

Fun with Recursion and Tree Drawings

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I like recurrences!

From “Klee’s measure problem made easy” [C.’12]:

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2^{2/3}}\right) + O(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{3/2})$$

From “Transdichotomous results in computational geometry, II...” [C.–Pătraşcu’10]:

$$Q(n, U_L, U_R) \leq Q(b, H, H) + \max \left\{ Q\left(\frac{n}{b}, U_L, U_R\right), Q\left(n, \frac{U_L}{H}, U_R\right), Q\left(n, U_L, \frac{U_R}{H}\right) \right\} + \tilde{O}((\log U_L + \log U_R)/w)$$

with $Q(b, H, H) = O(1)$ if $b \log H \leq w$

$$\Rightarrow Q(n, U, U) = 2^{O(\sqrt{\log \log n})}$$

From “Clustered integer 3SUM via additive combinatorics”
[C.–Lewenstein’15]:

$$T(n) \leq O\left(\alpha \left(\frac{n}{\ell}\right)^2\right) T(\ell) + \tilde{O}\left(\frac{n\ell}{\alpha^6} + \left(\frac{n}{\ell}\right)^2\right)$$

for any $\alpha < 1$ and ℓ

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \tilde{O}(n^{(9+\sqrt{177})/2}) = O(n^{1.859})$$

From “Conflict-free coloring of points w.r.t. rectangles...”

[C.'12]:

$$G(n, v, h) \geq \min_{r \geq r_0} \left\{ \frac{n}{r_0}, \widetilde{\Omega}(r) G\left(G\left(\frac{n}{r}, \frac{v}{r}, r\right), r, \frac{h}{r}\right) \right\}$$

for any r_0 , with $G(n, v, h) \geq n/v$ and $G(n, v, h) = G(n, h, v)$

$$\Rightarrow G(n, n, n) = \Omega(n^{0.632})$$

From “Improved bounds for drawing trees on fixed points with L-shaped edges” [Biedl–C.–Derka–Jain–Lubiw (GD’17)]:

$$f(n) \leq 2f(n_1) + g(n_2)$$

$$f(n) \leq 2g(n_1) + 2f(n_{21}) + g(n_{22})$$

$$f(n) \leq \max\{2g(n_1) + f(n_{22}) + n, g(n_1) + g(n_{21}) + f(n_{22})\}$$

$$g(n) \leq f(n_1) + g(n_2)$$

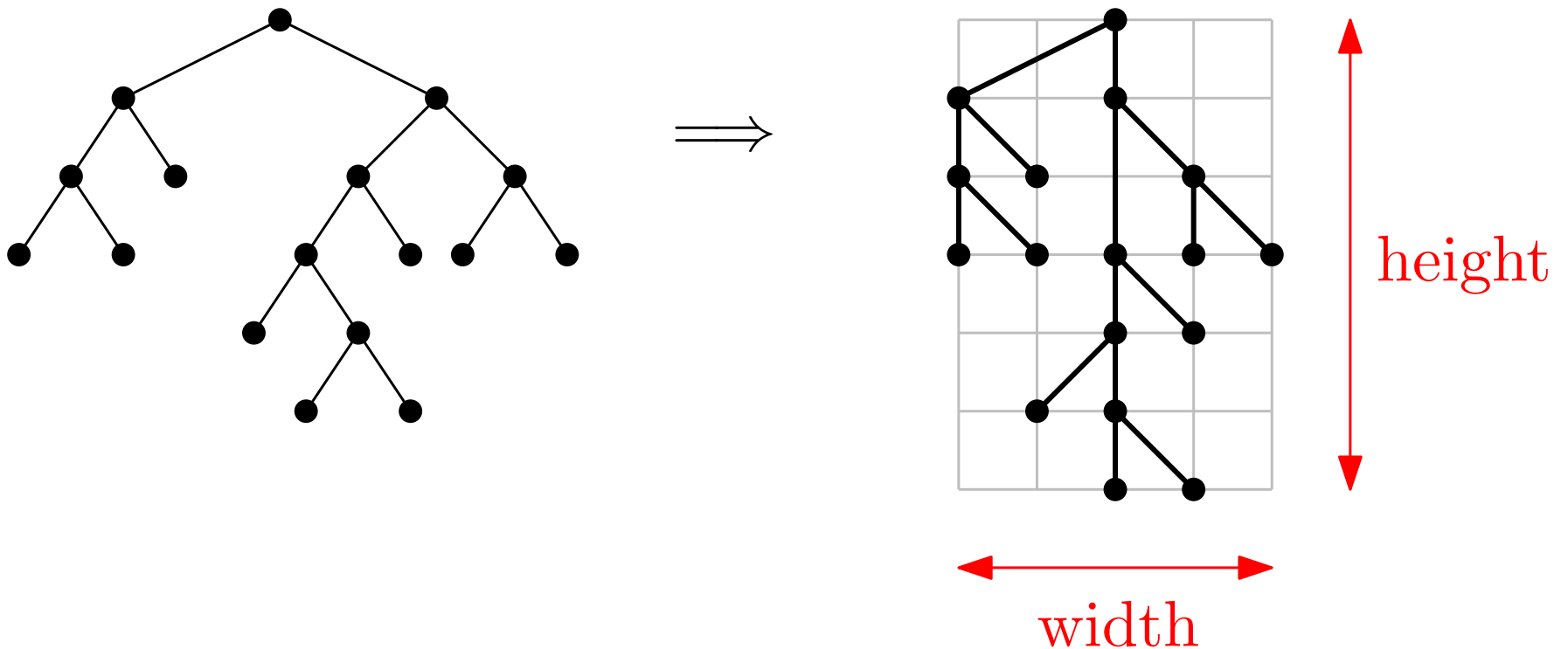
for some $n_1 \leq n_2$, $n_{21} \leq n_{22}$, $n_1 + n_2 = n$, $n_{21} + n_{22} = n_2$

$$\Rightarrow f(n), g(n) = O(n^{1.22})$$

Tree Drawings

The Problem(s)

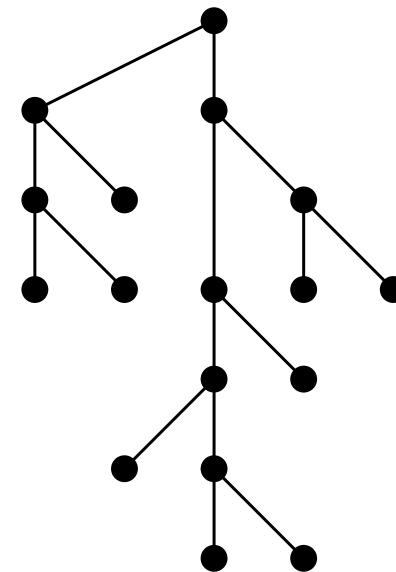
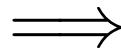
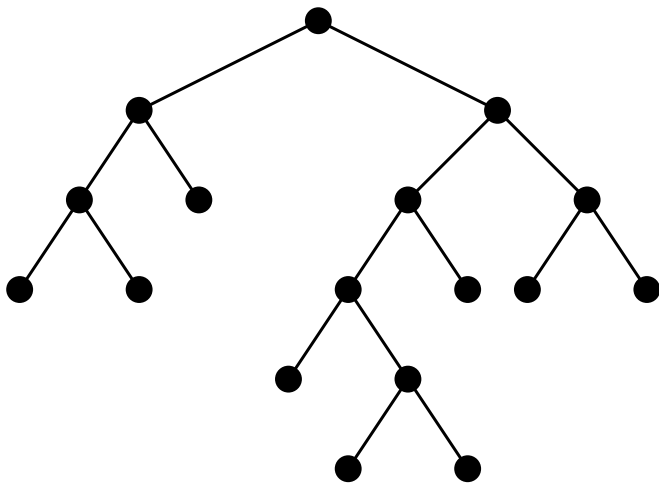
- obtain worst-case **area** bounds for different **types** of **planar**, **straight-line** drawing of trees on a grid



(area = width \times height)

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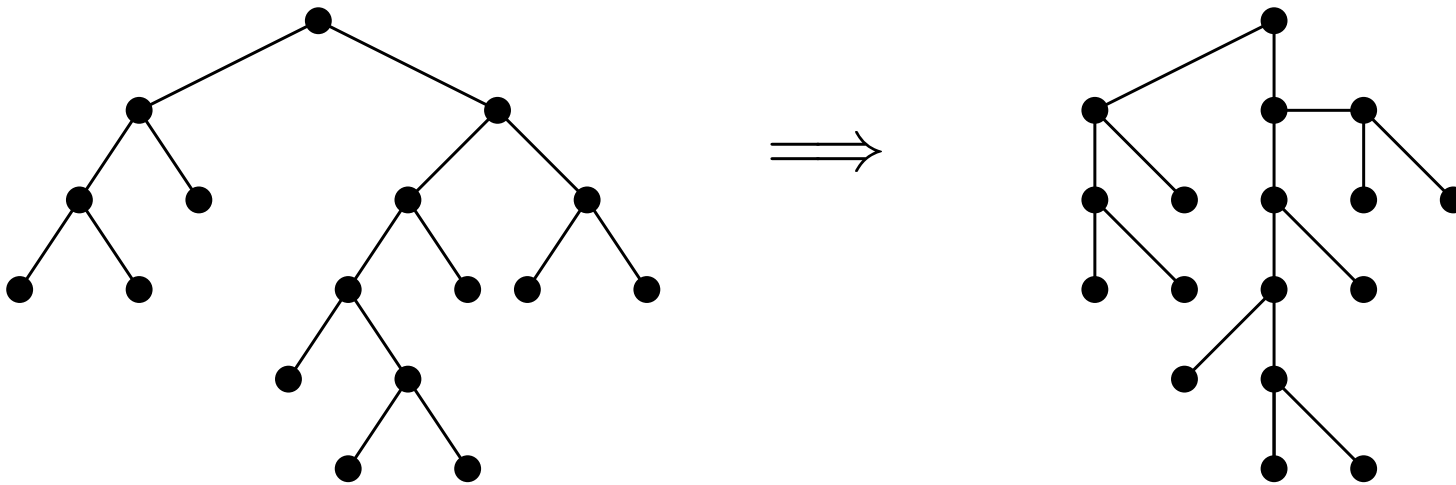
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strictly upward

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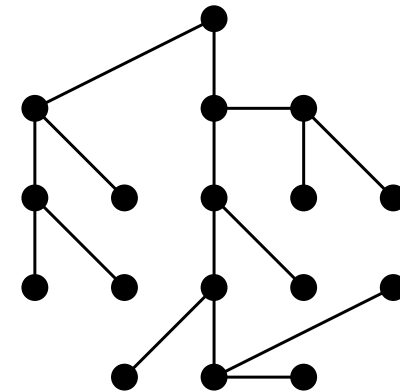
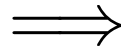
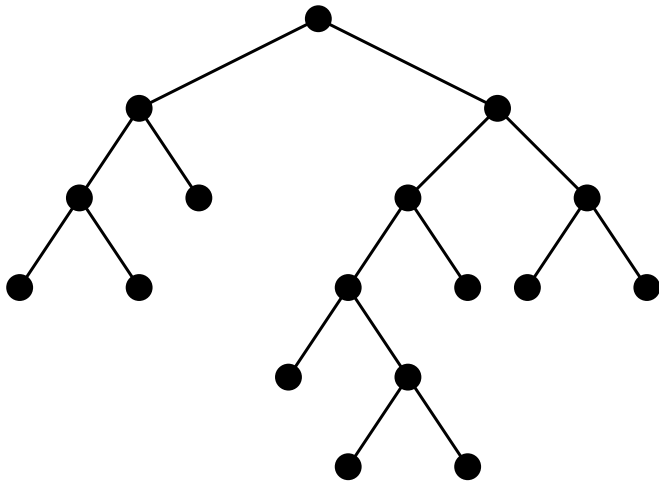
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upward (“upw.”)

