

CS460: Intro to Database Systems

Class 16: Log-Structured-Merge Trees

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Useful when?

- ☒ Massive dataset
- ☒ Rapid updates/insertions
- ☒ Fast lookups

⇒ LSM-trees are for you.

Why now?

Patrick O'Neil
UMass Boston



Invented in
1996



1980

1990

2000

2010

Time



levelDB



DynamoDB

amazon
web services™

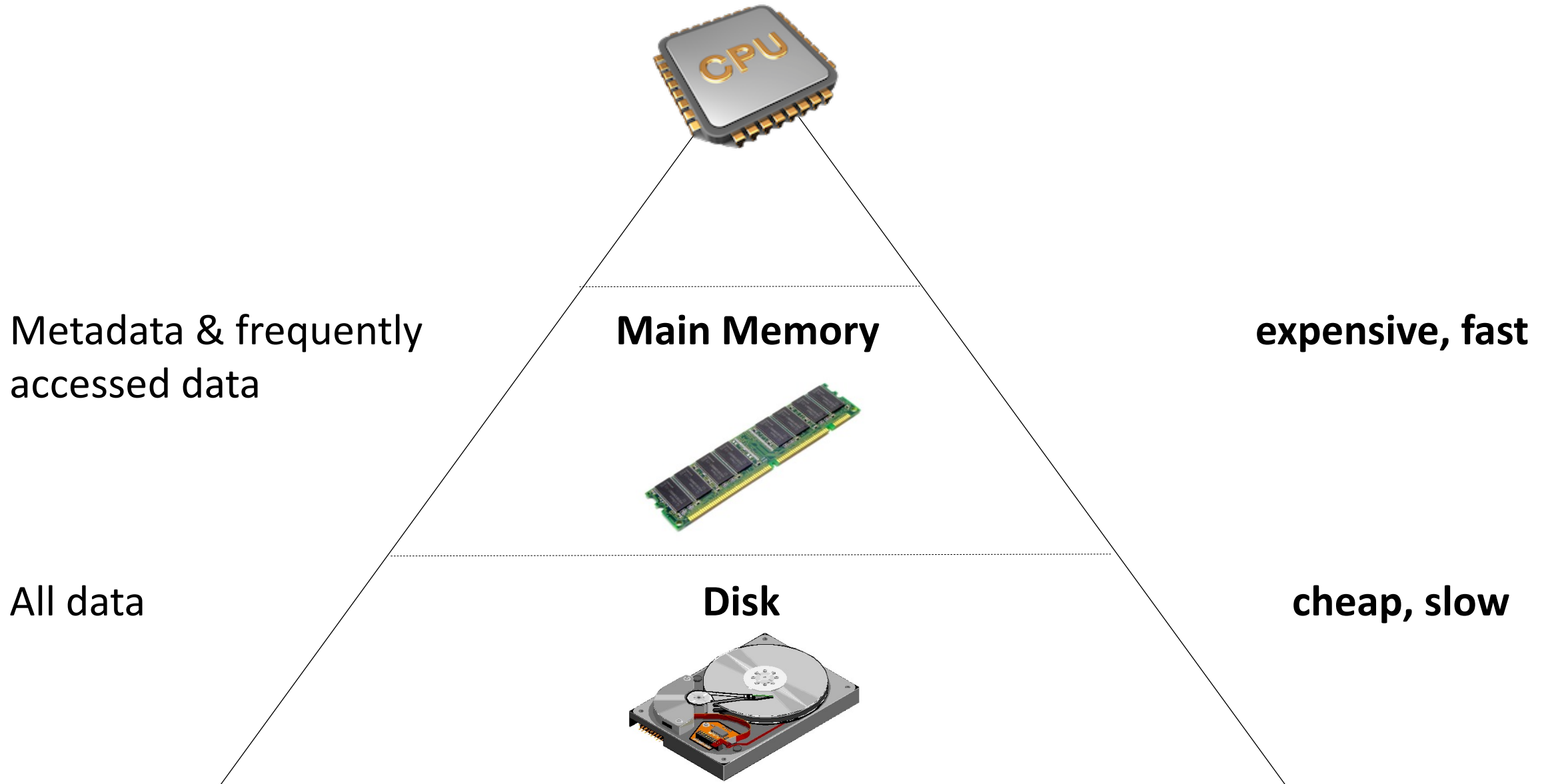


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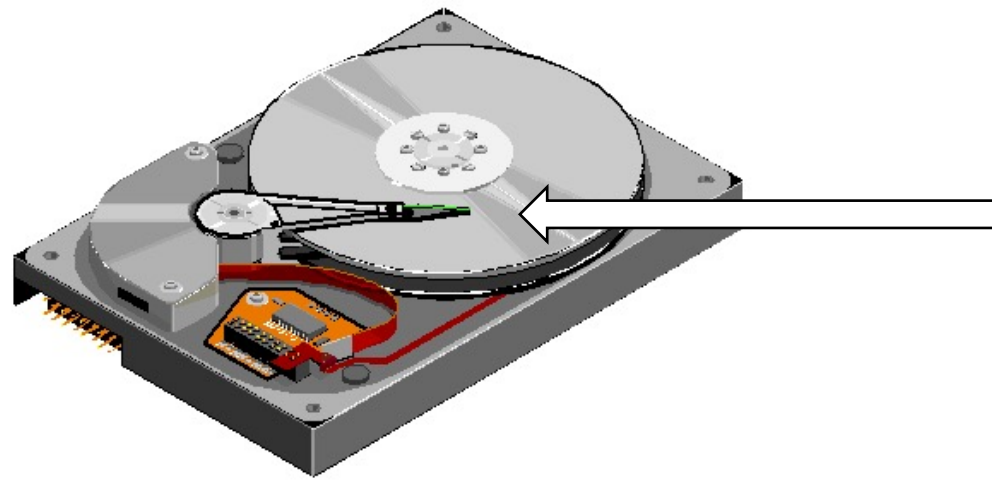
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2. Indexing problem & basic solutions
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5. Tiered LSM-trees
6. Bloom filters

Storage devices

The Memory Hierarchy



Why is disk slow?



Disk head

Random access is slow



move disk head

Sequential access is faster



let disk spin

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Indexing Problem & Basic Solutions

Indexing Problem

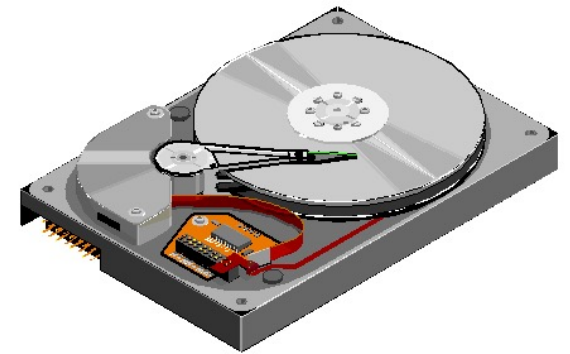


names \longrightarrow phone numbers

Structure on disk?

Lookup cost?

Insertion cost?



Results Catalogue

Compare and contrast data structures.

What to use when?

Data Structure	Lookup cost	Insertion cost
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Sorted Array

Measure Performance in I/Os

n entries

B entries fit into a disk block

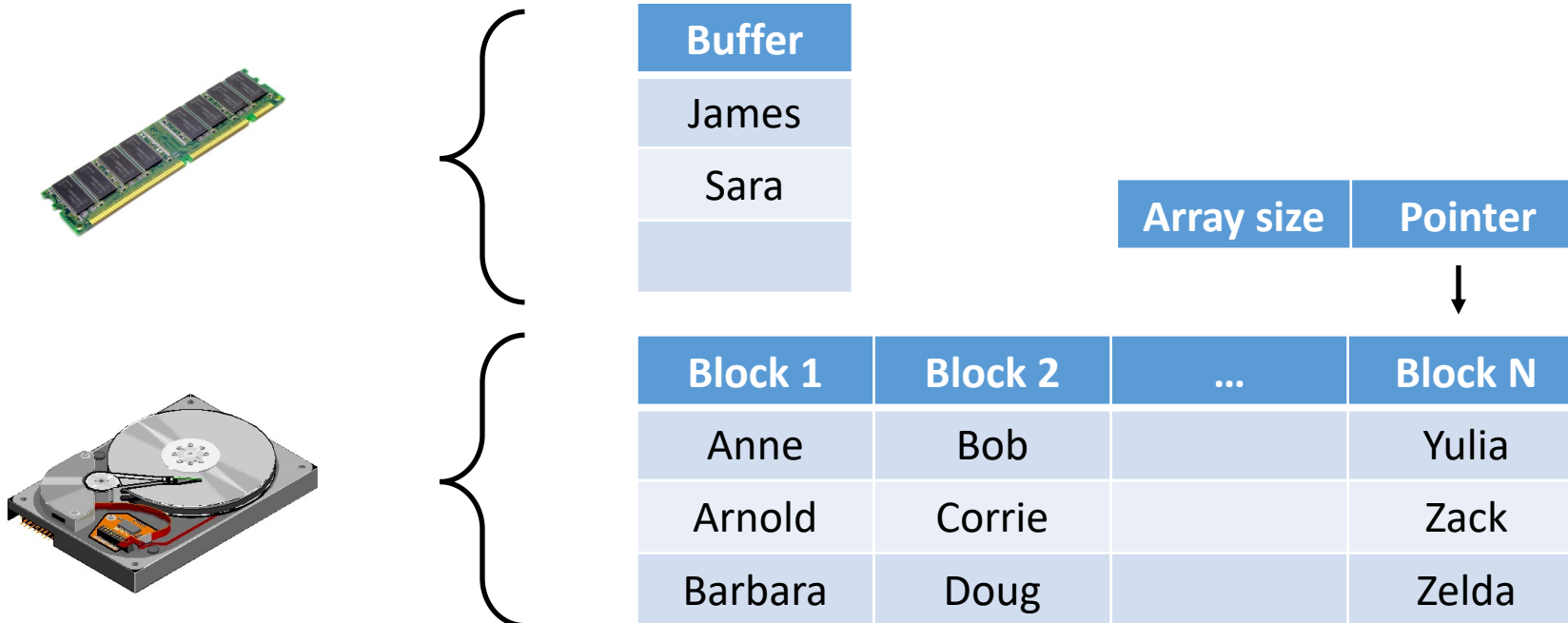
Array spans $N = \frac{n}{B}$ disk blocks

Lookup method & cost?

Binary search: $O(\log_2(N))$ I/Os

Insertion cost?

Push entries: $O\left(\frac{1}{B} \cdot N\right)$ I/Os



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Log (append-only array)

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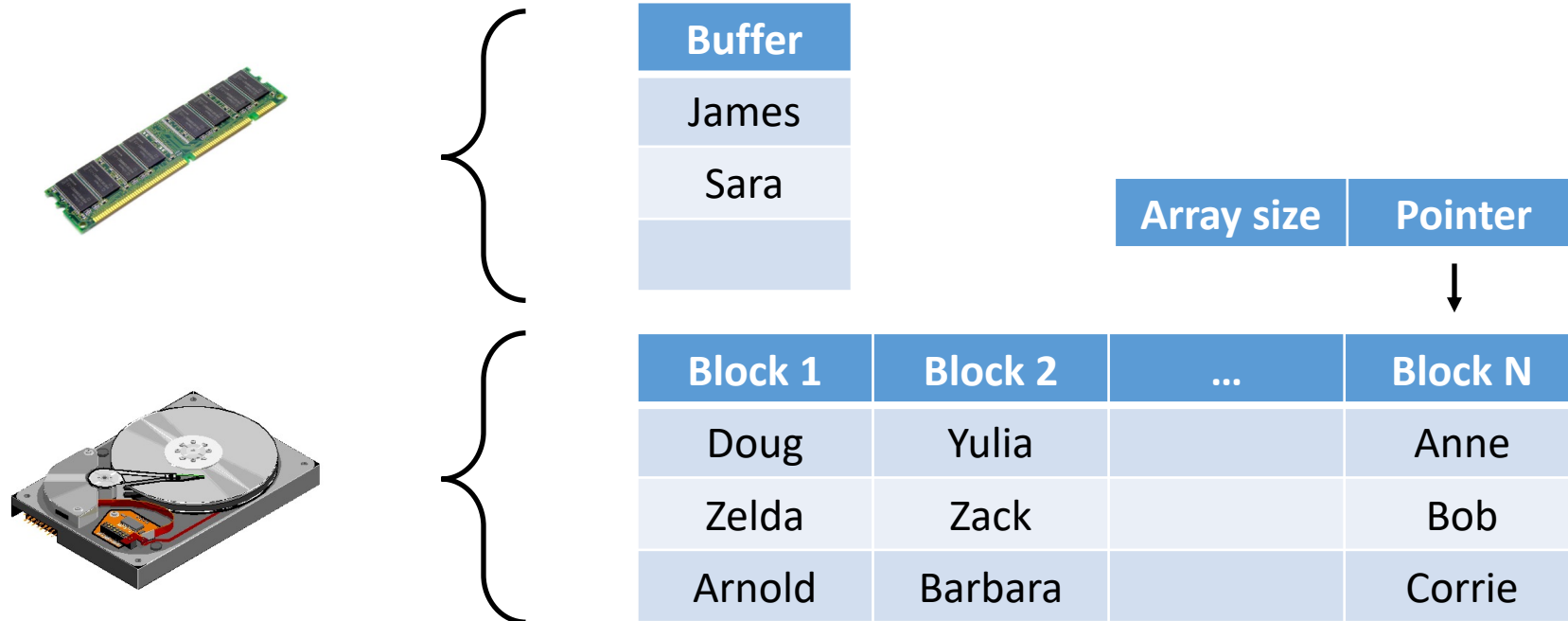
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Scan: $O(N)$

Insertion cost?

Append: $O\left(\frac{1}{B}\right)$



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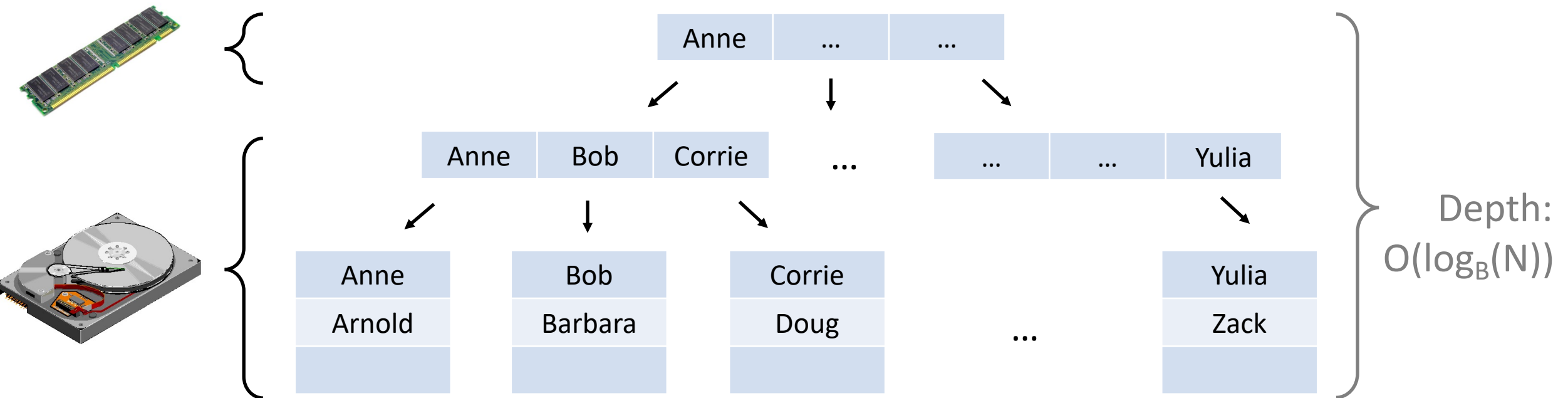
B-tree

Lookup method & cost?

Tree search: $O(\log_B(N))$

Insertion method & cost?

