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Linked List

Doubly Linked List with sentinel nodes

**Data Structures
C++ for C Coders**

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Doubly Linked lists

- ❖ **Doubly linked list:** each node contains, besides the **next**-node link, a second link field pointing to the **previous** node in the sequence. The two links may be called **forward** and **backward**, or **next** and **prev(ious)**.



- ❖ **Type definition**

```
struct Node {  
    int      item;  
    Node*   prev;  
    Node*   next;  
};  
using pNode = Node*;
```

Q. Doubly linked list, Why?

Doubly Linked lists

Q. Array vs. Singly linked list vs. Doubly linked list, Why?

Advantages of linked list:

- Dynamic structure (Memory Allocated at run-time)
- Have more than one data type.
- Re-arrange of linked list is easy (Insertion-Deletion).
- It doesn't waste memory.

Disadvantages of linked list:

- In linked list, if we want to access any node it is difficult.
- It is occupying more memory.

Advantages of doubly linked list:

- A doubly linked list can be **traversed in both directions** (forward and backward). A singly linked list can only be traversed in one direction.
- **most operations are O(1)** instead of O(n)

doubly linked list with sentinel nodes

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    while(curr != end(p)) {  
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        curr = curr->next;  
    }  
    return curr;  
}
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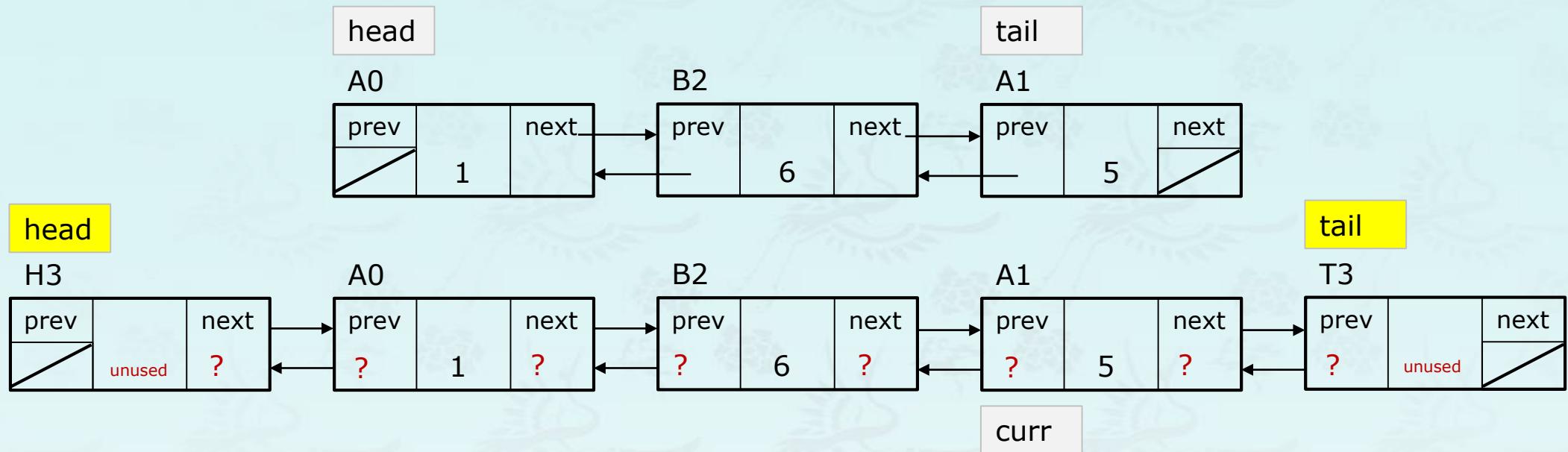
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}
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```
void pop(pList p, int val){  
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}
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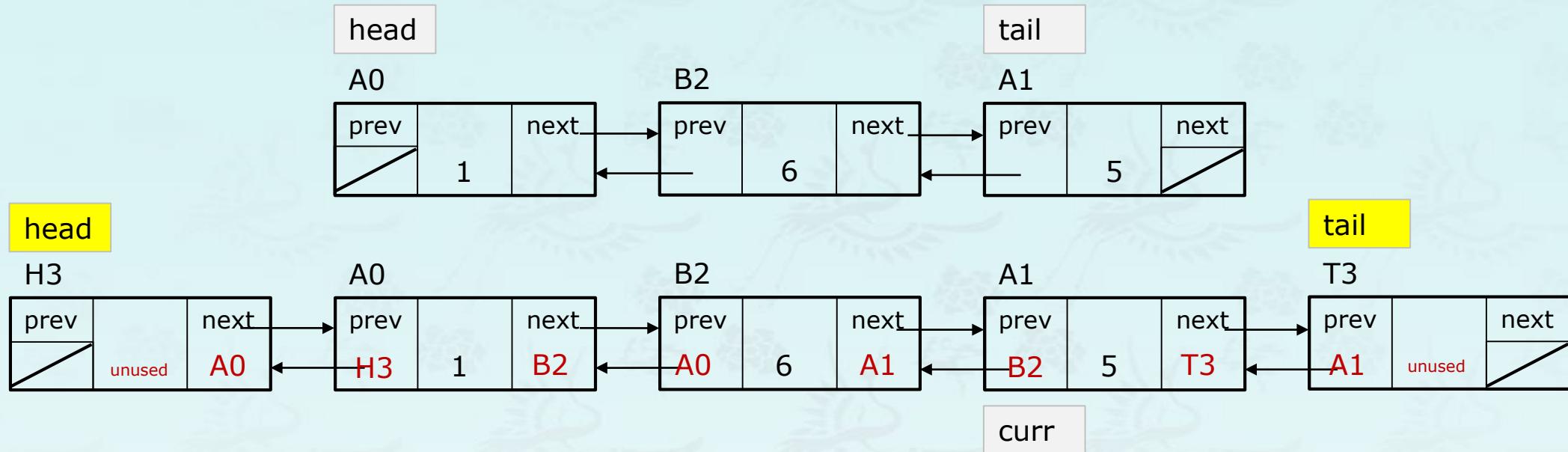
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Linked list **with sentinel nodes**

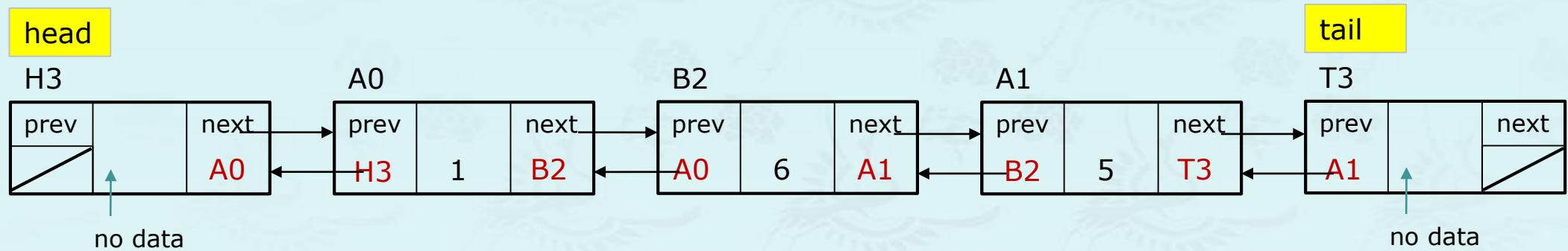


Fill the blanks(?) with mnemonics to form a linked list as shown.

doubly linked list **with sentinel nodes**

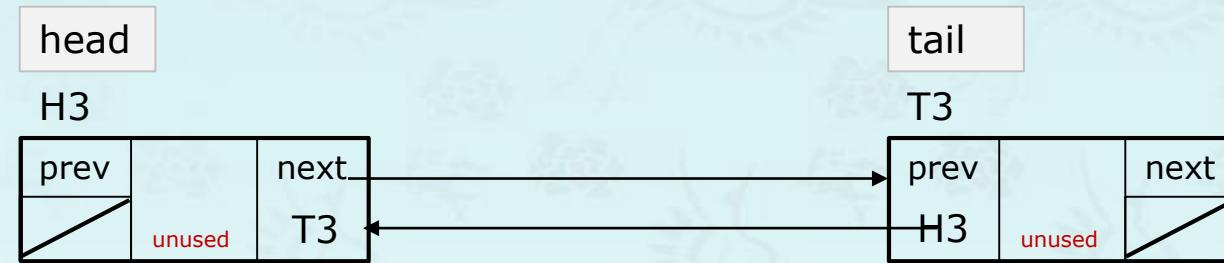


doubly linked list **with sentinel nodes**



- These extra nodes are known as **sentinel nodes**. The node at the front is known as **head node**, and the node at the end as a **tail node**. The head and tail nodes are created when the doubly linked list is initialized. The purpose of these nodes is to simplify the insert, push/pop front and back, remove methods by eliminating all need for special-case code when the list empty, or when we insert at the head or tail of the list. **This would greatly simplify the coding unbelievably.**
- For instance, if we do not use a head node, then removing the first node becomes a special case, because we must reset the list's link to **the first node** during the remove and because the remove algorithm in general needs to access the node prior to the node being removed (and without a head node, the first node does not have a node prior to it).