The Problem(s)

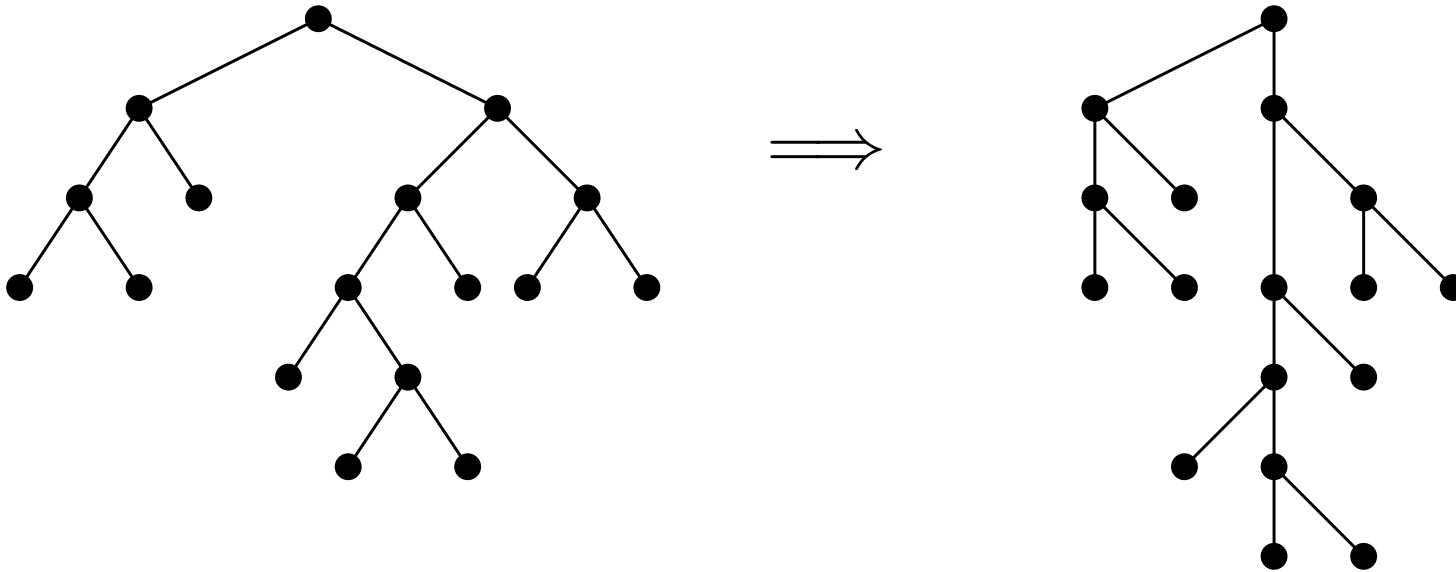
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non-upward

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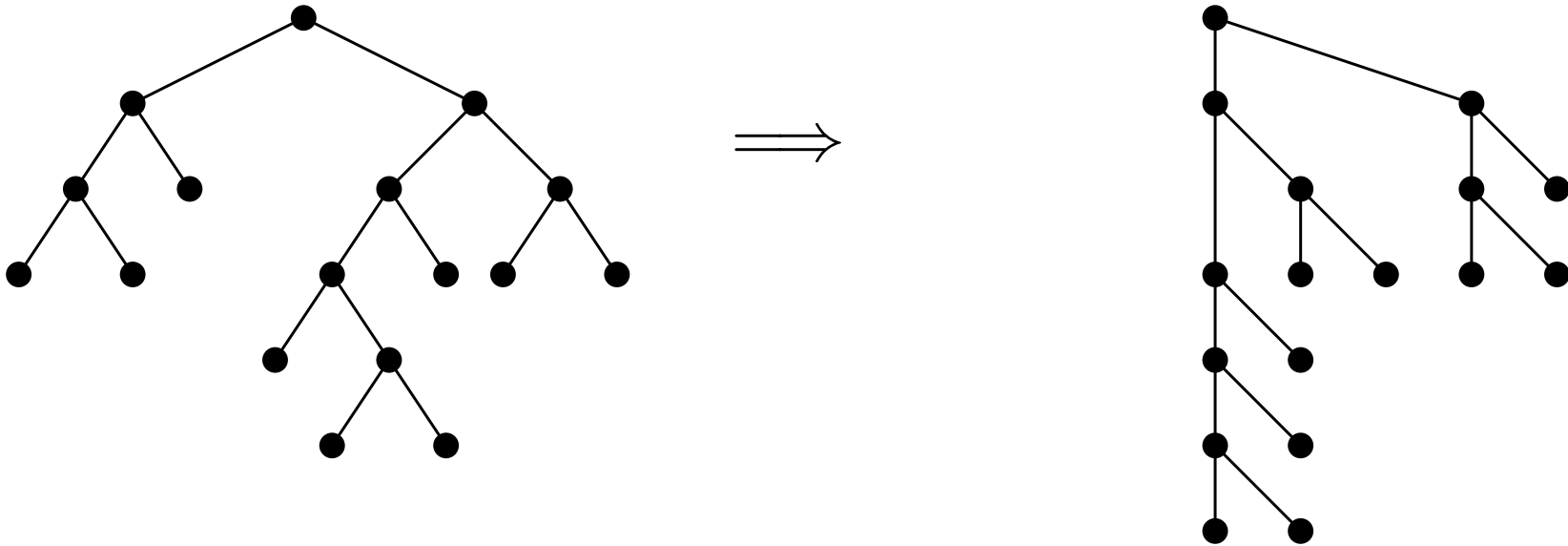
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order-preserving (“*ordered*”)

The Problem(s)

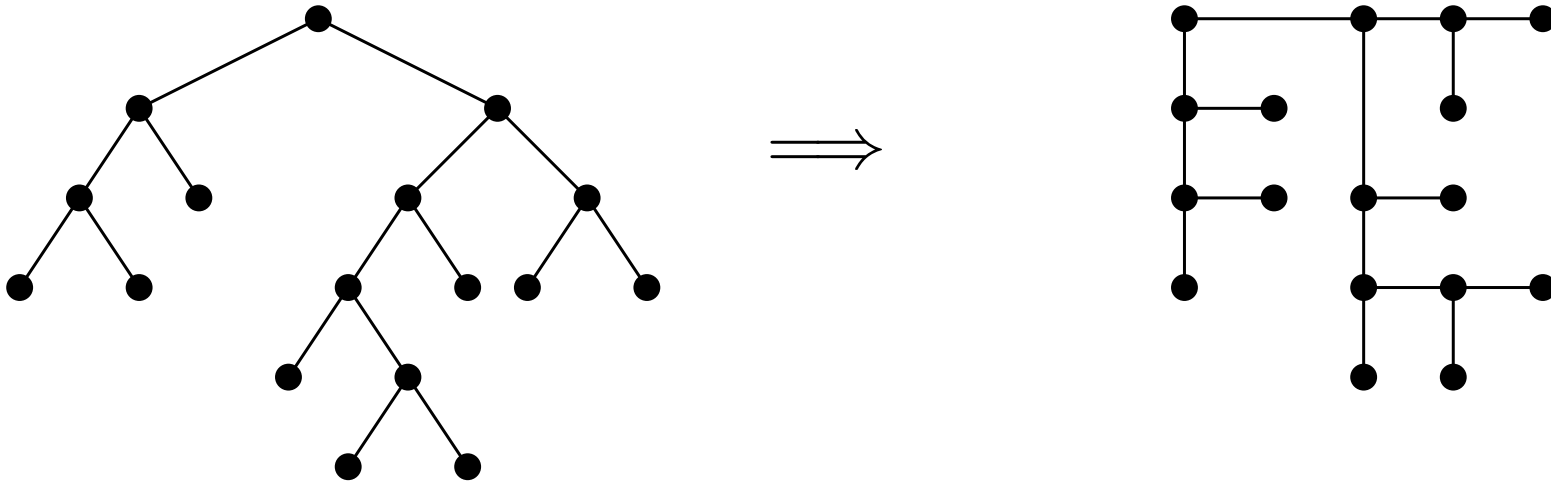
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non-order-preserving (“*unordered*”)

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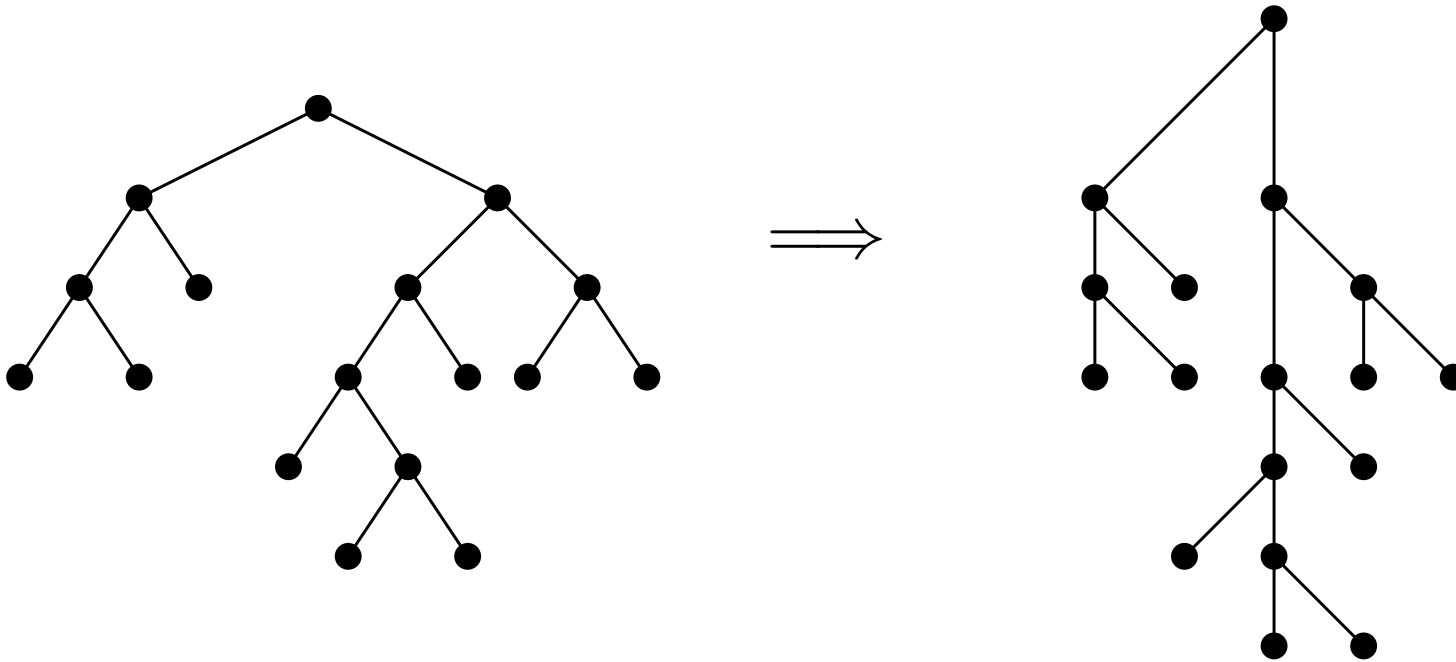
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orthogonal

The Problem(s)

- obtain worst-case **area** bounds for different **types** of **planar**, **straight-line** drawing of trees on a grid



octilinear (45° angles)

Survey of Known Area Bounds

[see Di Battista–Fрати'14]

Binary trees

	<i>unordered</i>	<i>ordered</i>
<i>non-upw.</i>	$\Theta(n)$ [Garg–Goodrich–Tamassia’93]	$O(n \log \log n)$ [Garg–Rusu’03] <i>new: $O(nc^{\log^* n})$</i>
<i>upw.</i>	$O(n \log \log n)$ [Shin–Kim–Chwa’96] <i>open</i>	$O(n \log n)$ [Garg–Rusu’03] <i>open</i>
<i>strict upw.</i>	$\Theta(n \log n)$ [Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno’93]	$\Theta(n \log n)$ [Garg–Rusu’03]

Binary trees, orthogonal

	<i>unordered</i>	<i>ordered</i>
<i>non-upw.</i>	$O(n \log \log n)$ [C.–Goodrich–Kosaraju–Tamassia (GD'96), Shin–Kim–Chwa'96] <i>new: $O(nc^{\log^* n})$</i>	$O(n^{3/2})$ [Fрати'07] <i>new: $O(nc^{\sqrt{\log n}})$</i>
<i>upw.</i>	$\Theta(n \log n)$ [Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno'93]	$\Theta(n^2)$

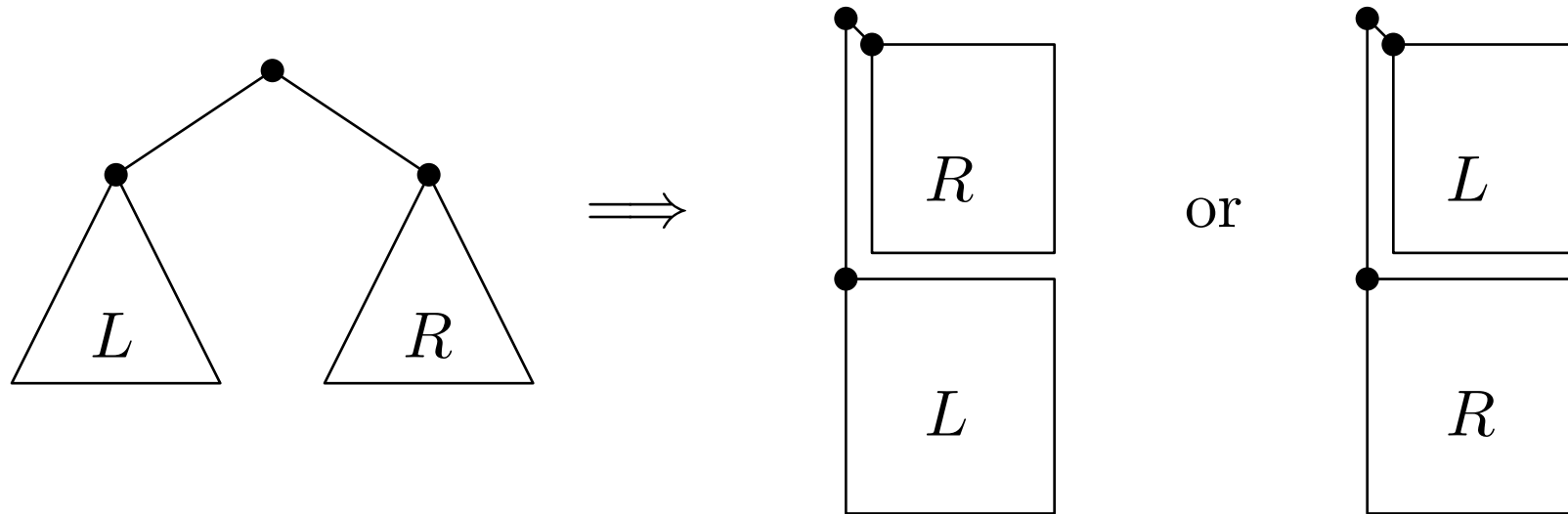
General trees

	<i>unordered</i>	<i>ordered</i>
non-upw.	$O(n \log n)$ [Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno'93] new: $O(nc^{\sqrt{\log \log n \log \log \log n}})$	$O(n \log n)$ [Garg–Rusu'03] open
upw.	$O(n \log n)$ [Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno'93] new: $O(n\sqrt{\log n} \text{ polyloglog } n)$	$O(nc^{\sqrt{\log n}})$ [C.'99] open
strict upw.	$\Theta(n \log n)$ [Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno'93]	$O(nc^{\sqrt{\log n}})$ [C.'99] open

Technique 1: The “Heavy Path”

Ex: binary, strict upw.

