Lecture 25

Designing Sequence Algorithms

Announcements for This Lecture

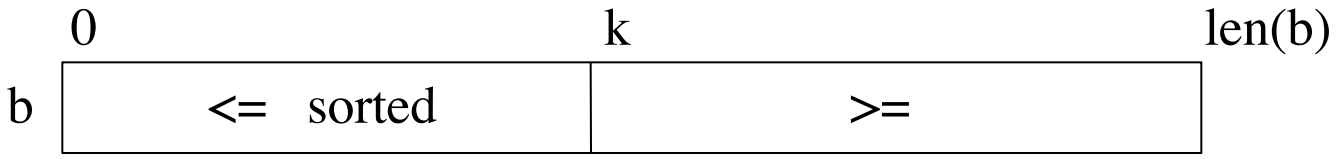
Next Week

- There is no lab next week
  - But Tuesday hours are open
  - Open to **EVERYONE**
  - Go for help on lab or A7
- But lecture is **important**
  - Continue Today's topic
  - Setting us up for sorting
- Try to finish lab 12 first
  - Frees remaining time for A7

Assignment 7

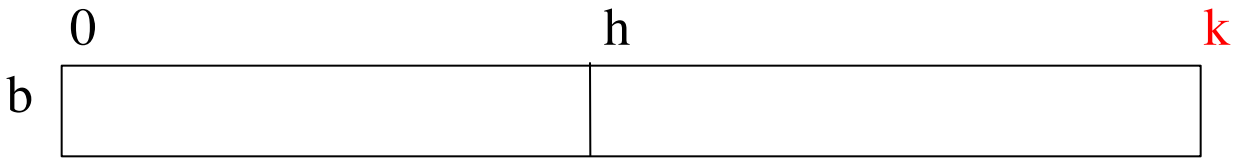
- Start working on it now!
  - Timeline is very important
  - Else too much stress at end
- **Goal**: Move aliens by Tues
  - Expected to be hardest part
  - Use lab next week
- Need an Extension?
  - Cannot put due date in finals
  - But you are allowed to *ask*

Horizontal Notation for Sequences



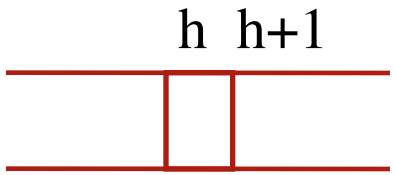
Example of an assertion about an sequence b. It asserts that:

1. b[0..k–1] is sorted (i.e. its values are in ascending order)
2. Everything in b[0..k–1] is ≤ everything in b[k..len(b)–1]



Given index h of the first element of a segment and index k of the element that follows that segment, the number of values in the segment is k – h.

b[h .. k – 1] has k – h elements in it.



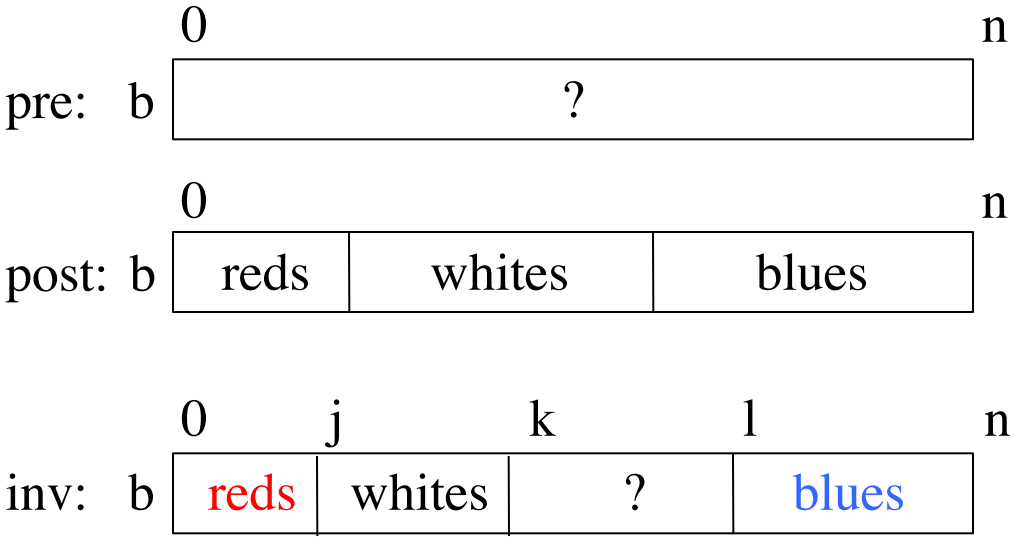
(h+1) – h = 1

Developing Algorithms on Sequences

- Specify the algorithm by giving its precondition and postcondition as pictures.
- Draw the invariant by drawing another picture that "generalizes" the precondition and postcondition
  - The invariant is true at the beginning and at the end
- The four loop design questions
  1. How does loop start (how to make the invariant true)?
  2. How does it stop (is the postcondition true)?
  3. How does the body make progress toward termination?
  4. How does the body keep the invariant true?

Generalizing Pre- and Postconditions

- Dutch national flag: tri-color
  - Sequence of 0..n-1 of red, white, blue "pixels"
  - Arrange to put reds first, then whites, then blues



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Make the red, white, blue sections initially **empty**:

- Range i..i-1 has 0 elements
- Main reason for this trick

Changing loop variables turns invariant into postcondition.