doubly linked list



An **empty** doubly linked list with sentinel nodes

doubly linked list – begin() and end()

```
// returns the first node which list::head points to in the container.  
pNode begin(pList p) {  
    // Implementation details  
}
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// that would follow the last node. It does not point to any node next, and thus  
// shall not be dereferenced. Because the way we are going use during the iteration,  
// we don't want to include the node pointed by this. this function is often used  
// in combination with List::begin to specify a range including all the nodes in  
// the list. This is a kind of simulated used in STL. If the container is empty,  
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(2)    return p->tail->next;  
}
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```
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```

With the container given below, what does begin(p) and end(p) return respectively?
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pNode end(pList p) {  
    return p->tail; // not tail->next  
}
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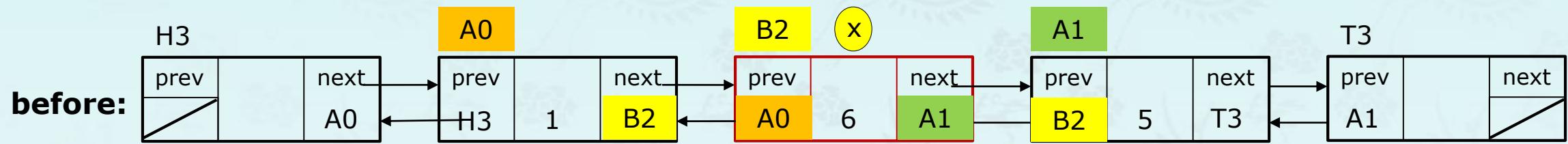


doubly linked list - **erase**

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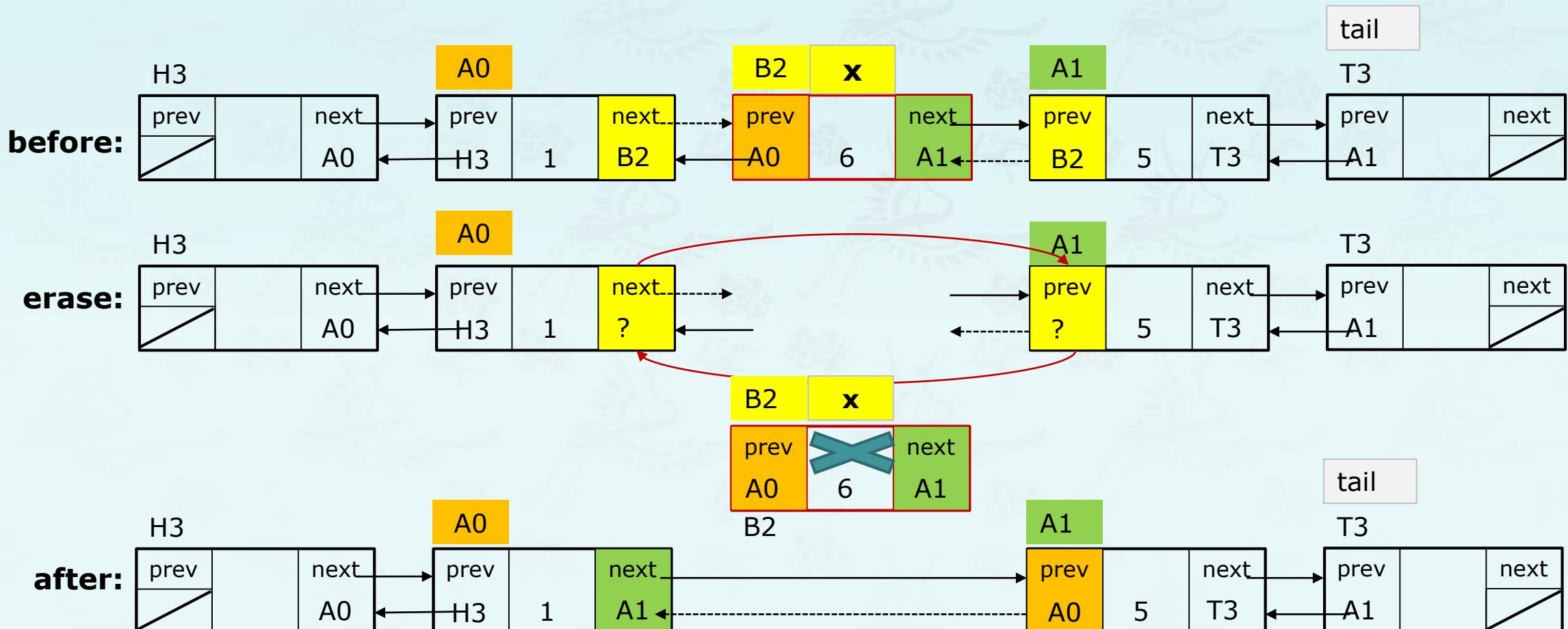
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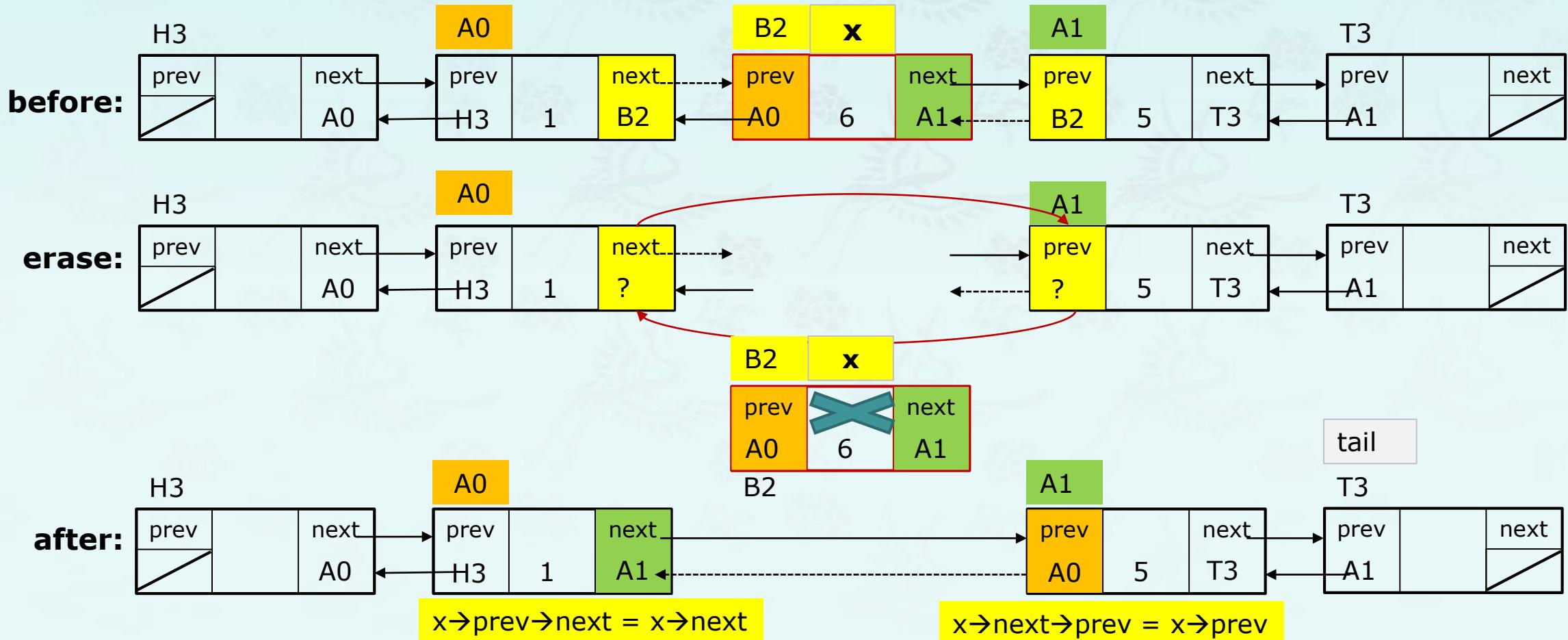
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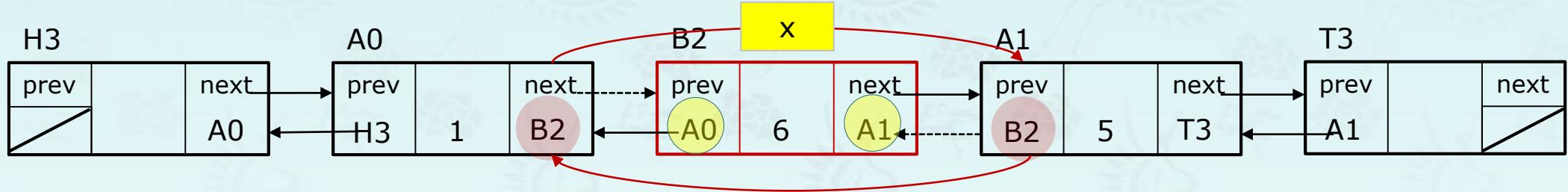
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void erase(pNode x) {  
    x->prev->next = x->next;  
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    delete x;  
}
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Rewrite the following mnemonics in coding while x is given:

- A0 : x \rightarrow prev
- A1 : x \rightarrow next
- B2 : x

Check the values these pointers points.

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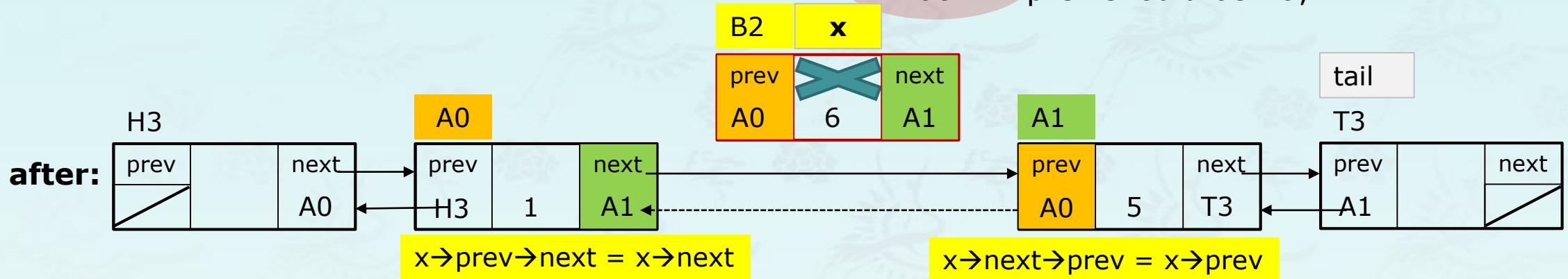
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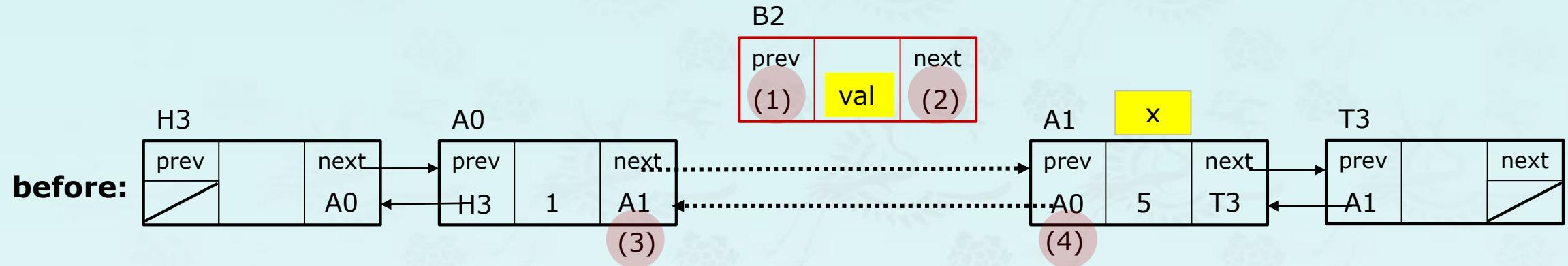
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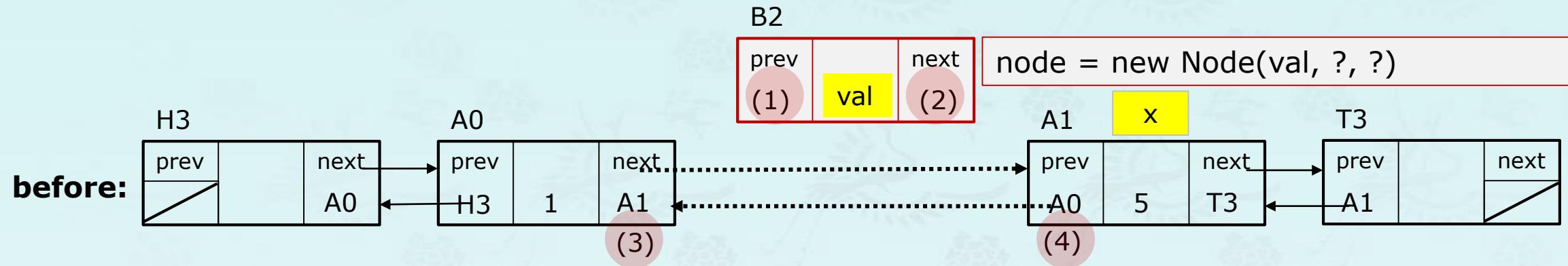


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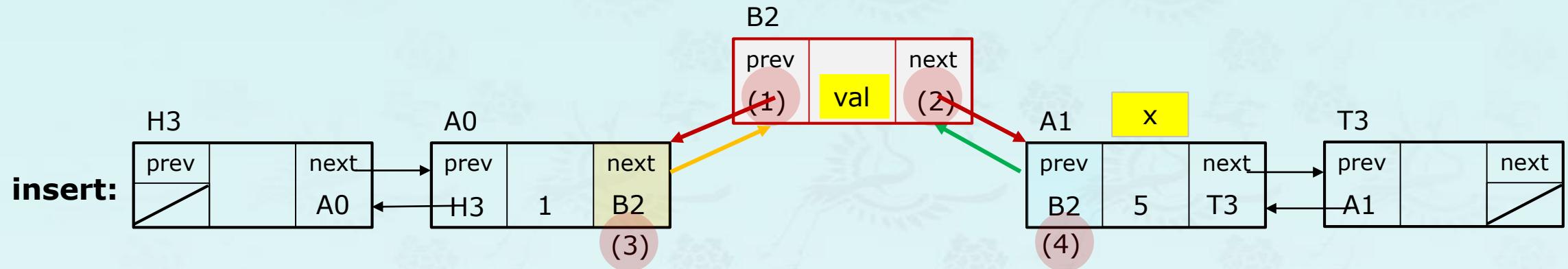
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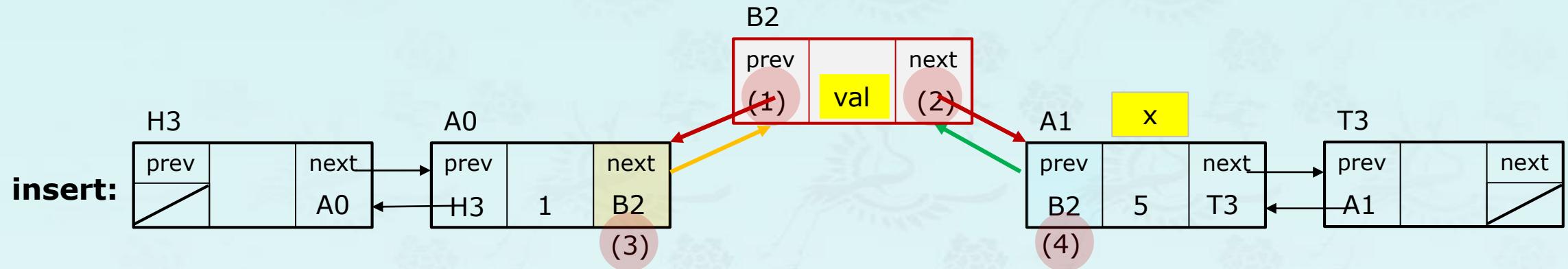
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Link 1,2: Link the new node to A0 and A1 nodes
 $pNode node = \text{new Node}(\text{val}, x\rightarrow\text{prev}, x);$

Link 3: Set A0→next to the new node
 $x\rightarrow\text{prev}\rightarrow\text{next} = \text{node};$

Link 4: Set A1→prev to the new node
 $x\rightarrow\text{prev} = \text{node};$

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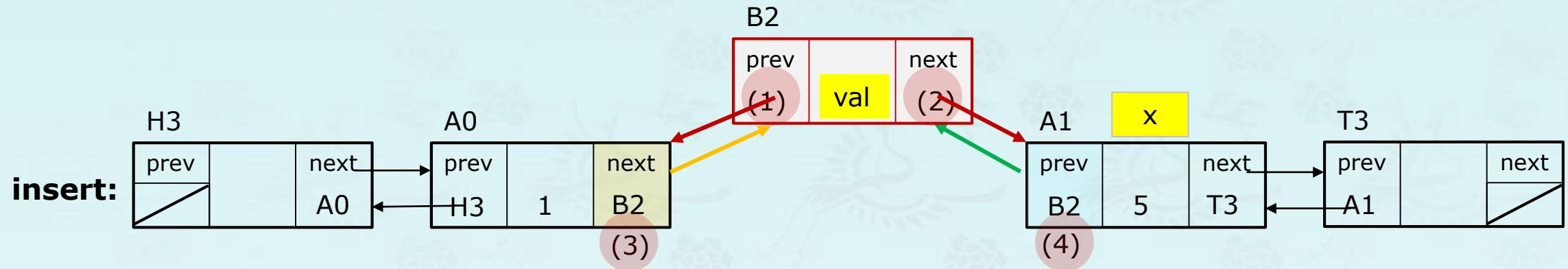
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void insert(pNode x, int val) {  
    pNode node = new Node{val, x->prev, x};  
    x->prev = x->prev->next = node;  
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insert() extends the list by inserting a new node with val **before** the node **at** the specified position x.

For example, if **begin(p)** is specified as an insertion position, the new node becomes the first one in the list.

doubly linked list – **push_front()**

```
// Inserts a new node at the beginning of the list, right before its  
// current first node. The content of item is copied(or moved) to the  
// inserted node. This effectively increases the container size by one.  
void push_front(pList p, int val) {  
    insert(begin(p), val);  
}
```



doubly linked list – **pop_front()**

```
// Removes the first node in the list container, effectively reducing  
// its size by one. This destroys the removed node.  
void pop_front(pList p) {  
    if (!empty(p)) erase(begin(p));  
}
```



doubly linked list – **find()**, **_more()**, and **_less()**

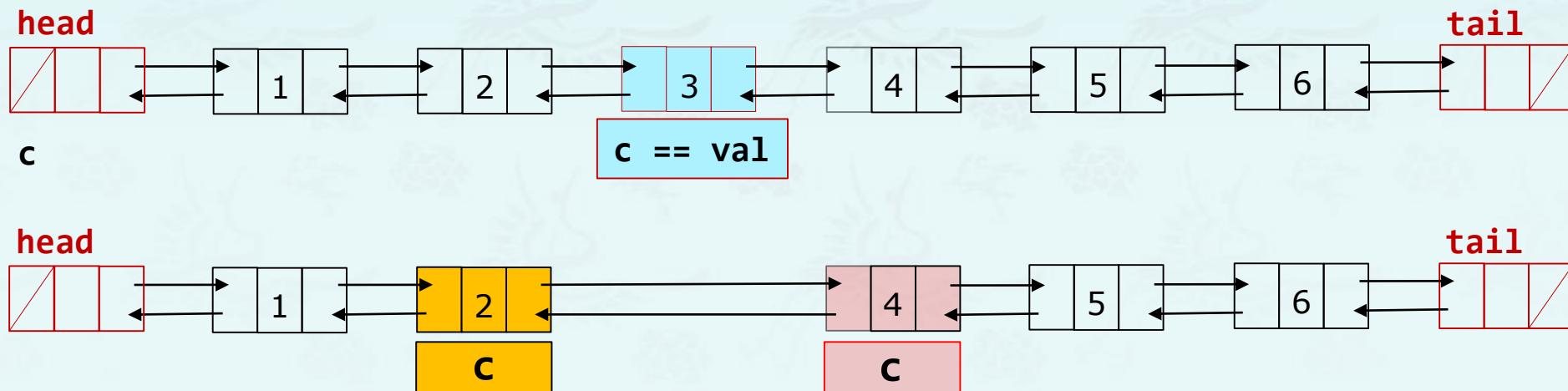
```
// returns the first node with a value,  
// tail or end(p) node otherwise.  
pNode find(pList p, int val) {  
    pNode c = begin(p);  
    for (; c != end(p); c = c->next)  
        if (c->item == val) return c;  
    return c;  
}
```

```
// returns the node of which val is greater  
// than x firstly encountered.  
pNode _more(pList p, int val) {  
    pNode c = begin(p);  
    for (; c != end(p); c = c->next)  
        if (c->item > val) return c;  
    return c;  
}
```

```
// returns the node of which val is smaller  
// than x firstly encountered  
pNode _less(pList p, int val) {  
    pNode c = begin(p);  
    for (; c != end(p); c = c->next)  
        if (c->item < val) return c;  
    return c;  
}
```

doubly linked list – **pop_all()***

```
// remove all occurrences of nodes with val given in the list.  
void pop_all(pList p, int val) {  
    for (pNode c = begin(p); c != end(p); c = c->next)  
        if (c->item == val)  
            erase(c);  
}
```

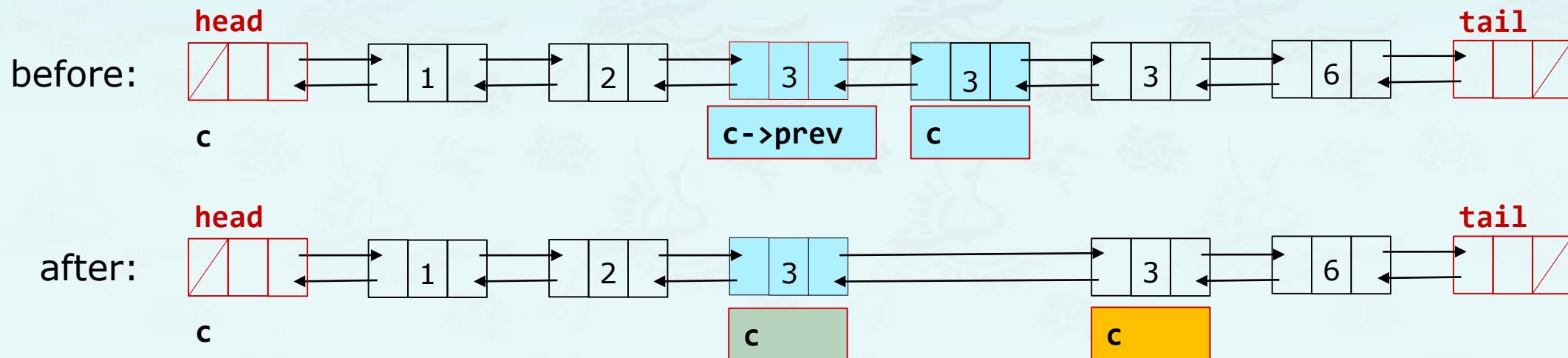


Where should **c** be pointing right after **erase(c)**, 2 or 4?

doubly linked list – **unique()***

