

Combinatorial Trigonometry (and a method to DIE for)

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$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

= number of size k subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

= row n column k entry of Pascal's triangle.

Example: $n = 4$

$$\binom{4}{0} \binom{4}{1} \binom{4}{2} \binom{4}{3} \binom{4}{4}$$

1 4 6 4 1

counts subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

size	0	1	2	3	4
	\emptyset	1	12	123	1234
		2	13	124	
		3	14	134	
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			24		
			34		

Pascal's Triangle

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Patterns in Pascal's Triangle

								Row Sum
Row 0	1							1
1	1	1					2	
2	1	2	1				4	
3	1	3	3	1			8	
4	1	4	6	4	1		16	
5	1	5	10	10	5	1	32	
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	64	

$$\binom{6}{0} + \binom{6}{1} + \binom{6}{2} + \binom{6}{3} + \binom{6}{4} + \binom{6}{5} + \binom{6}{6} = 64 = 2^6$$

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has constant term 1

has no odd terms

How about the even terms?

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$$= \frac{1}{4!} \left[\frac{4!}{0!4!} - \frac{4!}{1!3!} + \frac{4!}{2!2!} - \frac{4!}{3!1!} + \frac{4!}{4!0!} \right]$$

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When $n=0$, coefficient is 1.

When n is odd, coefficient is 0.

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Prove: For the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ where $n > 0$,

of subsets of even size = # of subsets of odd size

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Example: $n=4$

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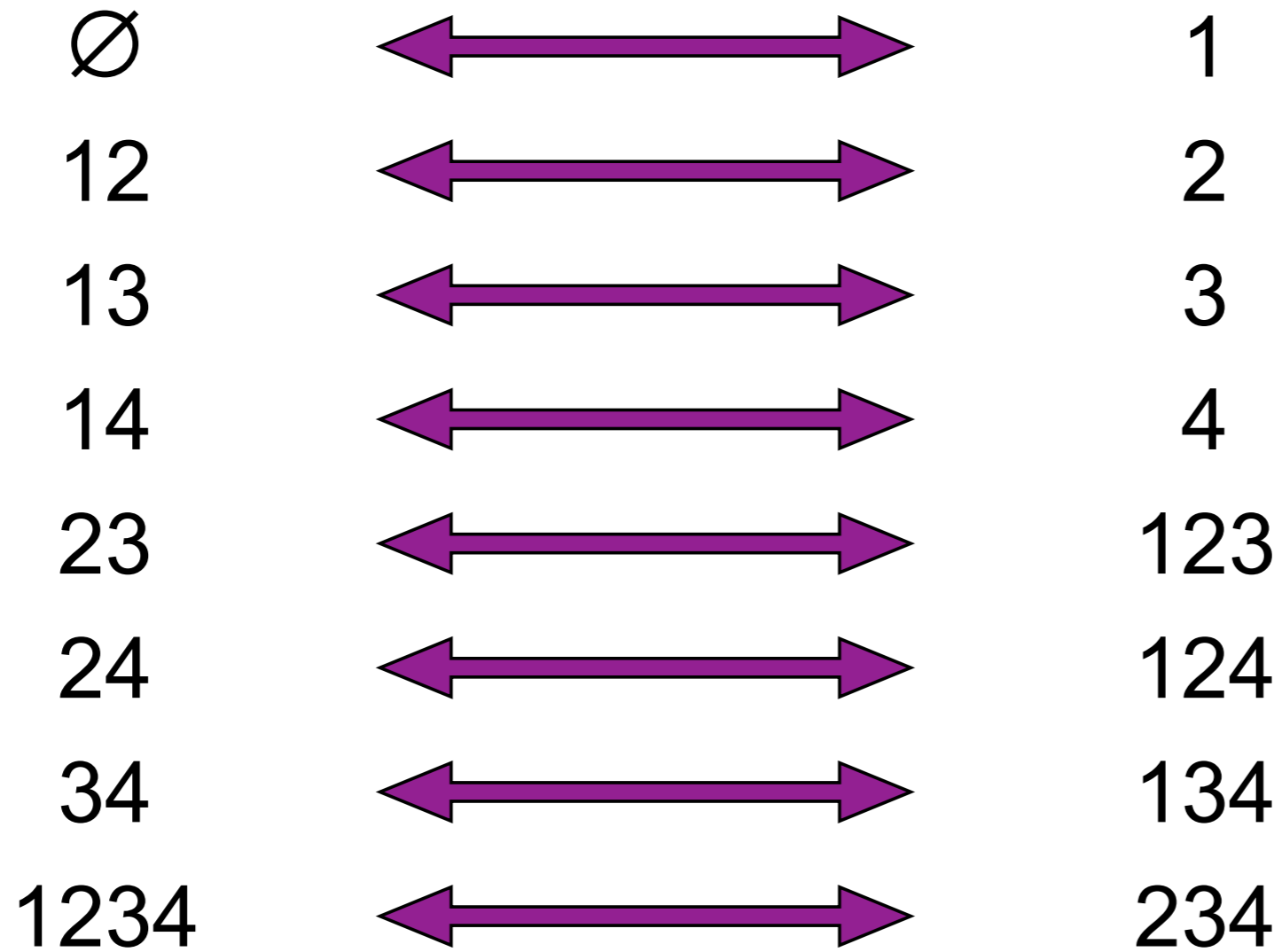
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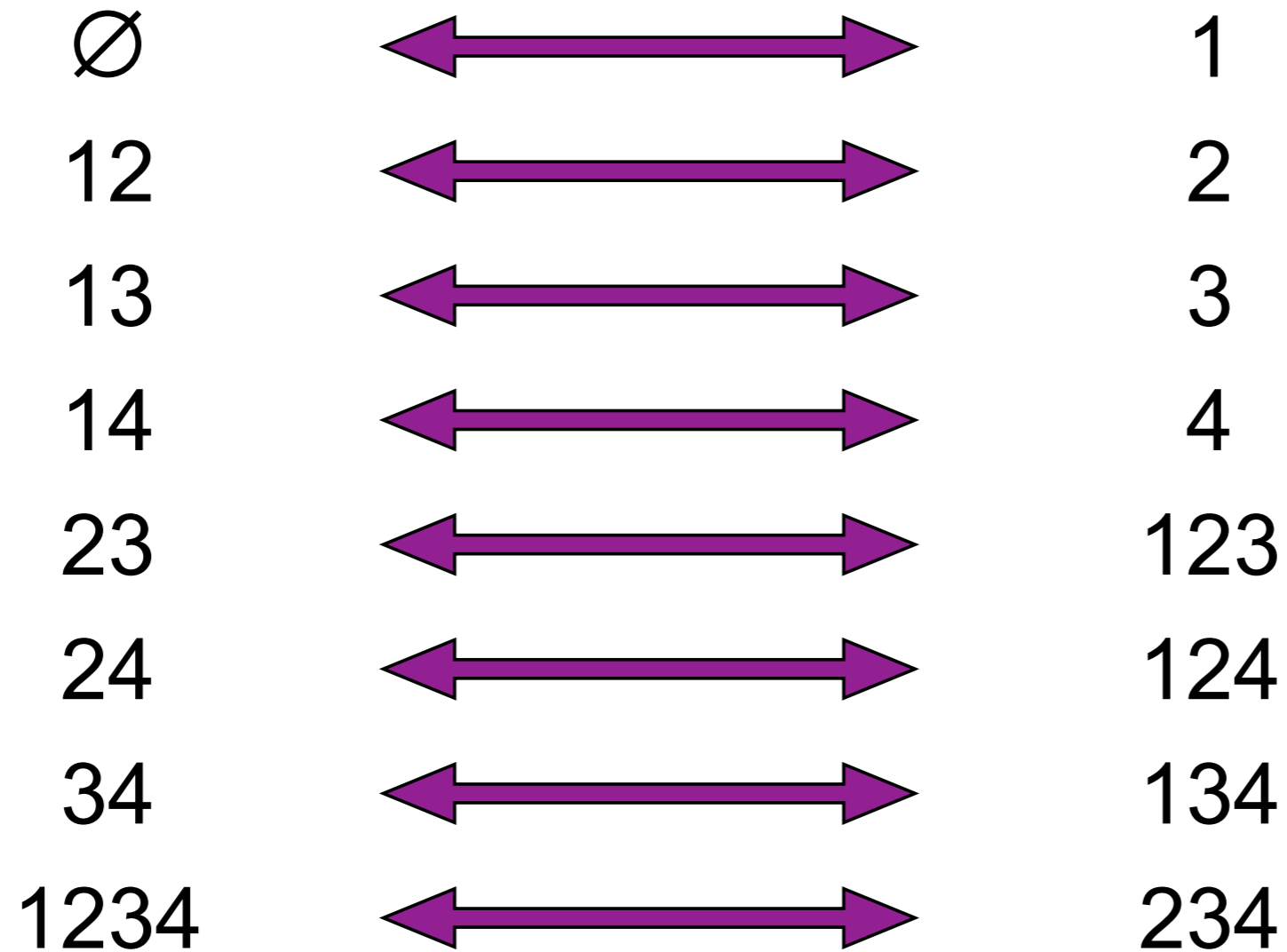
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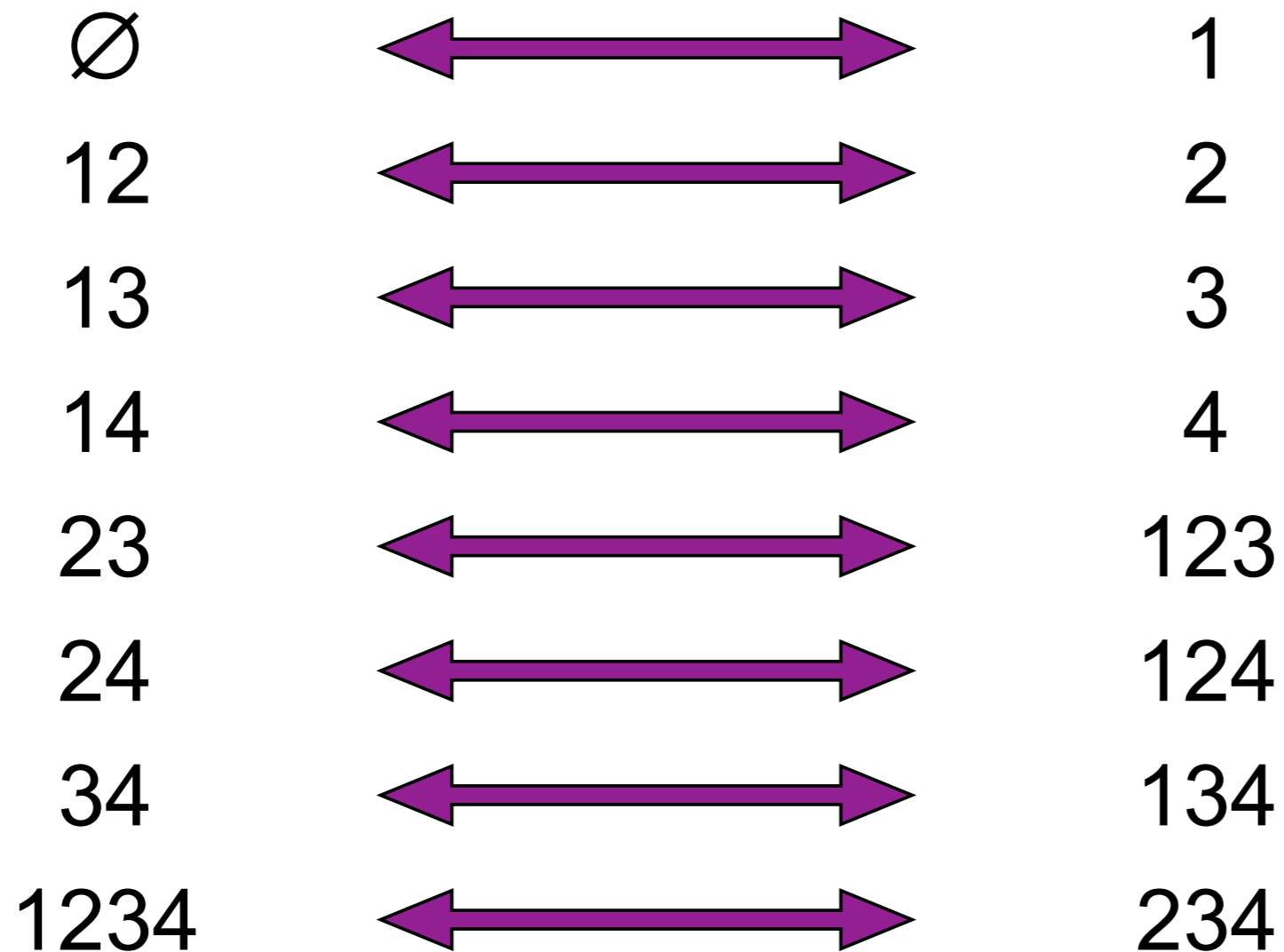


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holds hands with a subset of opposite parity.

$$X \longleftrightarrow X \oplus 1$$

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Alternating sums arise in combinatorial problems when using the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion.

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But we will use a different method.

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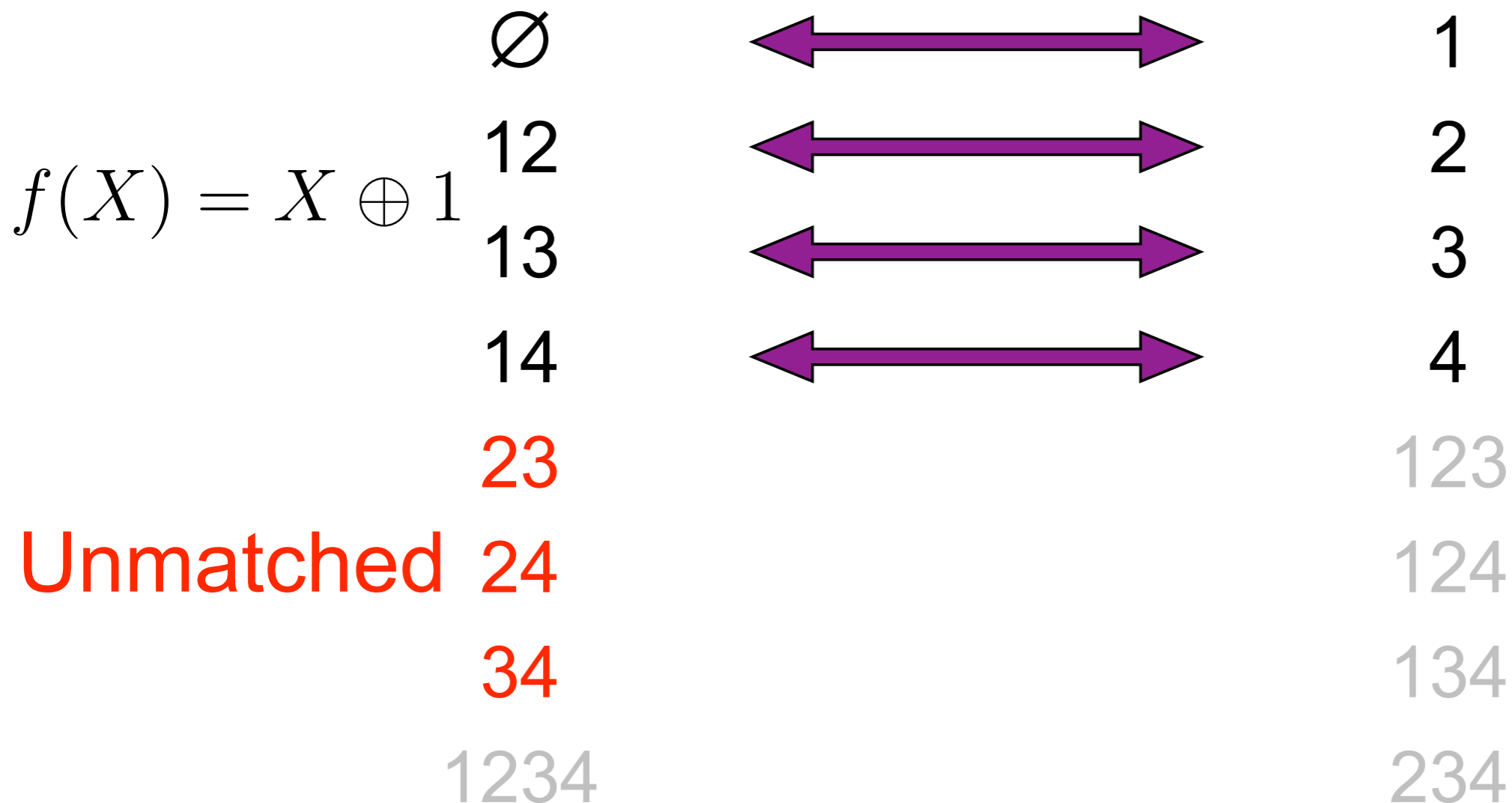
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
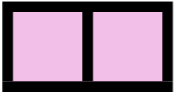

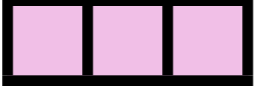
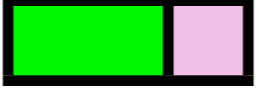

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
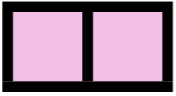

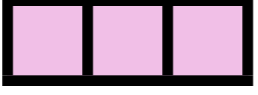
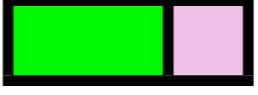

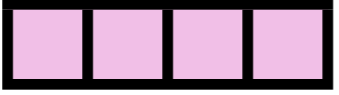
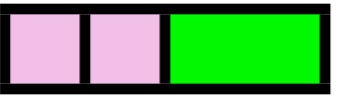
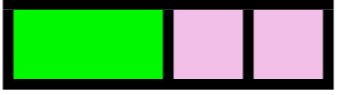
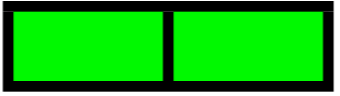

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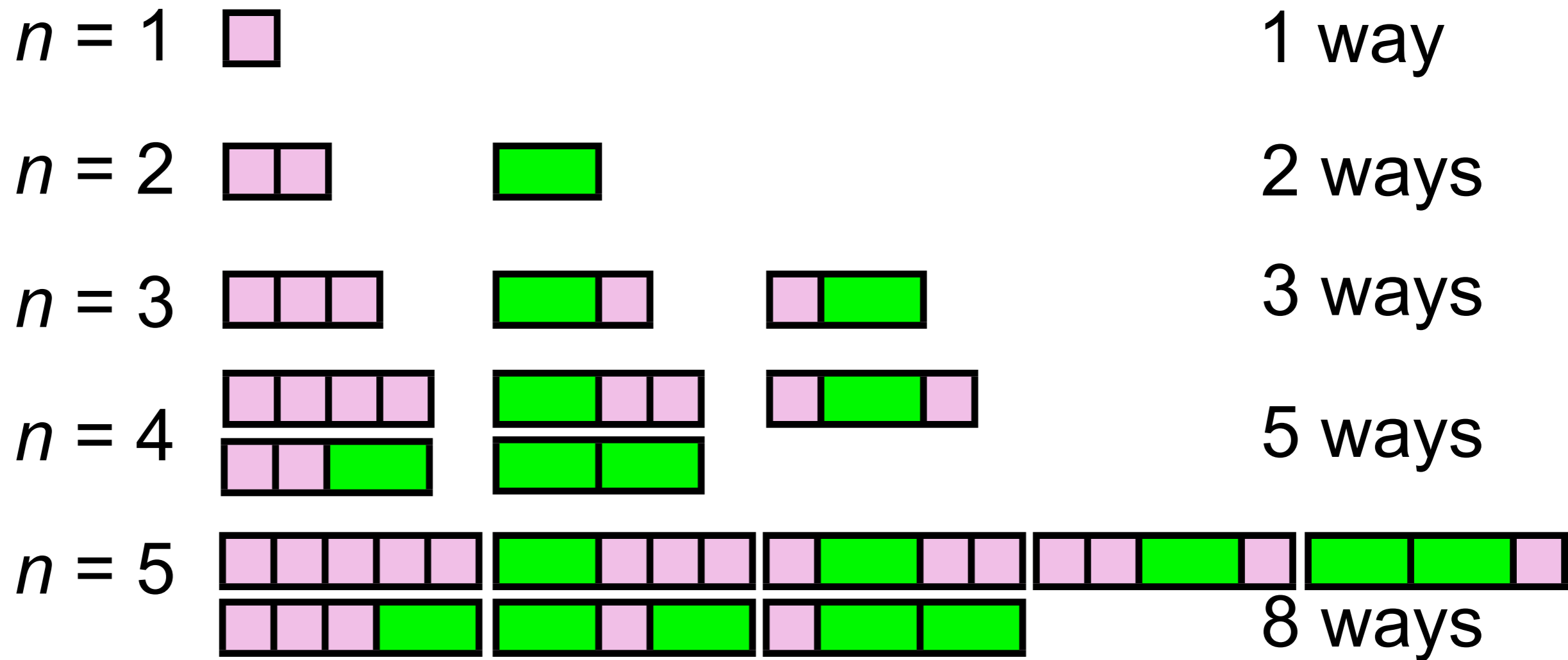
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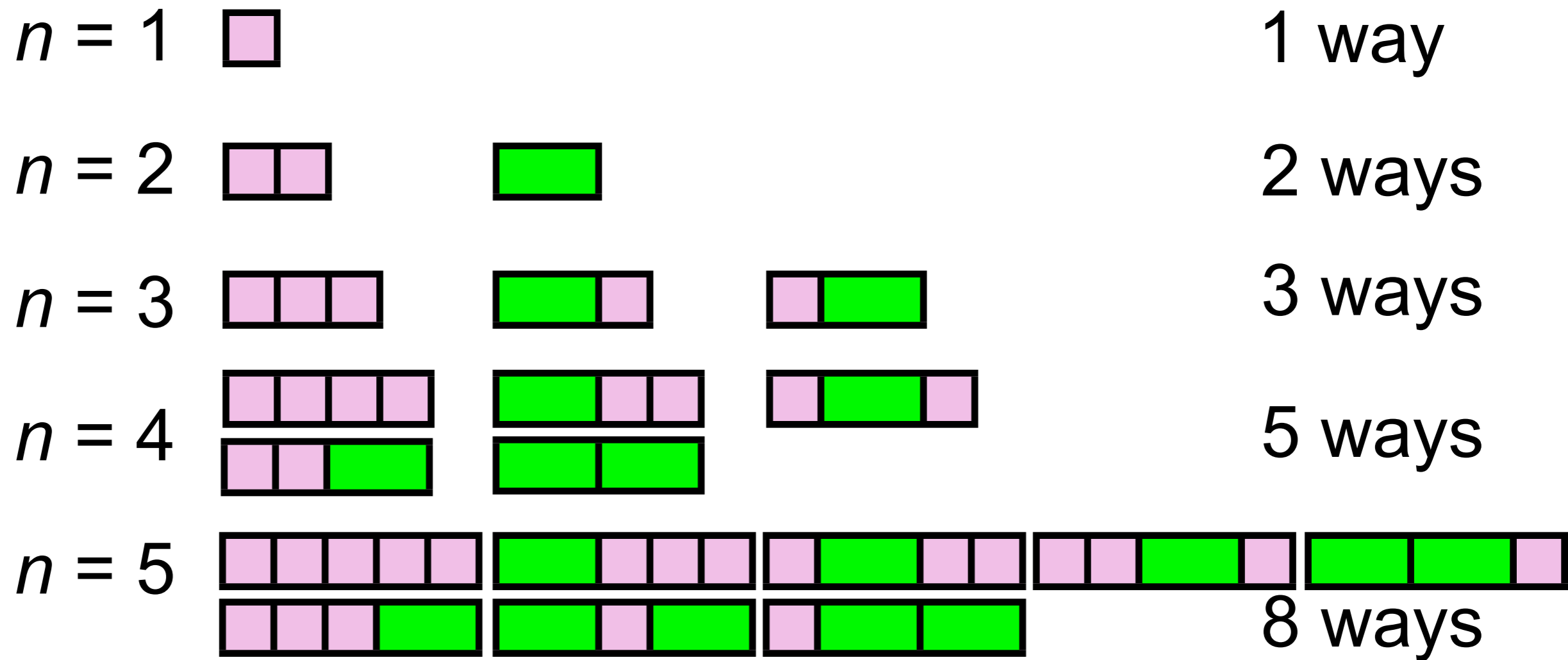
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A: The n -th Fibonacci number!

