

# Efficient local low-rank updates for $\mathcal{H}^2$ -Matrices

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**Examples:** Panel clustering, multipole expansion, wavelets, hierarchical matrices.

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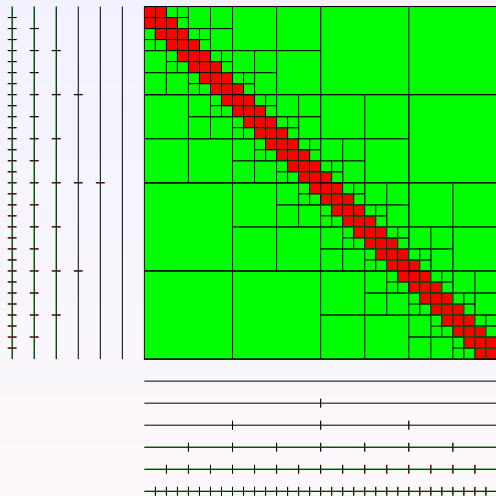
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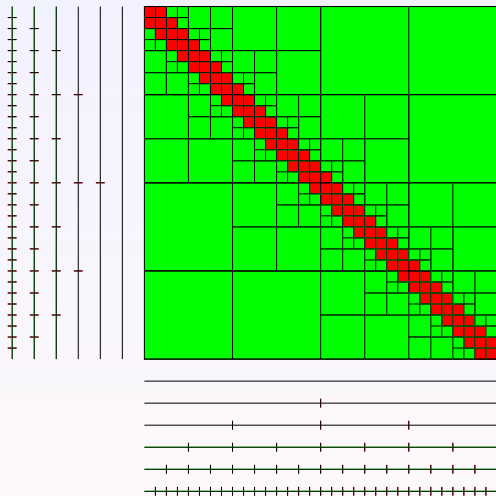
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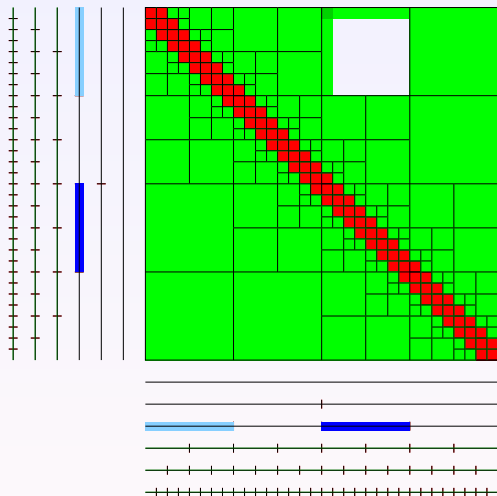
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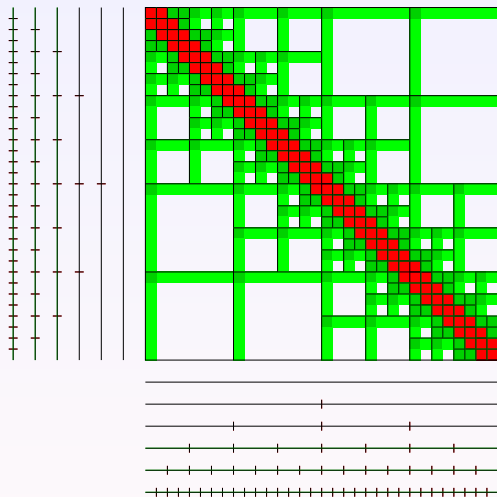
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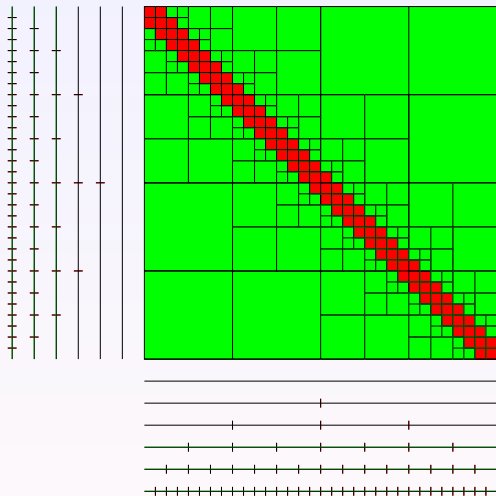
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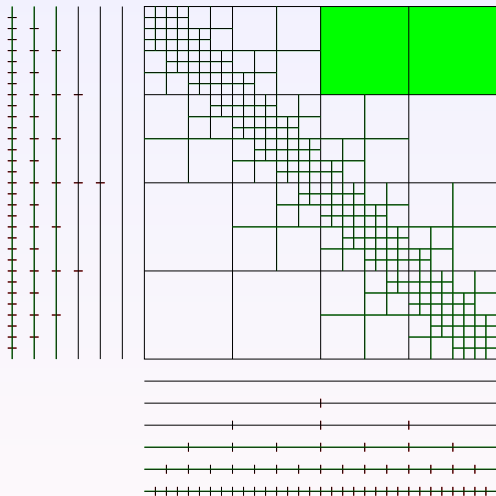
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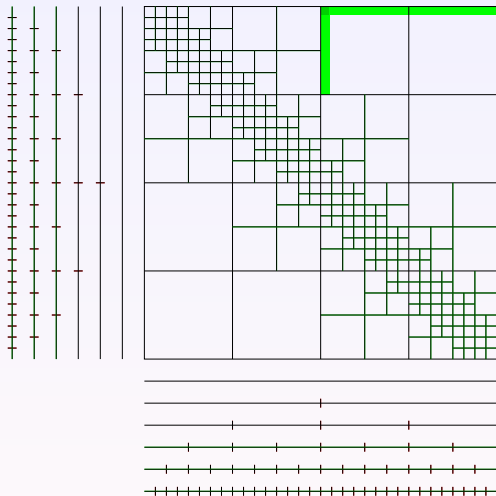
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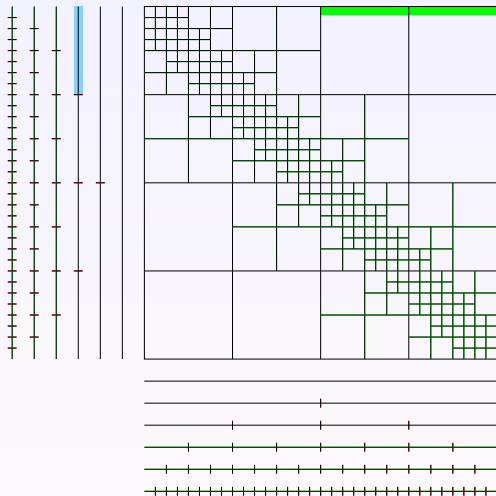
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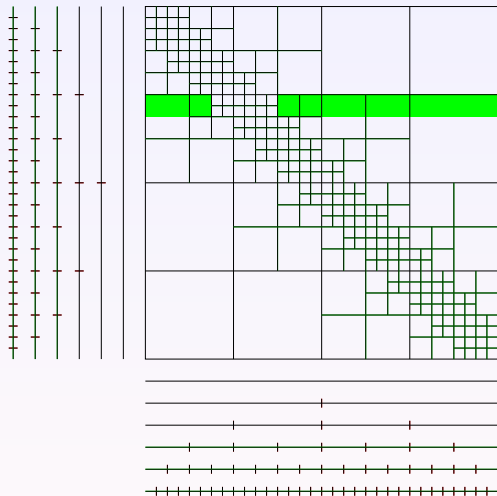
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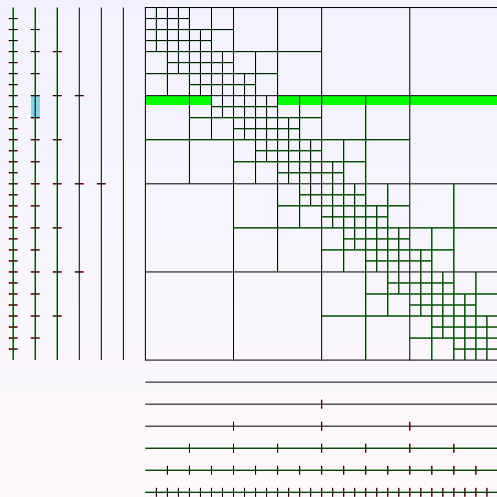
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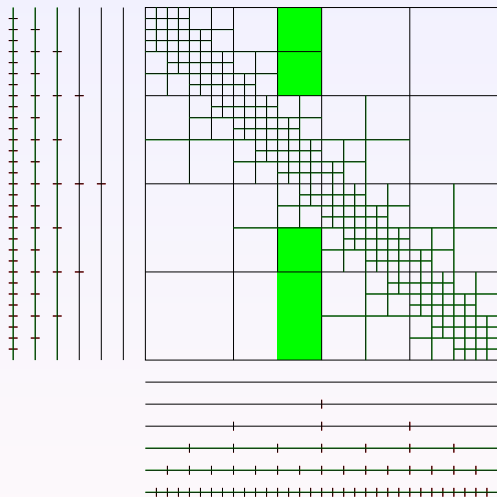


