

61A Lecture 7

Monday, September 12

Pig Contest Rules

- The score for an entry is the sum of win rates against every other entry.
- All strategies must be deterministic functions of the current score! Non-deterministic strategies will be disqualified.
- Winner: 3 points extra credit on Project 1
- Second place: 2 points
- Third place: 1 point
- The real prize: honor and glory
- To enter: submit a file `pig.py` that contains a function called `final_strategy` as assignment `p1contest` by Monday, 9/26

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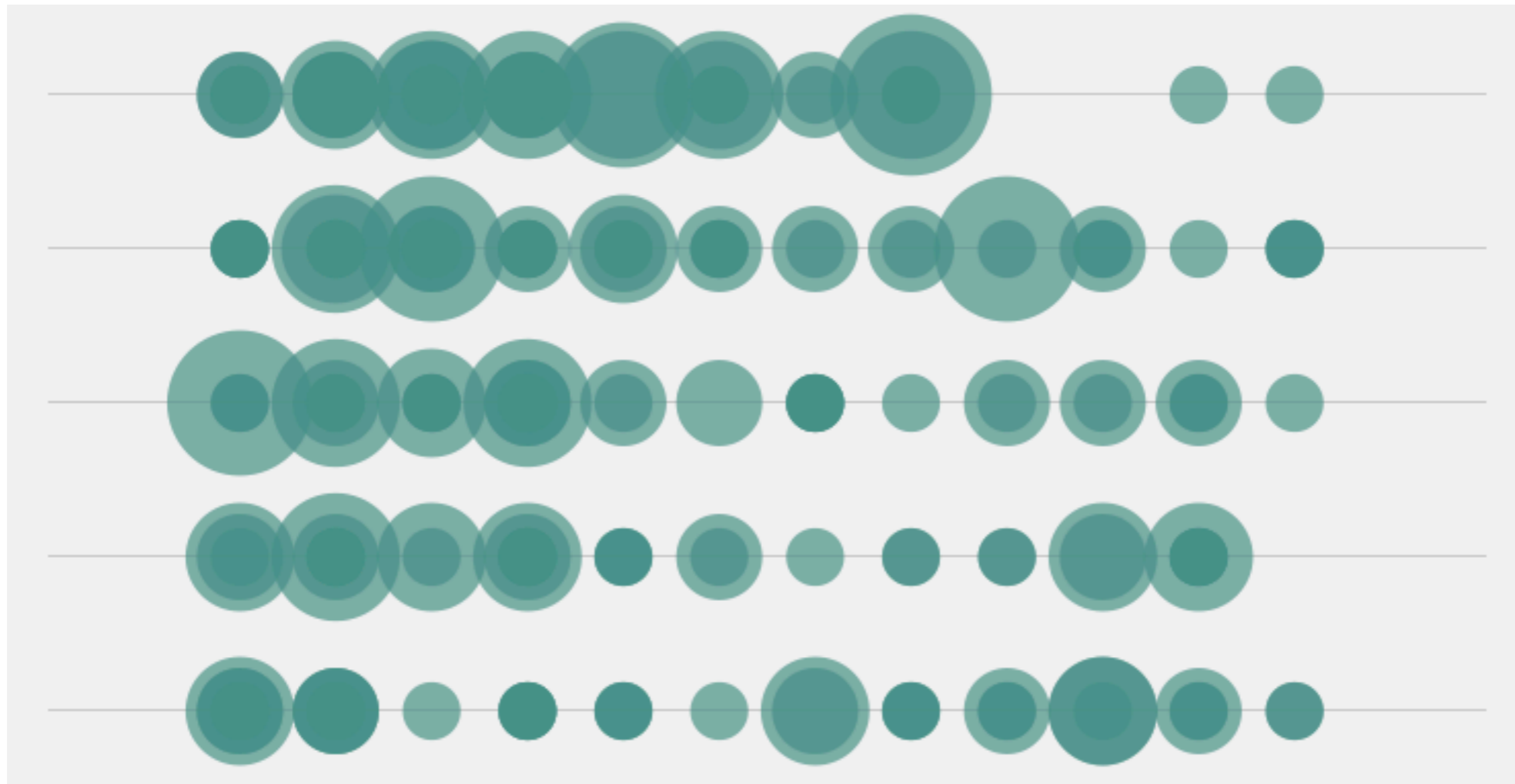
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If the name "square" were bound to a built-in function, `sum_squares` would still work identically