Tree search & append: $O(\log_B(N))$



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B-trees



“It could be said that the world’s information is at our fingertips because of B-trees”

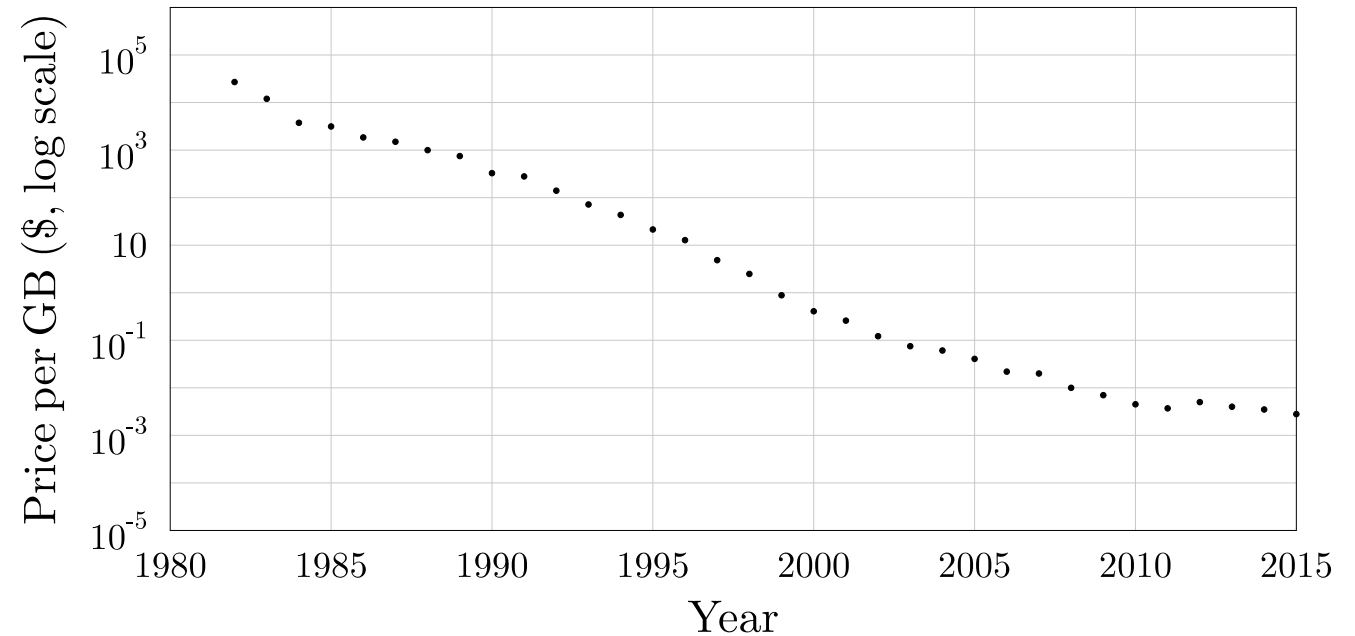
Goetz Graefe Microsoft, HP Fellow, now
Google ACM Software System Award

B-trees are no longer sufficient

Cheaper storage

Workloads more **insert-intensive**

We need **better insert-performance**



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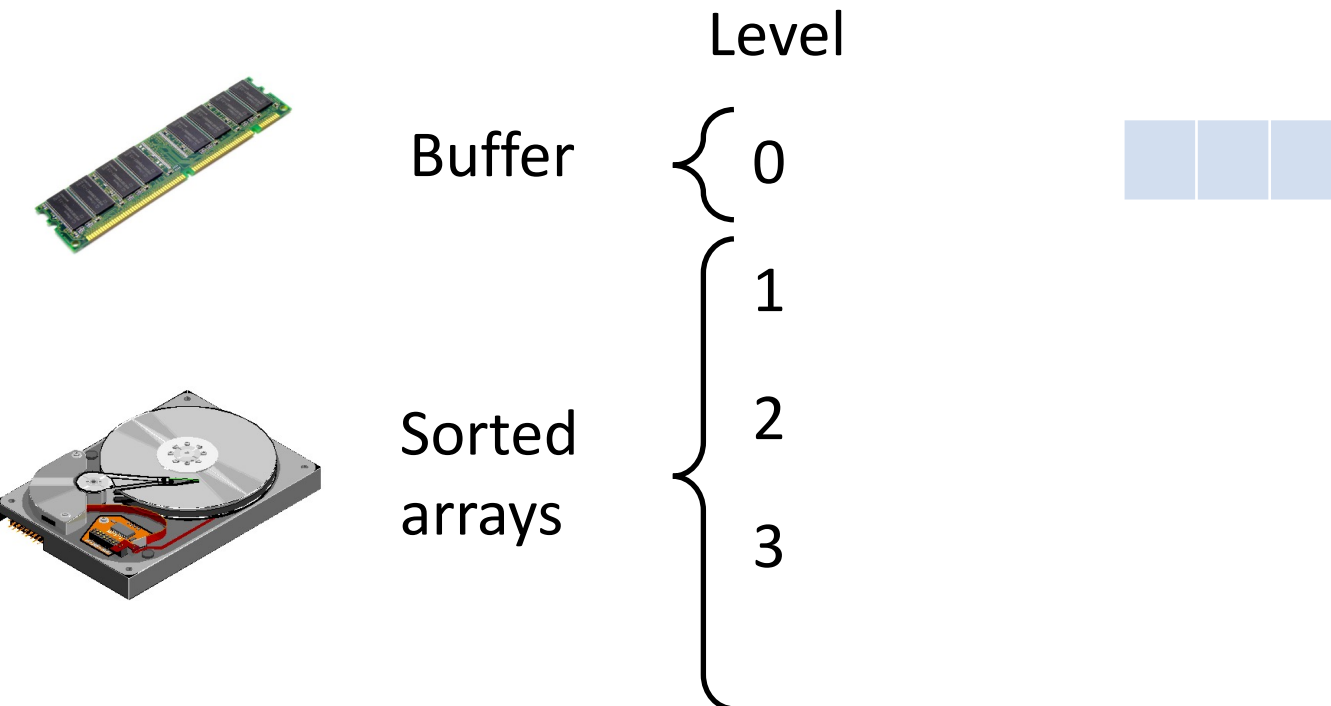
Goal to combine

sub-constant insertion cost
logarithmic lookup cost

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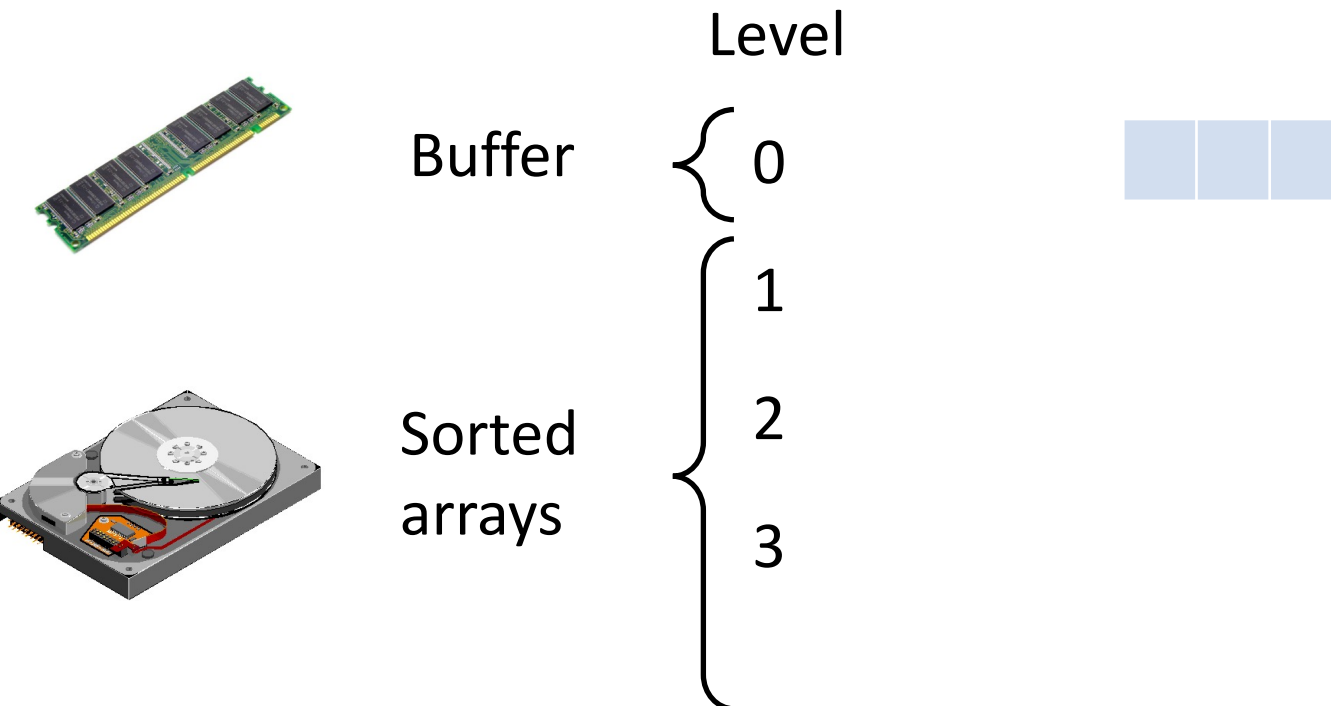
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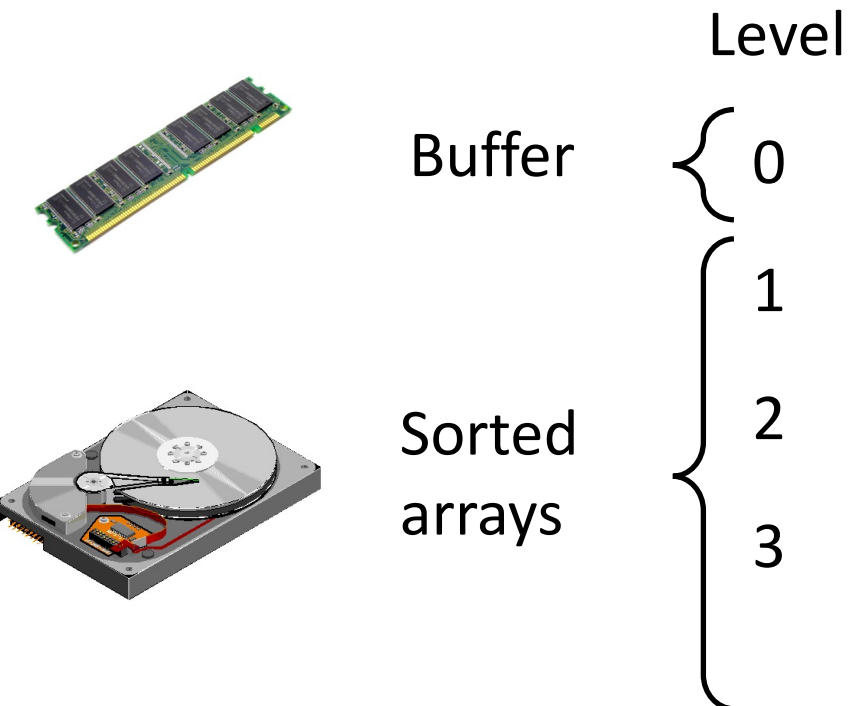
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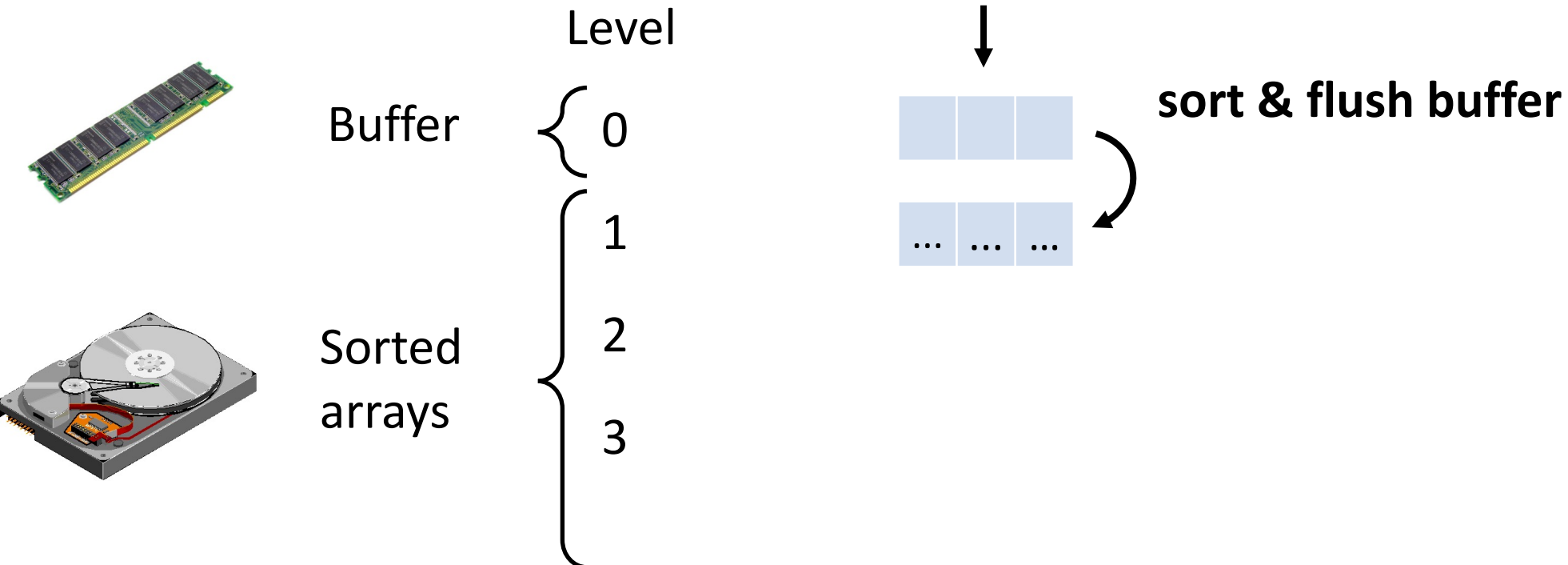
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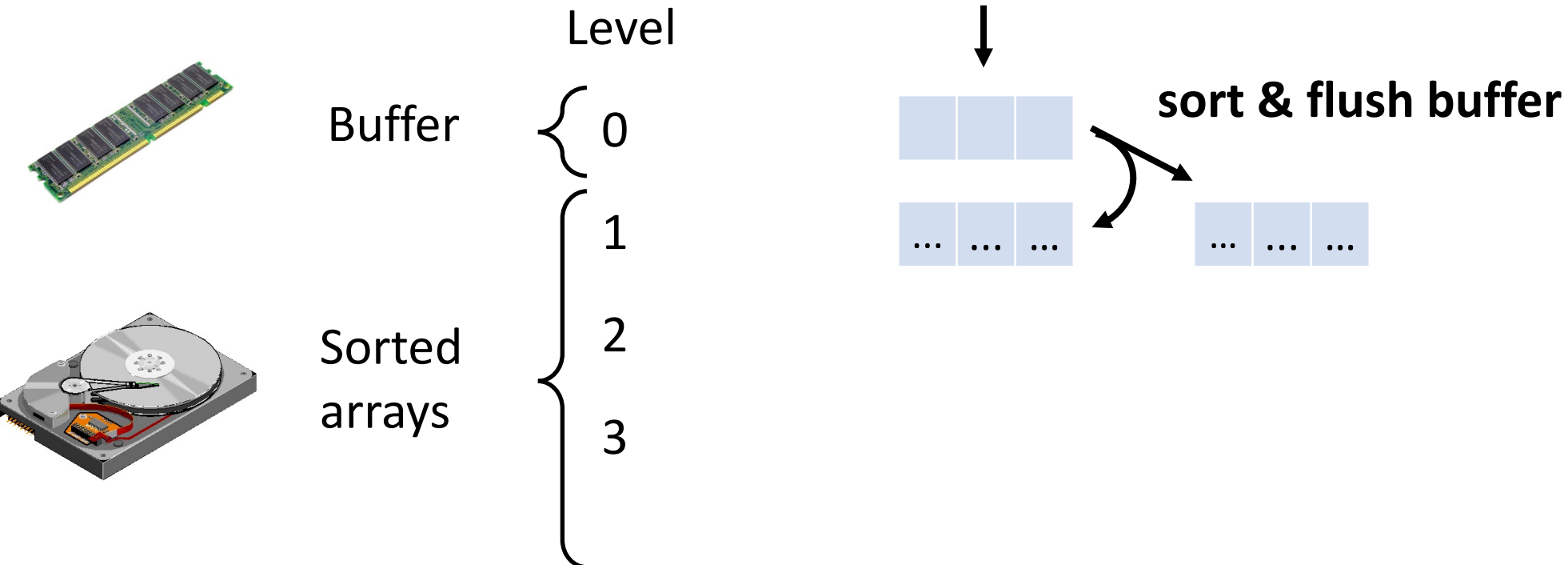
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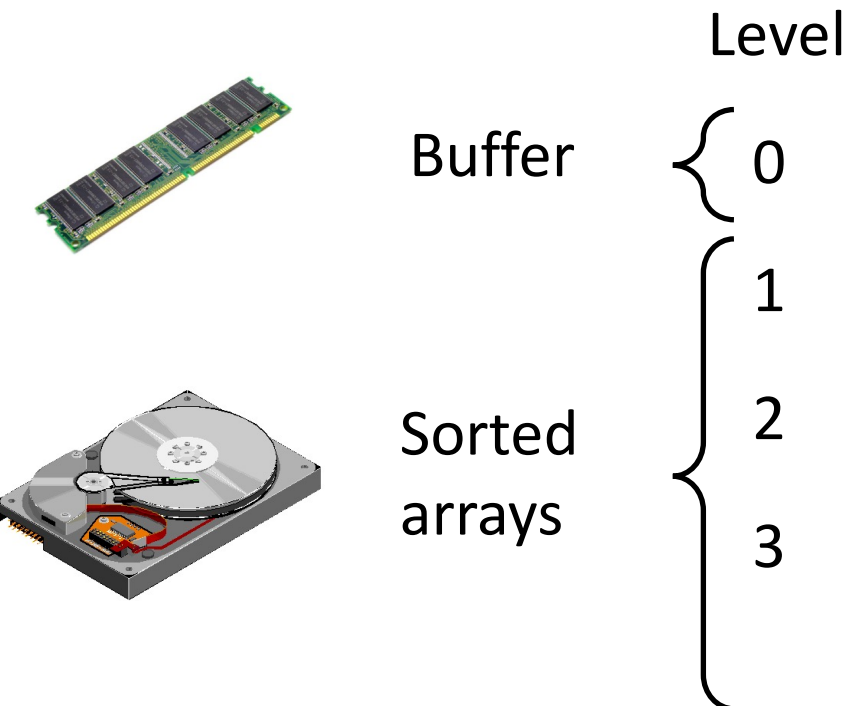
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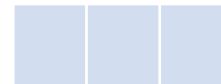
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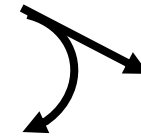
optimize for lookups by sort-merging arrays