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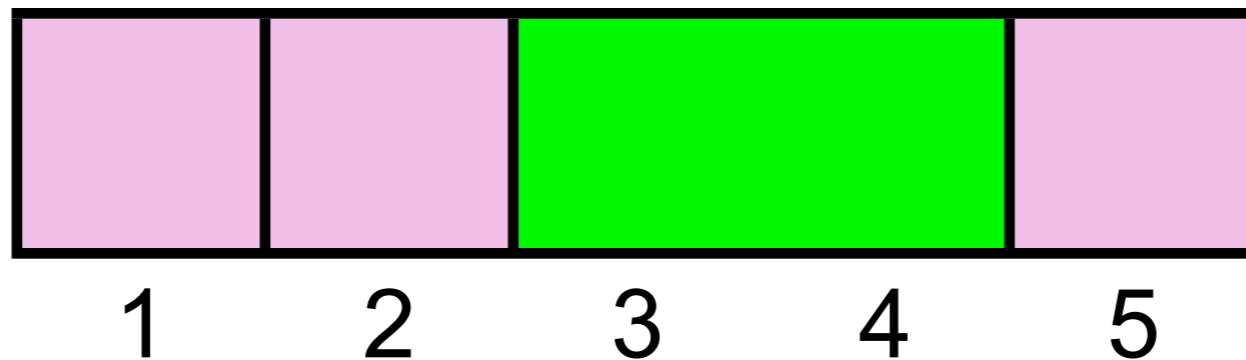
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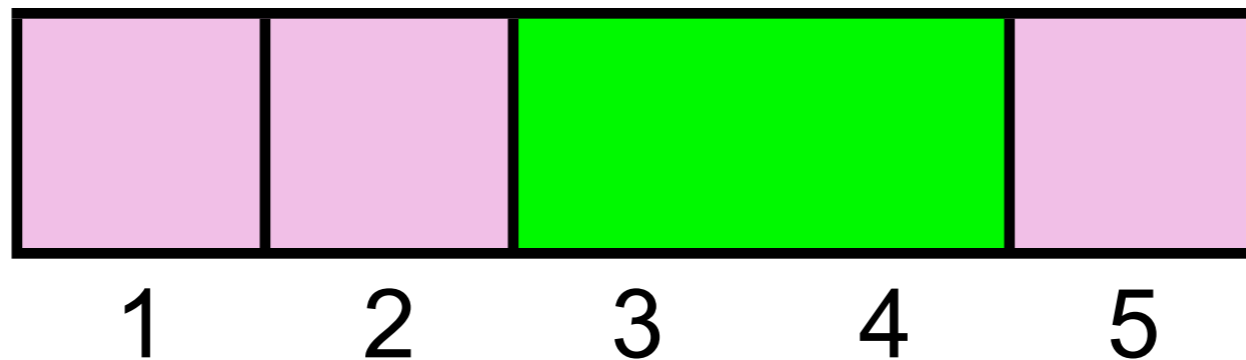
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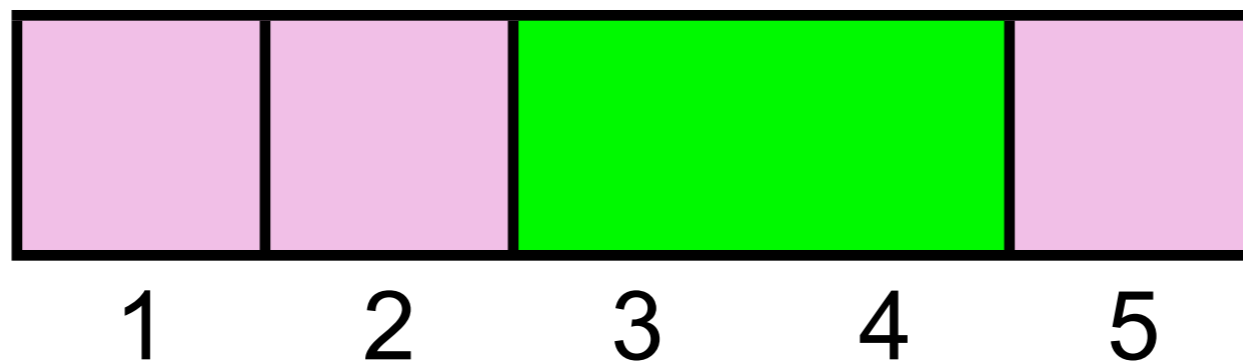
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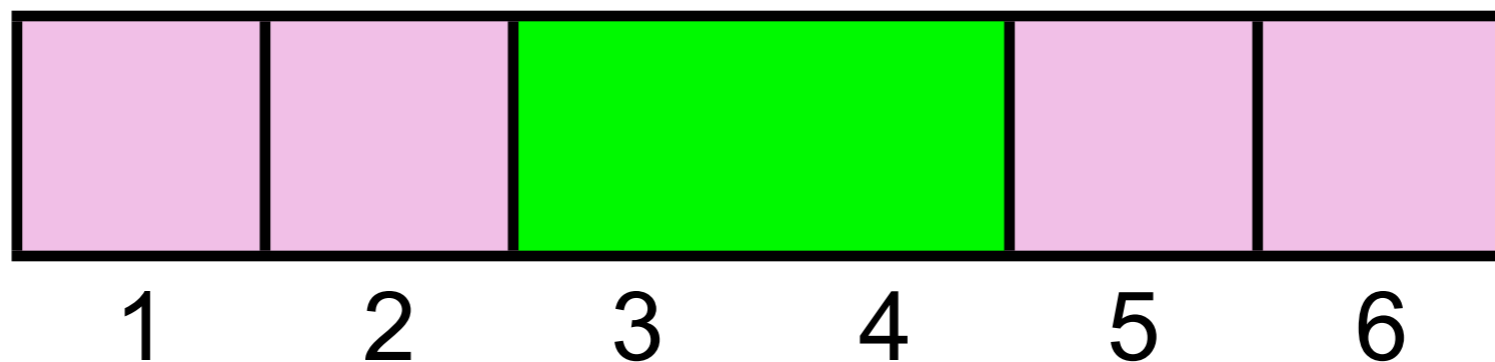
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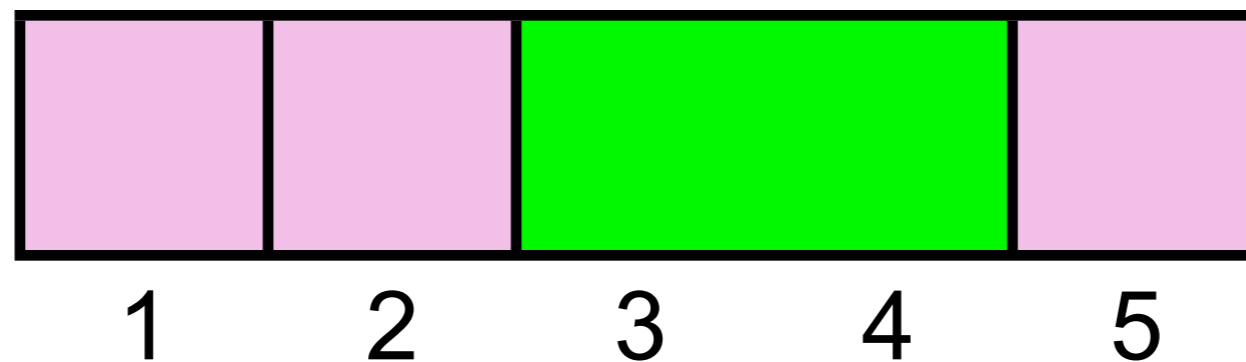
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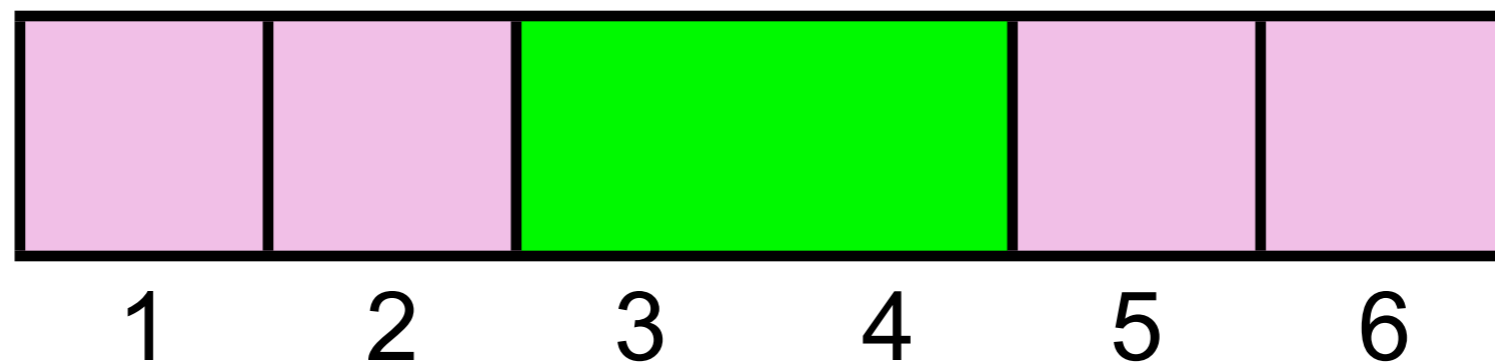
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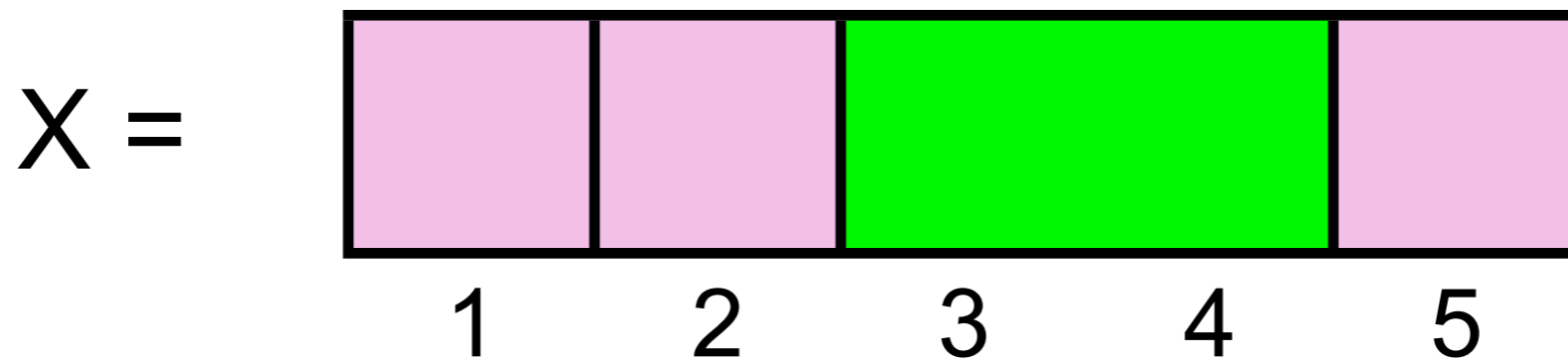
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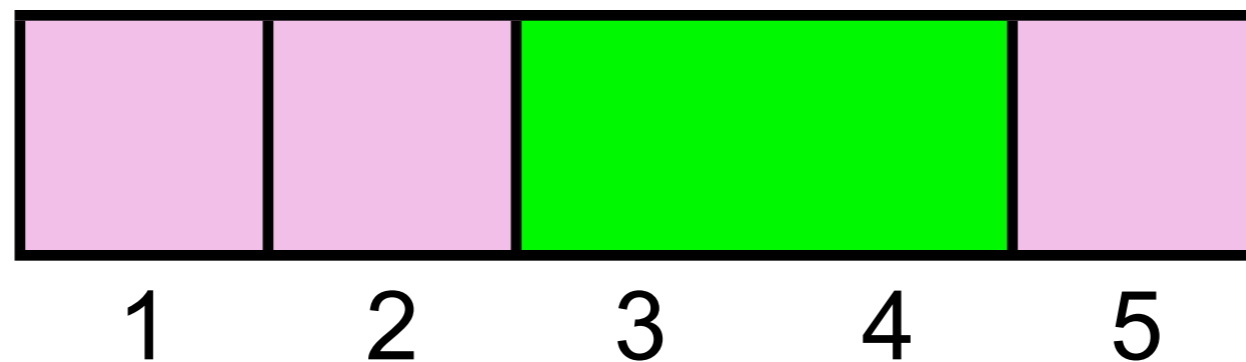
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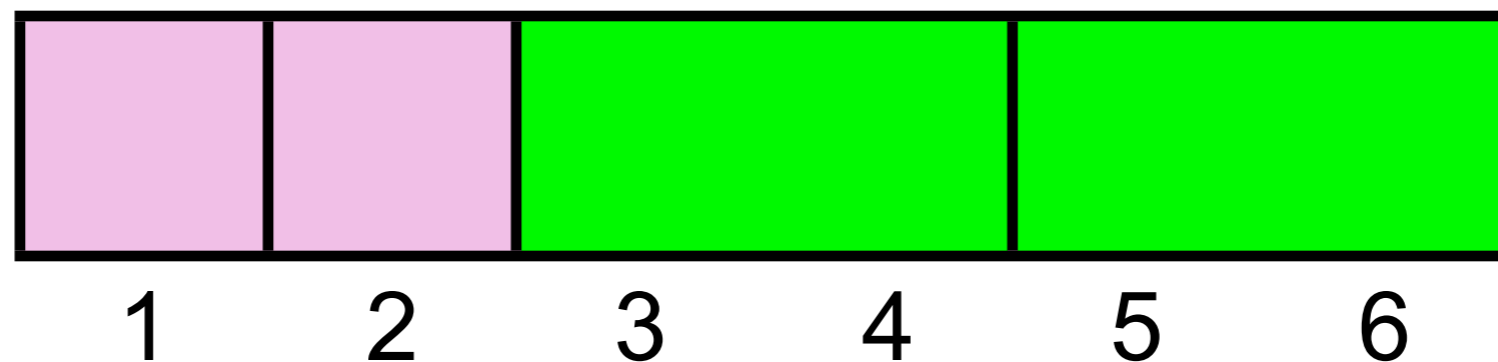
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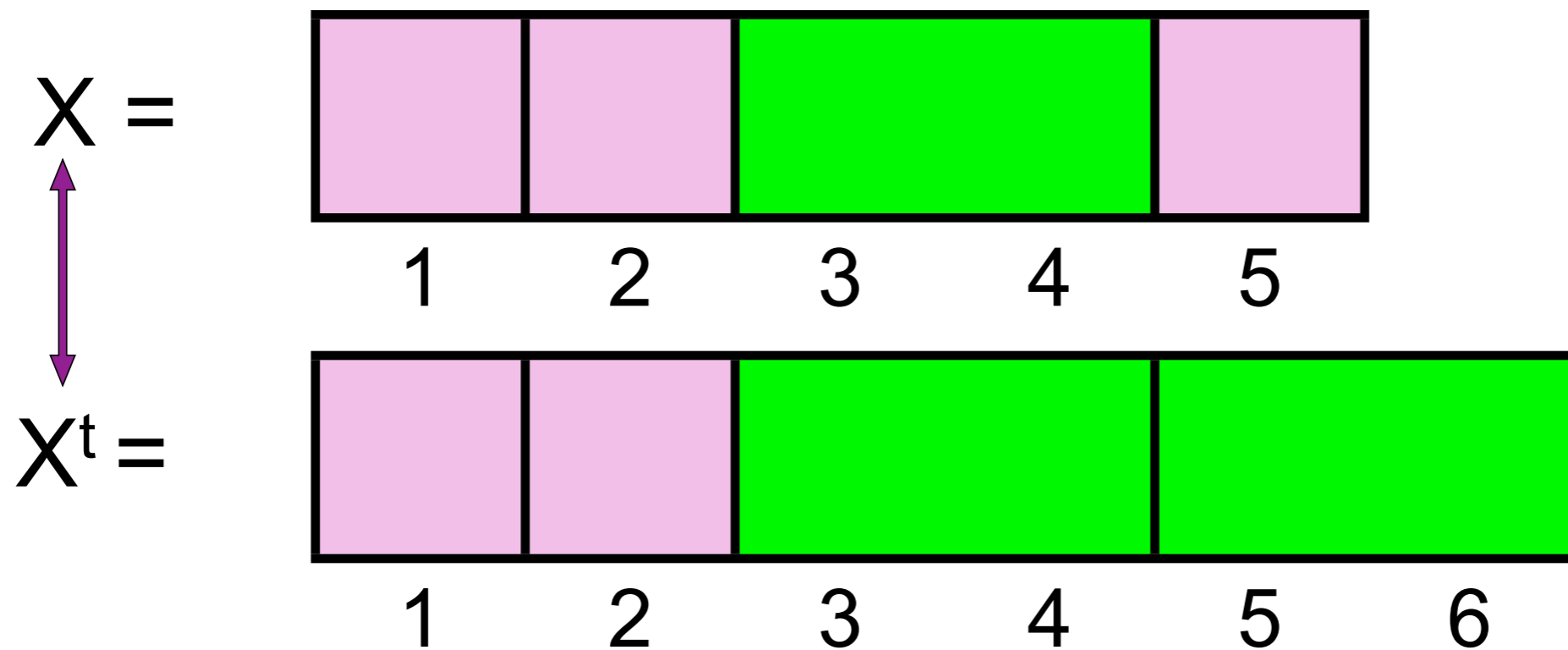


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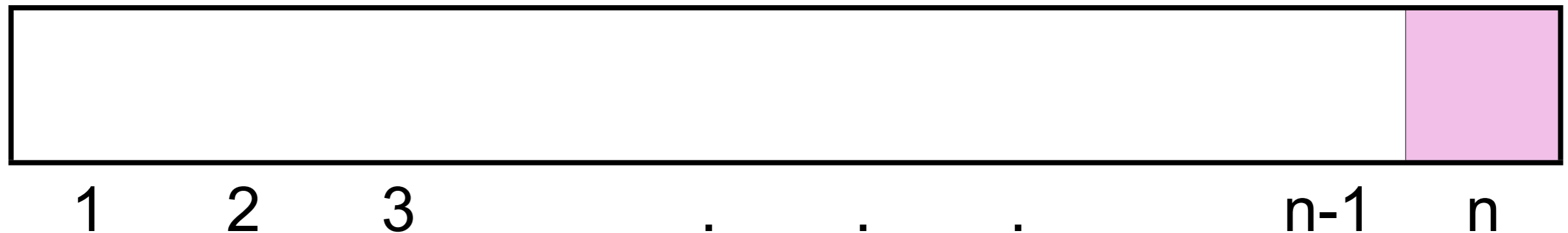
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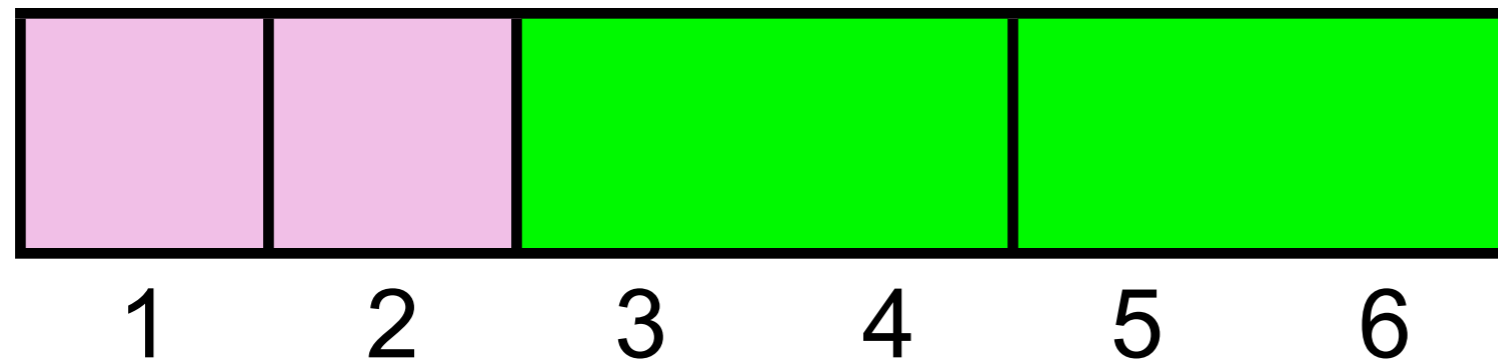


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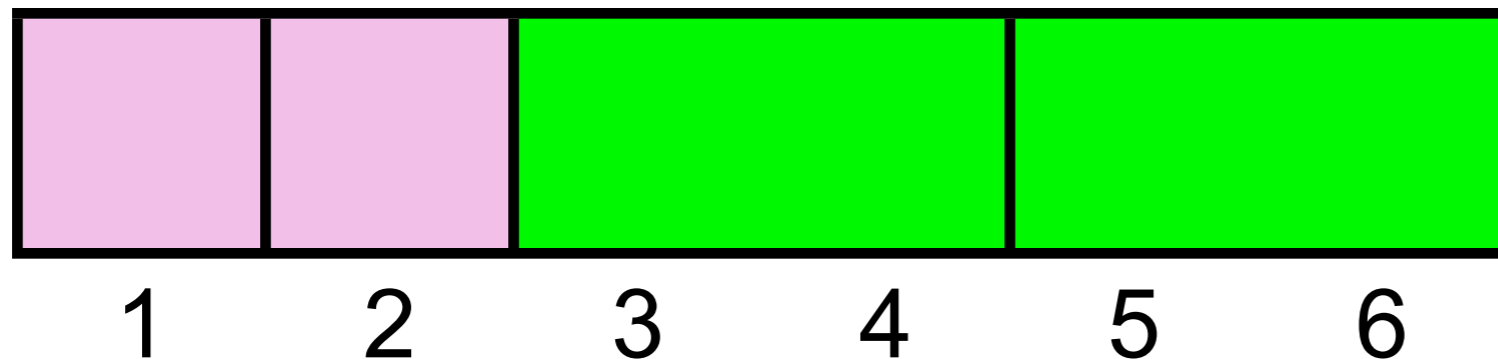
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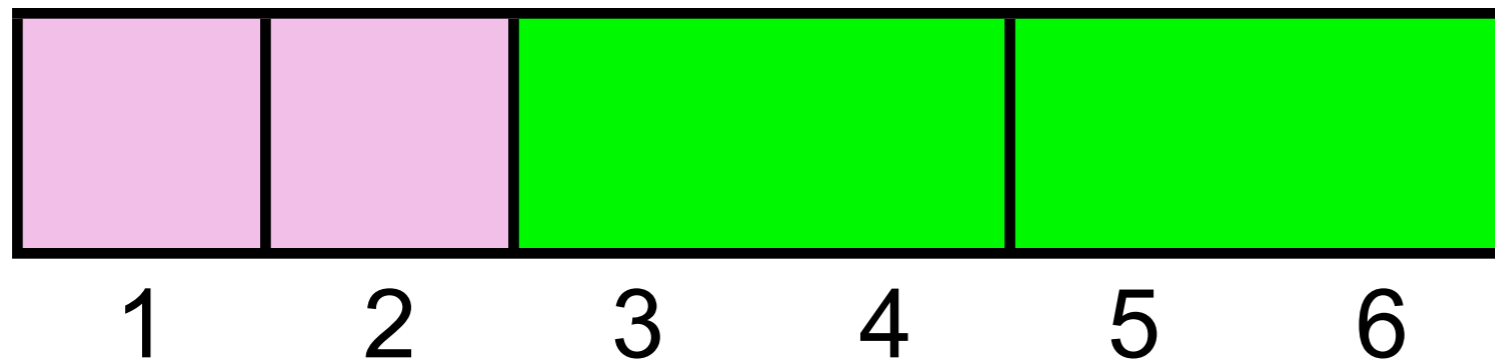
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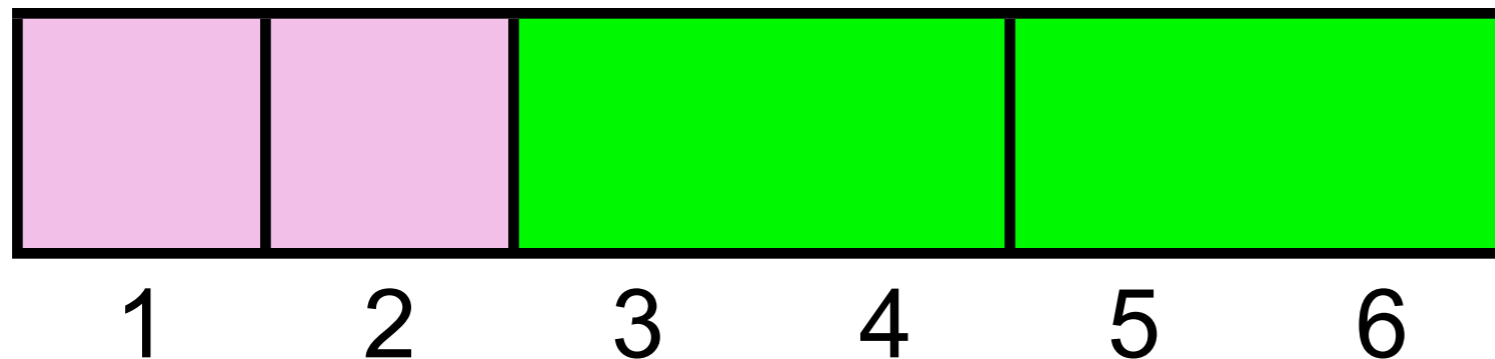
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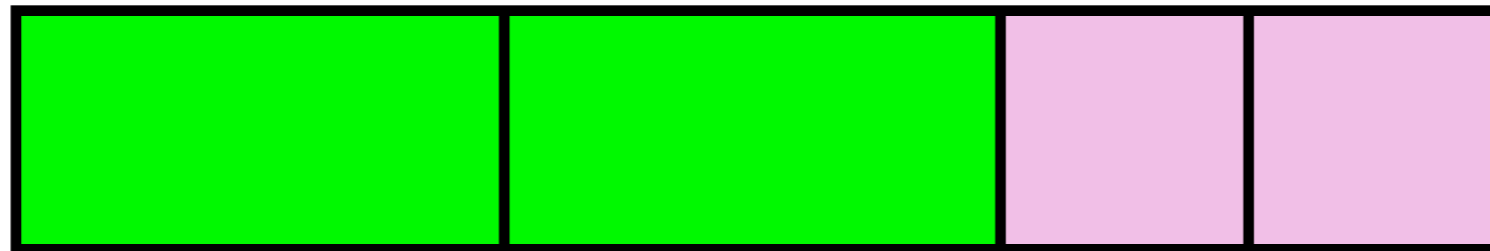
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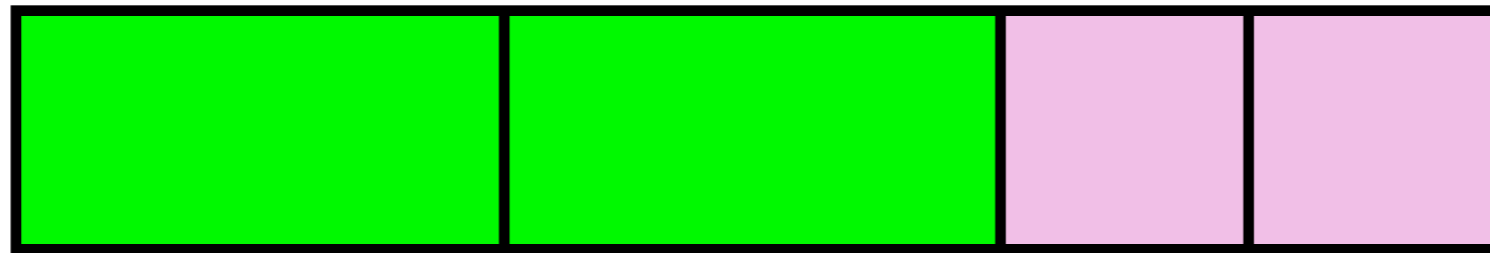


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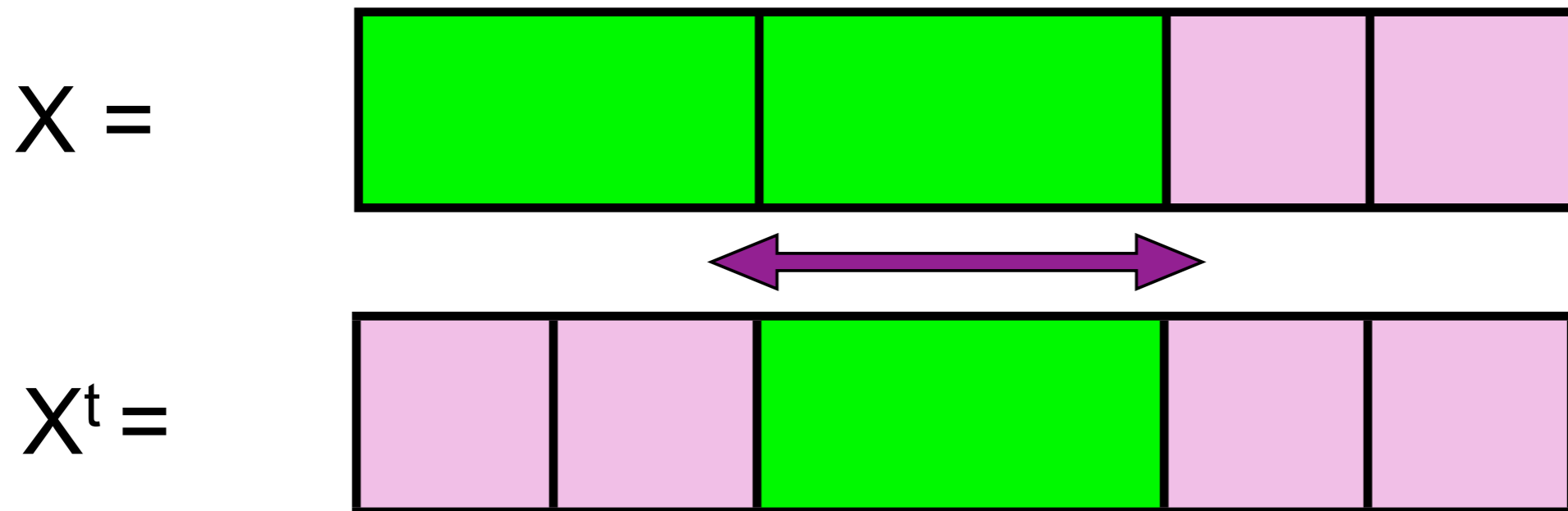
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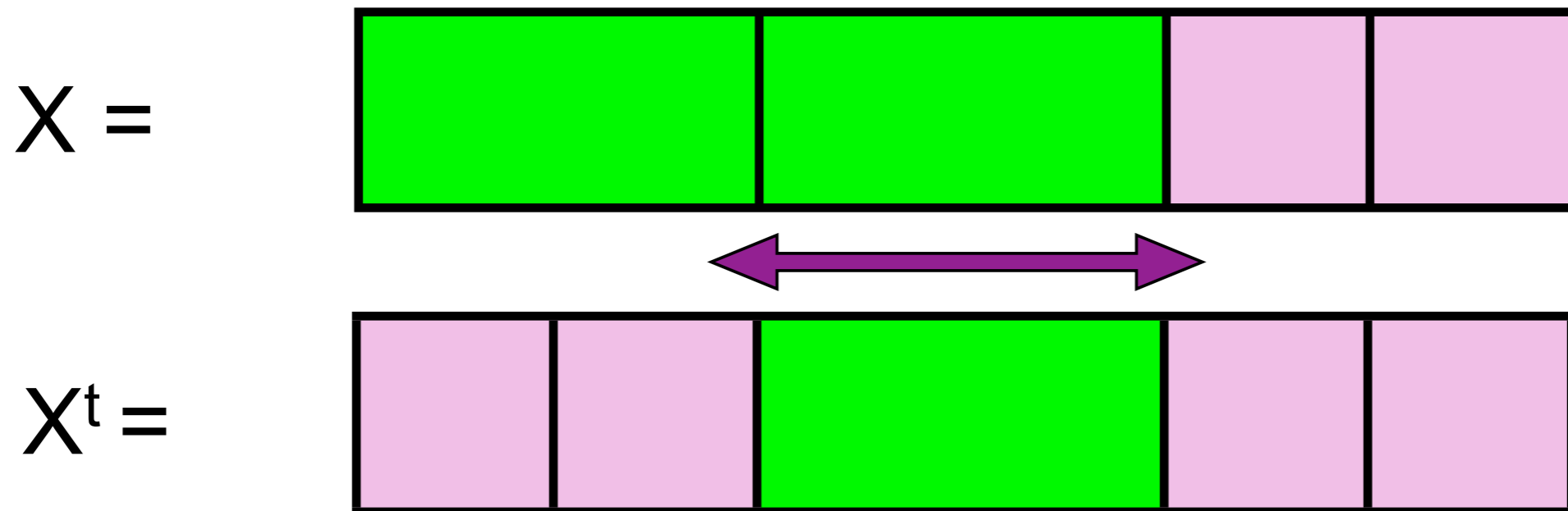