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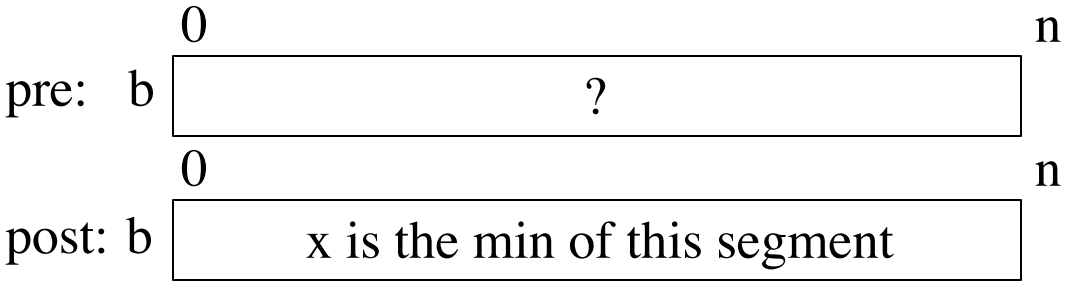

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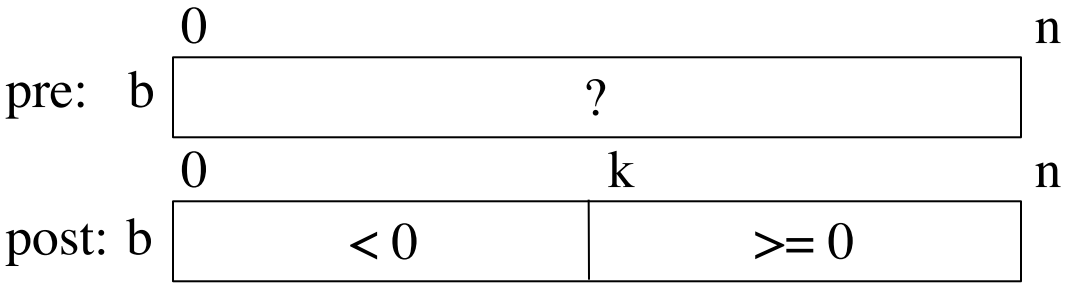

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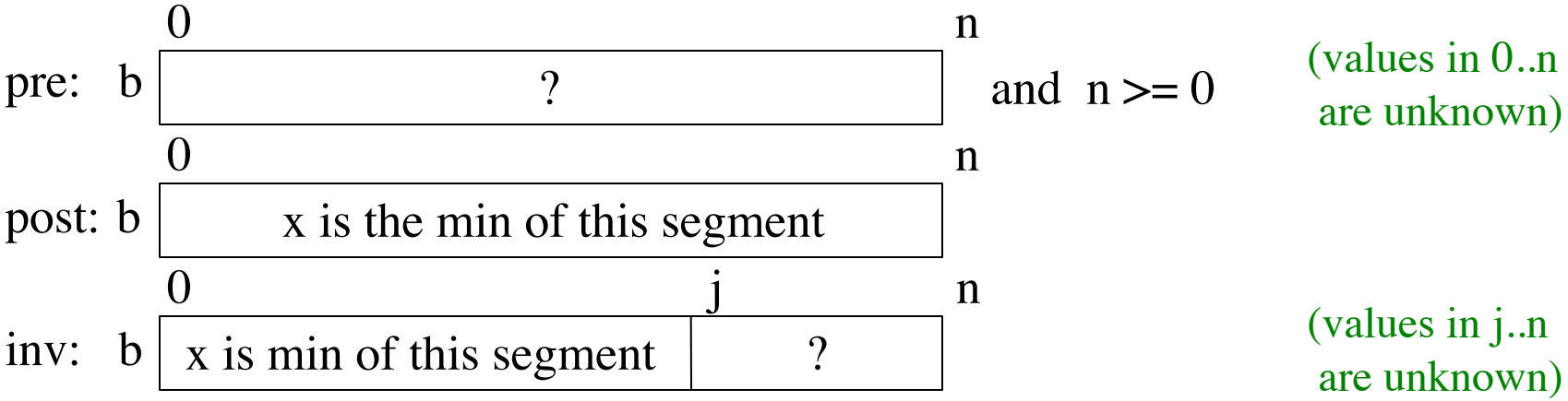

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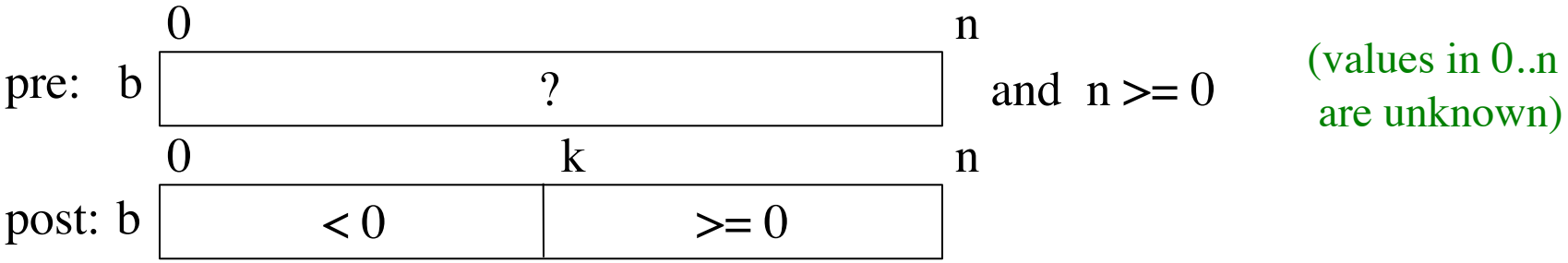