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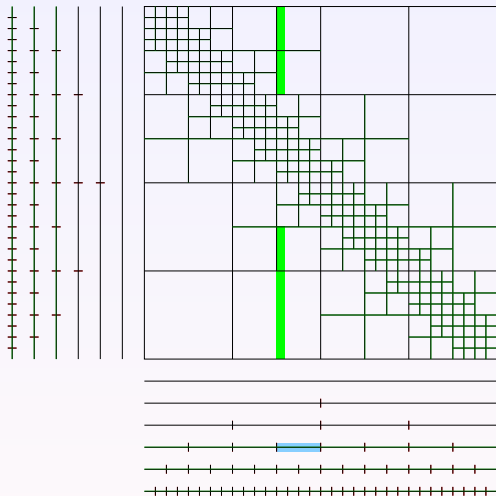
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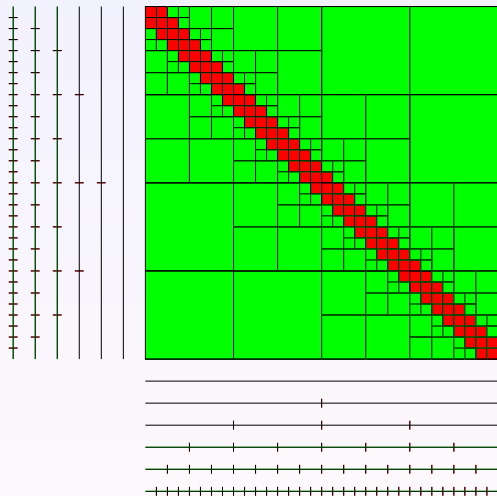
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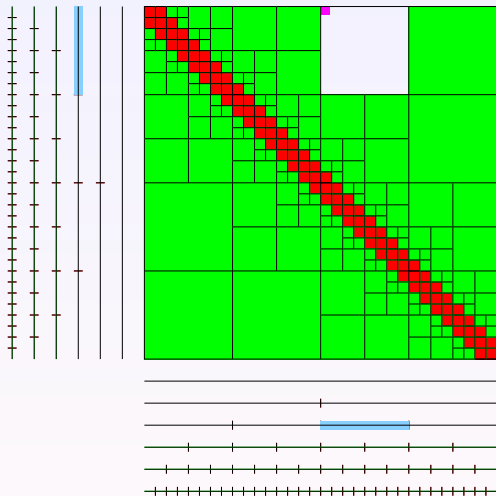


