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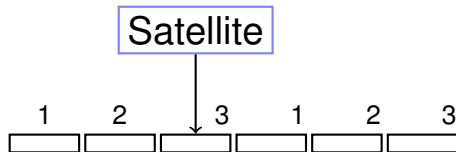
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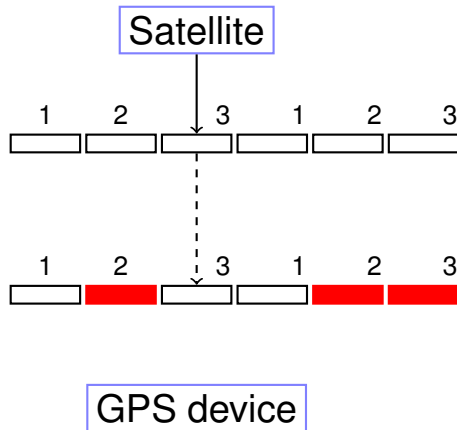


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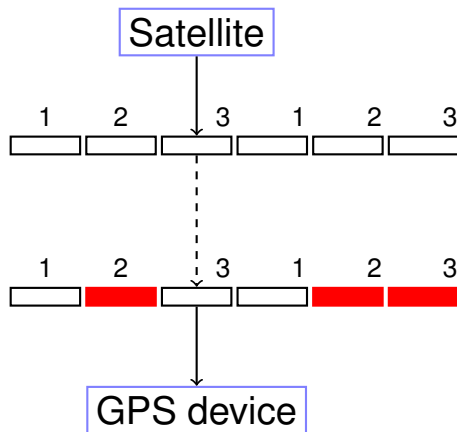
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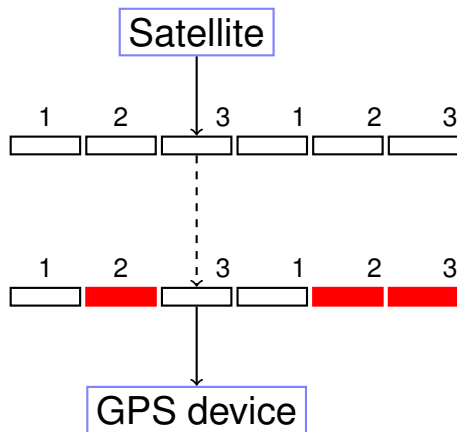
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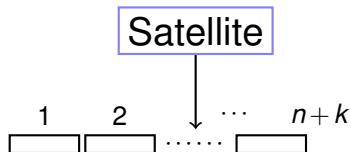
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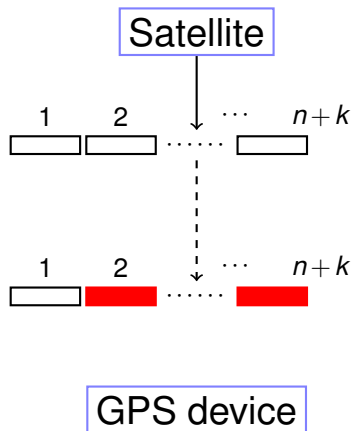


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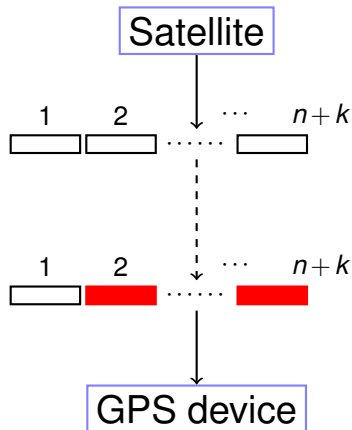
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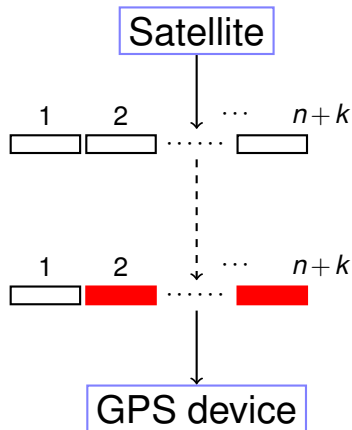
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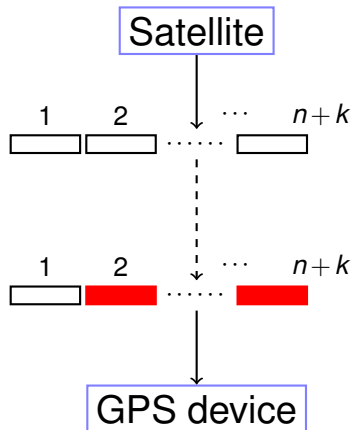