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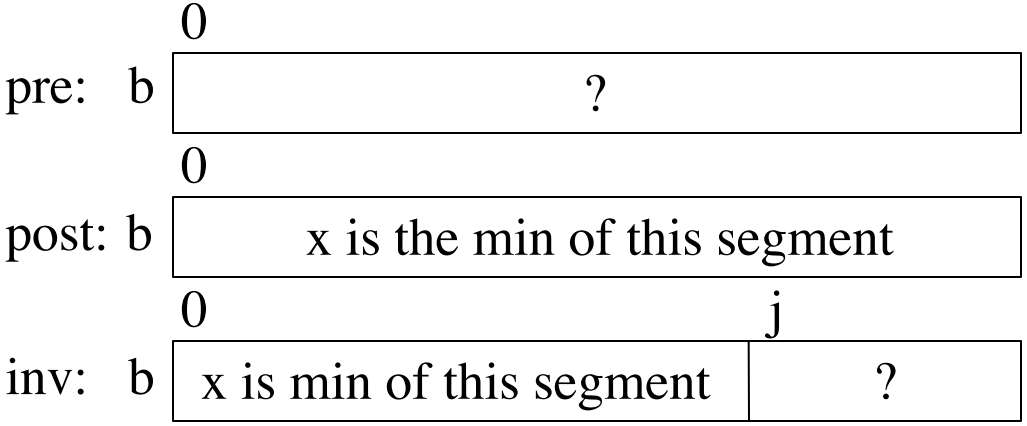

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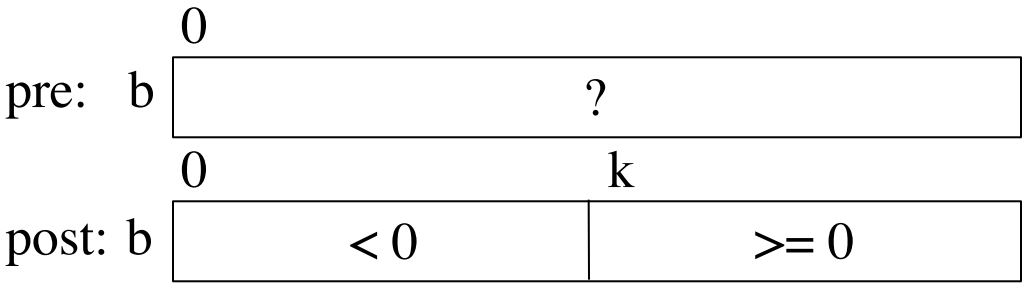

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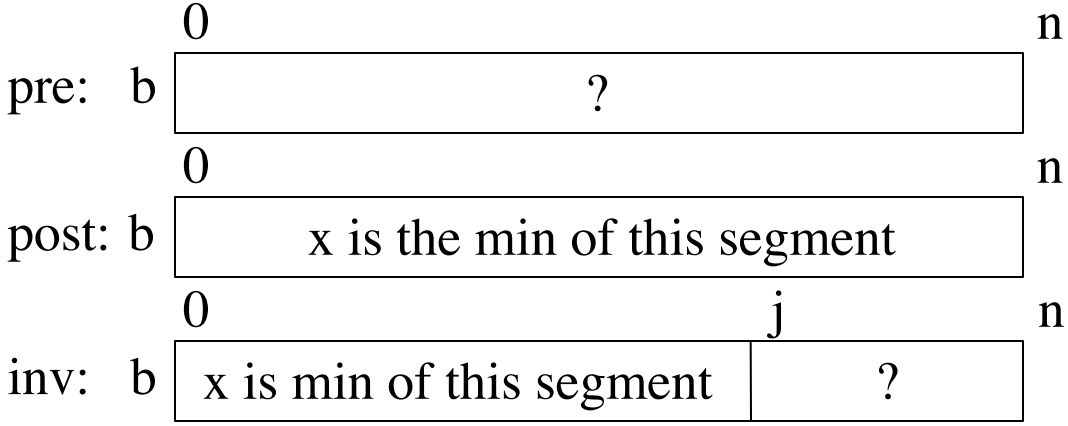

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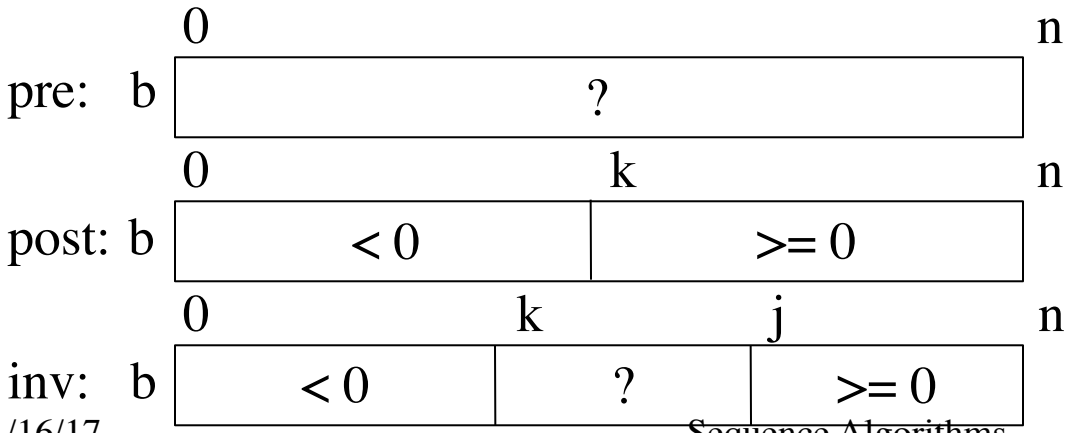