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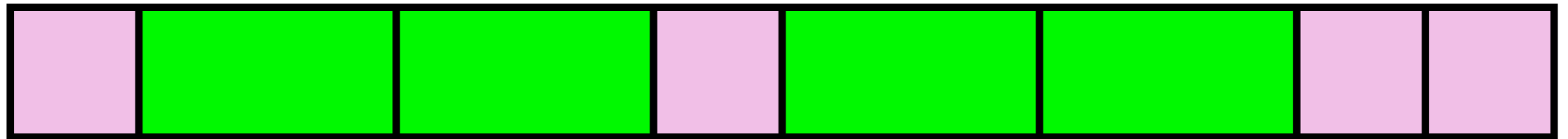
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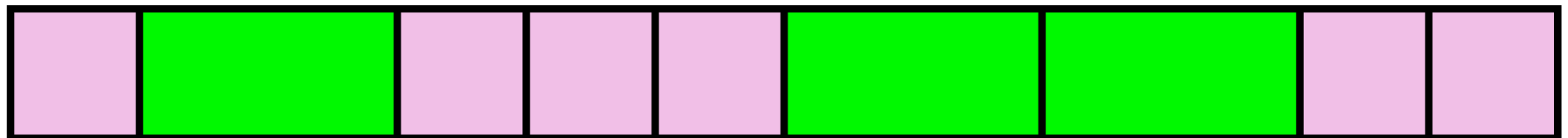
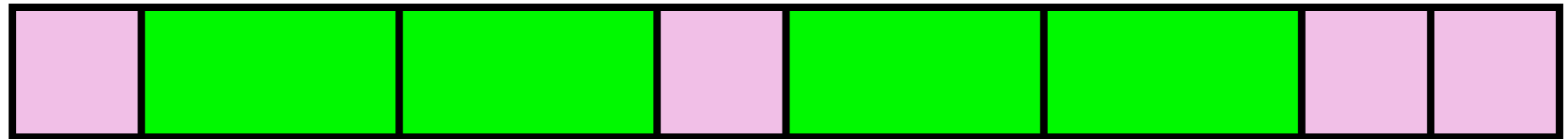
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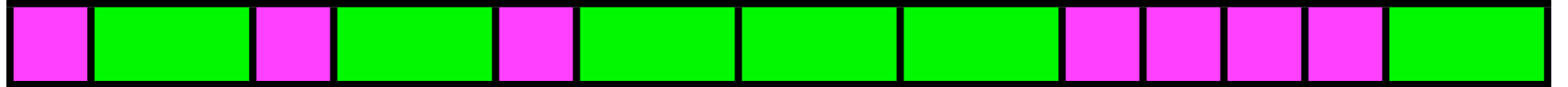
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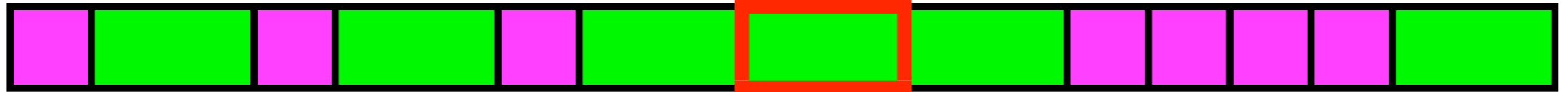


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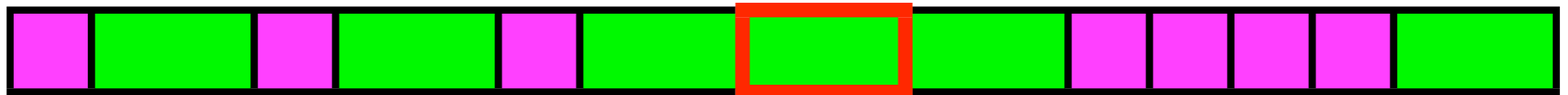
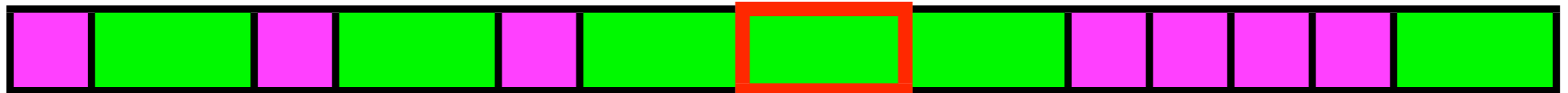
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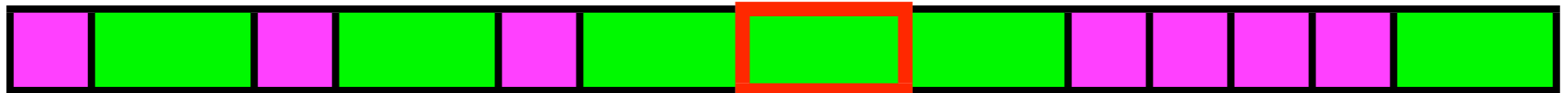
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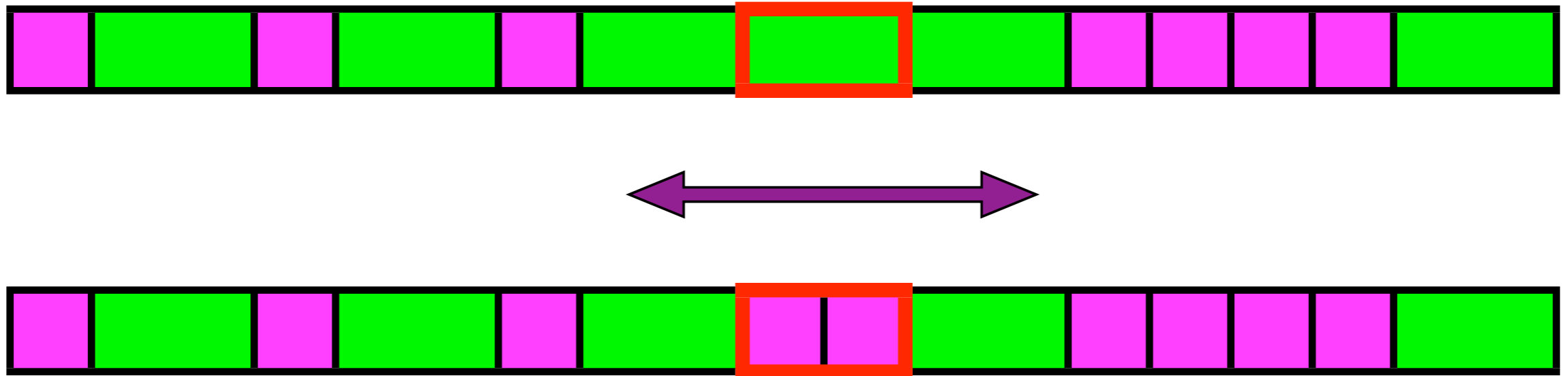
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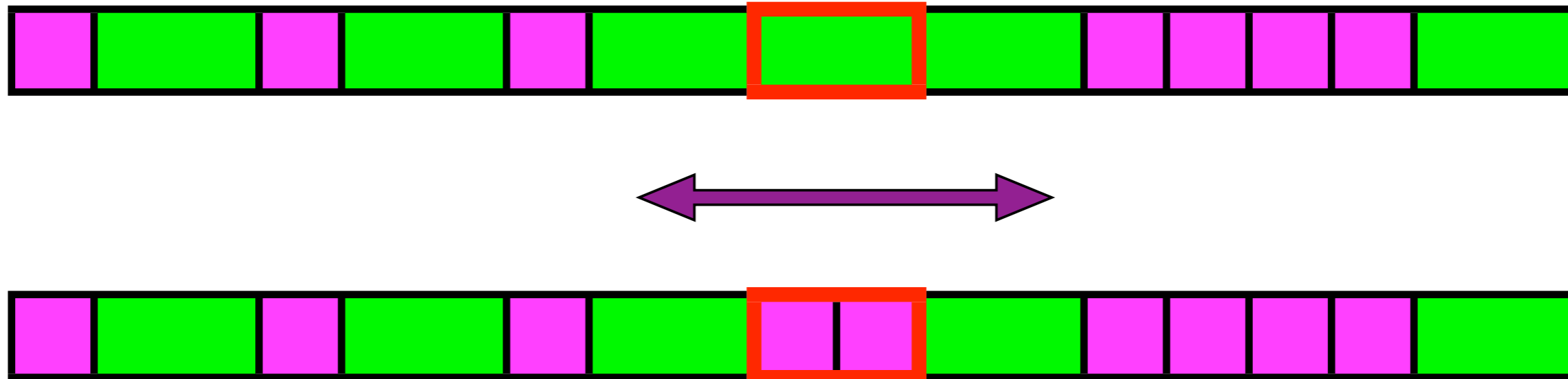
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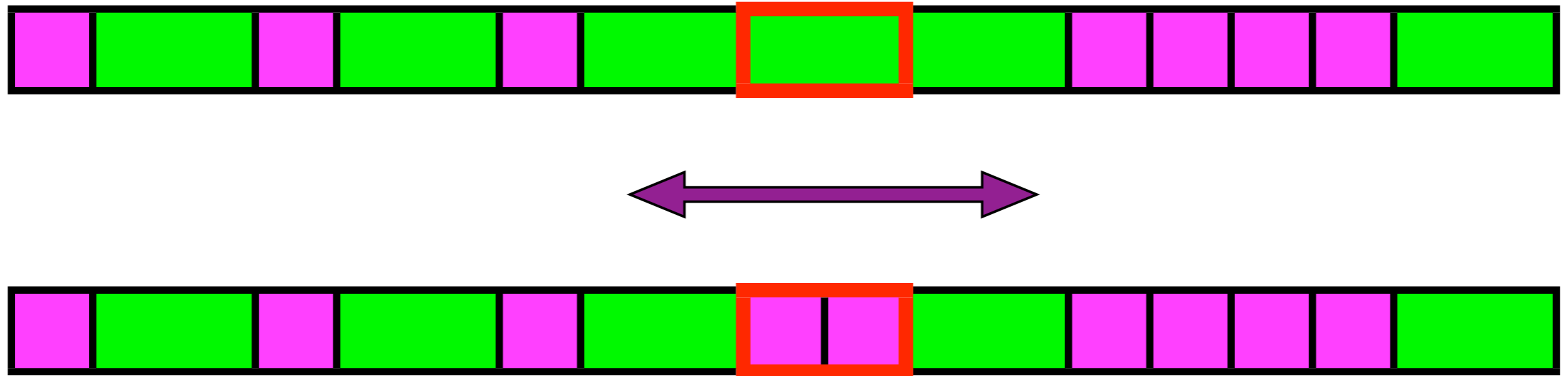


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For $n \geq 1$,

D_n = number of *derangements* of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
is the number of ways to arrange
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natural position.

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But 4 1 3 2 is **not** a derangement.

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Back to Trigonometry: Up-Down permutations

The permutation

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is an example of an **up-down** (or zig-zag) permutation since the numbers alternatiely go up then down.

$$a_1 < a_2 > a_3 < a_4 > a_5 < a_6 > \dots$$

Let U_n be the number of up-down permutations of length n .

$n = 0:$	\emptyset					$U_0 = 1$
$n = 1:$	1					$U_1 = 1$
$n = 2:$	12					$U_2 = 1$
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	35142	35241	45132	45231		$U_5 = 16$

Also, $U_6 = 61$, $U_7 = 272$, ...

No exact formula for U_n , but it has recurrence

$$2U_{n+1} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \binom{n}{k} U_k U_{n-k}$$

and asymptotic formula

$$U_n \sim \frac{2^{n+2} n!}{\pi^{n+1}}$$

and exponential generating function

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
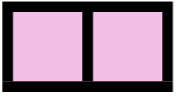



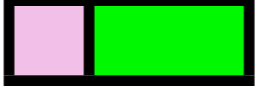
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



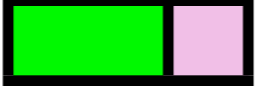

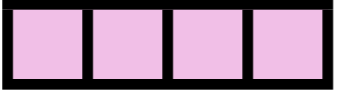
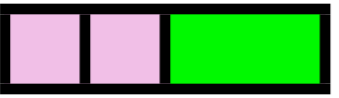
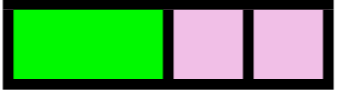
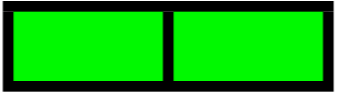

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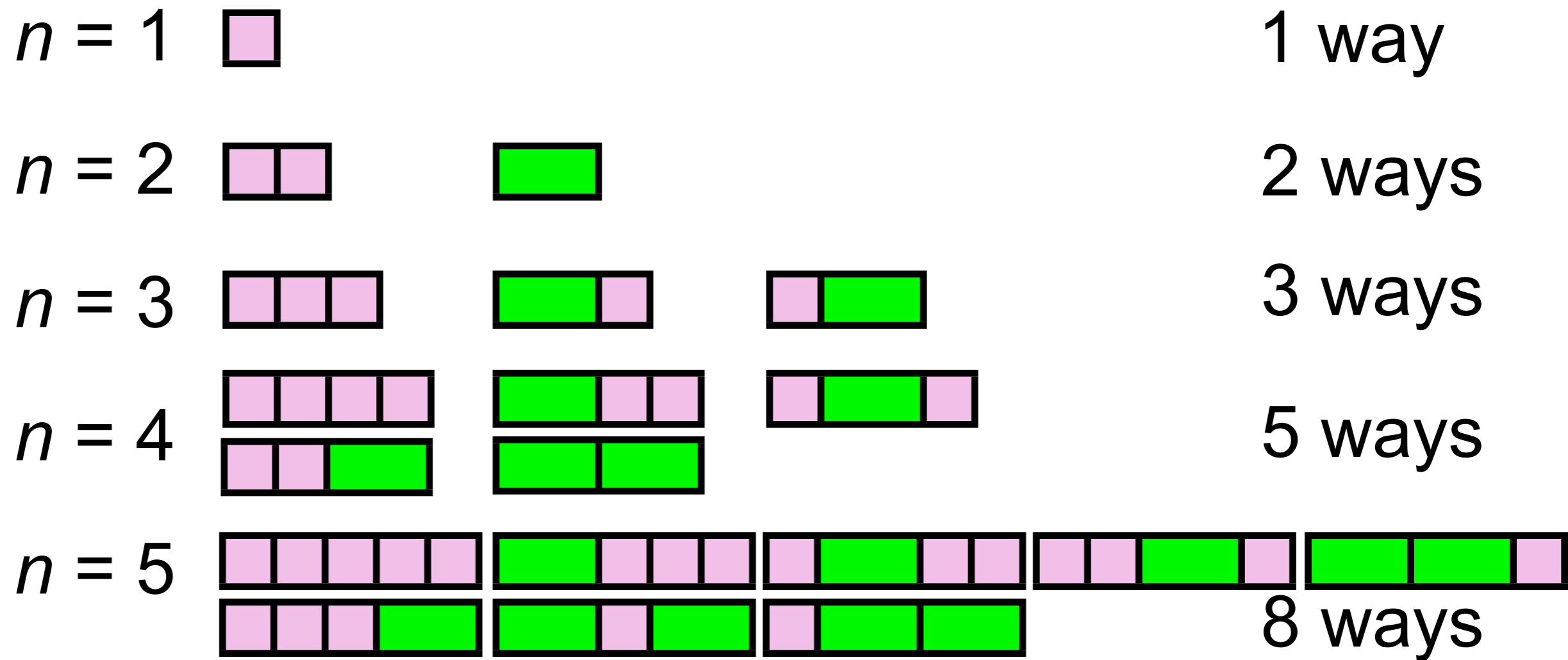
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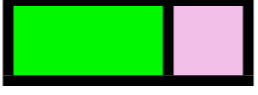



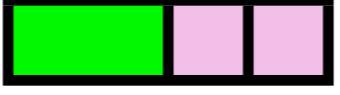
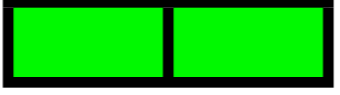





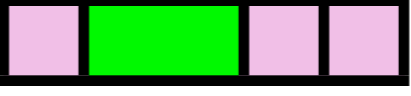
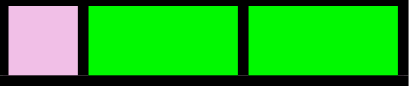


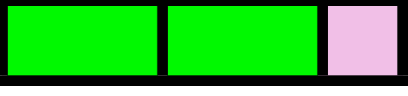

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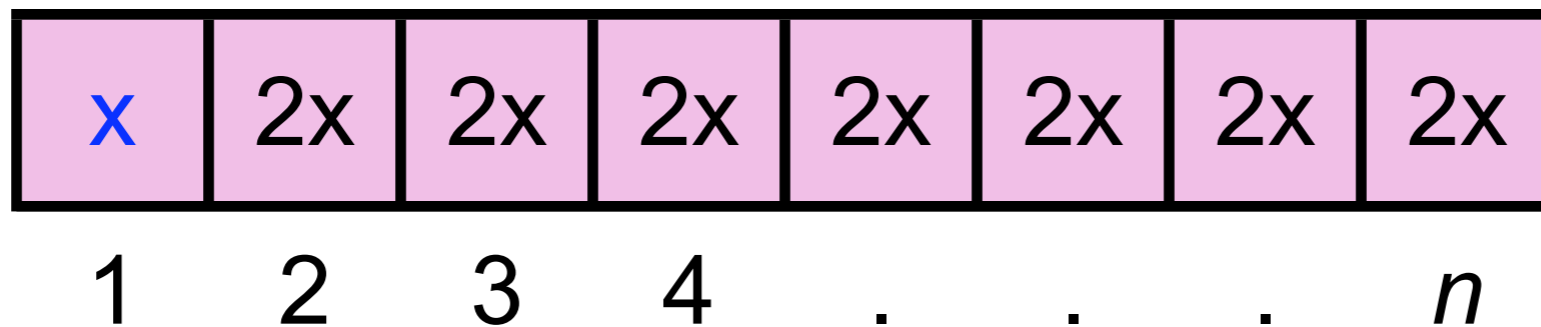
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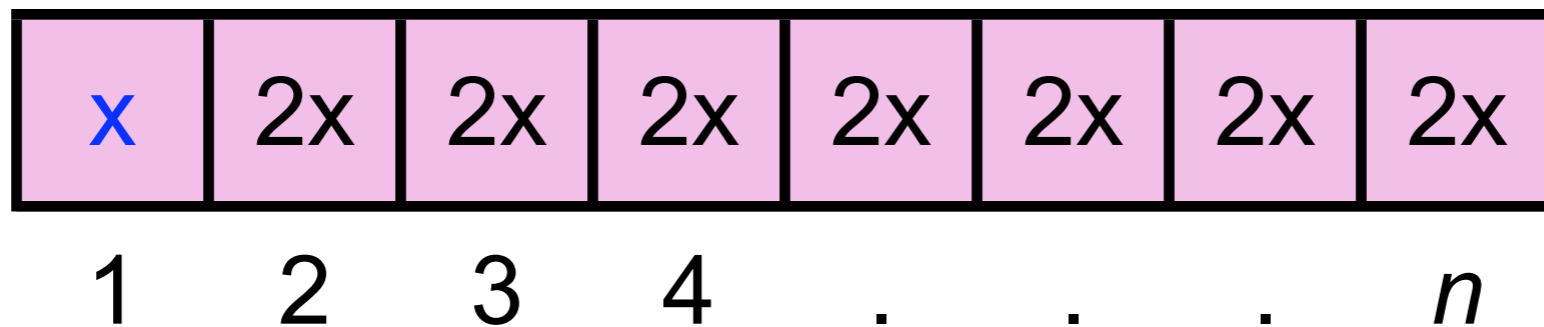
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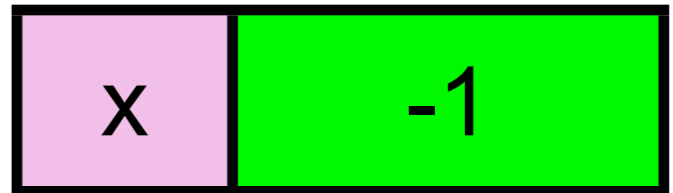
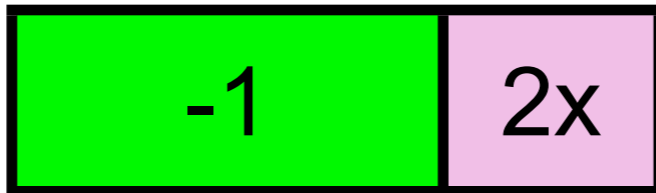
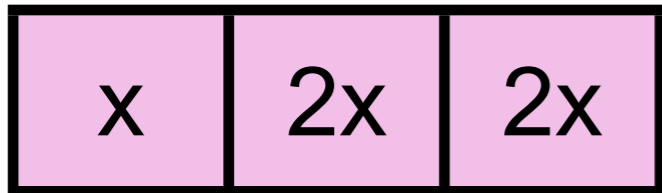
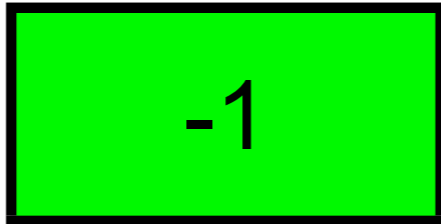
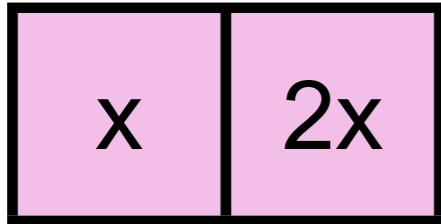
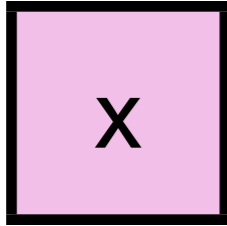


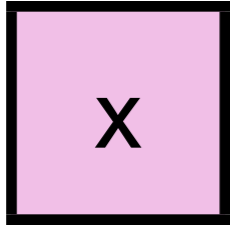
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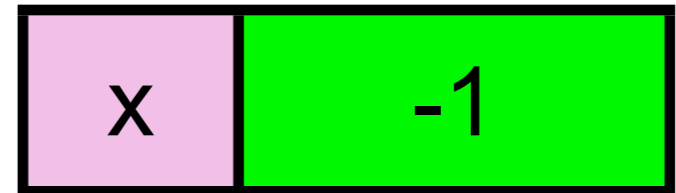
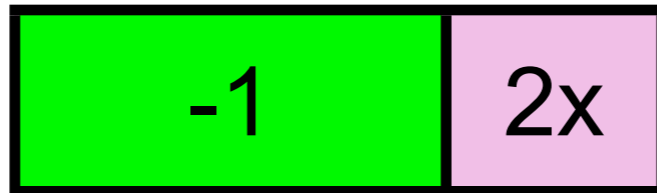
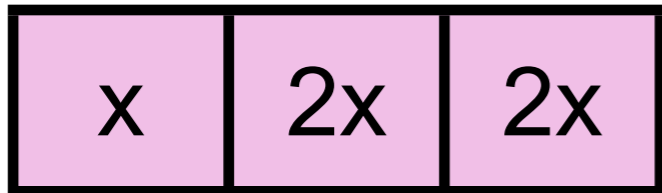
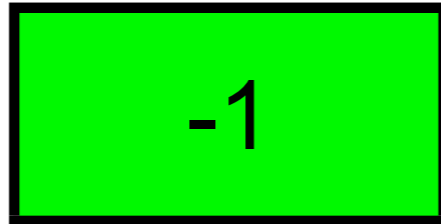
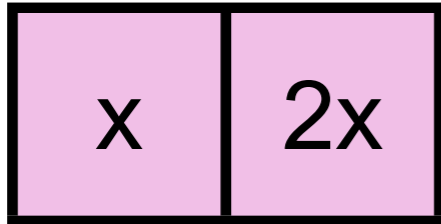
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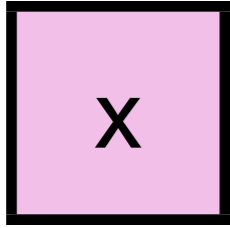
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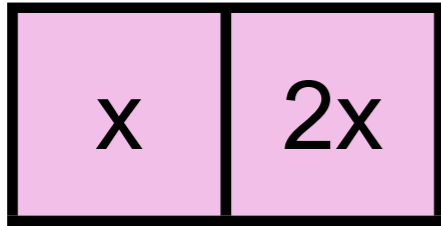


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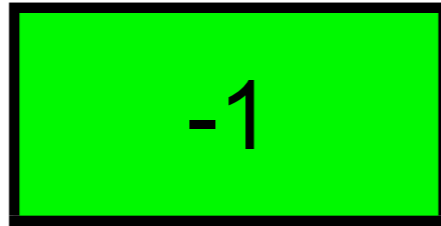




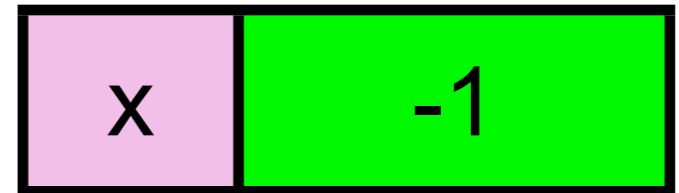
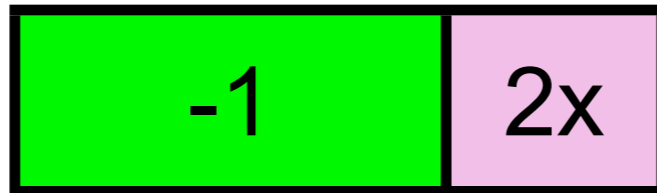
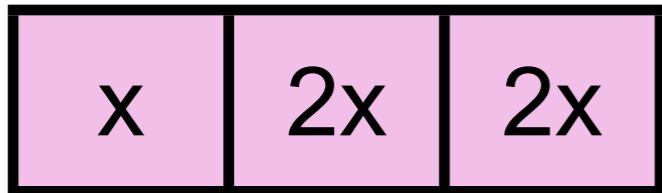
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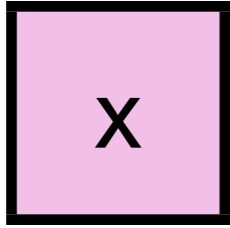