Inserts



sort & flush buffer



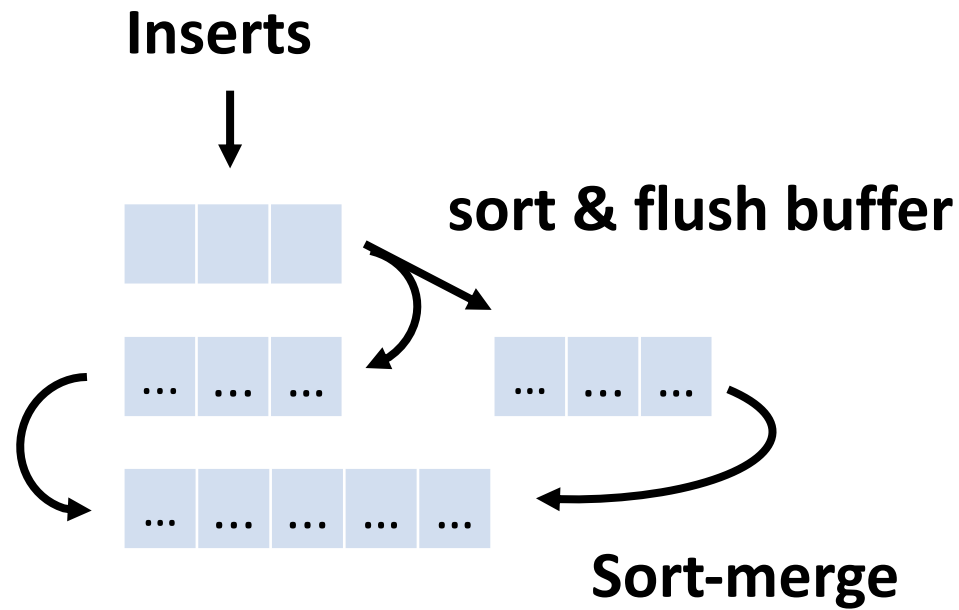
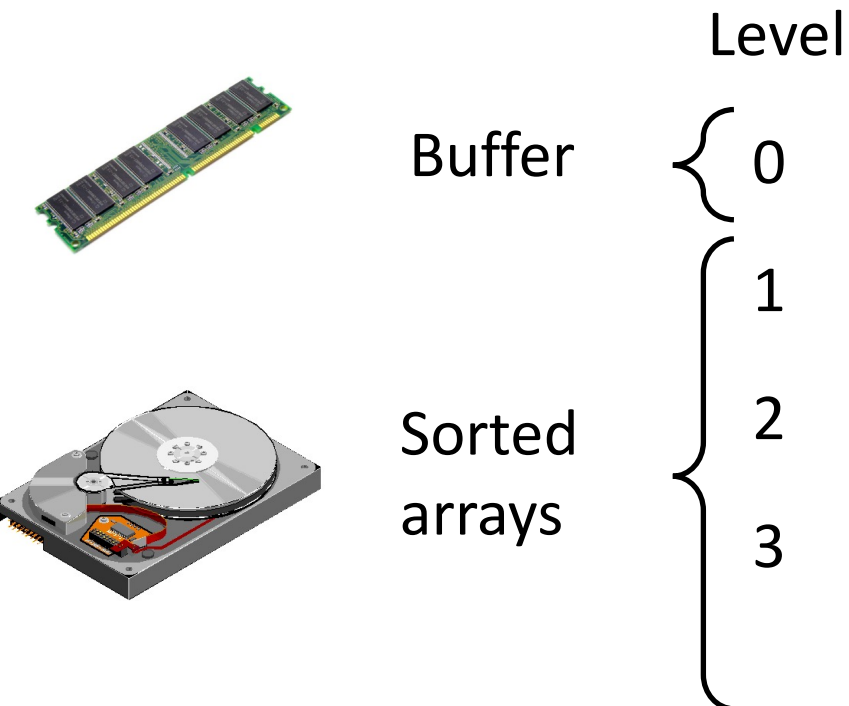
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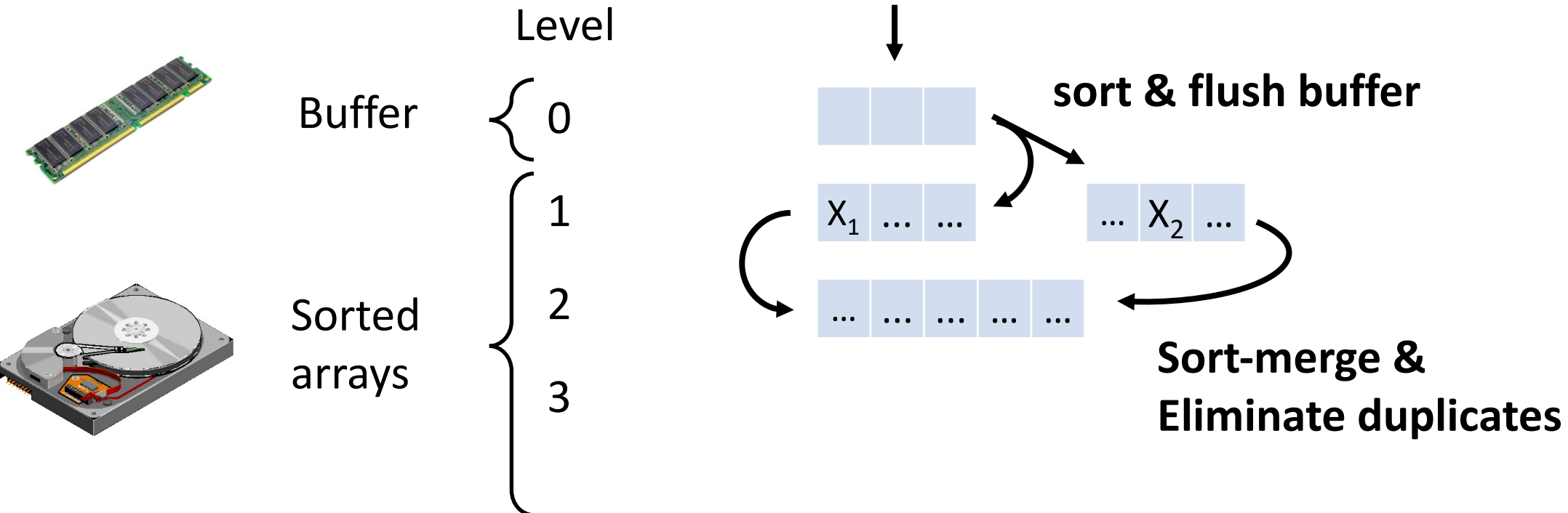
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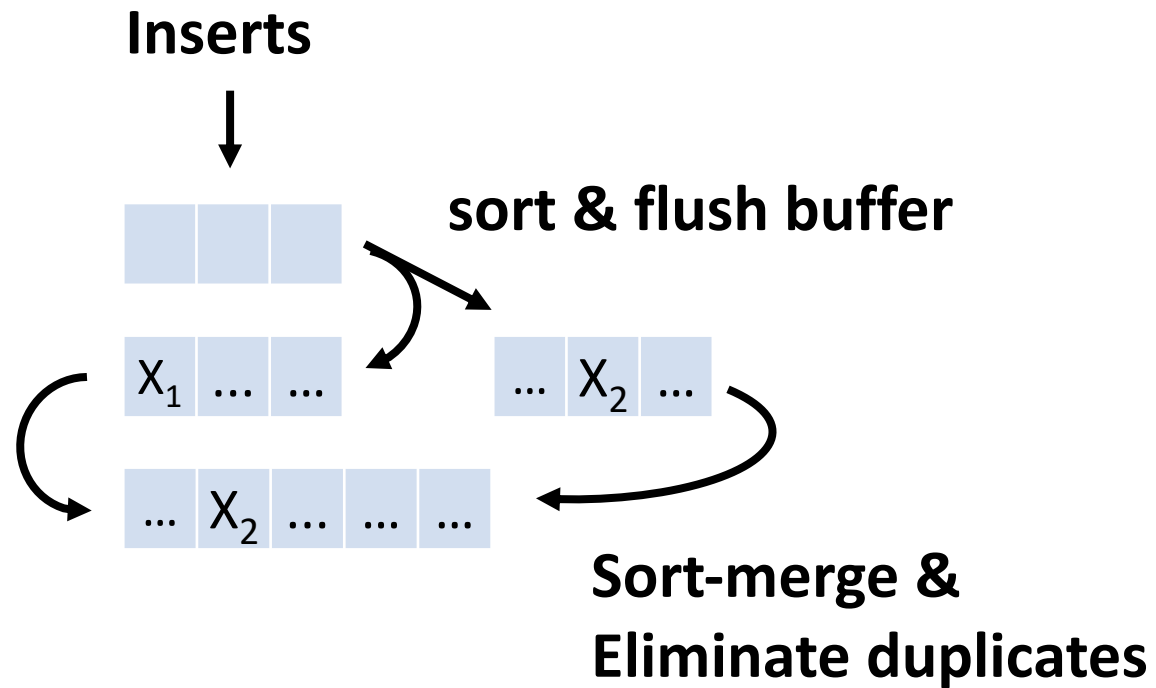
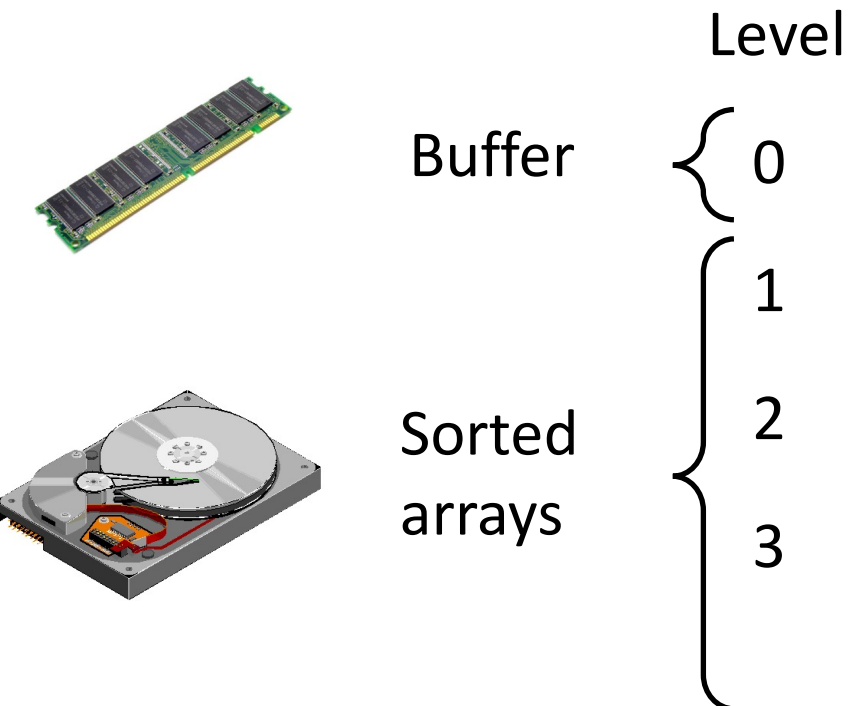
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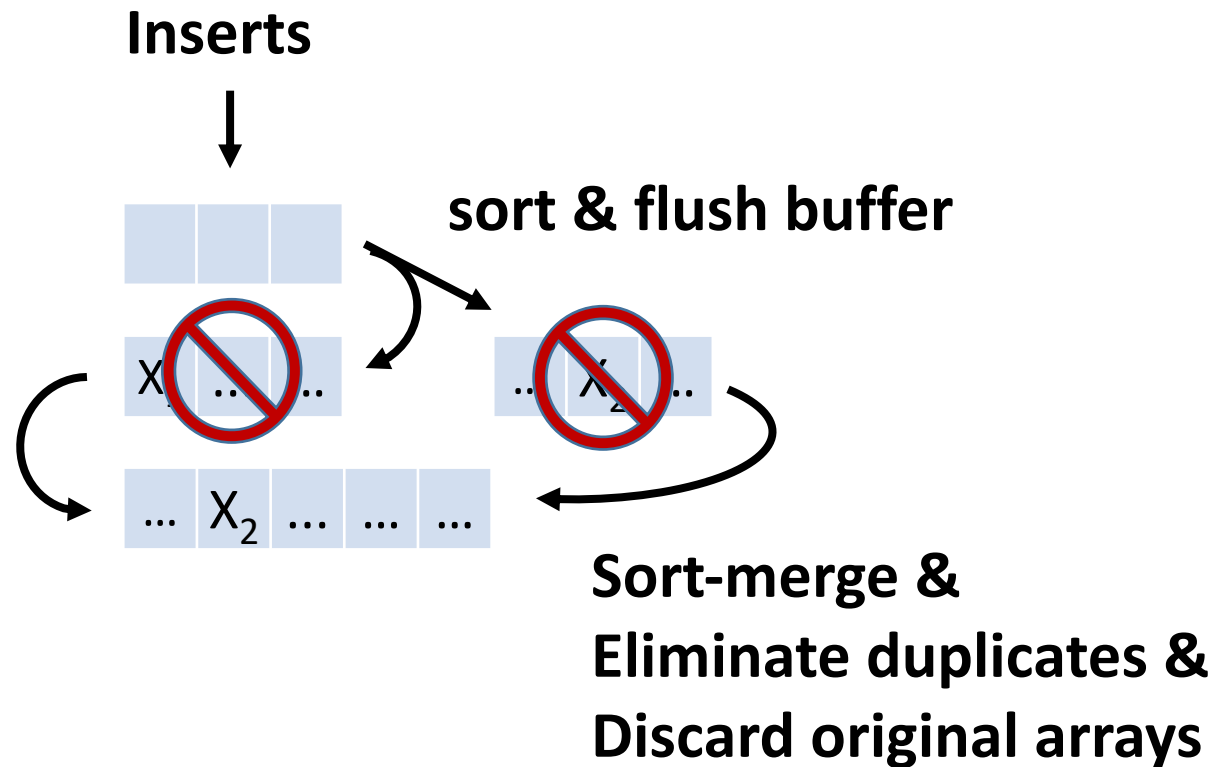
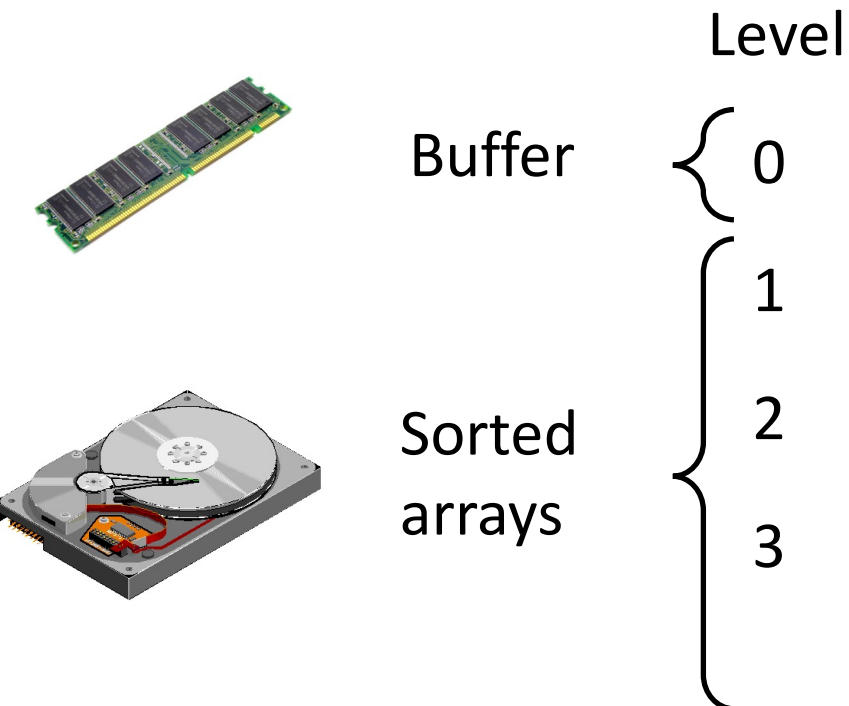
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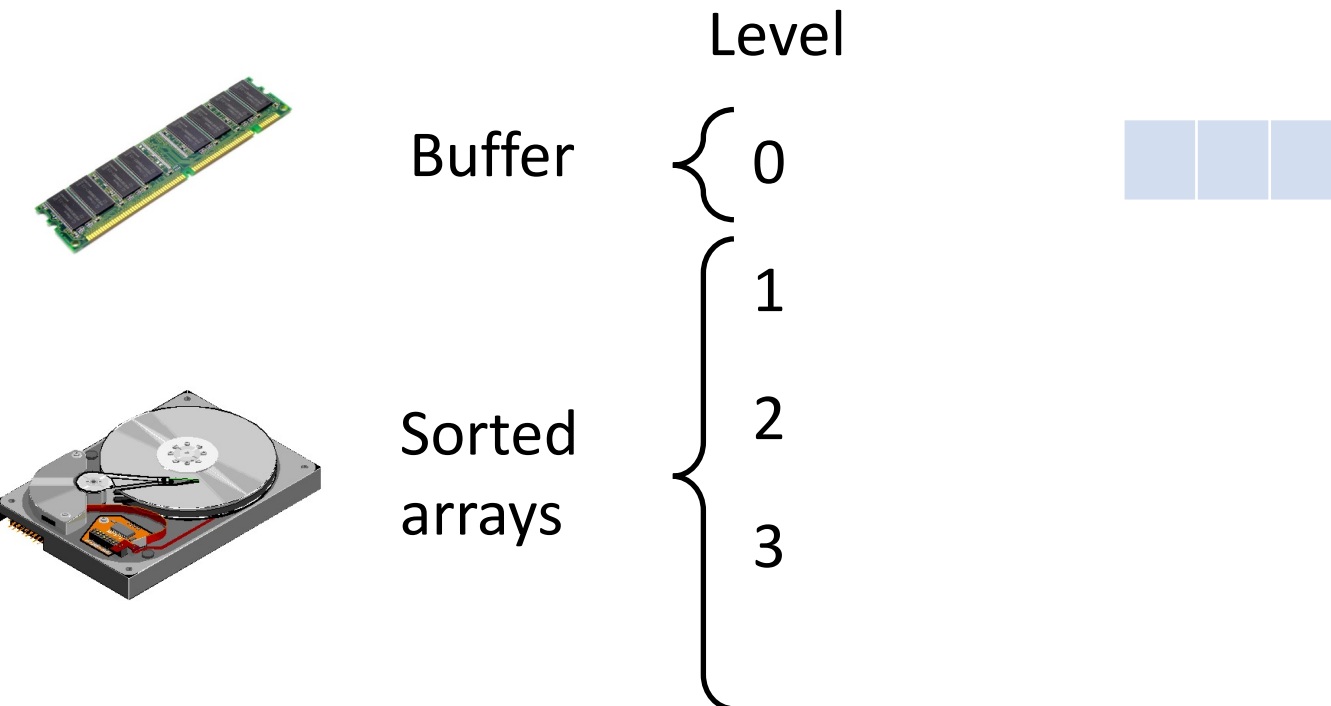
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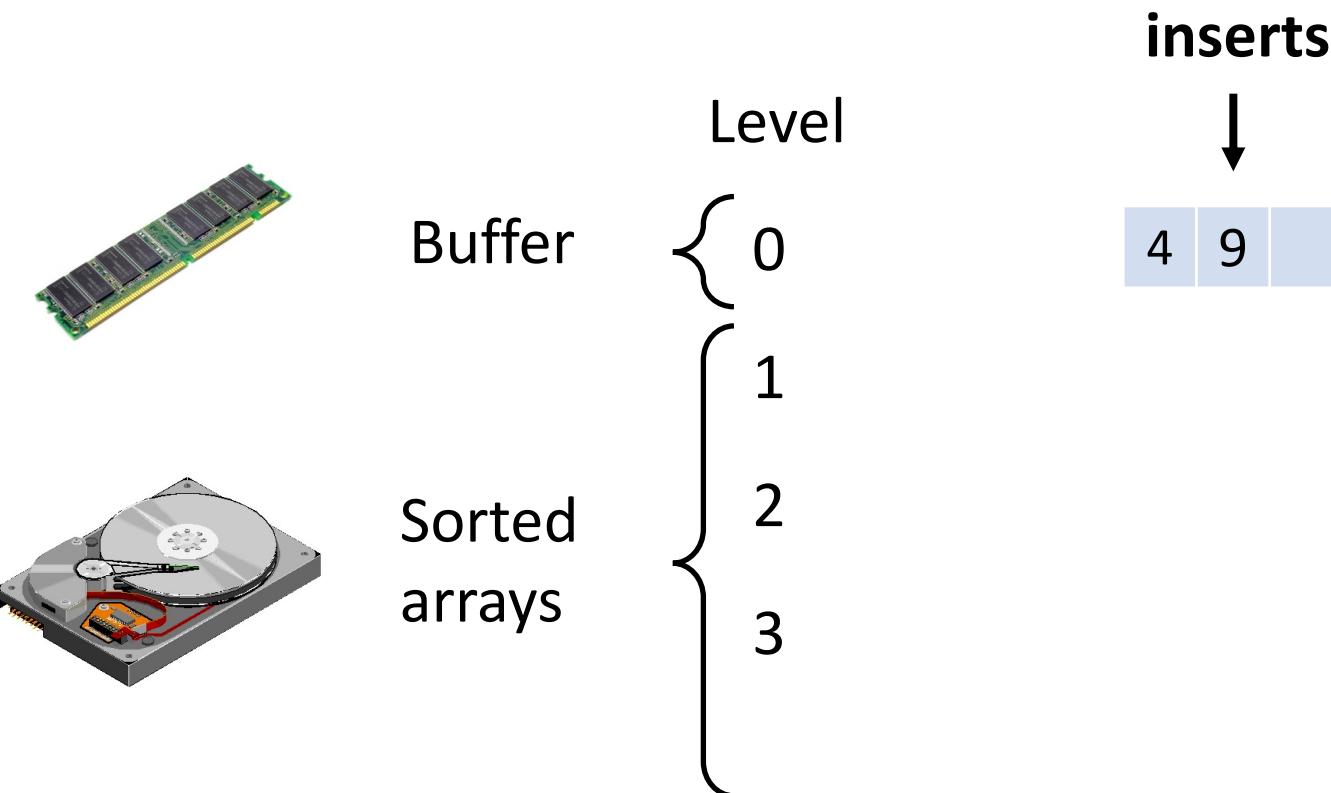