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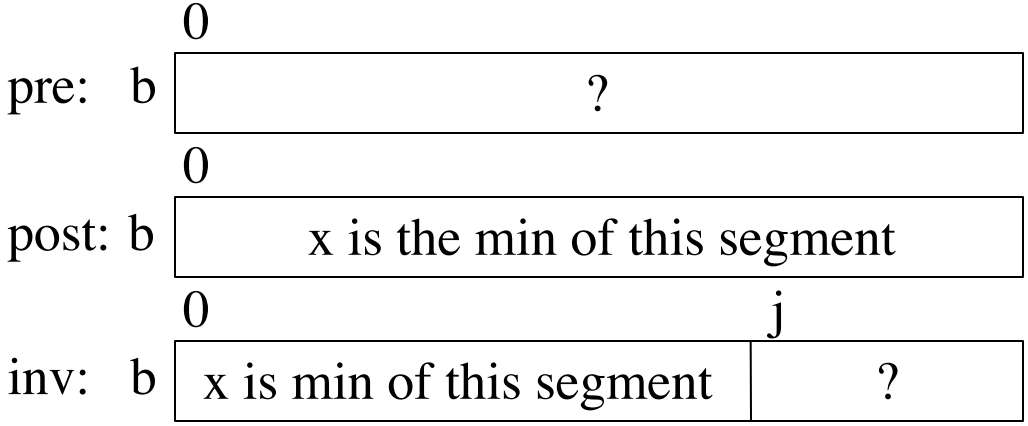

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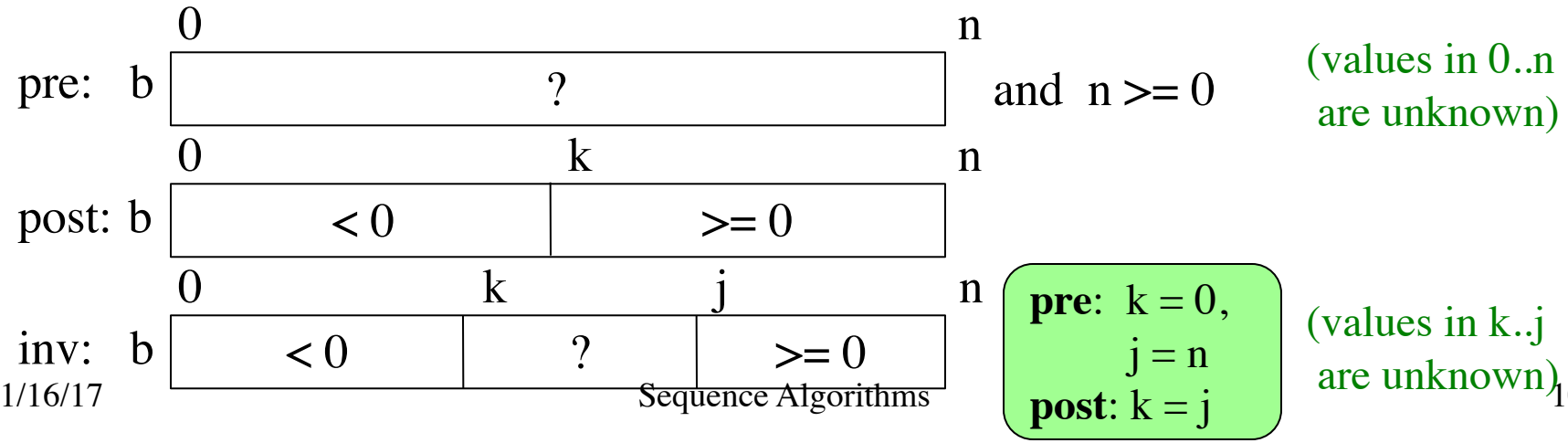

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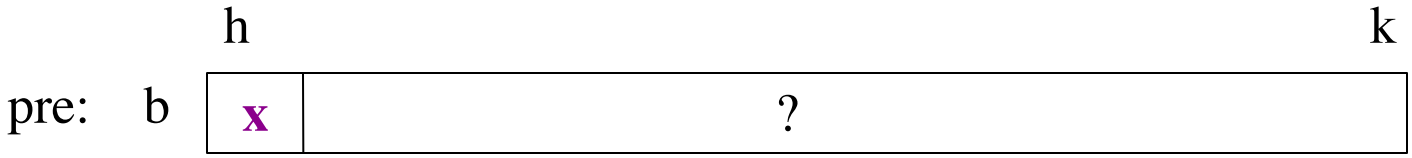

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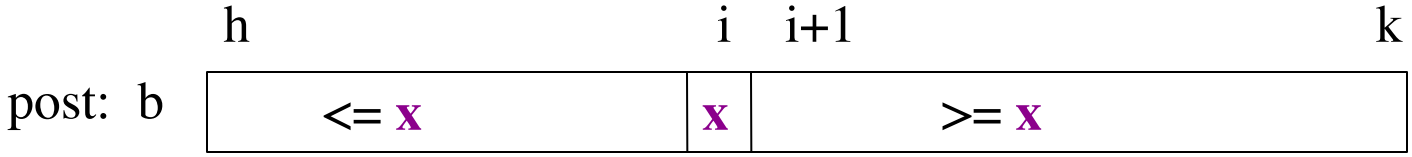

