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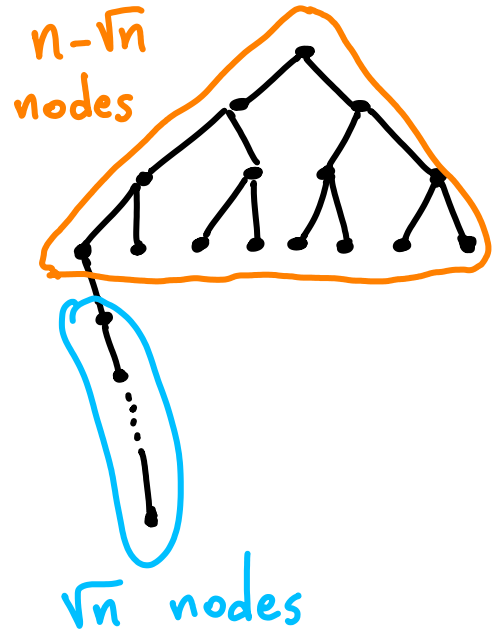
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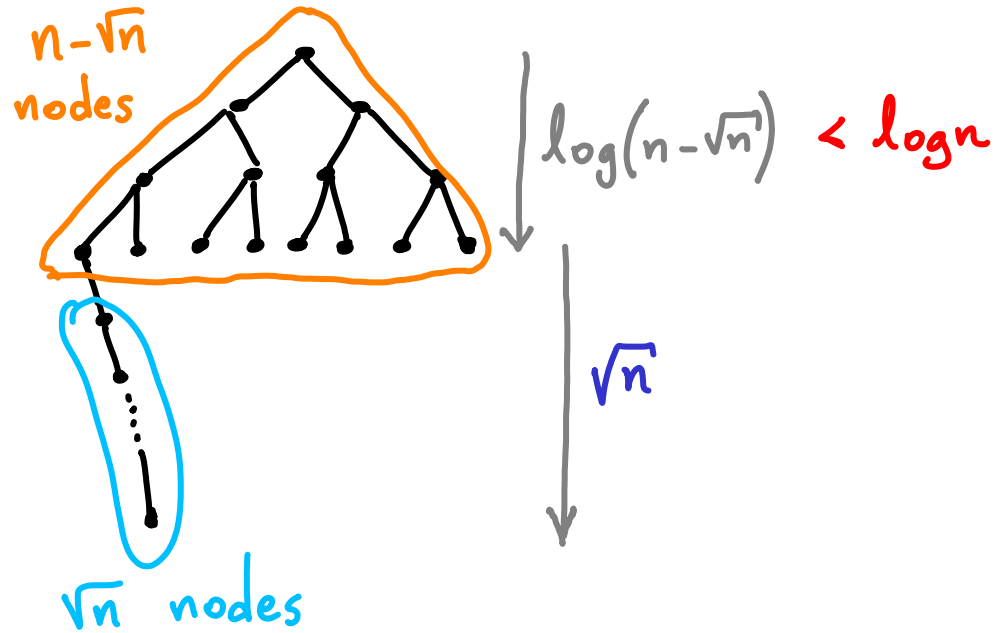
Let's just examine what an average random BST looks like

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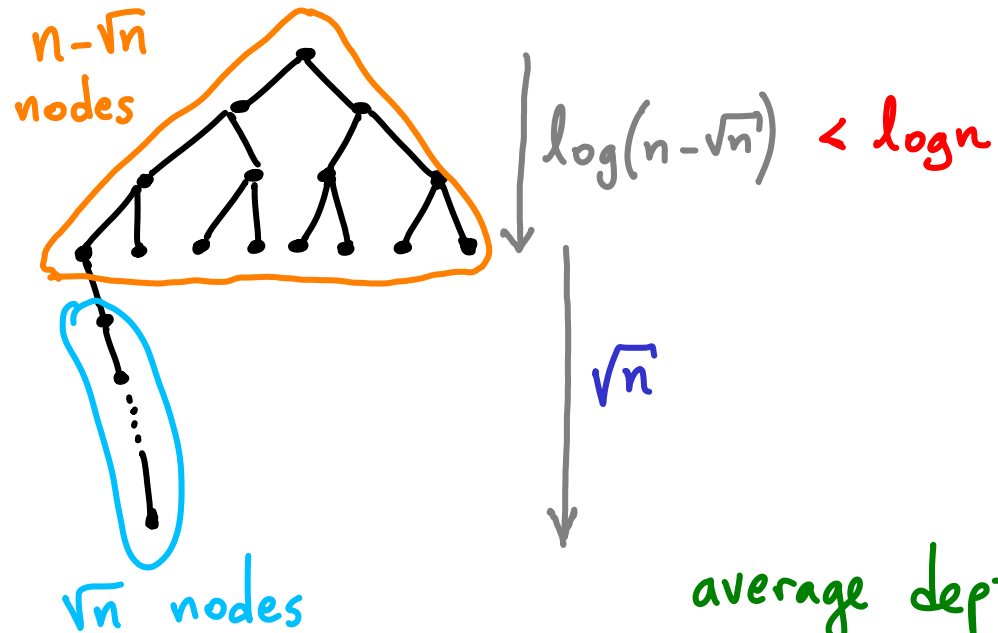
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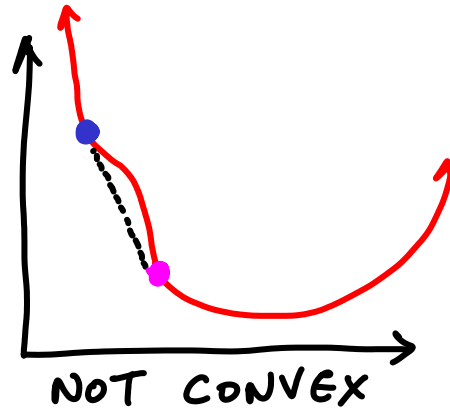
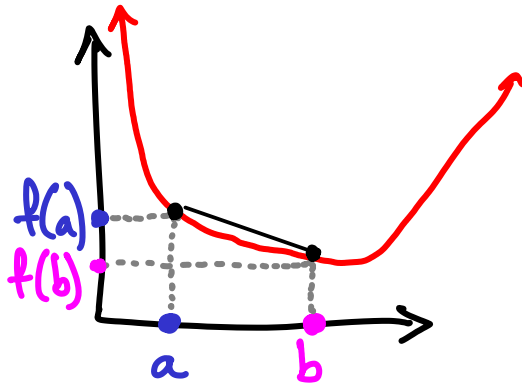
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easy- (3) Use (1) & (2) : $\underbrace{2^{E[X_n]} \leq E[2^{X_n}]}_{(1)} \Rightarrow E[X_n] = O(\log n^3)$

