
Sorting - part two



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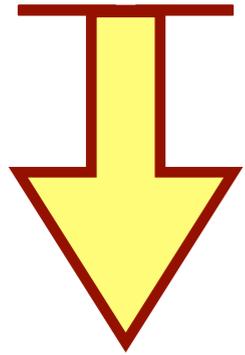
... until the problems get small enough that they are solved.

Then ...

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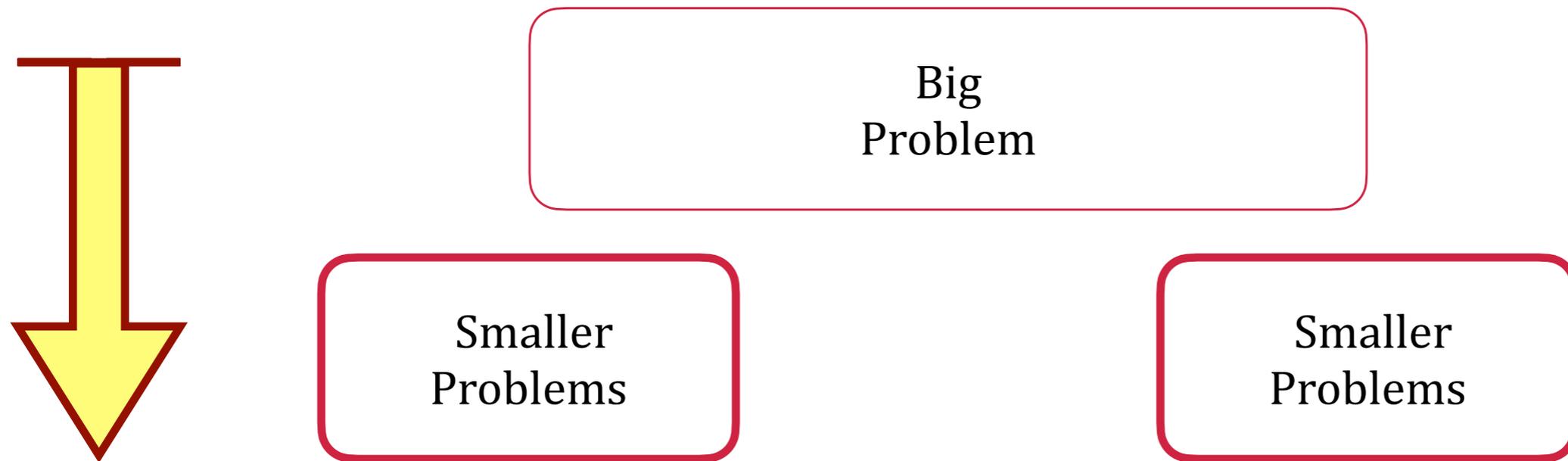
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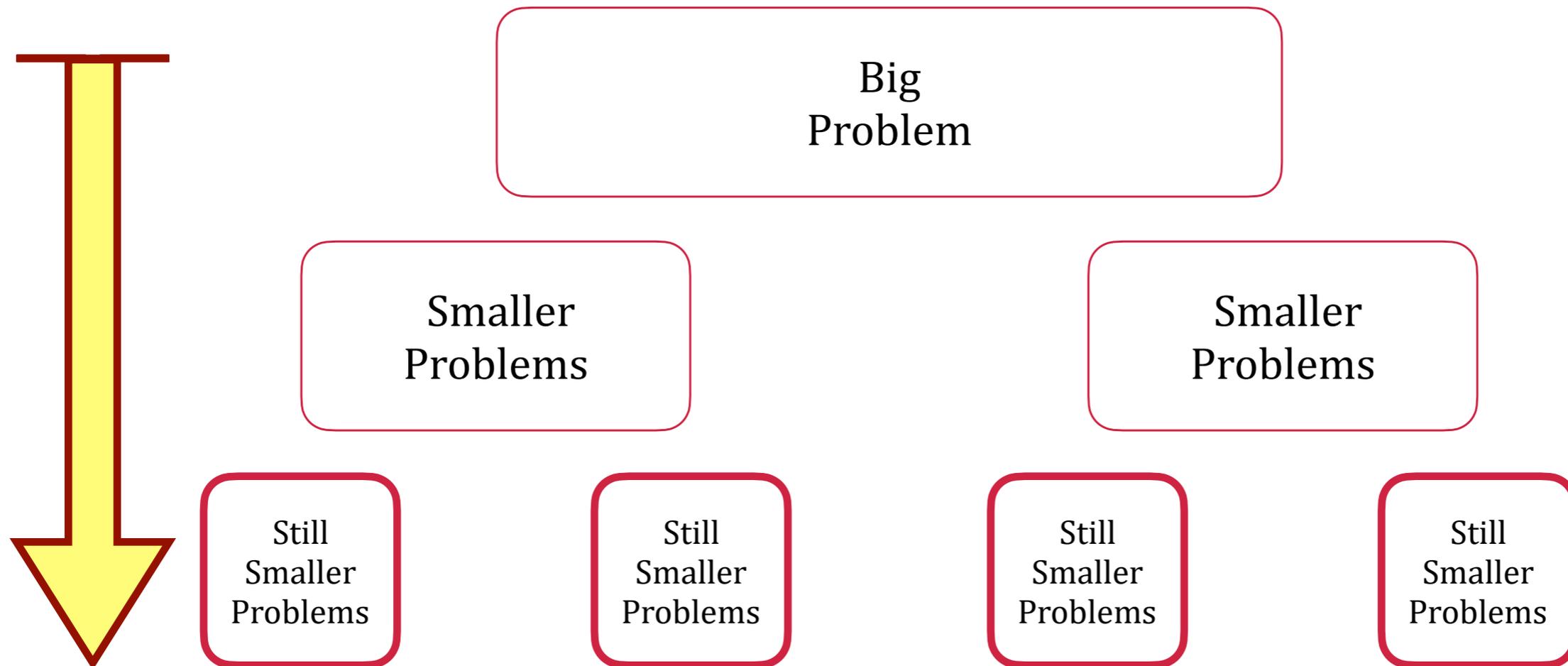