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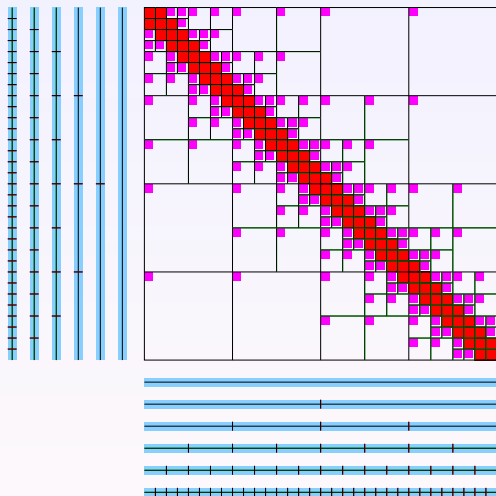


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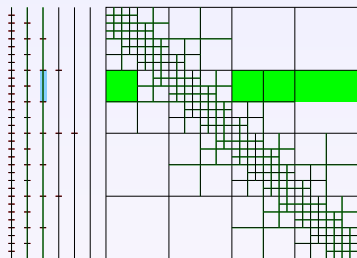
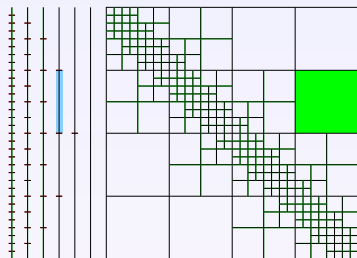
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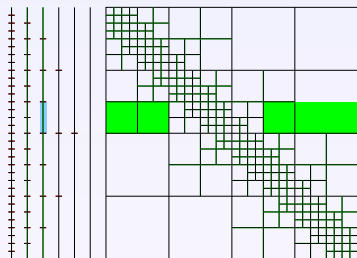
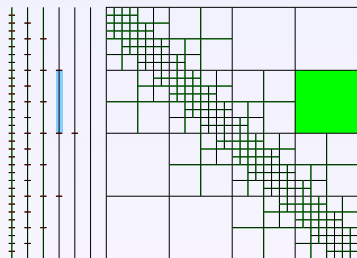
**Result:** Only  $\mathcal{O}(nk)$  storage for **coupling matrices**  $S_{t,s}$ , but still  $\mathcal{O}(nk \log n)$  for **cluster bases**  $V_t$  and  $W_s$ .

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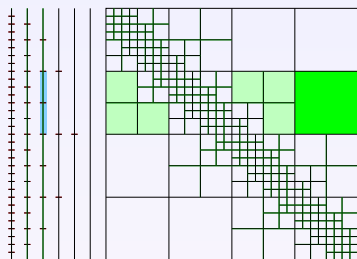
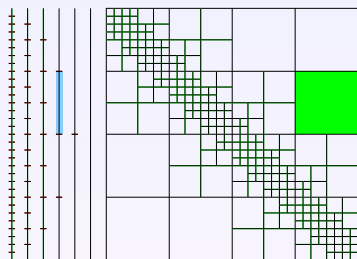
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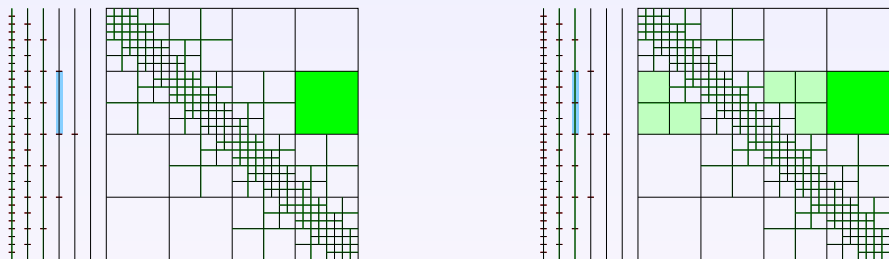