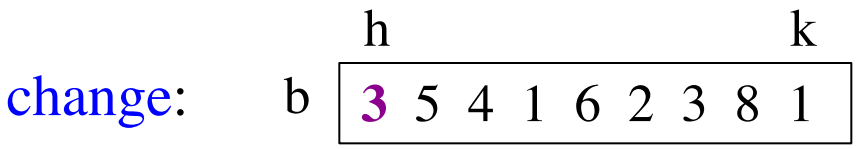

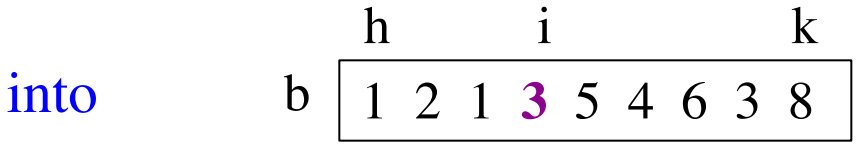

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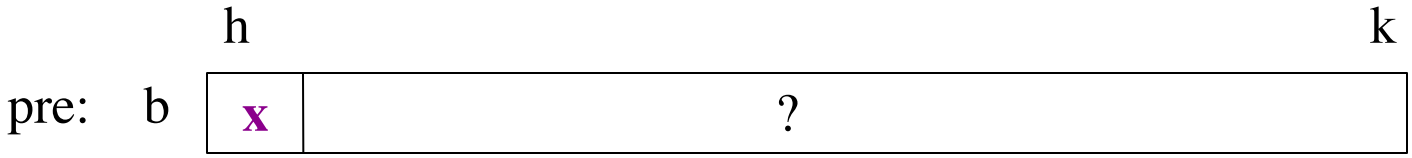

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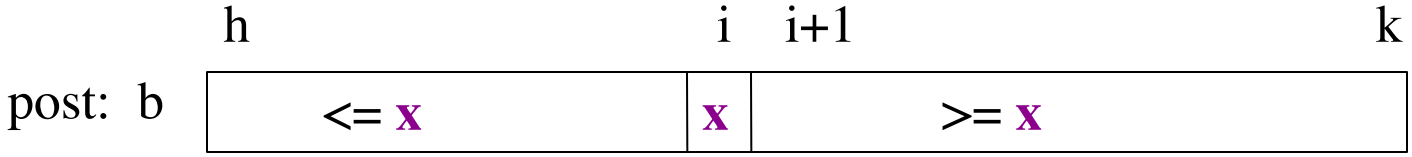

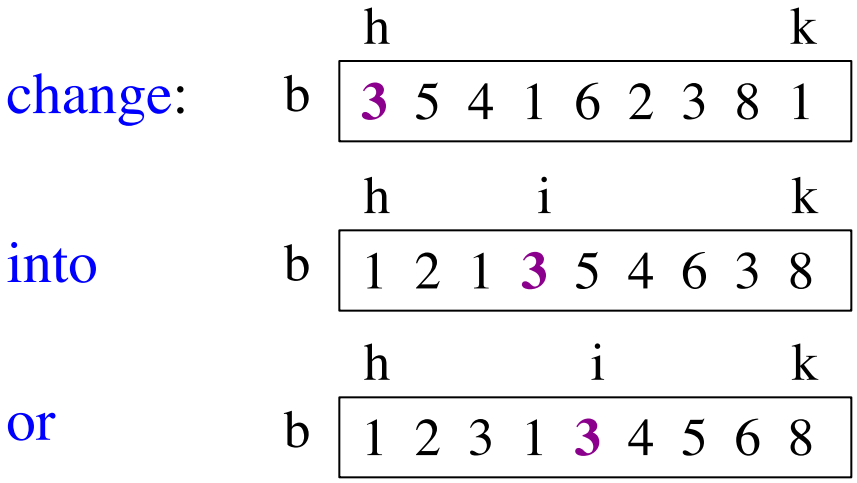

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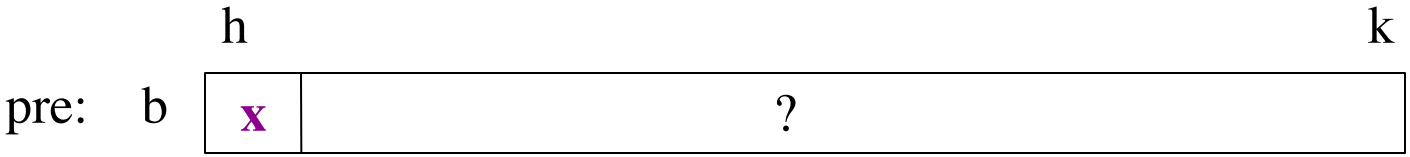

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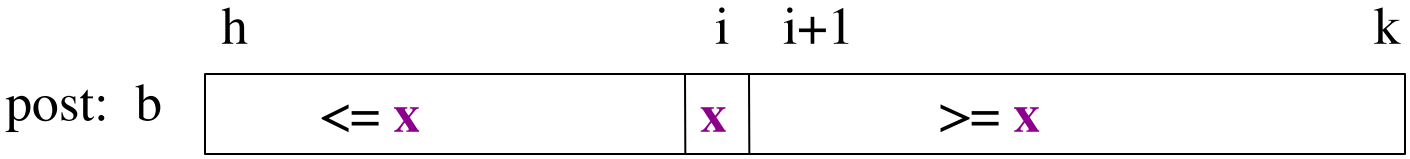