[Crescenzi–Di Battista–Piperno'93]



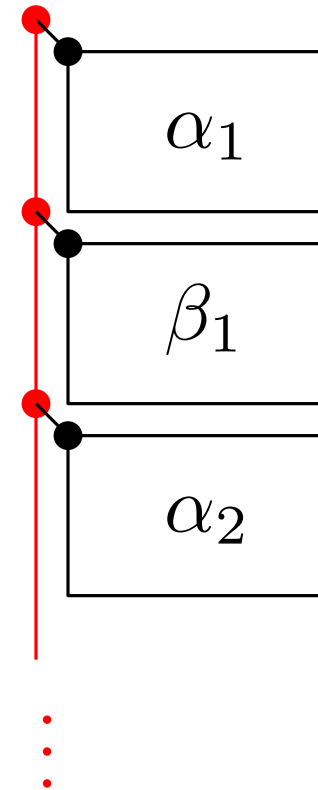
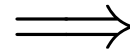
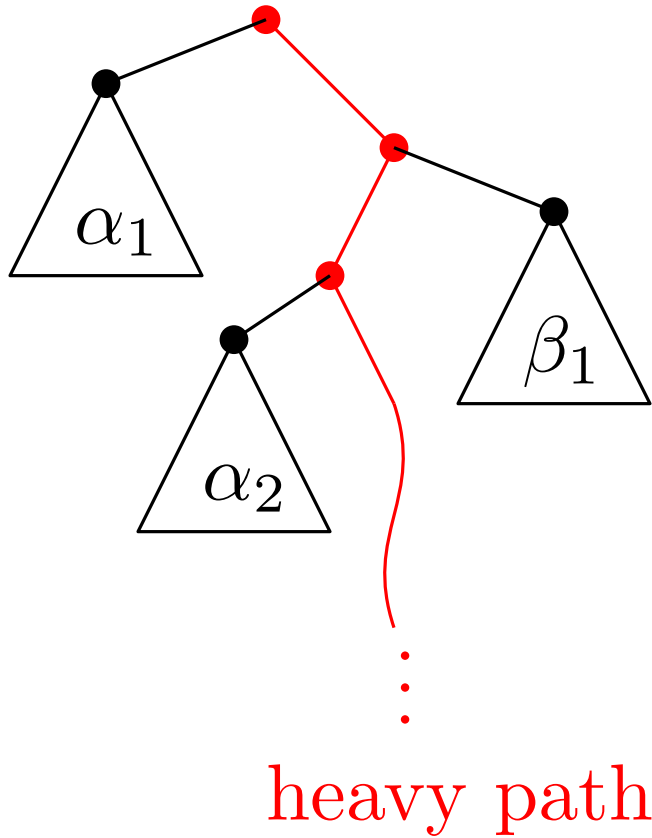
- if $R \leq L$, left option, else right option

$$\Rightarrow W(n) \leq W(n/2) + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(\log n) \text{ width}$$

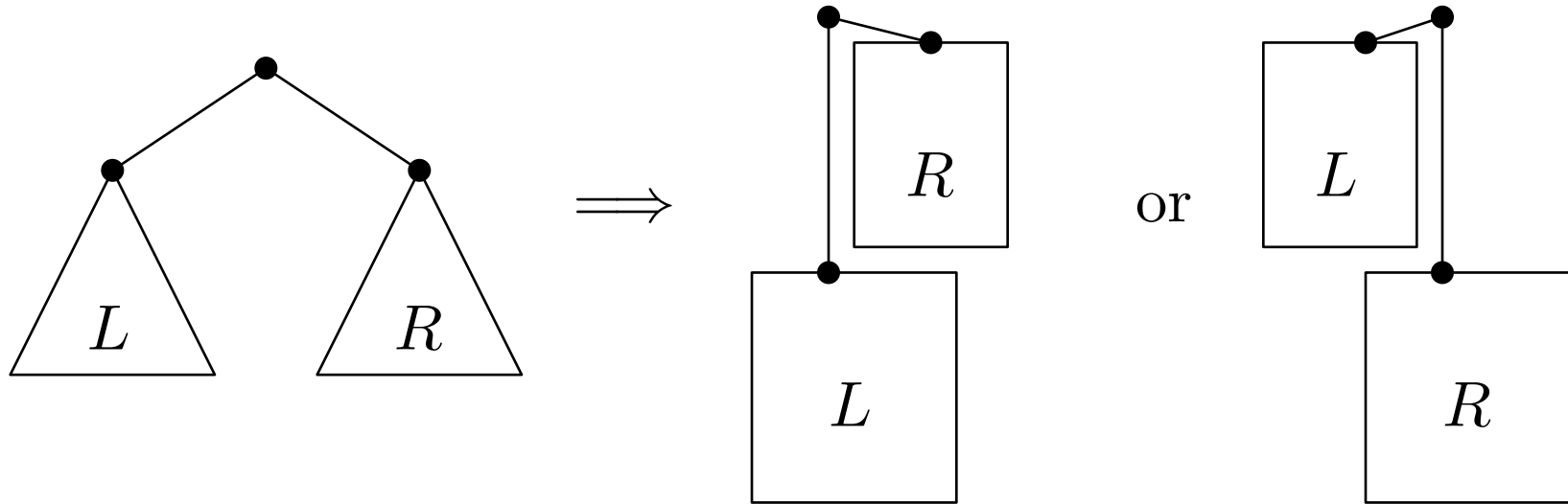
Ex: binary, strict upw.

equivalent to



Technique 2: “LR Path”

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

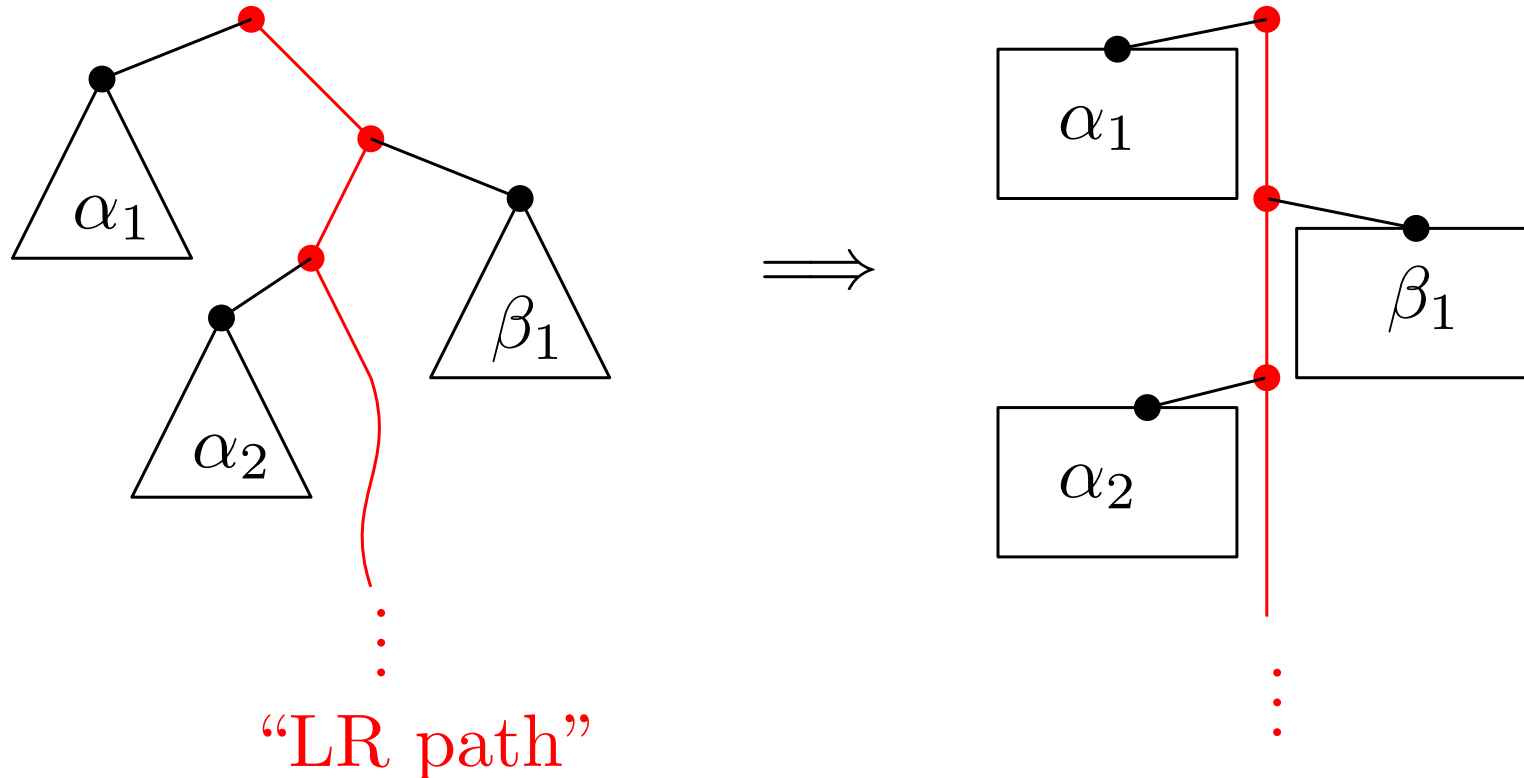


(called “LR drawings”)

- how to decide which option? tricky...

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

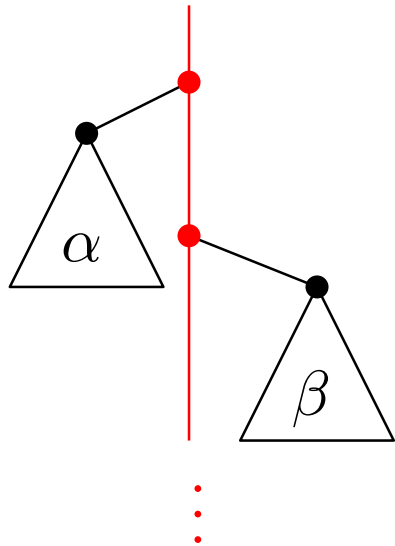
equivalent to



$$W(n) = \min_{\text{path } \pi} \max_{\substack{\text{left subtree } \alpha, \\ \text{right subtree } \beta \text{ of } \pi}} (W(\alpha) + W(\beta)) + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

Upper bound 1: just use heavy path



α = max left subtree

β = max right subtree

$$W(n) = \max_{\substack{\alpha \leq n/2, \\ \beta \leq (n - \alpha)/2}} (W(\alpha) + W(\beta)) + O(1)$$

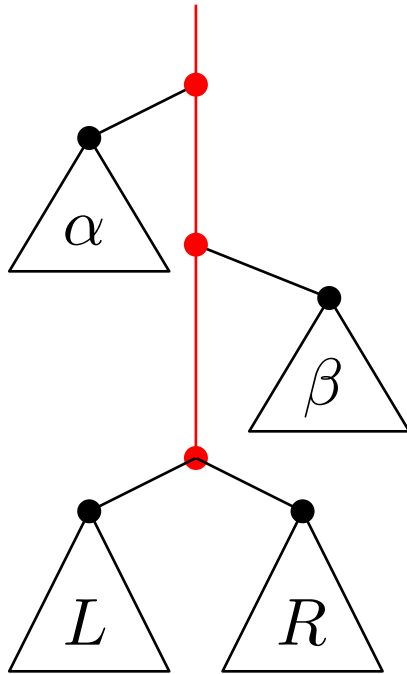
$$= W(n/2) + W(n/4) + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(n^{\log_2 \phi}) = \boxed{O(n^{0.695})} \text{ width}$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

Upper bound 2: \exists path with $\alpha + \beta \leq n/2$

Proof:



α = current max left subtree
 β = current max right subtree

if $R + \alpha \leq n/2$, go left

if $L + \beta \leq n/2$, go right. Q.E.D.

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

Upper bound 2: \exists path with $\alpha + \beta \leq n/2$

$$\begin{aligned} W(n) &= \max_{\alpha + \beta \leq n/2} (W(\alpha) + W(\beta)) + O(1) \\ &= 2W(n/4) + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

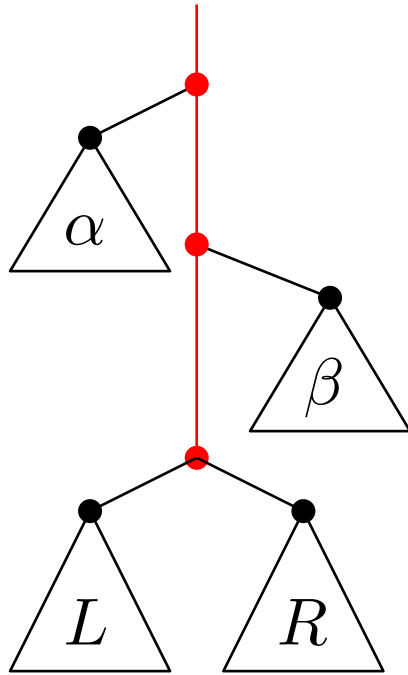
\Rightarrow $O(\sqrt{n})$ width

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C:'99]

Upper bound 3: $O(n^{0.48})$ width for LR drawings

New upper bound: $O(n^{0.44})$ width for LR drawings

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]