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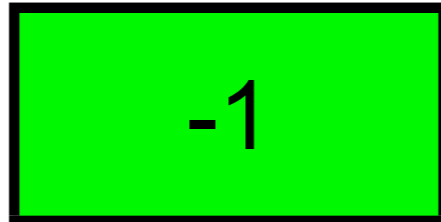
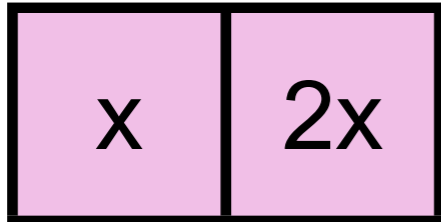


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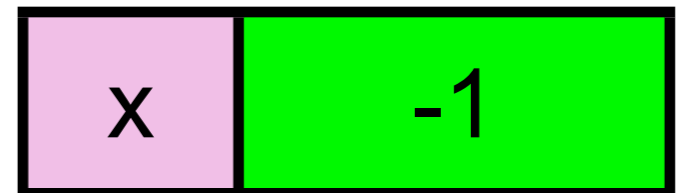
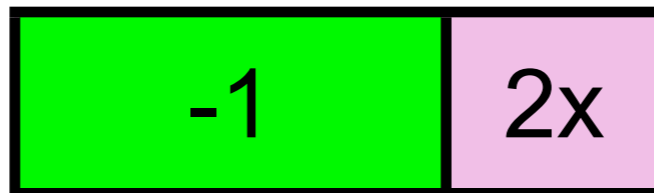
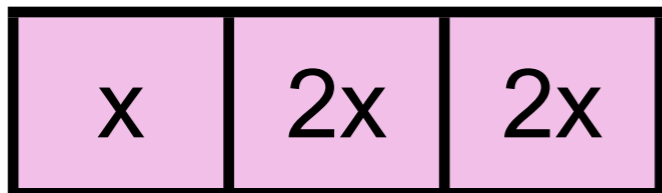
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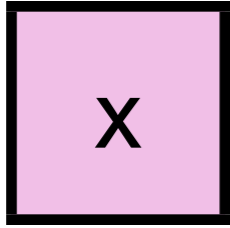


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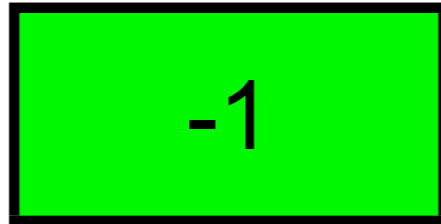
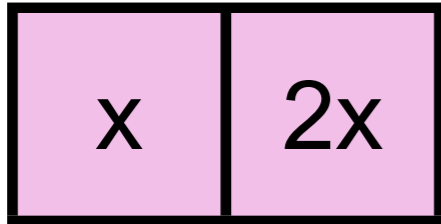
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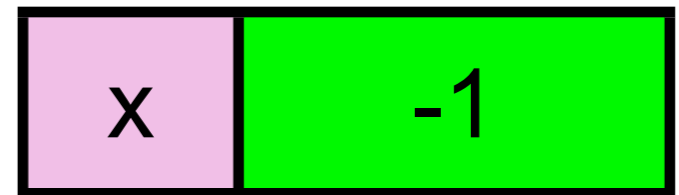
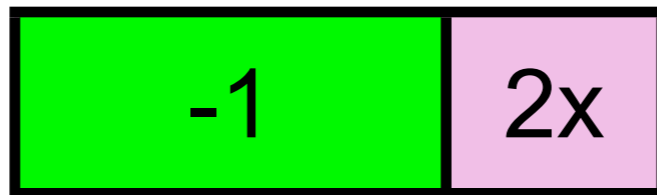
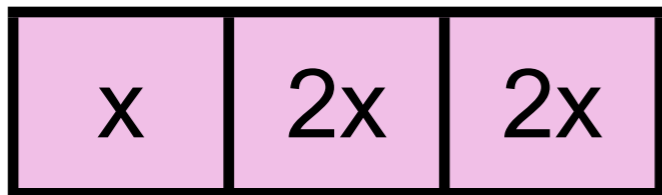
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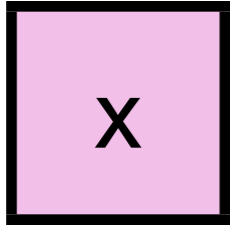
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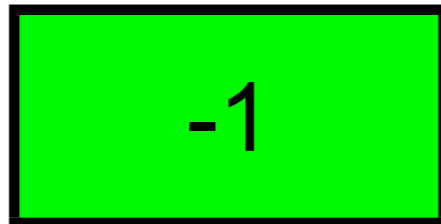
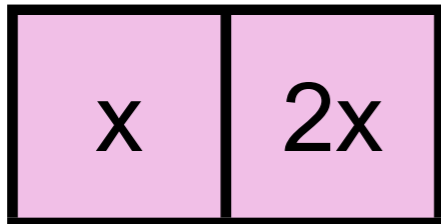
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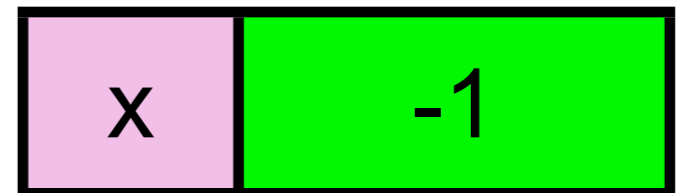
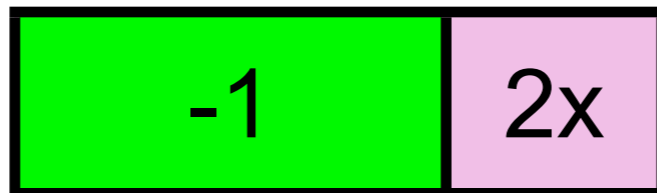
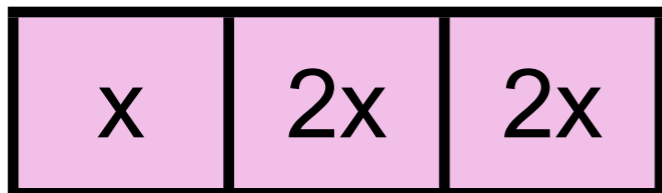
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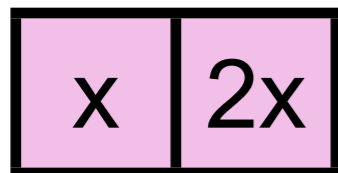


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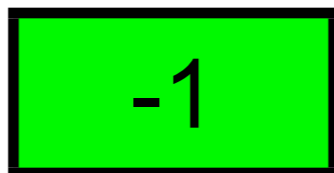
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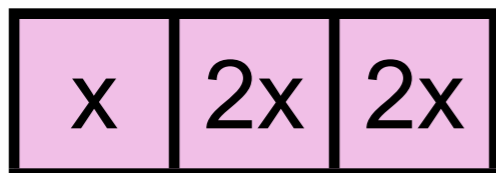


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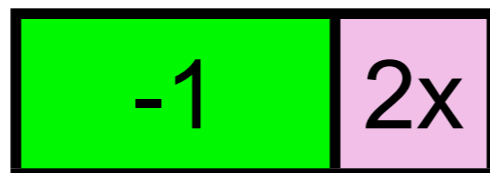


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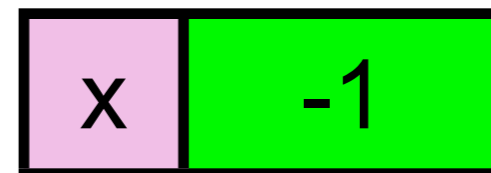
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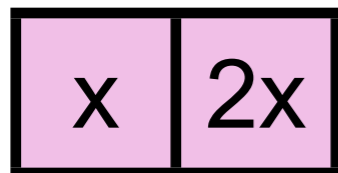


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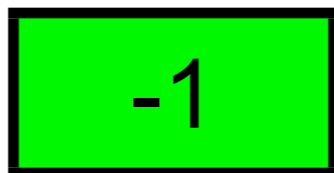


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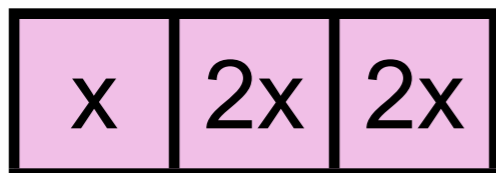


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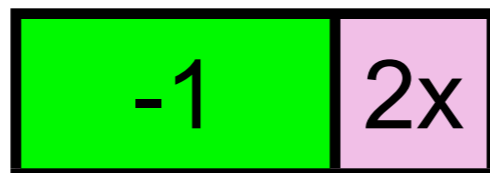


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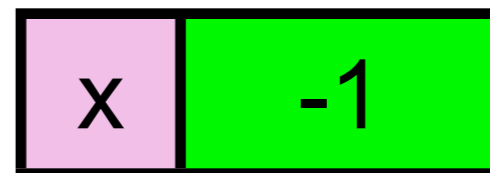
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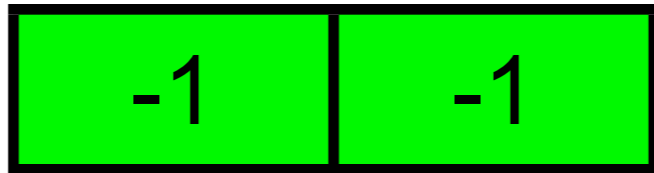
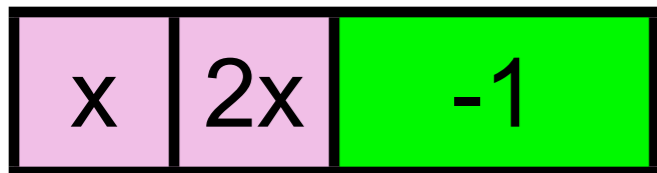
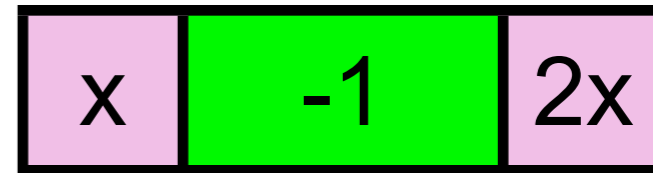
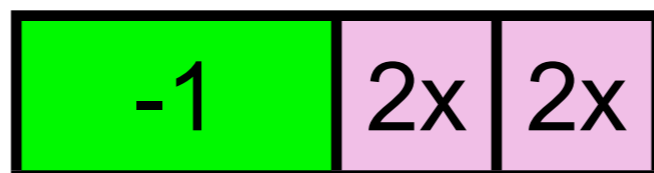
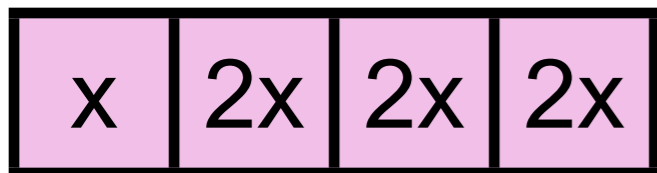


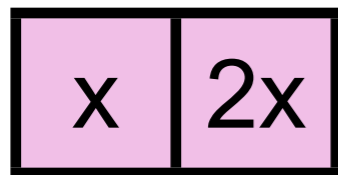
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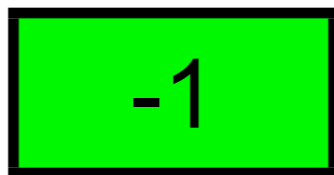
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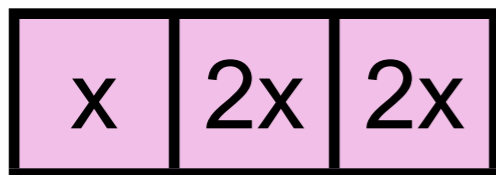


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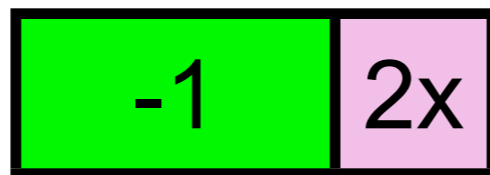


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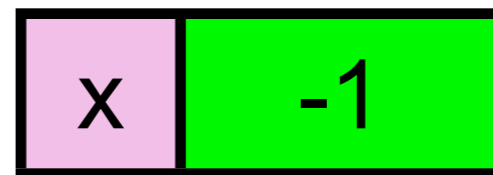
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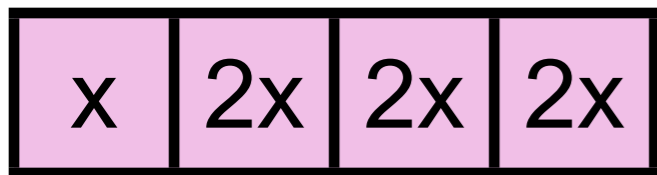


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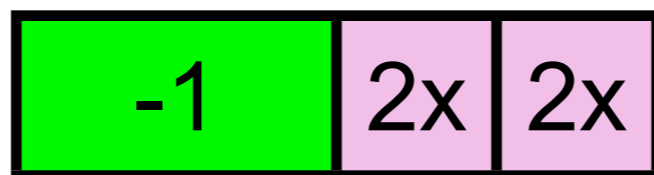


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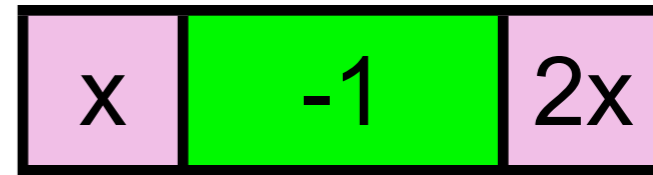
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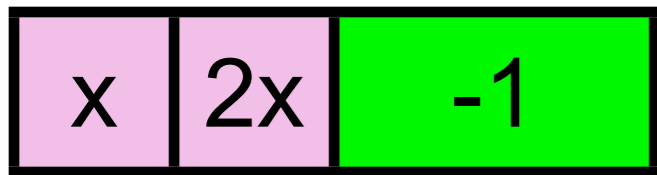
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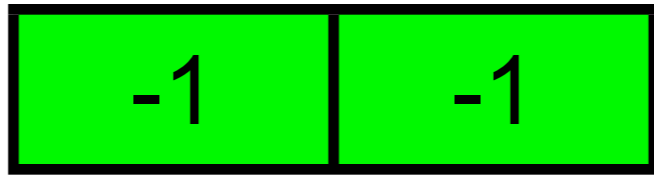
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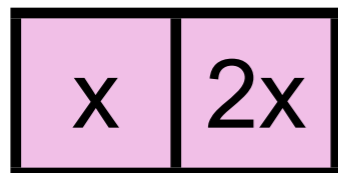
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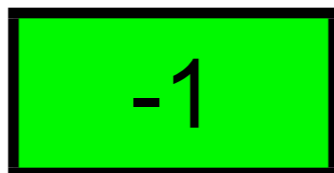
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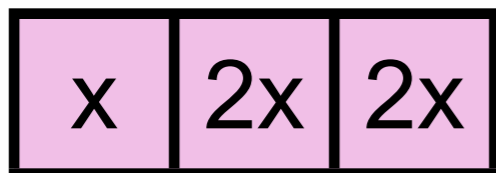


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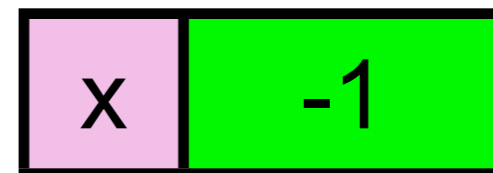
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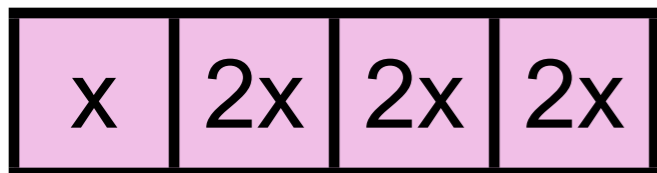


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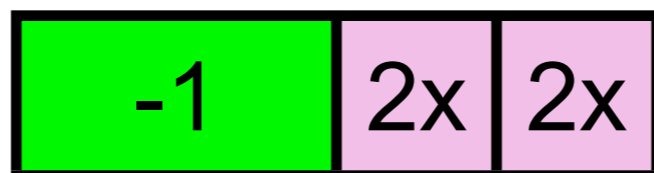


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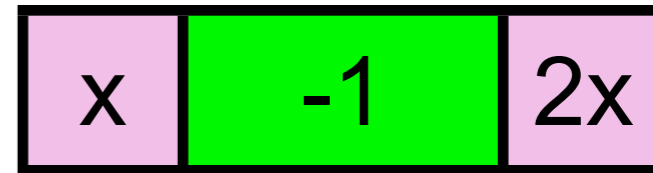
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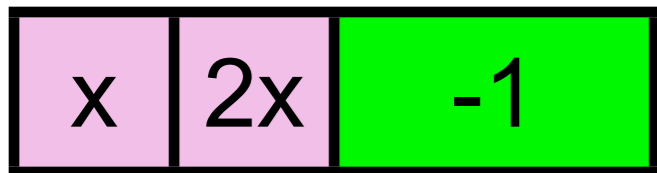


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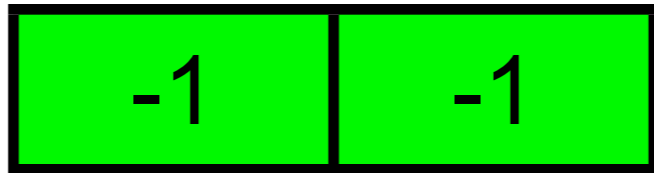


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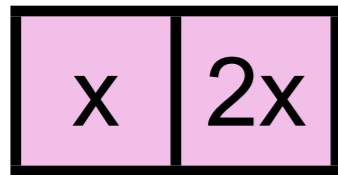
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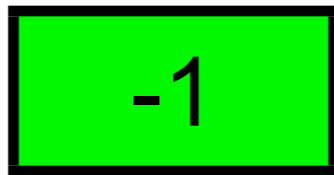
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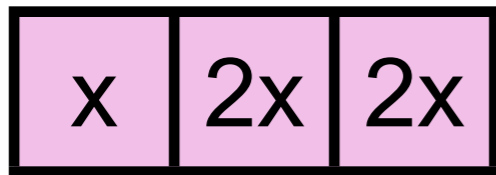


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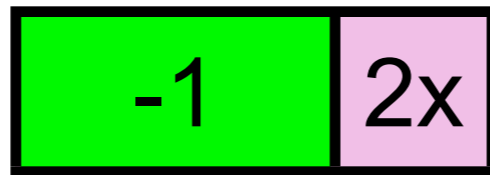


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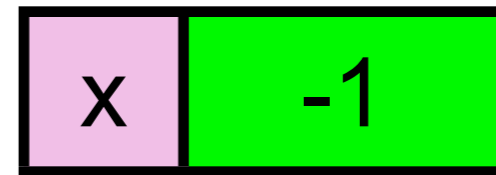
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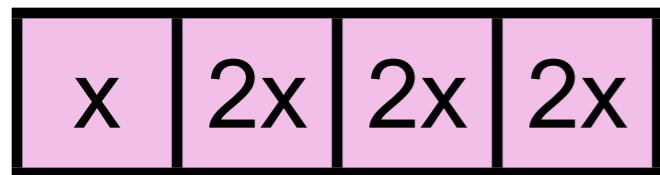


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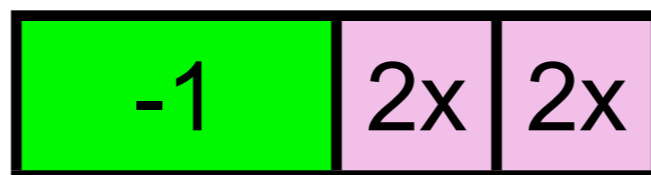


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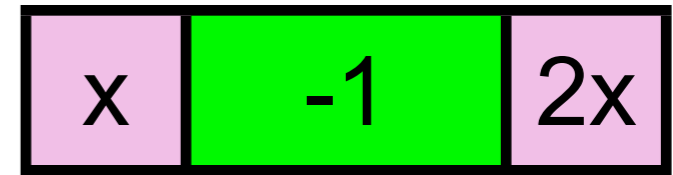
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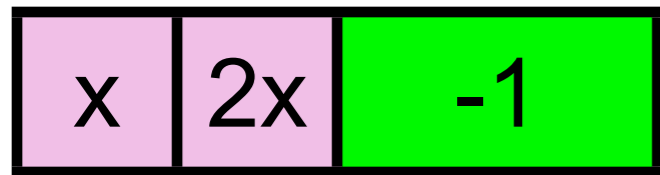


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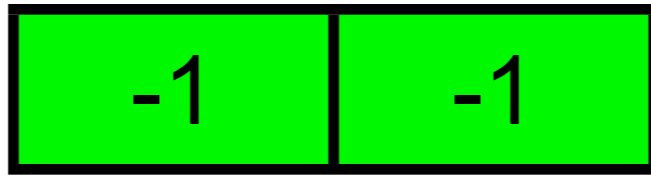


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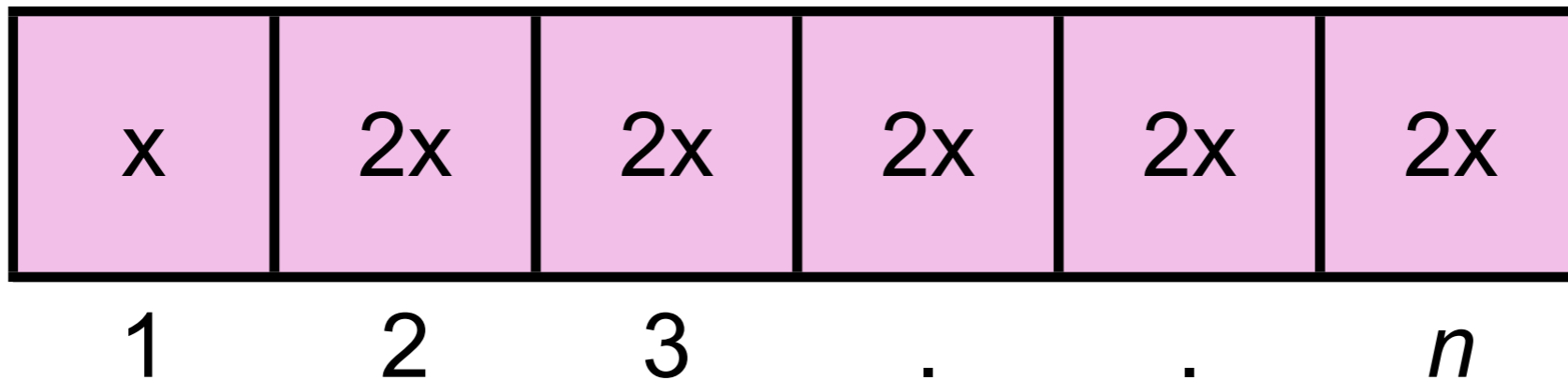
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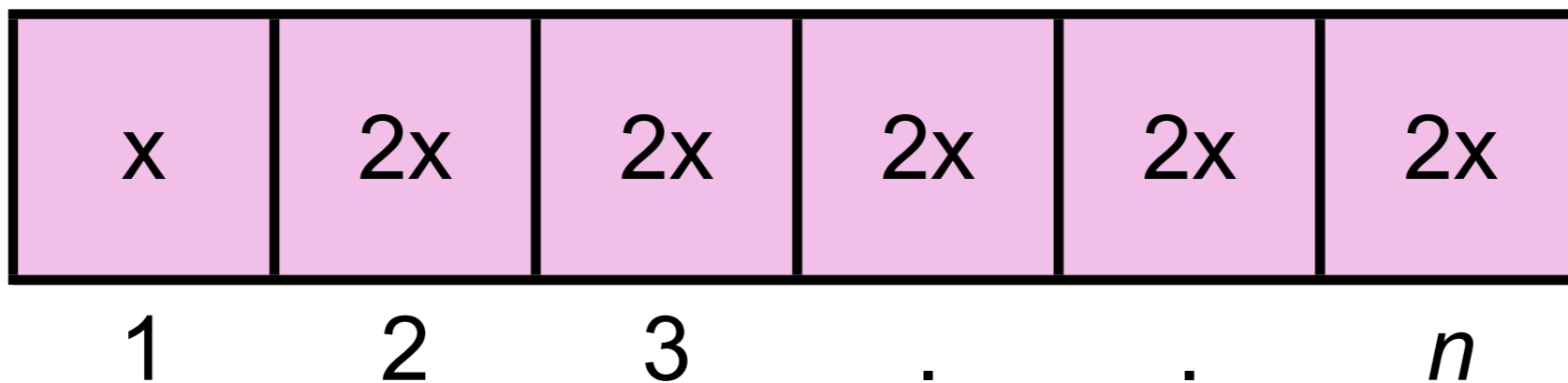
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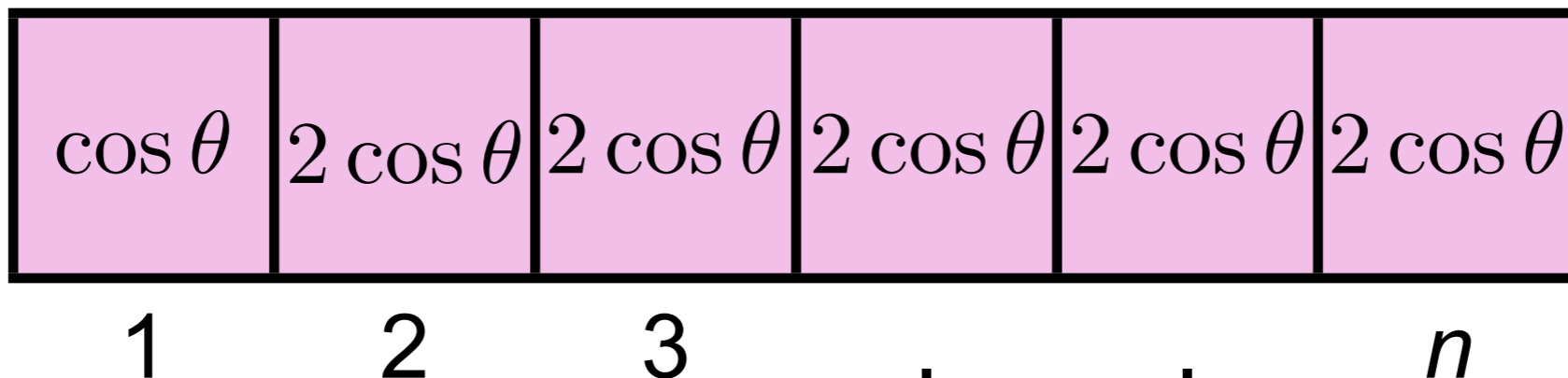
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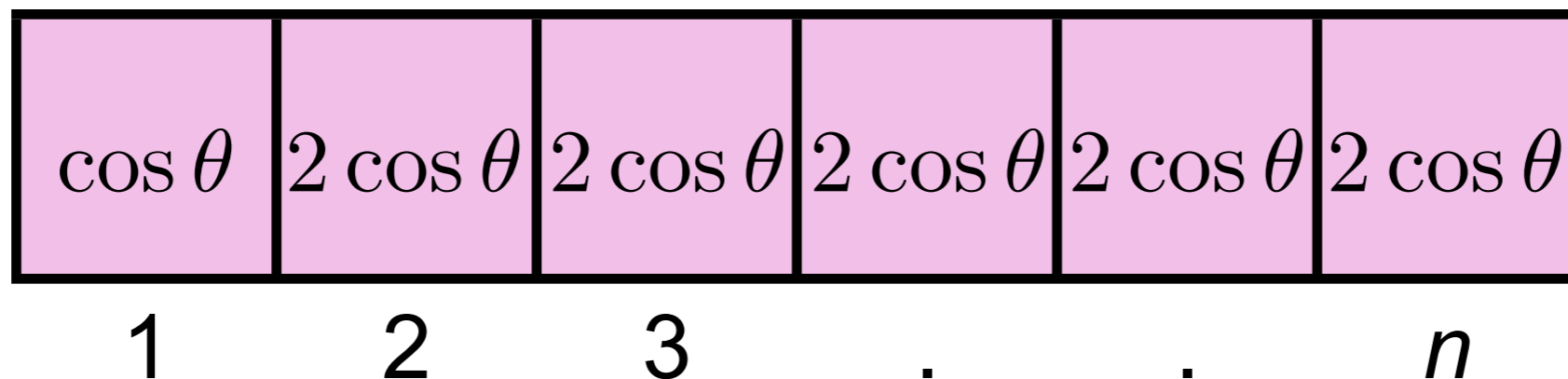
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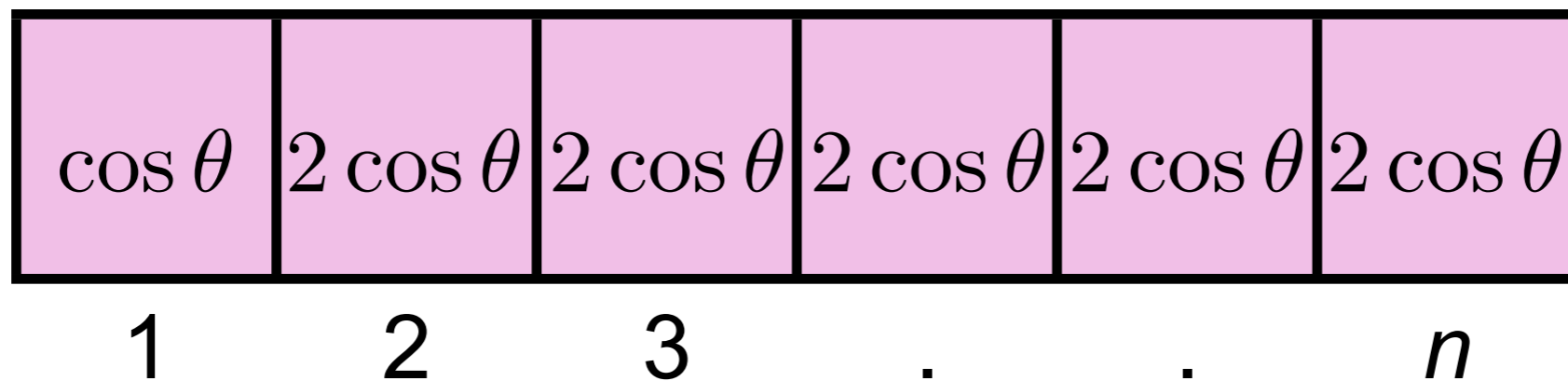
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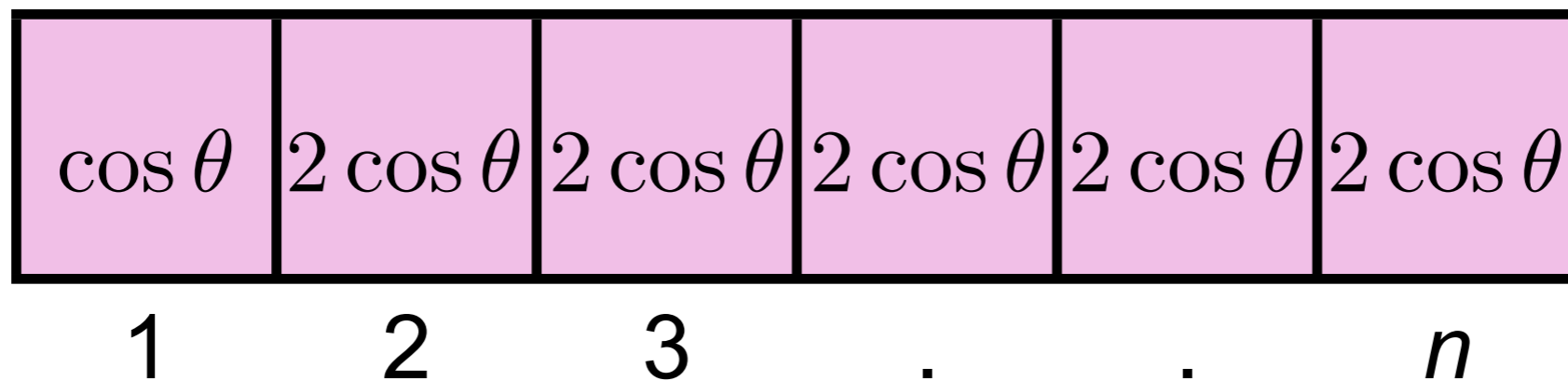


