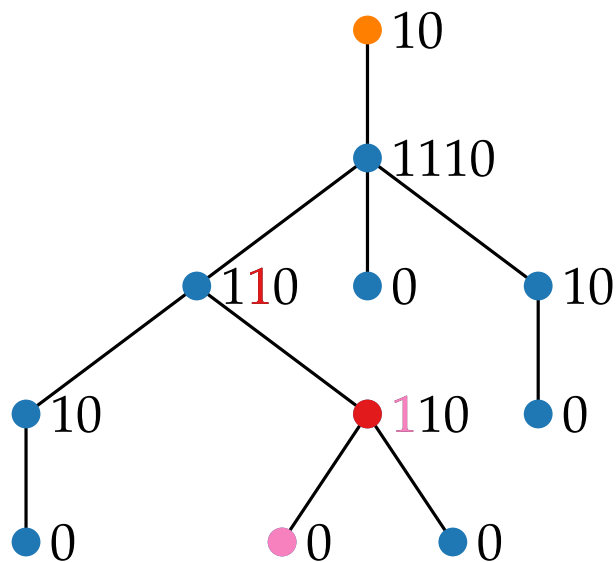
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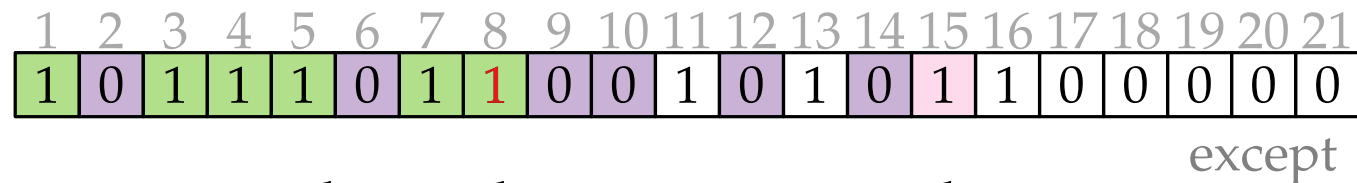
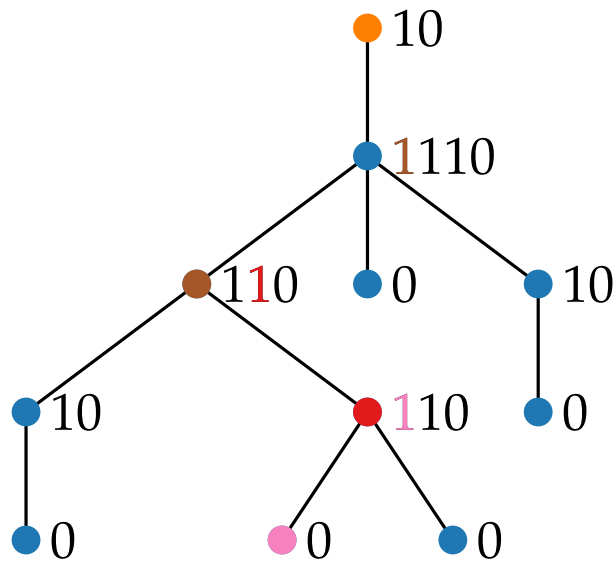
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