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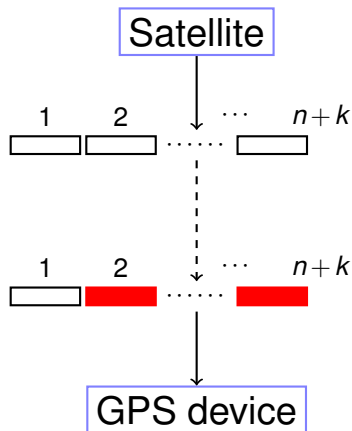
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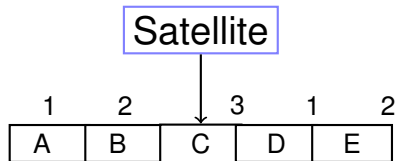
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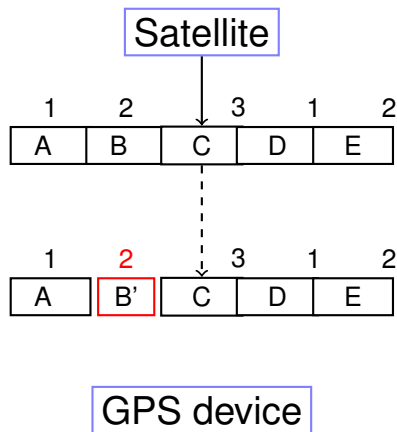


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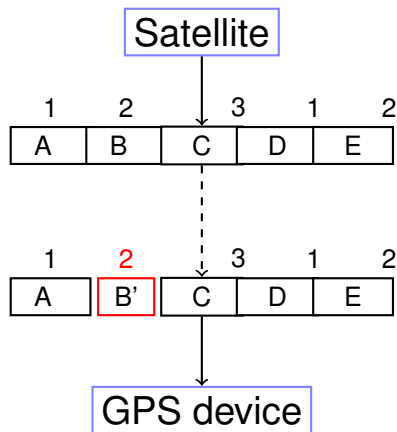
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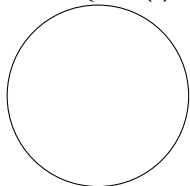
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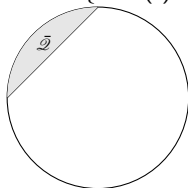
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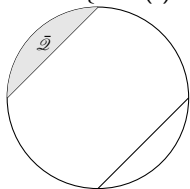
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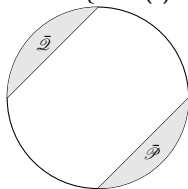
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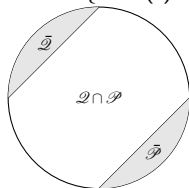
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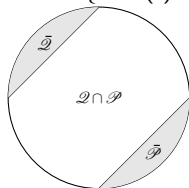
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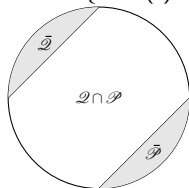
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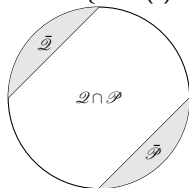
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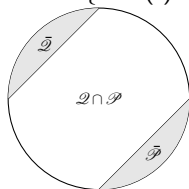
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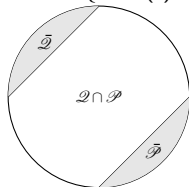
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Properties: proof.

$P(x)$: degree $n-1$ polynomial.

Send $P(1), \dots, P(n+2k)$ Receive $R(1), \dots, R(n+2k)$

At most k i 's where $P(i) \neq R(i)$.

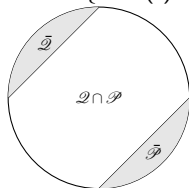
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Yaay!!

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