```
// removes extra nodes that have duplicate values from the list.  
void unique(pList p) {  
    if (size(p) <= 1) return;  
    for (pNode c = begin(p); c != end(p); c = c->next)  
        if (c->item == c->prev->item)  
            erase(c);  
}
```

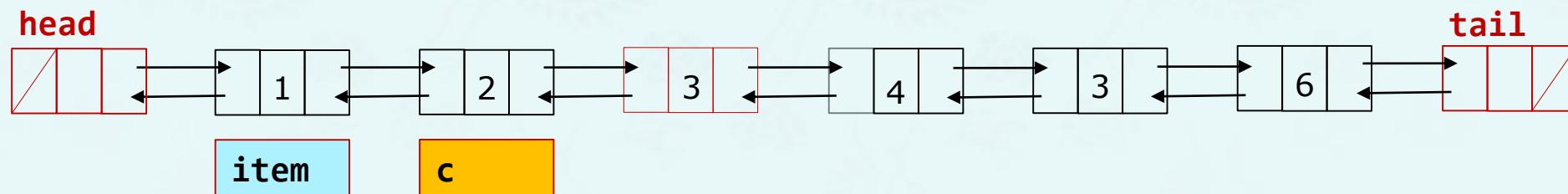
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Where should `c` be pointing **right after the first `erase(c)`?**

doubly linked list – **sorted()**

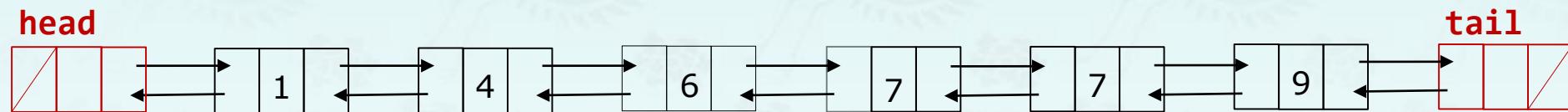
```
// returns true if the list is sorted either ascending or descending.  
bool sorted(pList p) {  
    return sorted(p, ascending) || sorted(p, descending);  
}  
bool sorted(pList p, int(*comp)(int a, int b)) {  
    if (size(p) <= 1) return true;  
    int item = "set it to 1st node value"  
    for (pNode c = "starts from second node"; c != end(p); c = c->next) {  
        // your code here; return false as soon as out of order found  
        // compare item and c->item  
        item = c->item;  
    }  
    return true;  
}
```



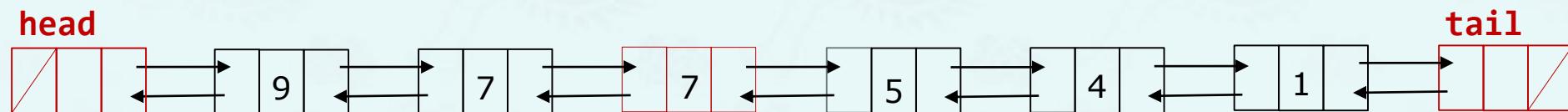
doubly linked list – **push_sorted()**

```
// inserts a new node with val in sorted order
void push_sorted(pList p, int val) {
    if sorted(p, "ascending order")
        insert("find a node _more() than val", val);
    else
        insert("find a node _less() than val", val);
}
```

Which node should be located to invoke insert() if val = 4?

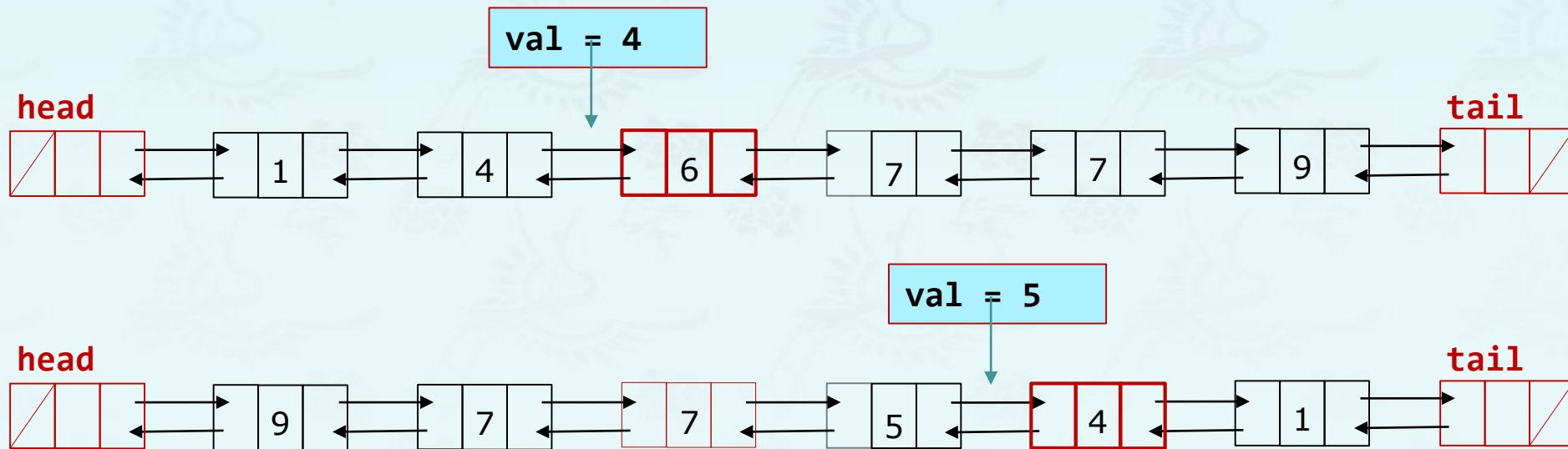


Which node should be located to invoke insert() if val = 5?



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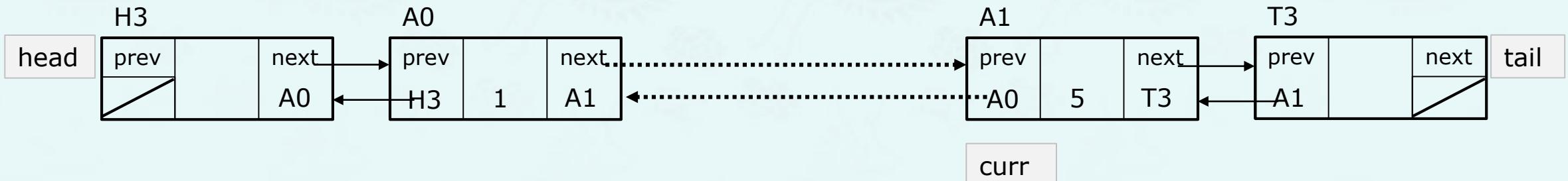
doubly linked list – **bubbleSort()**

```
void bubbleSort(pList p, int(*comp)(int, int)) {
    // if (sorted(p)) { reverse(p); return; }

    pNode curr;
    for (pNode i = begin(p); i != end(p); i = i->next) {
        for (curr = begin(p); curr->next != end(p); curr = curr->next) {
            if (comp(curr->item, curr->next->item) > 0)
                swap(curr->item, curr->next->item);
        }
        tail = curr;
    }
}
```

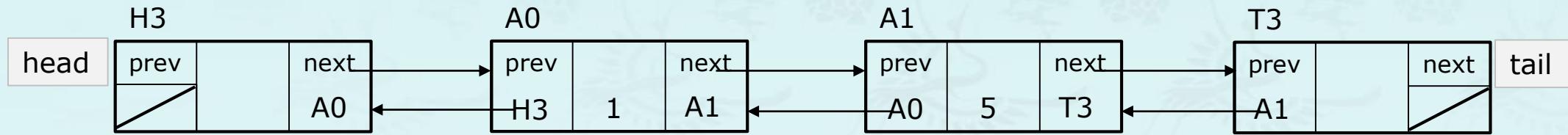
doubly linked list – **reverse()****

```
// reverses the order of the nodes in the list container. O(n)
void reverse(pList p) {
    if (size(p) <= 1) return;
    // hint: swap prev and next in every node including head & tail
    // then, swap head and tail.
    // hint: use while loop, don't use begin()/end()
    // your code here
}
```

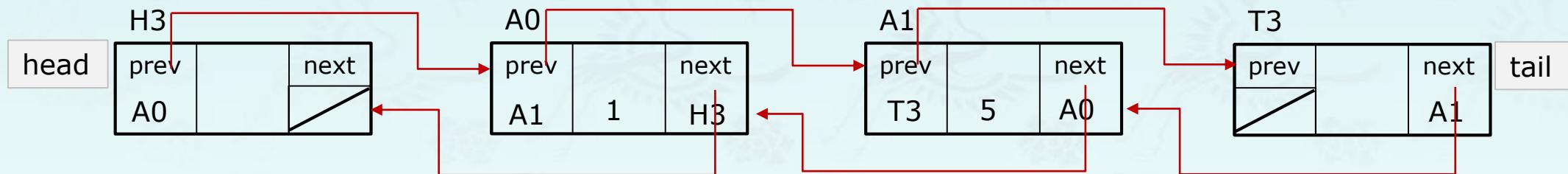


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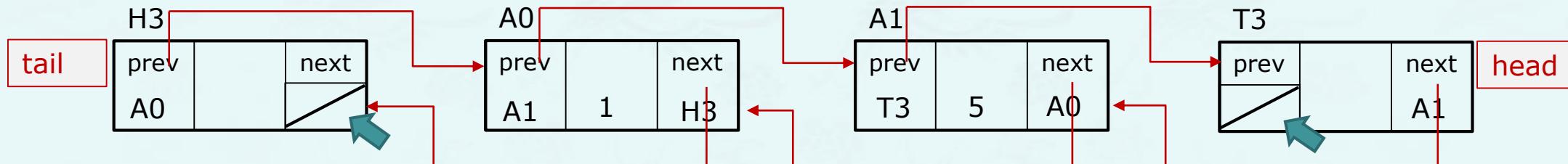
doubly linked list reverse() algorithm



step 1: swap prev and next in every node **including head & tail.**

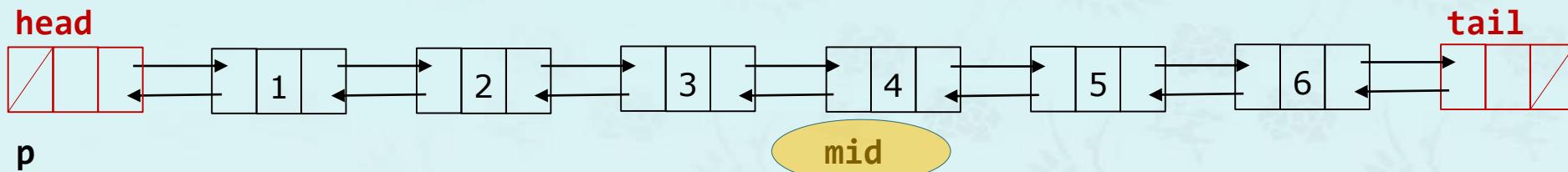


step 2: swap head and tail node.



What does begin() and end() from this list, respectively?

doubly linked list – **half()**



- **Method 1:** Count how many nodes there are in the list, then scan to the halfway point, breaking the last link followed.
- **Method 2:** It works by sending rabbit and turtle down the list: turtle moving at speed one, and rabbit moving at speed two. As soon as the rabbit hits the end, you know that the turtle is at the halfway point as long as the rabbit gets asleep at the halfway.

```
pNode half(pList p) {  
    pNode rabbit = begin(p);  
    pNode turtle = begin(p);  
  
    while (rabbit != end(p)) {  
        rabbit = rabbit->next->next;  
        turtle = turtle->next;  
    }  
    return turtle;  
} // buggy on purpose
```

This code will not work some cases.
Debug if you want to go for this code.

doubly linked list – **shuffle()*****

```
// returns so called "perfectly shuffled" list.  
// The first half and the second half are interleaved each other.  
// The shuffled list begins with the second half of the original.  
// For example, 1234567890 returns 617283940.
```

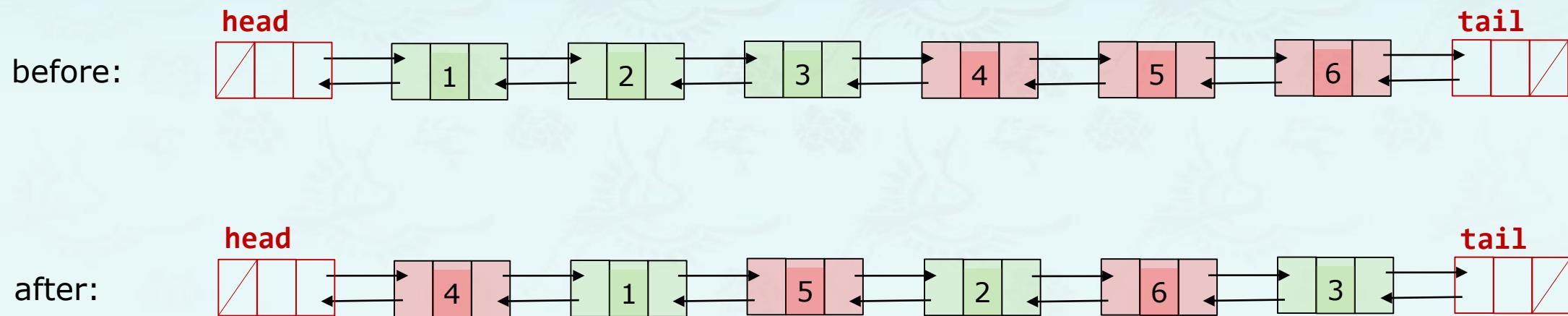
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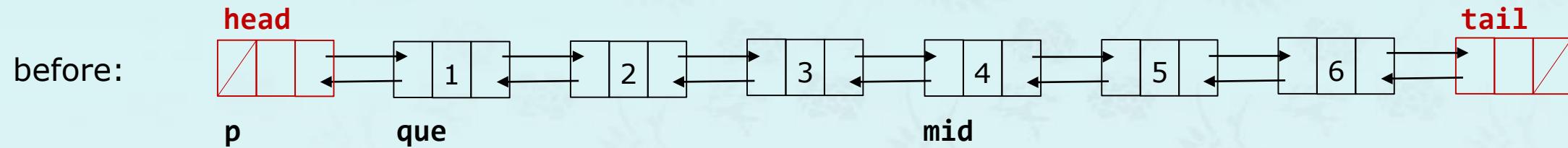
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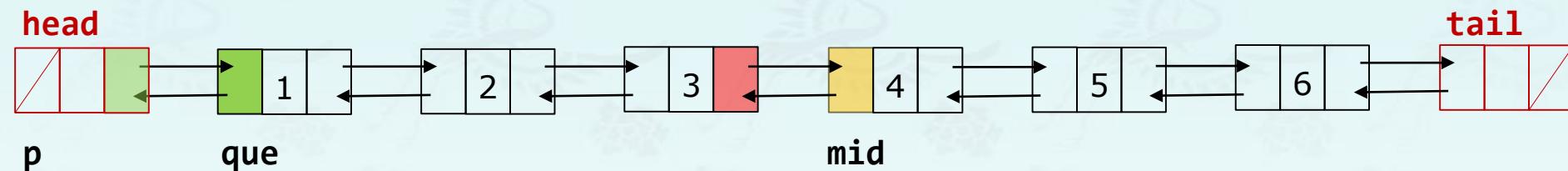
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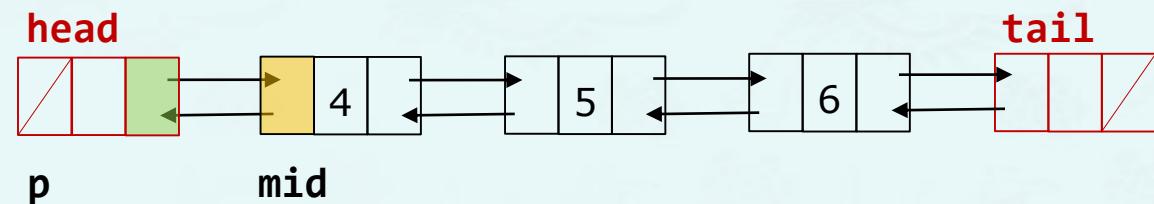
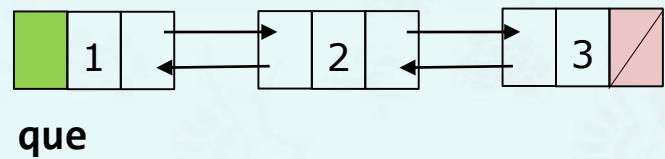
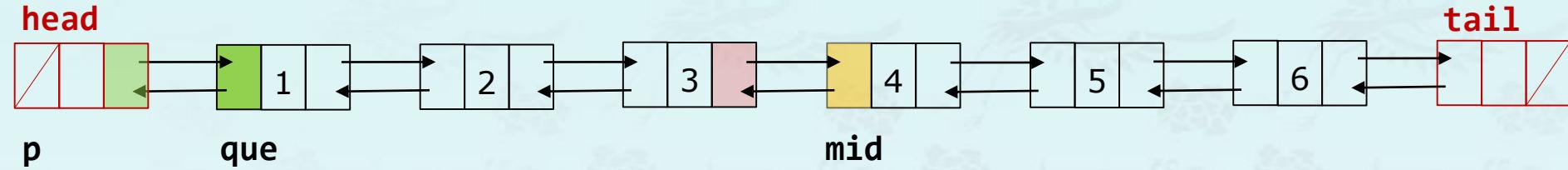
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```
pNode mid = half(p);  
pNode que = begin(p);
```