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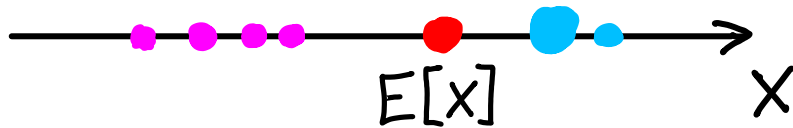
Convex function f



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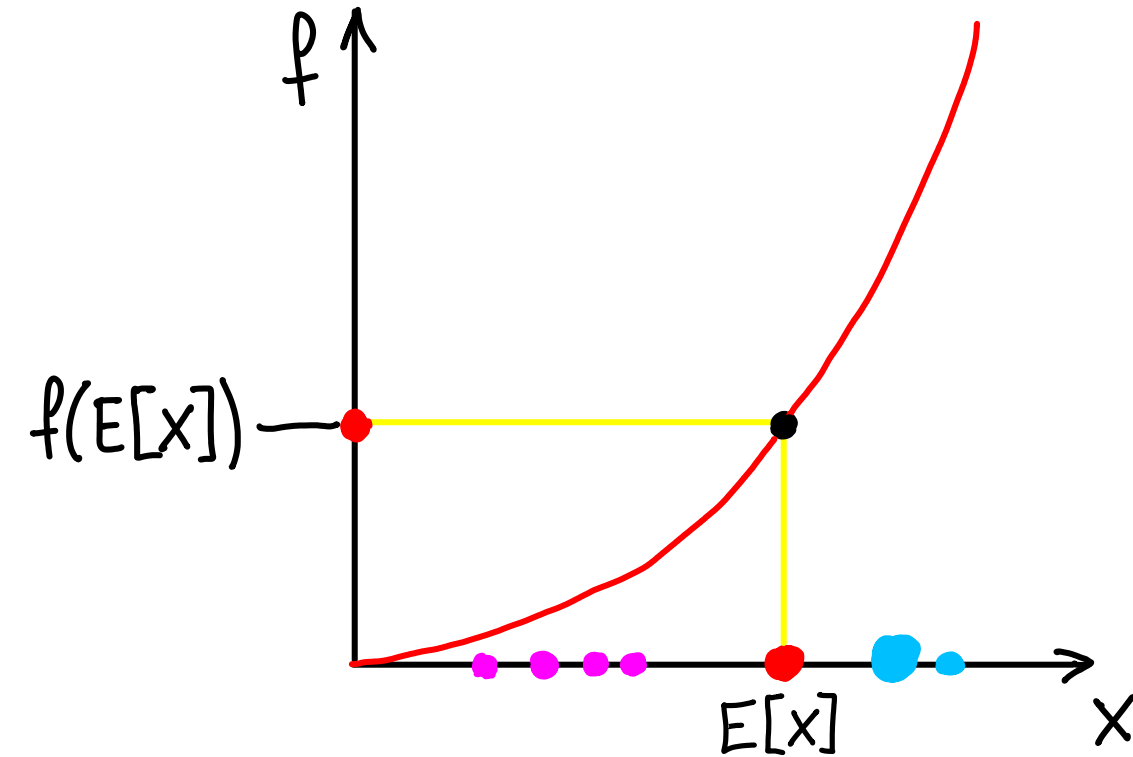
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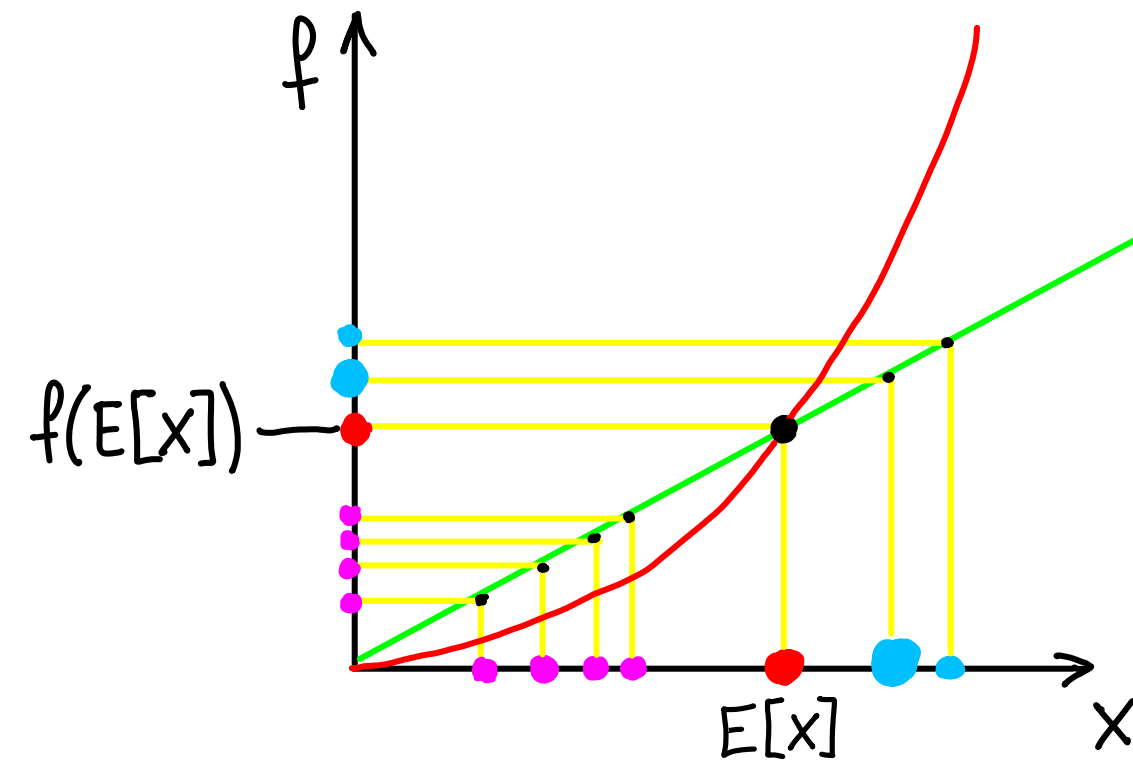
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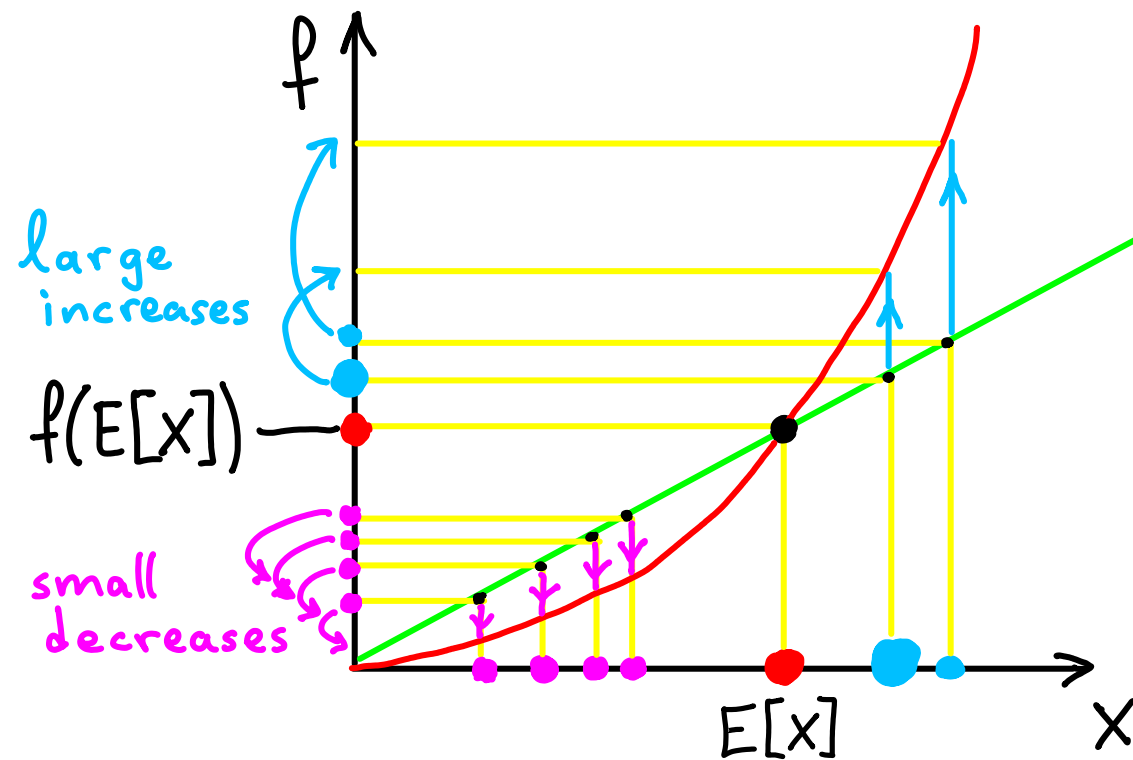
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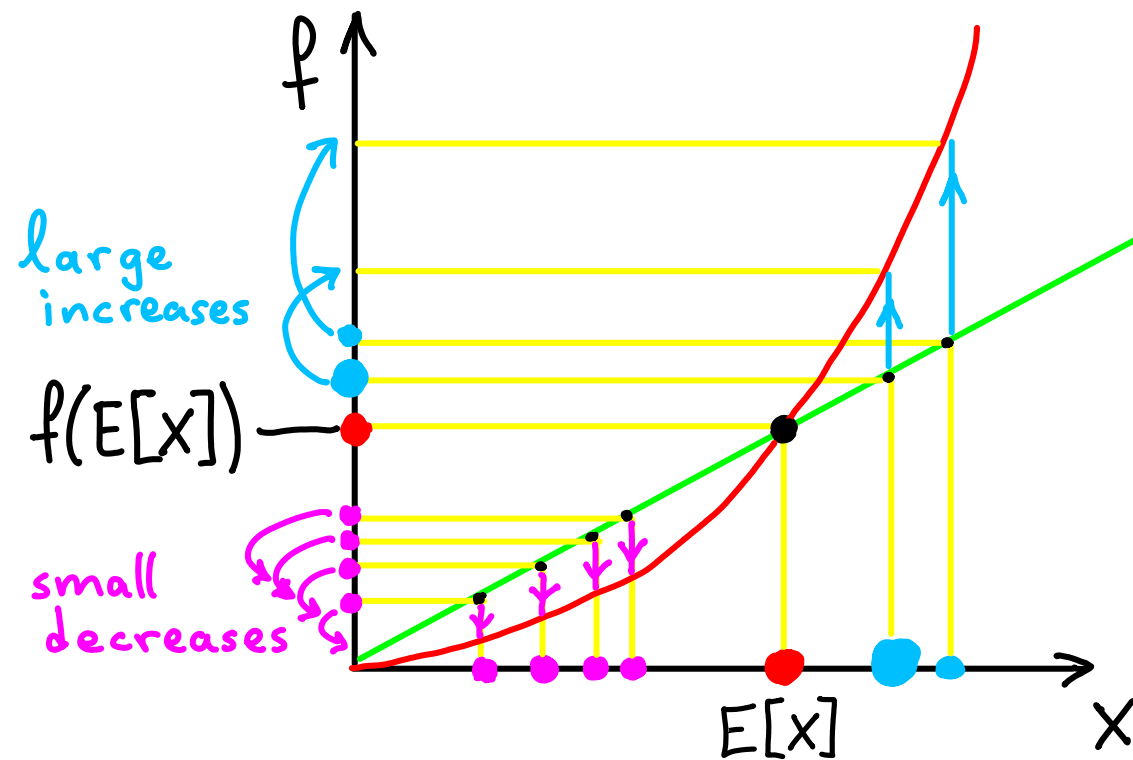
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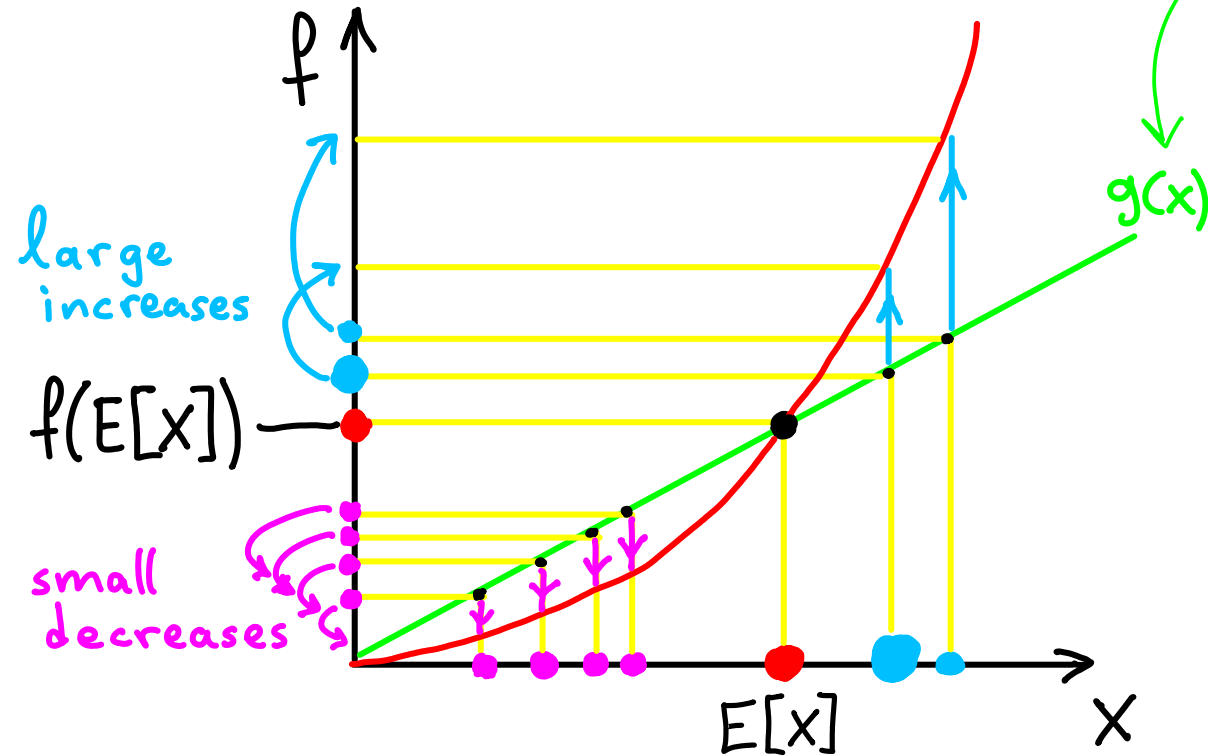