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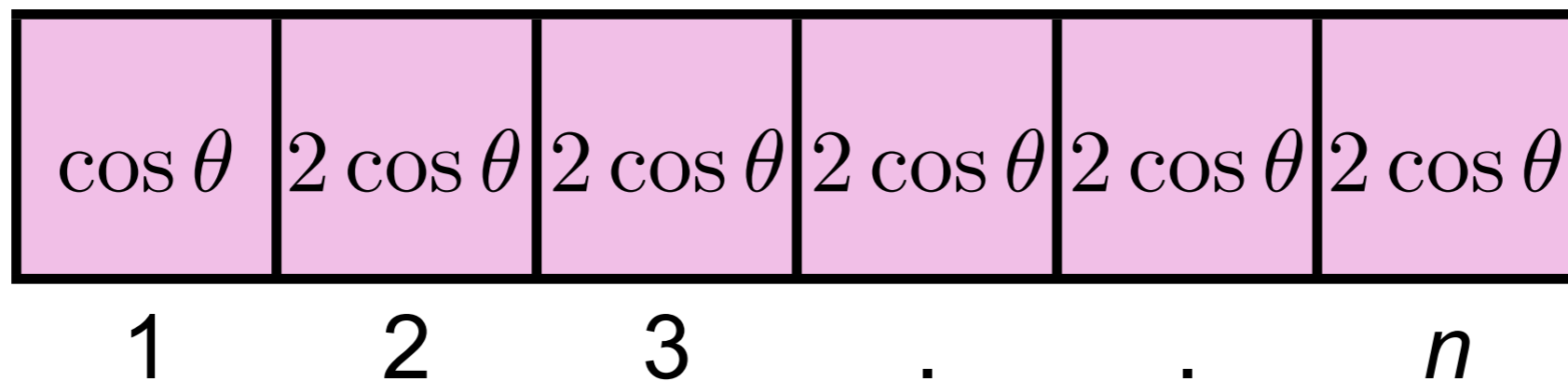


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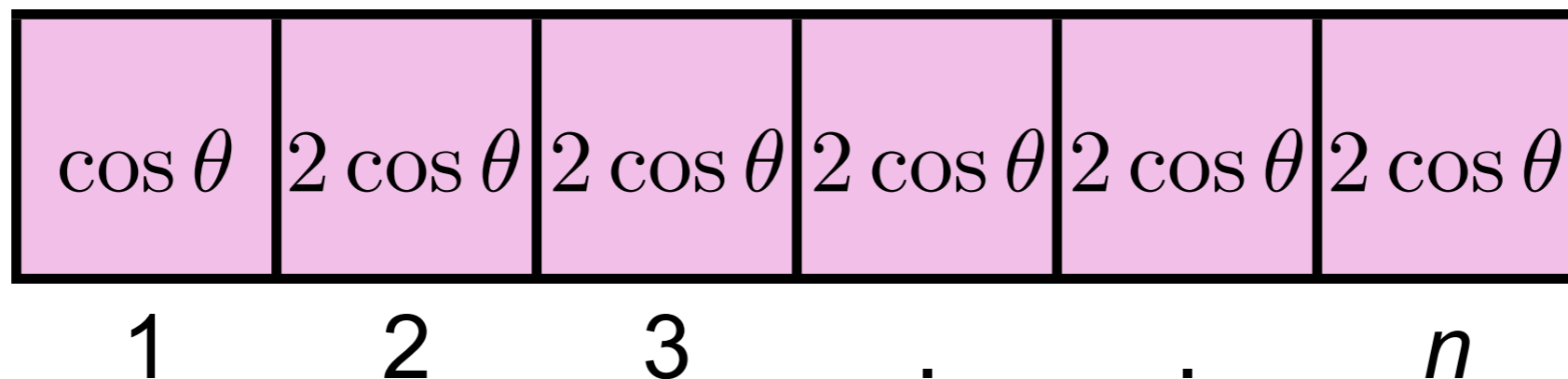
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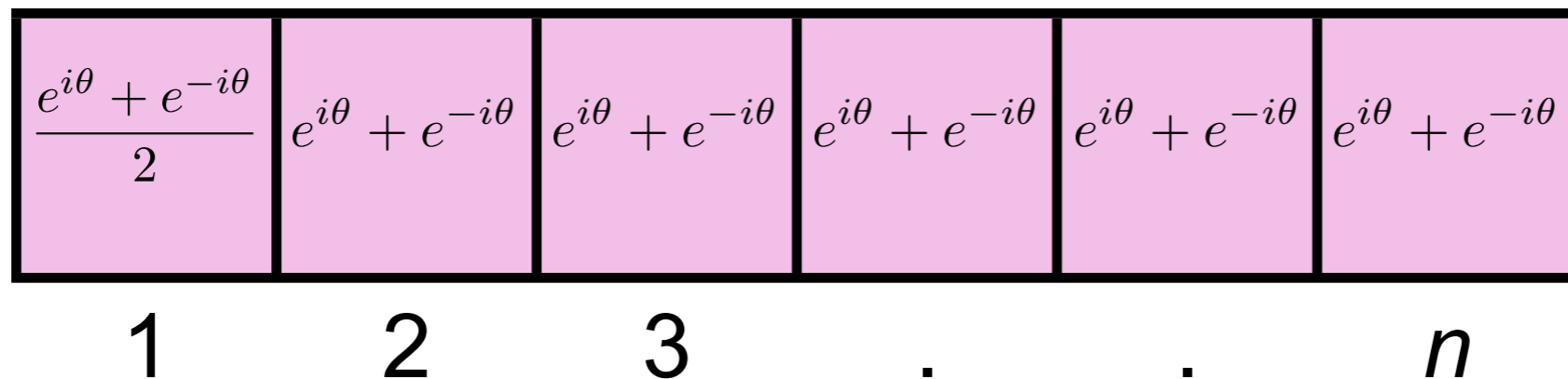
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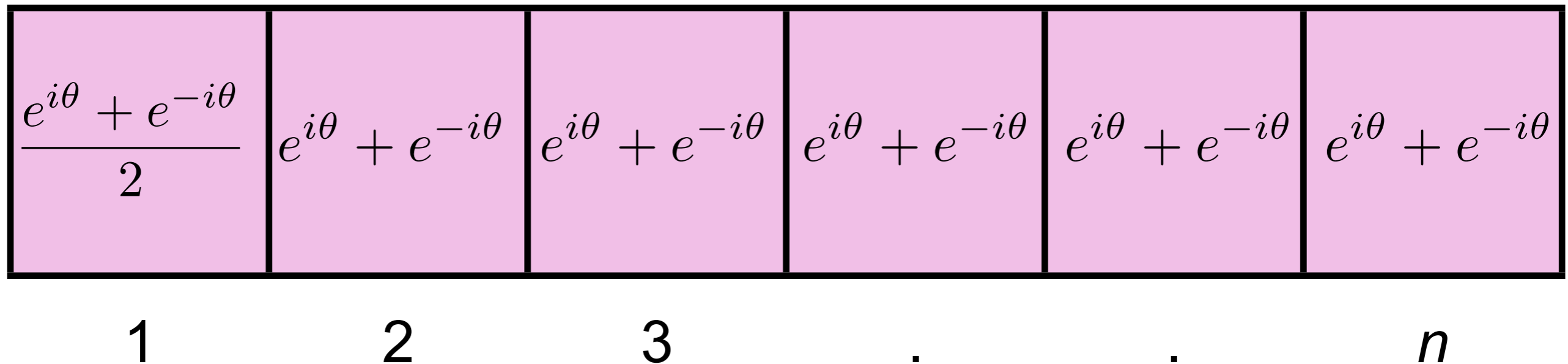
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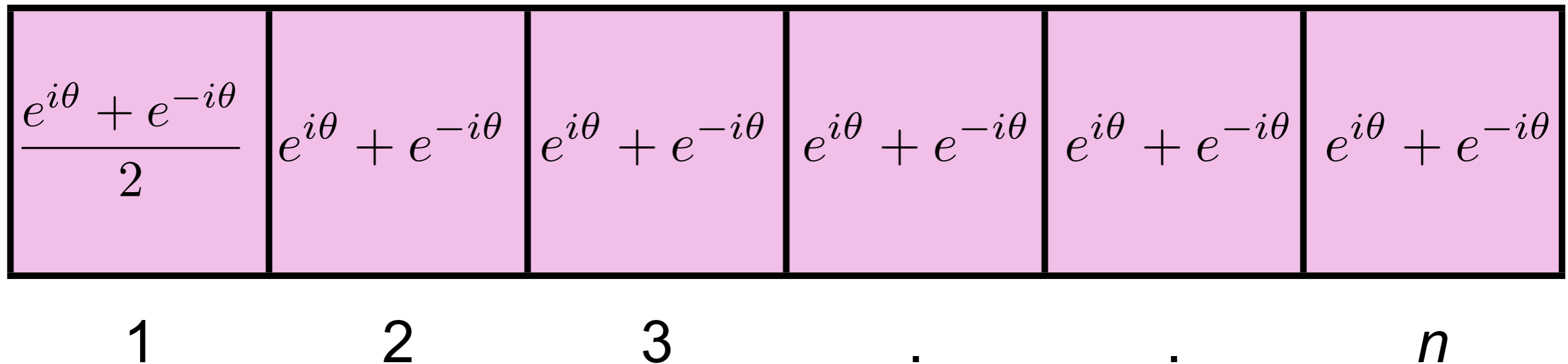
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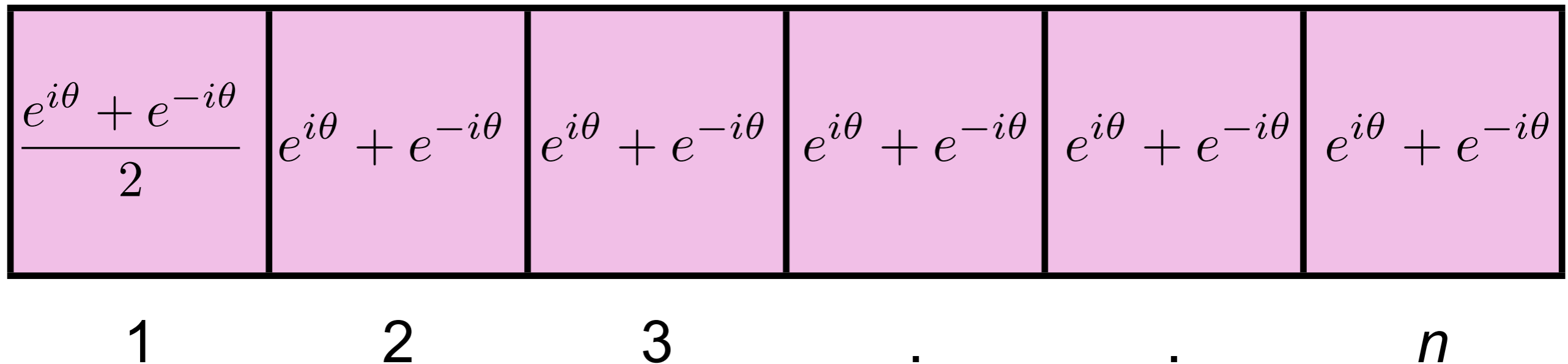


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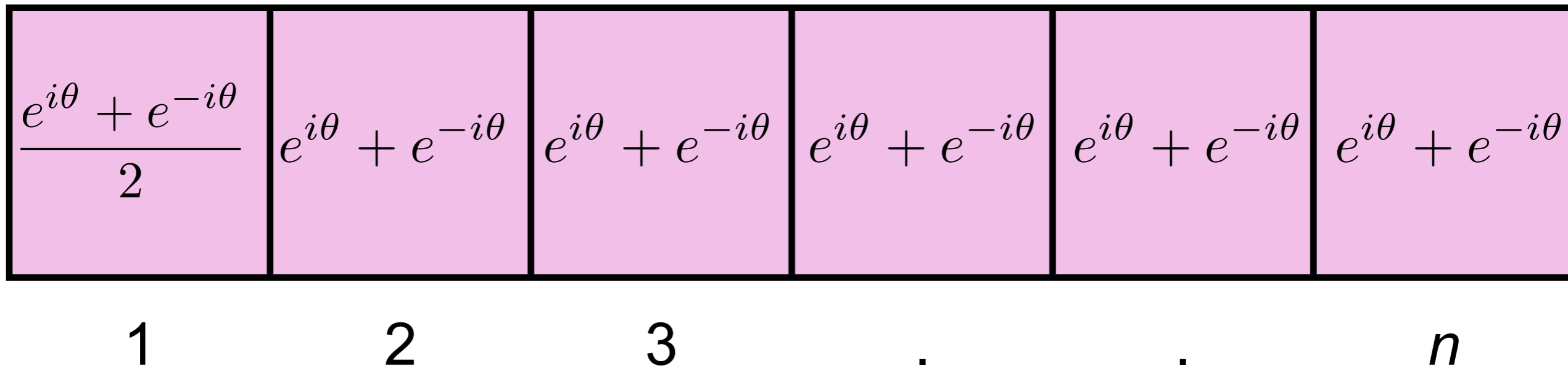
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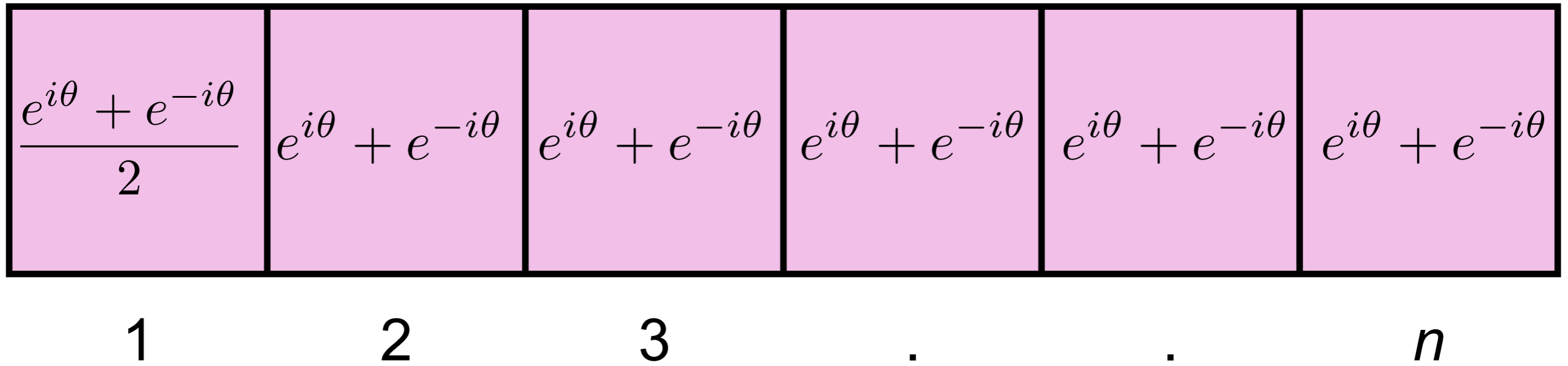


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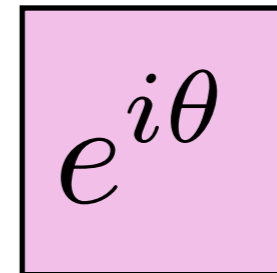
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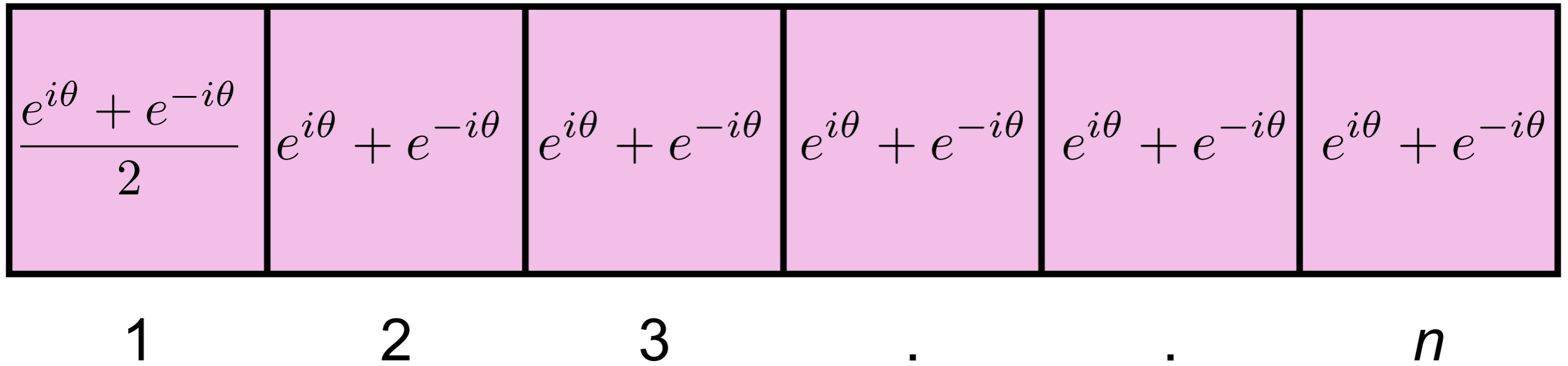