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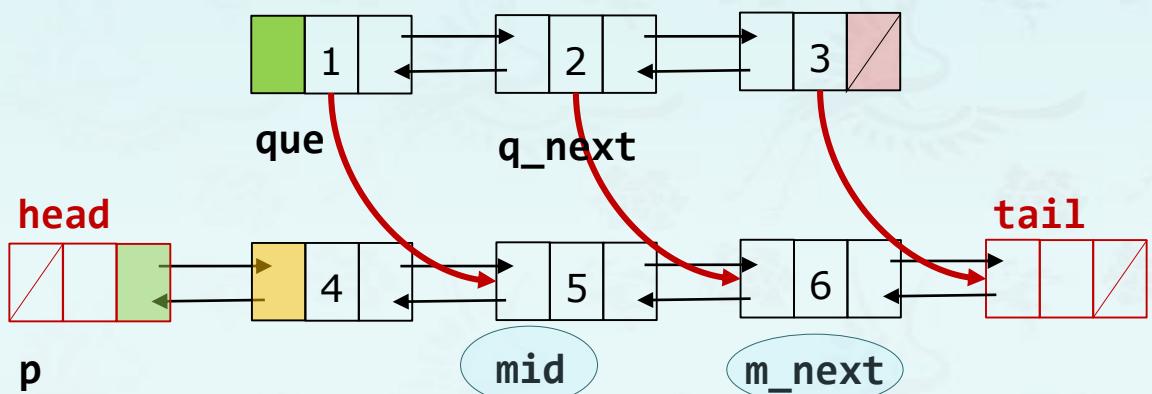
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```
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while (que != nullptr) {
    pNode q_next = que->next;
    pNode m_next = mid->next;

    // que is inserted at mid.
    ...