α = current max left subtree

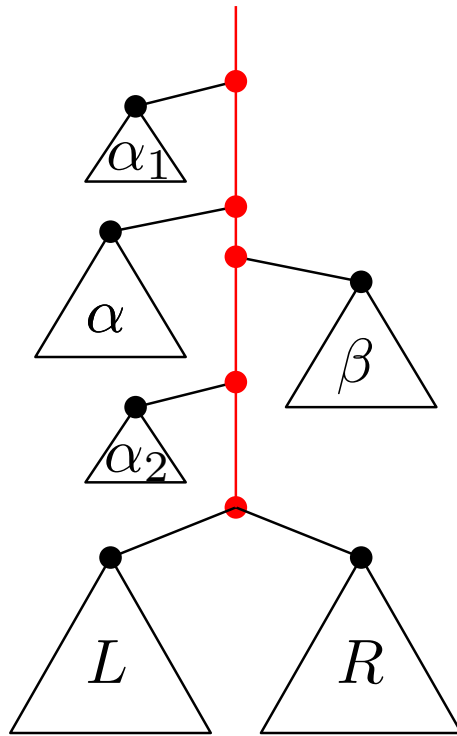
β = current max right subtree

assume $W(\alpha) + W(\beta) \leq \widehat{W}$

if $W(R) + W(\alpha) \leq \widehat{W}$, go left

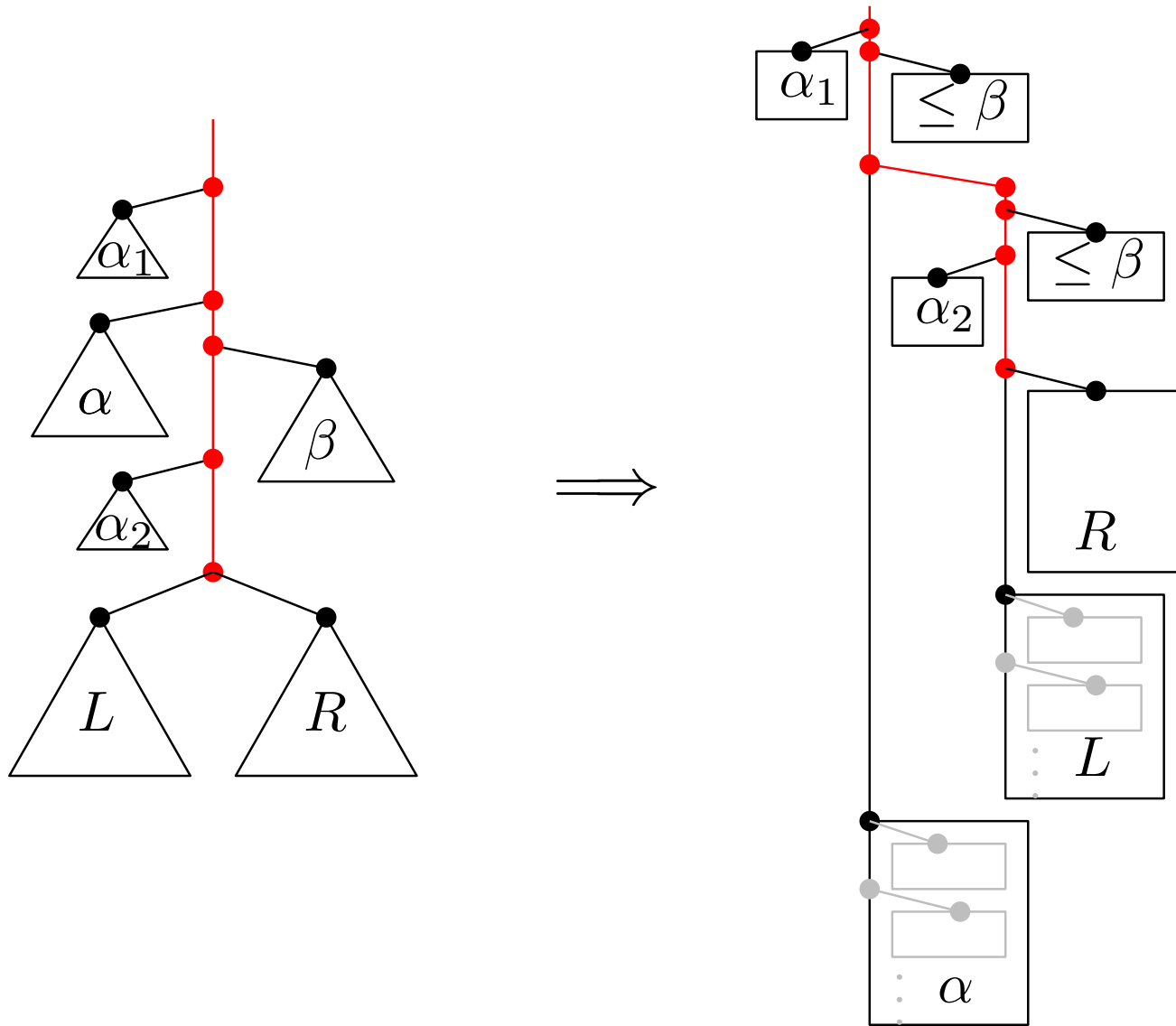
if $W(L) + W(\beta) \leq \widehat{W}$, go right

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]



$\alpha_1 = \text{max left subtree above } \alpha$
 $\alpha_2 = \text{max left subtree below } \alpha$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]



if $W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_1) + W(\alpha_2) \leq \widehat{W}$, ok

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]

$$W(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R+ \\ \alpha+\beta+ \\ \alpha_1+\alpha_2=n}} \min \begin{cases} W(R) + W(\alpha) \\ W(L) + W(\beta) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_1) + W(\alpha_2) \end{cases} + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]

$$W(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R+ \\ \alpha+\beta+ \\ \alpha_1+\alpha_2+ \\ \beta_1+\beta_2=n}} \min \begin{cases} W(R) + W(\alpha) \\ W(L) + W(\beta) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_1) + W(\alpha_2) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\beta_1) + W(\beta_2) \end{cases} + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]

$$W(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R+ \\ \alpha+\beta+ \\ \alpha_1+\alpha_2+\dots+ \\ \beta_1+\beta_2=n}} \min \begin{cases} W(R) + W(\alpha) \\ W(L) + W(\beta) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_1) + W(\alpha_2) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\beta_1) + W(\beta_2) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_3) + \dots + W(\alpha_6) \end{cases} + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [new]

$$W(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R+ \\ \alpha+\beta+ \\ \alpha_1+\alpha_2+\dots+ \\ \beta_1+\beta_2+\dots = n}} \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} W(R) + W(\alpha) \\ W(L) + W(\beta) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_1) + W(\alpha_2) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\beta_1) + W(\beta_2) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\alpha_3) + \dots + W(\alpha_6) \\ W(\max(L, R)) + W(\beta_3) + \dots + W(\beta_6) \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{O(n^{0.44})} \text{ width}$$

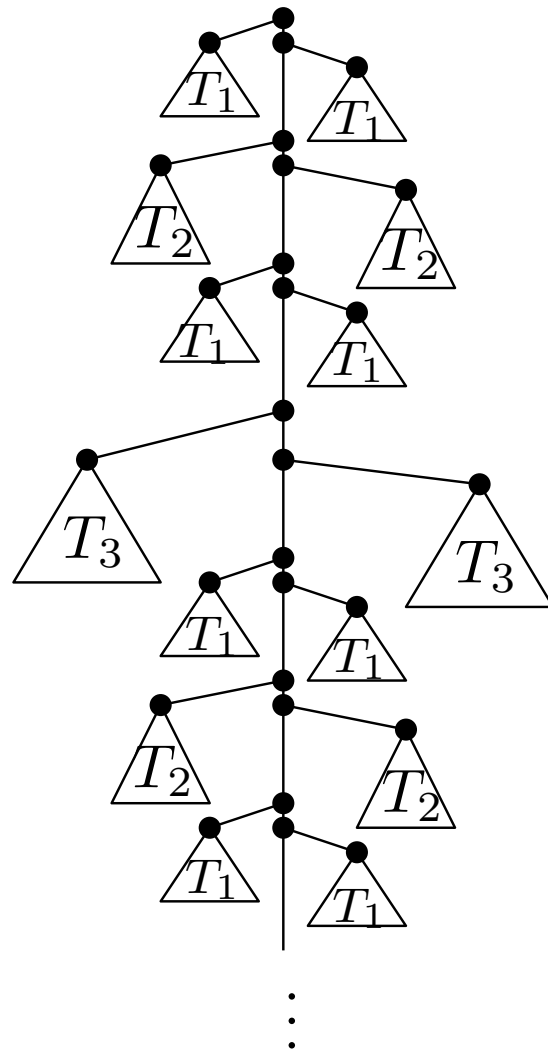
(by induction, taking convex comb. & using Hölder's inequality)

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered*

[Fрати–Patrignani–Roselli'17]

Lower bound: $\Omega(n^{0.418})$ width for LR drawings

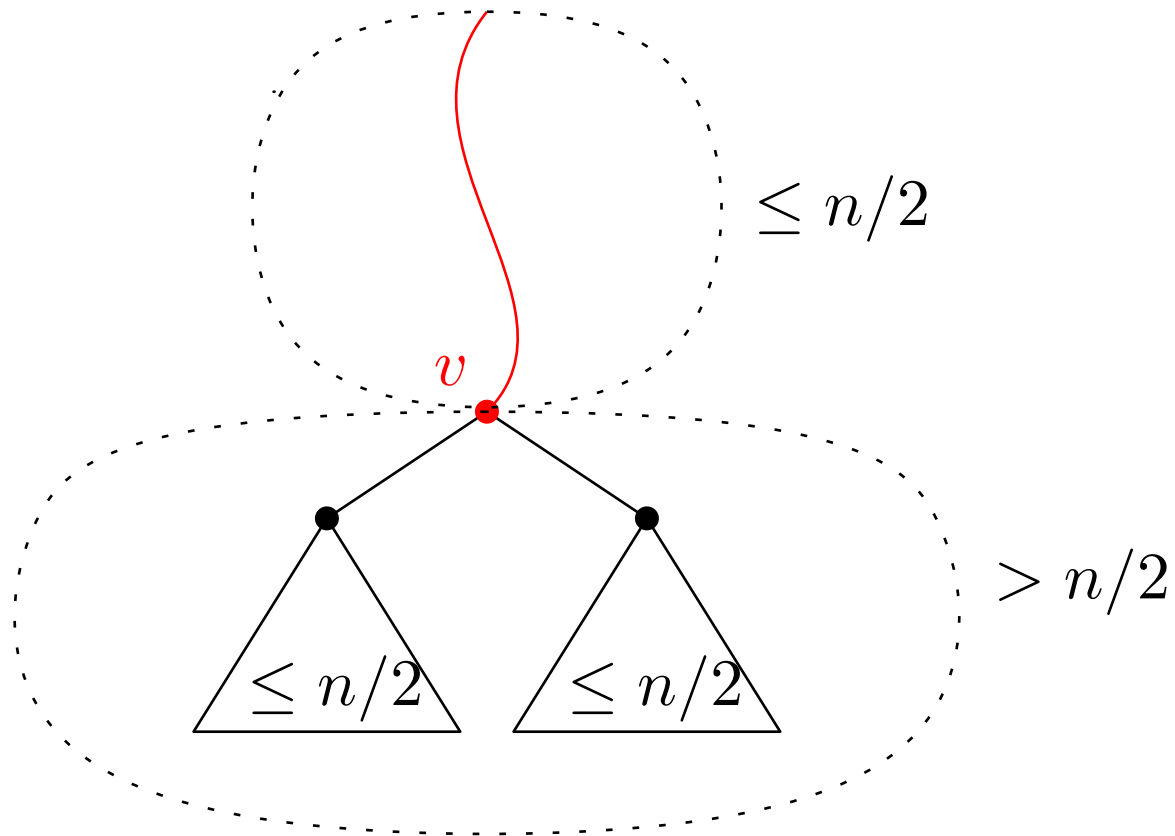
$T_k =$



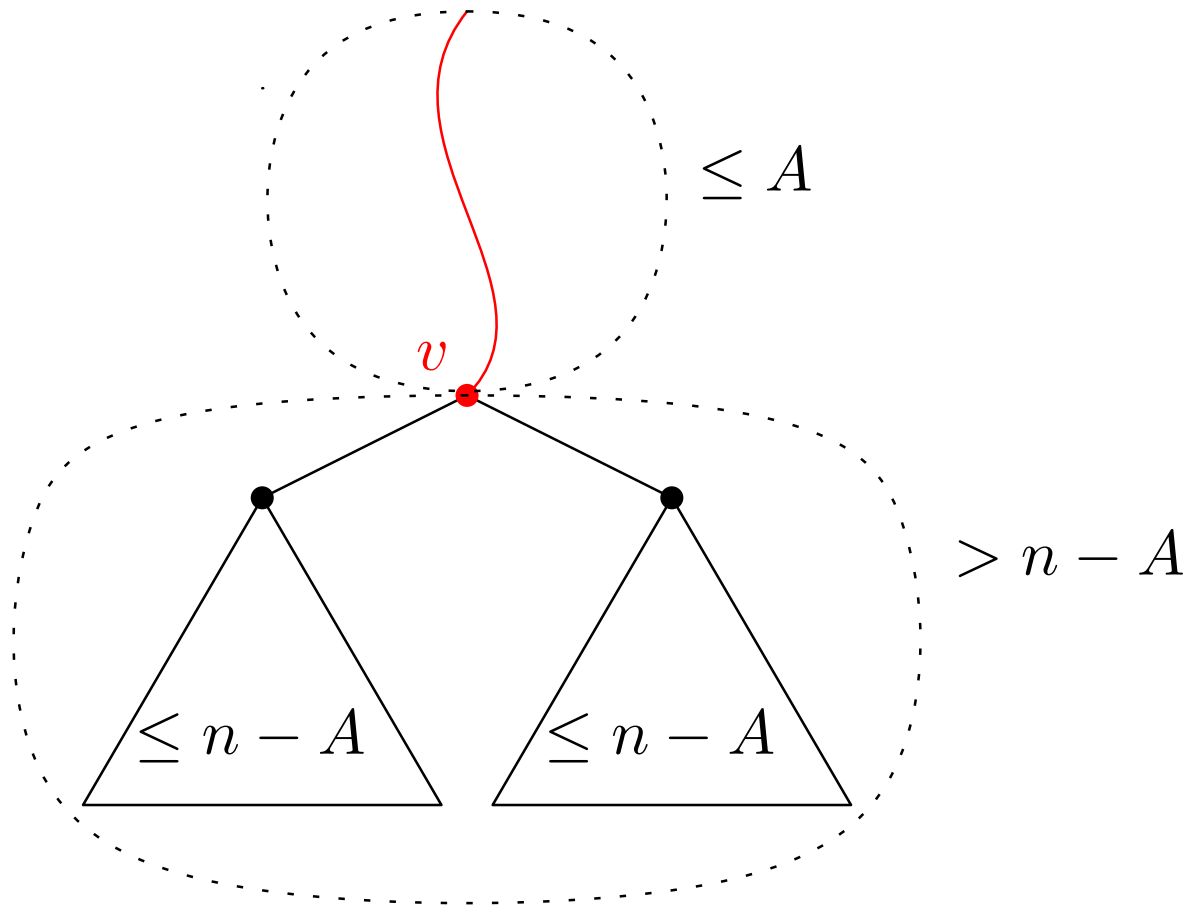
(open: best exponent?)