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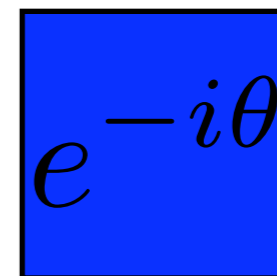
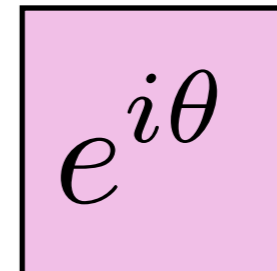
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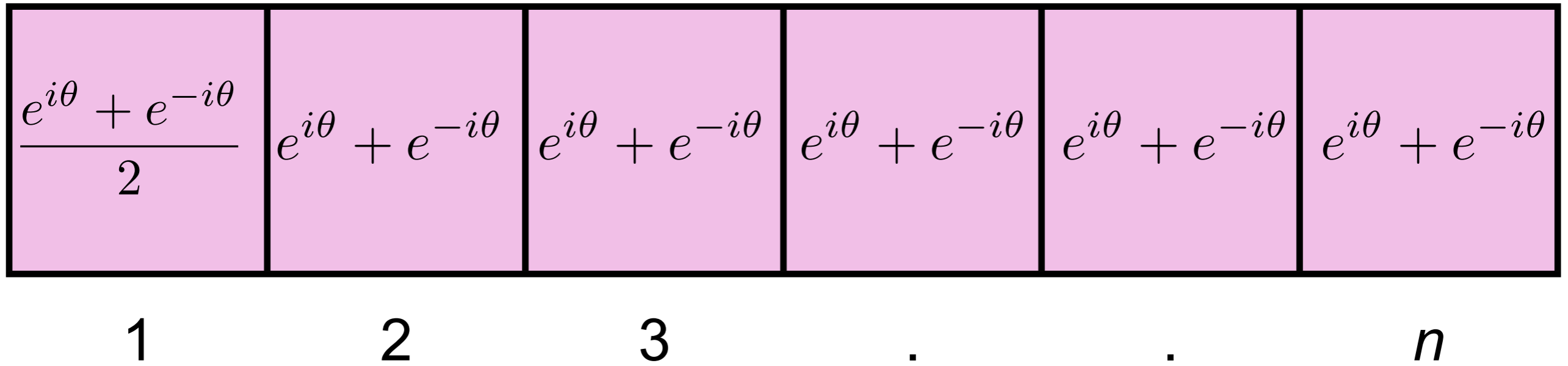
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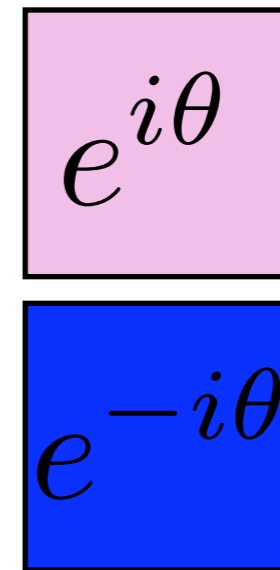
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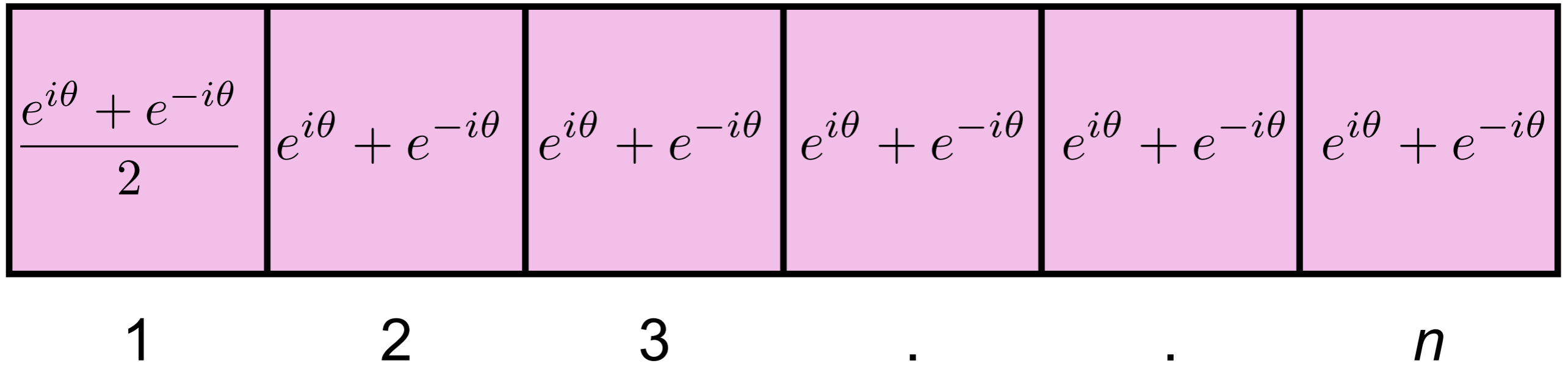
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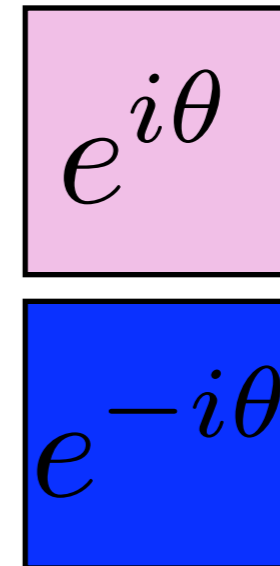
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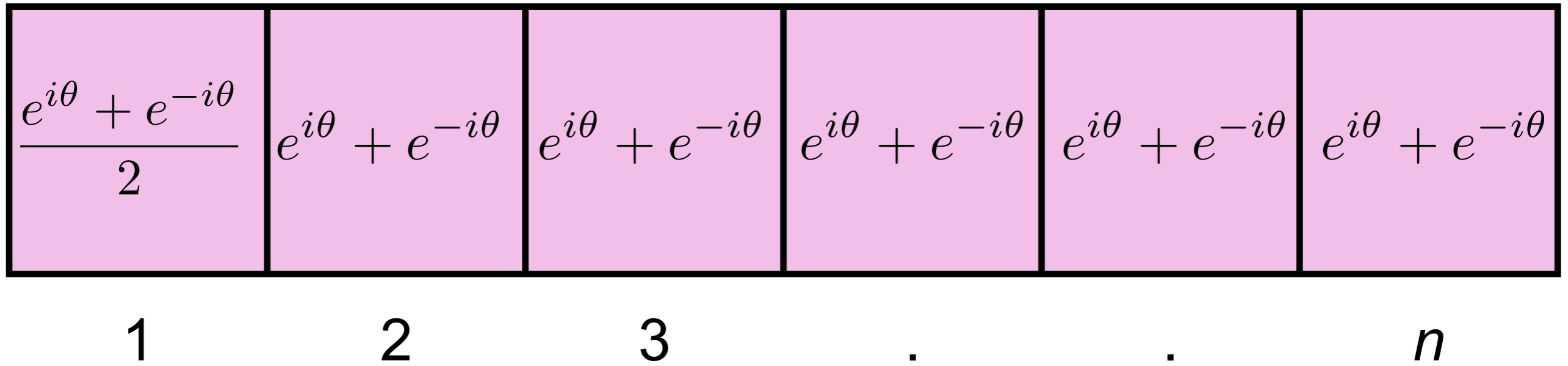
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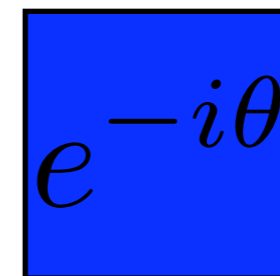
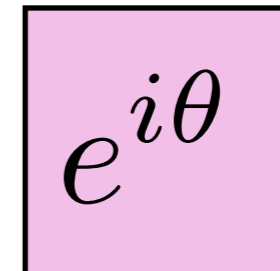
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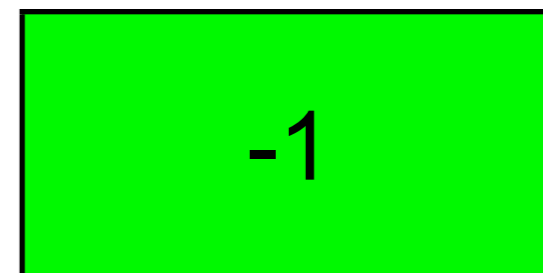
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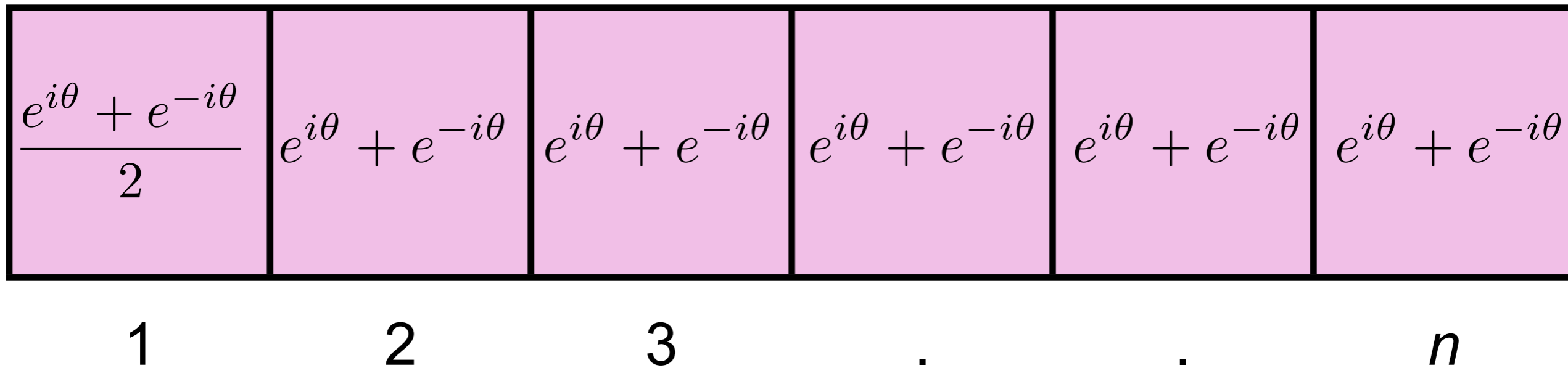
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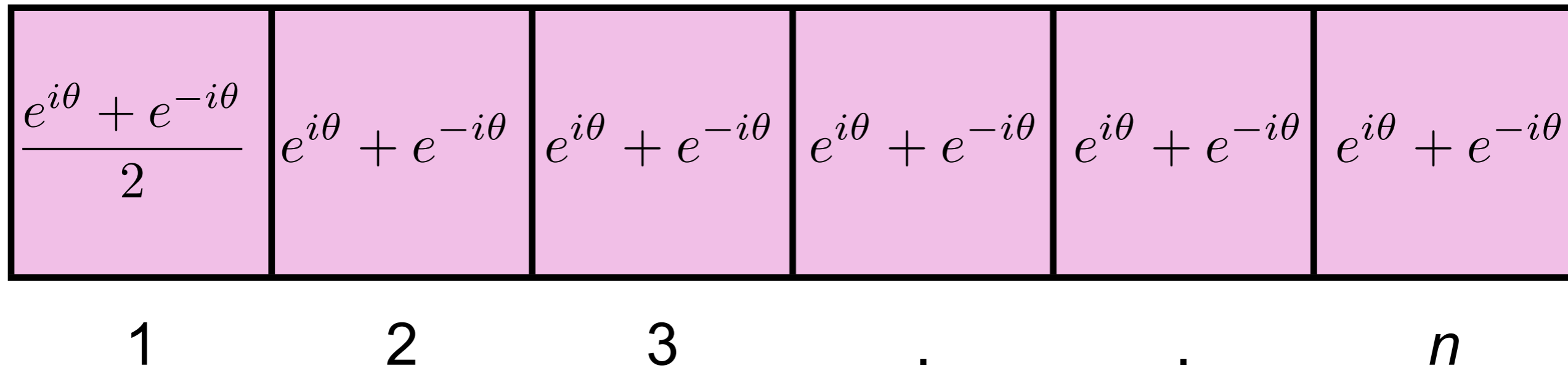
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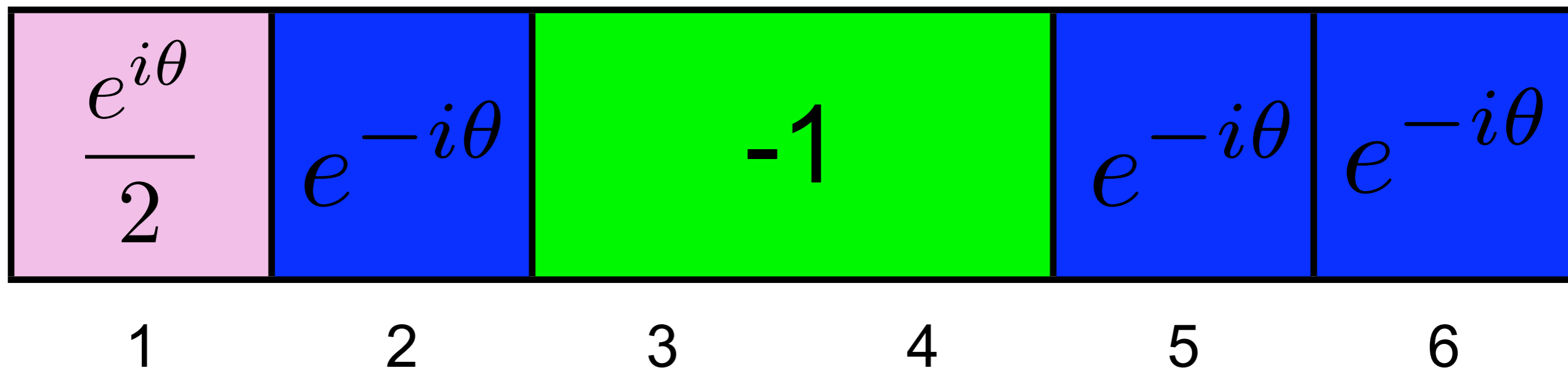
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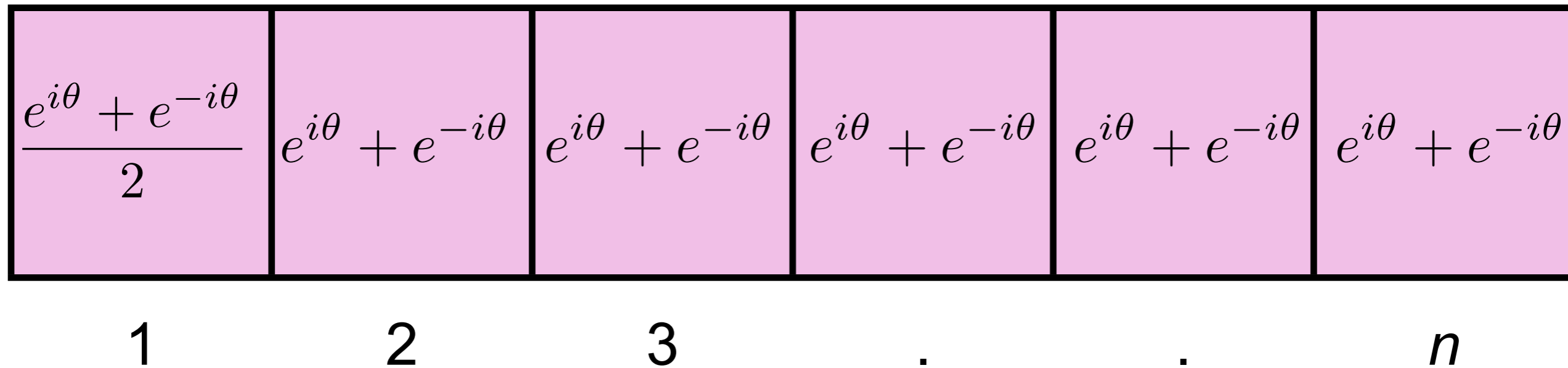
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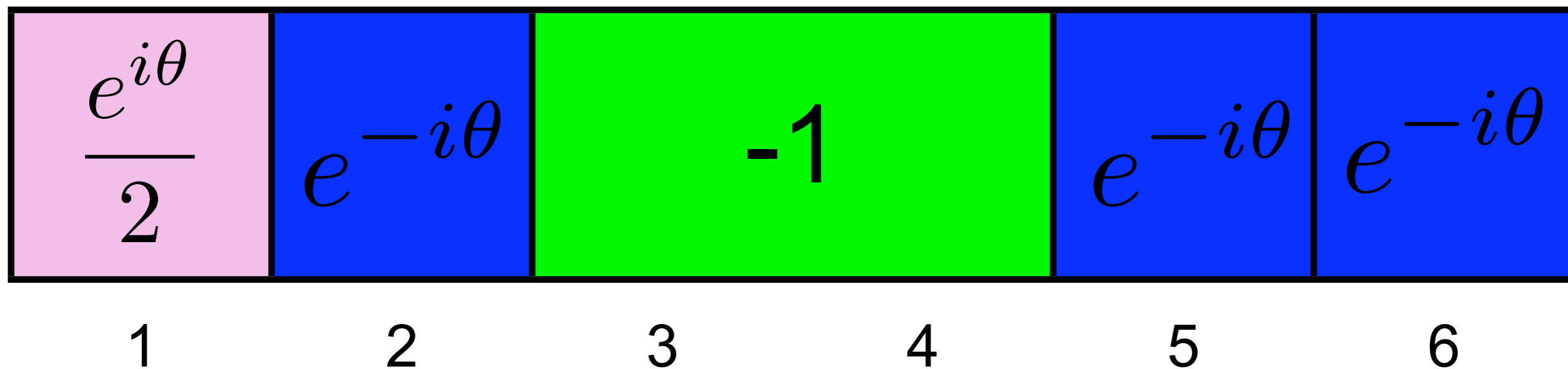
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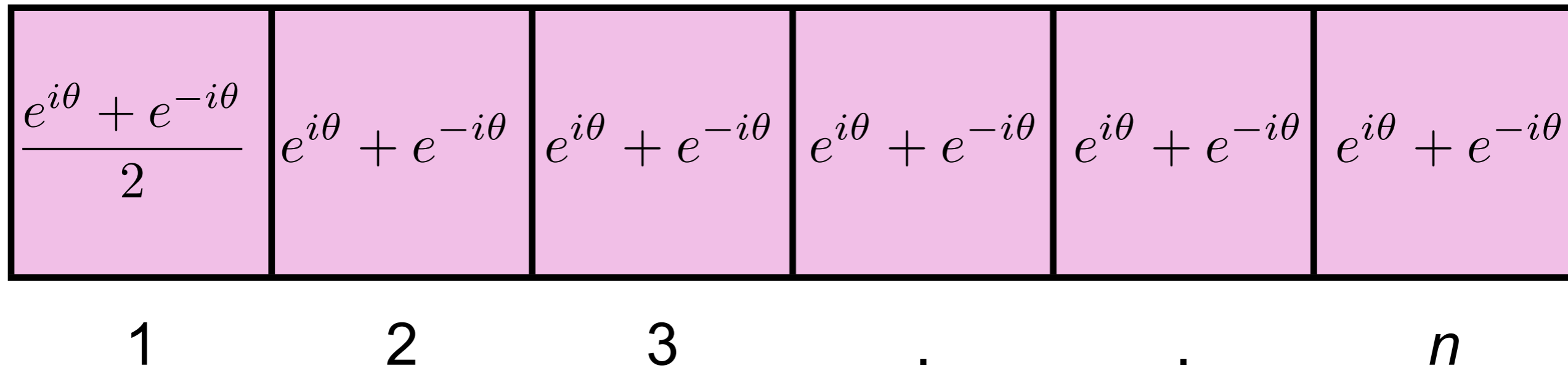


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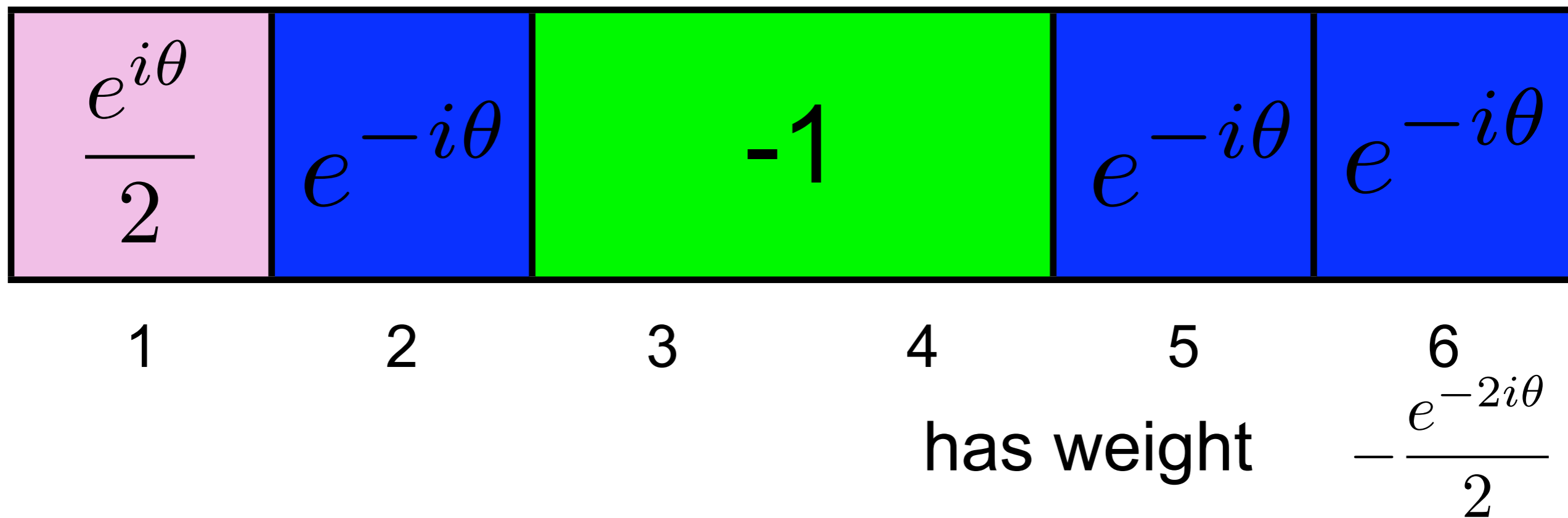


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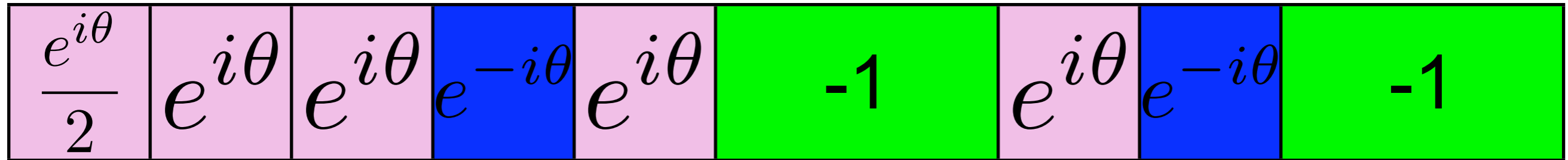
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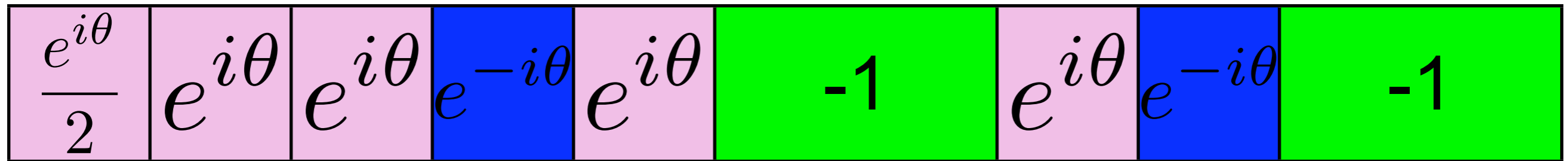
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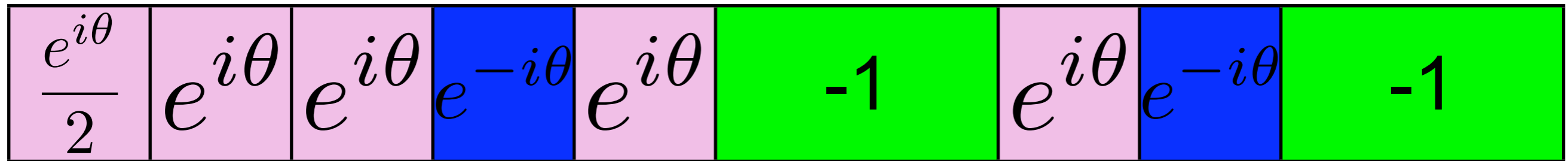
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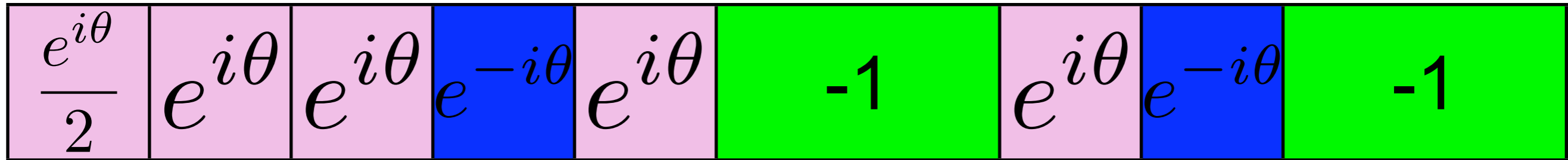
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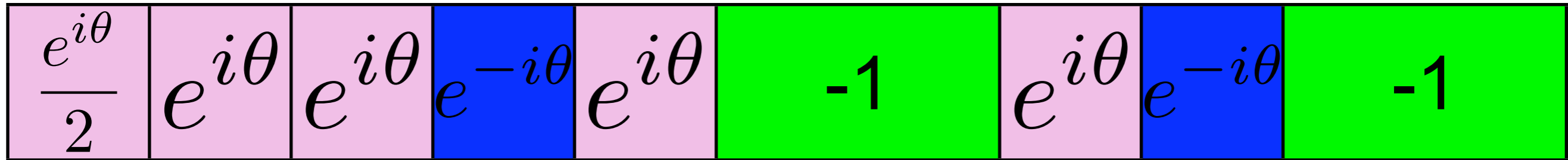
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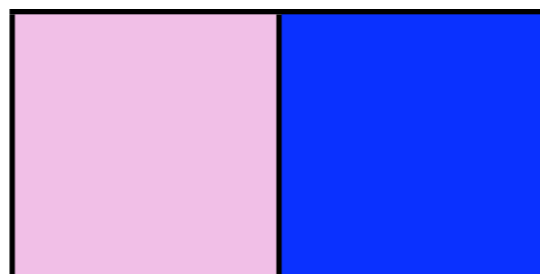
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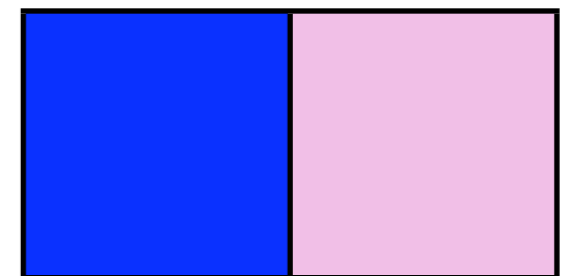
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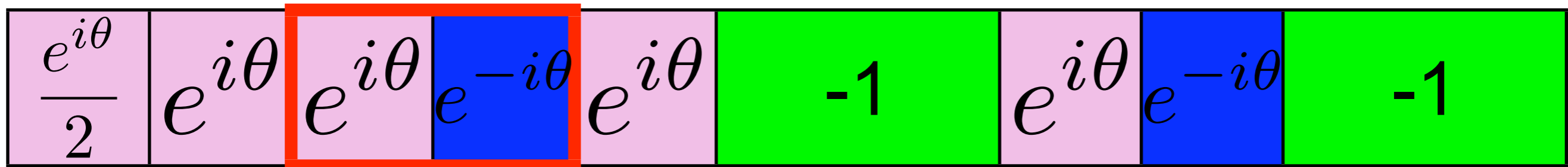


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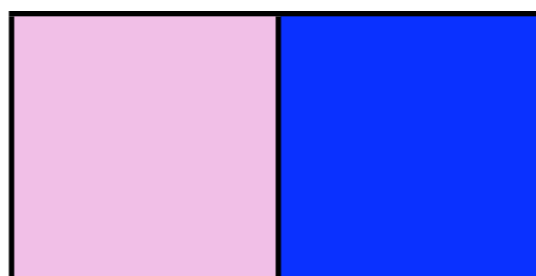
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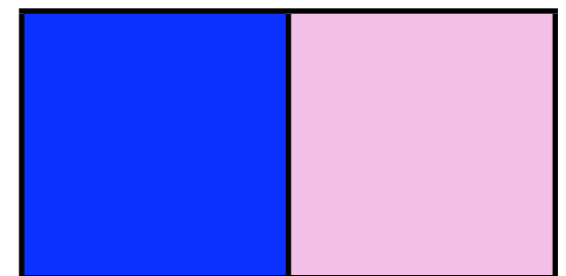
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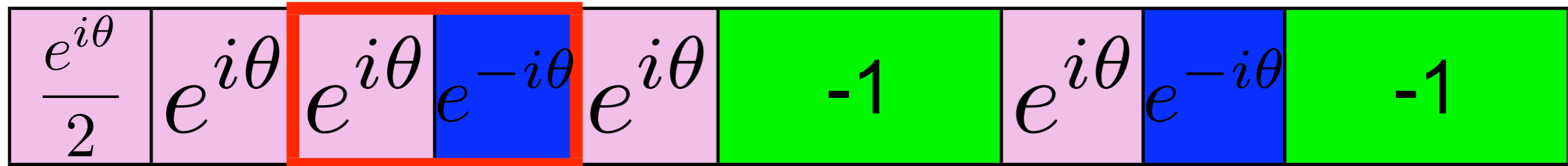
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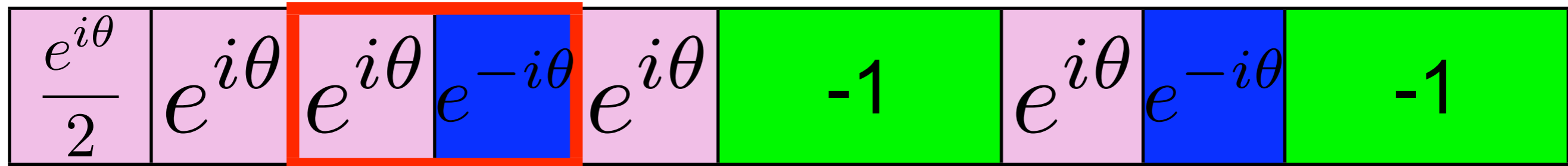
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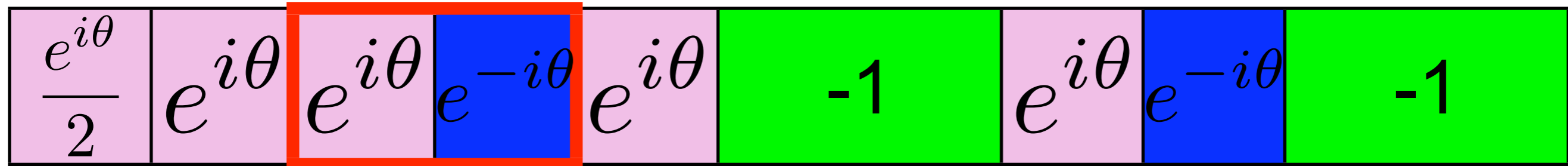


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Find a mate of opposite weight!