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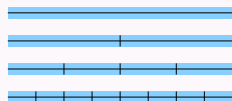
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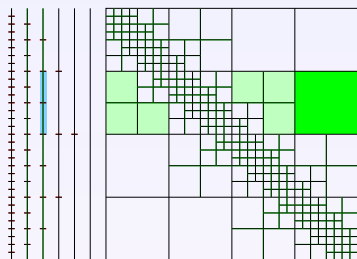
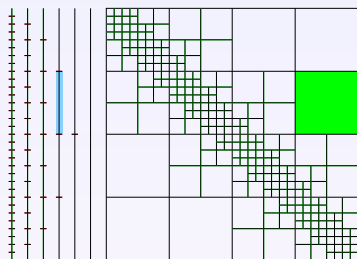
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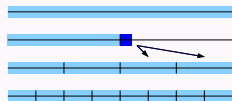
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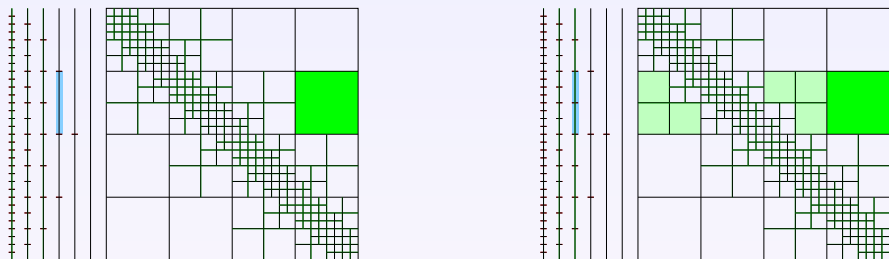
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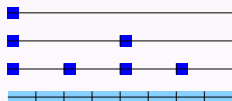
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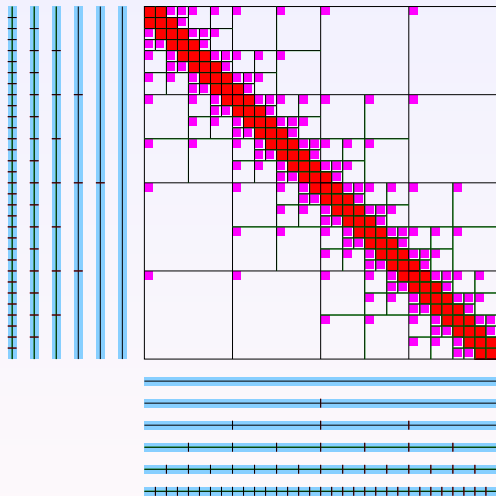
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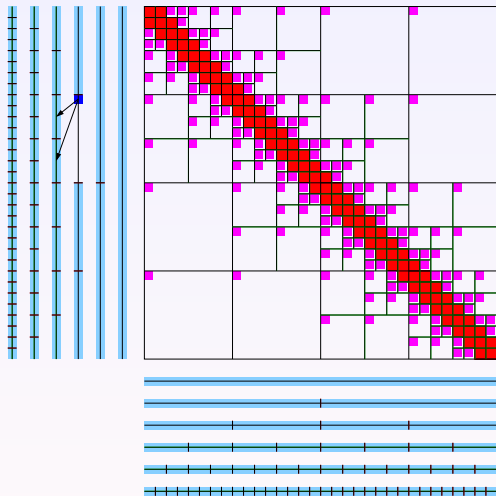
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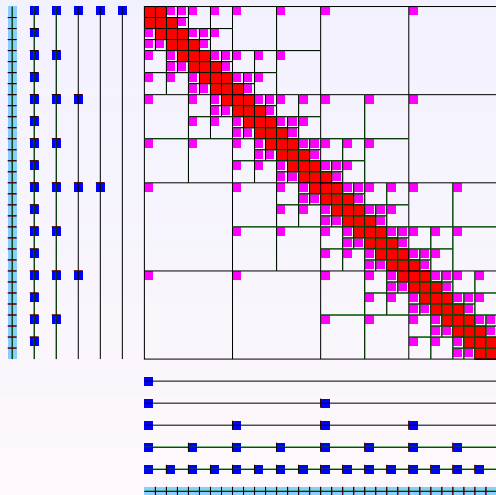
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## Prior work

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**Compression:** Any  $n \times n$  matrix  $G$  can be approximated by a quasi-optimal  $\mathcal{H}^2$ -matrix in  $\mathcal{O}(n^2k)$  operations.