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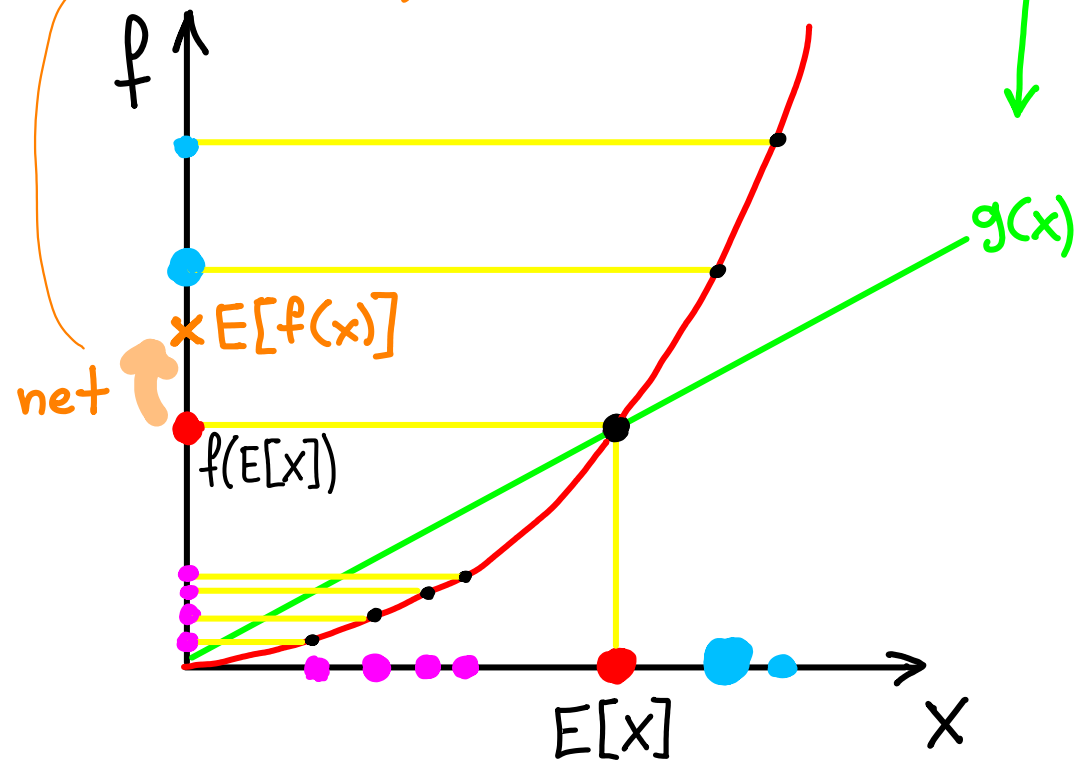
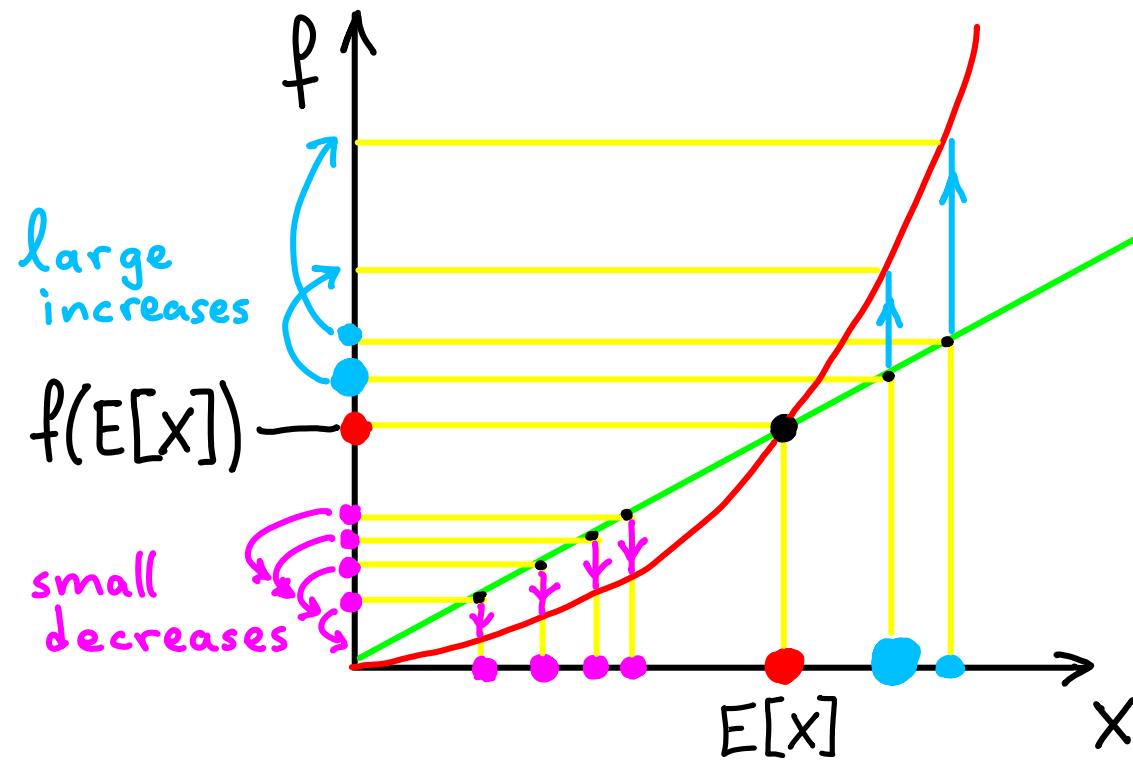
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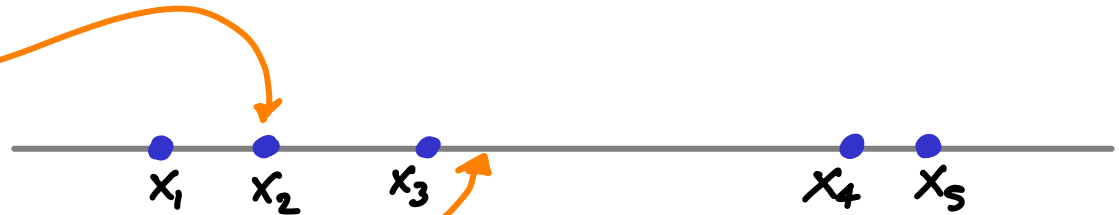
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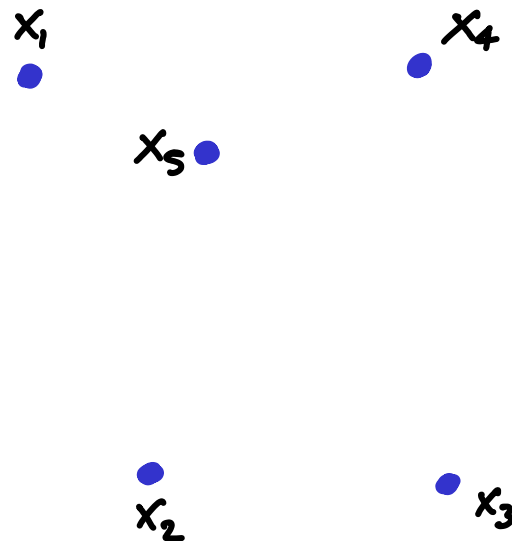
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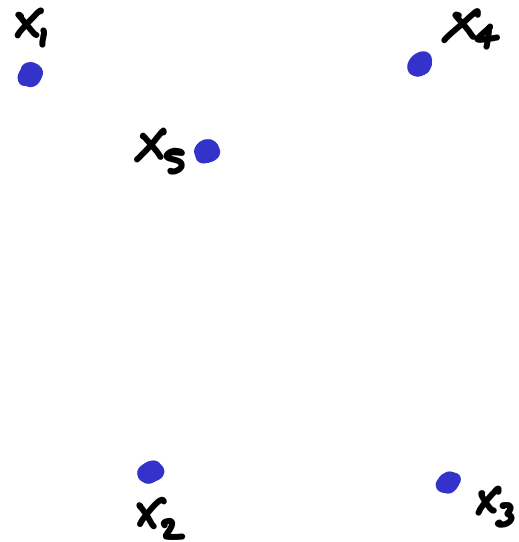
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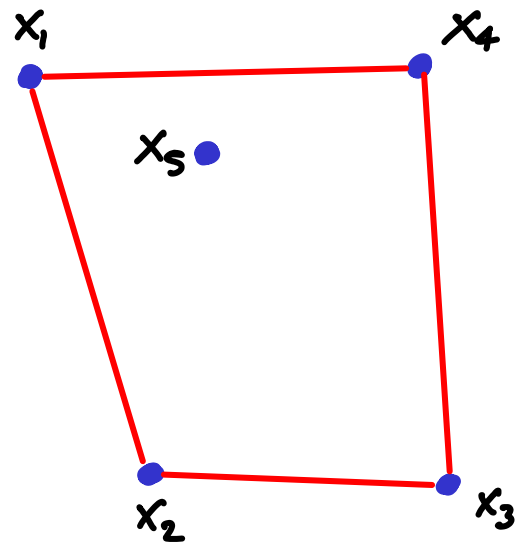
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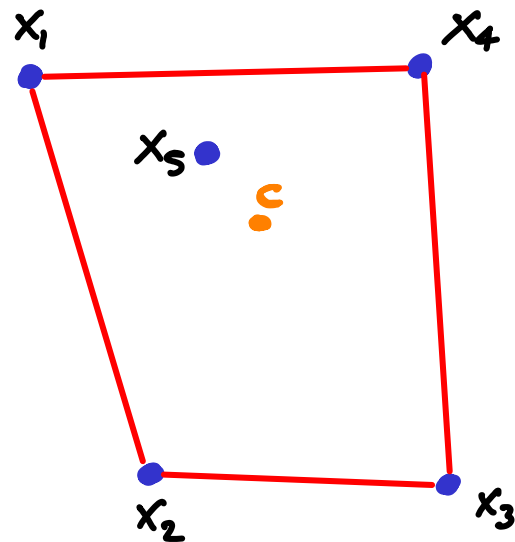