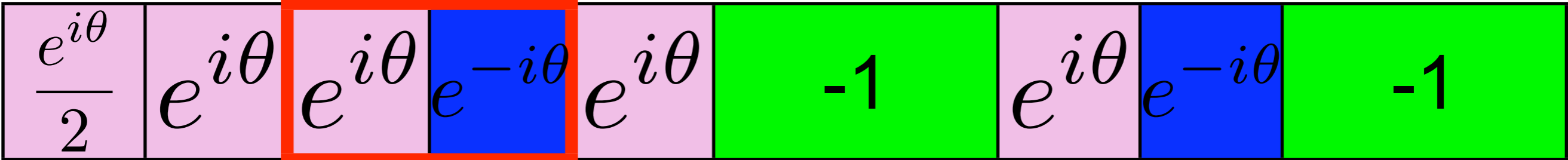
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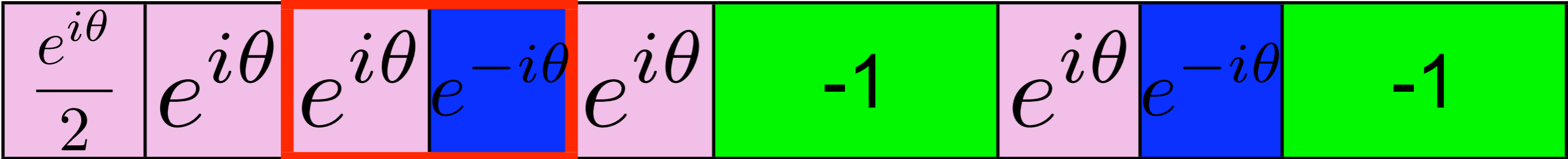
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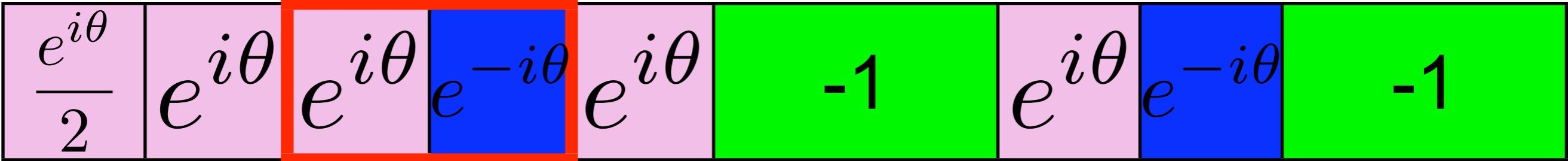


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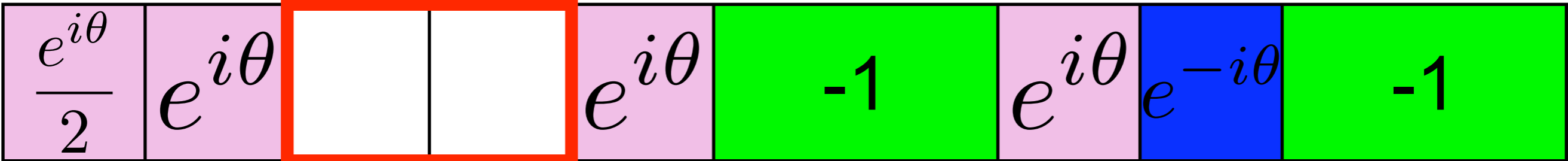


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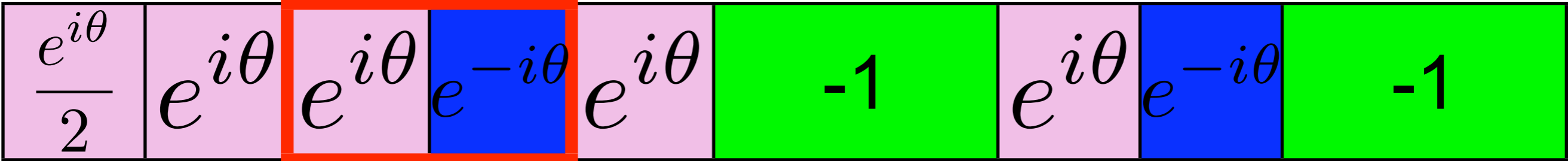


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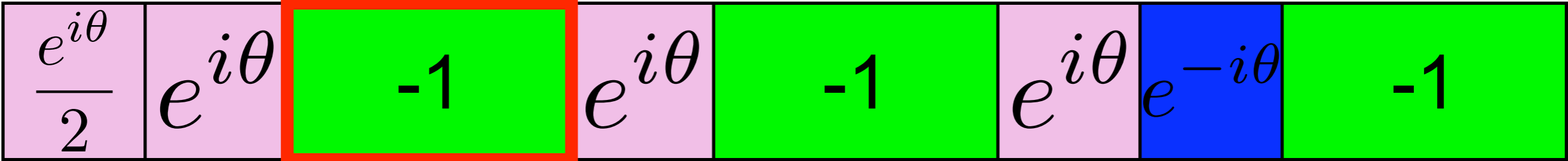


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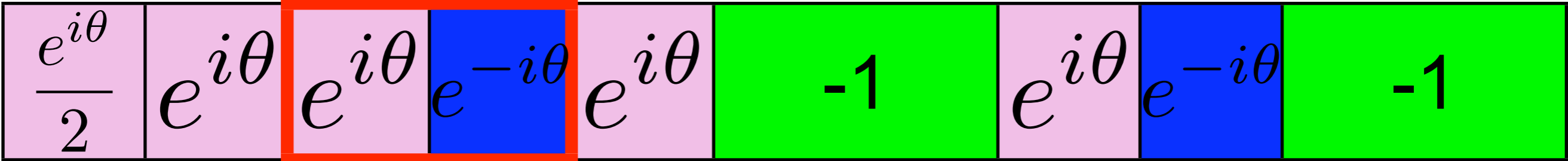


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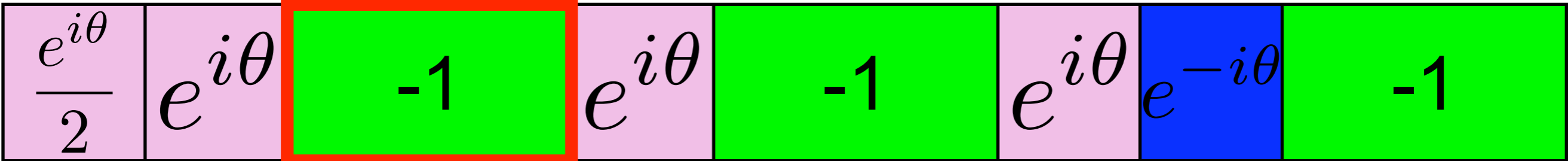


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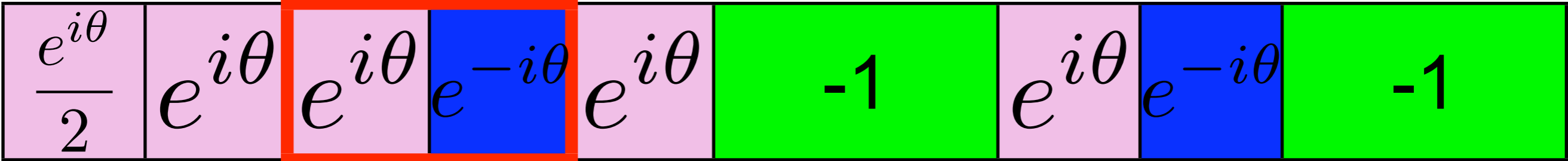


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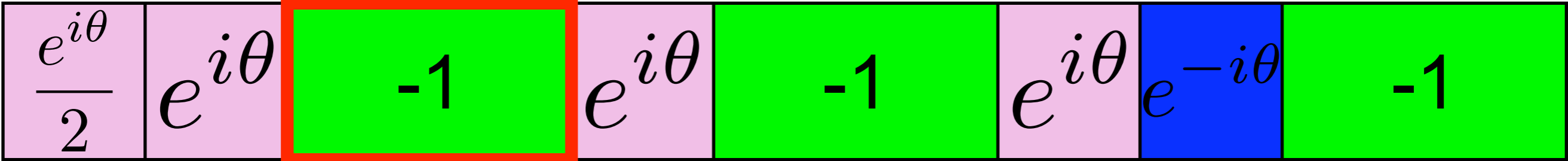


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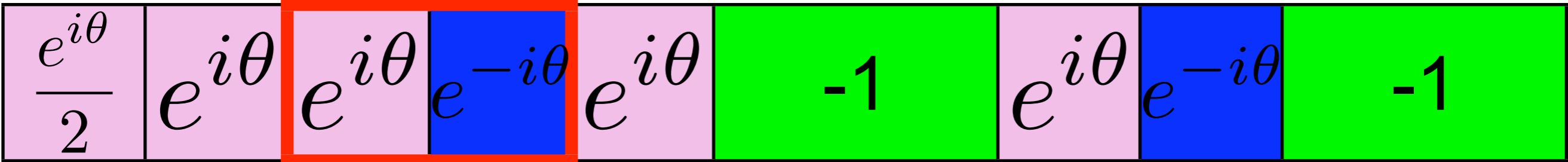


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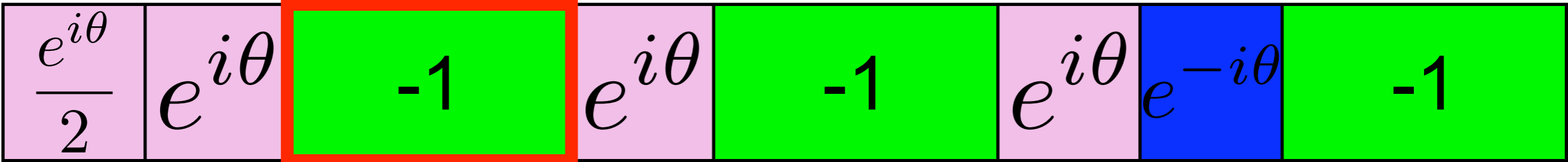


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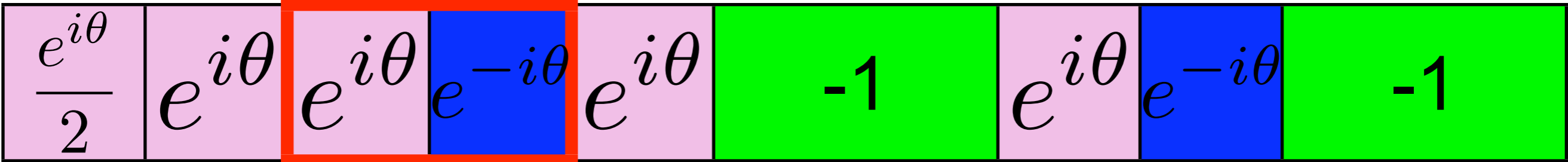
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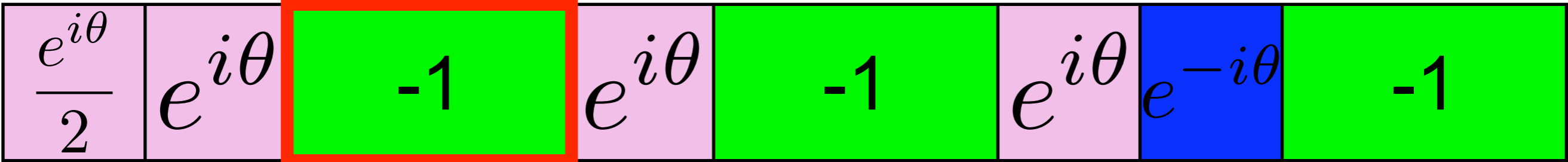
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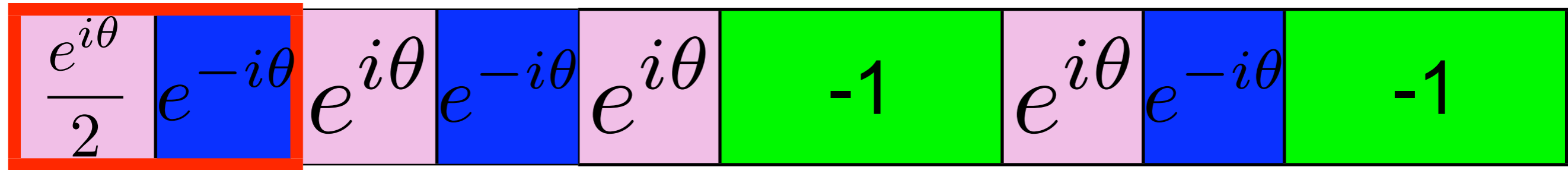
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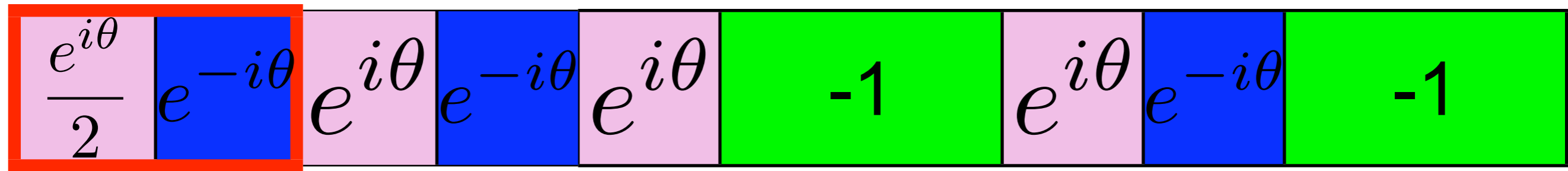
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Their weights sum to zero!

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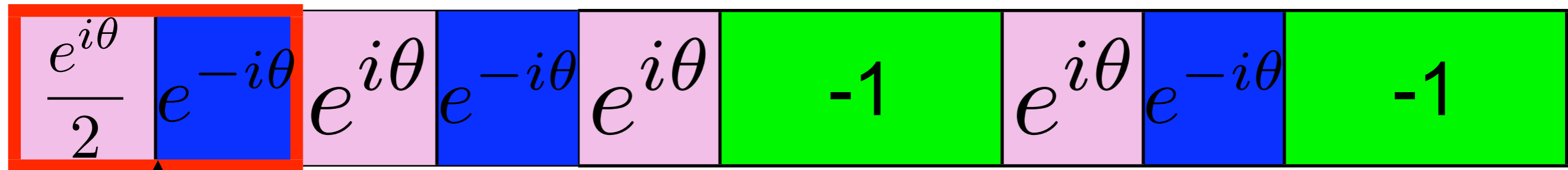


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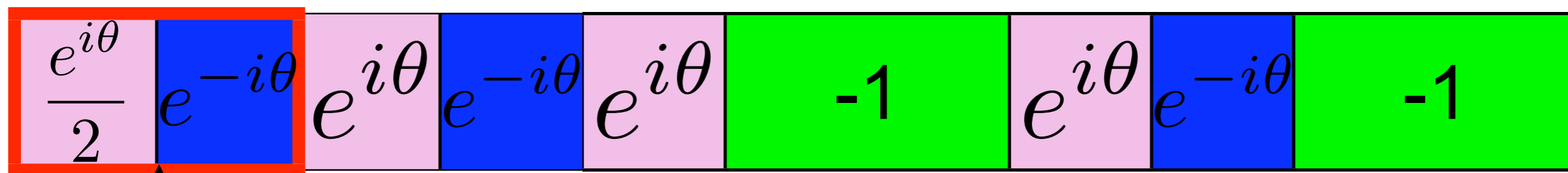
Find a trio that sums to zero!

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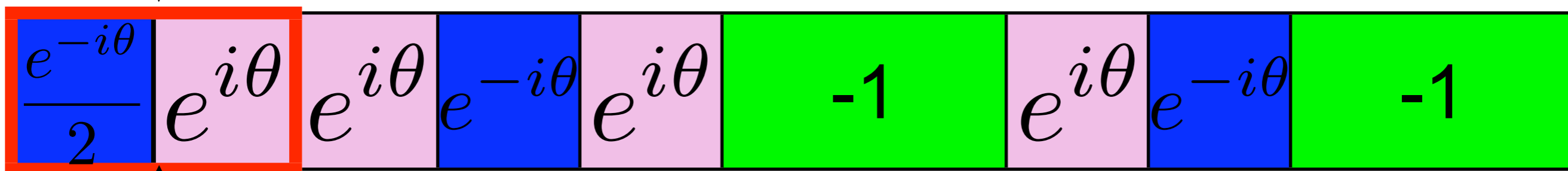
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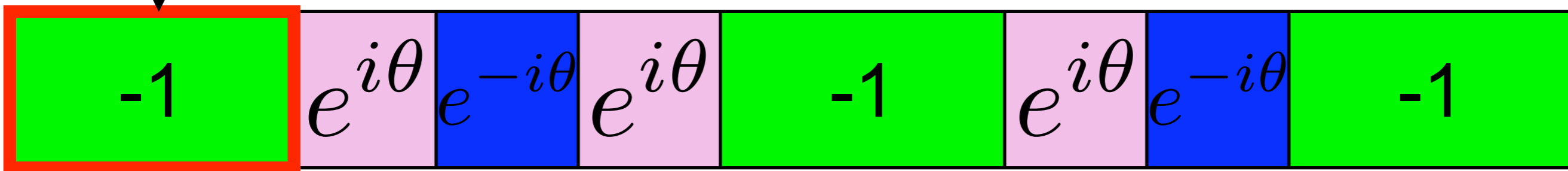