Technique 3: “Skewed Centroid”

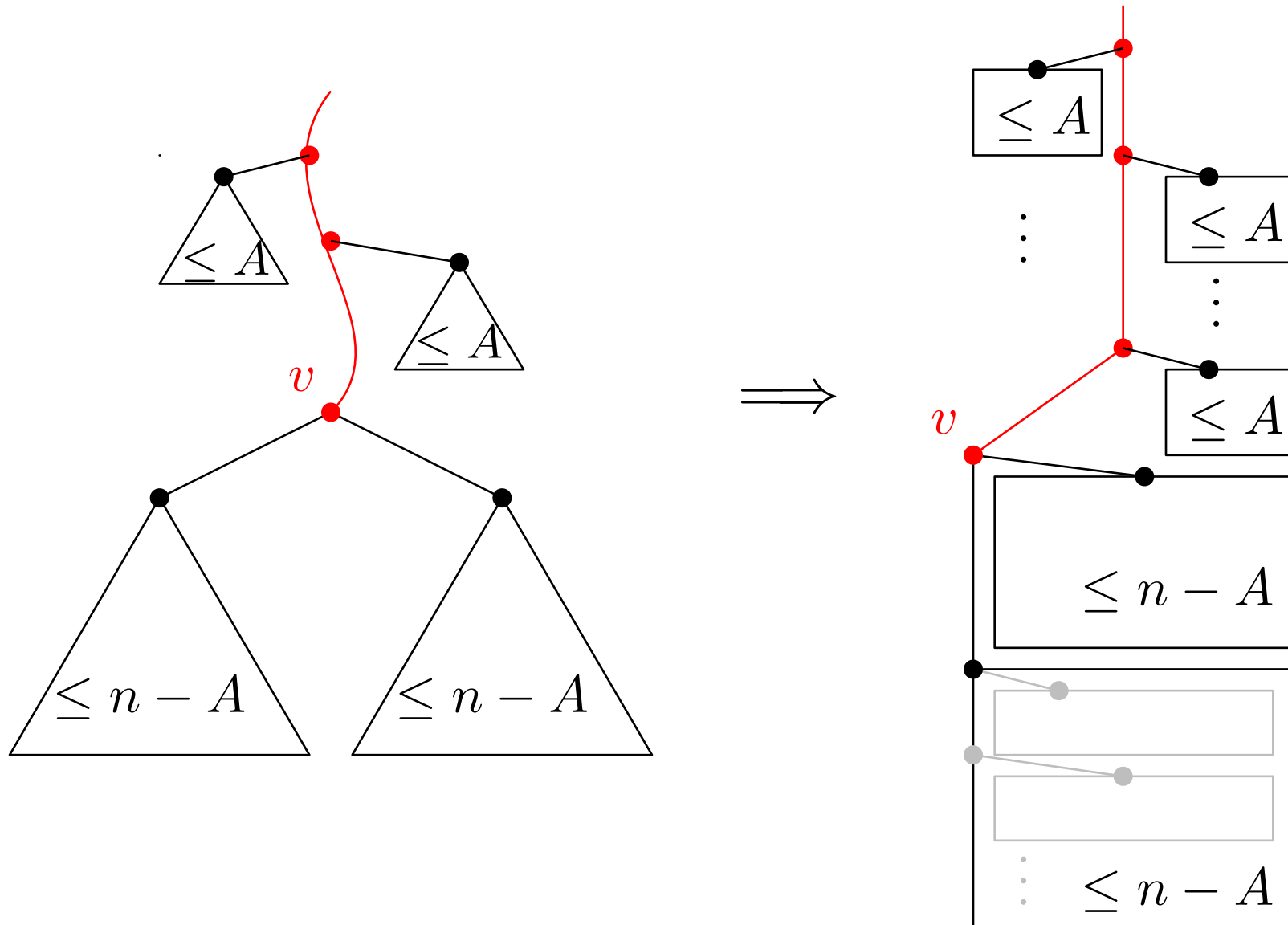
centroid = lowest node v with
subtree size $> n/2$



“skewed” centroid = lowest node v with subtree size $> n - A$



Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C.'99]



$$W(n) \leq \max\{2W(A), W(n-A)\} + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, strict upw., *ordered* [C.'99]

$$W(n) \leq \max\{2W(A), W(n-A)\} + O(1)$$

set $A = n/b$ for large constant b

$$\Rightarrow W(n) \leq \max\{2W(n/b), W((1-1/b)n)\} + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(n) = O(n^{1/\log b}) \Rightarrow O(n^\epsilon) \text{ width}$$

nonconstant $b \Rightarrow O(c^{\sqrt{\log n}}) \text{ width}$

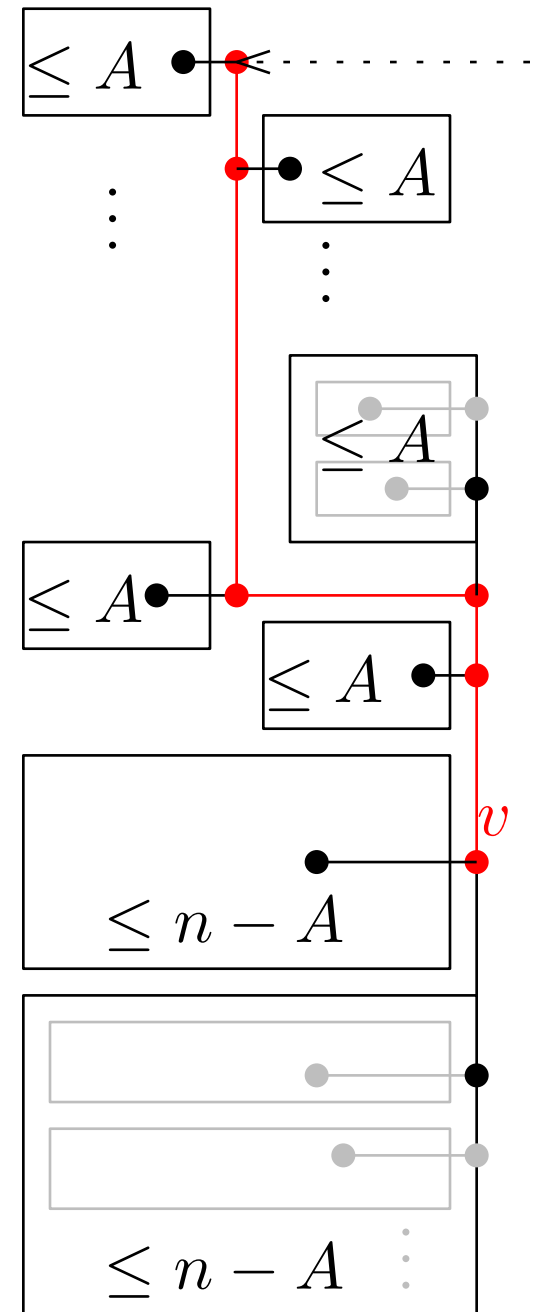
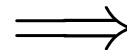
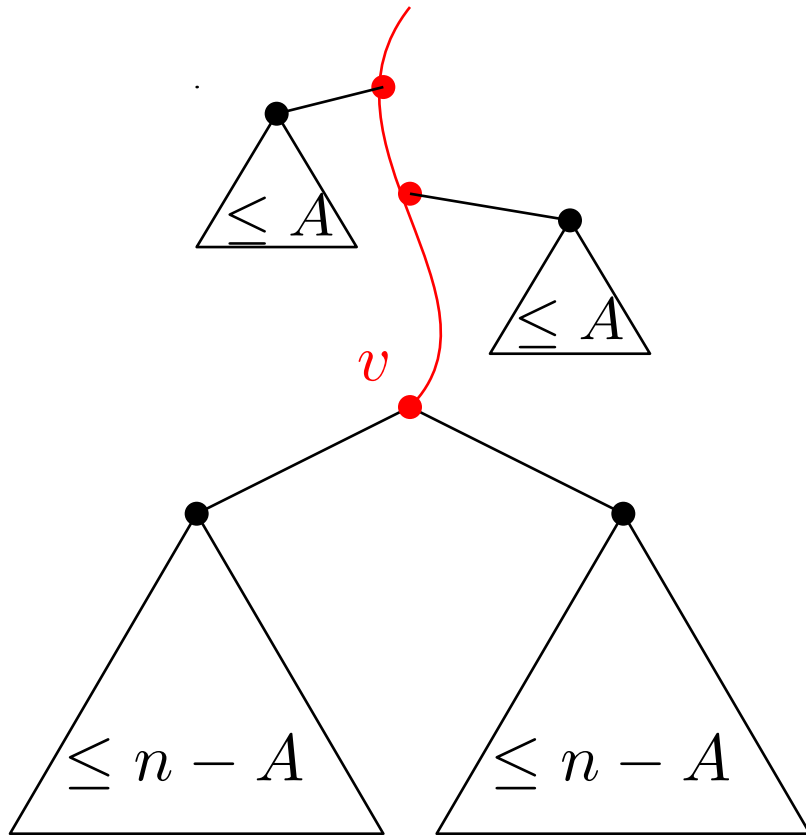
(“unfortunately”, Garg–Rusu’03 showed that heavy path technique can be modified to work for strict upw., *ordered* $\Rightarrow O(\log n)$ width)

Next Ex: binary, orthogonal, *ordered*

Fрати'07: $O(\sqrt{n})$ width (via LR path technique)

new: $O(c^{\sqrt{\log n}})$ width

Next Ex: binary, orthogonal, *ordered* _[new]



$$W(n) \leq \max\{2W(A), W(n-A)\} + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(c^{\sqrt{\log n}}) \text{ width}$$

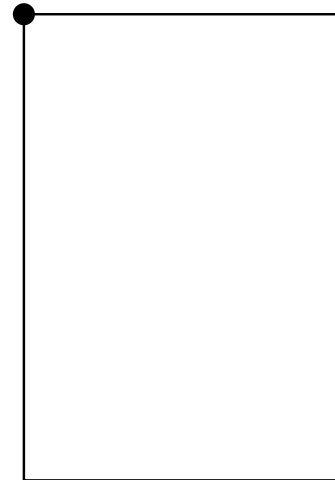
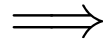
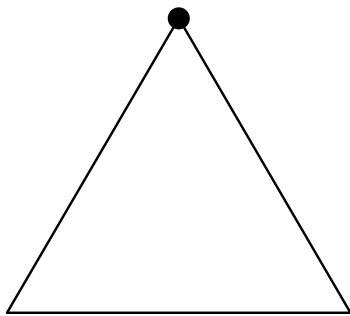
Technique 4: “Double Recurrence”

Ex: binary, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Biedl'17]

$O(\log^2 n)$ width

2 recursive alg'ms:

- Main alg'm

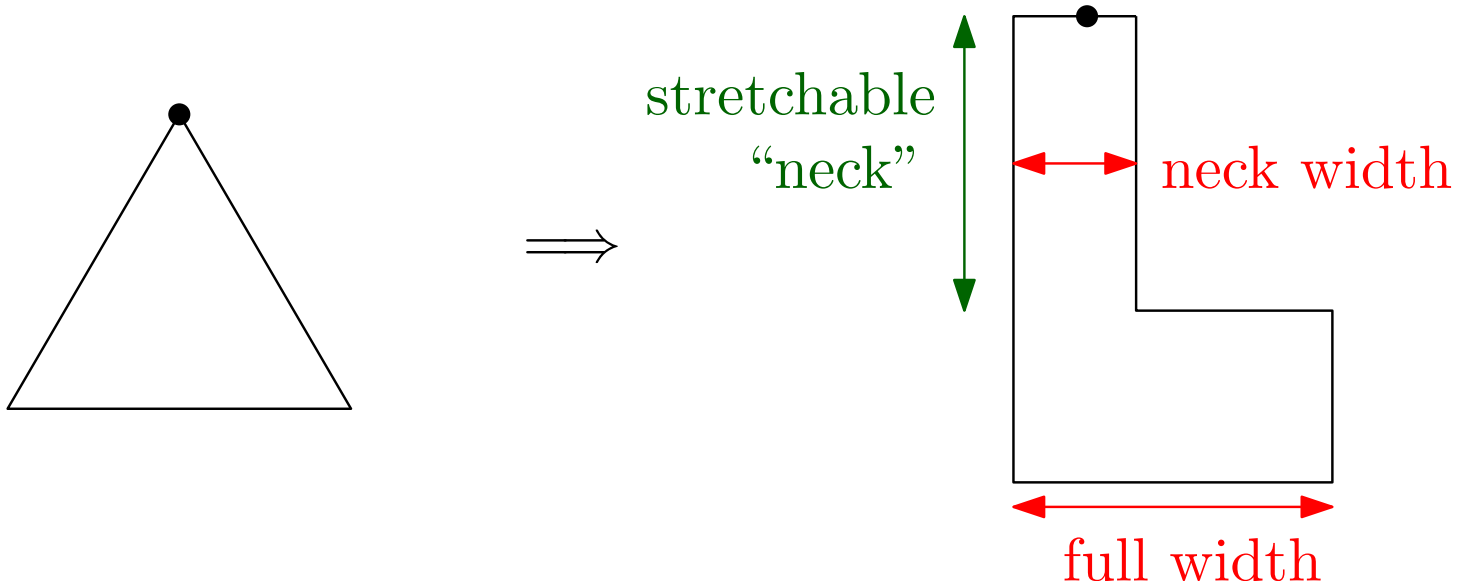


Ex: binary, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Biedl'17]