Faster algorithm for  $\mathcal{H}$ -matrices takes  $\mathcal{O}(nk^2 \log n)$  operations.

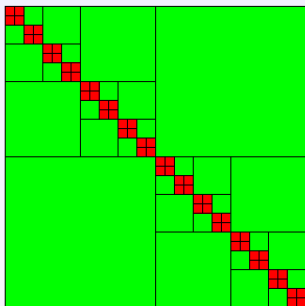
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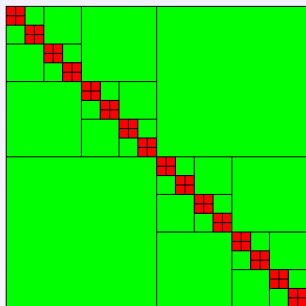
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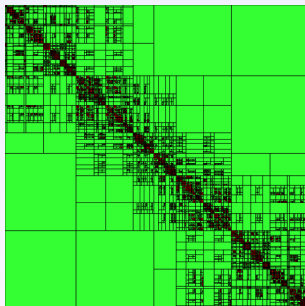
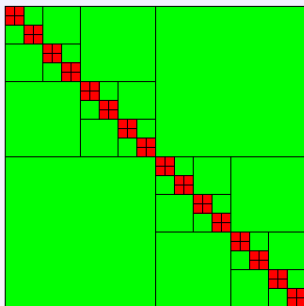


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# Algebraic compression

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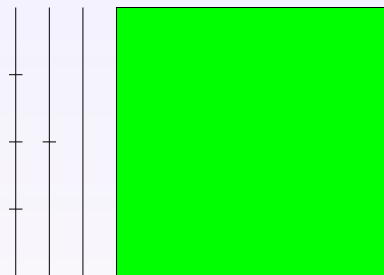
- Not limited to smooth kernel functions.
- Can be based on a variety of initial approximations. (interpolation, ACA, HCA, multipole, . . . )

## Robustness:

- Finds (almost) the best possible approximation.
- Numerically stable, based on orthogonal decompositions.

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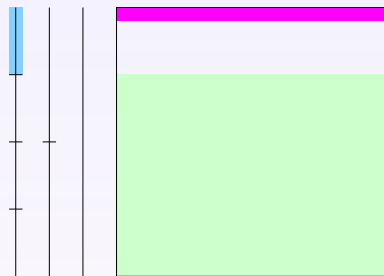
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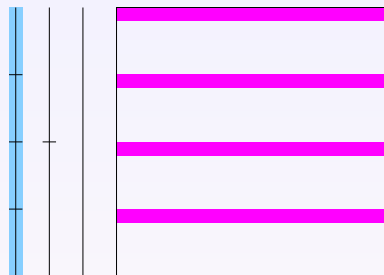
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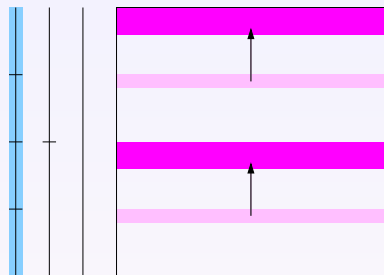
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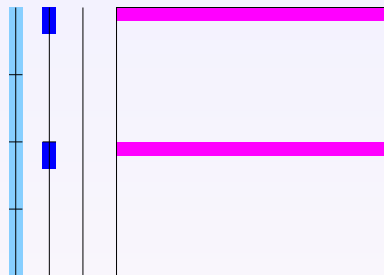


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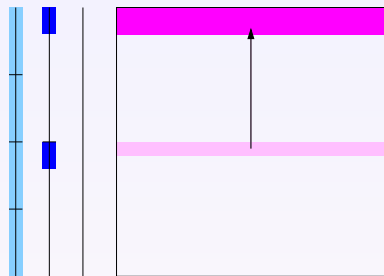
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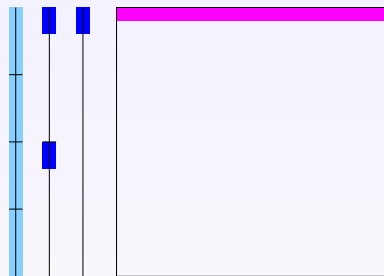
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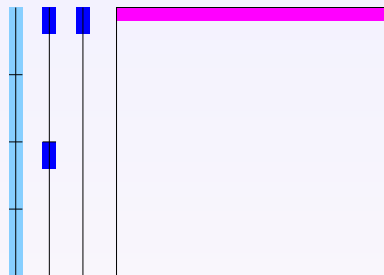
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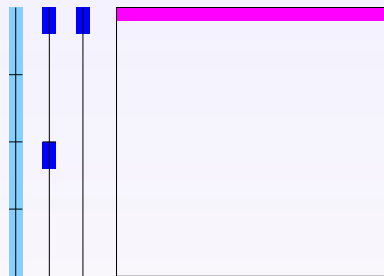