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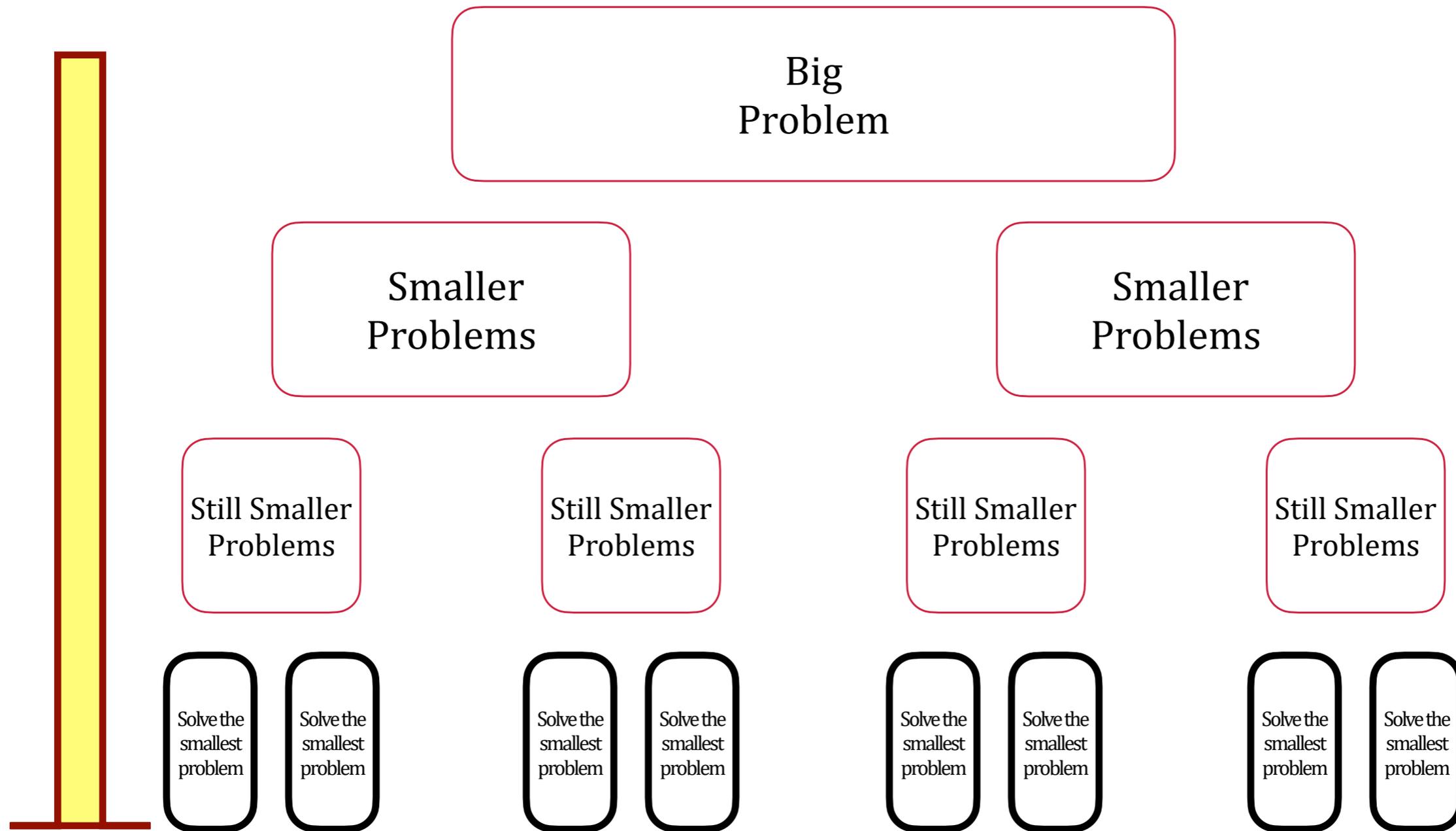
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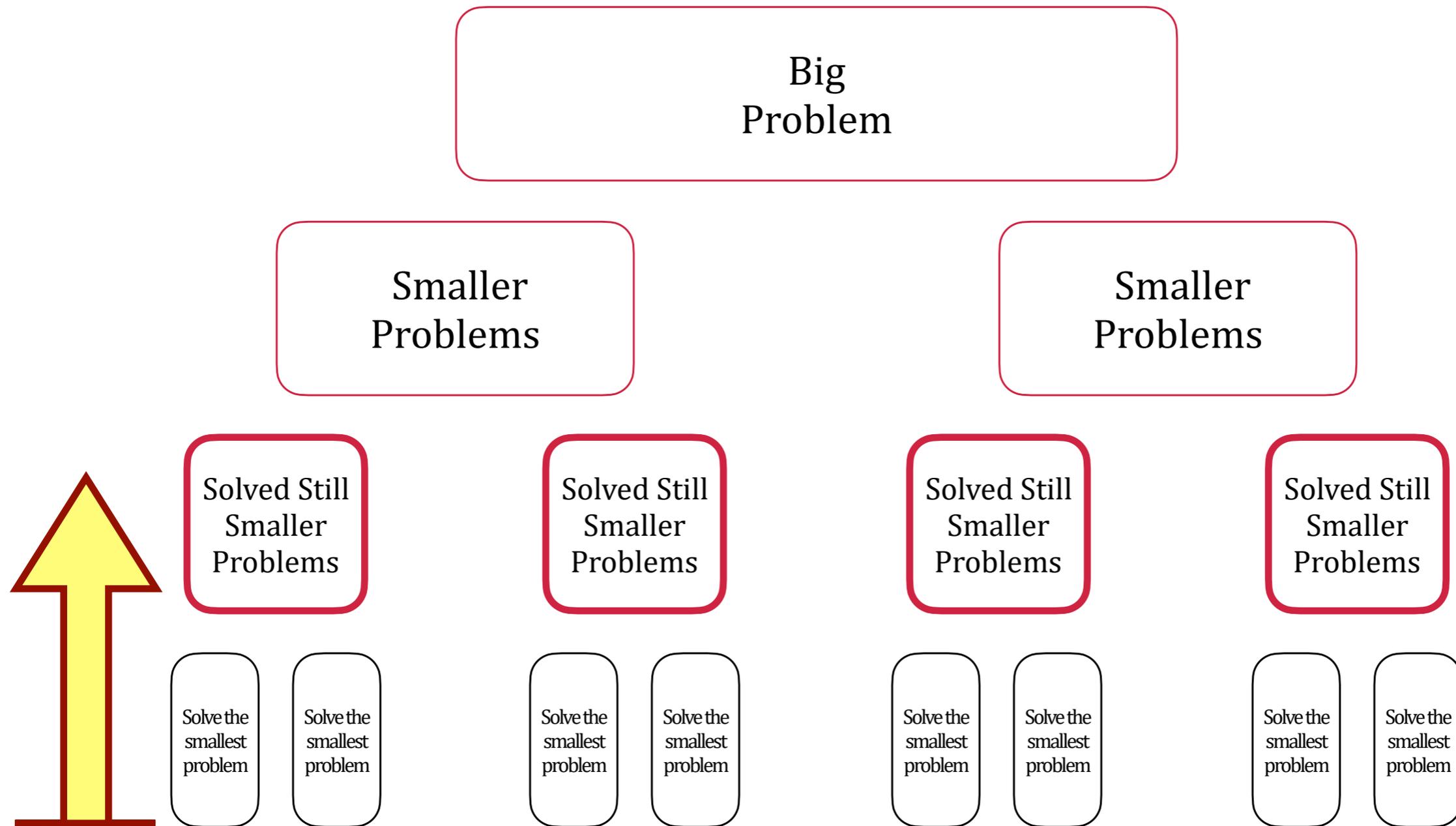
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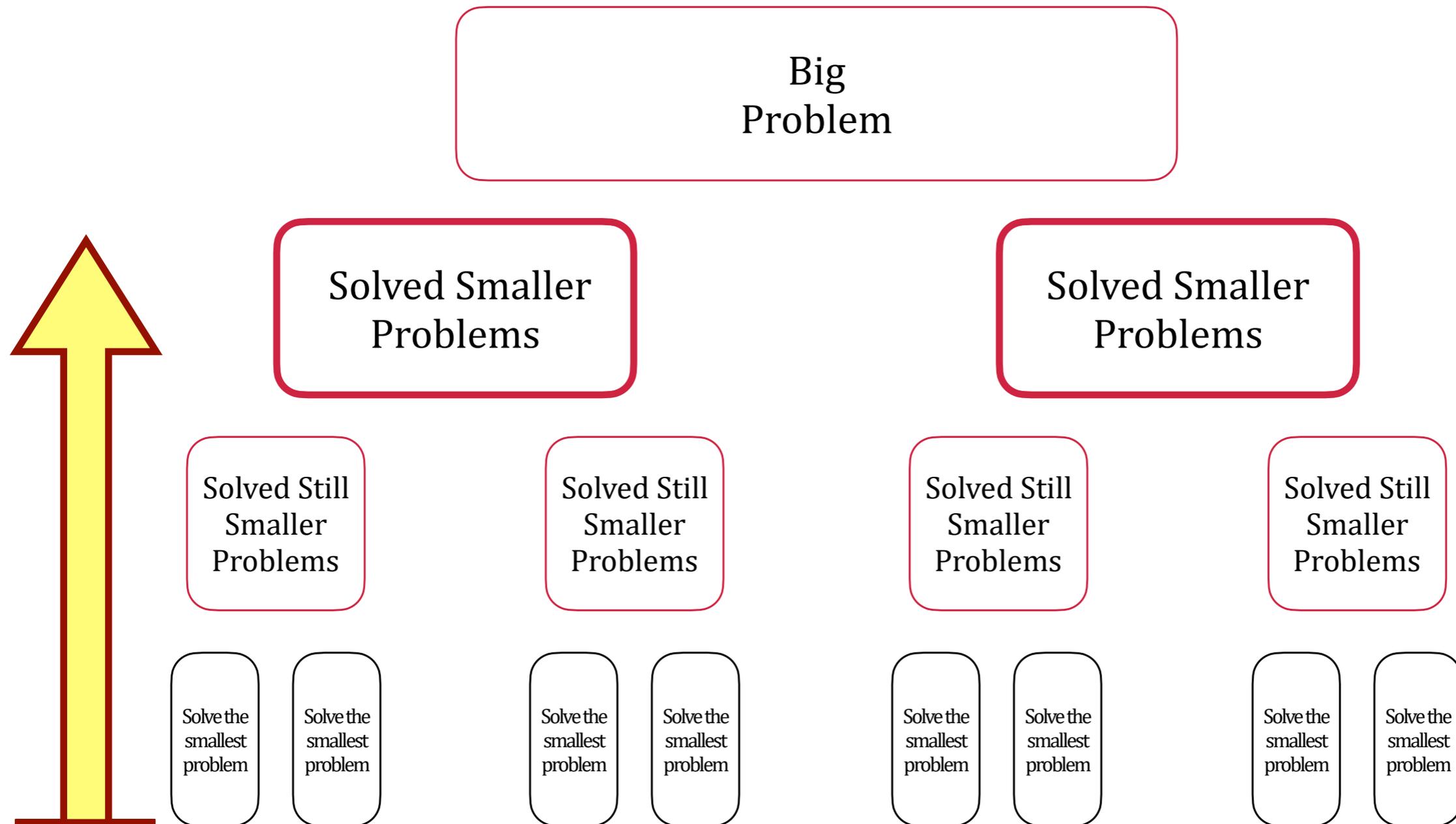
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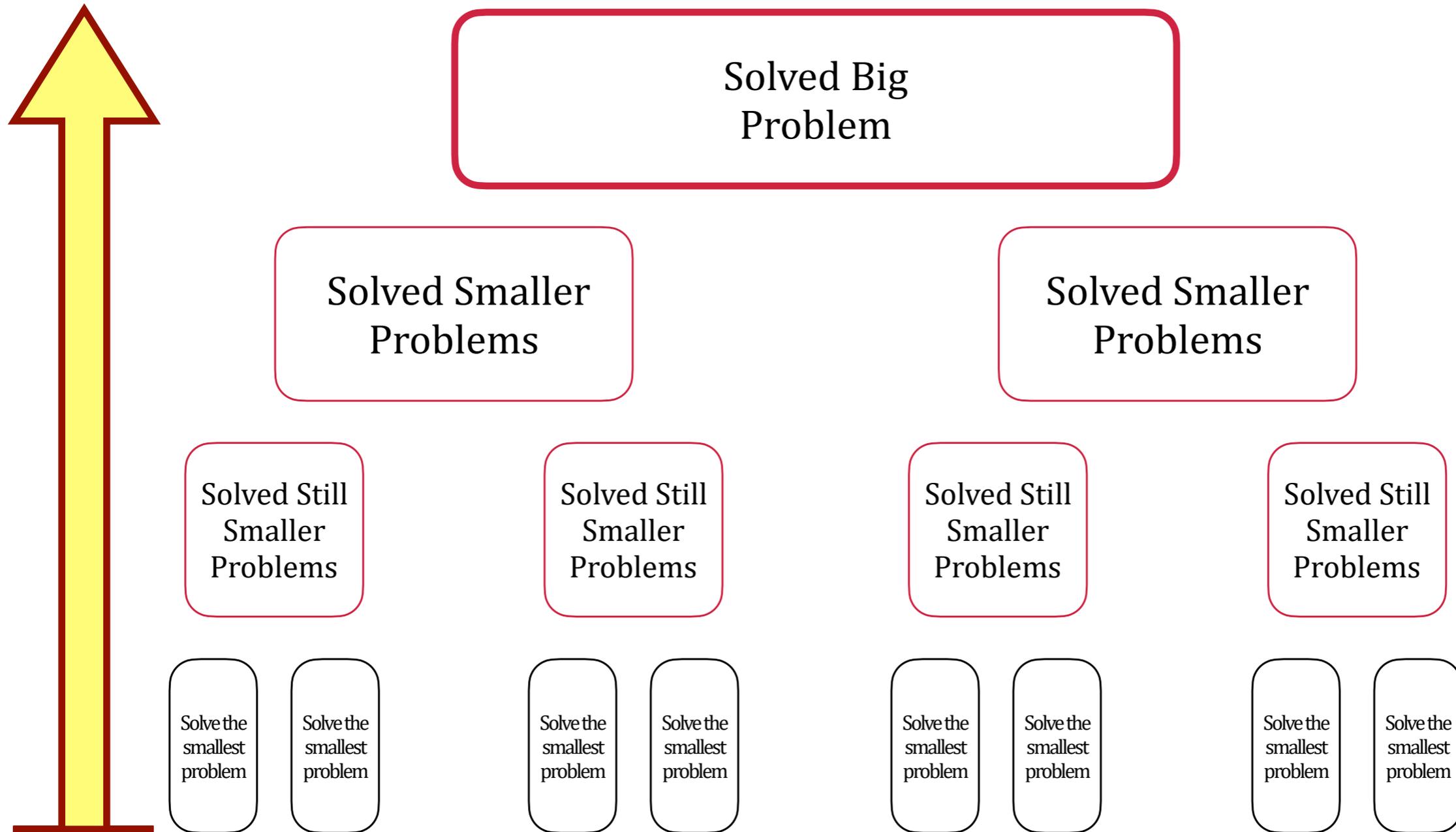
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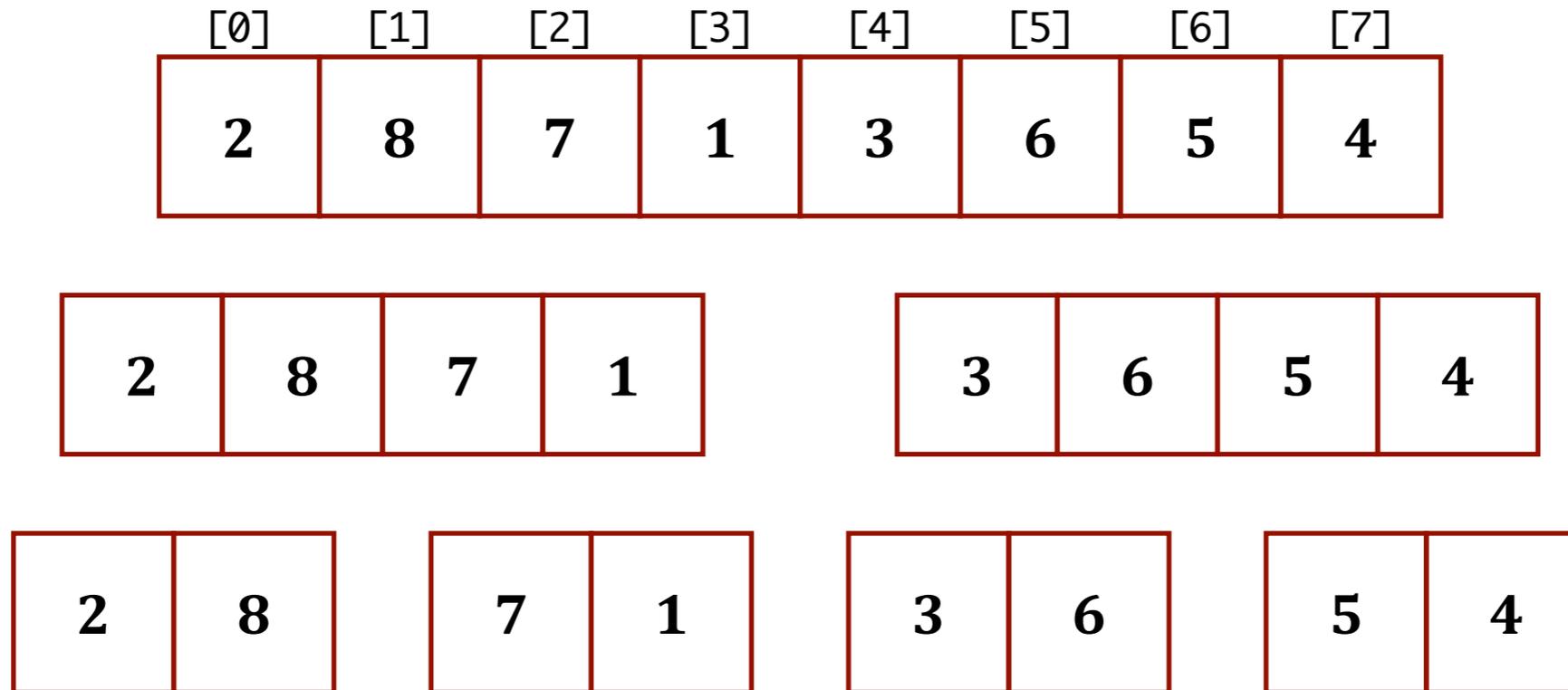
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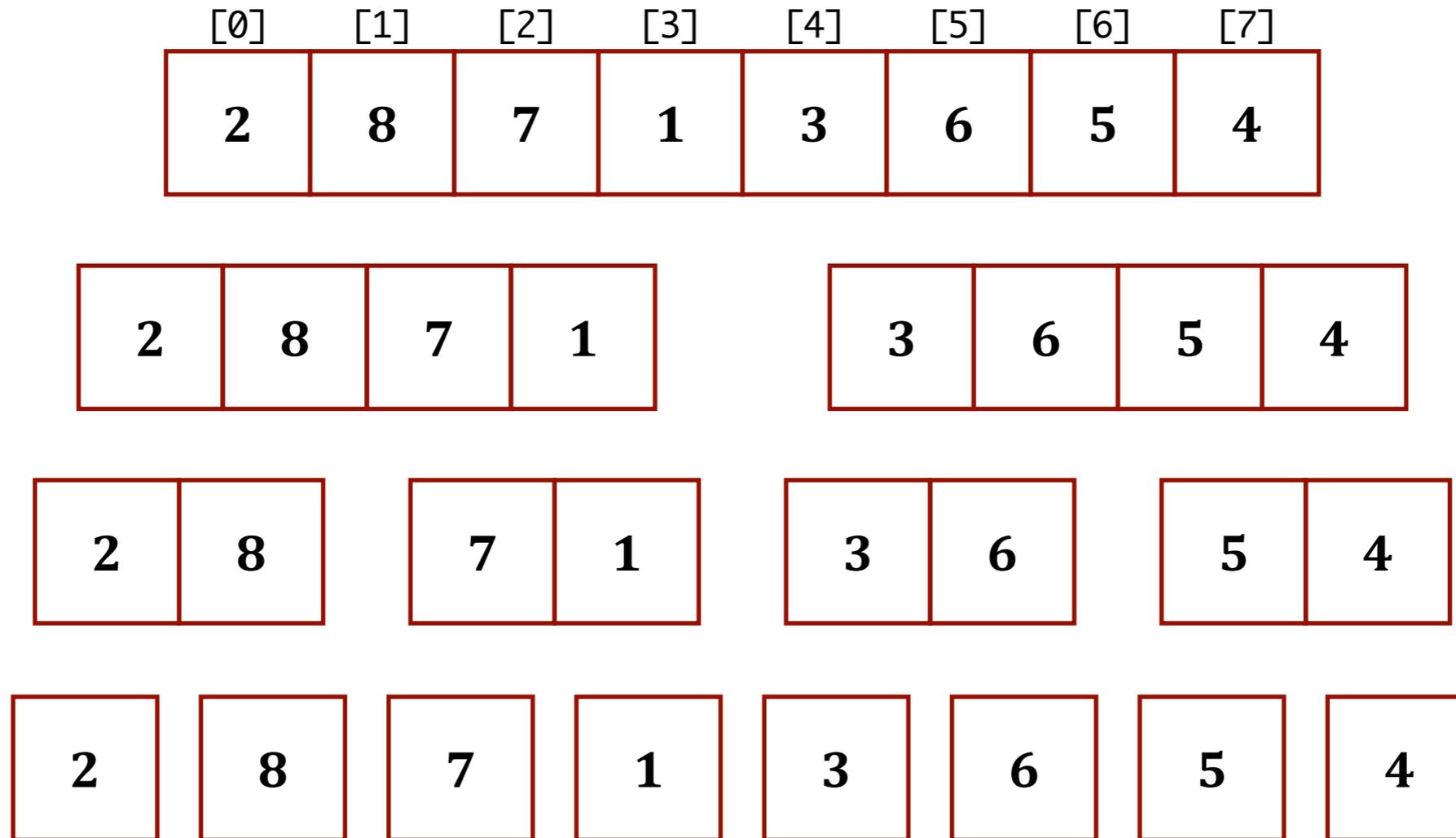
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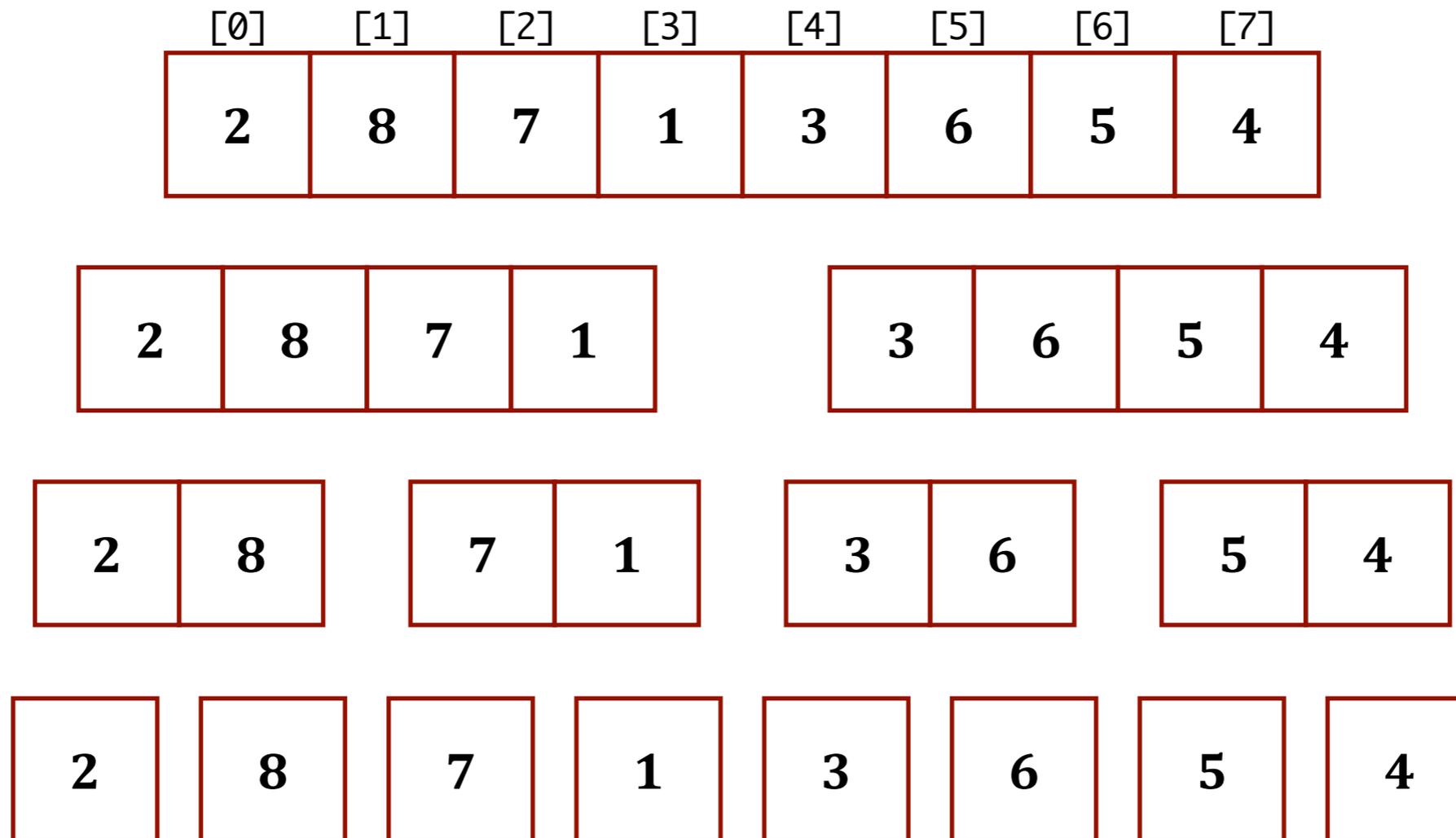
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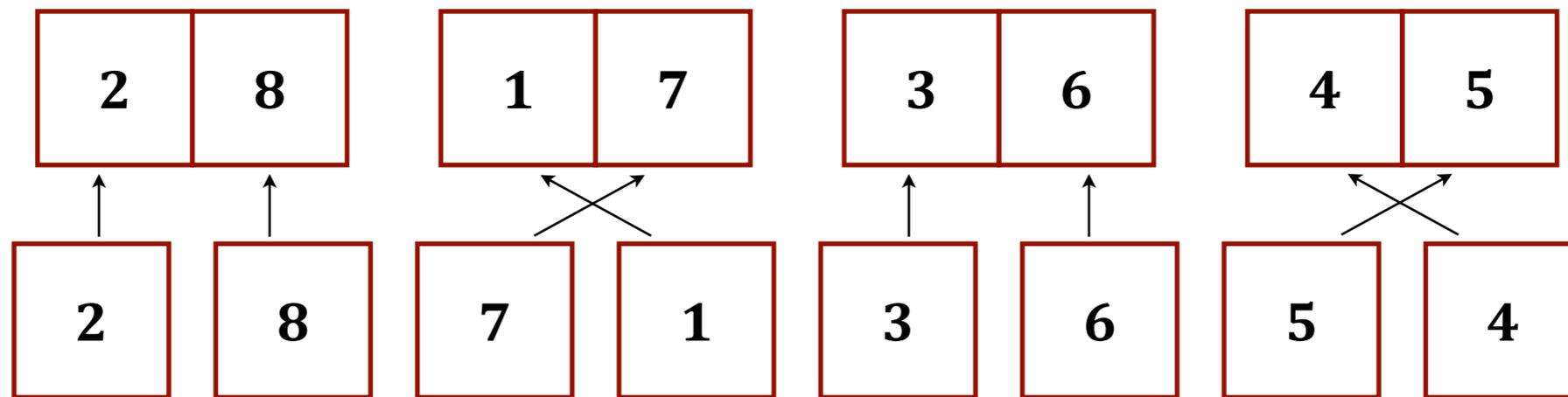
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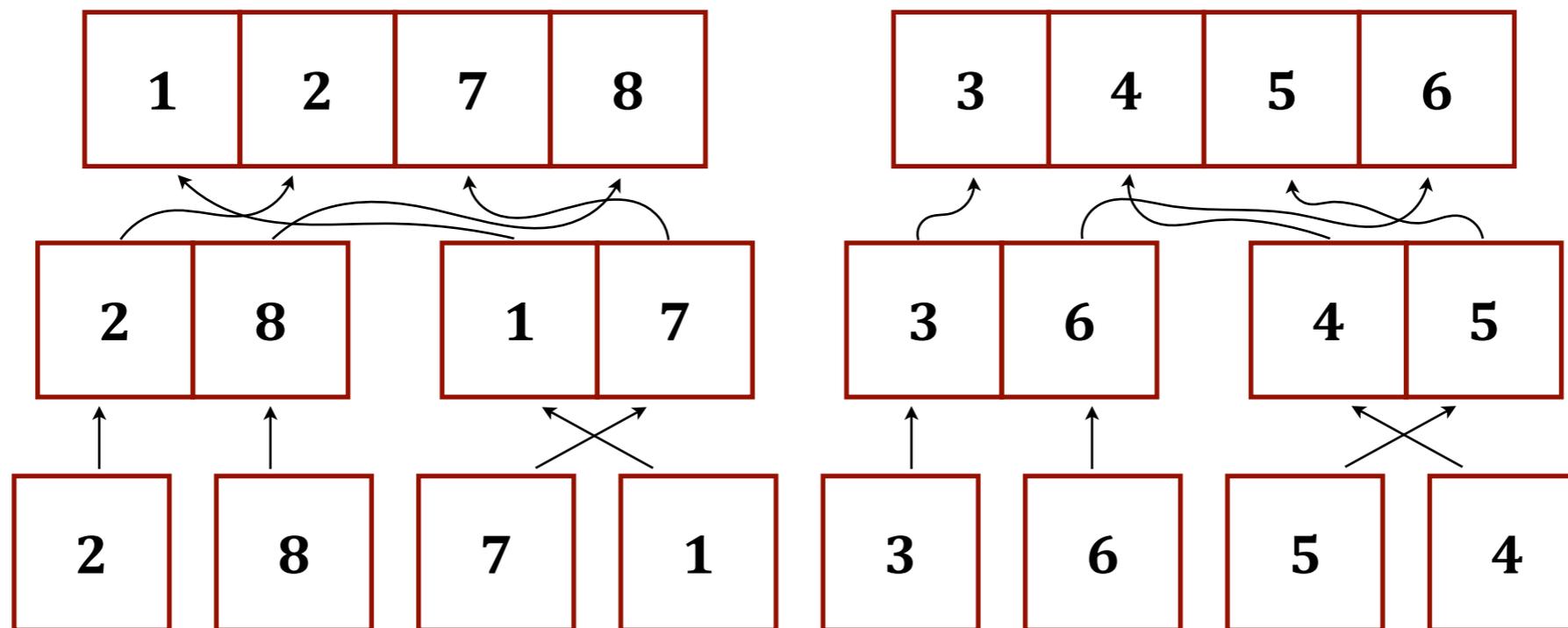
How many times did we “**divide**” (in terms of the n items to sort)?