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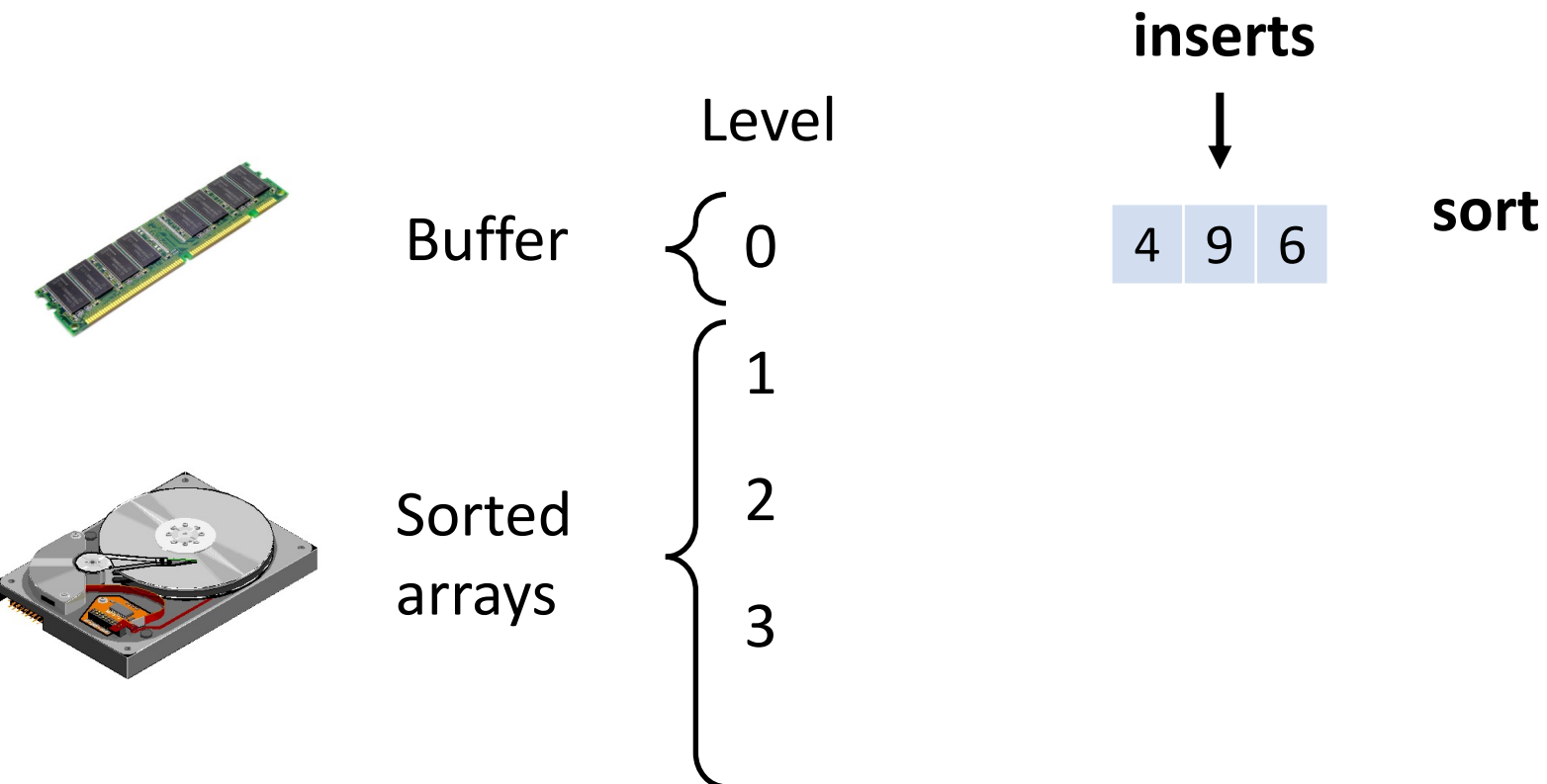
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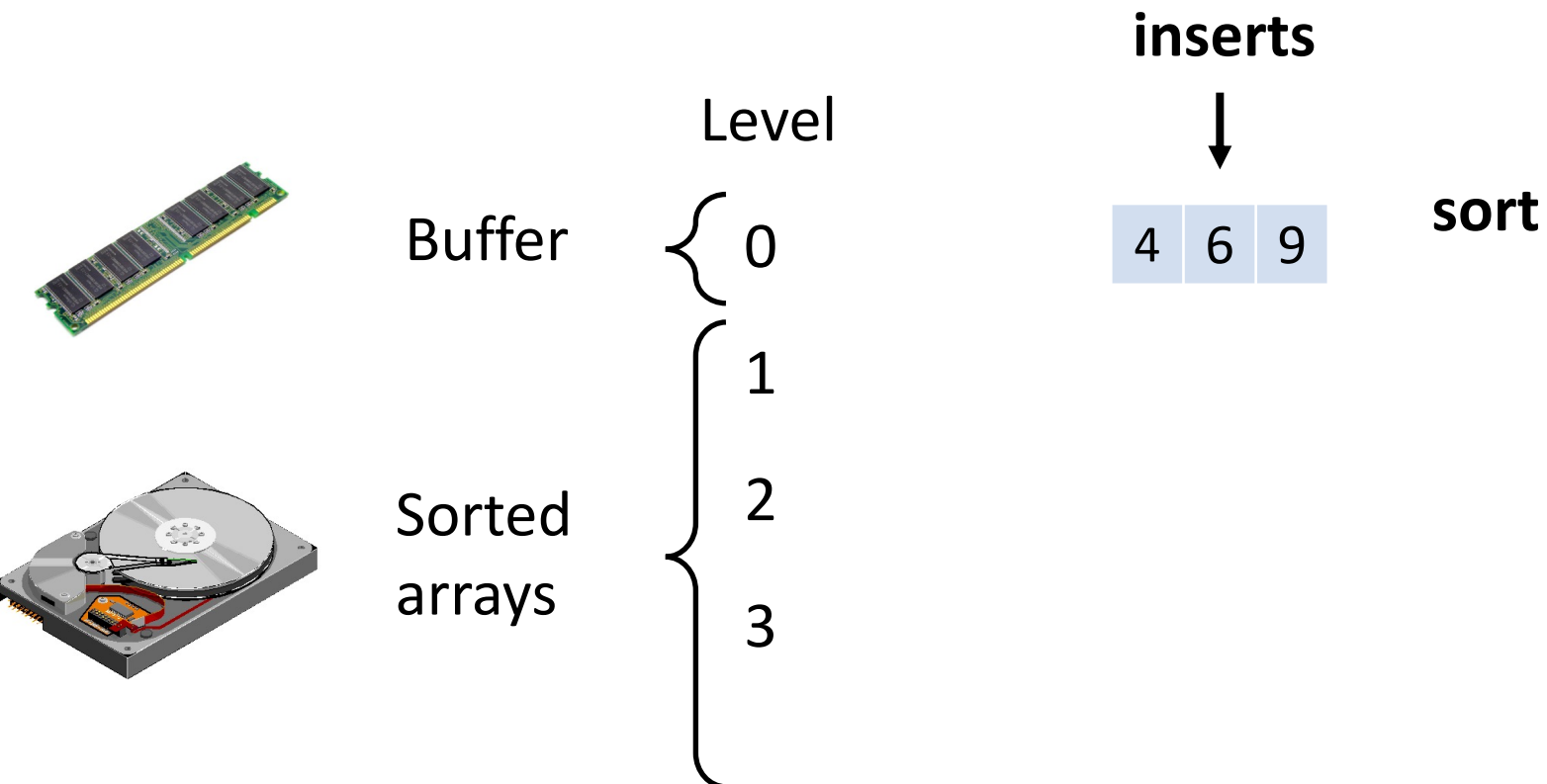
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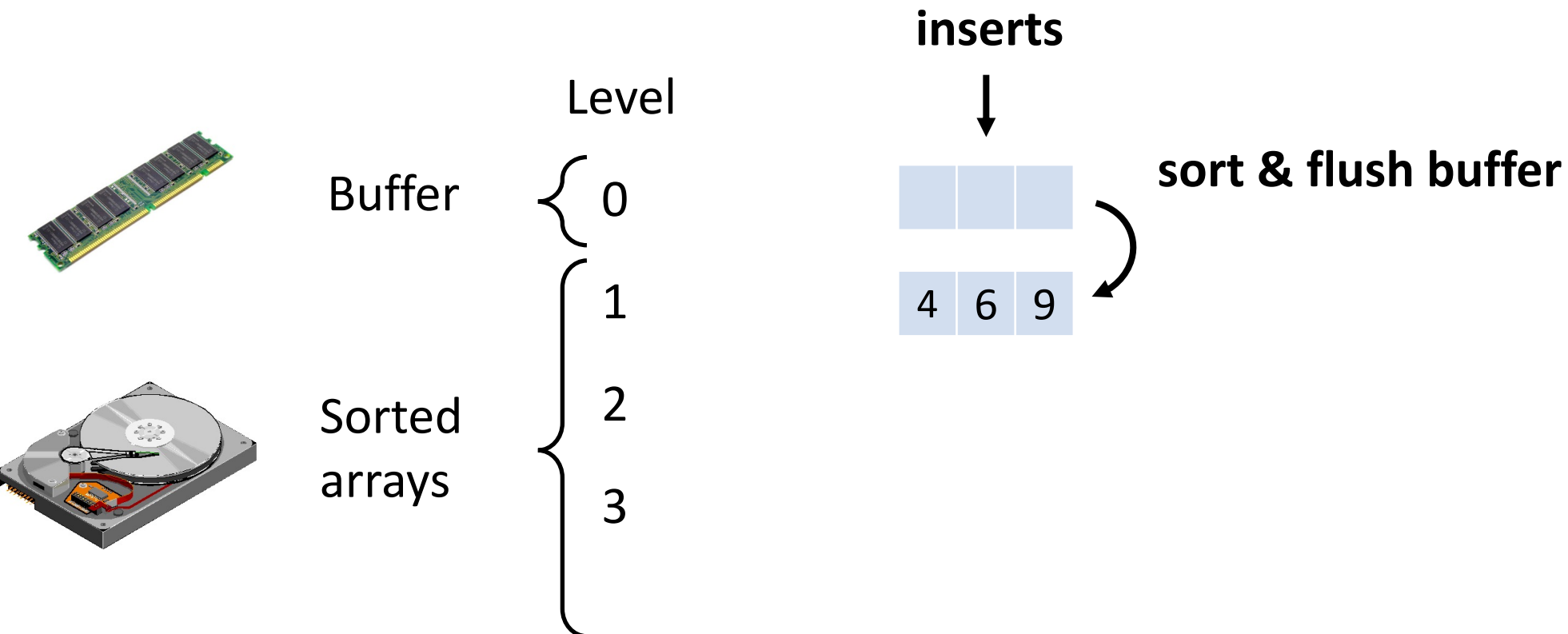
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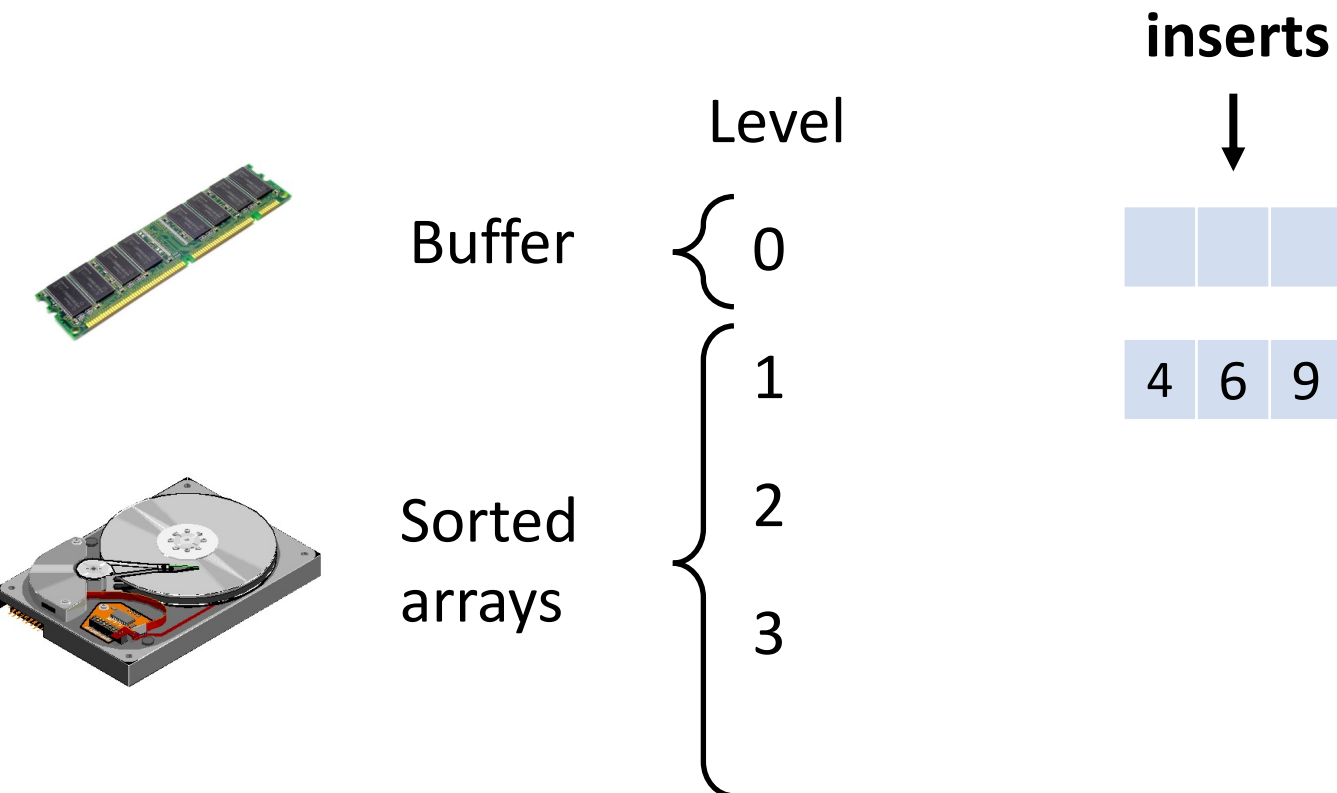
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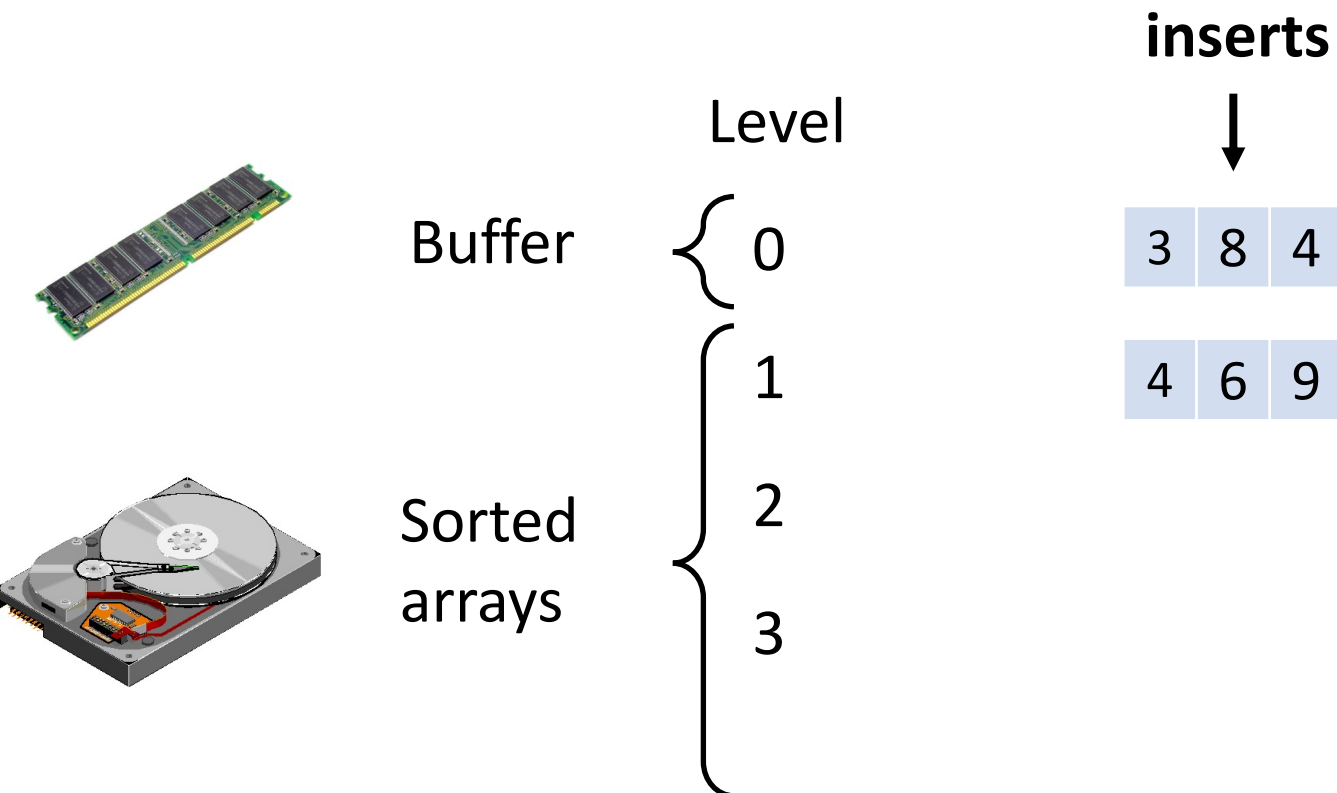
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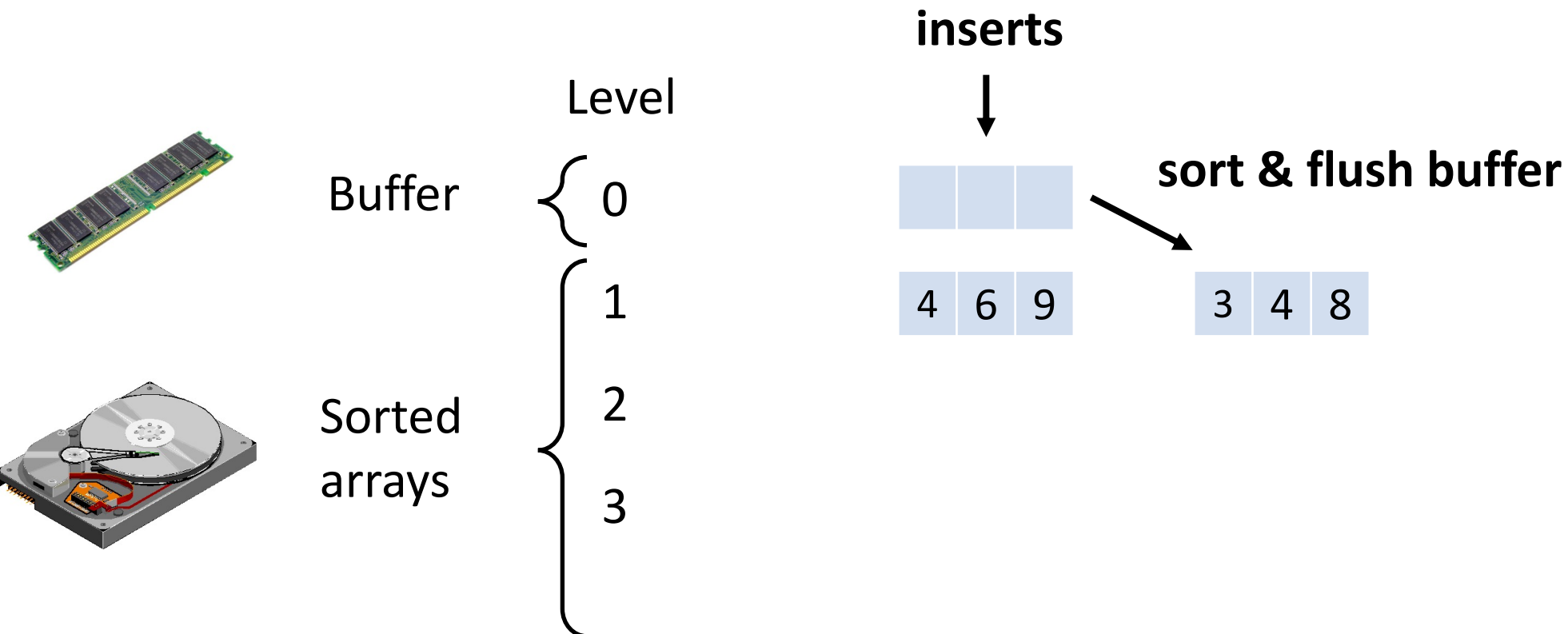
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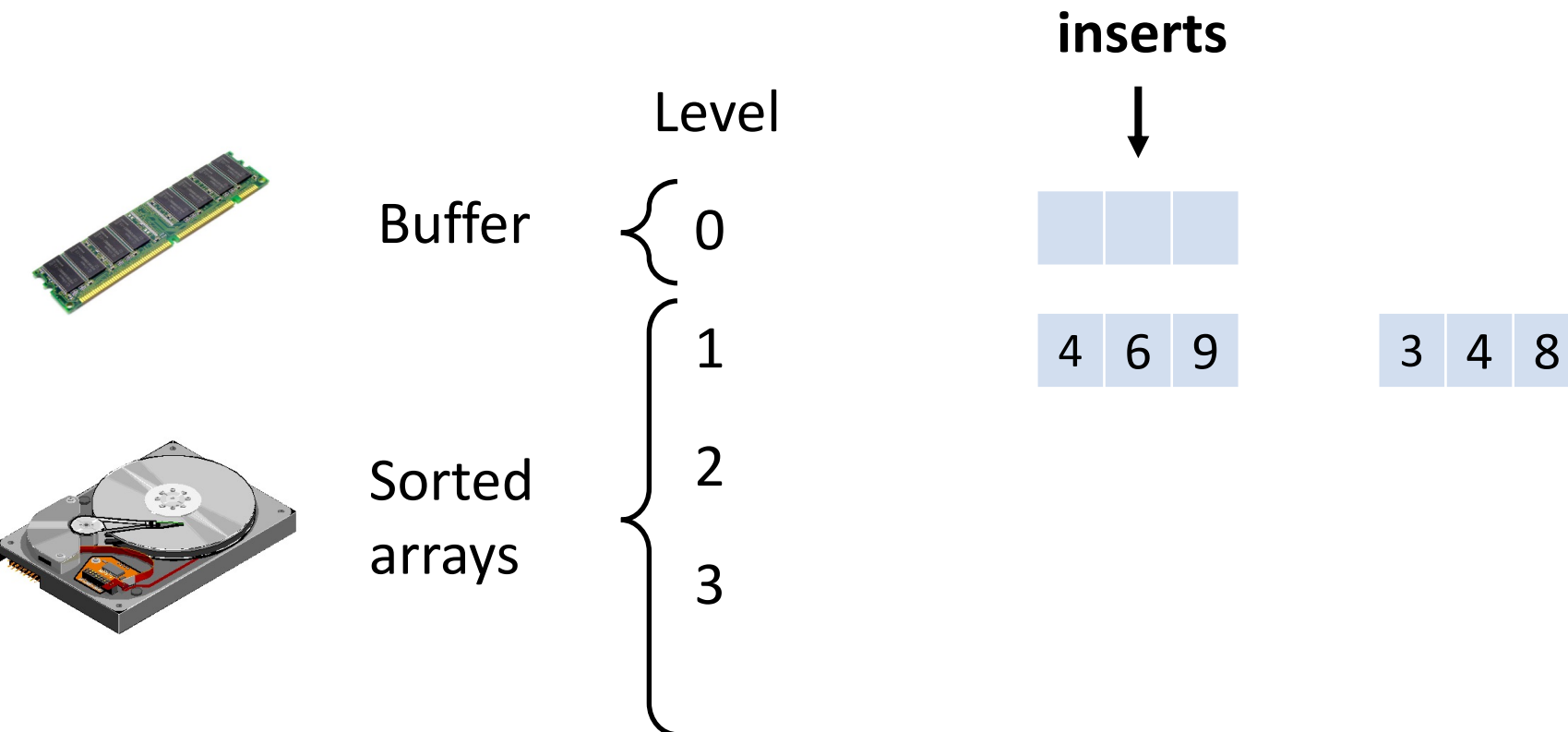
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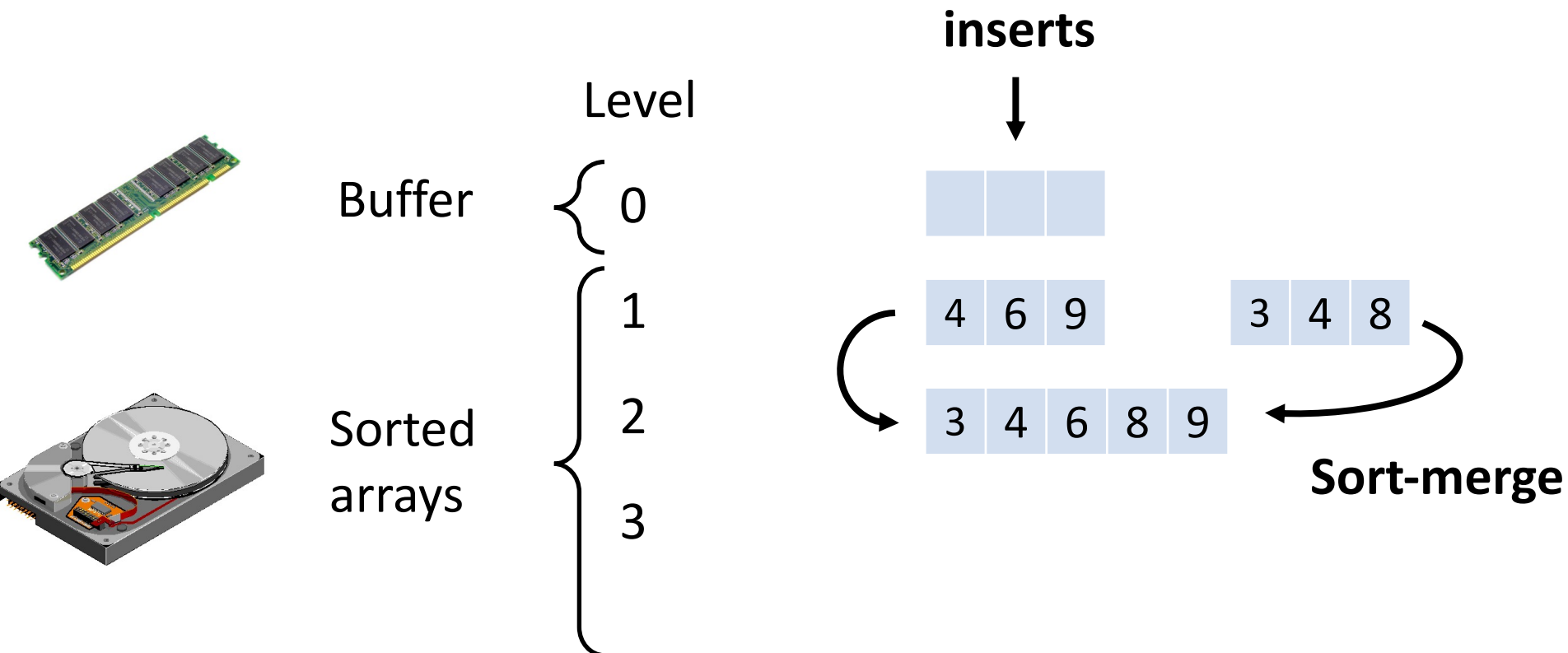