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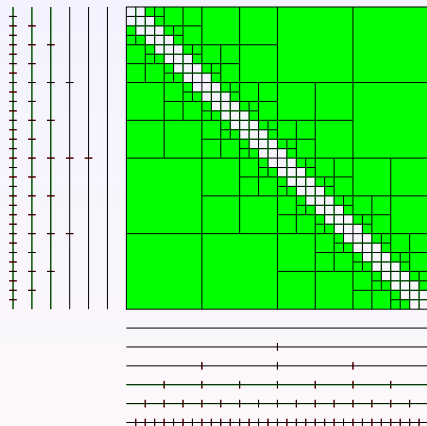
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Approximation error given by sum of intermediate errors

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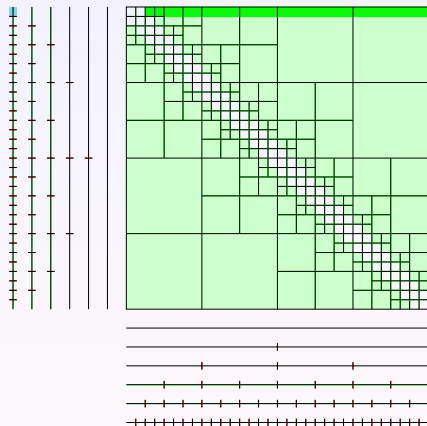


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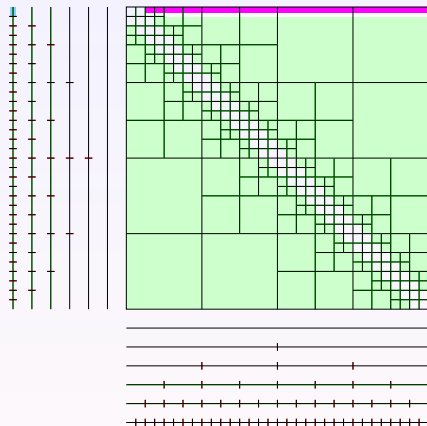
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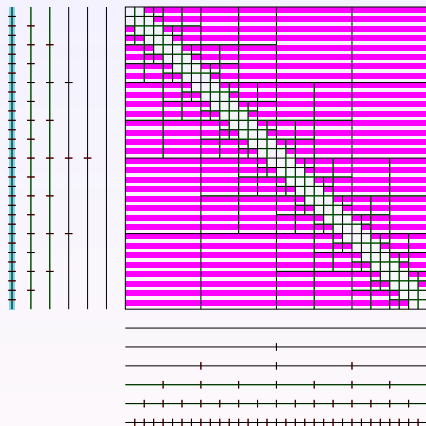
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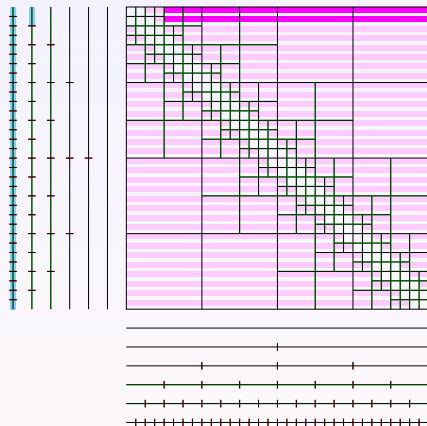
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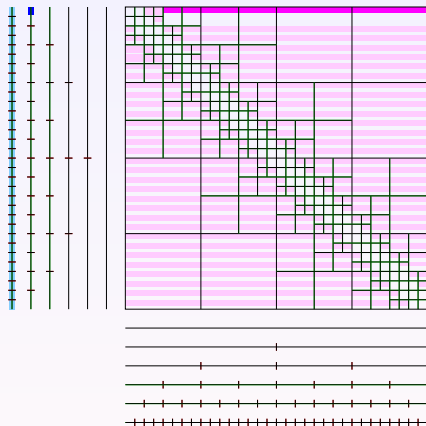
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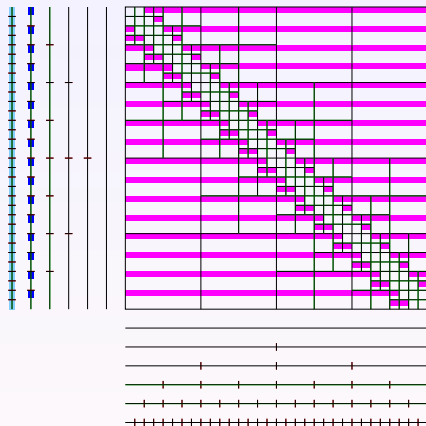
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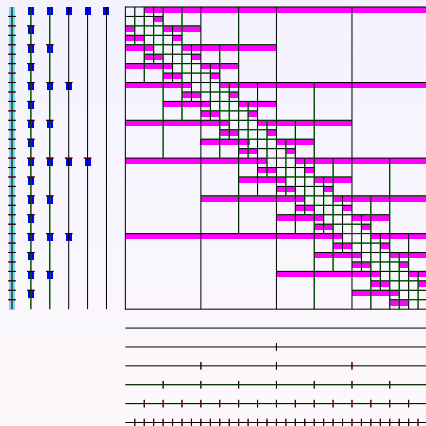
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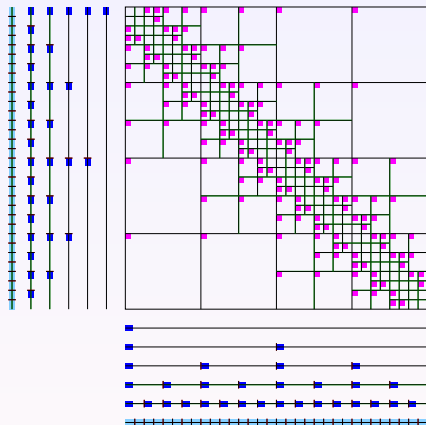
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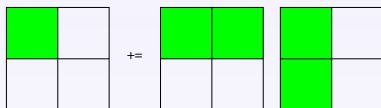
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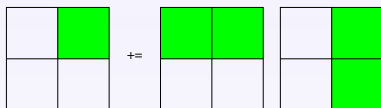