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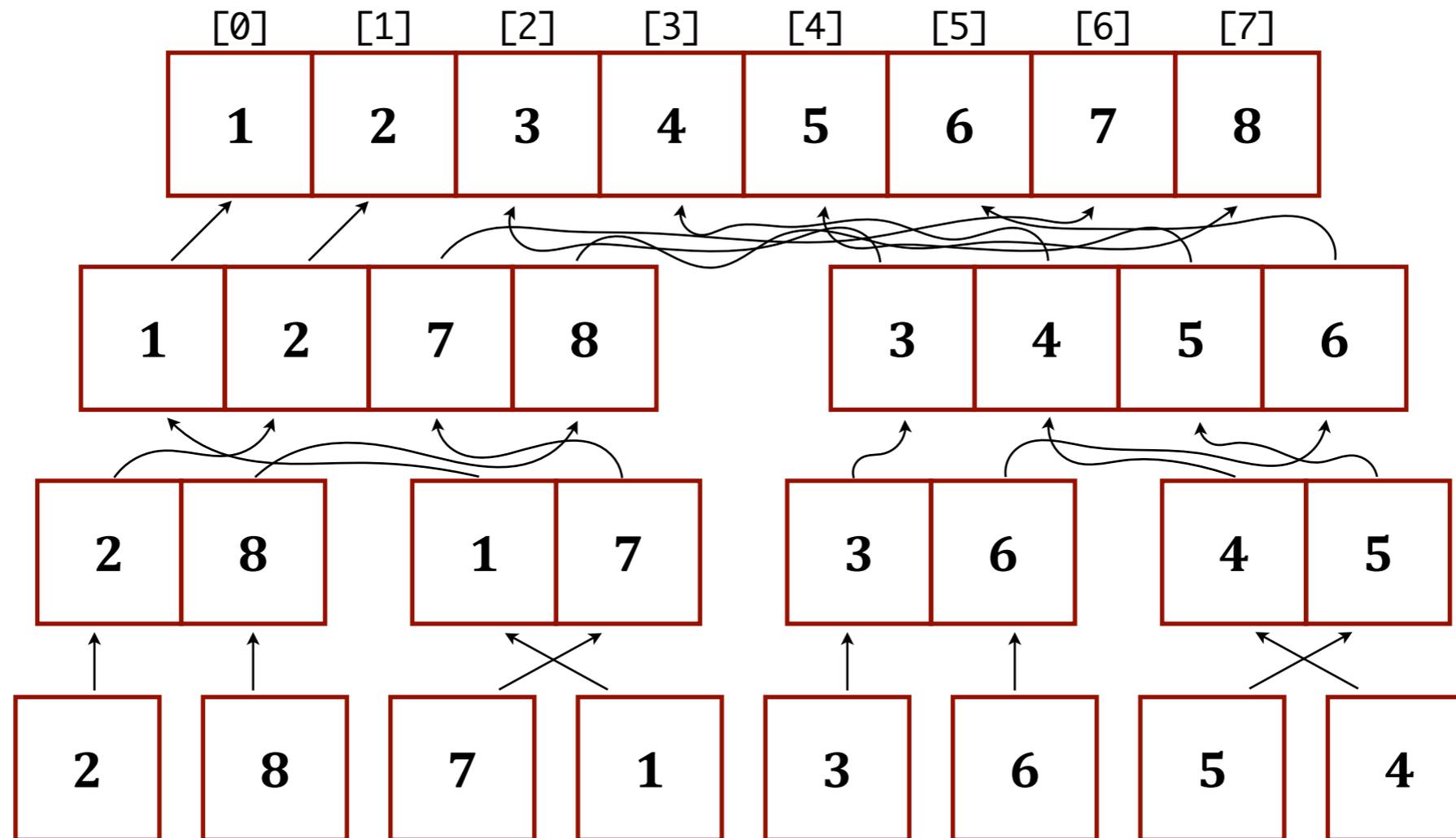
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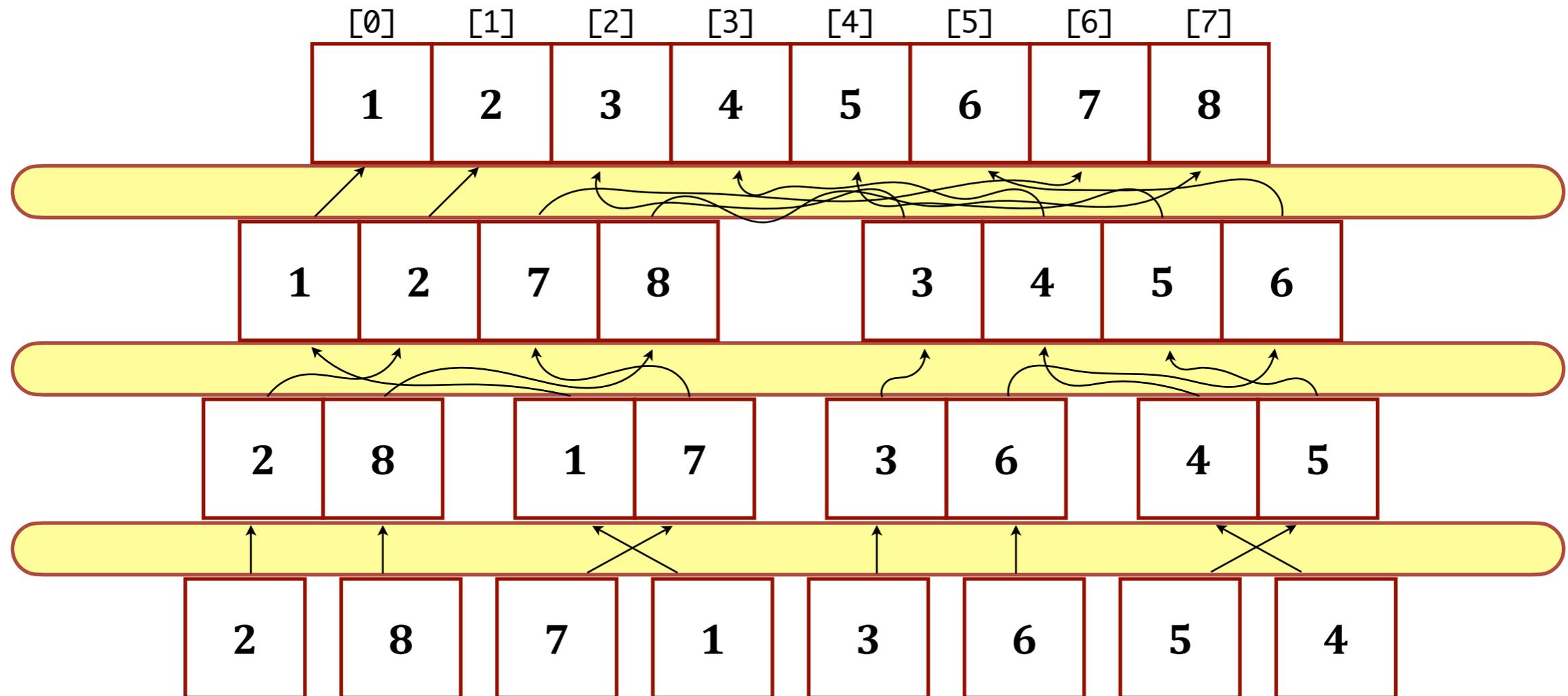
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The **sorting work** is done in the **merge** steps.