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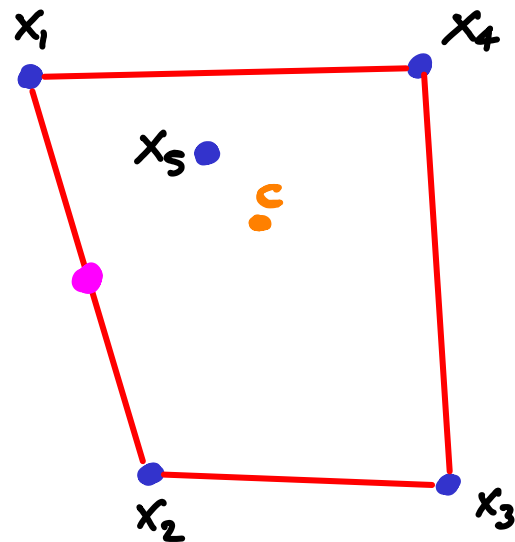
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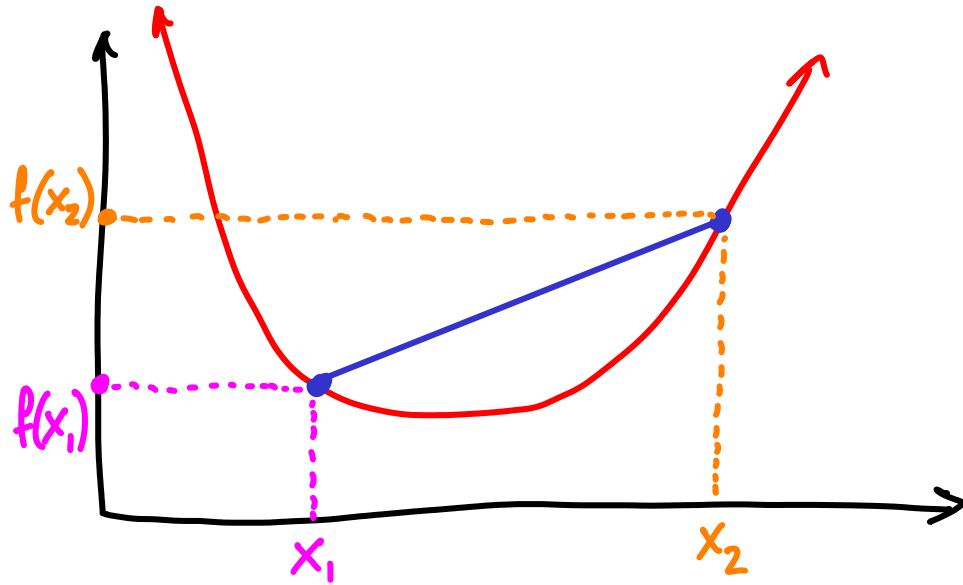
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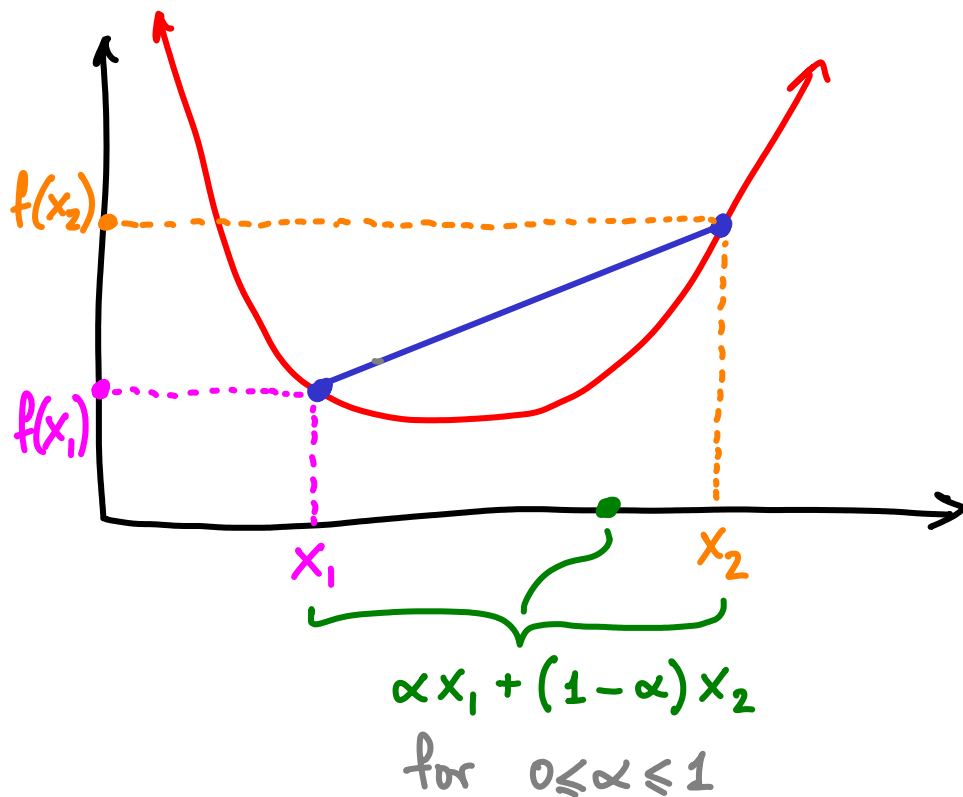
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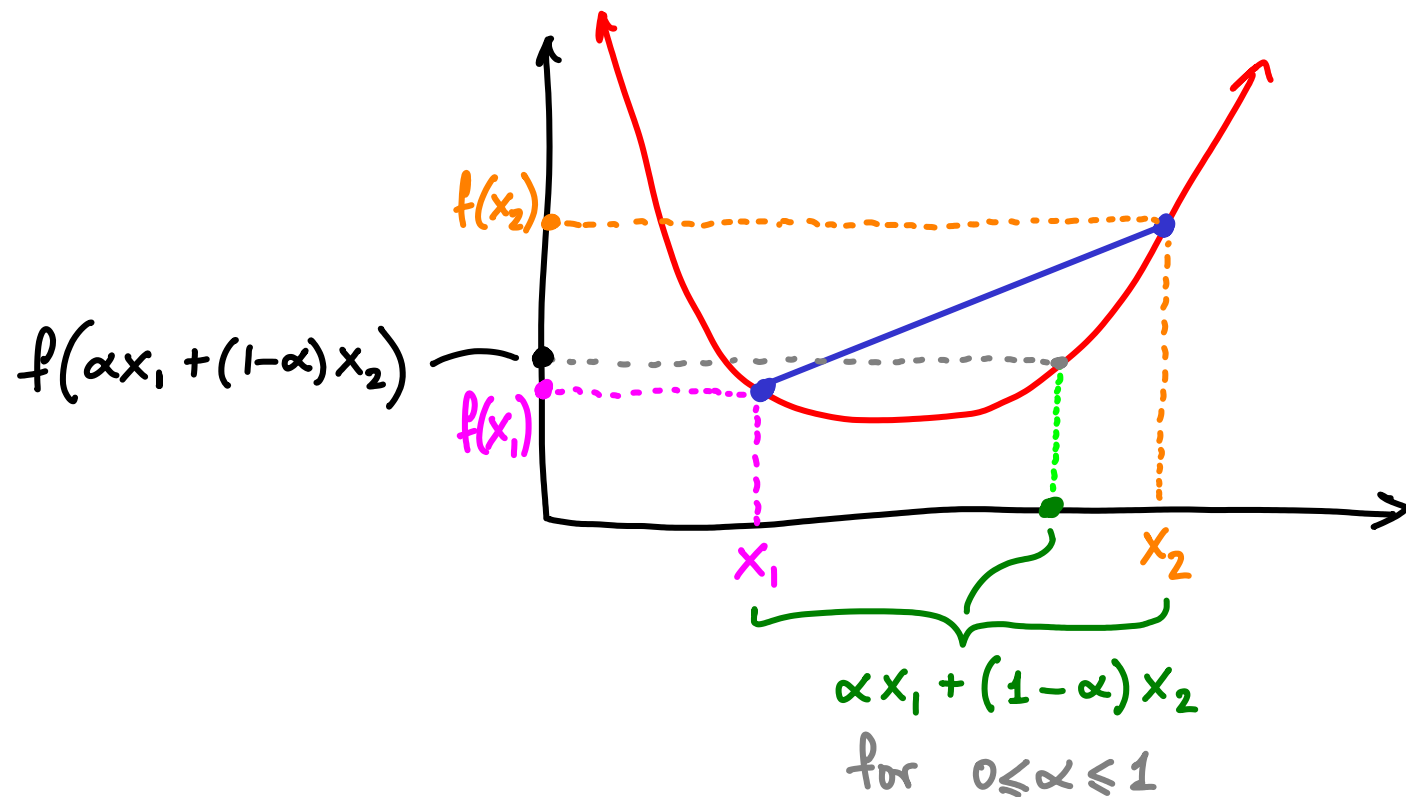
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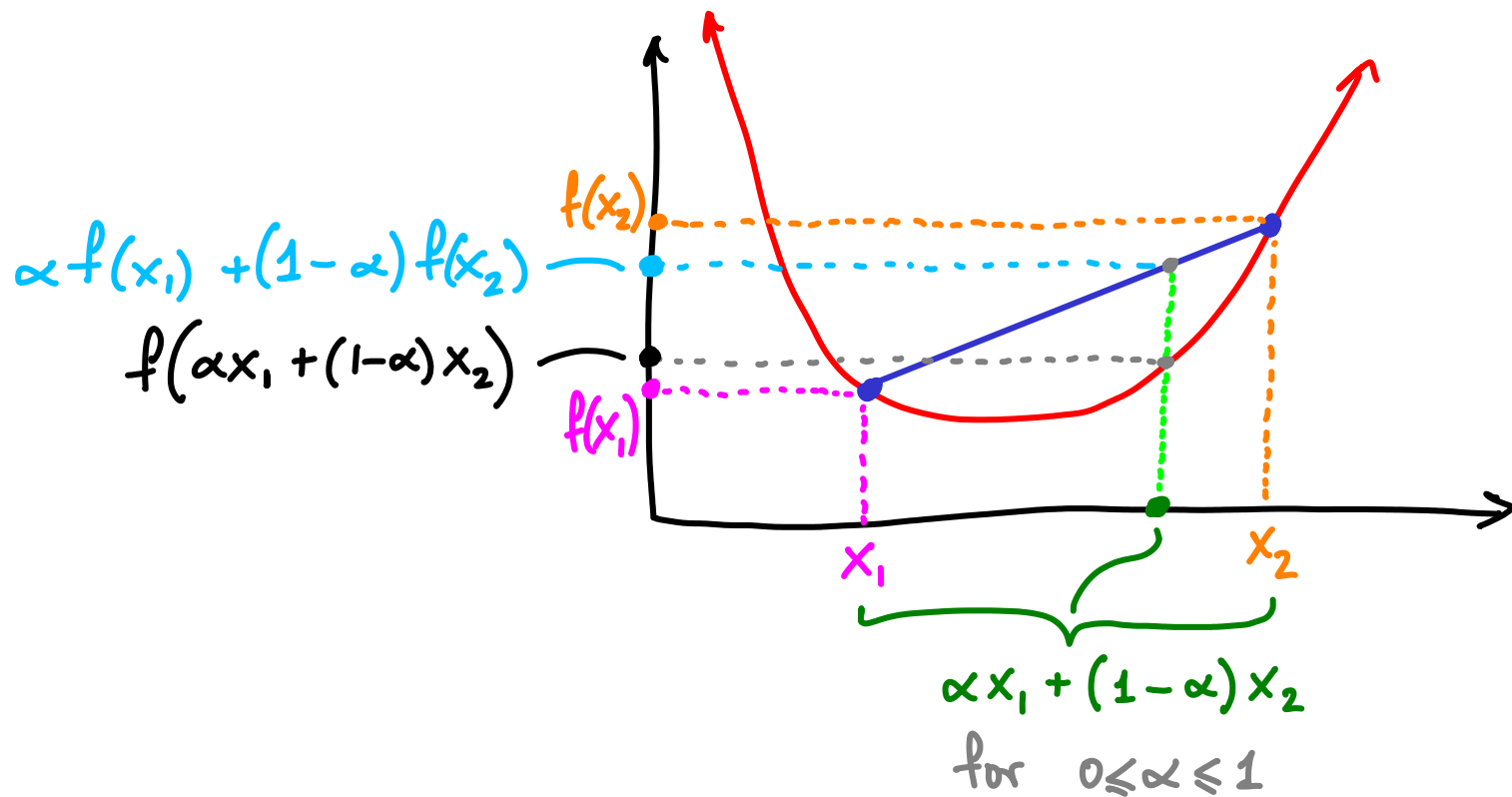
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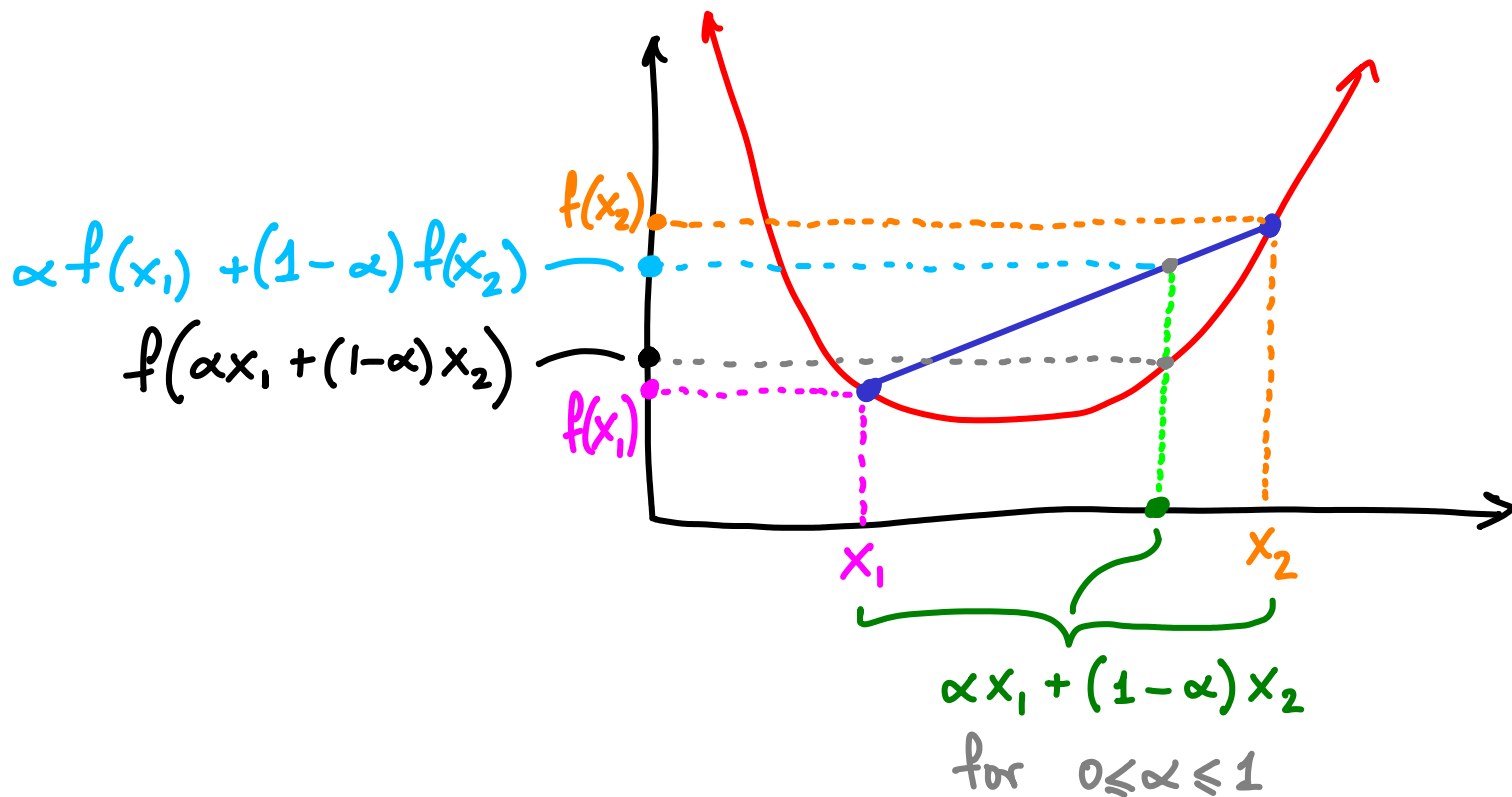
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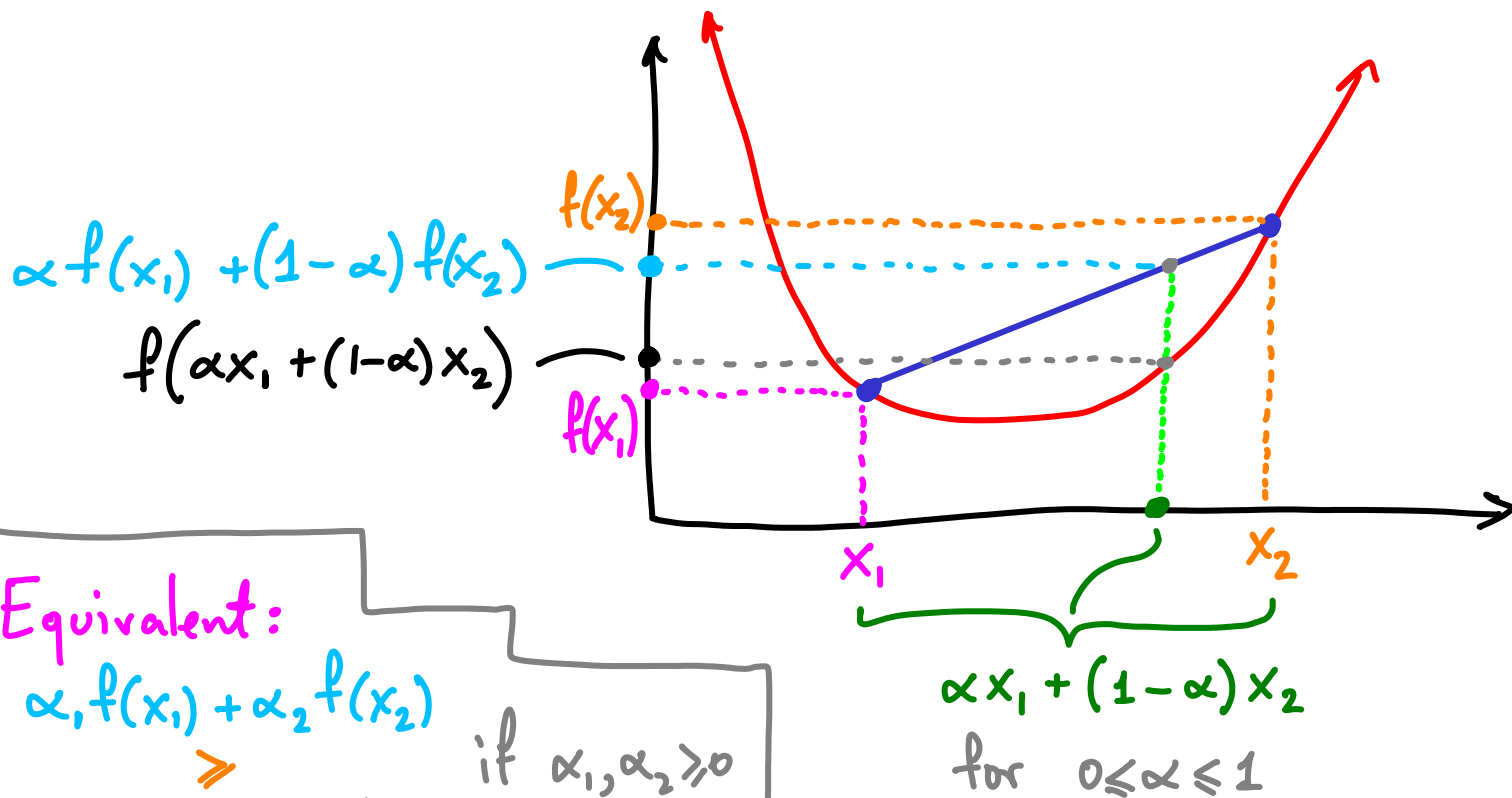