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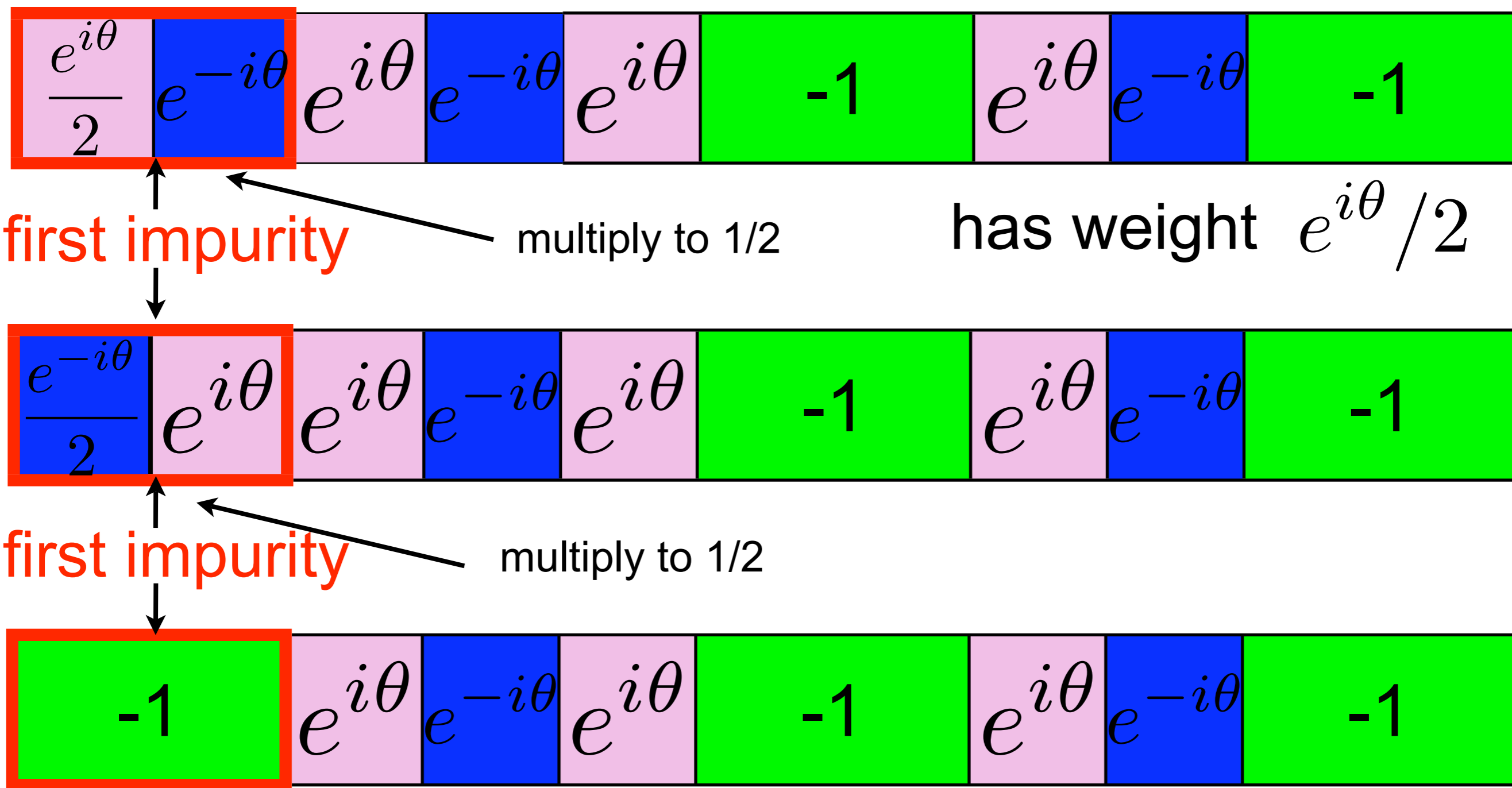
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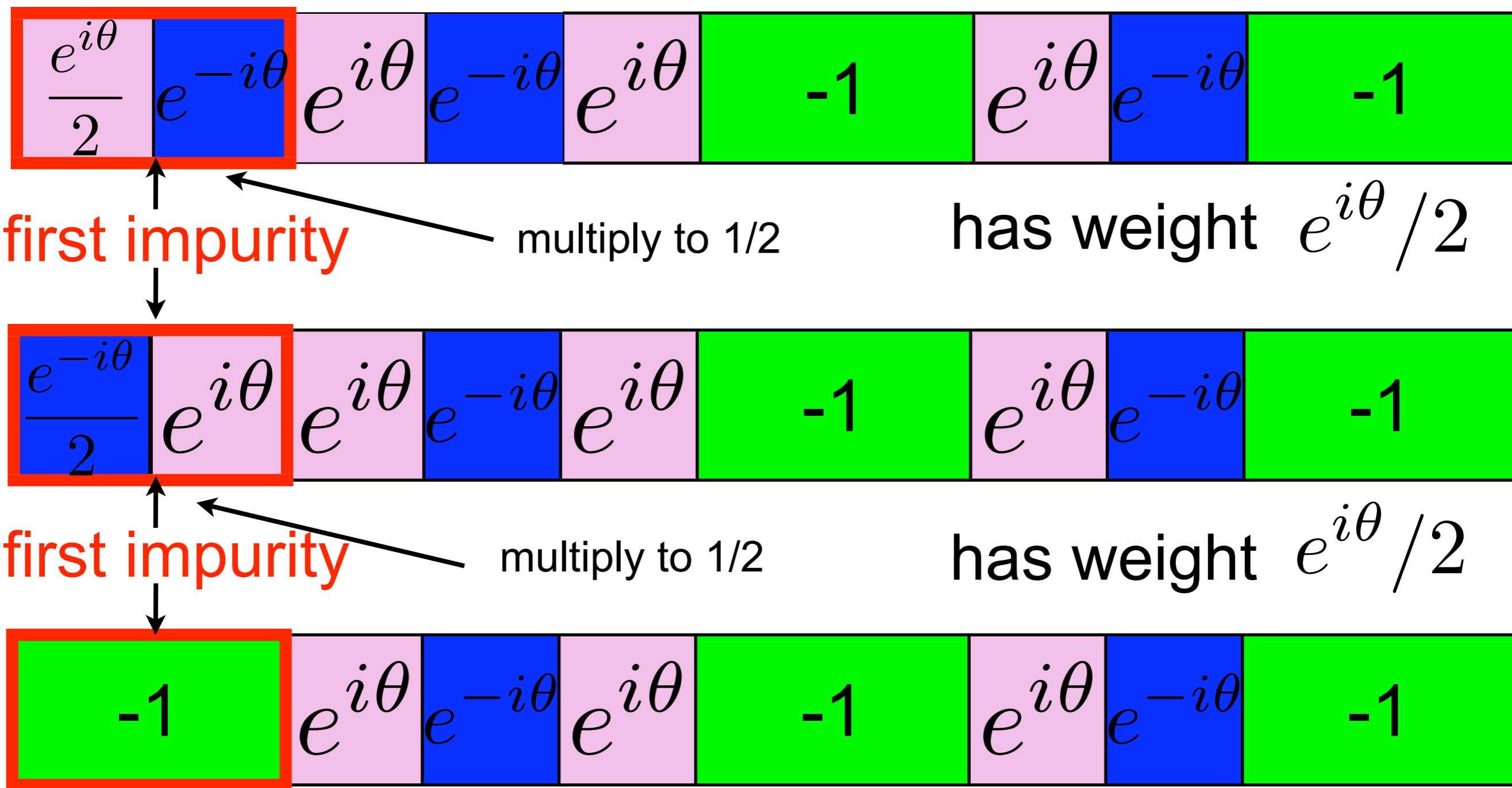
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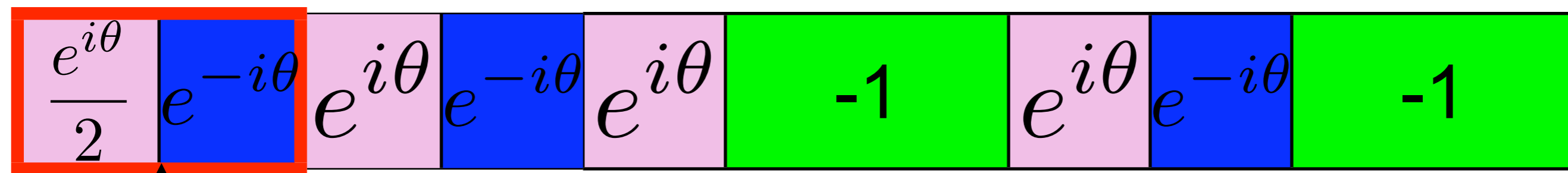
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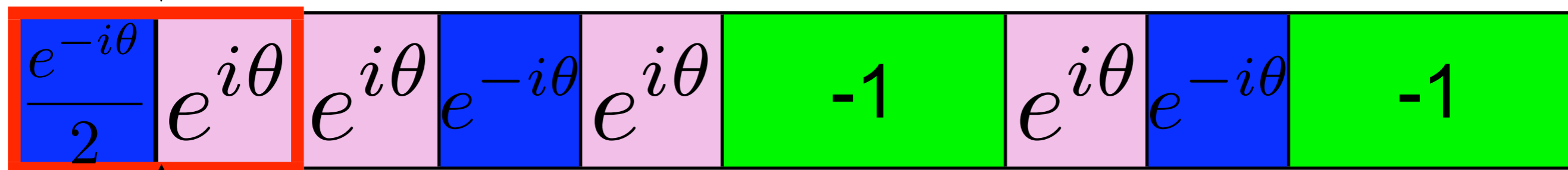
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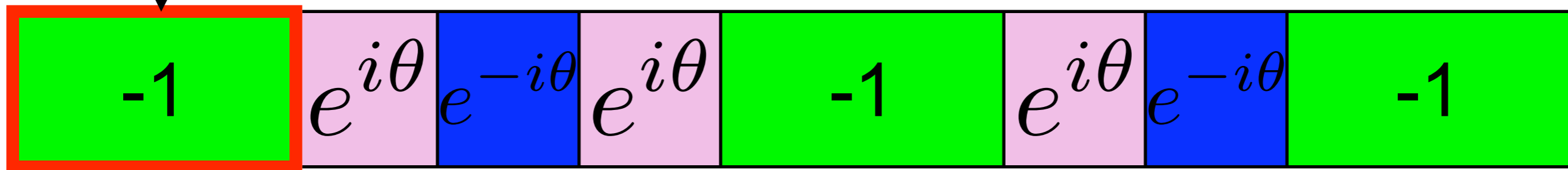
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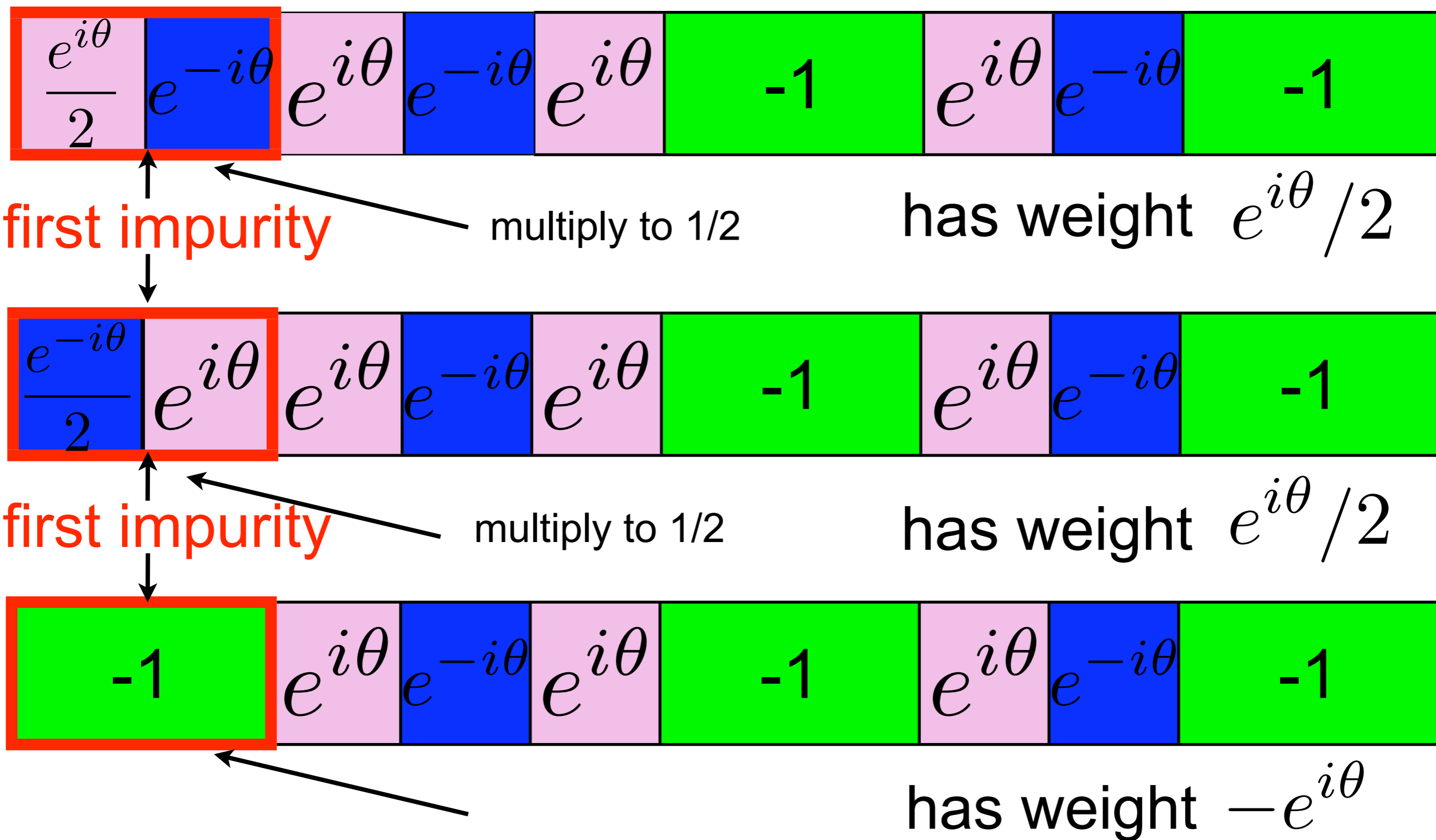
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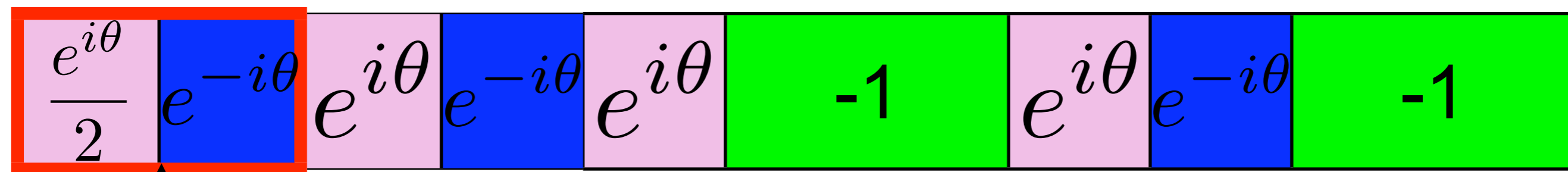
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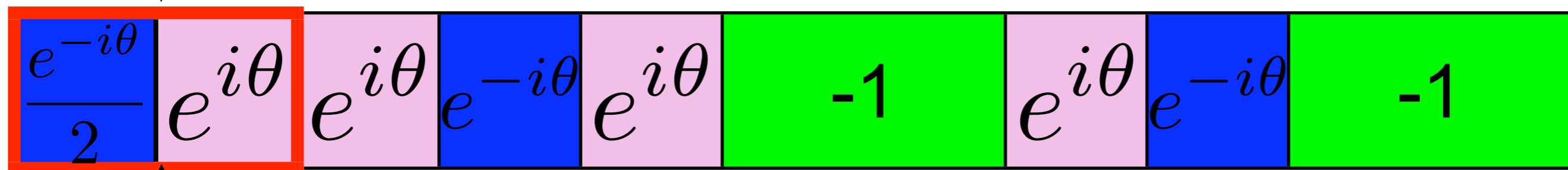
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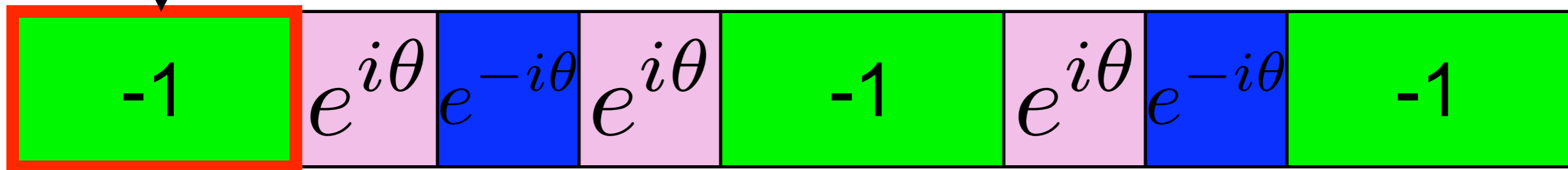
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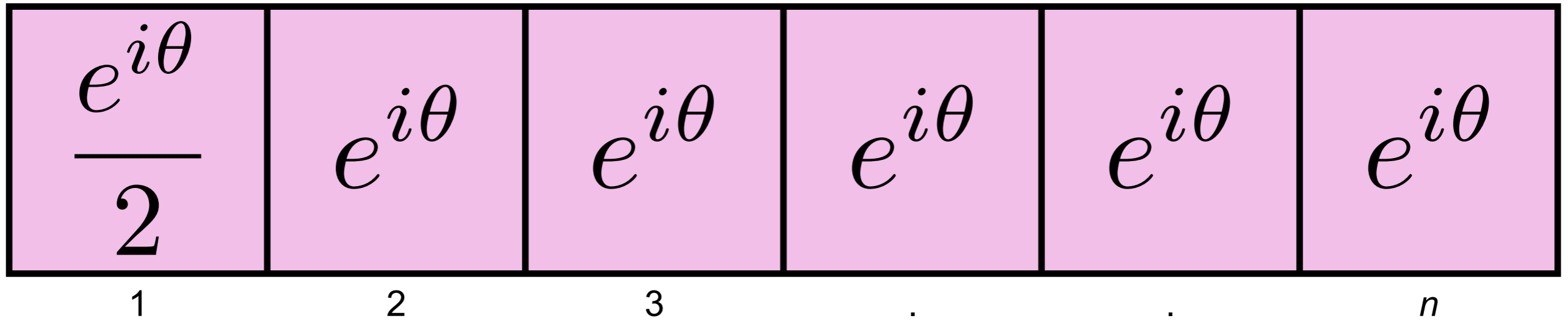
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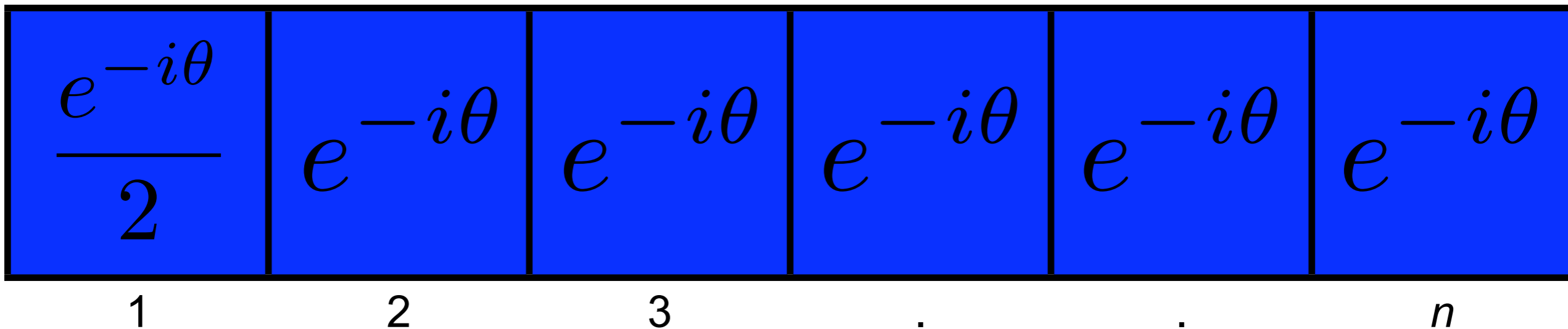
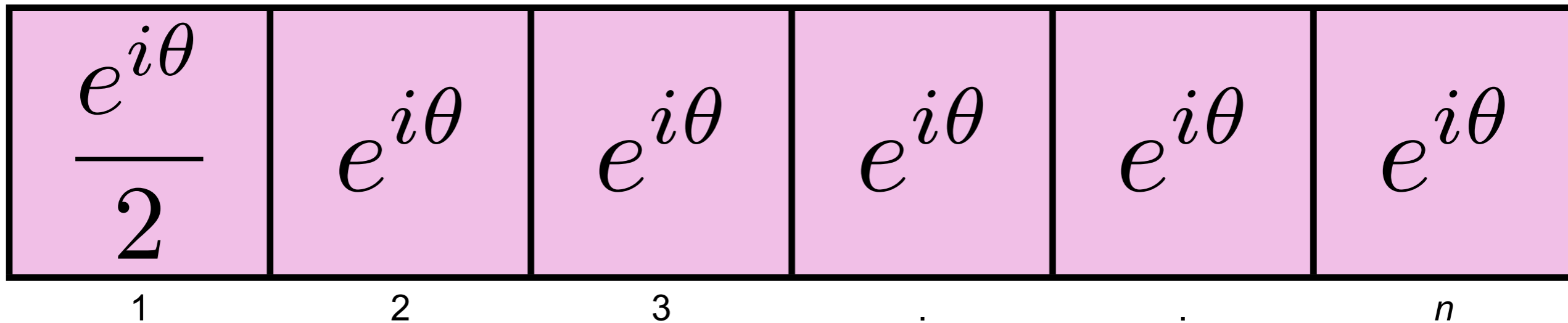
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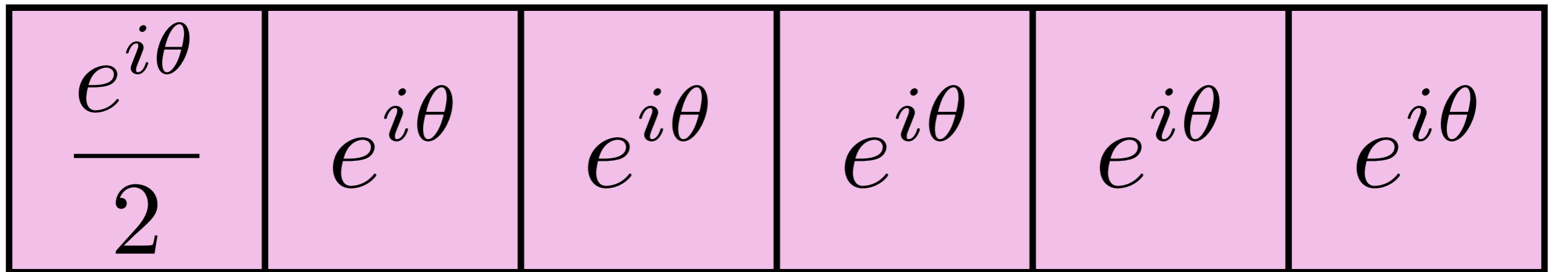
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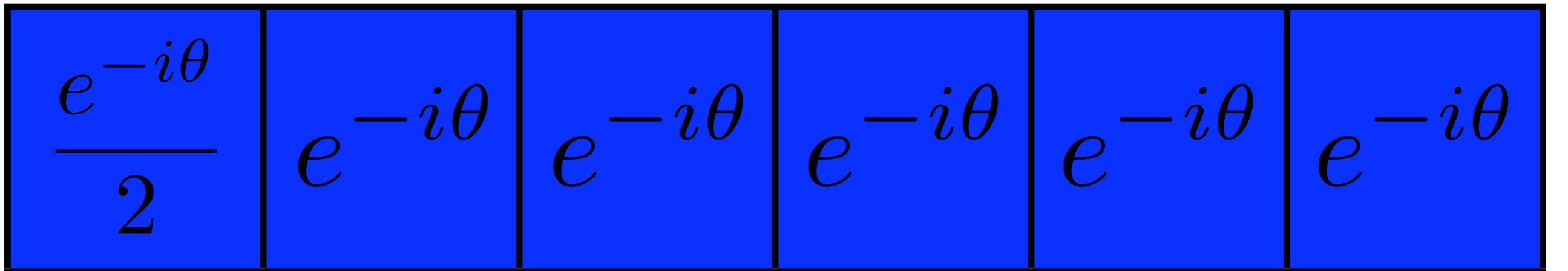
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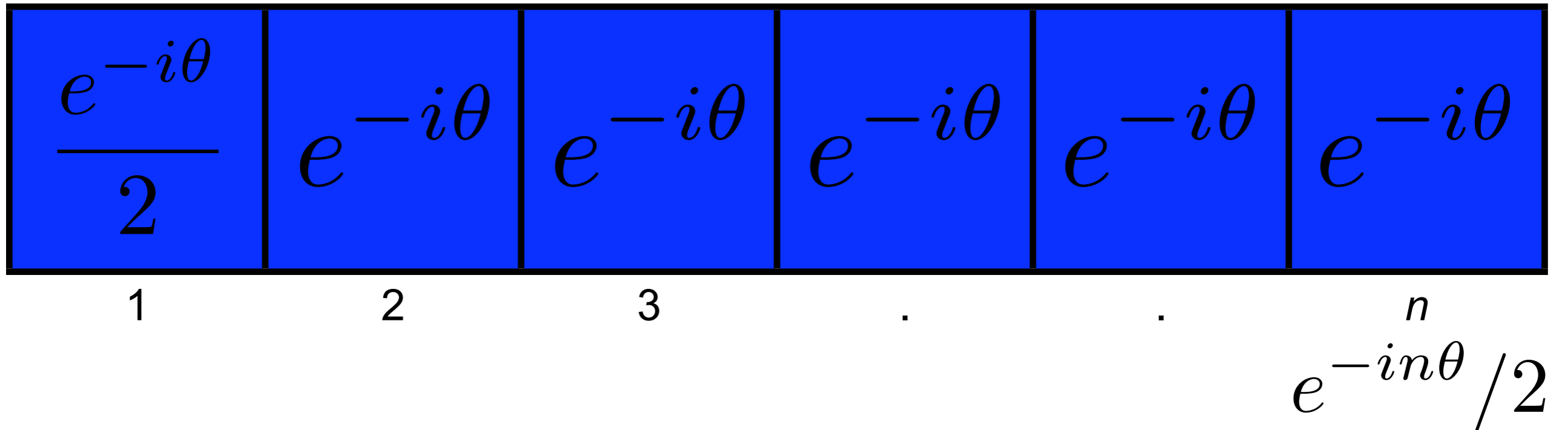
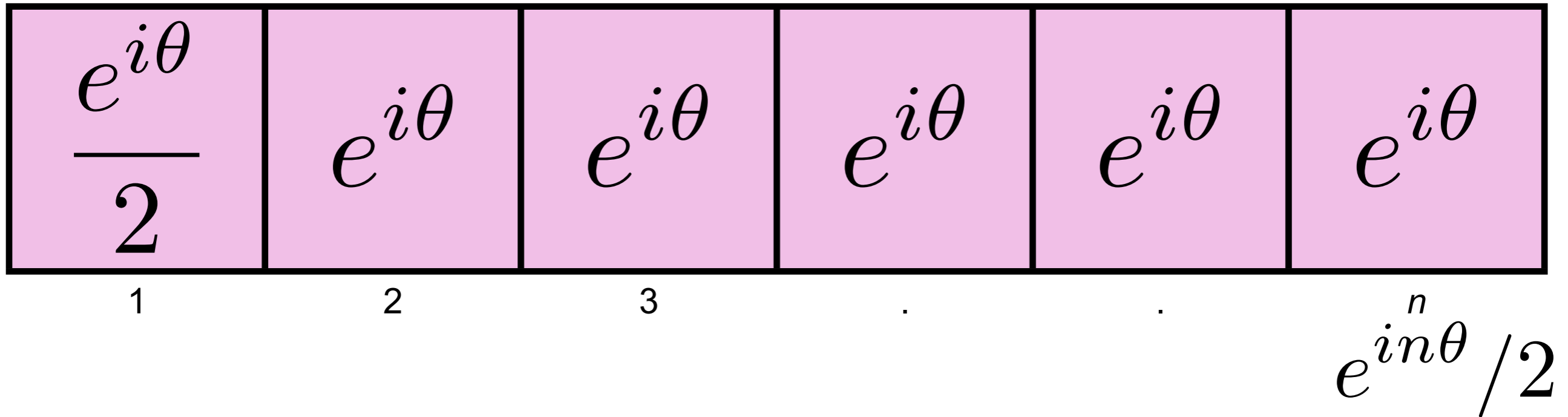
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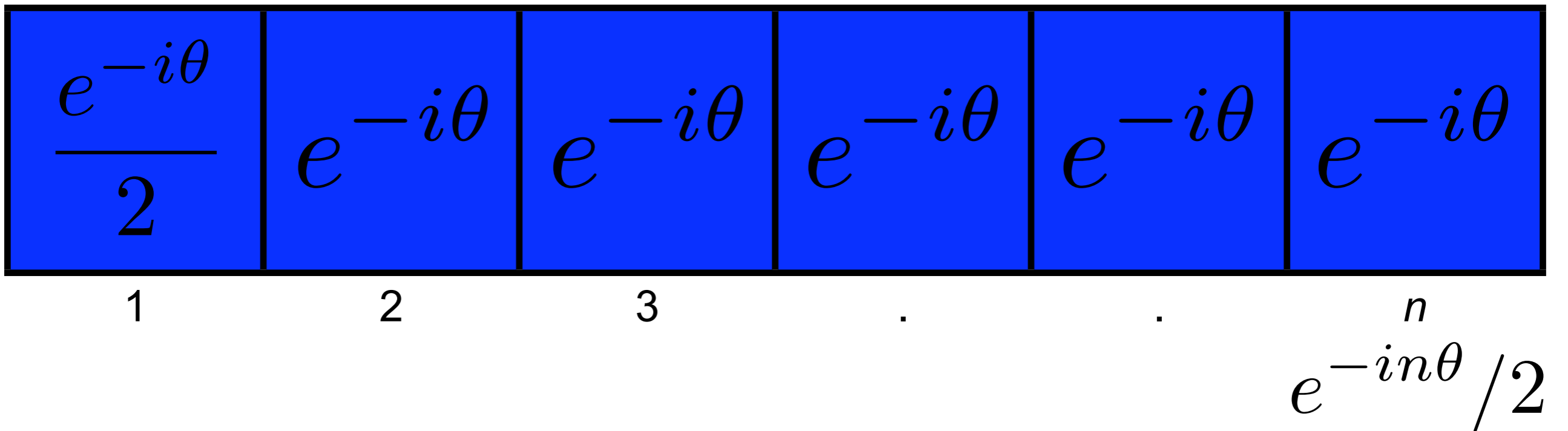
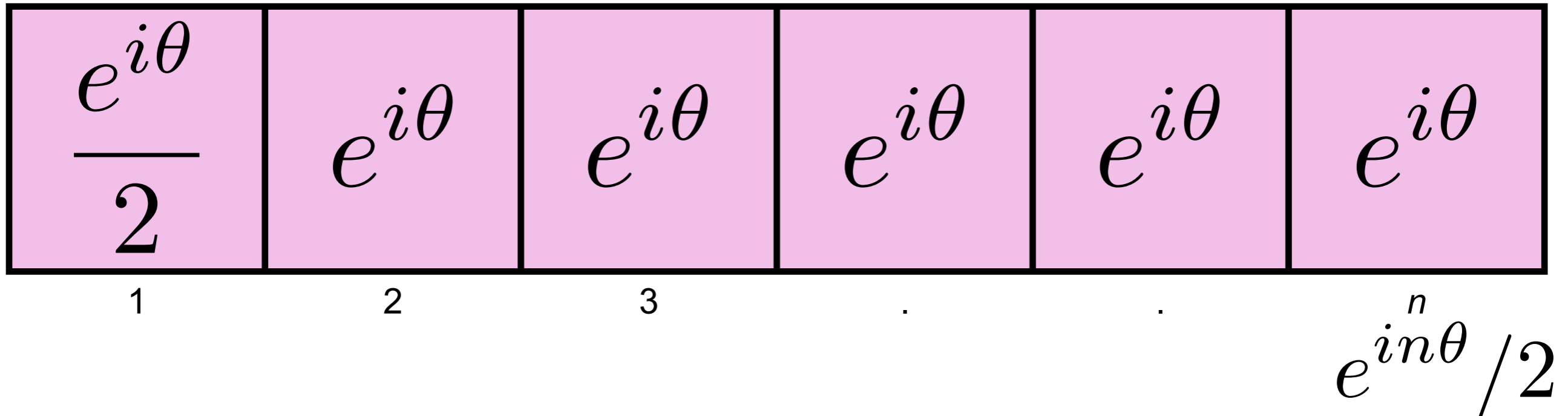
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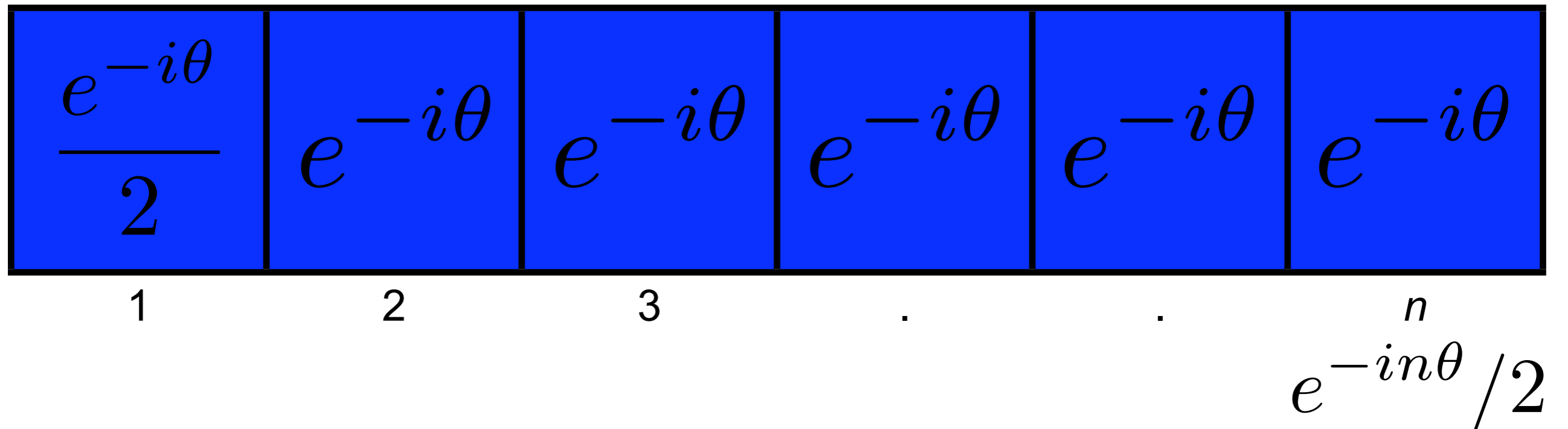
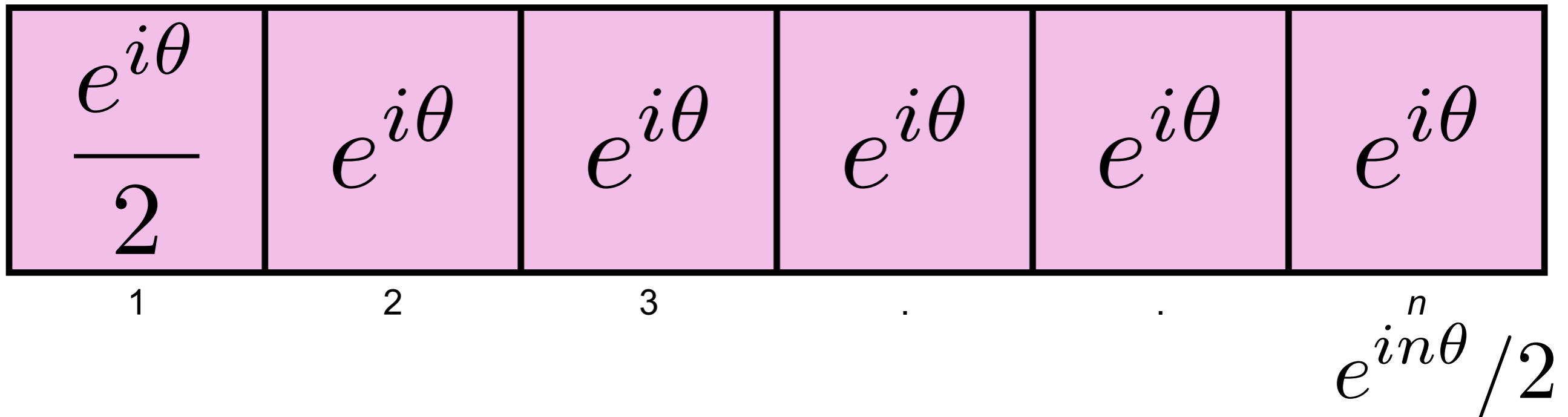


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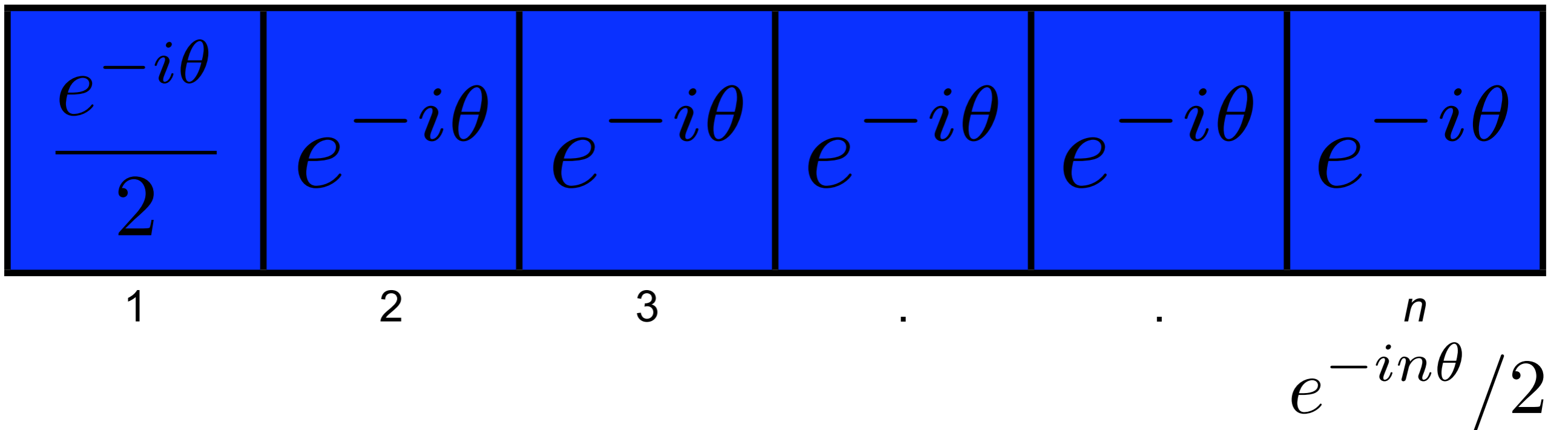
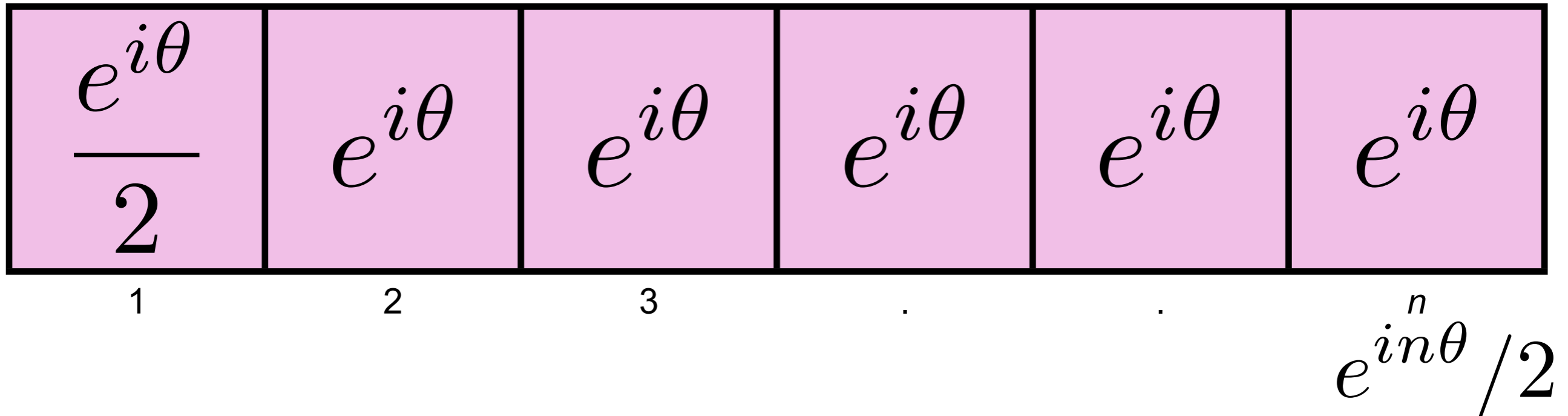
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