$O(\log^2 n)$ width

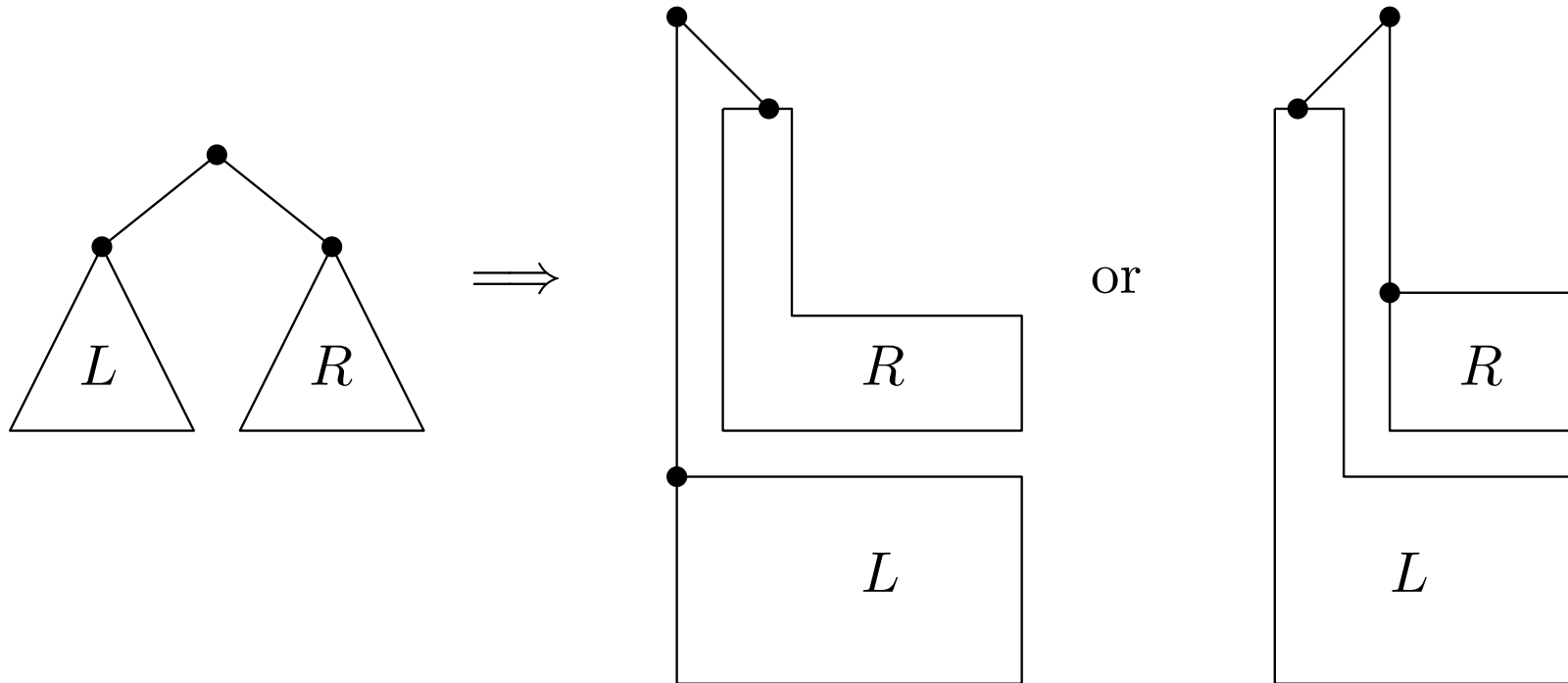
2 recursive alg'ms:

- Main alg'm
- “Narrow-neck” alg'm (*)



Ex: binary, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Biedl'17]

“Narrow-neck” alg'm (*):



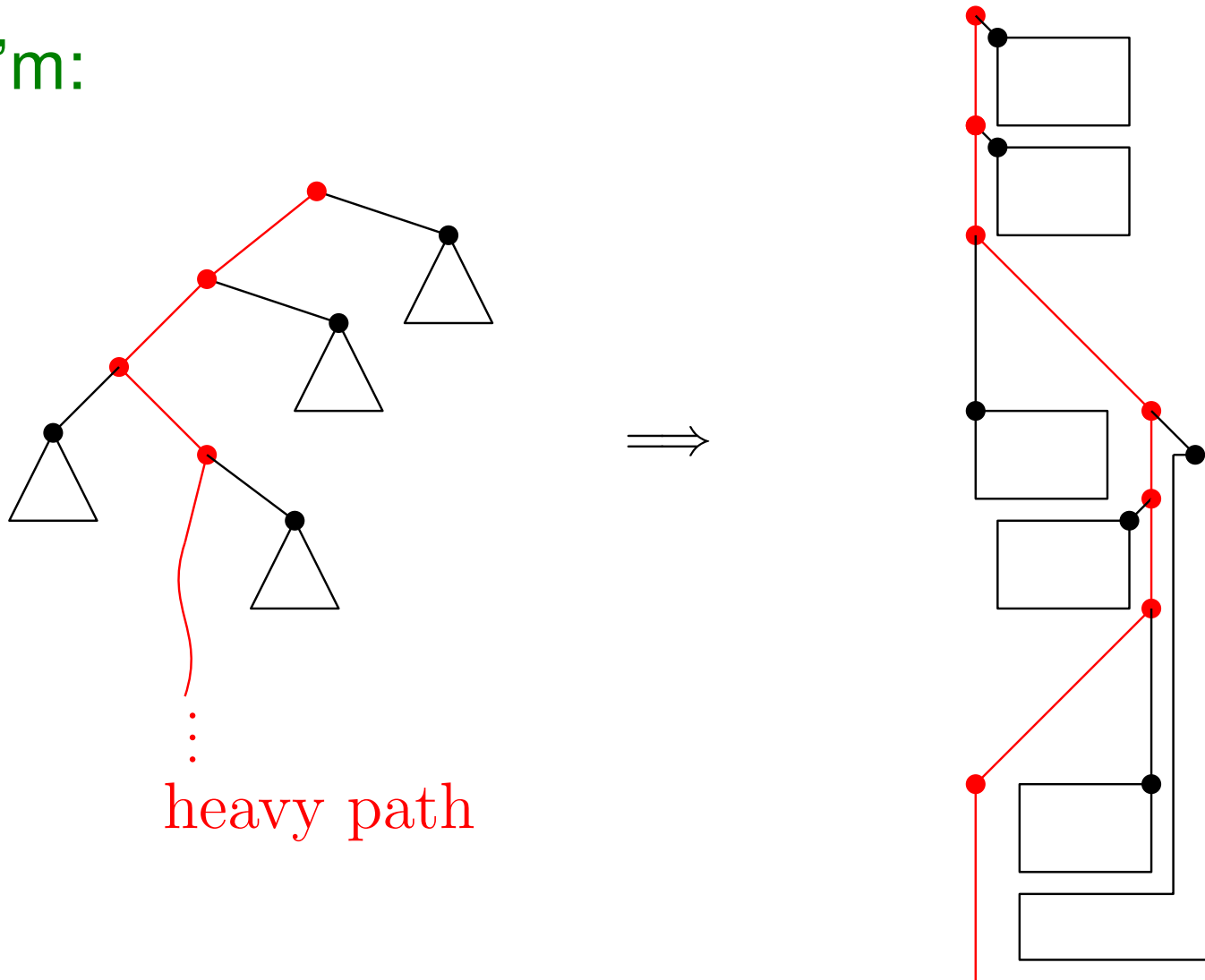
- if $R \leq L$, left option, else right option

$$W_{\text{neck}}^*(n) \leq W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2) + O(1)$$

$$W_{\text{full}}^*(n) \leq W(n) + W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2) + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Biedl'17]

Main alg'm:



$$W(n) \leq \max\{W(n/2), W_{\text{full}}^*(n/2)\} + O(W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2)) + O(1)$$

Ex: binary, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Biedl'17]

$$W_{\text{neck}}^*(n) \leq W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2) + O(1)$$

$$W_{\text{full}}^*(n) \leq W(n) + W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2) + O(1)$$

$$W(n) \leq \max\{W(n/2), W_{\text{full}}^*(n/2)\} + O(W_{\text{neck}}^*(n/2)) + O(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{\text{neck}}^*(n) = O(\log n)$$

$$\Rightarrow W(n) \leq W(n/2) + O(\log n)$$

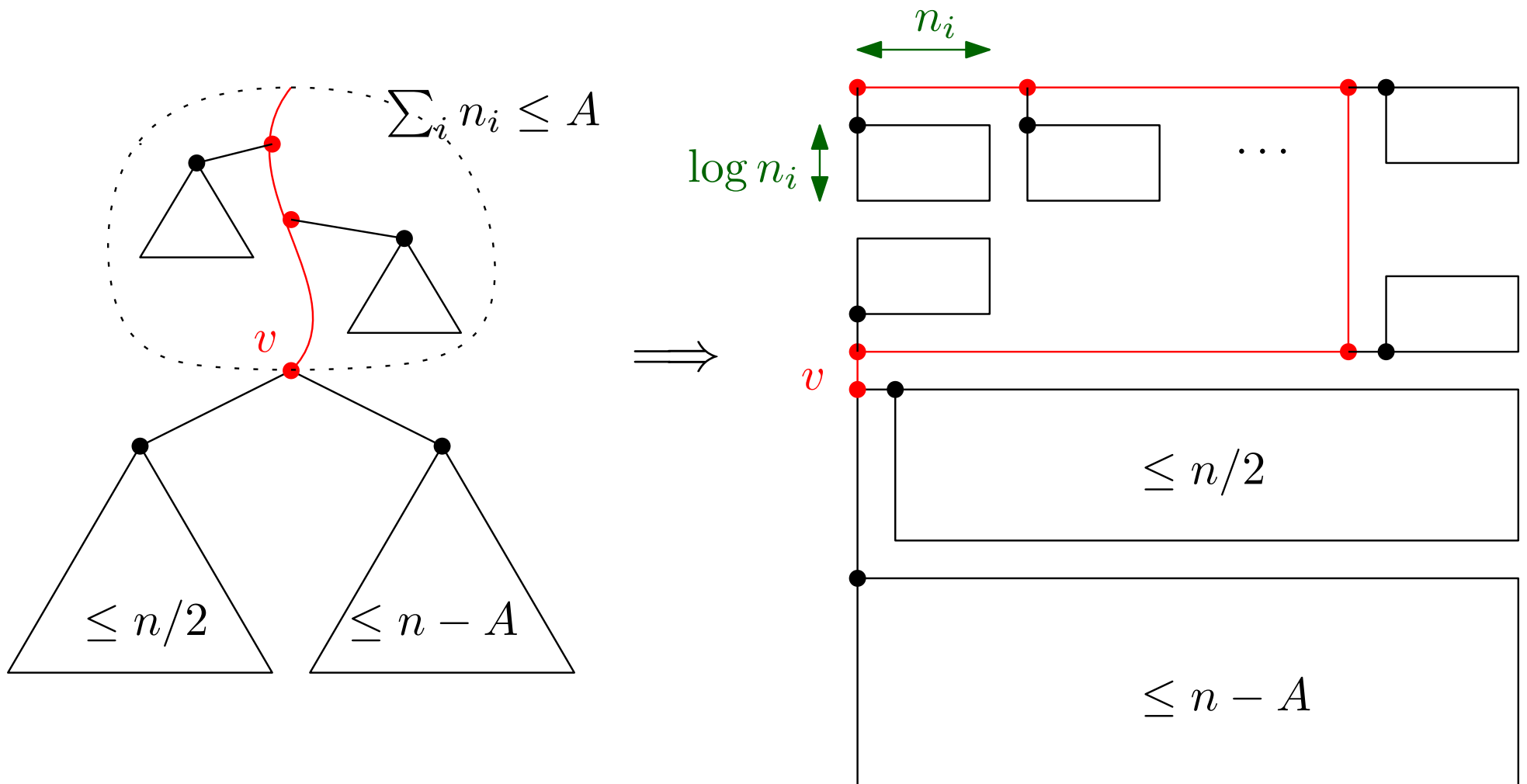
$$\Rightarrow W(n) = \boxed{O(\log^2 n)} \text{ width } \text{(open: single log?)}$$

Technique 5: Height–Width Tradeoff

Ex: binary, orthogonal

[C.–Goodrich–Kosaraju–Tamassia'96/Shin–Kim–Chwa'96]