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(Jensen)

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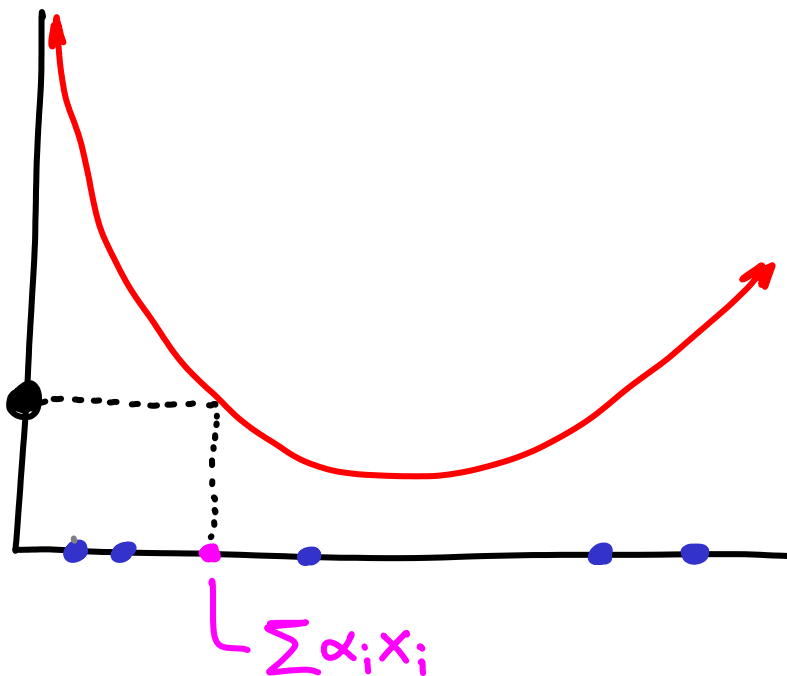
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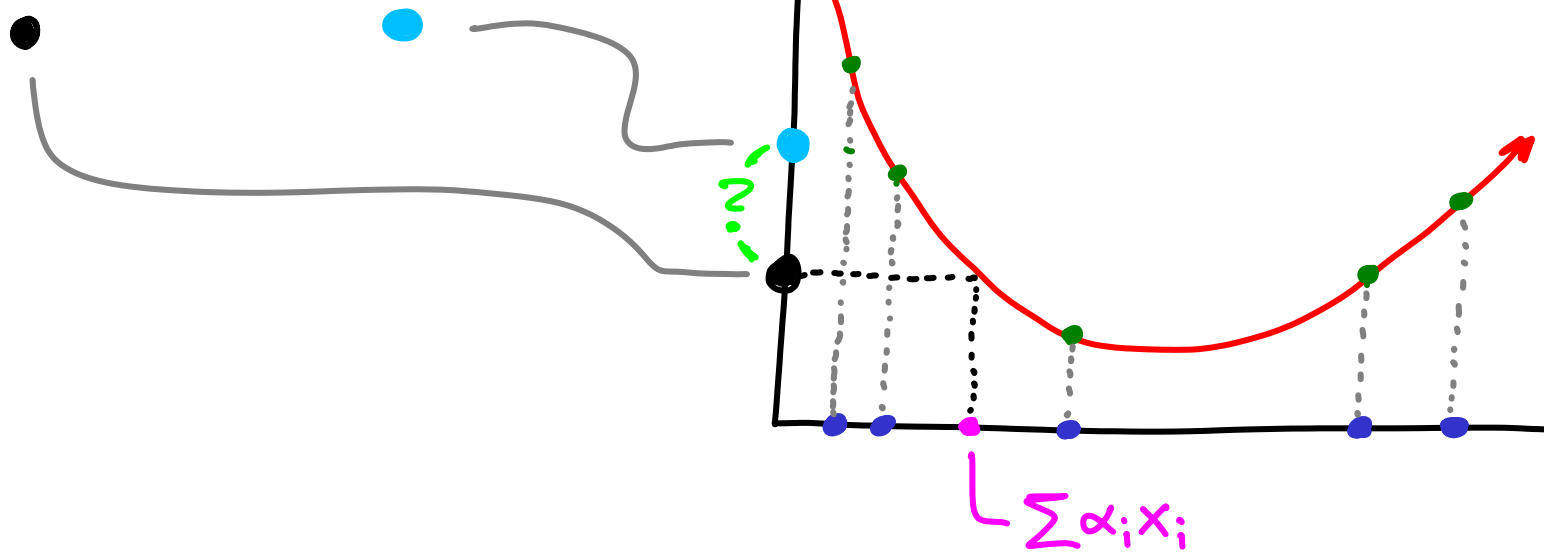
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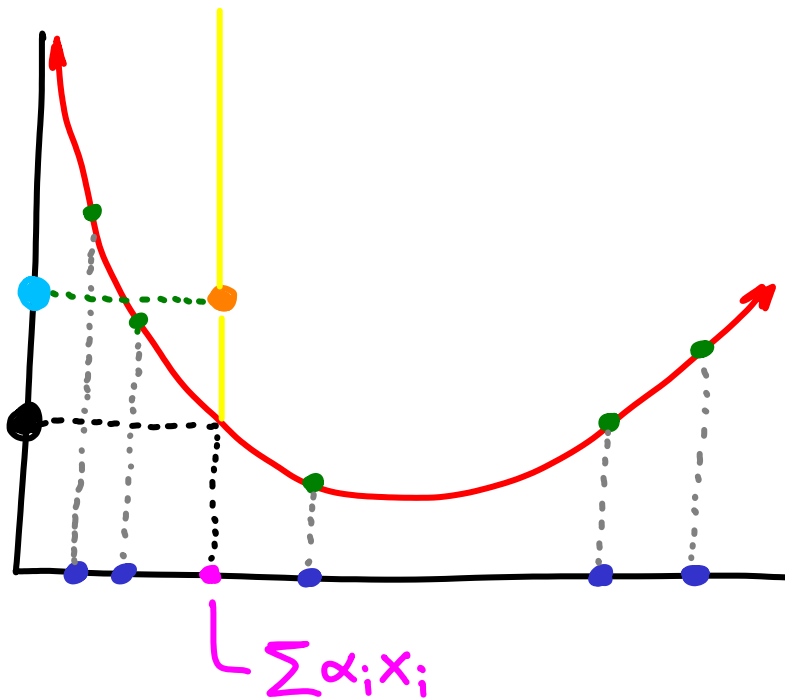
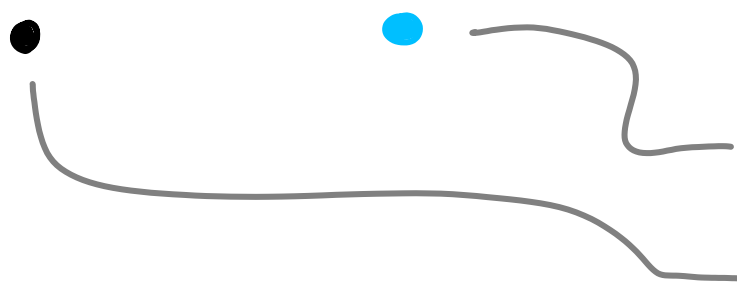
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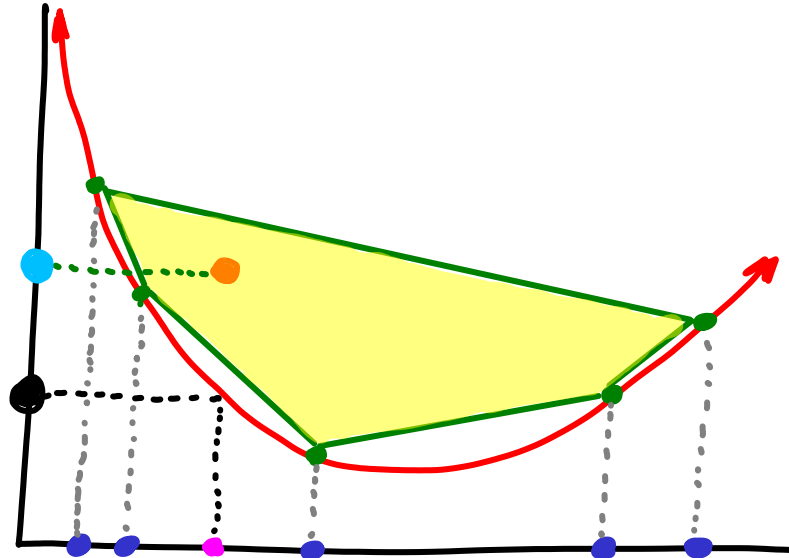
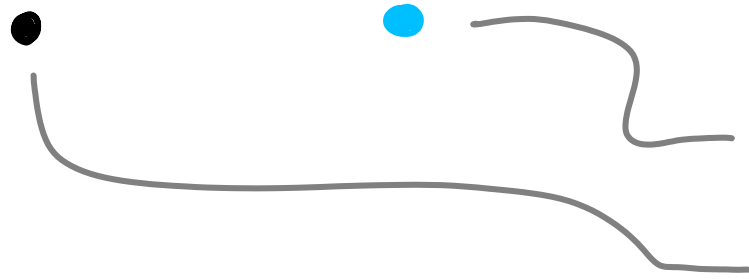
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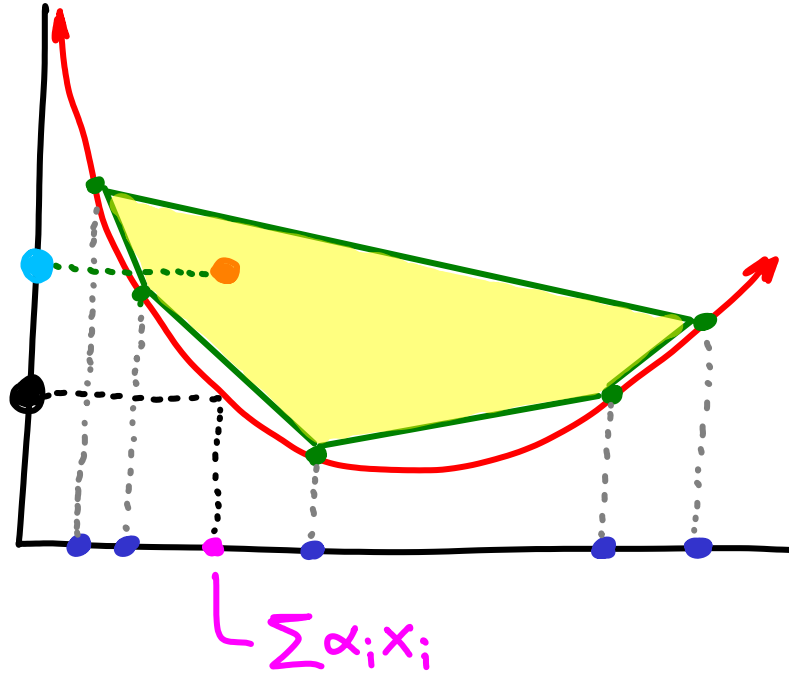