    mid = m_next;
    que = q_next;
}
```

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v[j]

two containers to merge

array v

N

doubly linked list:



i

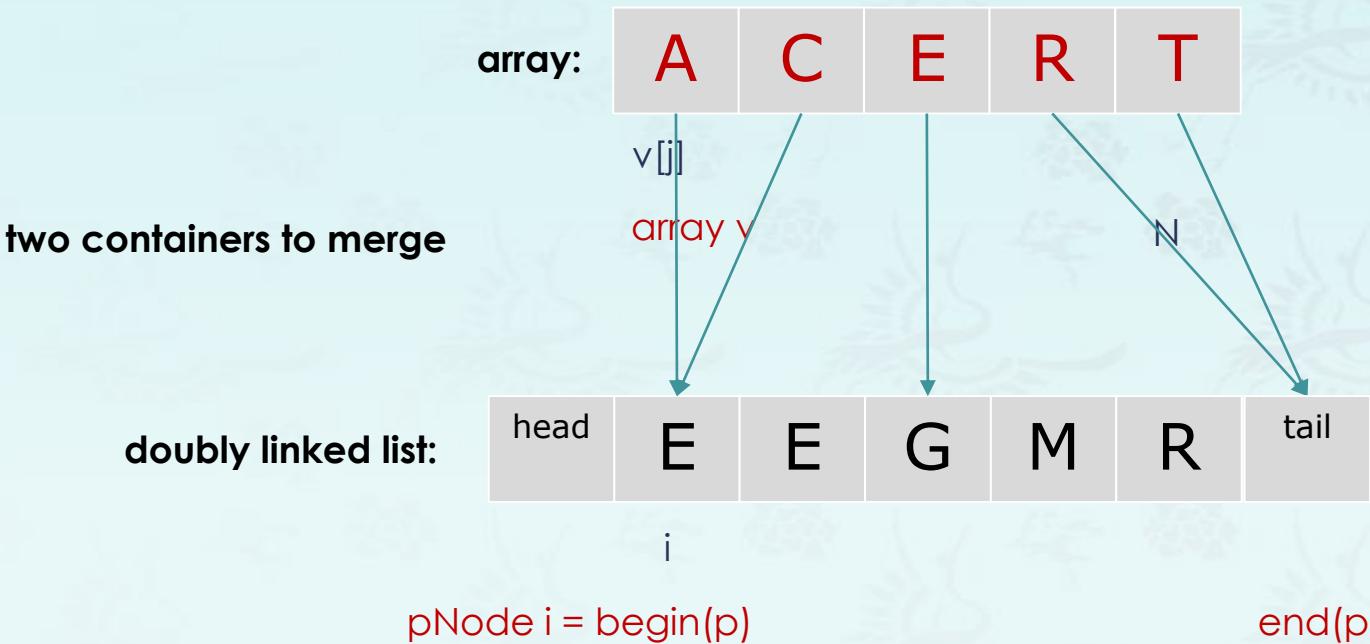
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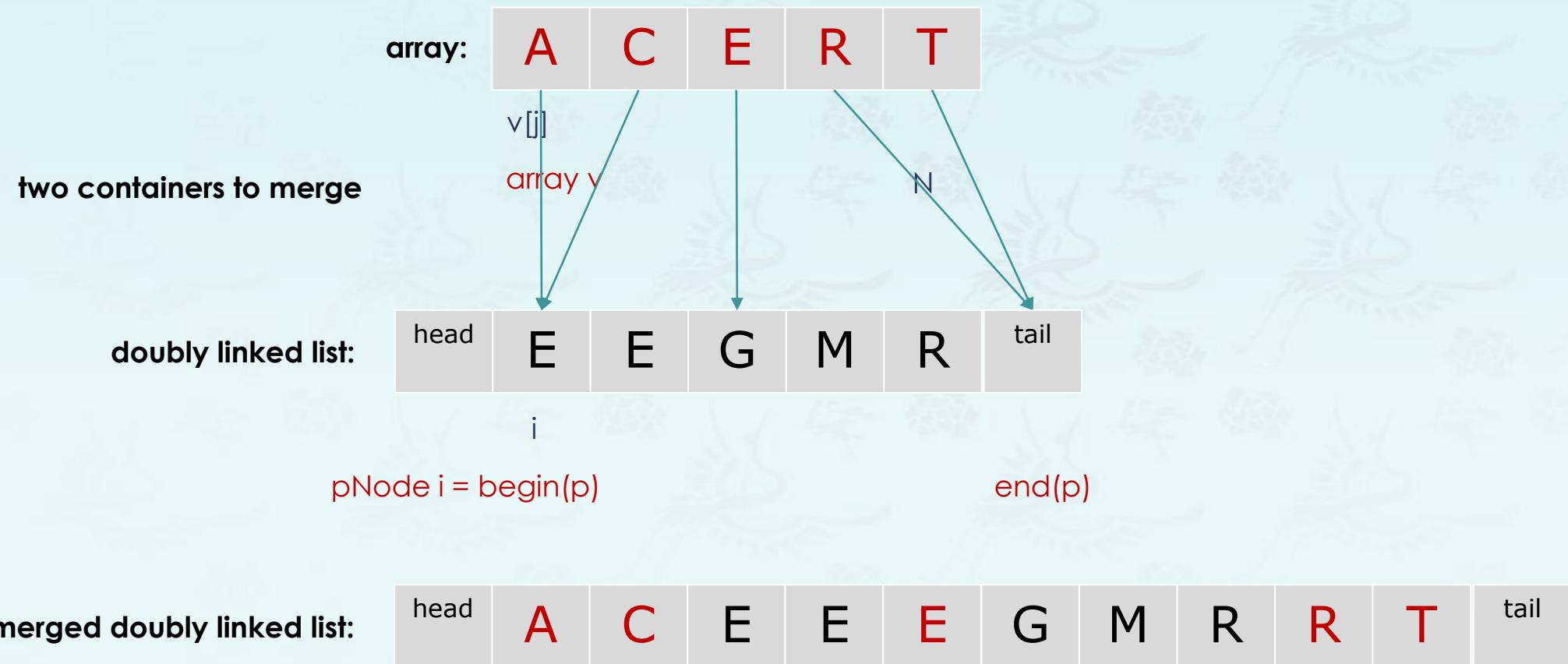
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doubly linked list:



(1) select smaller

doubly linked list:



: array

i

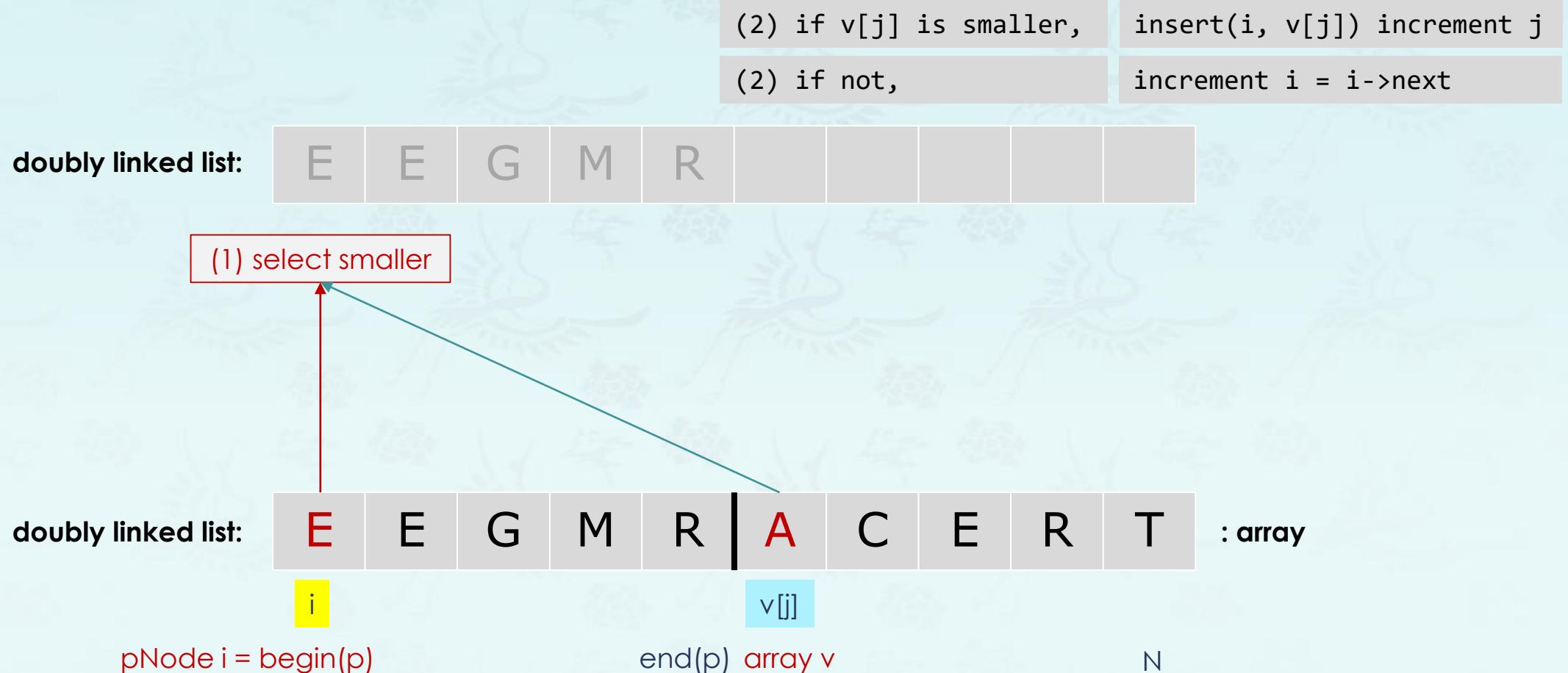
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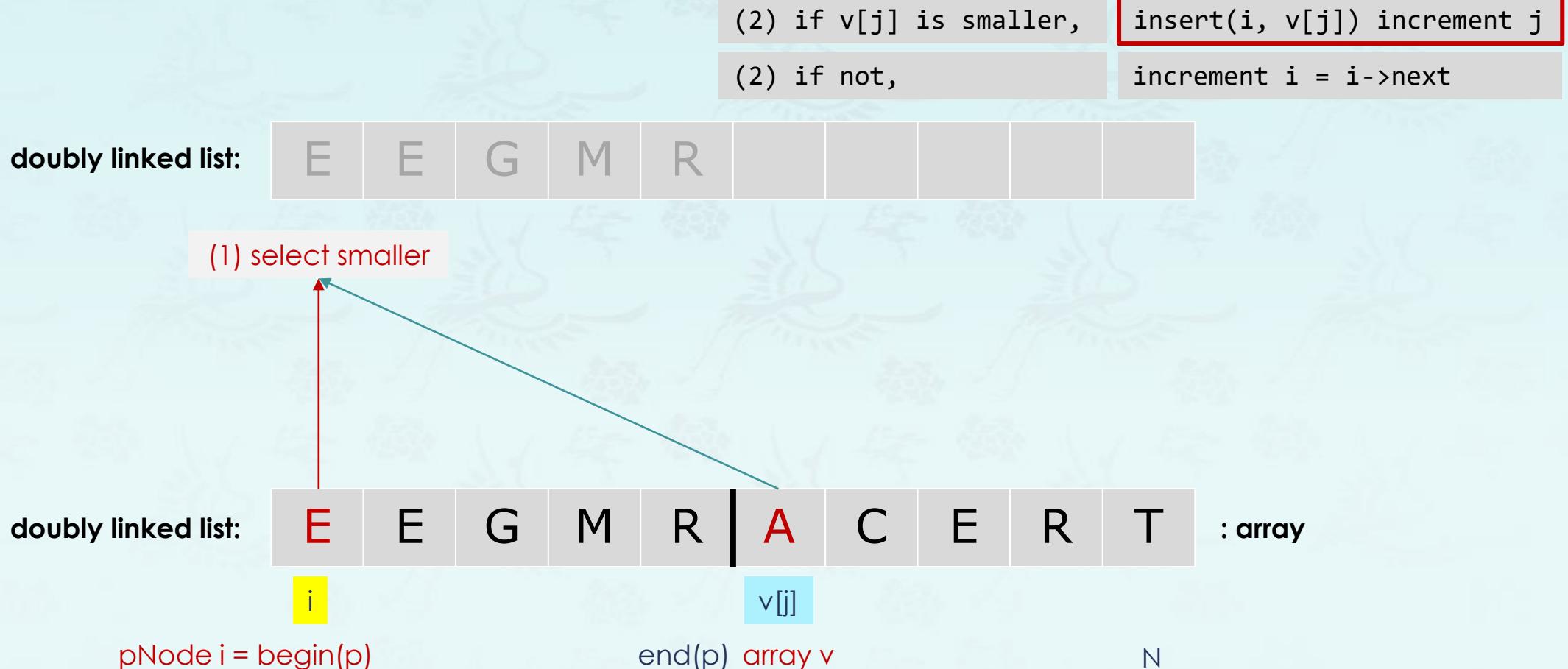
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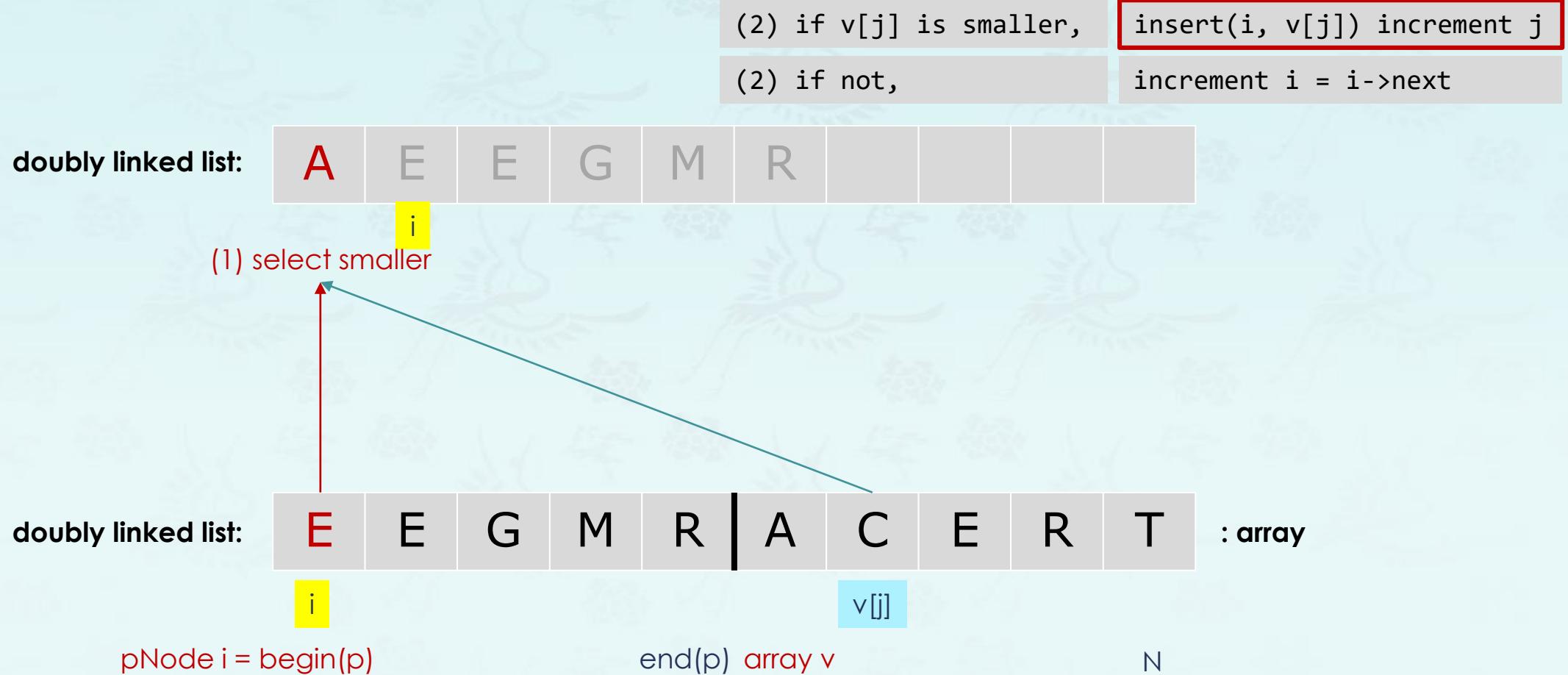
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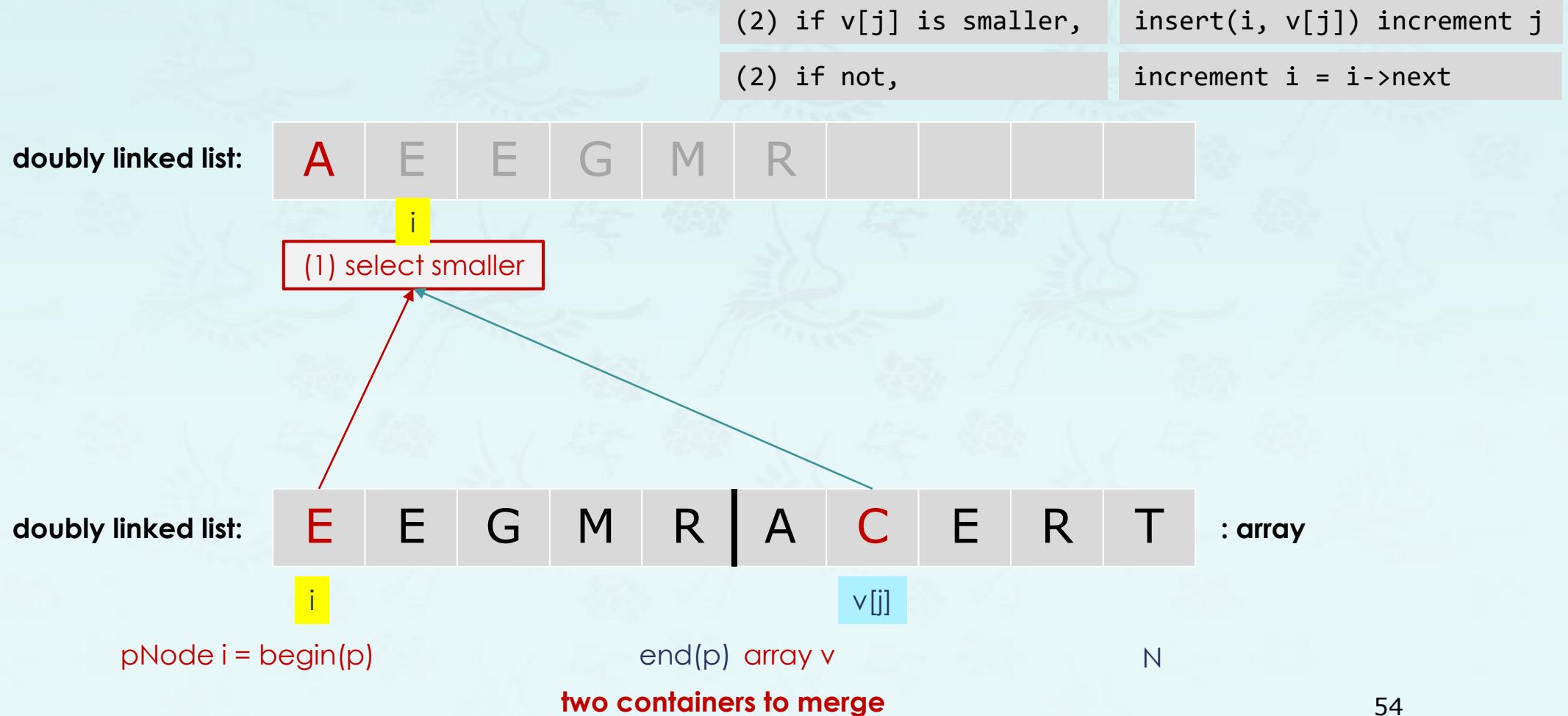
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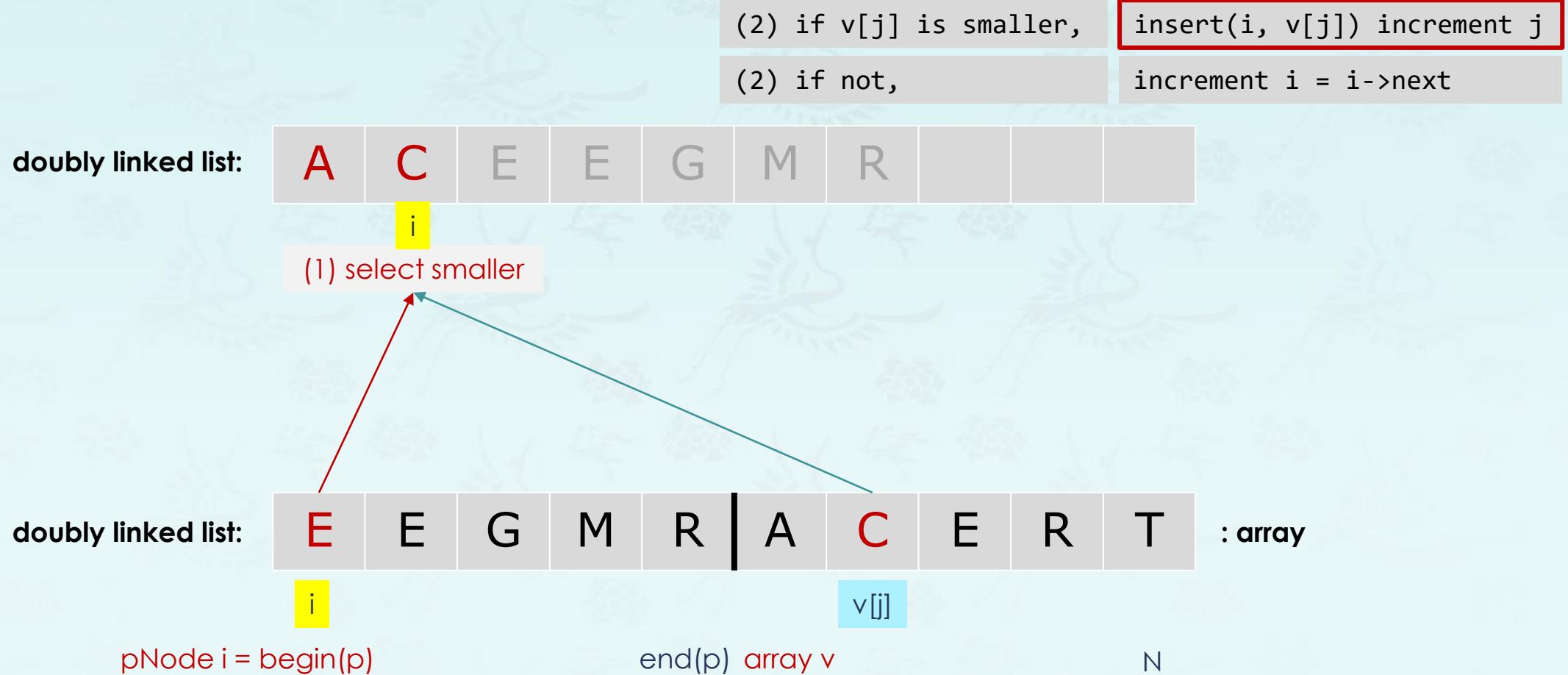