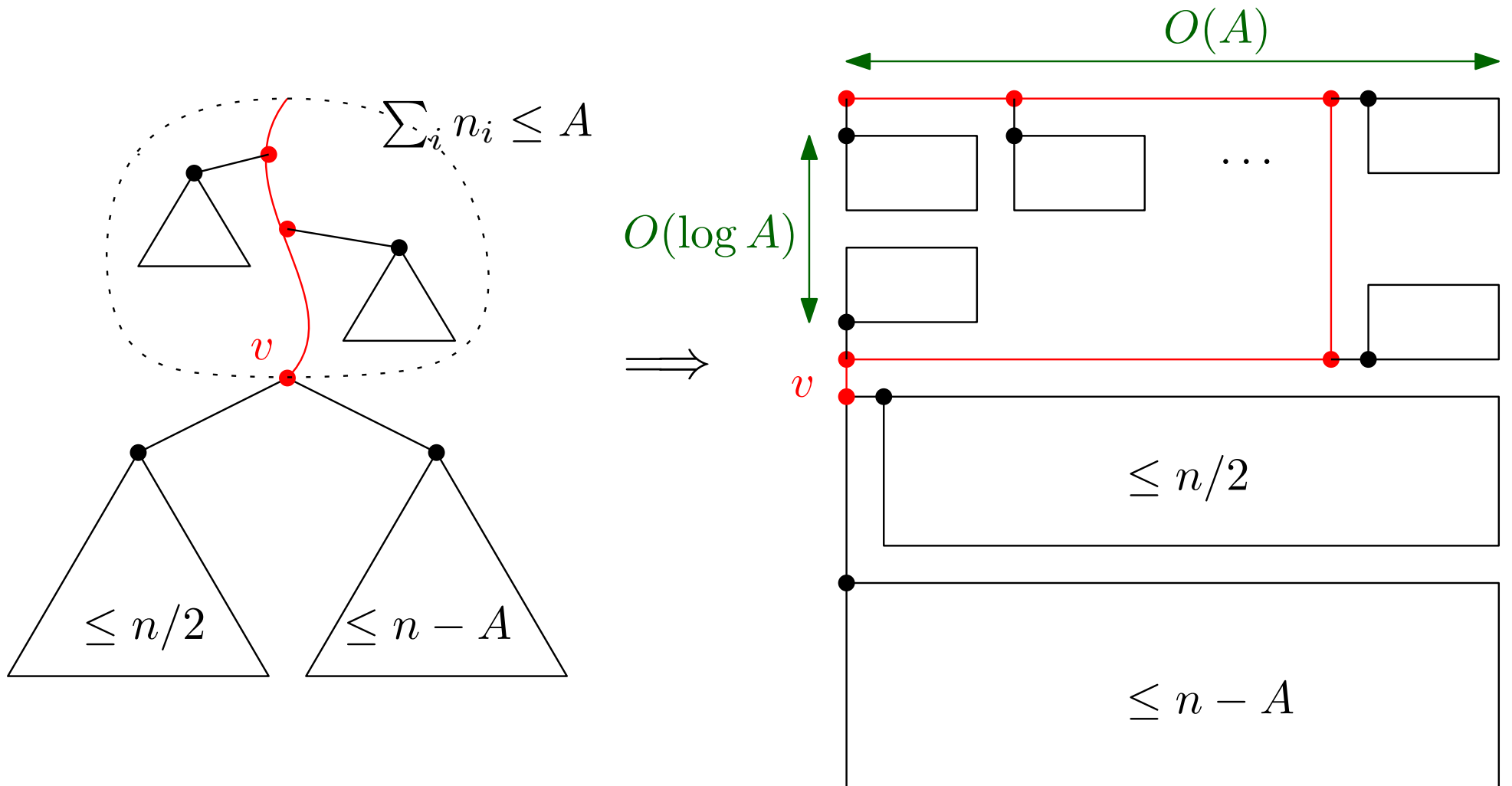
skewed centroid again!



Ex: binary, orthogonal

[C.–Goodrich–Kosaraju–Tamassia'96/Shin–Kim–Chwa'96]

skewed centroid again!



Ex: binary, orthogonal

[C.–Goodrich–Kosaraju–Tamassia'96/Shin–Kim–Chwa'96]

$$W(n) \leq \max\{W(n/2) + O(1), O(A)\}$$

$$H(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R \leq n \\ L, R \leq n-A}} (H(L) + H(R)) + O(\log A)$$

\Rightarrow

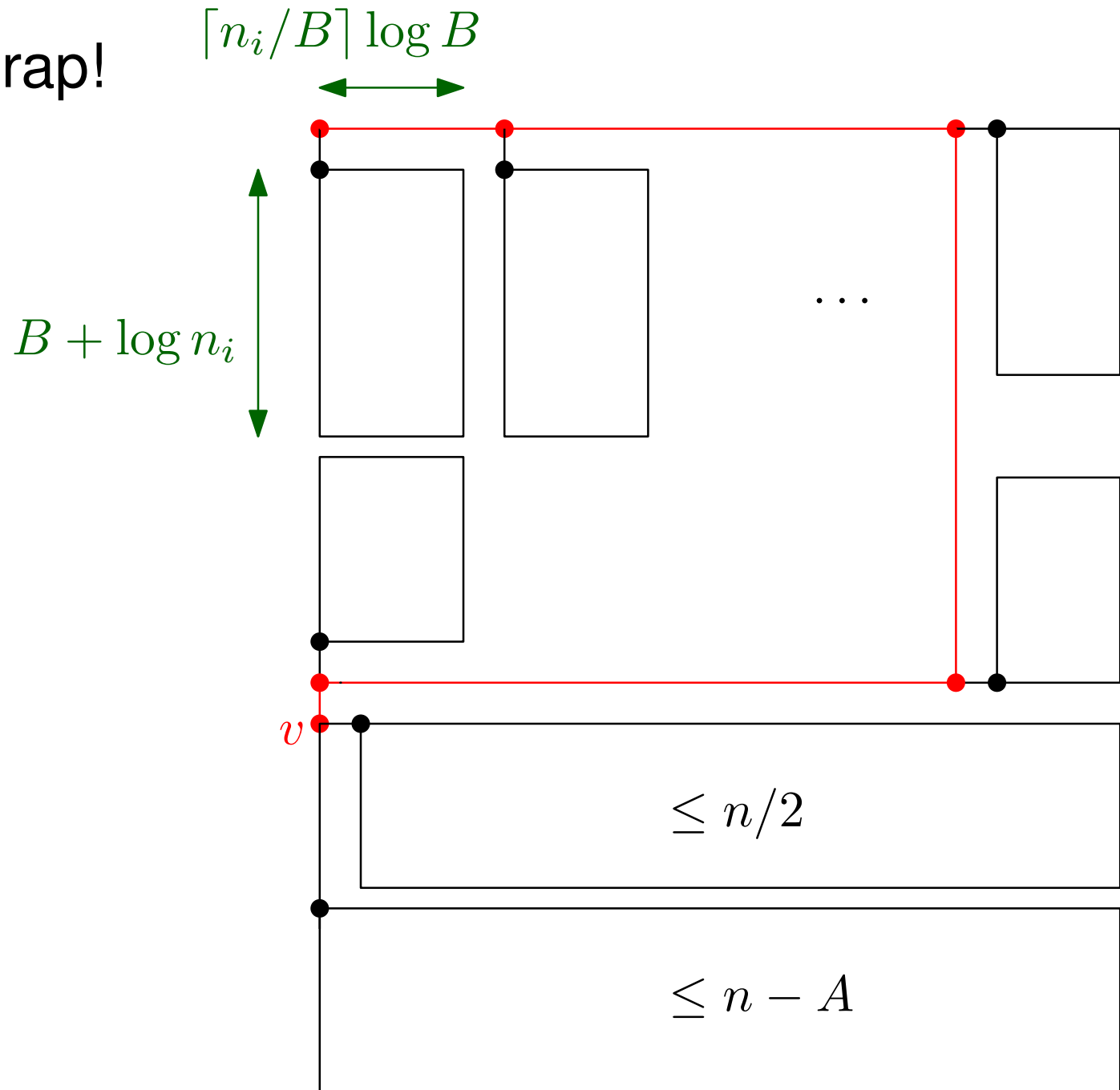
$$W(n) = O(A + \log n)$$

$$H(n) = O(\lceil n/A \rceil \log A)$$

set $A = \log n \Rightarrow O(n \log \log n)$ area **better?**

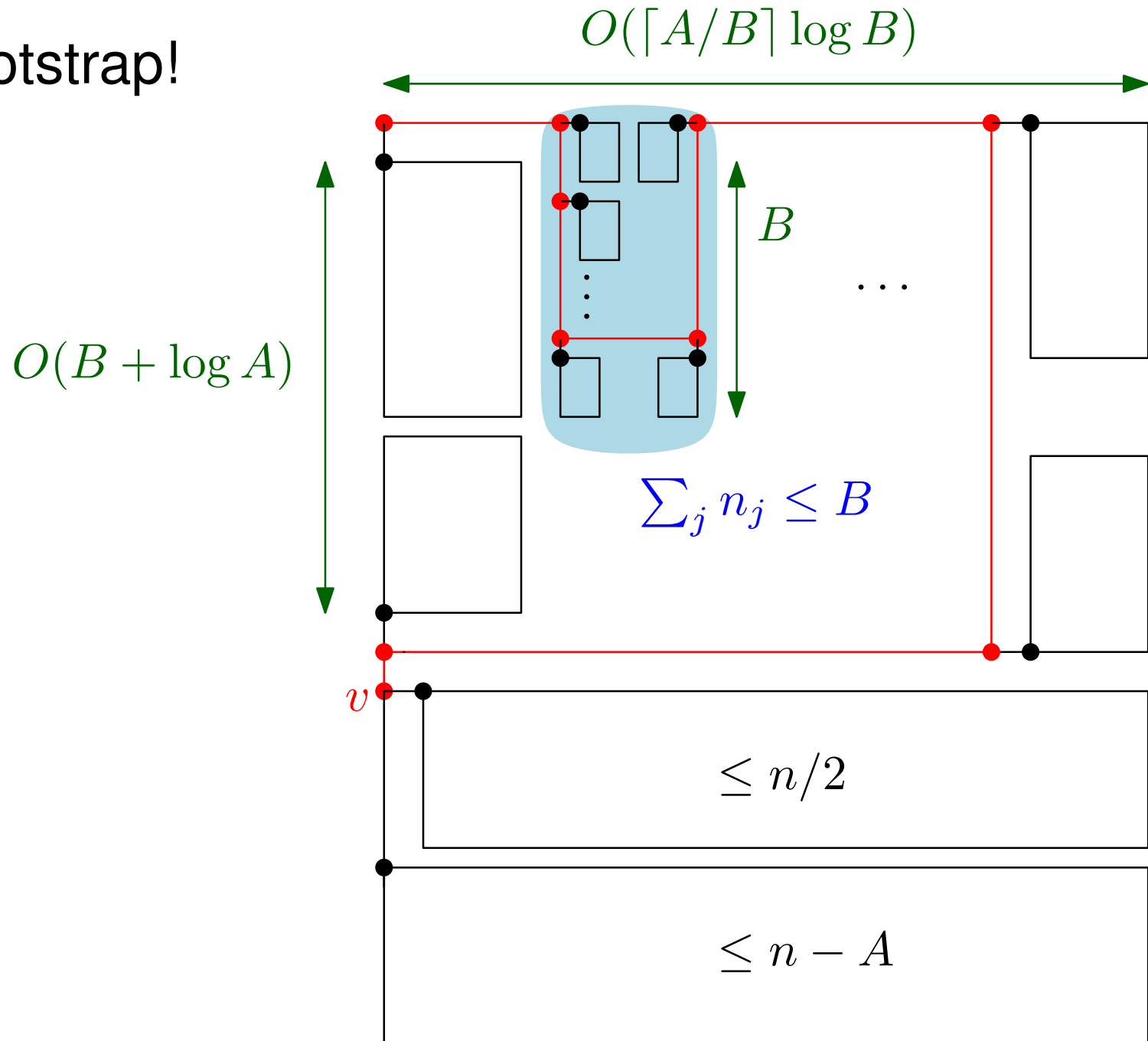
Ex: binary, orthogonal [new]

Idea: bootstrap!



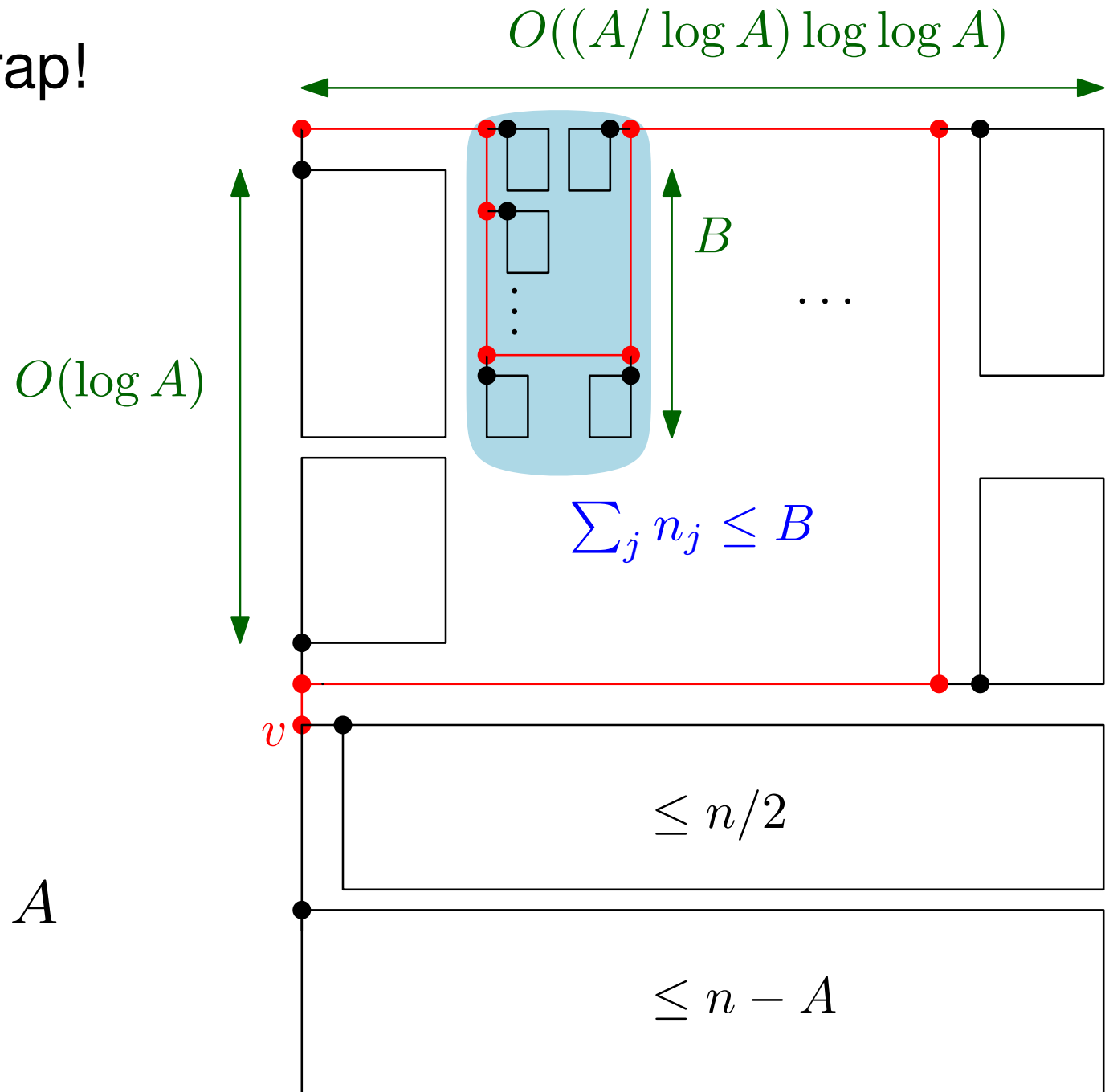
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set $B = \log A$