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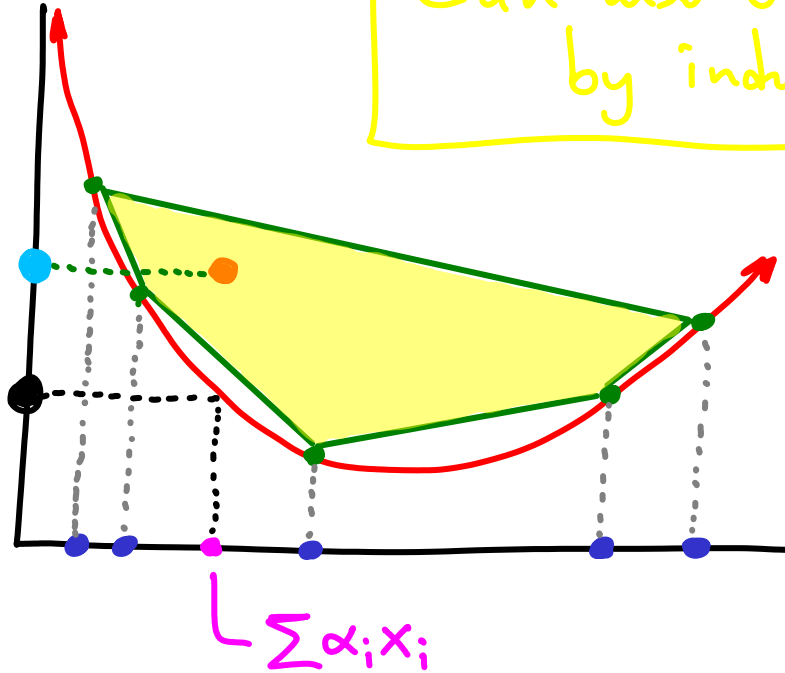
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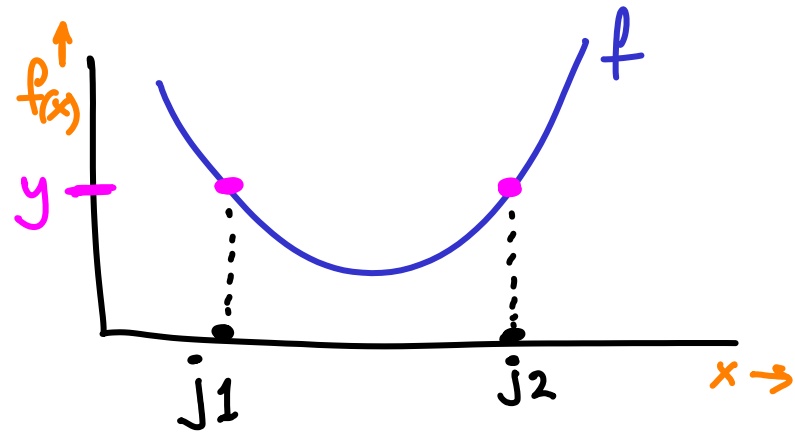
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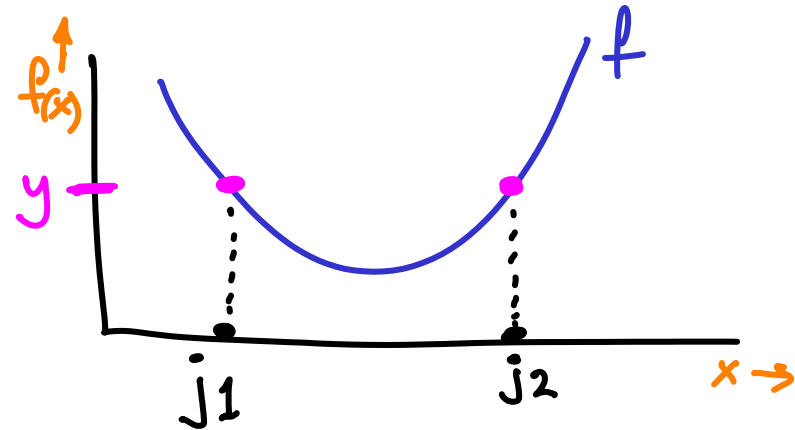
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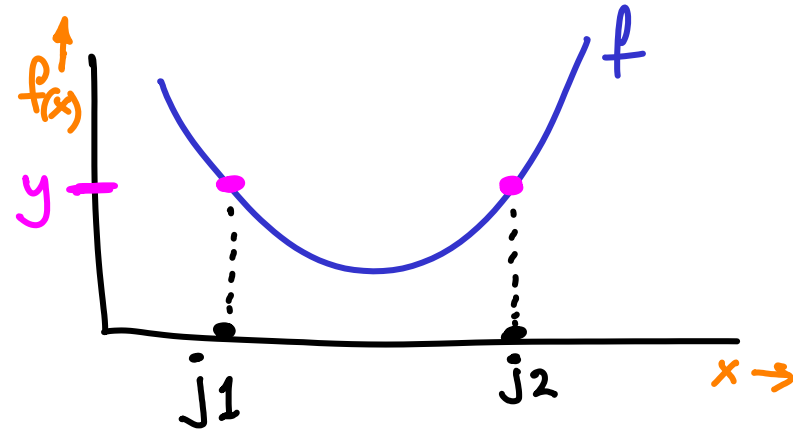
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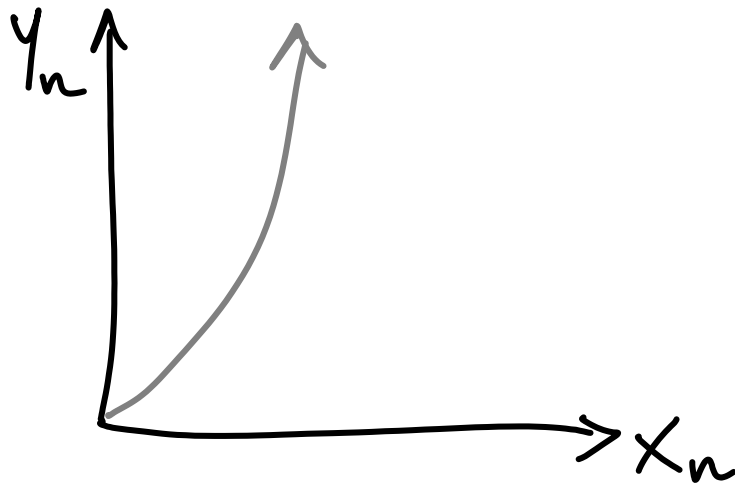
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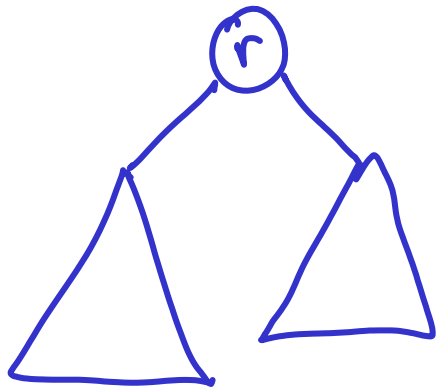