Data

Student seating preferences at MIT

Front of the classroom



<http://www.skyrill.com/seatinghabits/>

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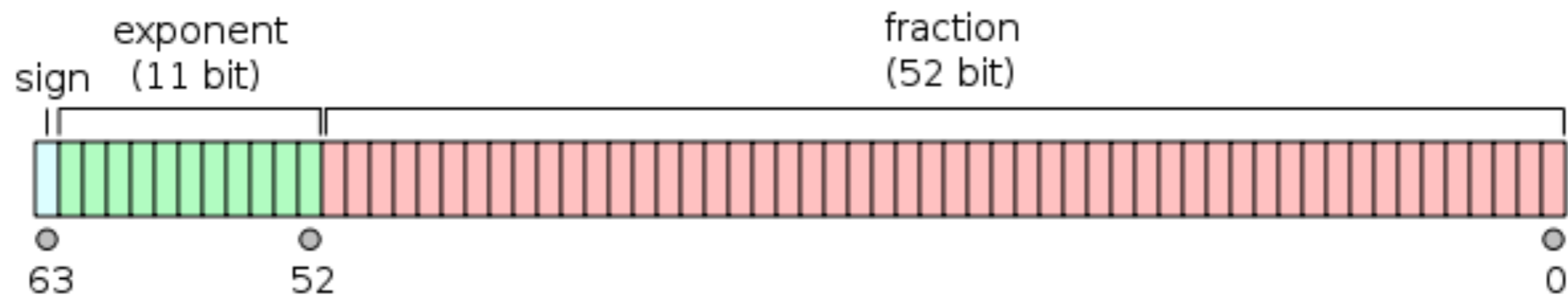
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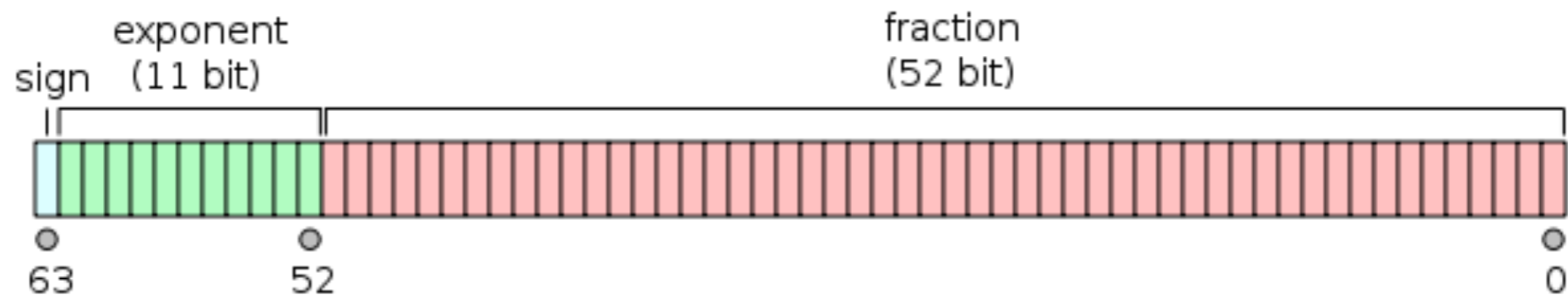