How long does each **merge** step take in terms of n ?

Divide and Conquer :: Merge Sort

```
MERGESORT(A[1..n]):
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  if  $n > 1$ 
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     $m \leftarrow \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ 
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    MERGESORT(A[1..m])    ⟨⟨Recurse!⟩⟩
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    MERGESORT(A[m+1..n]) ⟨⟨Recurse!⟩⟩
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    MERGE(A[1..n], m)
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MERGE(A[1..n], m):
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   $i \leftarrow 1; j \leftarrow m + 1$ 
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```
  for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
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```
    if  $j > n$ 
```

```
       $B[k] \leftarrow A[i]; i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
```

```
    else if  $i > m$ 
```

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       $B[k] \leftarrow A[j]; j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
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Figure 1.6. Mergesort

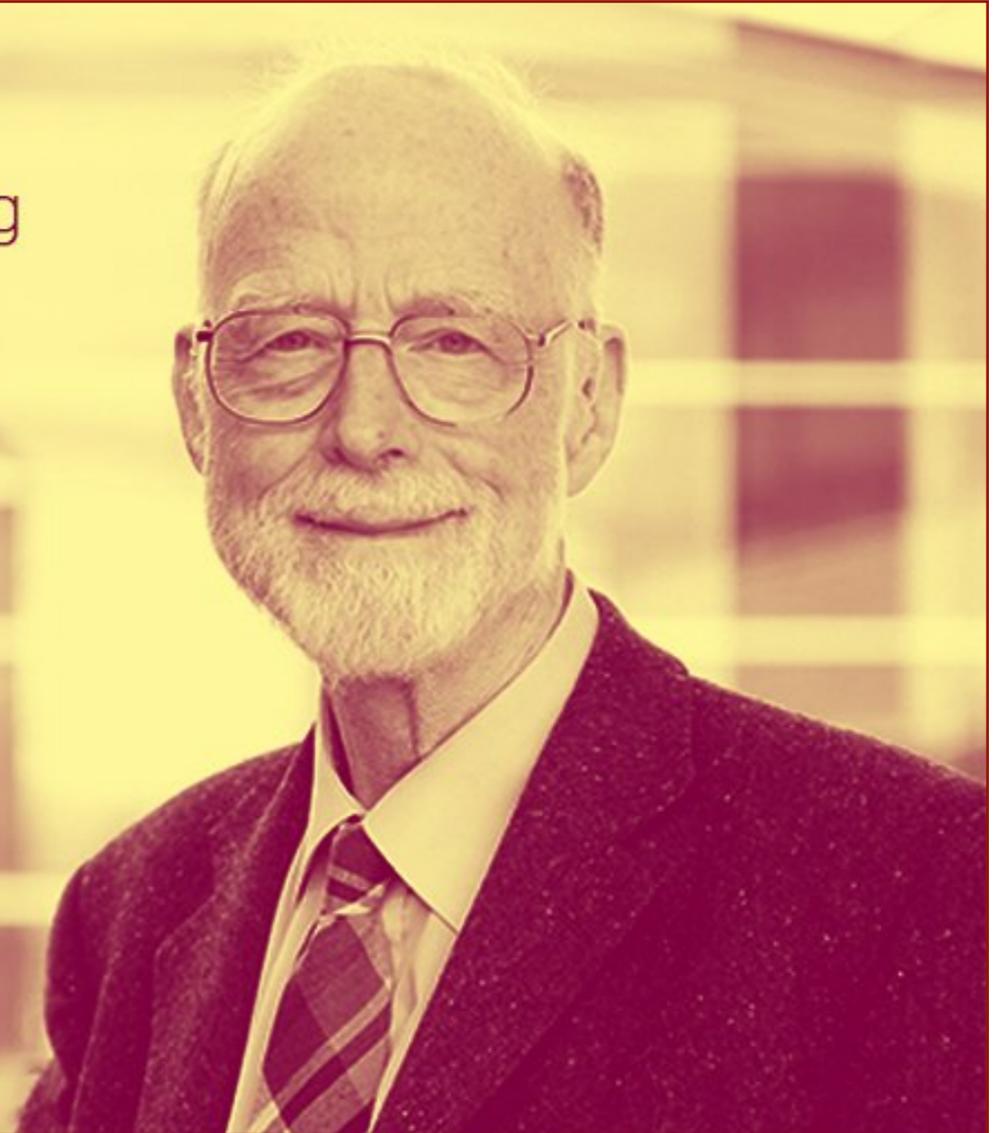
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How long does each **merge** step this take in terms of n ?