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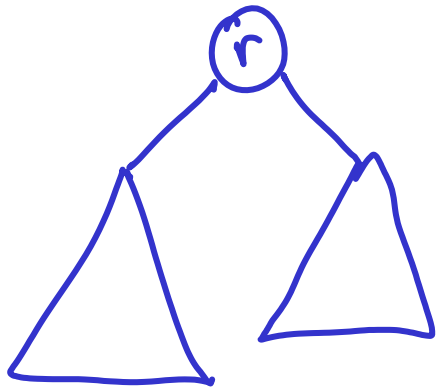




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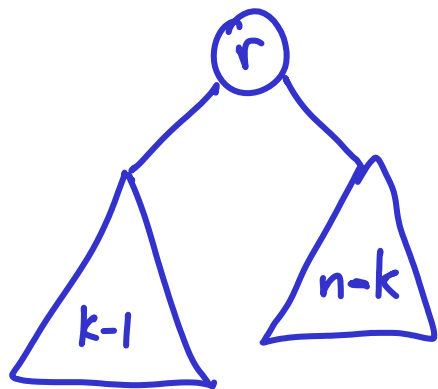


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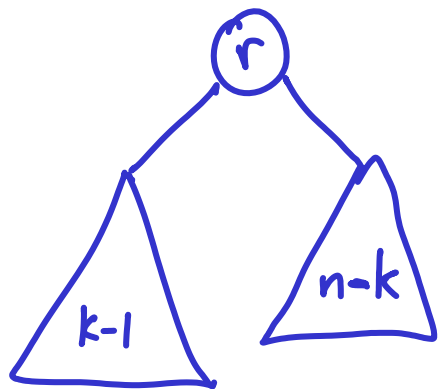
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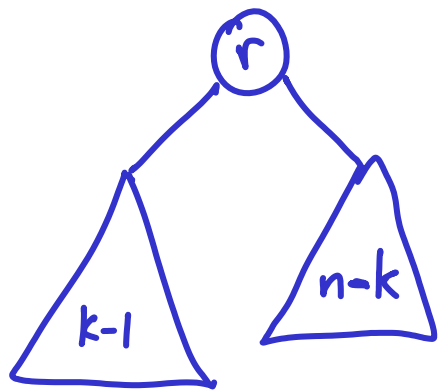
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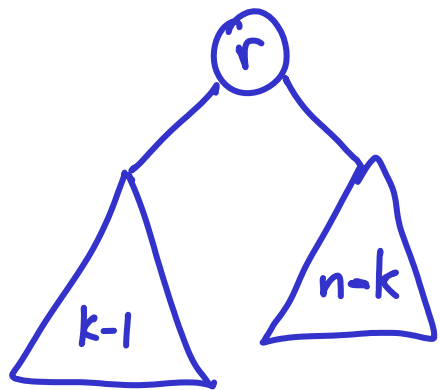
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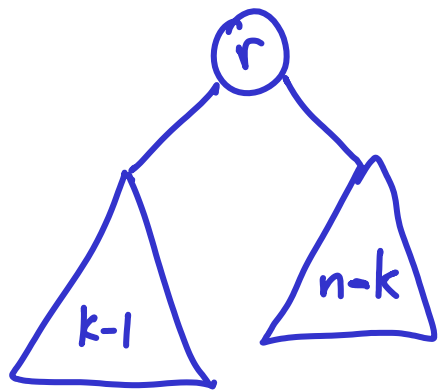
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↑ unspecified root

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(X_1 = height of tree of size 1)

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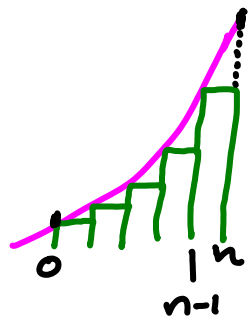
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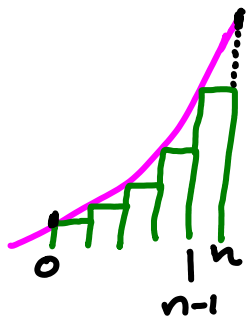
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$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k^3 \leq \frac{n^4}{4}$$

Assume true for $n-2$:

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It is known that $E[X_n] \approx 2.988$ [Devroye'86]

so this analysis was pretty good already.