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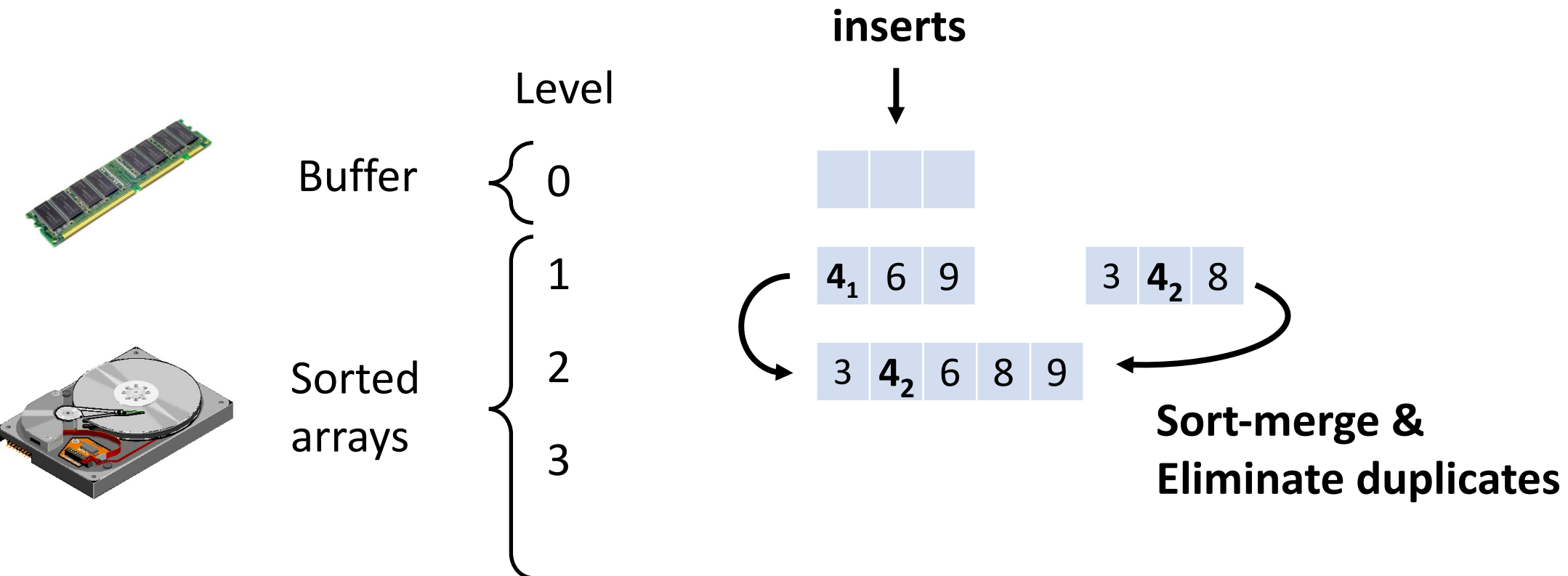
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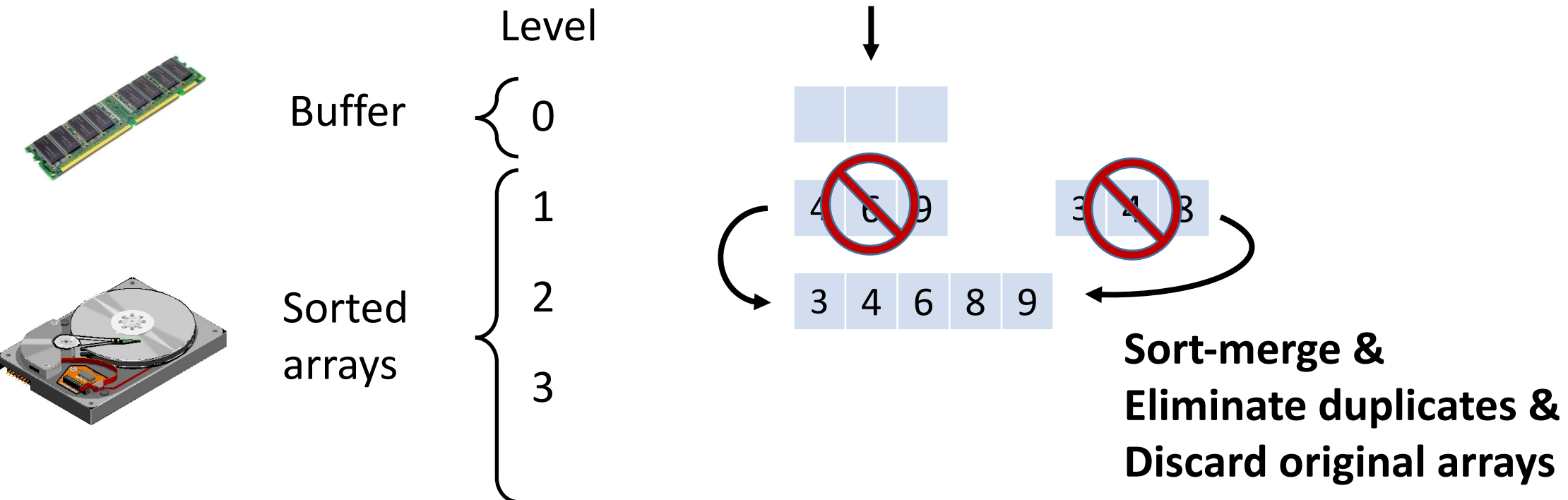
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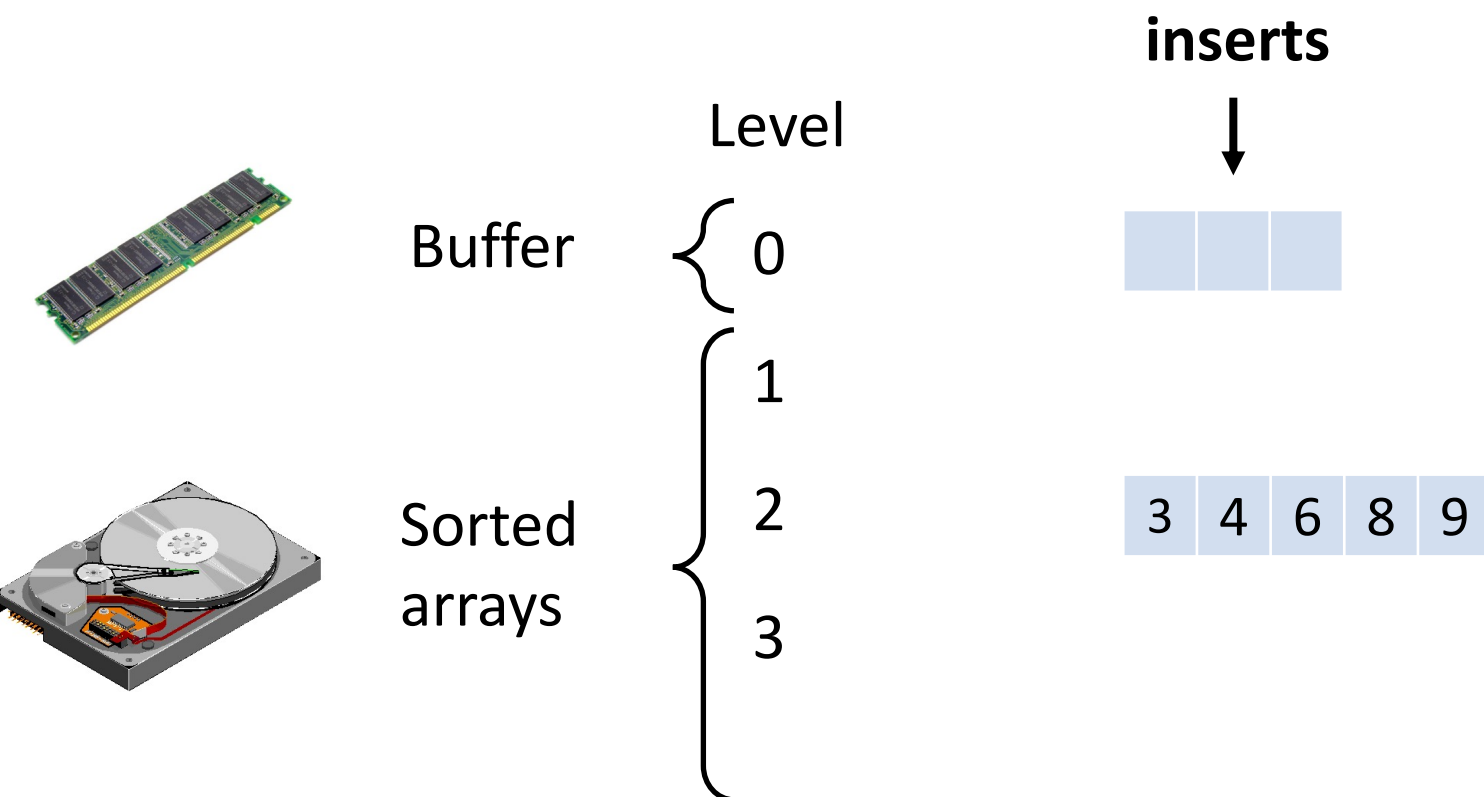
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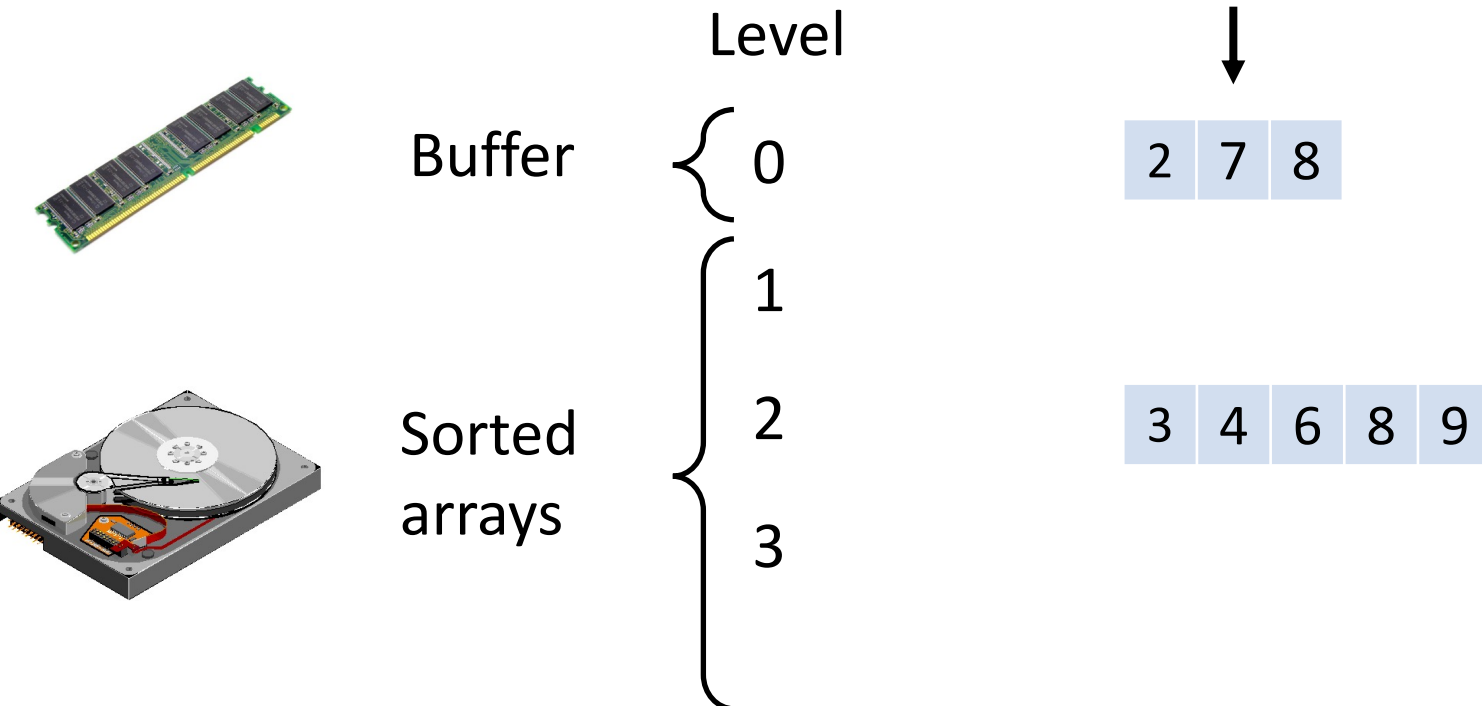
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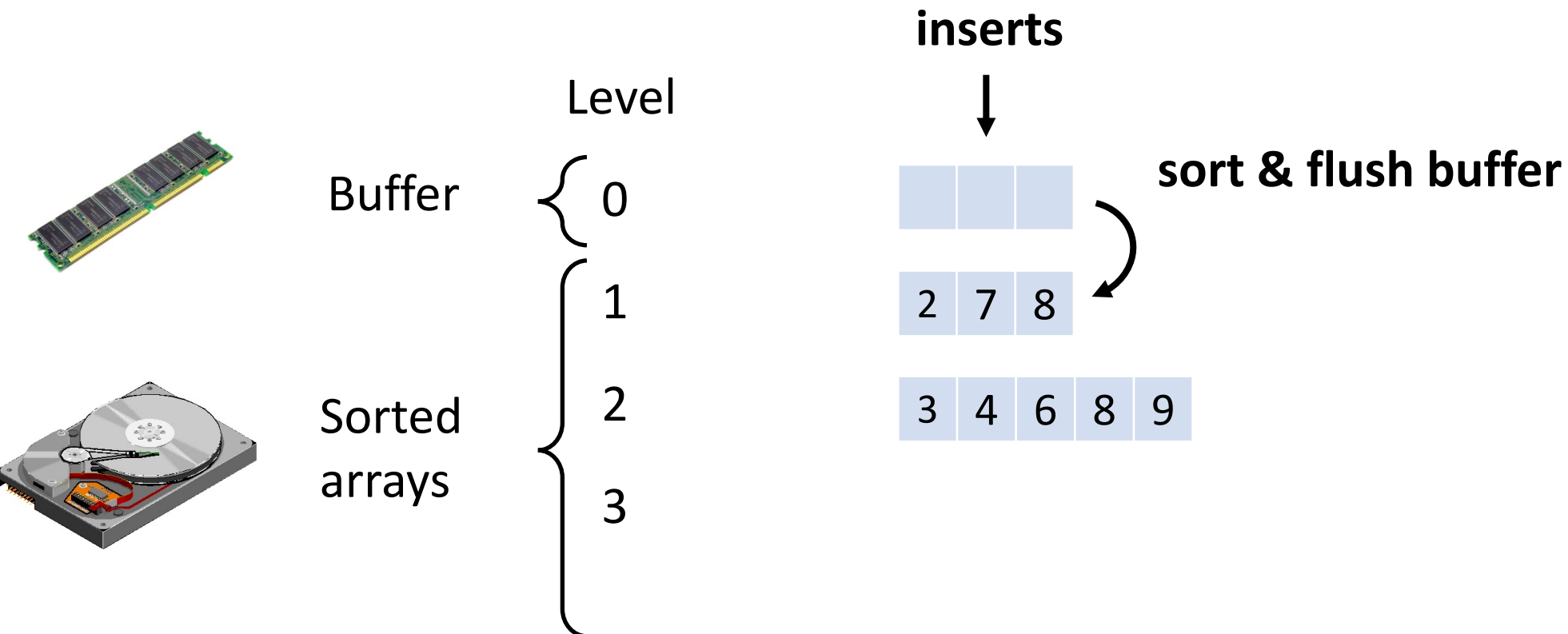
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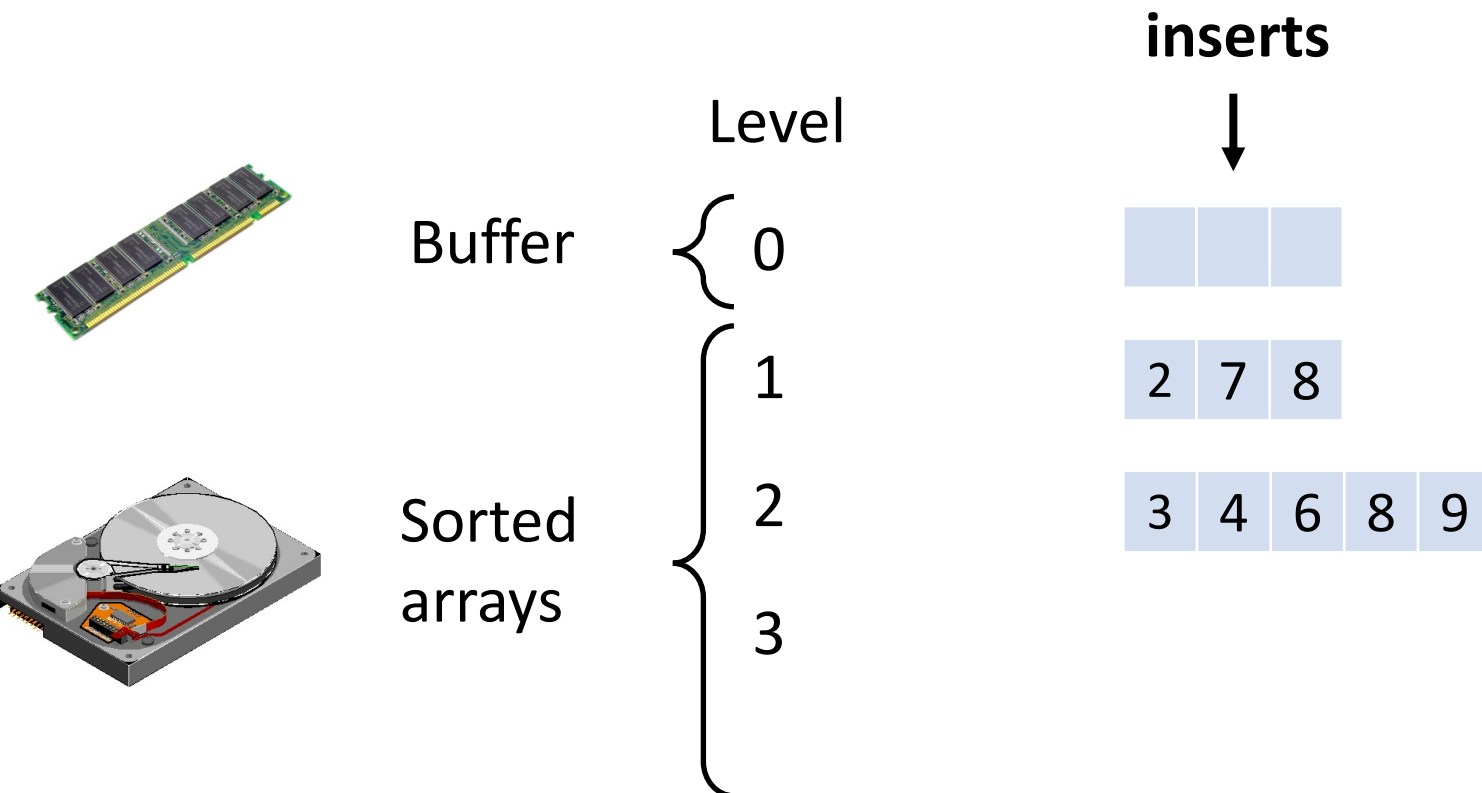
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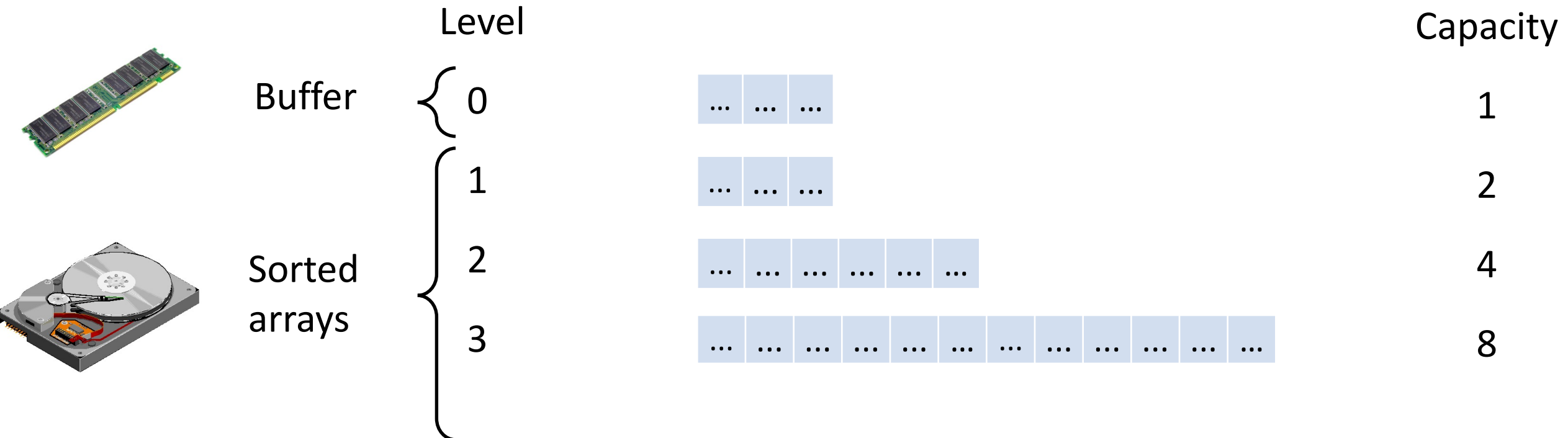


