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which *is* (strangely enough) true. A false statement can imply a true statement.

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$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i &= \underbrace{1 + 2 + \dots + n}_{\sum_{i=1}^n i} + (n+1) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) \quad (\text{by the inductive hypothesis}) \\ &= \frac{n^2 + n + 2n + 2}{2} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

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On the other hand, $n(n+1)/2$ is an *expression*, which is basically a noun, like “avocados”.

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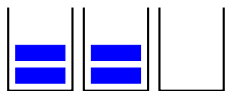
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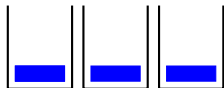
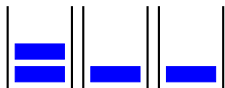
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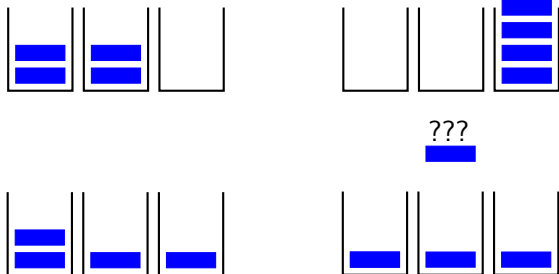


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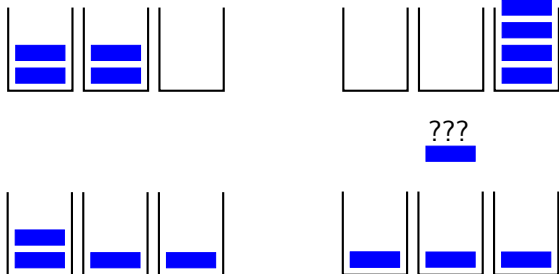


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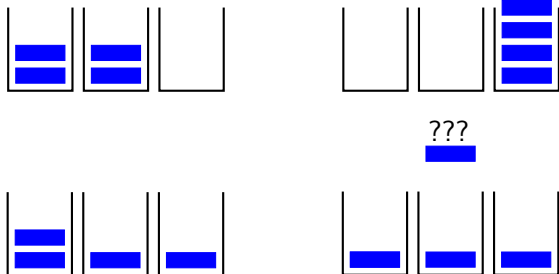
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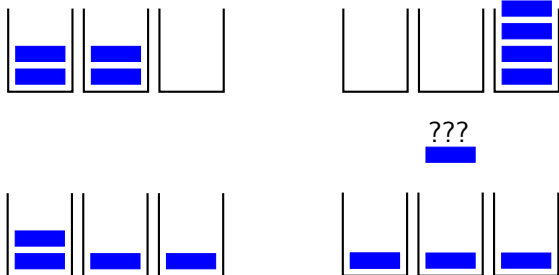
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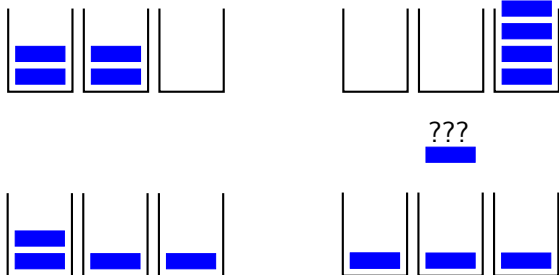
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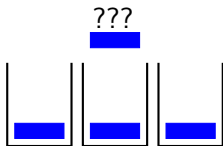
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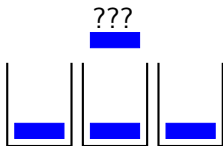
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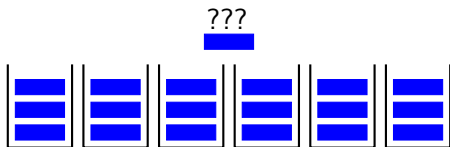
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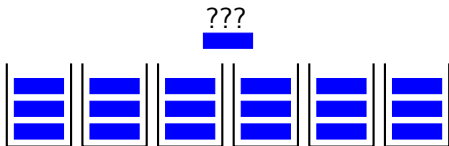
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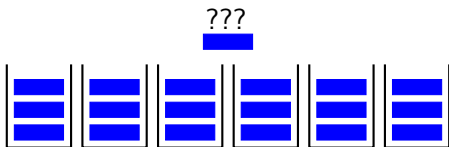
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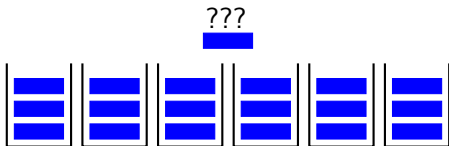
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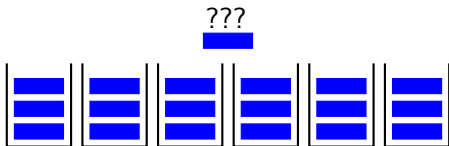
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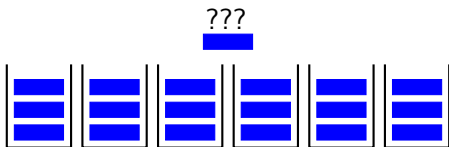
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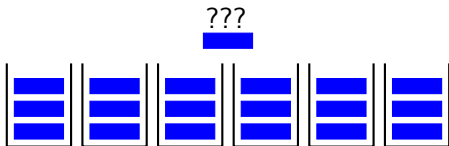
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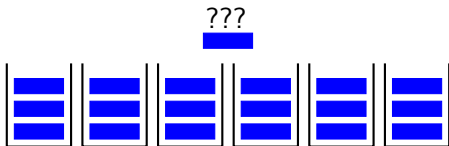
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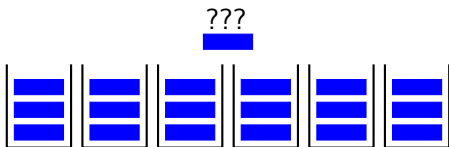
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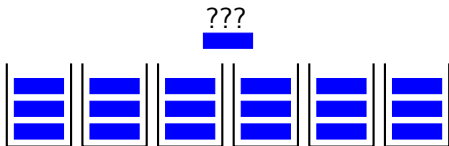
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