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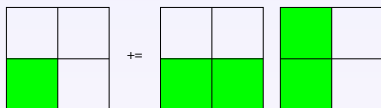


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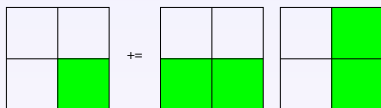
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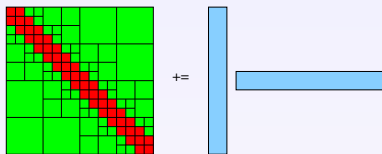
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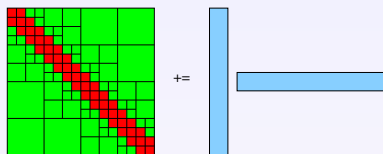
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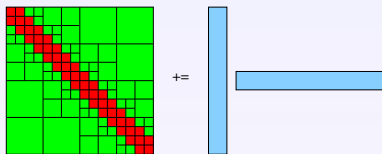


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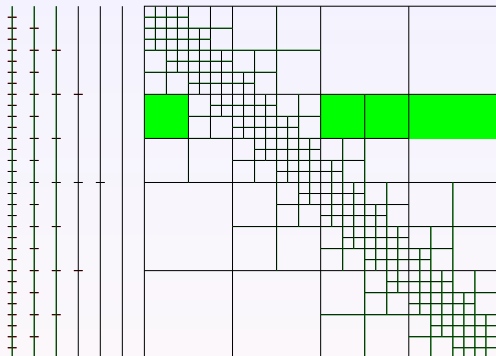
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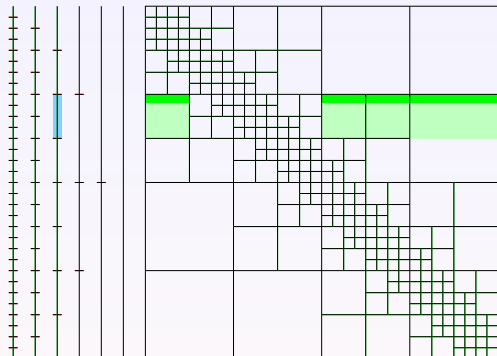
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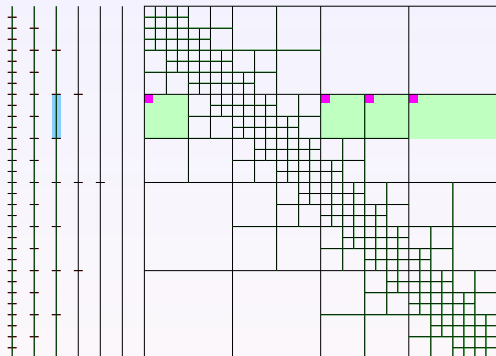