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“There are **two ways** of constructing a software design. One way is to **make it so simple** that there are **obviously no deficiencies**. And the other way is to make it **so complicated** that there are **no obvious deficiencies.**”

- C.A.R Hoare



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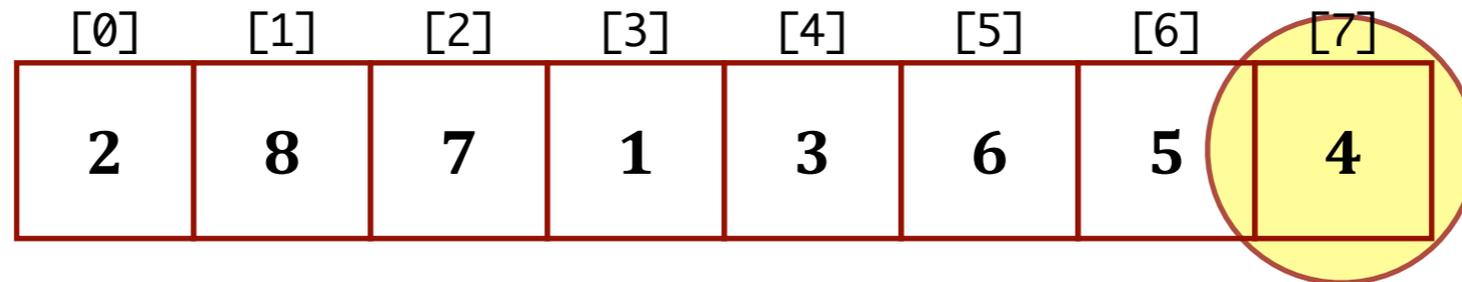
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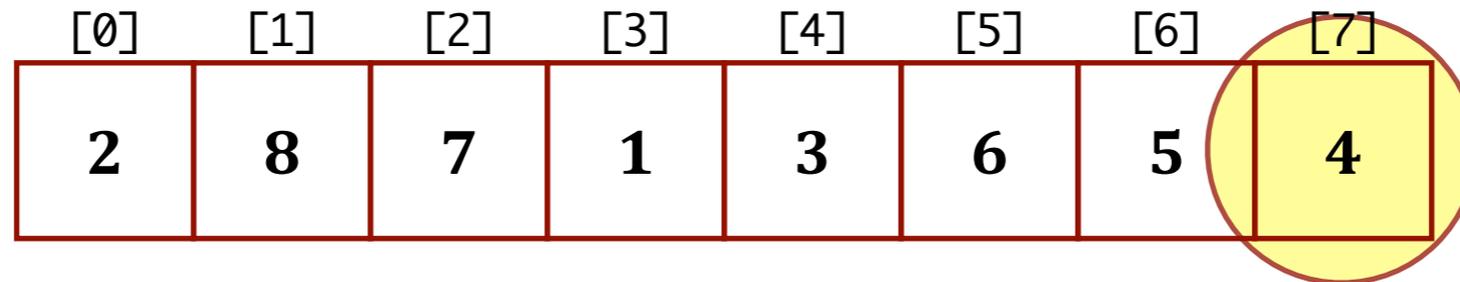


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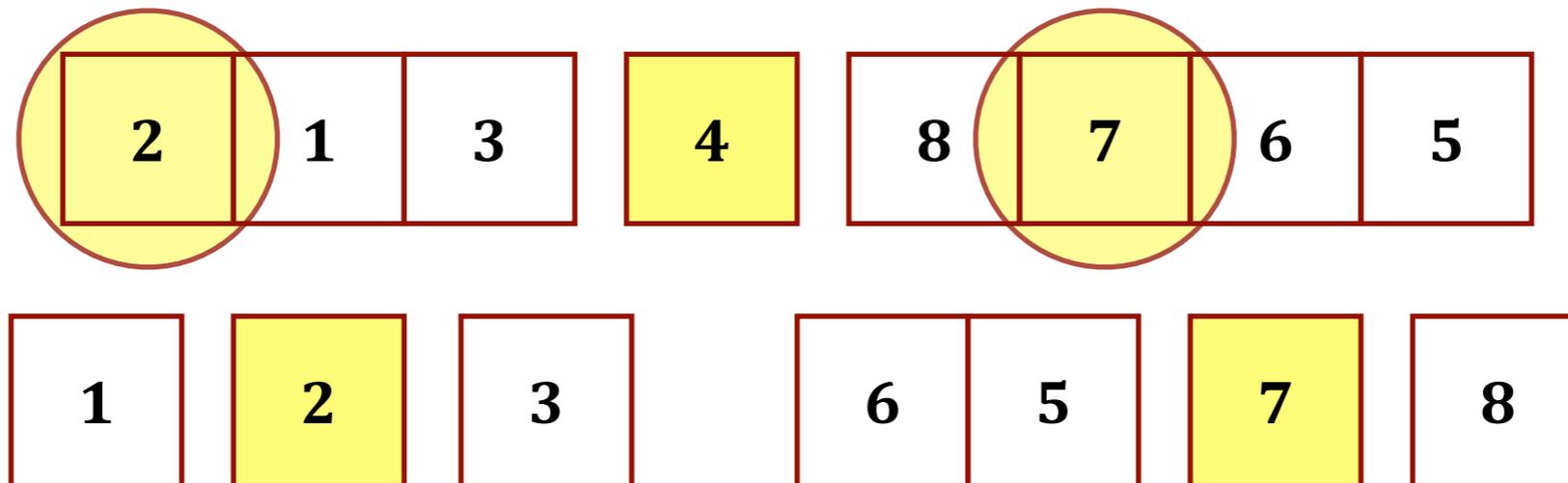


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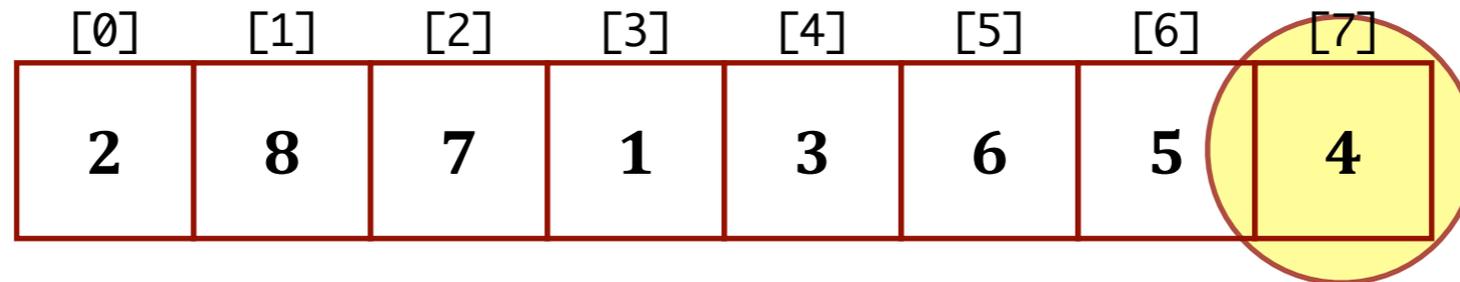


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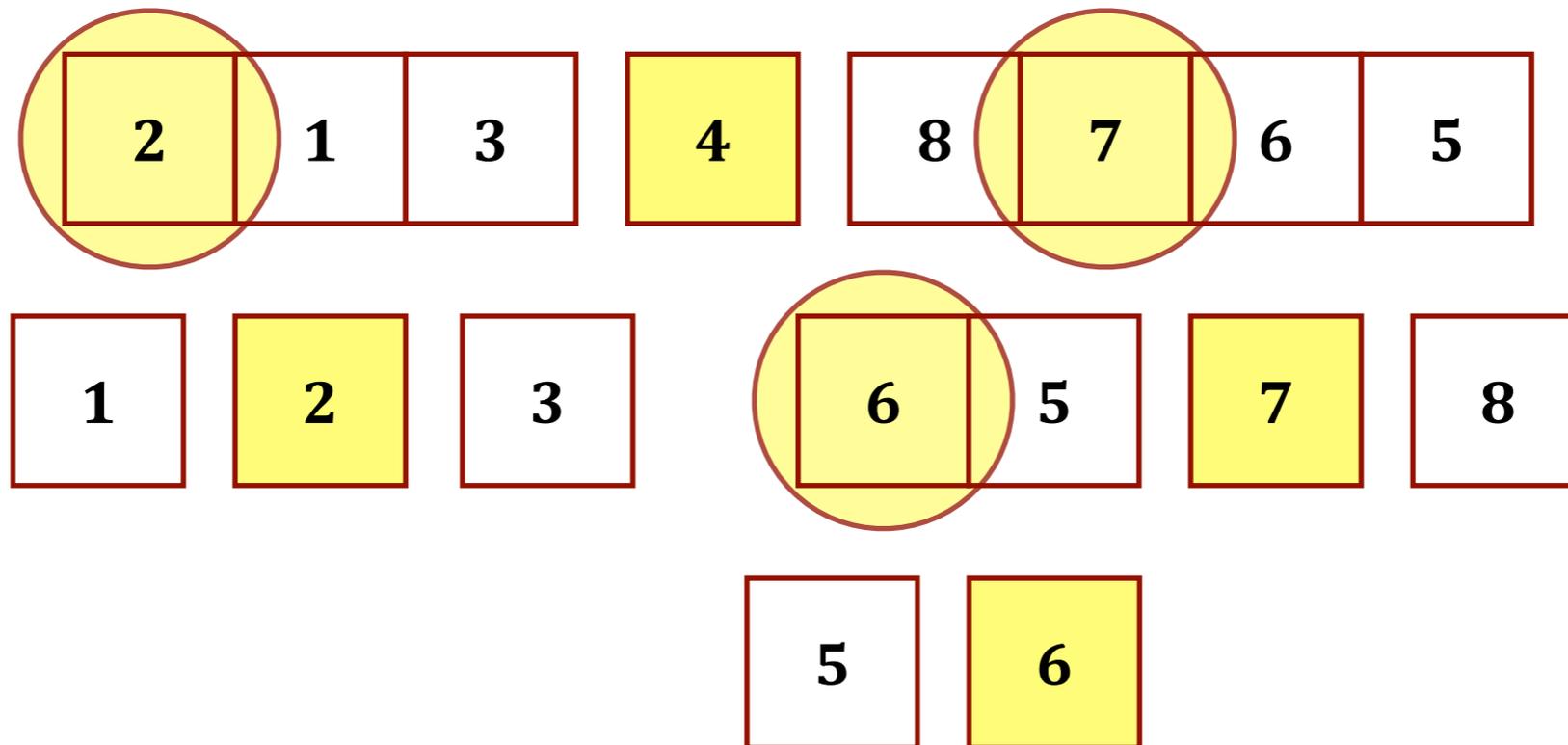


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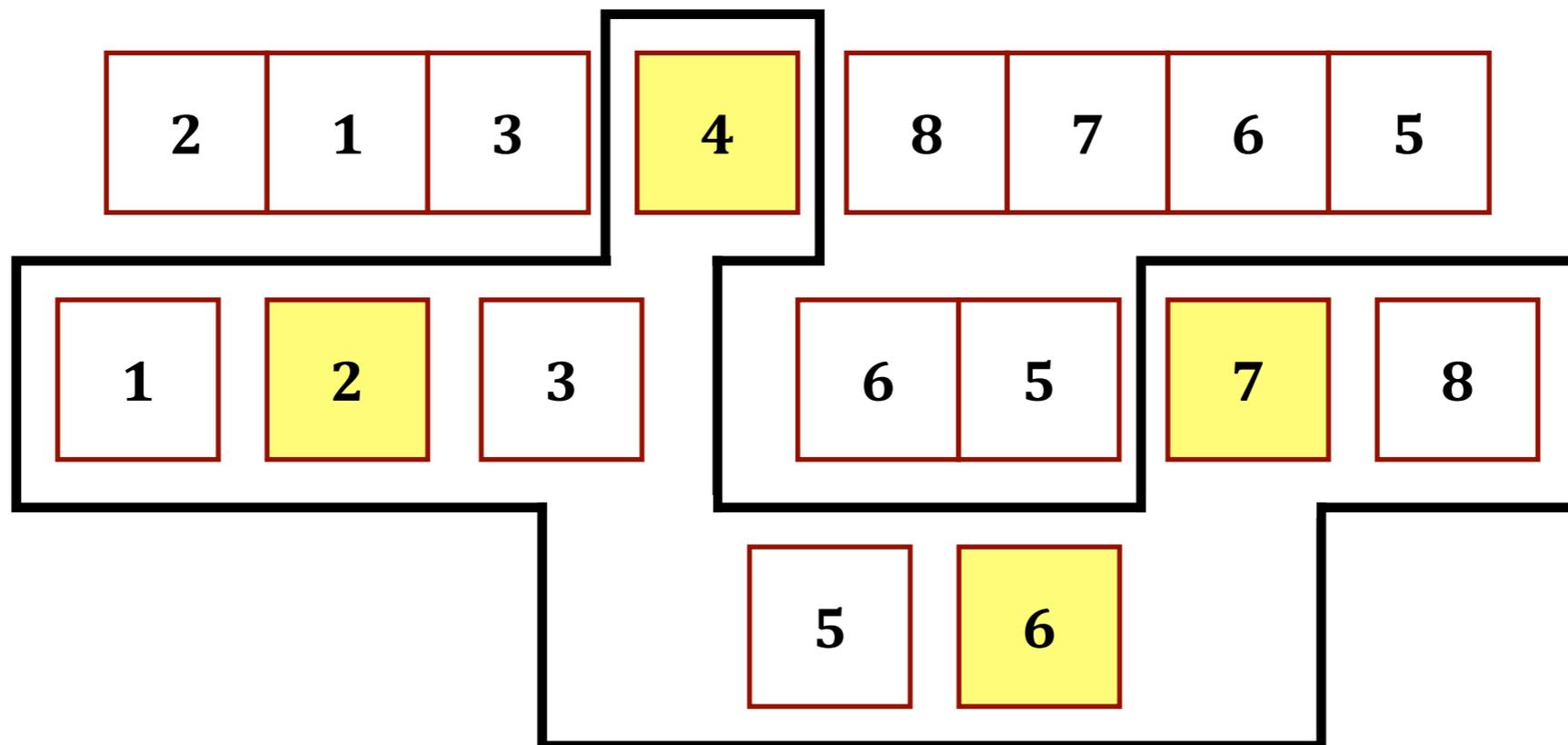
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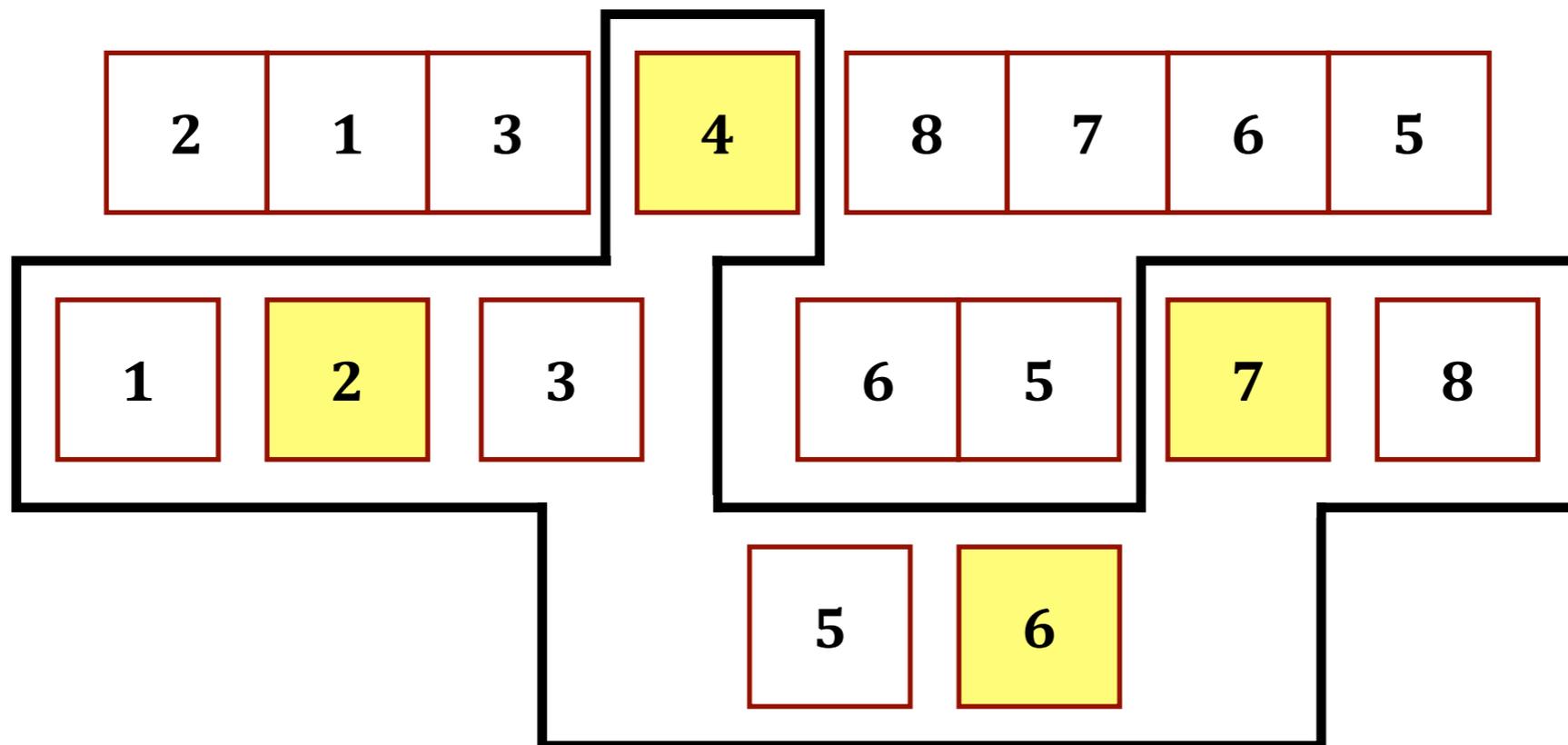