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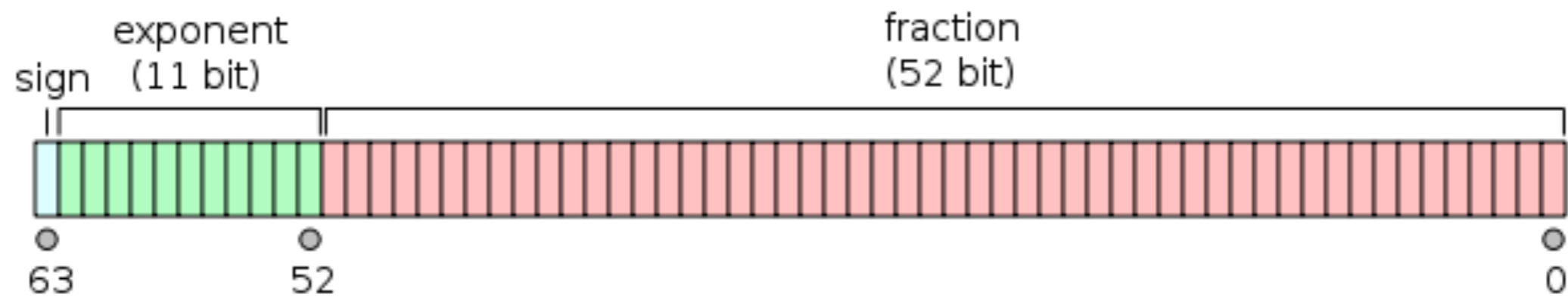
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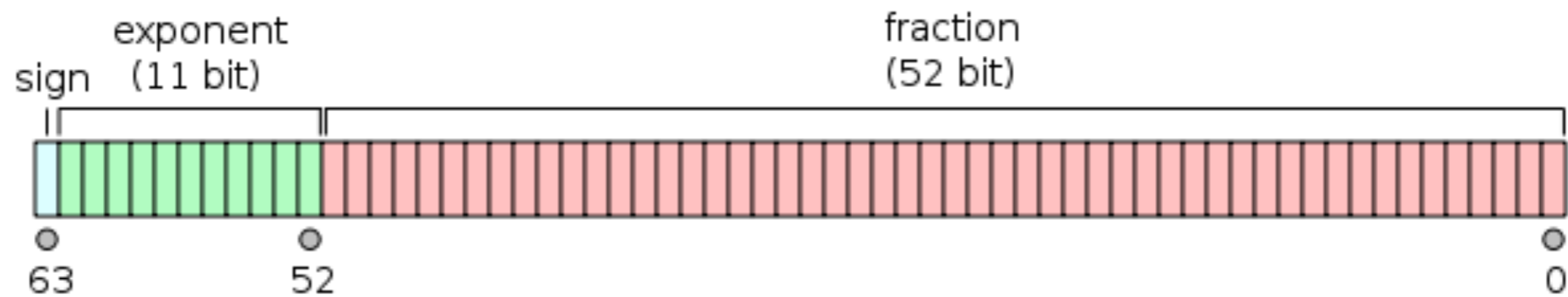
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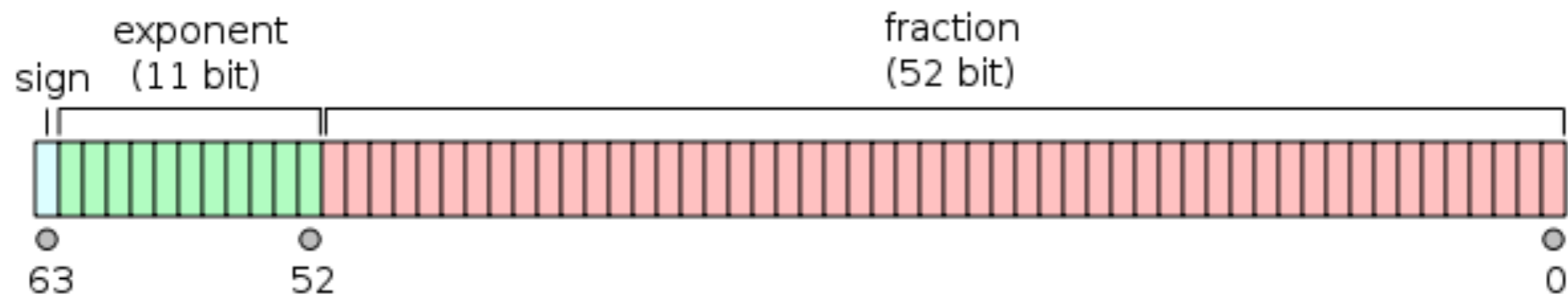
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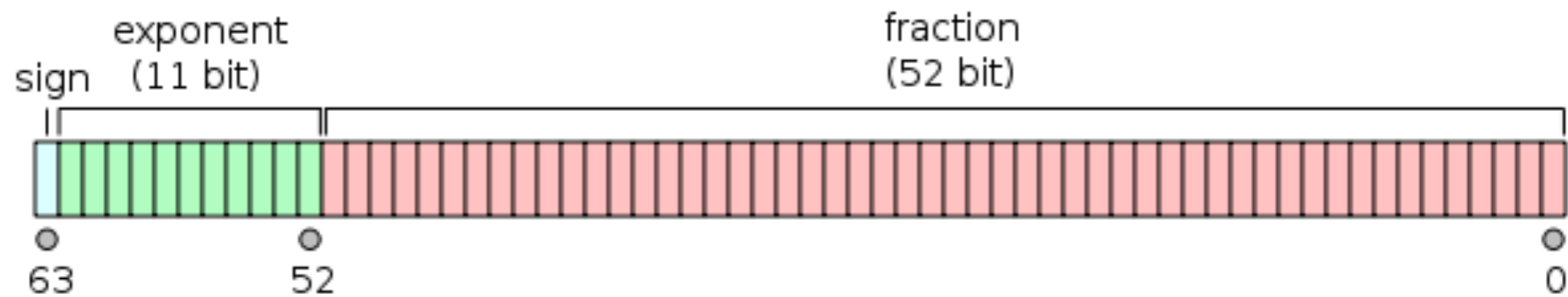
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