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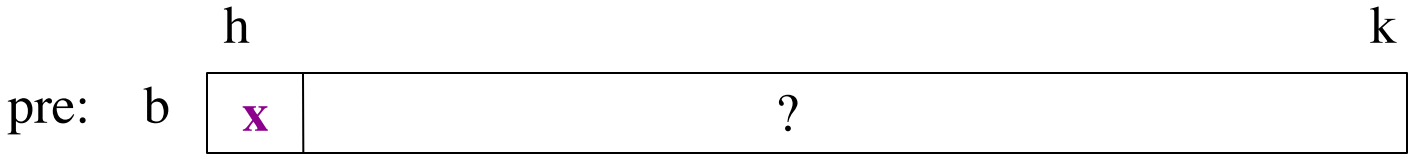

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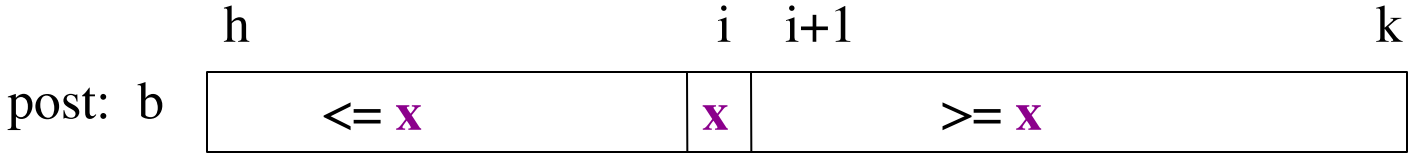

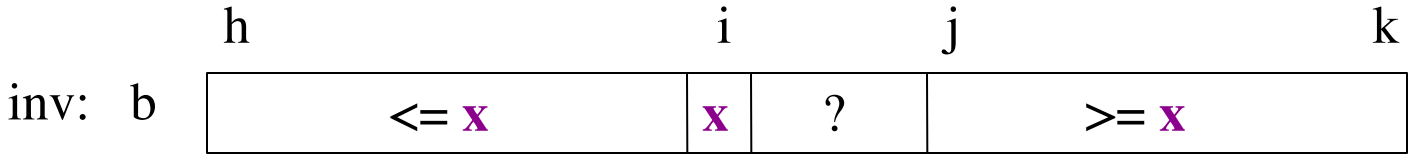

- Agrees with precondition when i = h, j = k+1
- Agrees with postcondition when j = i+1

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partition(b,h,k), not partition(b[h:k+1])

Remember, slicing always copies the list!

We want to partition the **original** list

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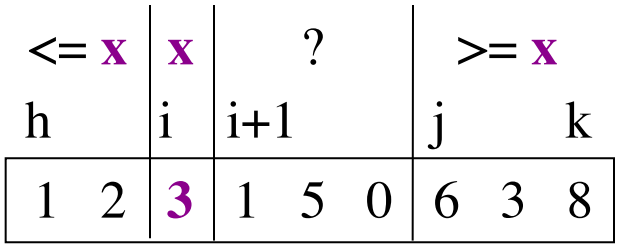

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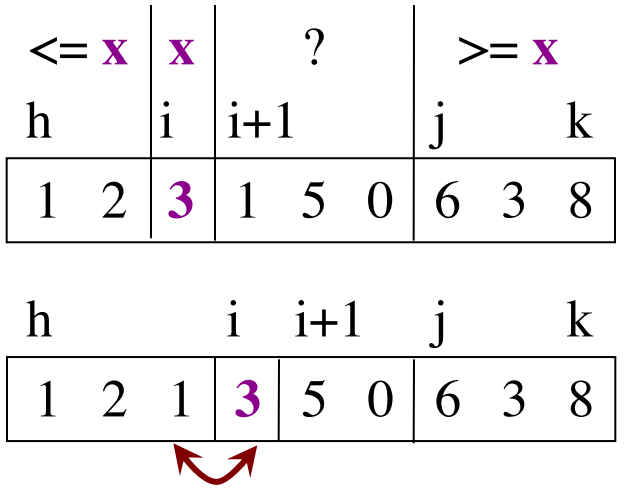

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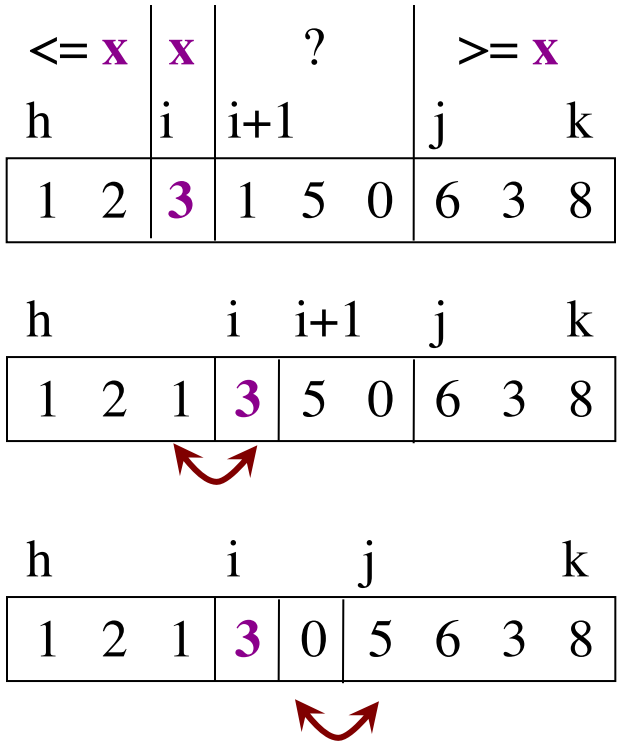