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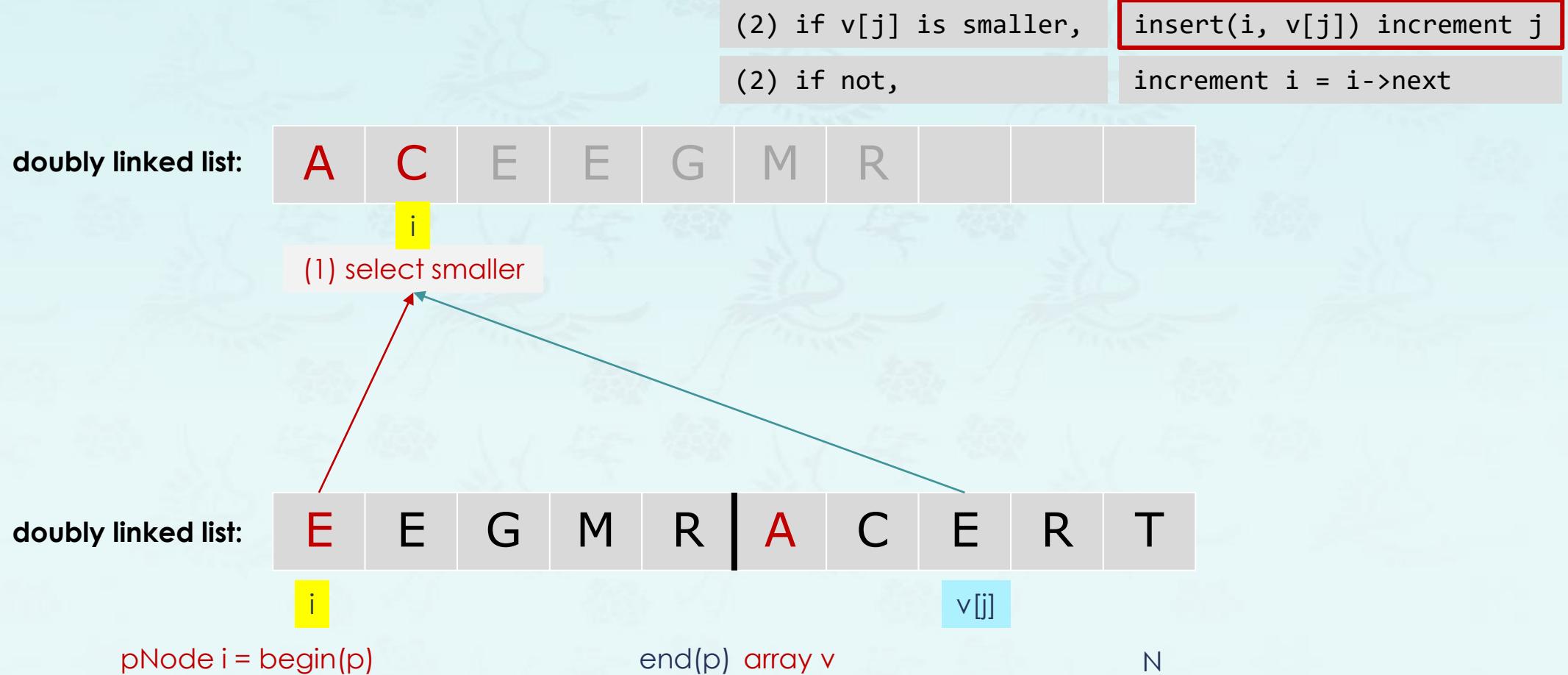
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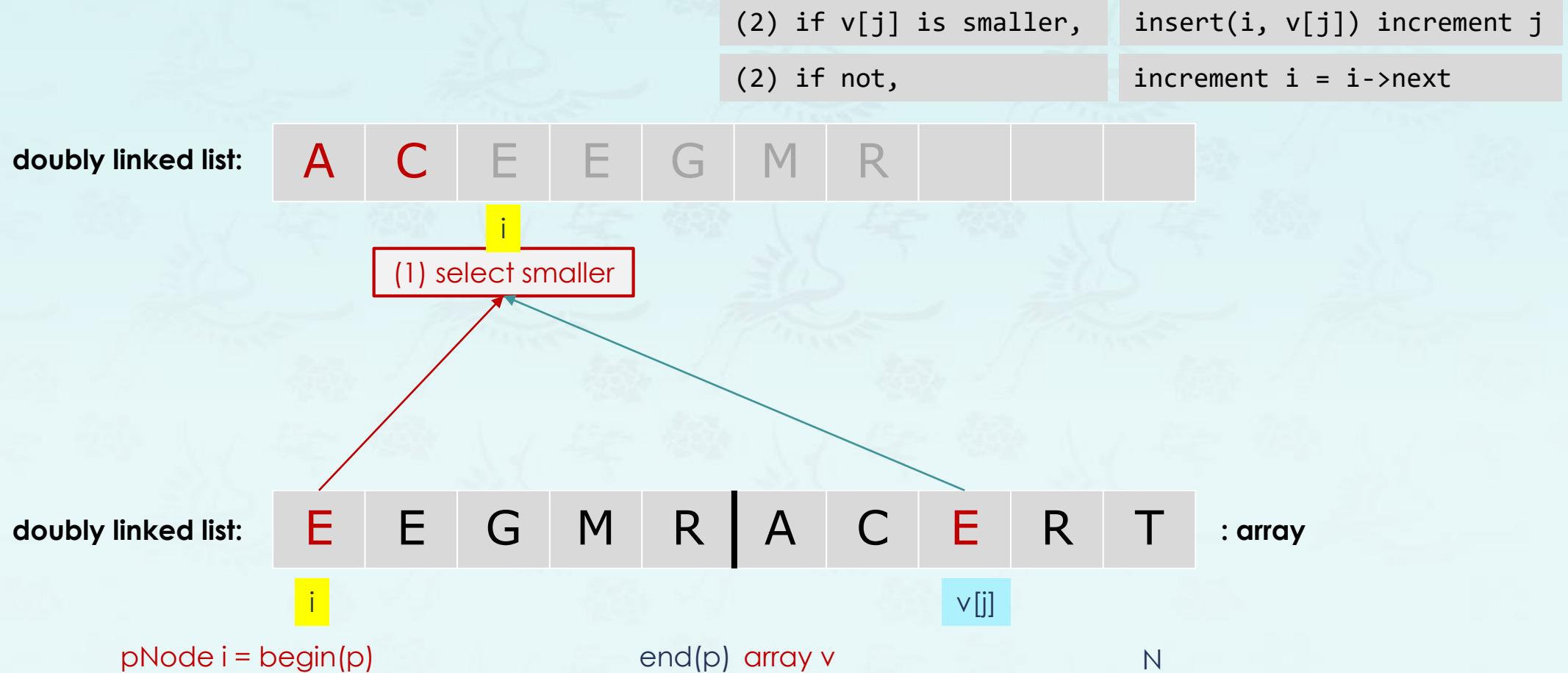
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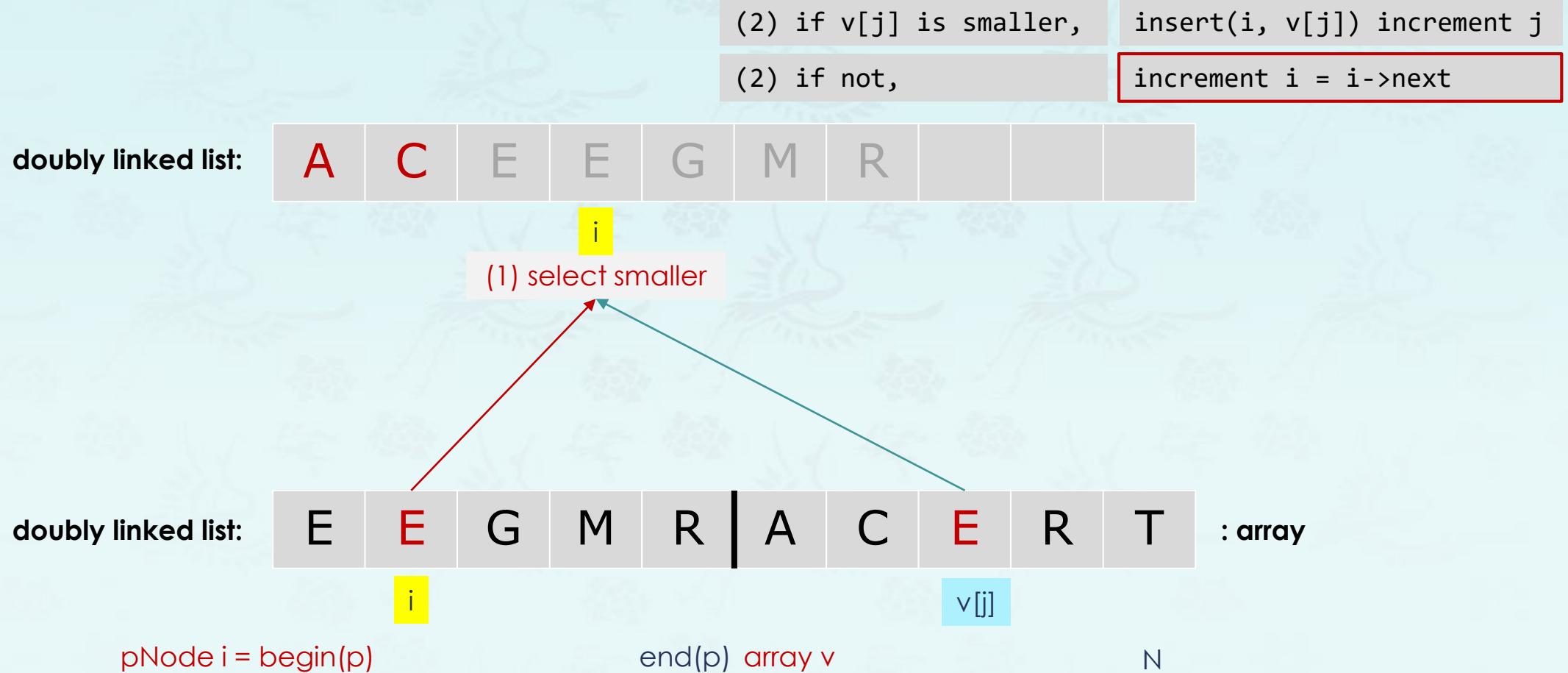
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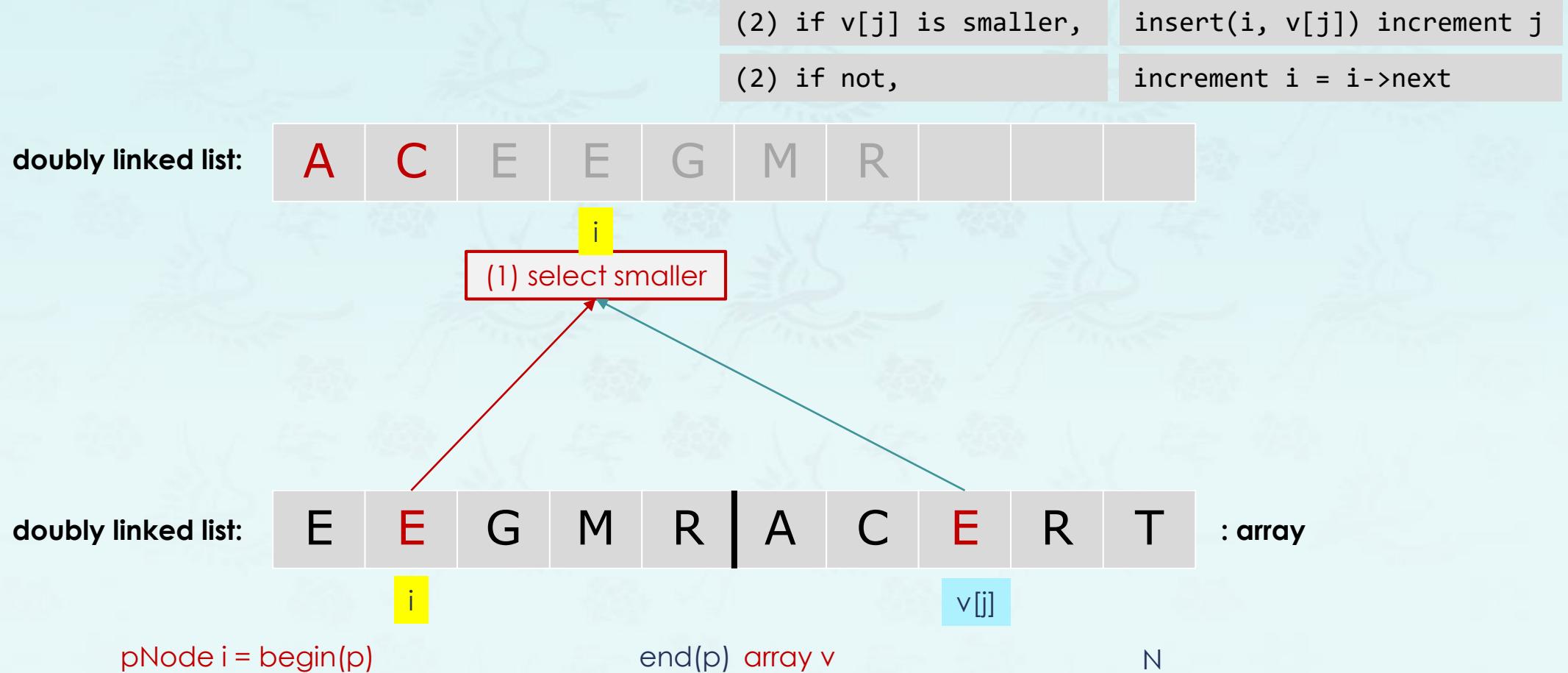
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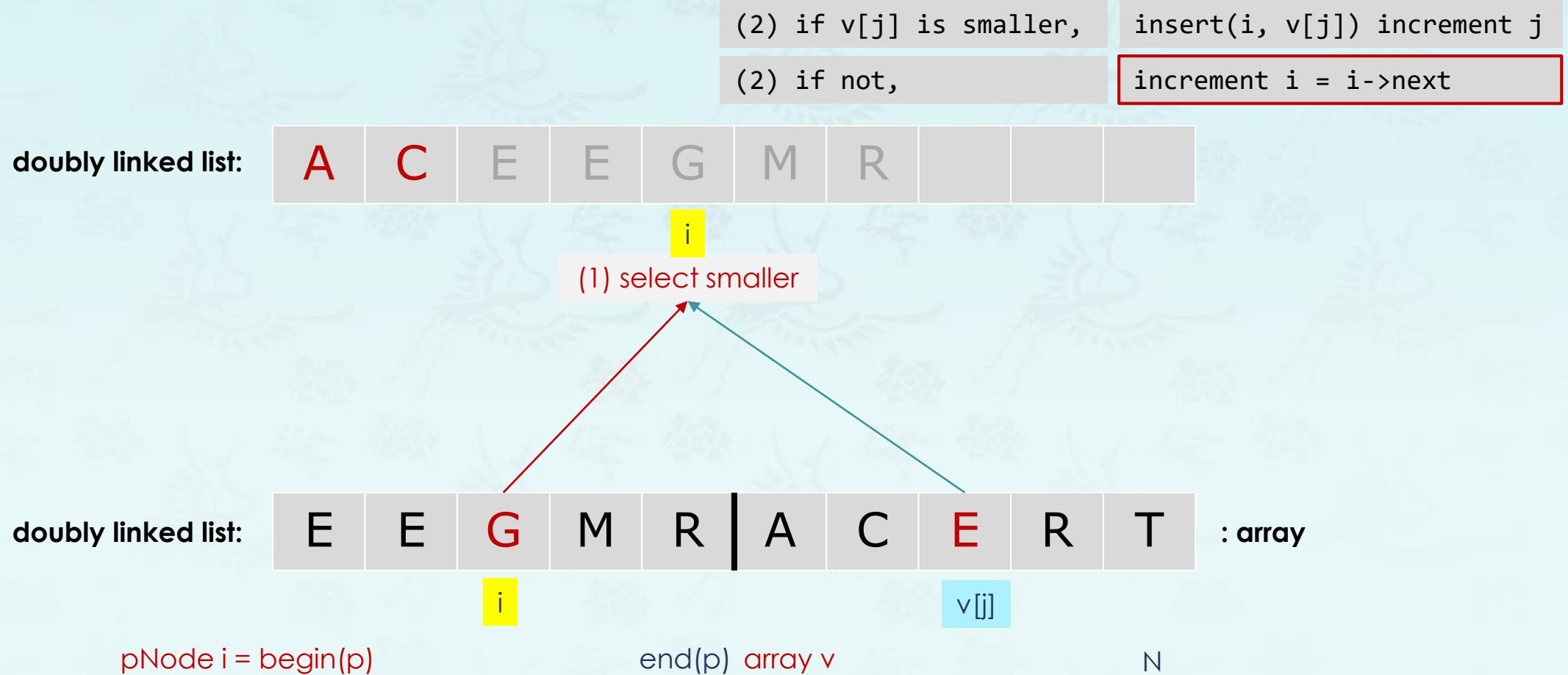
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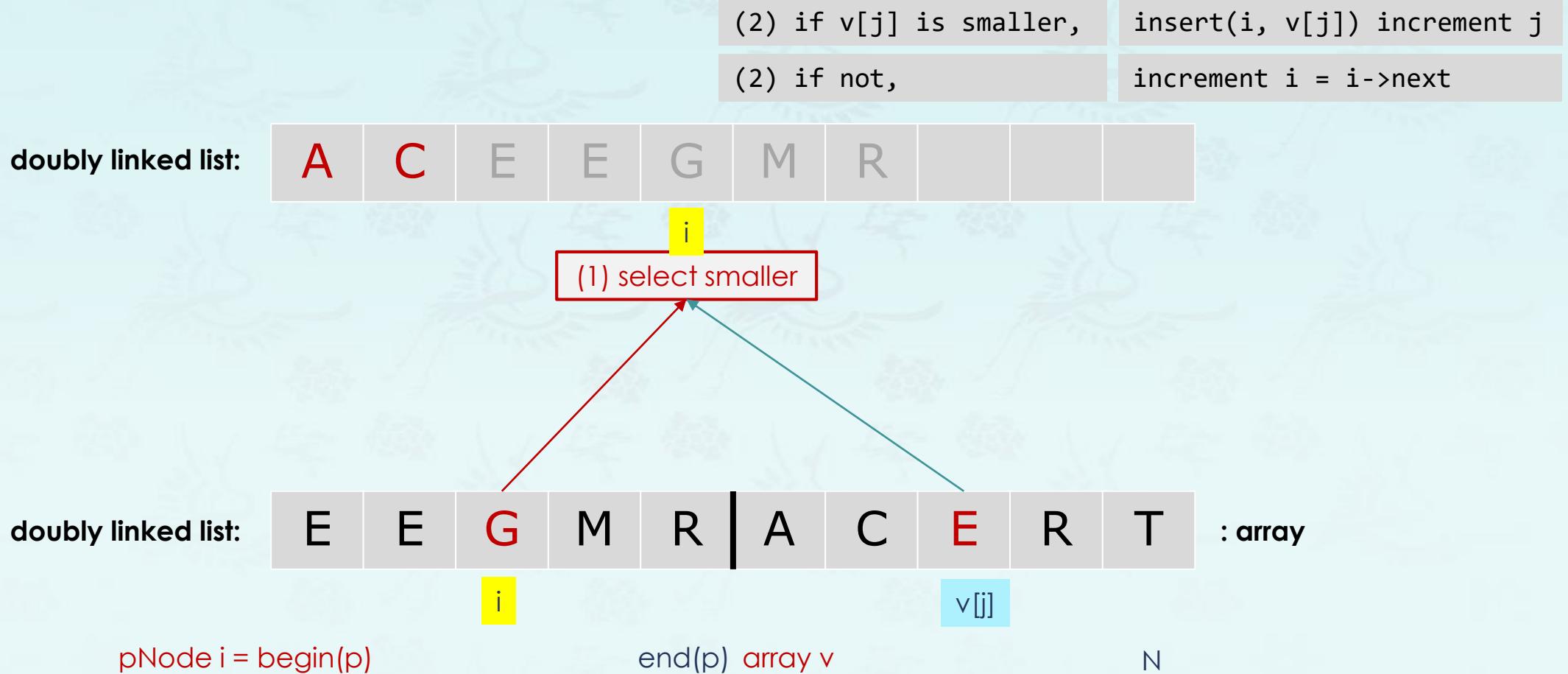
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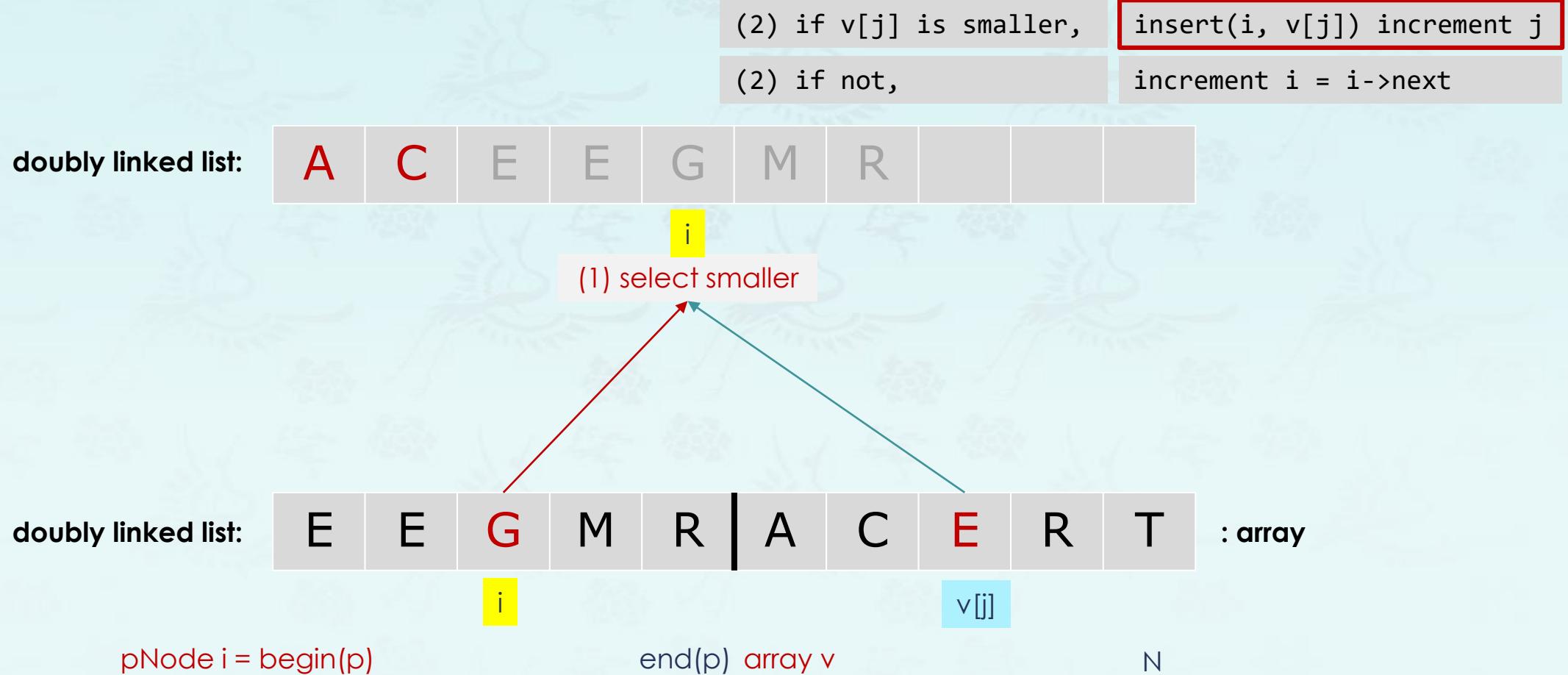
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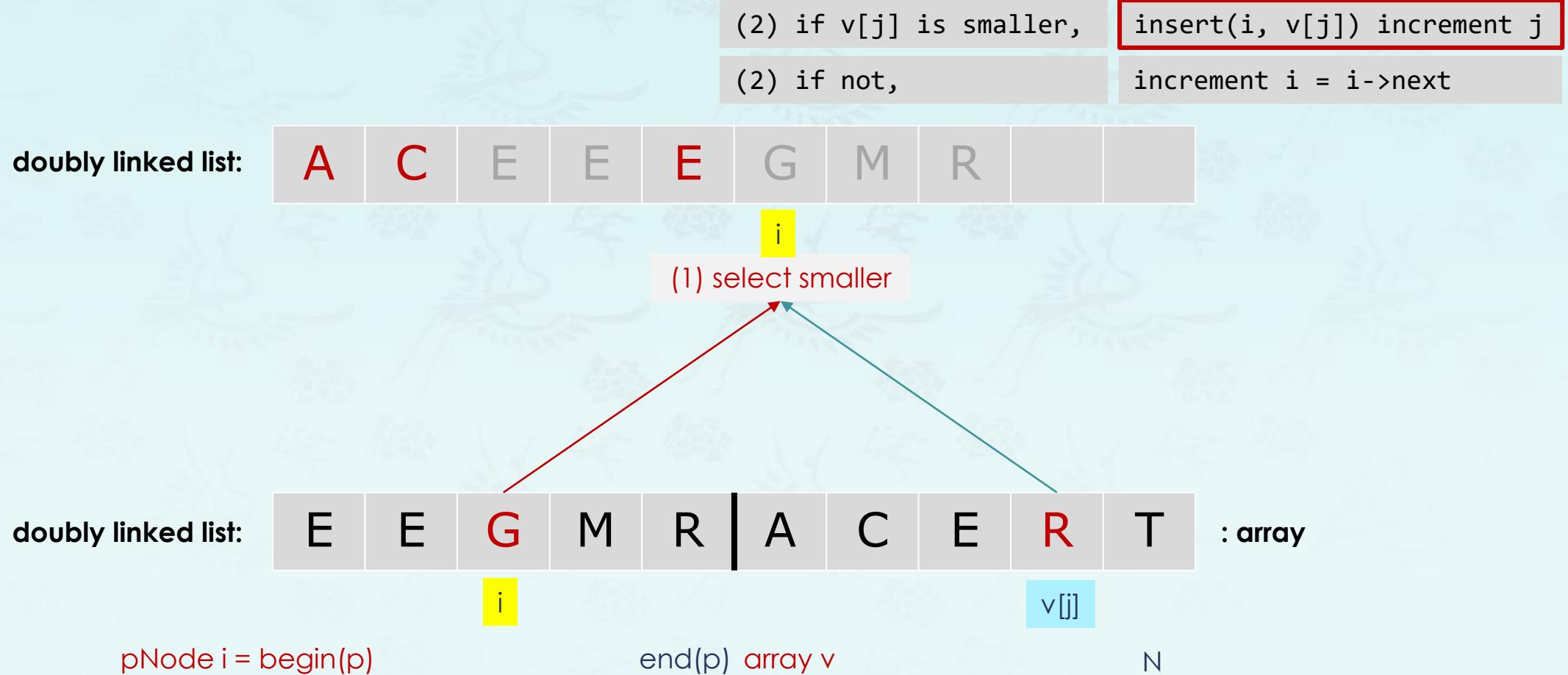
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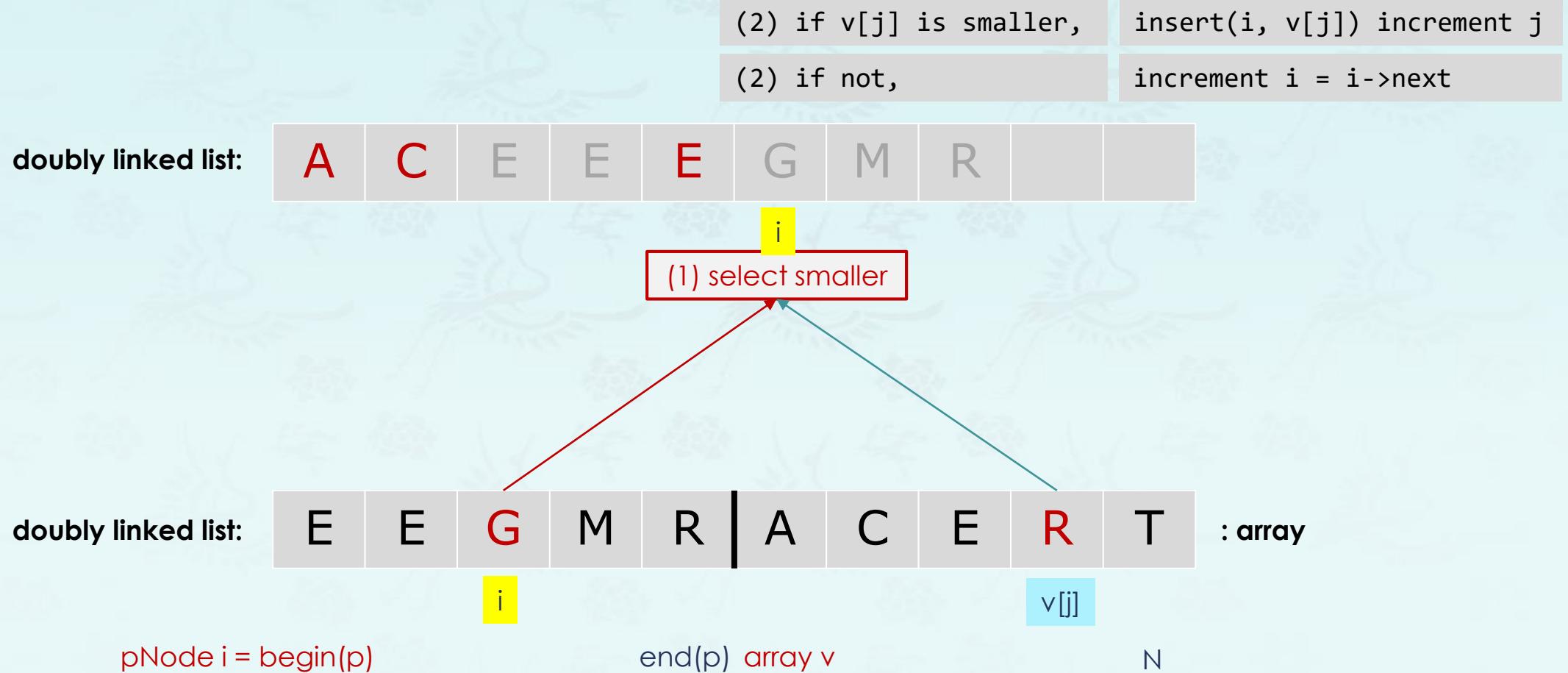