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How long does each partition step take, and how many times do we do it?



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QUICKSORT(A[1..n]):  
  if (n > 1)  
    Choose a pivot element A[p]  
    r ← PARTITION(A, p)  
    QUICKSORT(A[1..r-1])  <<Recurse!>>  
    QUICKSORT(A[r+1..n]) <<Recurse!>>
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```
PARTITION(A[1..n], p):  
  swap A[p] ↔ A[n]  
  ℓ ← 0  <<#items < pivot>>  
  for i ← 1 to n-1  
    if A[i] < A[n]  
      ℓ ← ℓ + 1  
      swap A[ℓ] ↔ A[i]  
  swap A[n] ↔ A[ℓ + 1]  
  return ℓ + 1
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Figure 1.8. Quicksort

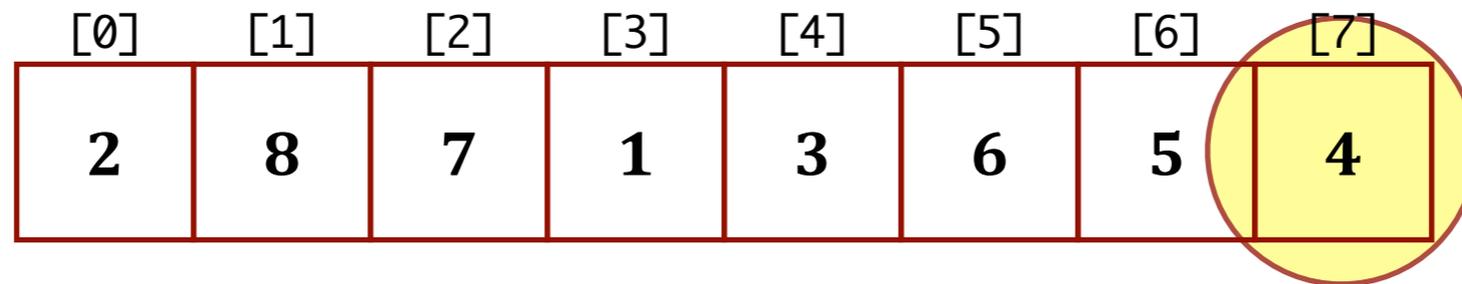
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How long does each **partition** step this take in terms of n ?