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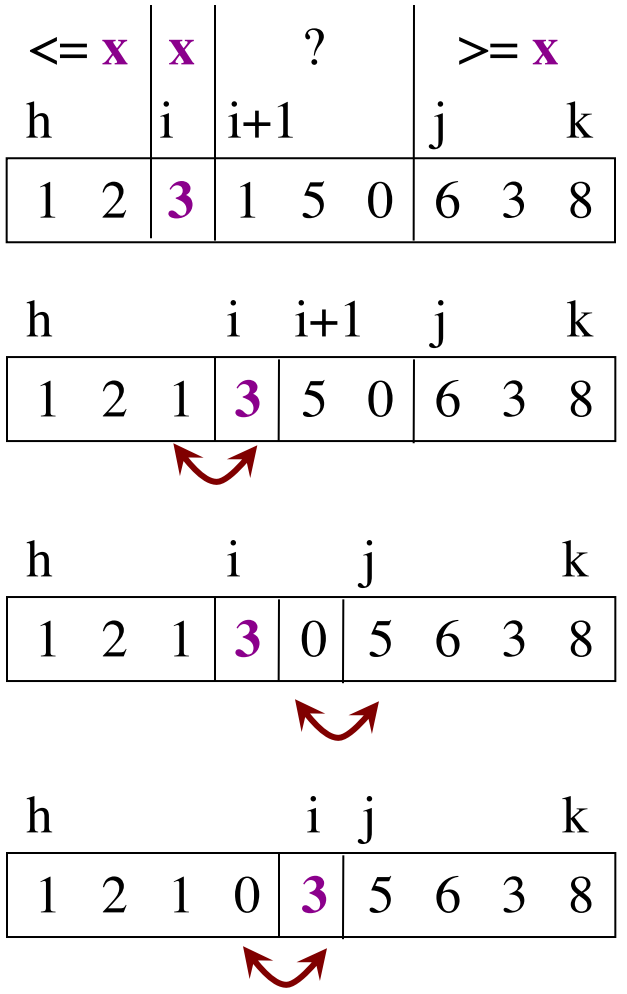

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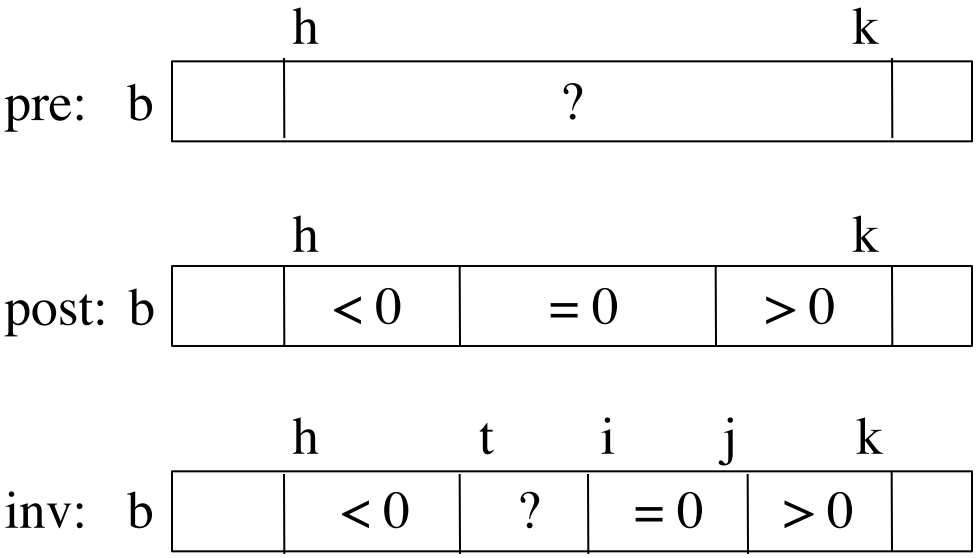

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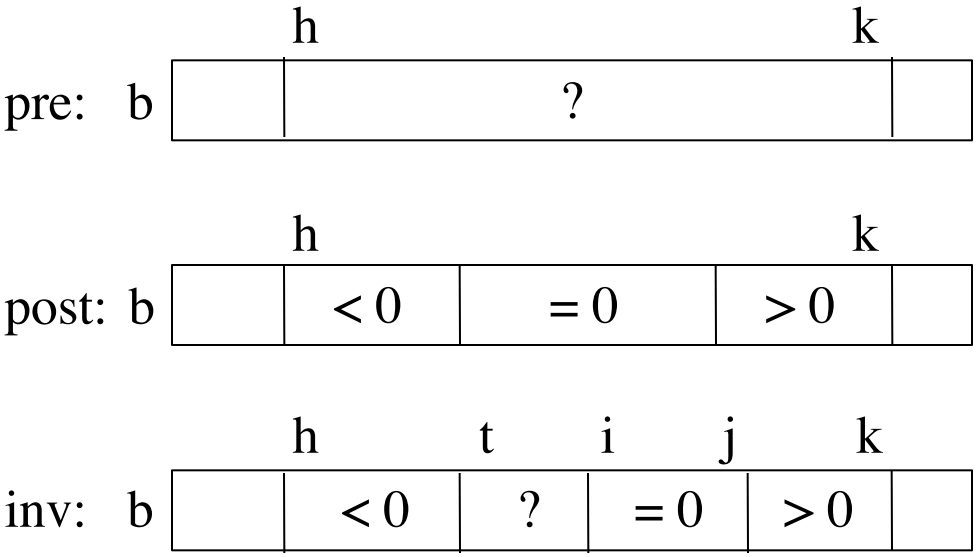