Basic LSM-tree – Example



Basic LSM-tree

Levels have exponentially increasing capacities.



Basic LSM-tree – Lookup cost

Lookup method?

Search youngest to oldest.

$O(\log_2(N))$

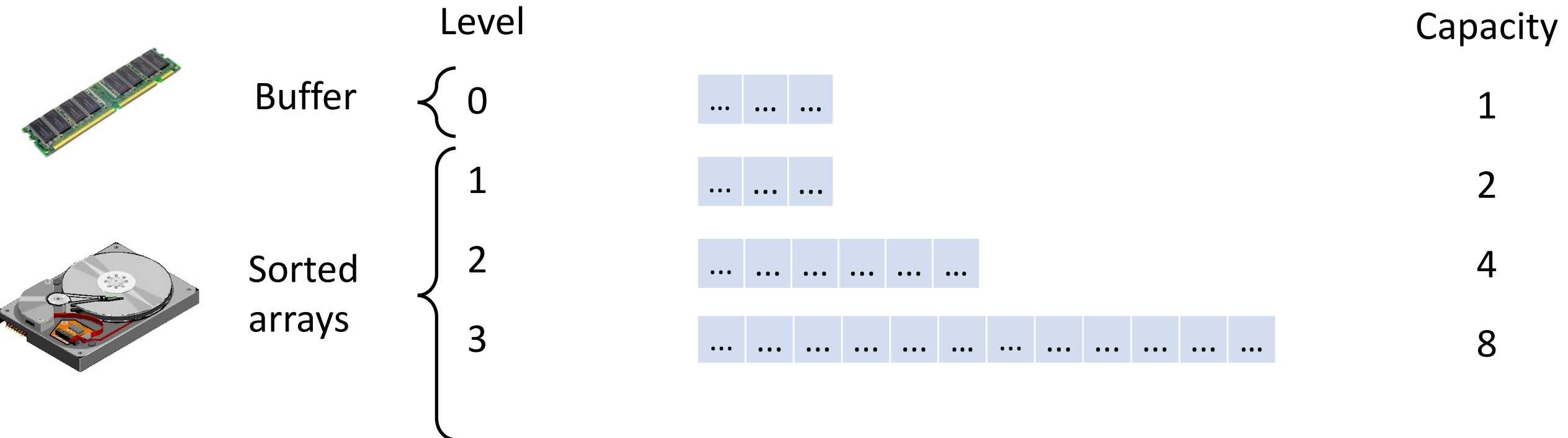
How?