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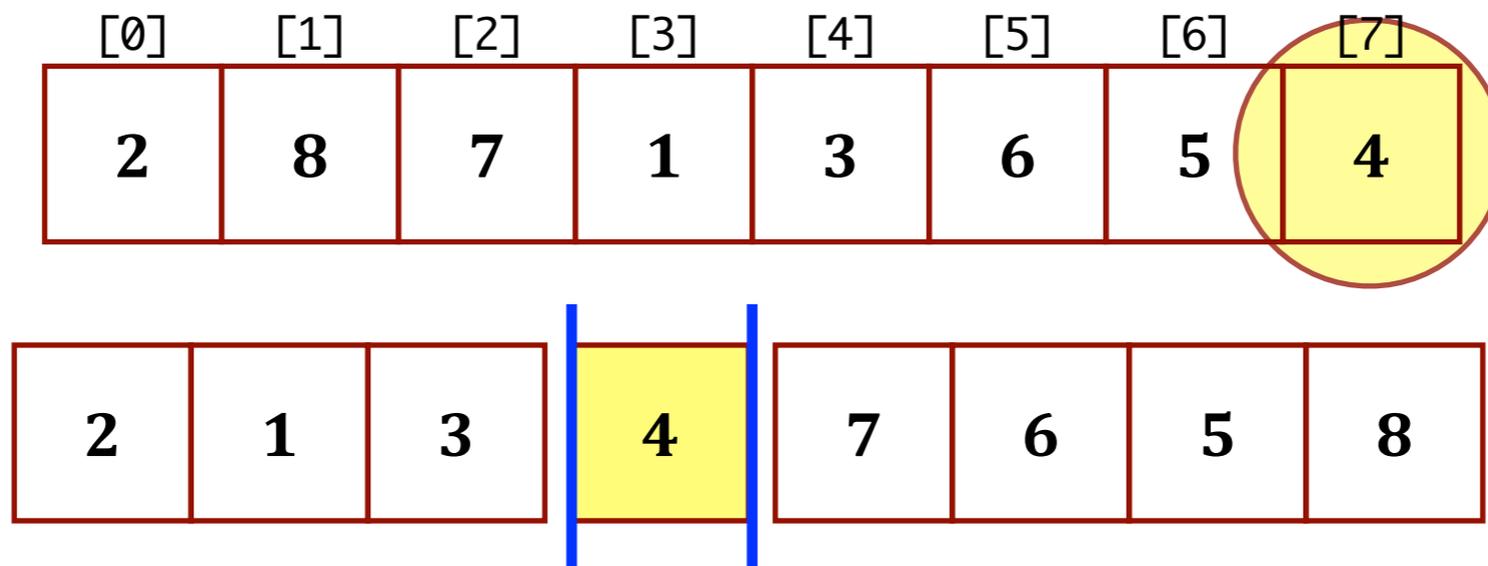
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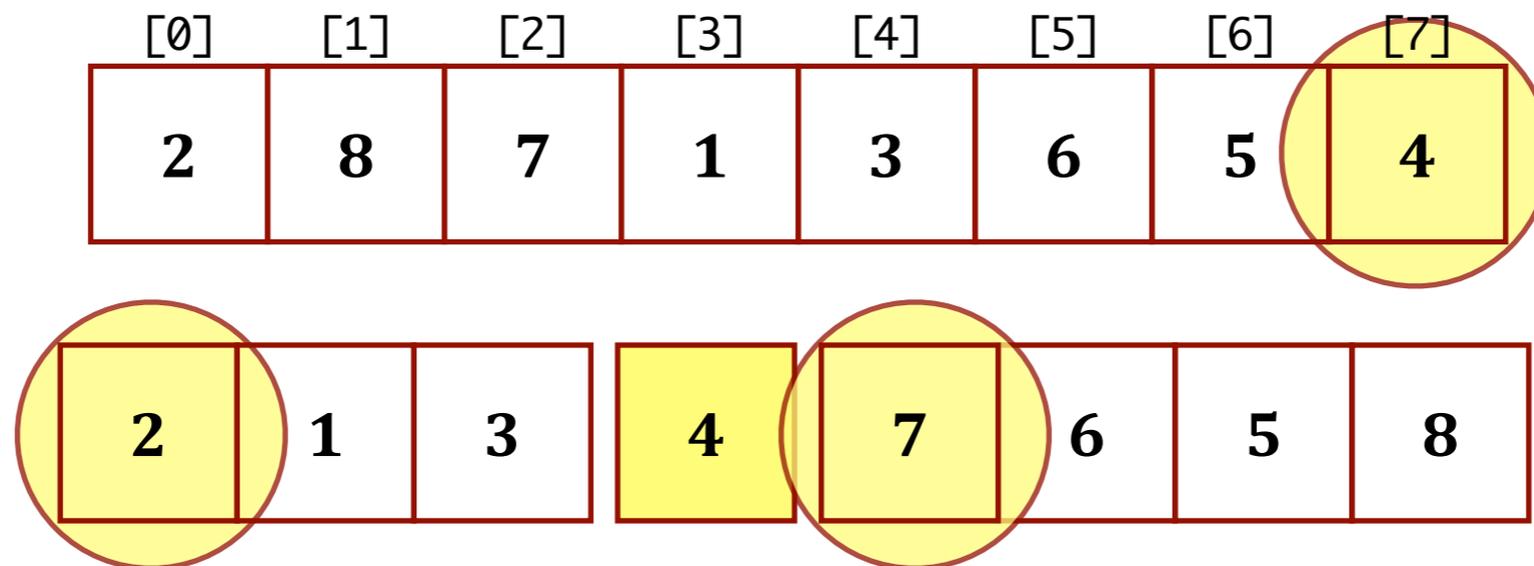
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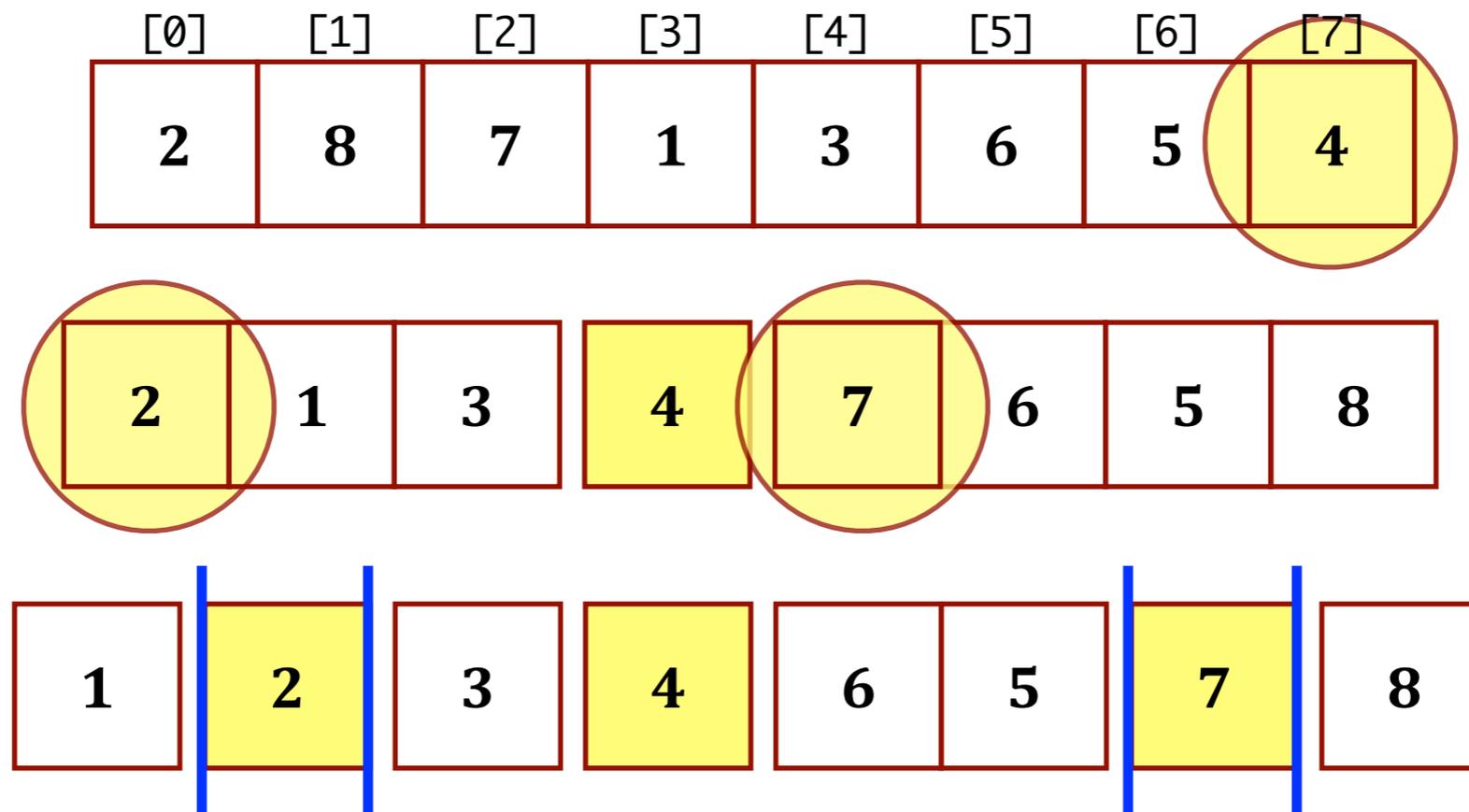
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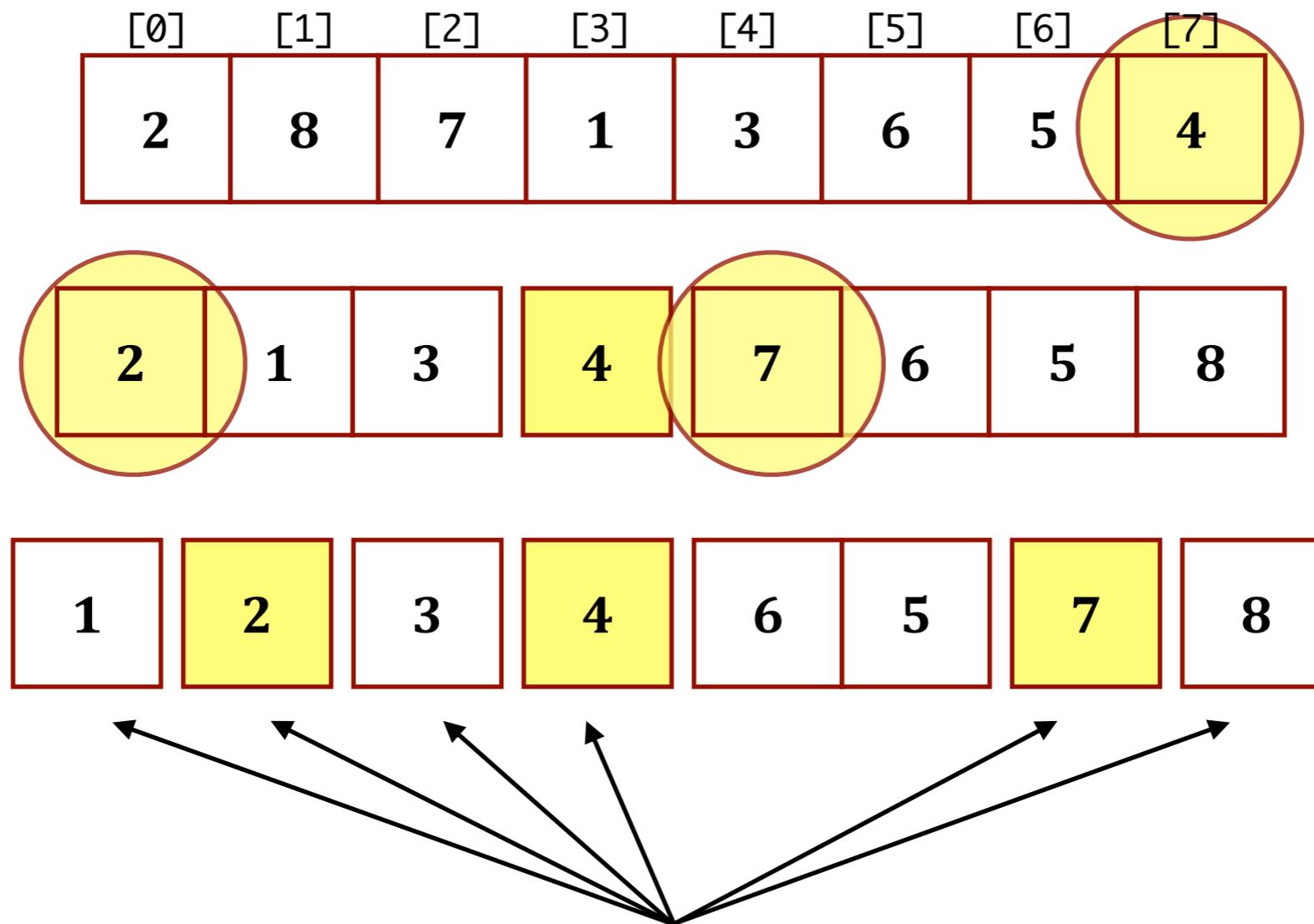
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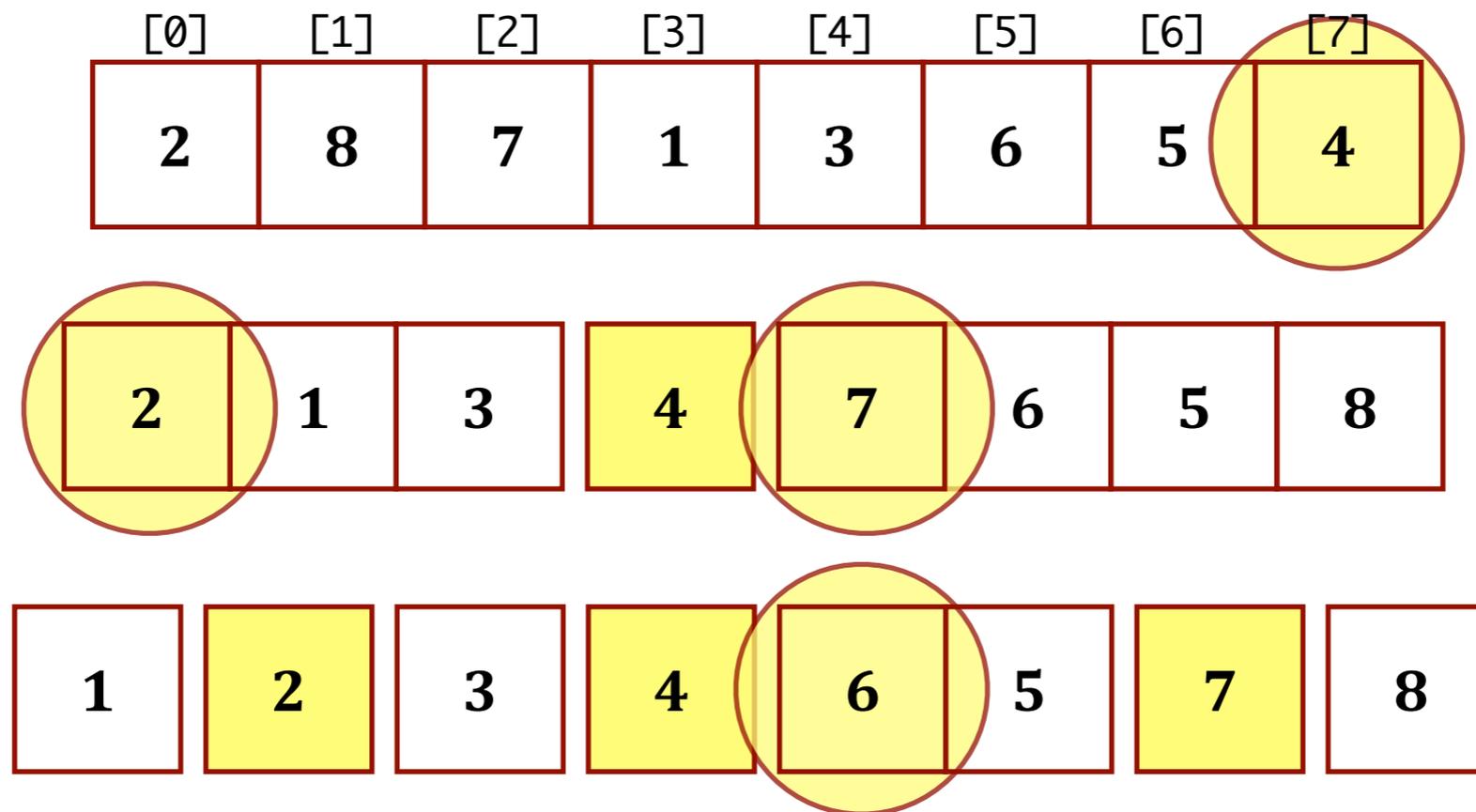
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Sub-arrays of size 1. Mostly done.