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$$W(n) \leq \max\{W(n/2) + O(1), O((A/\log A) \log \log A)\}$$

$$H(n) \leq \max_{\substack{L+R \leq n \\ L, R \leq n-A}} (H(L) + H(R)) + O(\log A)$$

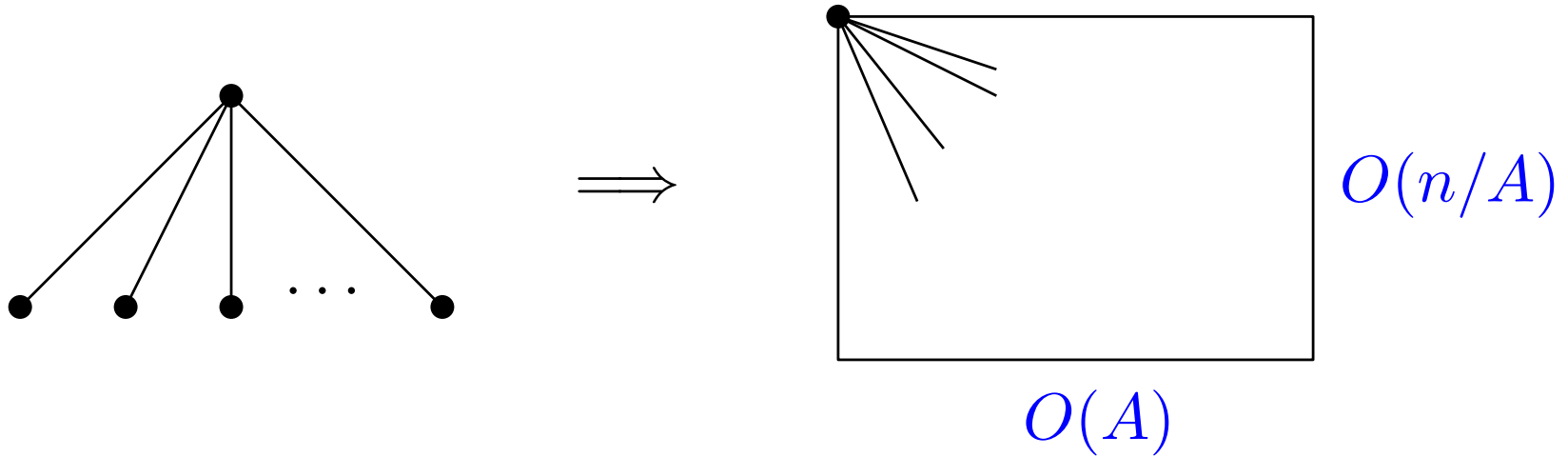
$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} W(n) &= O((A/\log A) \log \log A + \log n) \\ H(n) &= O(\lceil n/A \rceil \log A) \end{aligned}$$

set $A = \text{polylog } n \Rightarrow O(n \log \log \log n)$ area

bootstrap again $\Rightarrow O(nc^{\log^* n})$ area (open: linear?)

Last Ex: general trees [new]

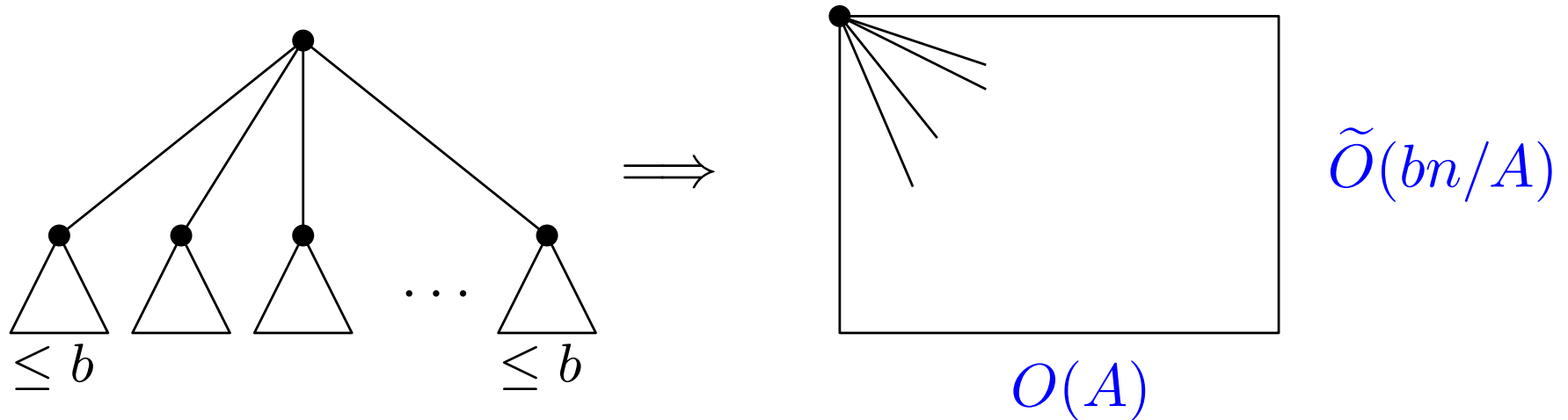
Lemma: for (almost) any A ,



Proof: take all points with co-prime (x, y) . Q.E.D.

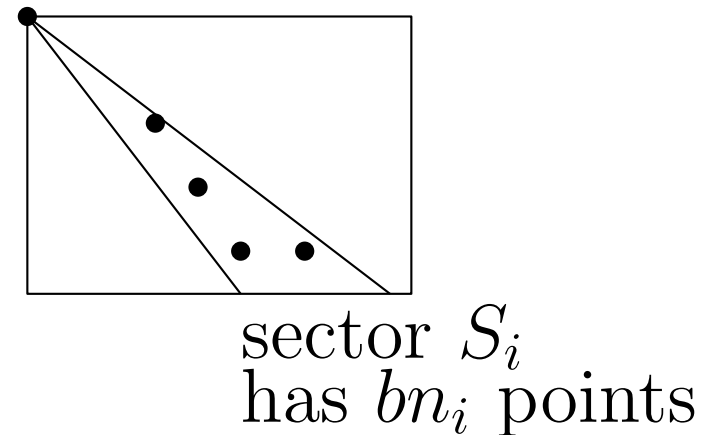
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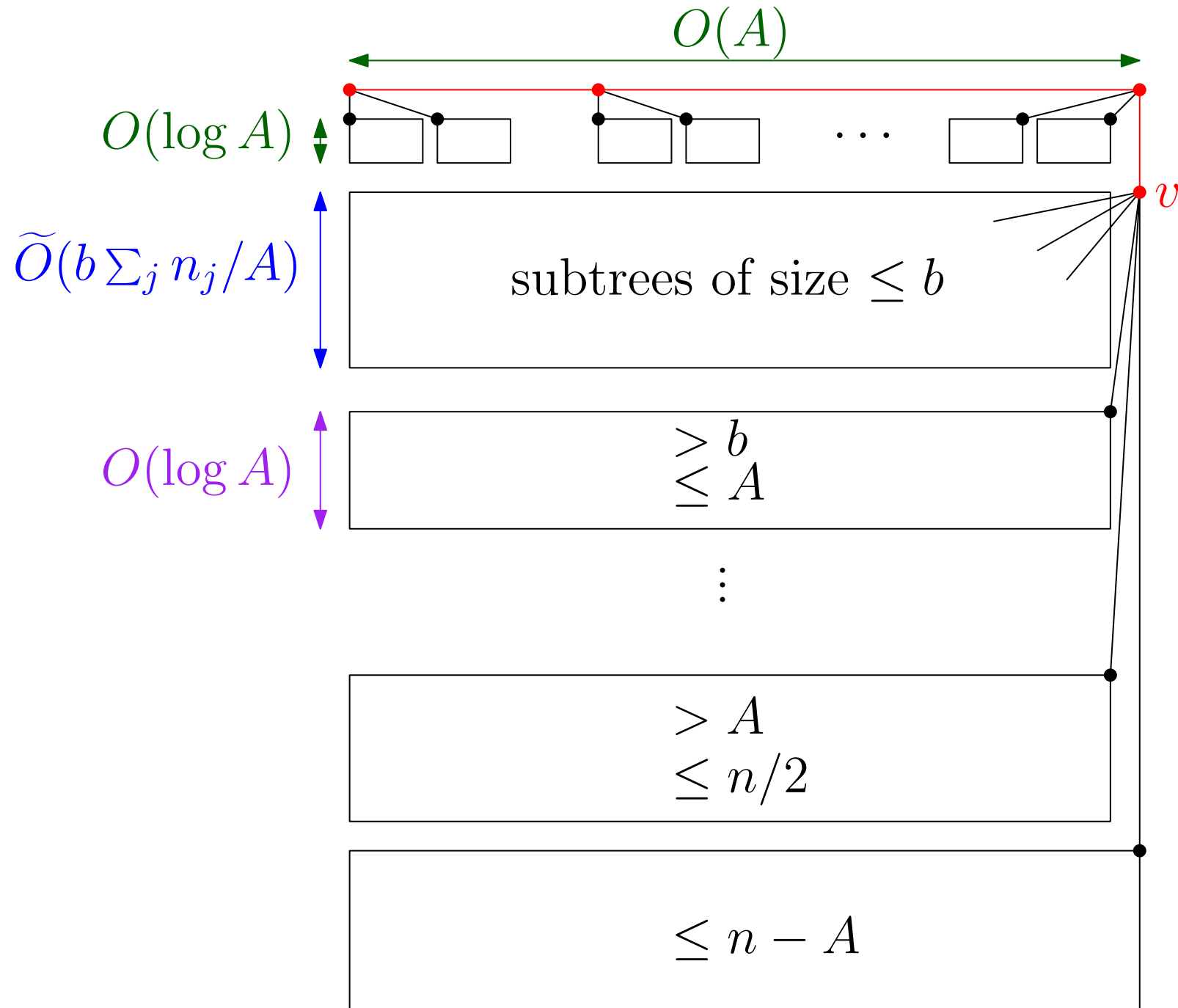


Proof Sketch:

- divide into sectors S_i
- if no b points of S_i lie on a line, ok
- if b points of S_i lie on a line, magnify by factor $\log b$, and simulate drawing on $b \times \log b$ grid



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$$W(n) = O(A + \log n)$$

$$H(n) = \tilde{O}(\lceil n/A \rceil \log A + bn/A + (n/b) \log A)$$

set $b \approx \sqrt{A}$, $A = \log n$

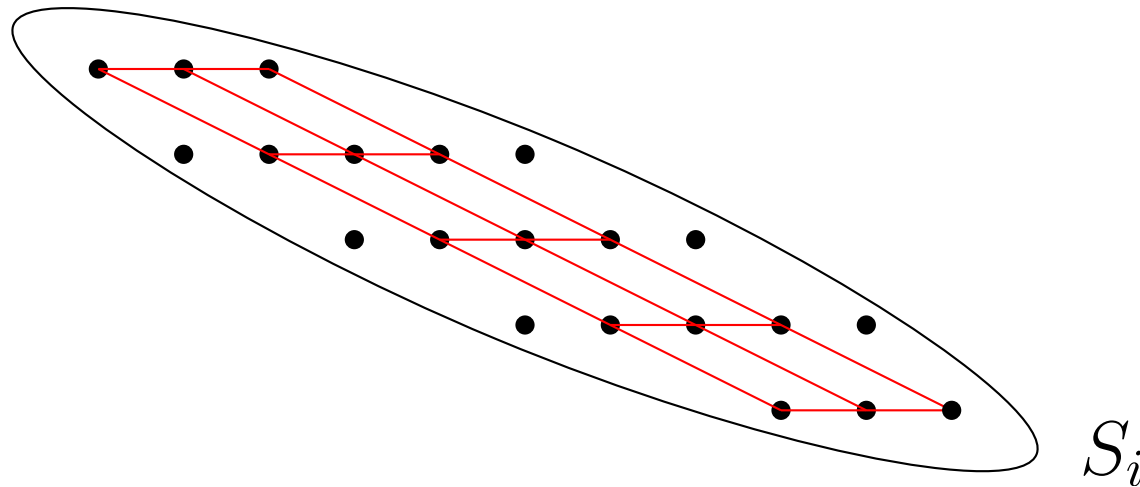
$\Rightarrow \tilde{O}(n\sqrt{\log n})$ area

bootstrap again $\Rightarrow n2^{\tilde{O}(\sqrt{\log \log n})}$ area

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Geometry Lemma (needed for bootstrapping):

If S_i is a 2D convex body containing n_i lattice points, then S_i contains an $\Omega(B) \times \Omega(n_i/B)$ grid after some affine transformation for some B



Many Other Open Problems...

ternary tree, orthogonal [Fрати'07]:

$$O(n^{\log_3 2}) = O(n^{0.631}) \text{ width}$$

$$\Omega(n^{0.438}) \text{ width}$$

ternary tree, octilinear, strict upw., *ordered* [Lee'17]:

$$O(n^{0.68}) \text{ width (via double recurrence technique)}$$

$$\Omega(n^{0.411}) \text{ width}$$

(open: best exponent?)

THE END