Binary search.

$O(\log_2(N))$

$O(\log_2(N)^2)$

Lookup cost?



Basic LSM-tree – Insertion cost

How many times is each entry copied?

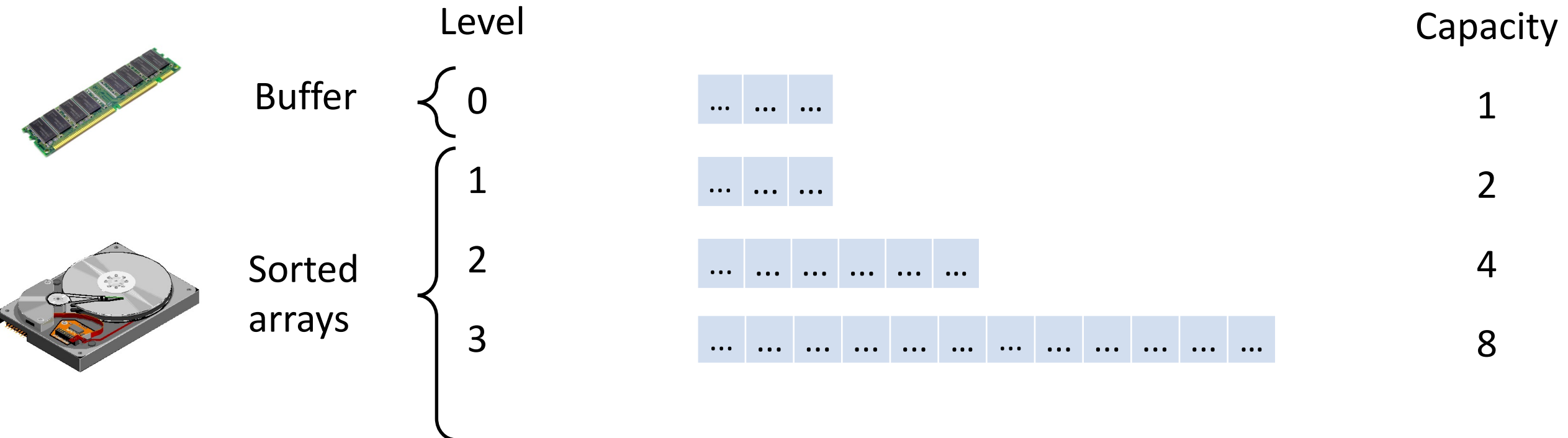
$$O(\log_2(N))$$

What is the price of each copy?

$$O\left(\frac{1}{B}\right)$$

Total insert cost?

$$O\left(\frac{1}{B} \cdot \log_2(N)\right)$$



Results Catalogue

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Sorted array	$O(\log_2(N))$	$O(N/B)$
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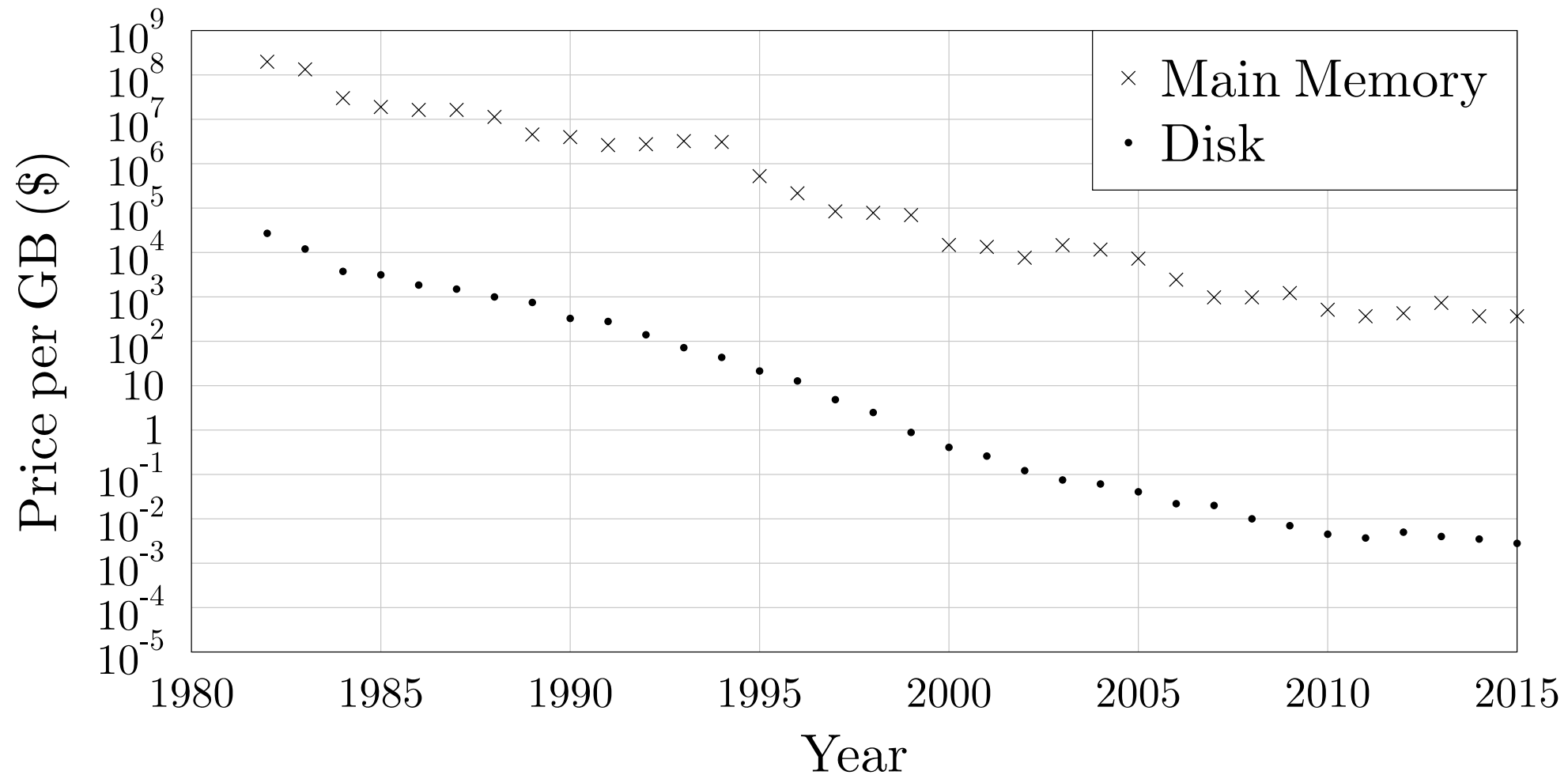
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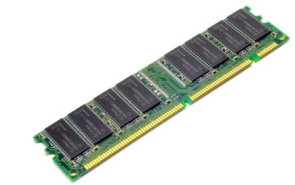
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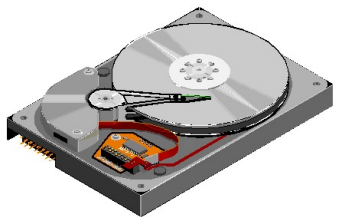


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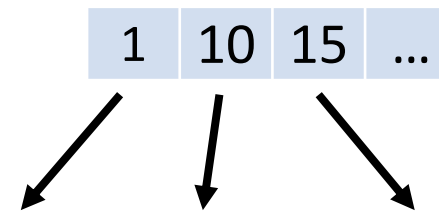
Store a fence pointer for every block in main memory



Fence
pointers {



array {



Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	...
1	10	15	...
3	11	16	...
6	13	18	...

Results Catalogue – with fence pointers

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Quick sanity check:

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$$B = 2^{10}$$

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Sorted array	$O(1)$	$O(2^{22})$
Log	$O(2^{32})$	$O(2^{-10})$
B-tree	$O(4)$	$O(4)$
Basic LSM-tree	$O(32)$	$O(2^{-10} \cdot 32)$
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Leveled LSM-tree

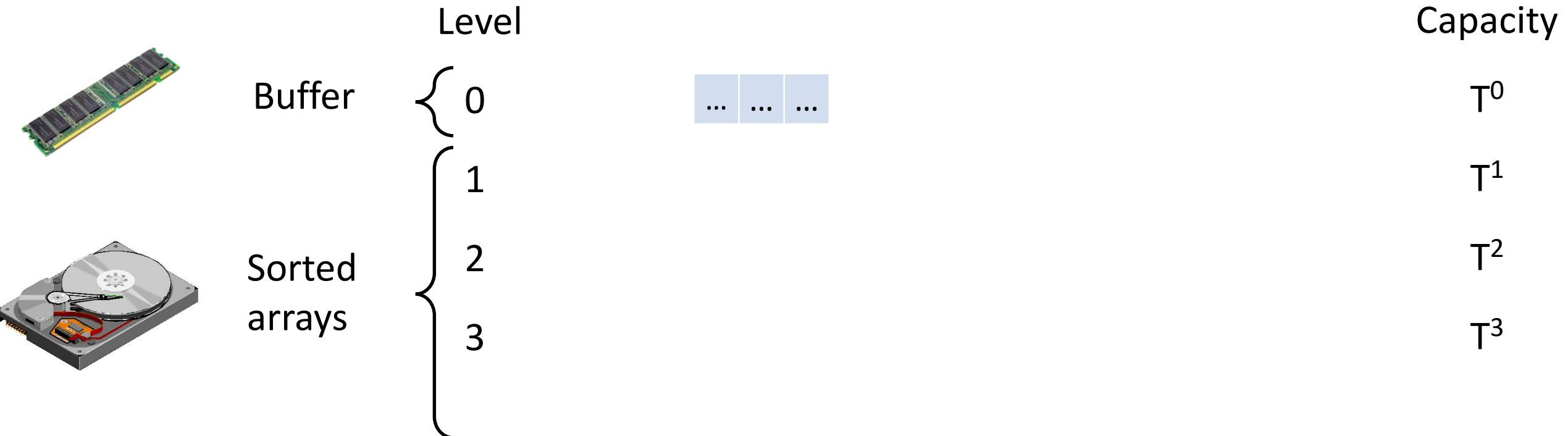
 Lookup cost

 Update cost

Leveled LSM-tree

Lookup cost depends on number of levels
How to reduce it?