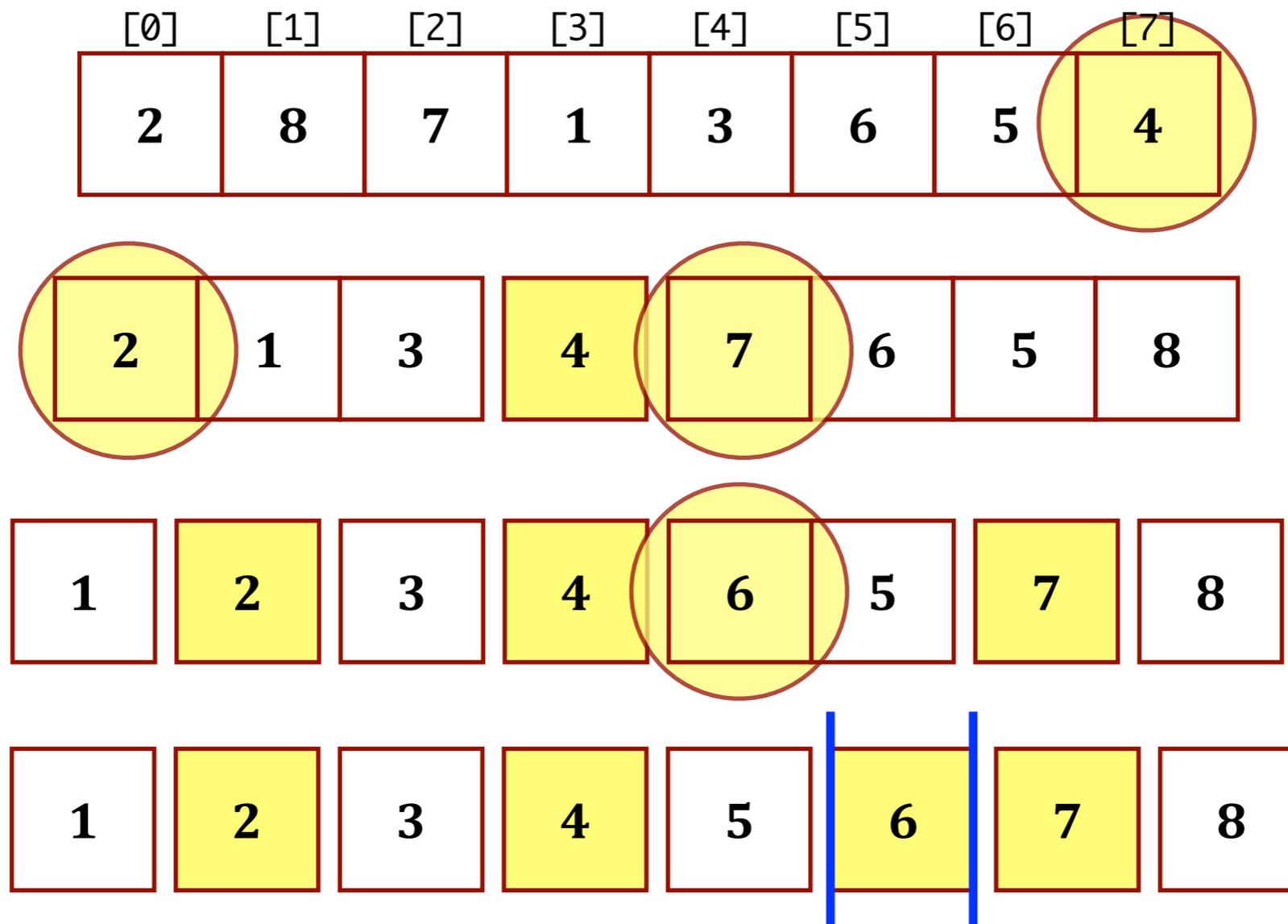
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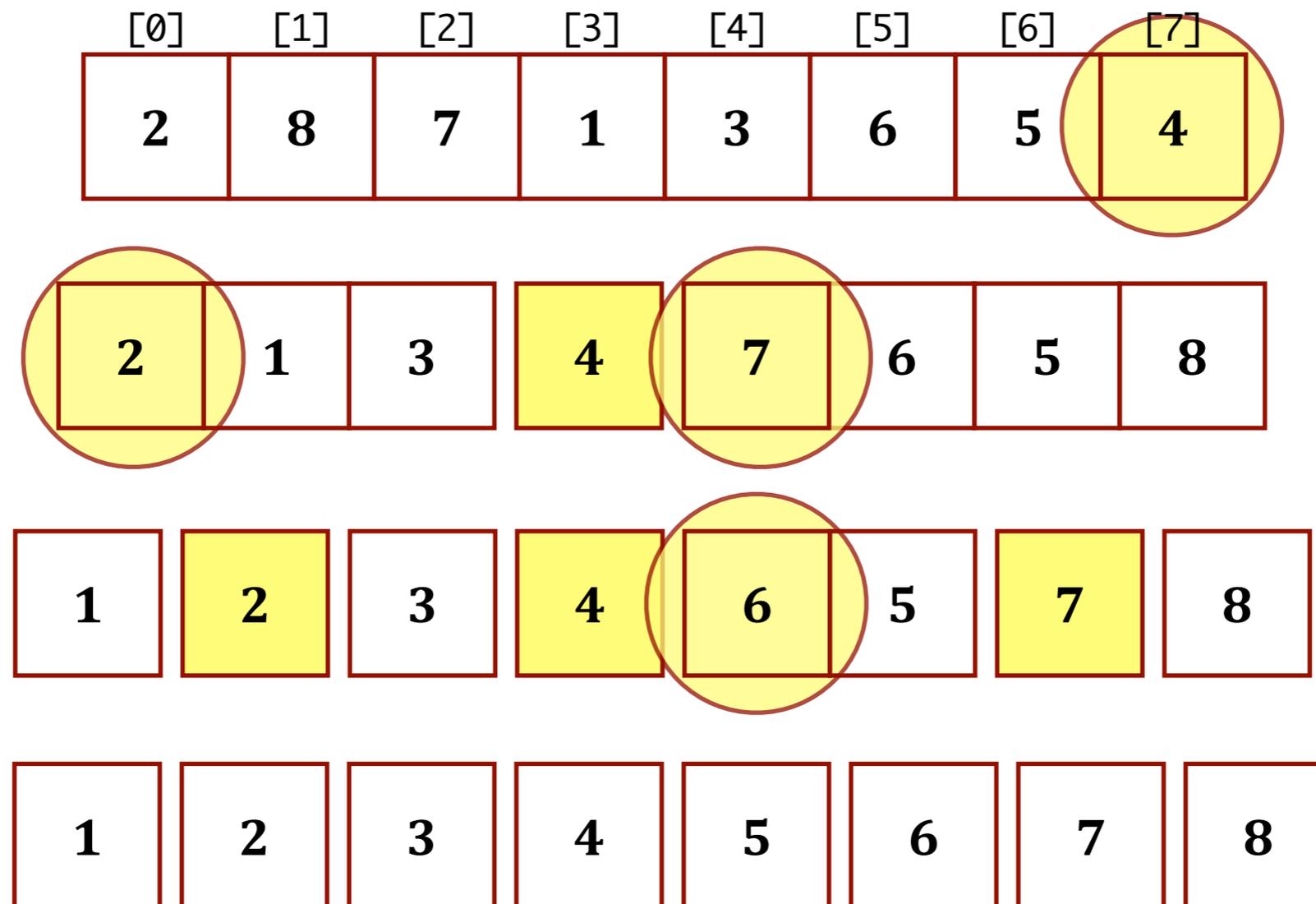
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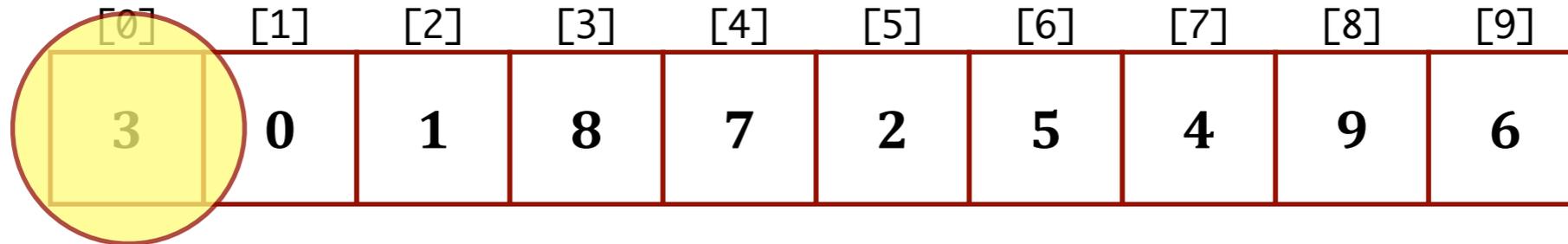
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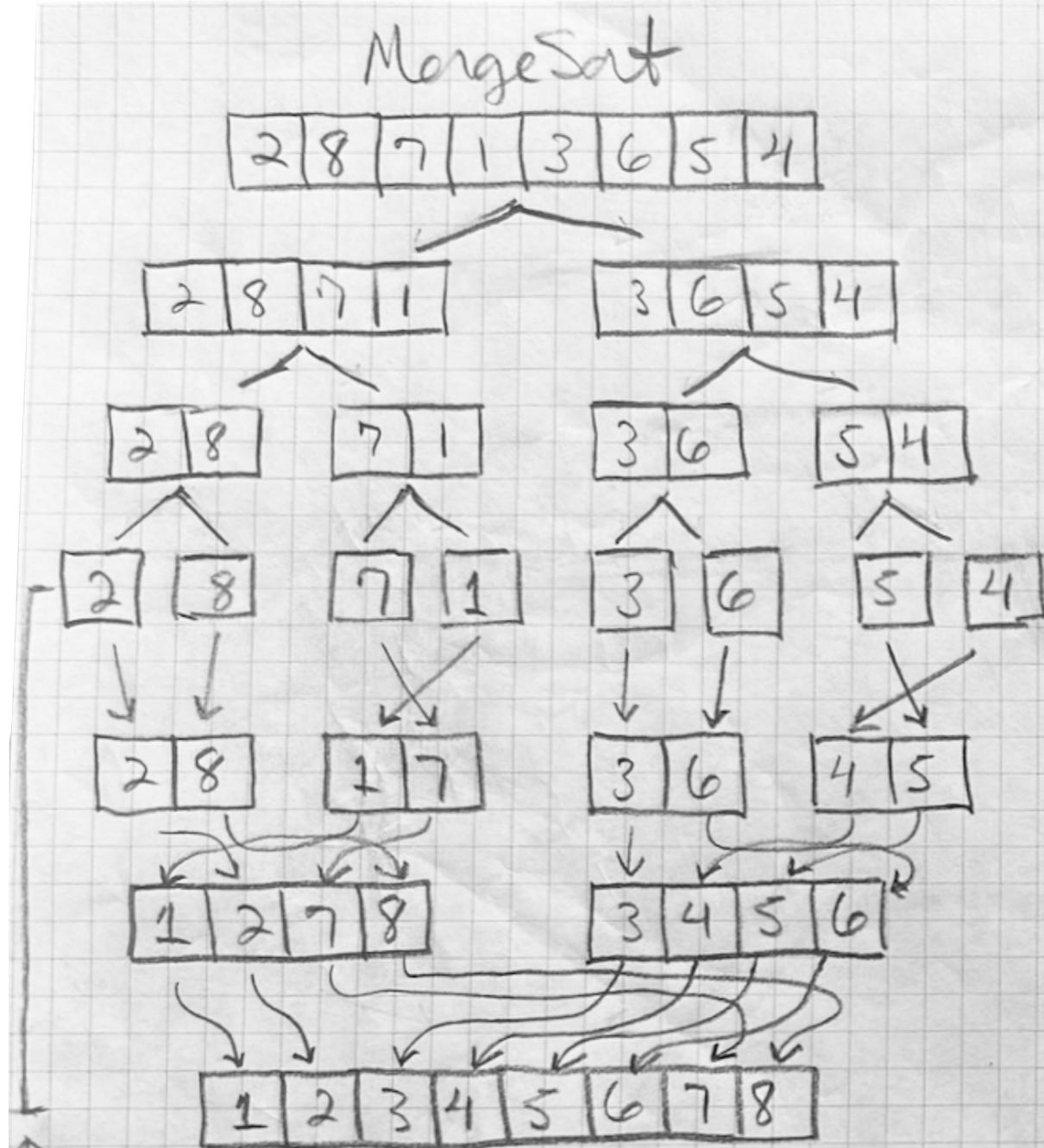


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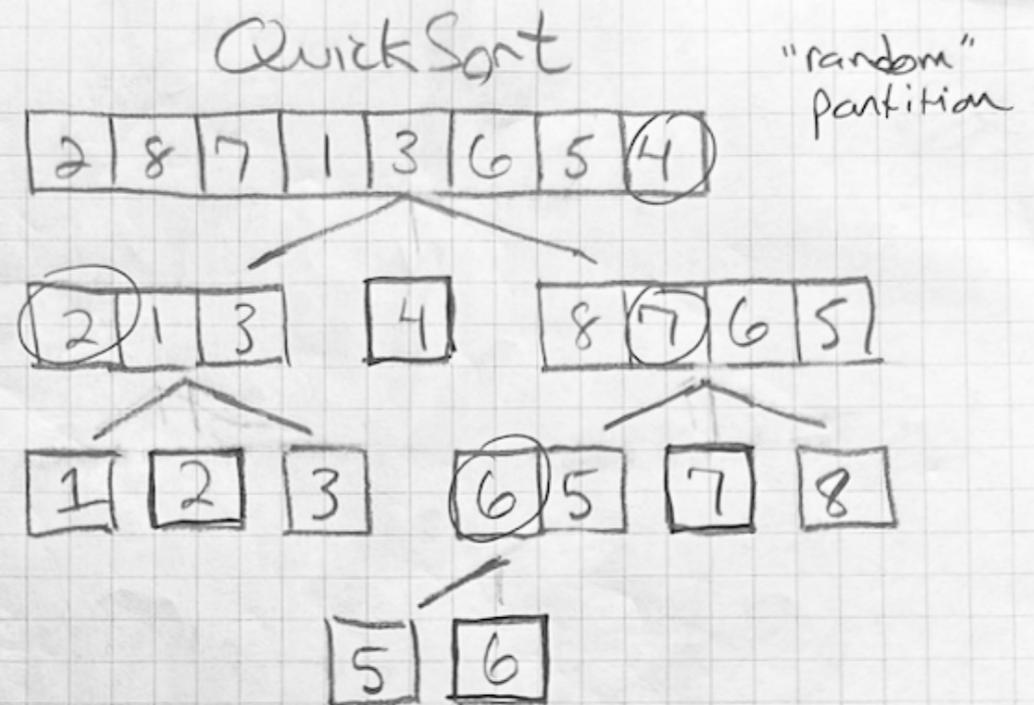
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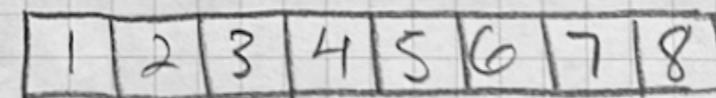
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Merge is $O(n)$ each time



Depth-first in-order traversal returning the leaf nodes gives us the sorted list.



DFS is $O(n)$ for Binary trees

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