pre: t = h,
i = k+1,
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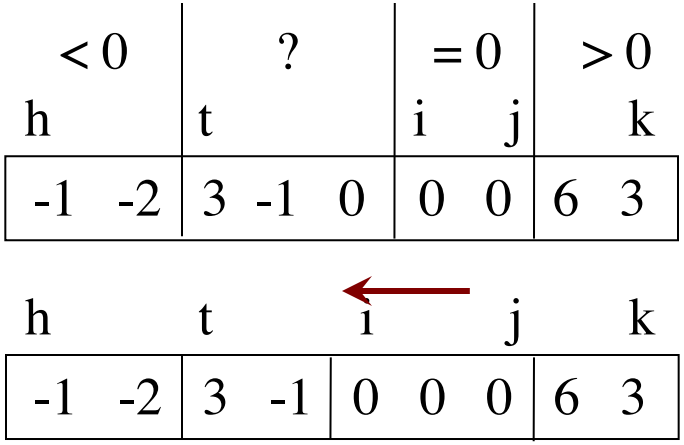

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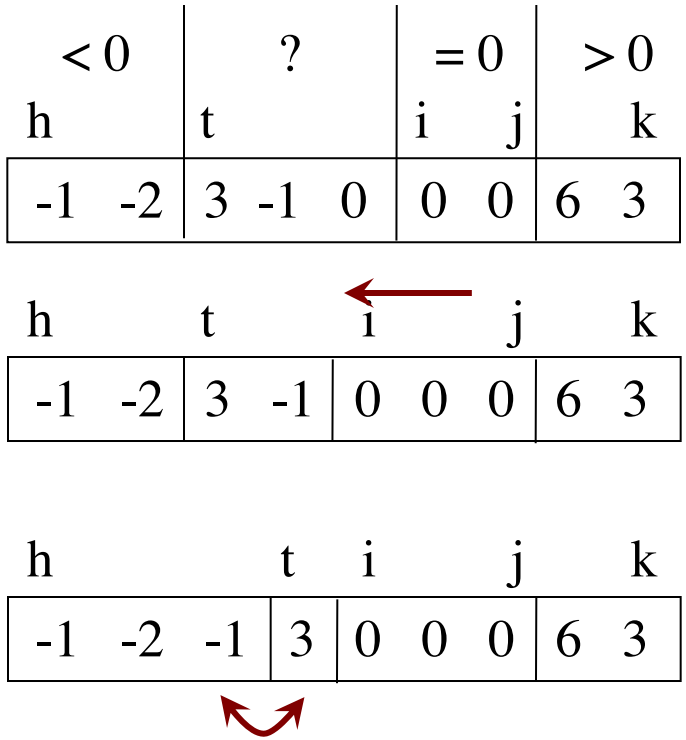

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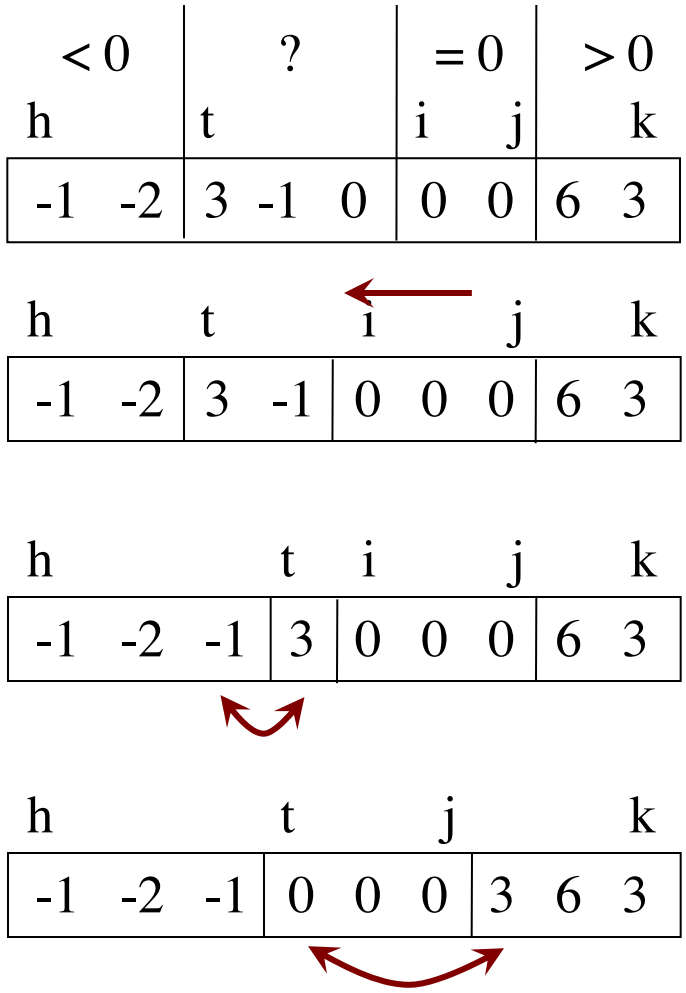

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