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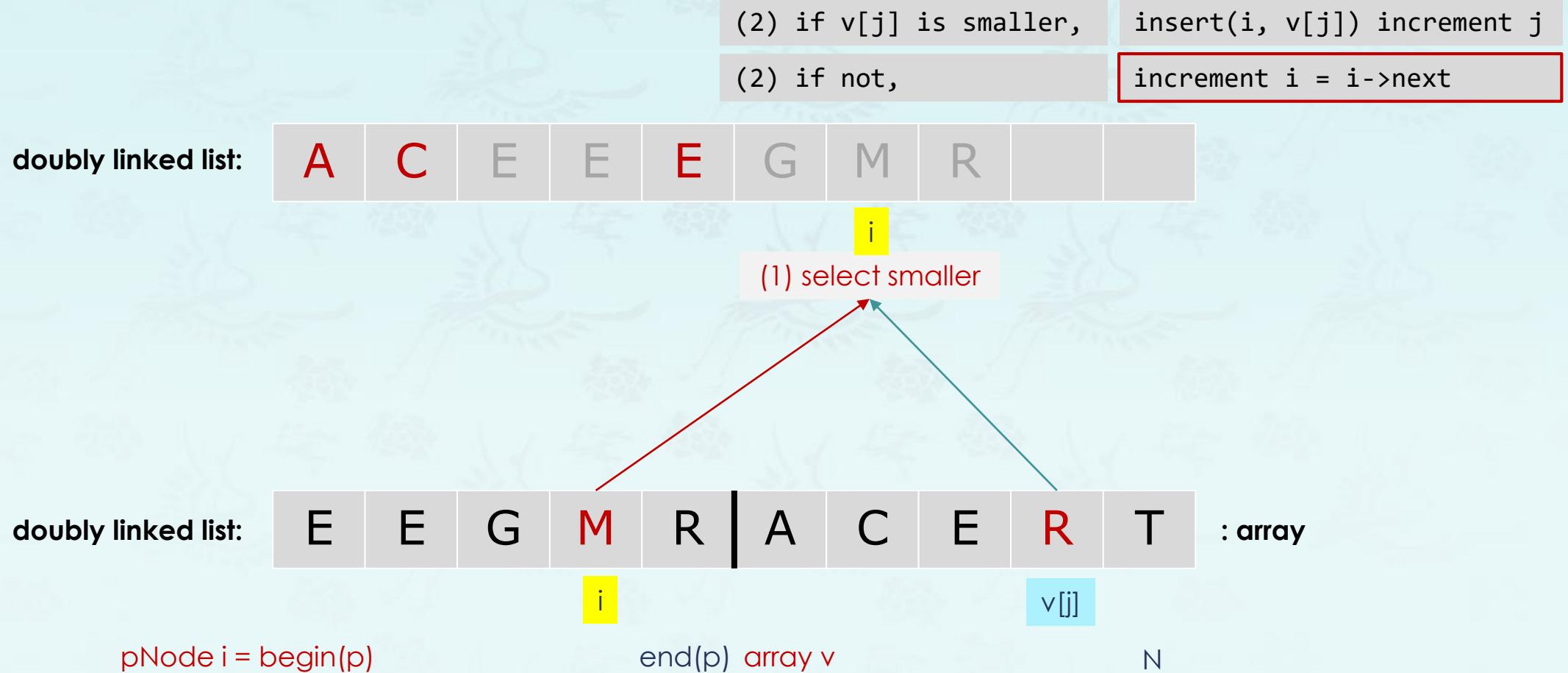
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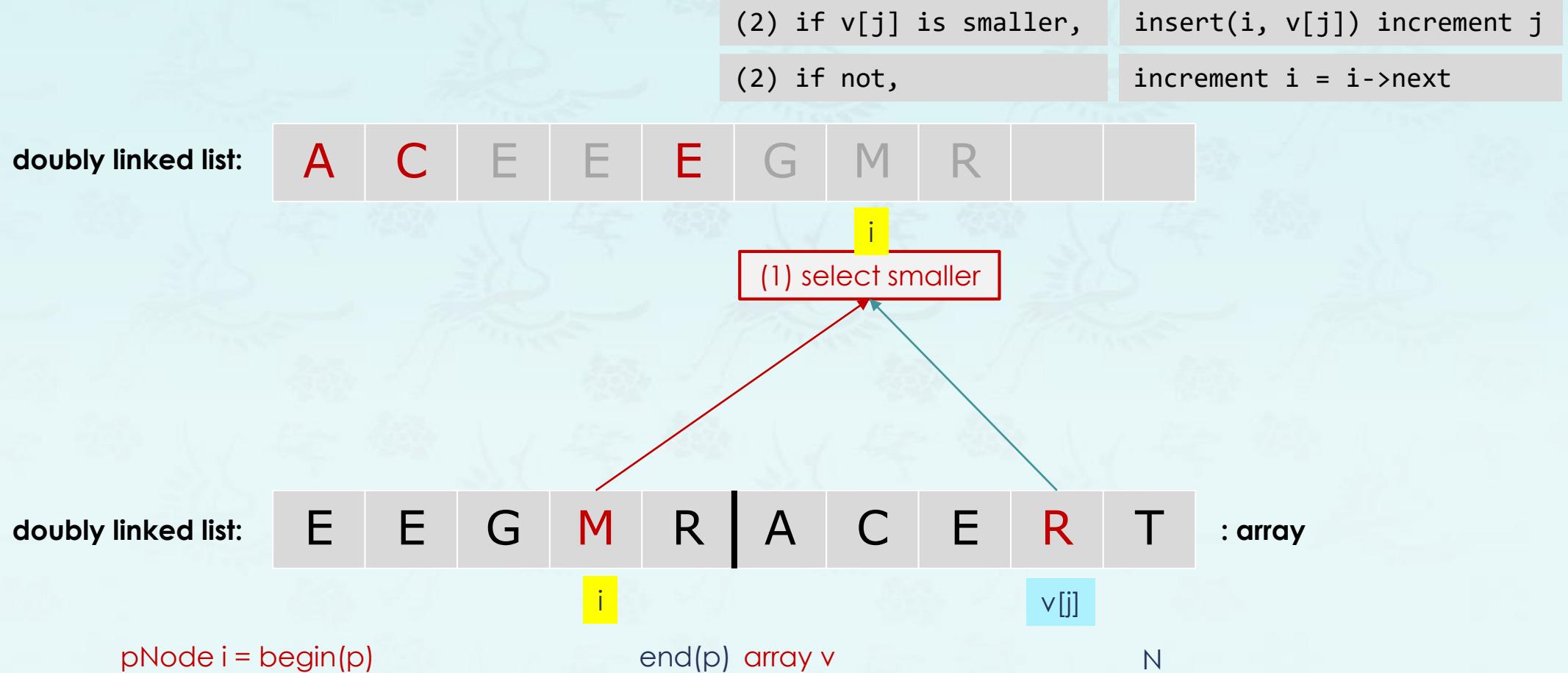
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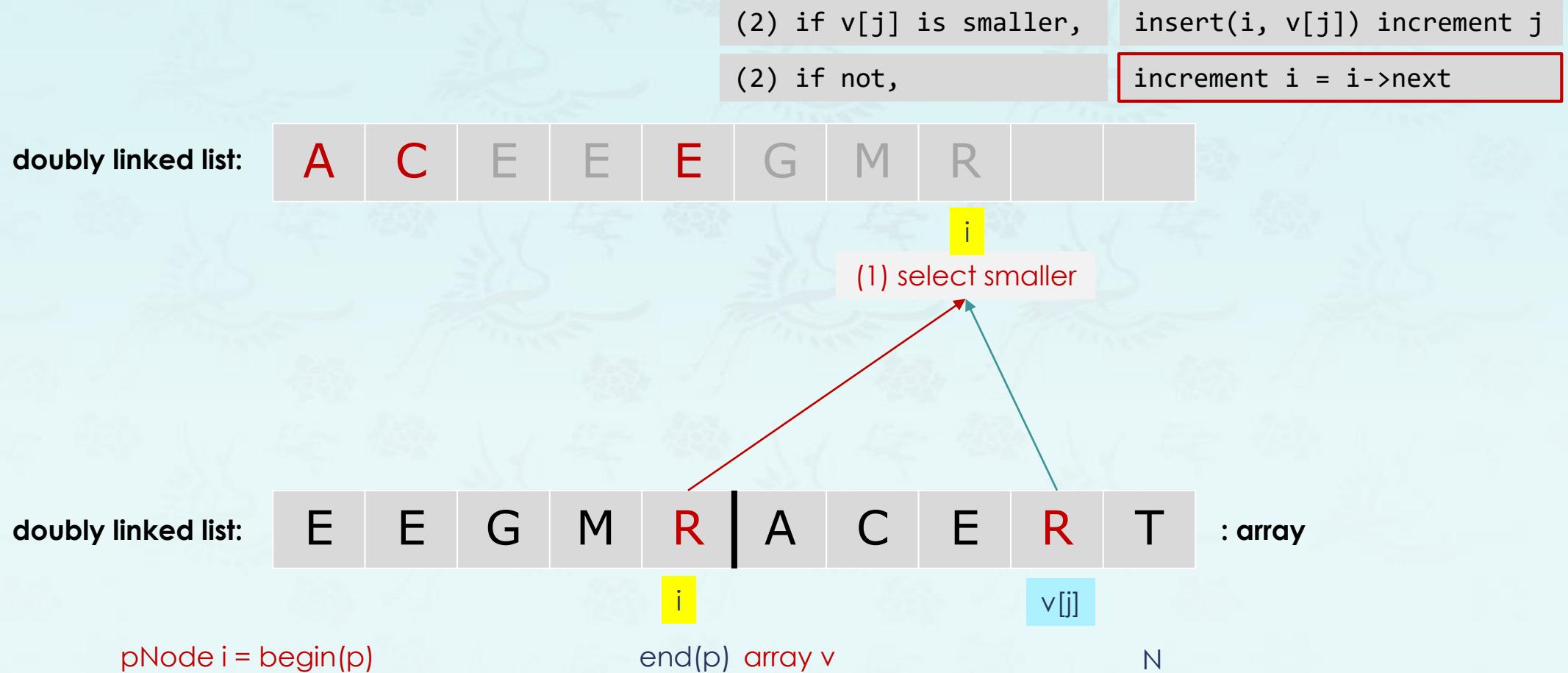
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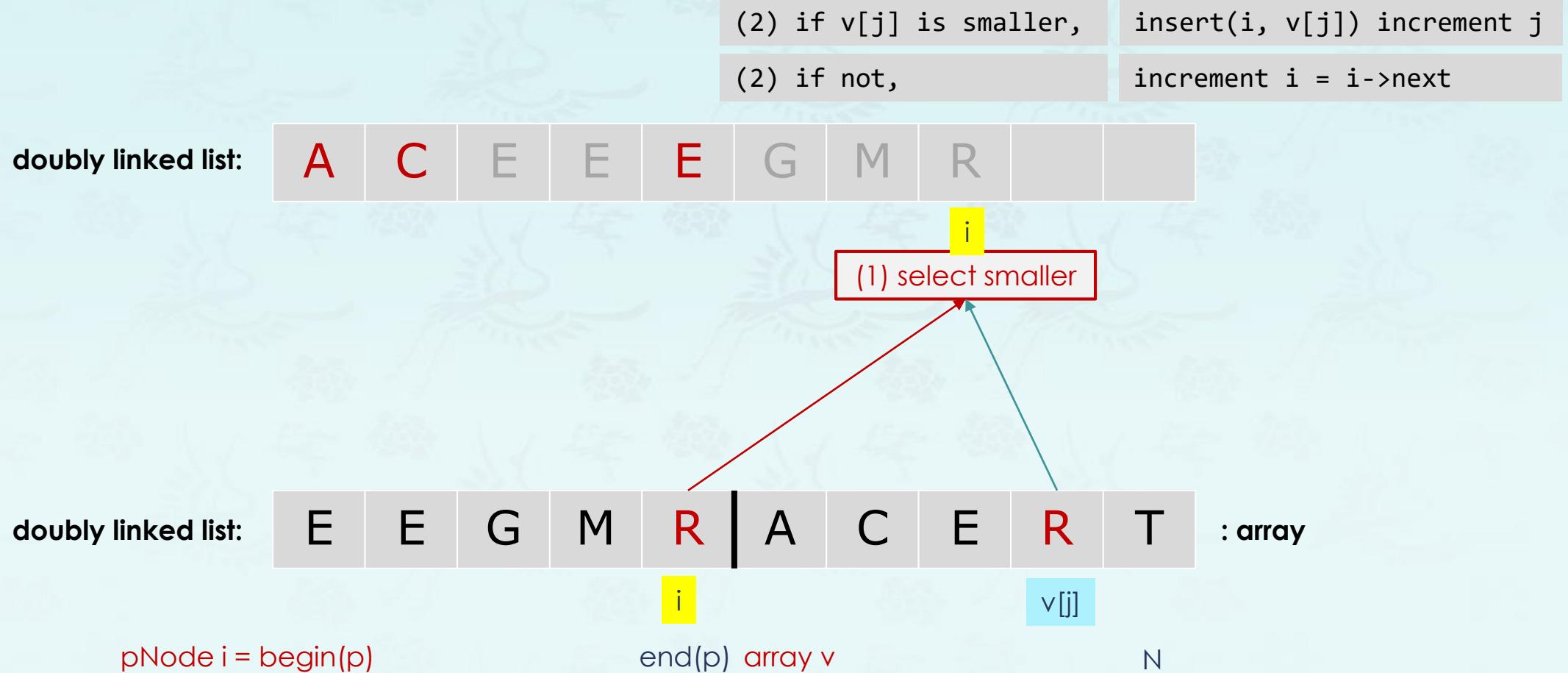
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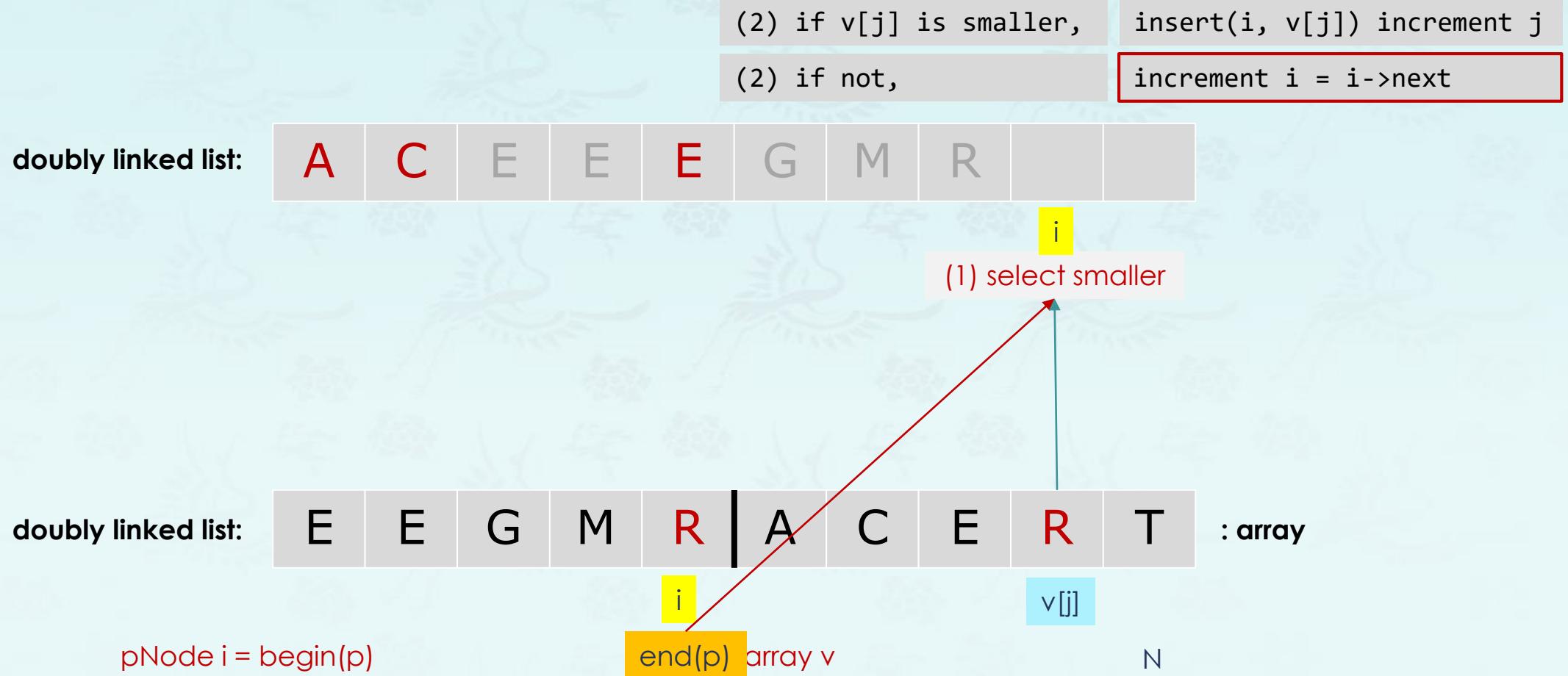
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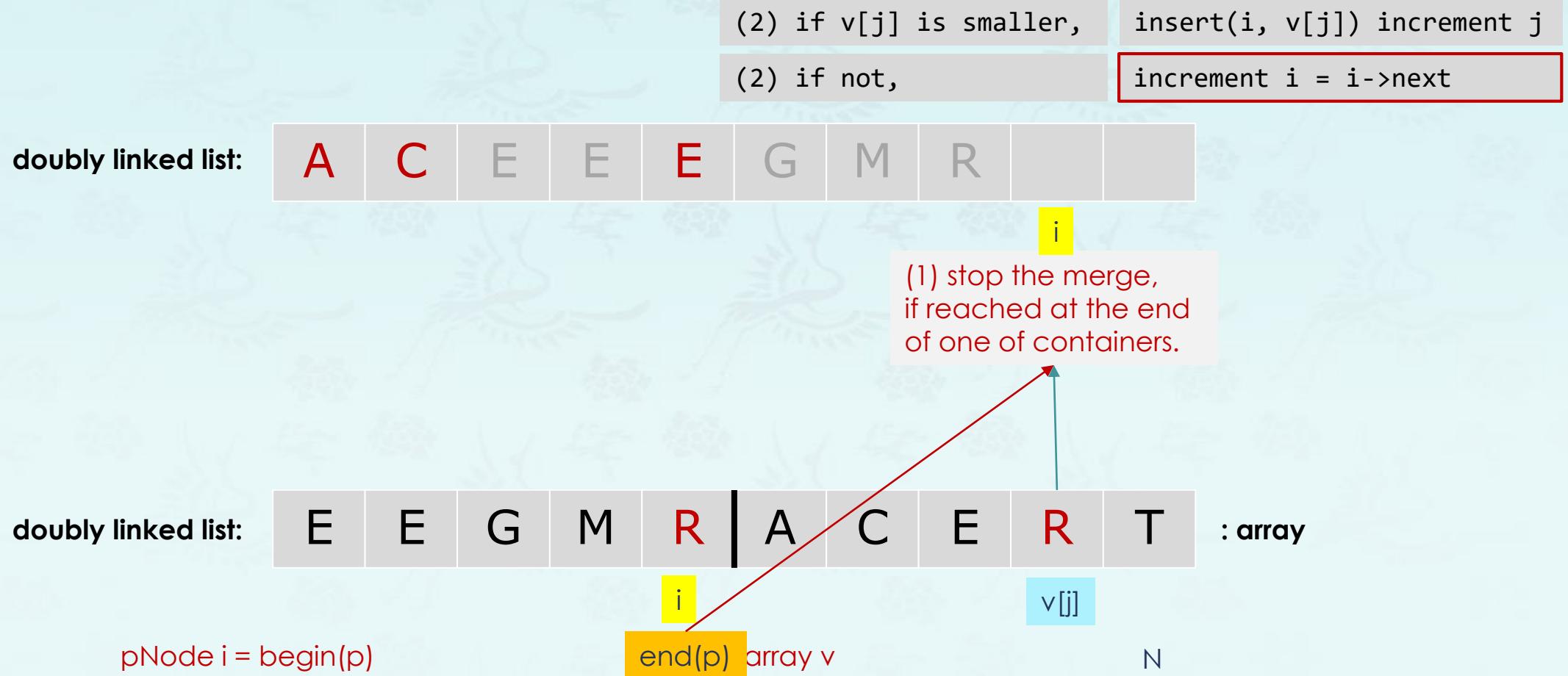
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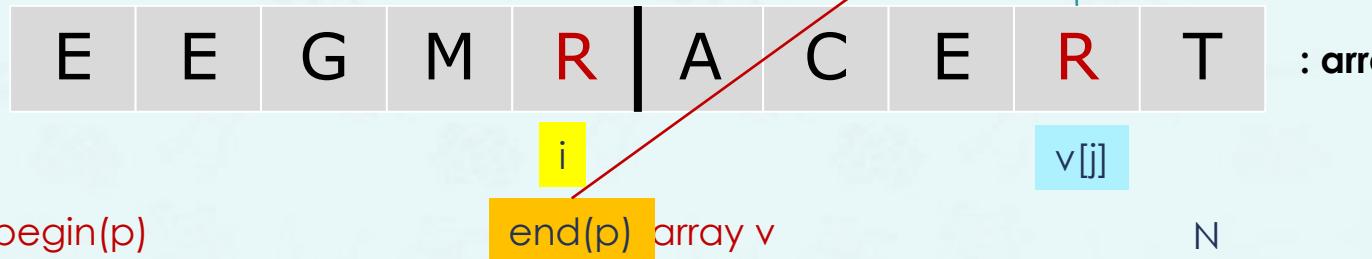
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doubly linked list – **testing**



1. Running `push_backN()` once will be enough for most cases. For "pop vals" or "unique", you may run it twice as shown below.
 - ① create 50,000 nodes filled with random values at the first run.
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2. Now you are ready to use this vector to test $O(n)$, $O(n \log n)$, and $O(n^2)$
3. You may test your code with 1,000,000 nodes and compare them with `listdsx.exe`.

doubly linked list – **testing**

N		10,000	100,000	1 Million	
push sorted $O(n)$	my code				
	listdsx				
sort (selection) $O(n^2)$	my code				takes too long unless use quicksort
	listdsx				
reverse $O(n)$	my code				
	listdsx				
pop vals $O(n)$	my code				
	listdsx				
unique $O(n)$	my code				
	listdsx				
shuffle $O(n)$	my code				
	listdsx				
push sorted N $O(n^2)$	my code				$N = 10,000, 100,000, 1,000,000$
	listdsx				
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	listdsx				



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