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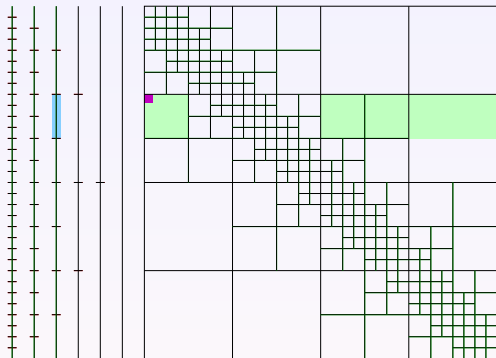
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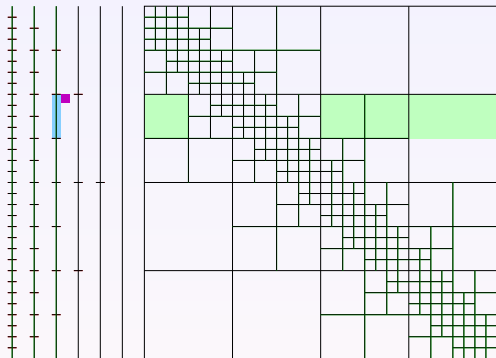
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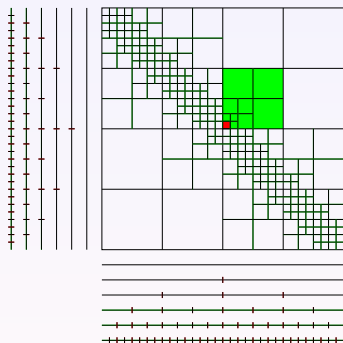
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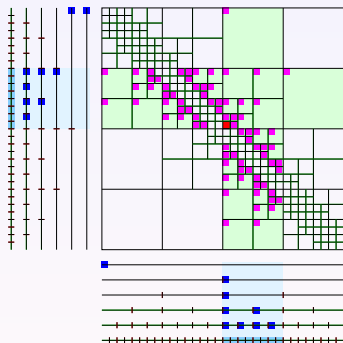
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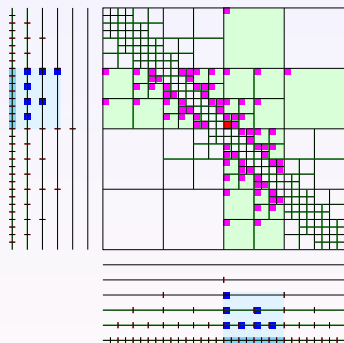
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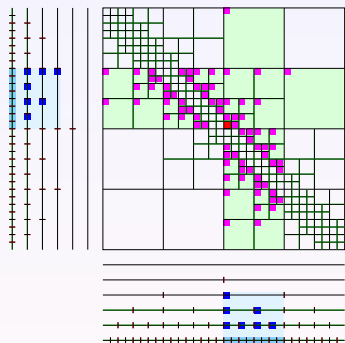


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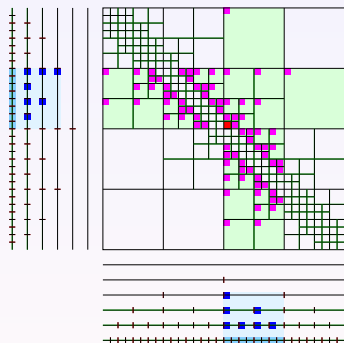
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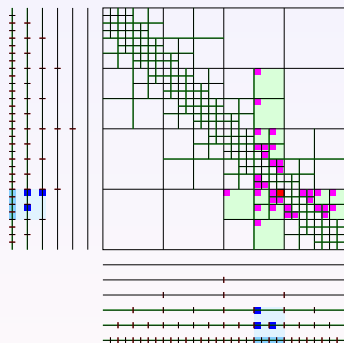
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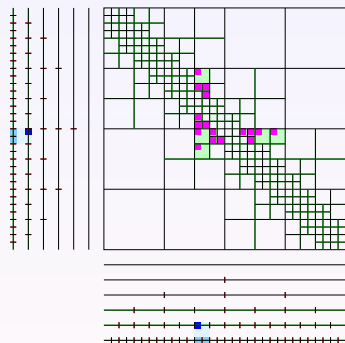
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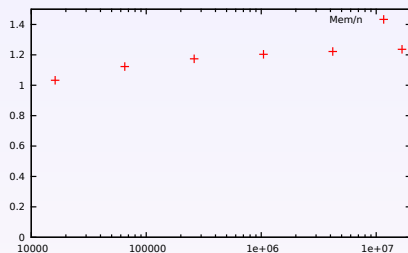
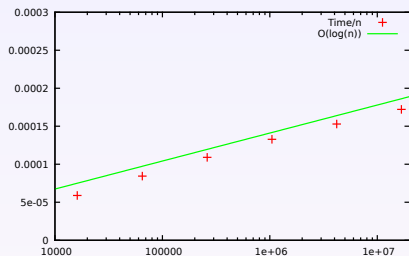


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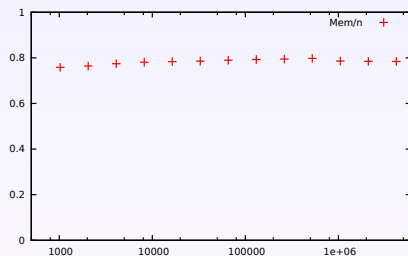
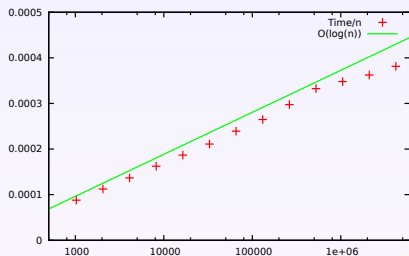


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