Increase size ratio T



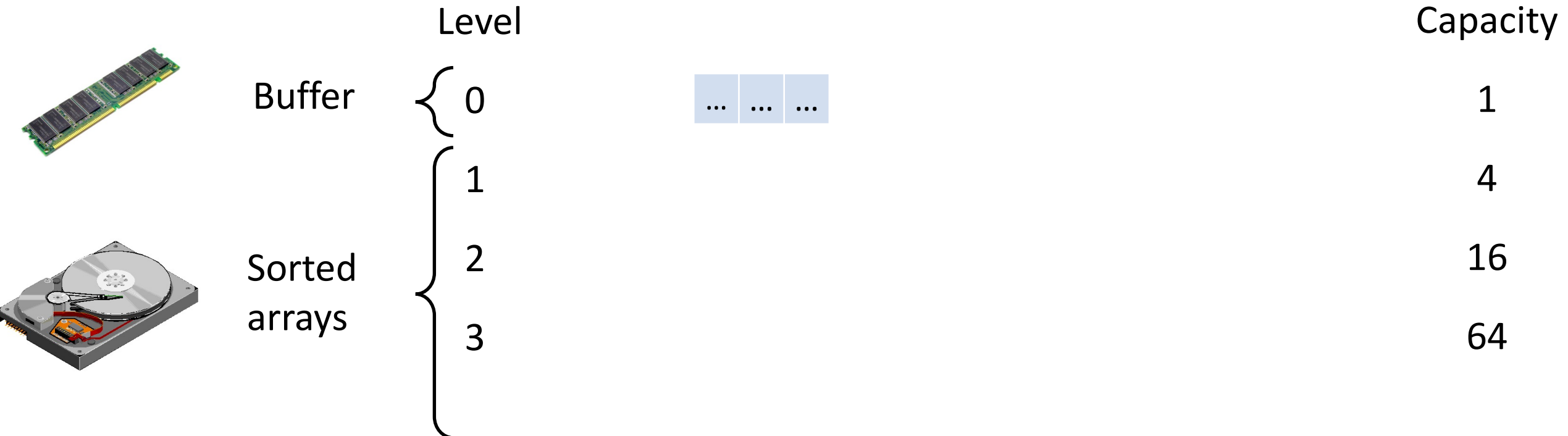
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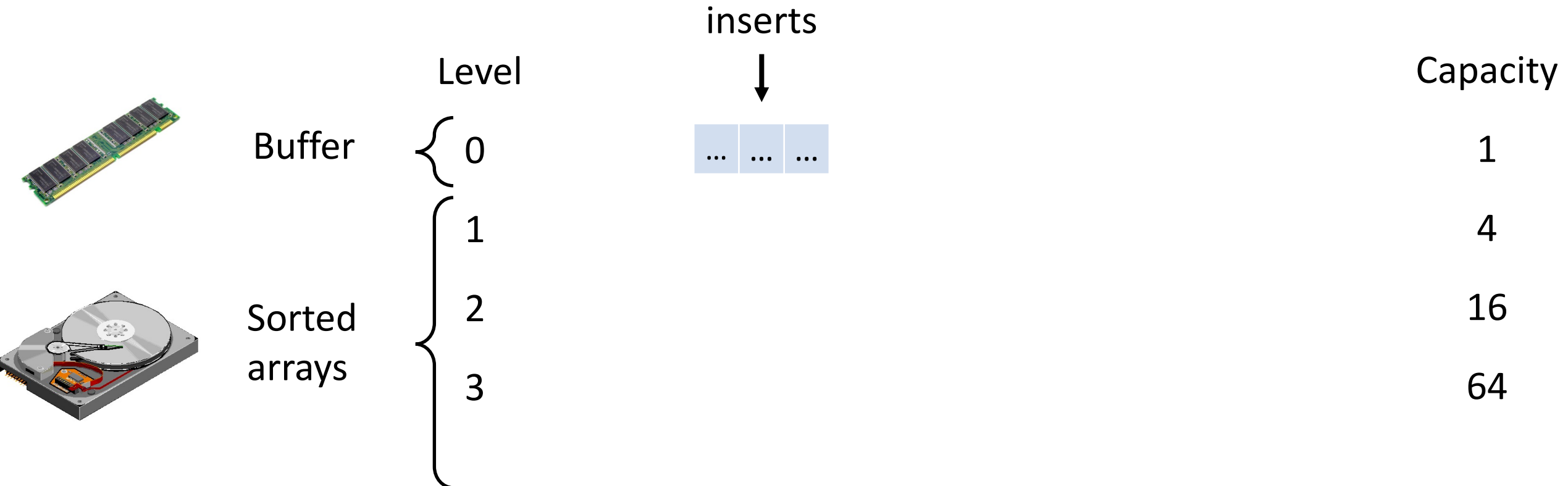
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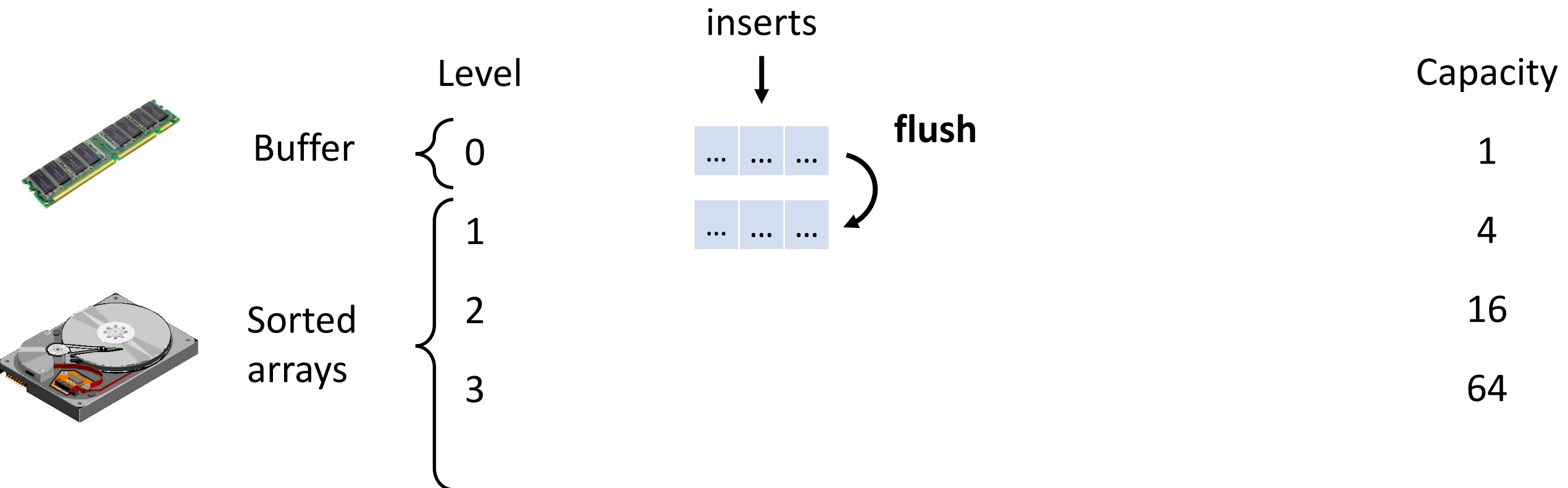
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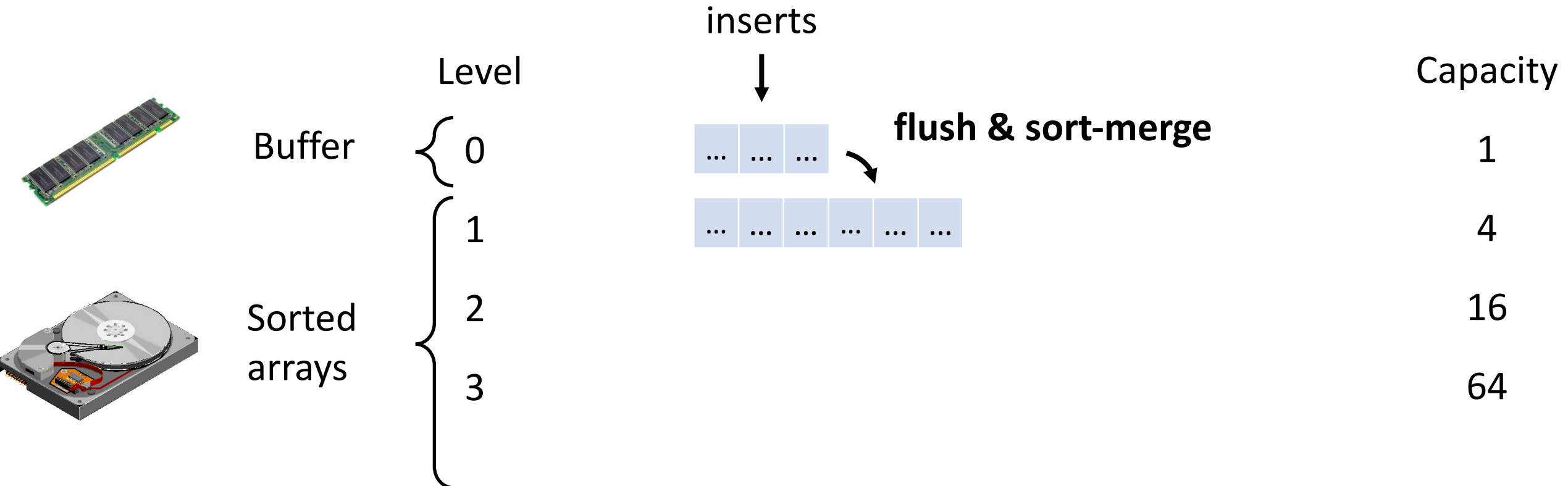
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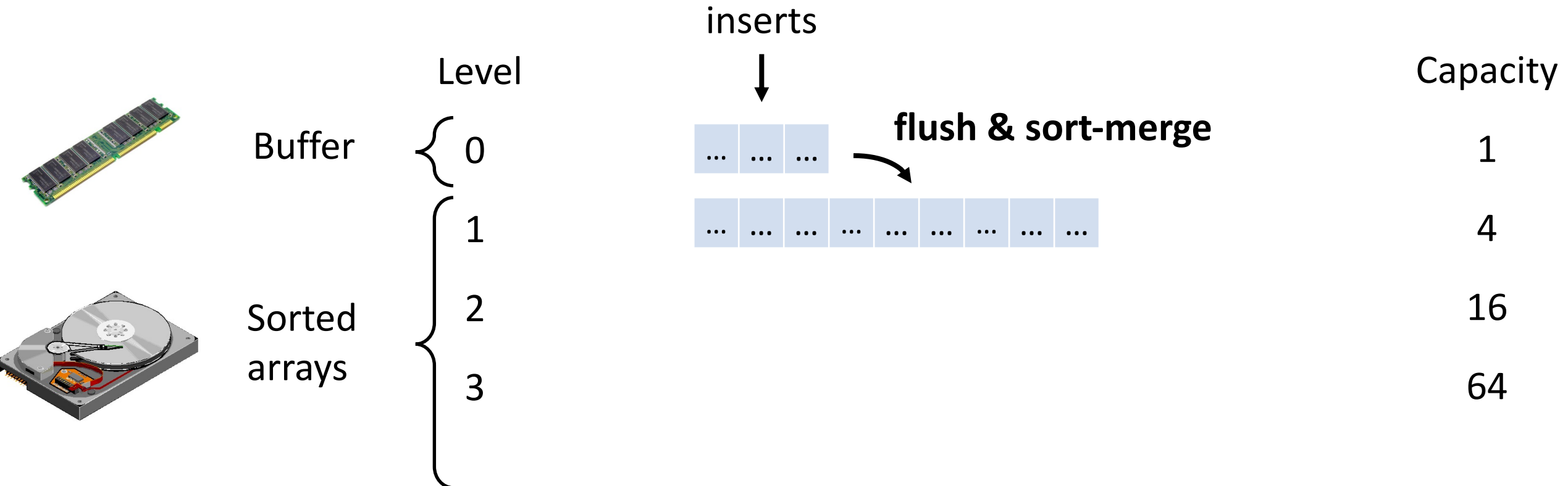
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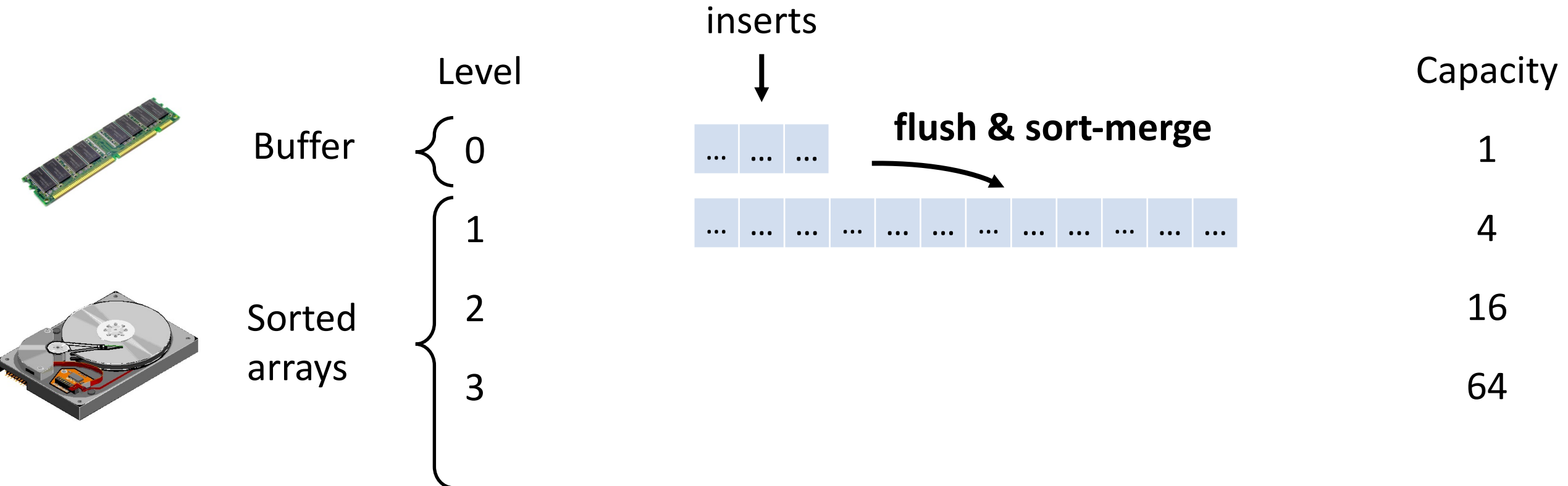
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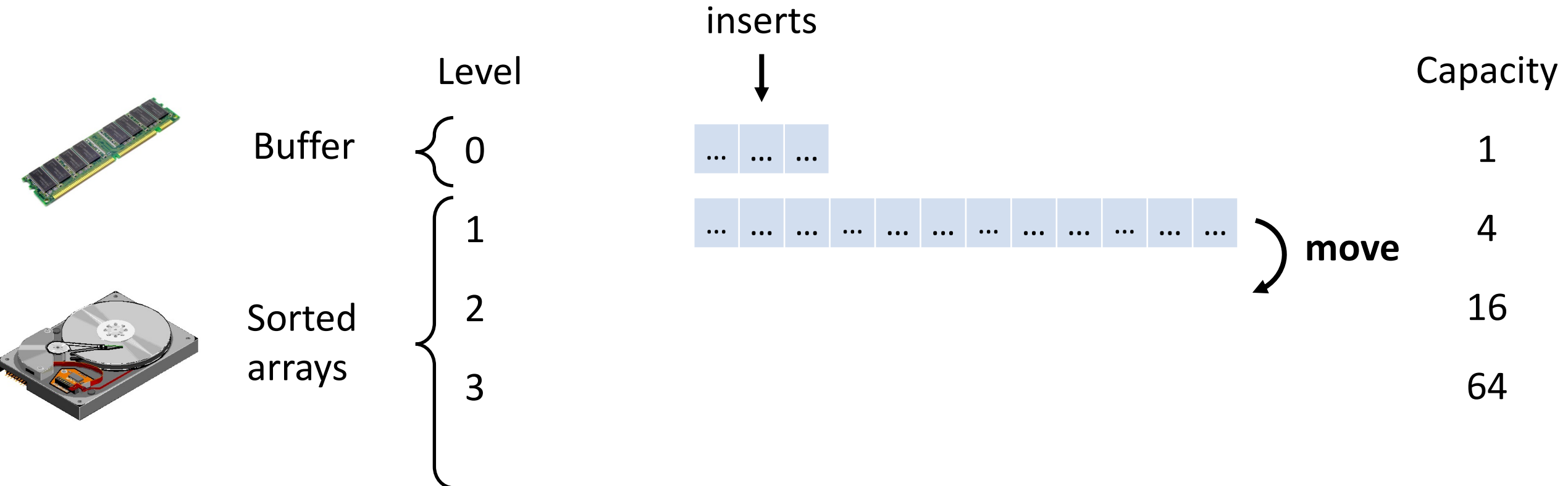
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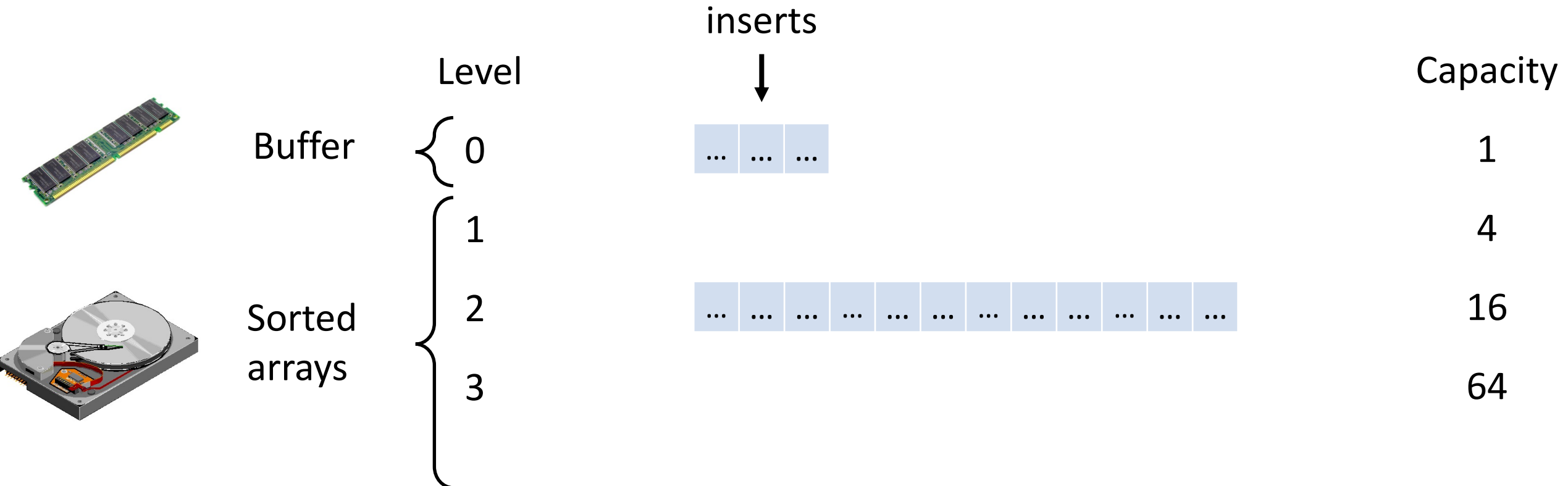
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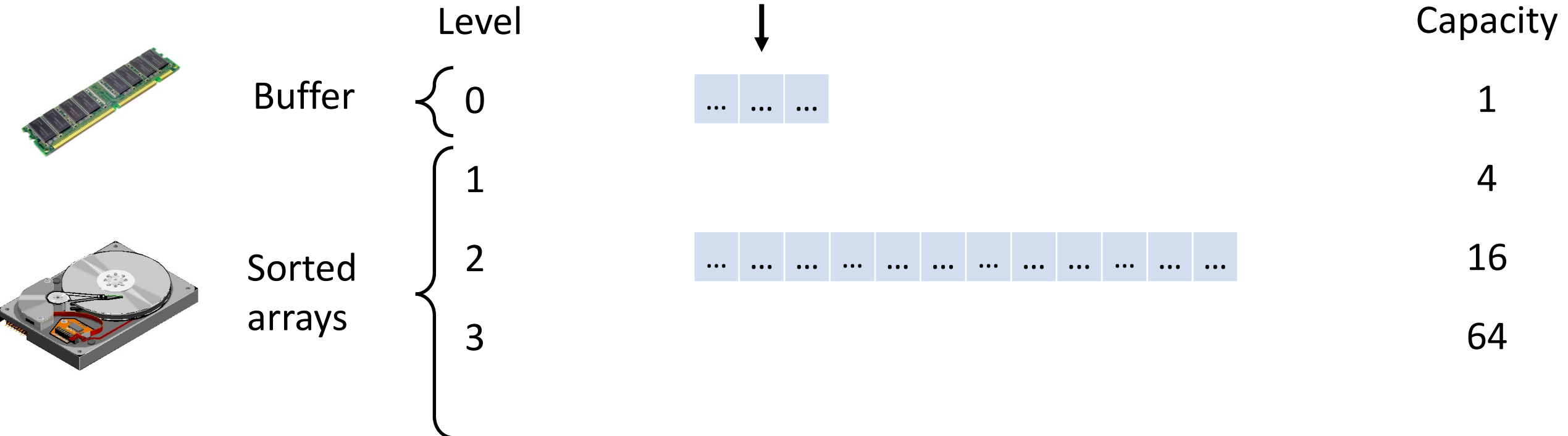
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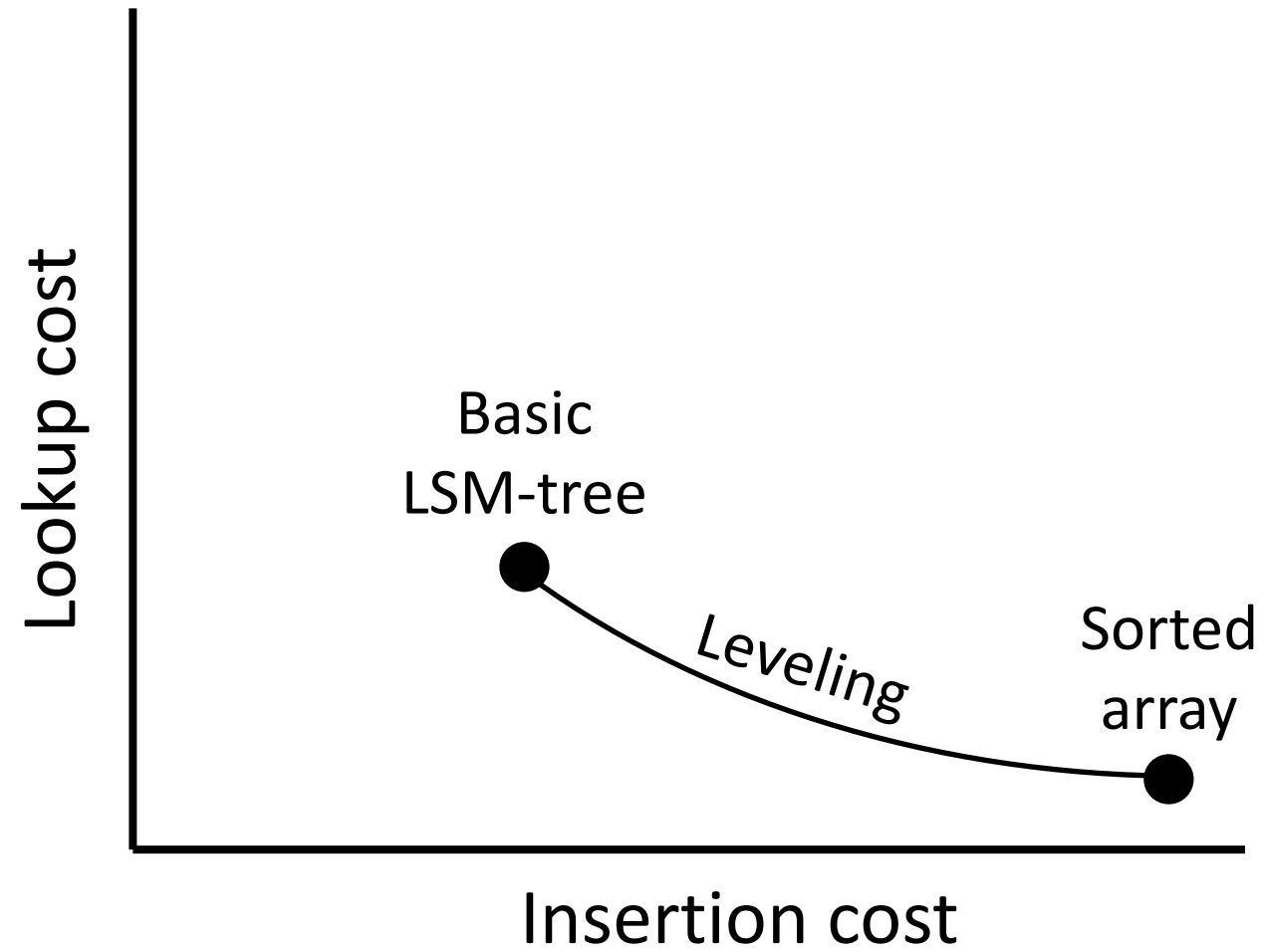
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Lookup cost becomes:
 $O(1)$

Insert cost becomes:
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The LSM-tree becomes a sorted array!



Results Catalogue – with fence pointers

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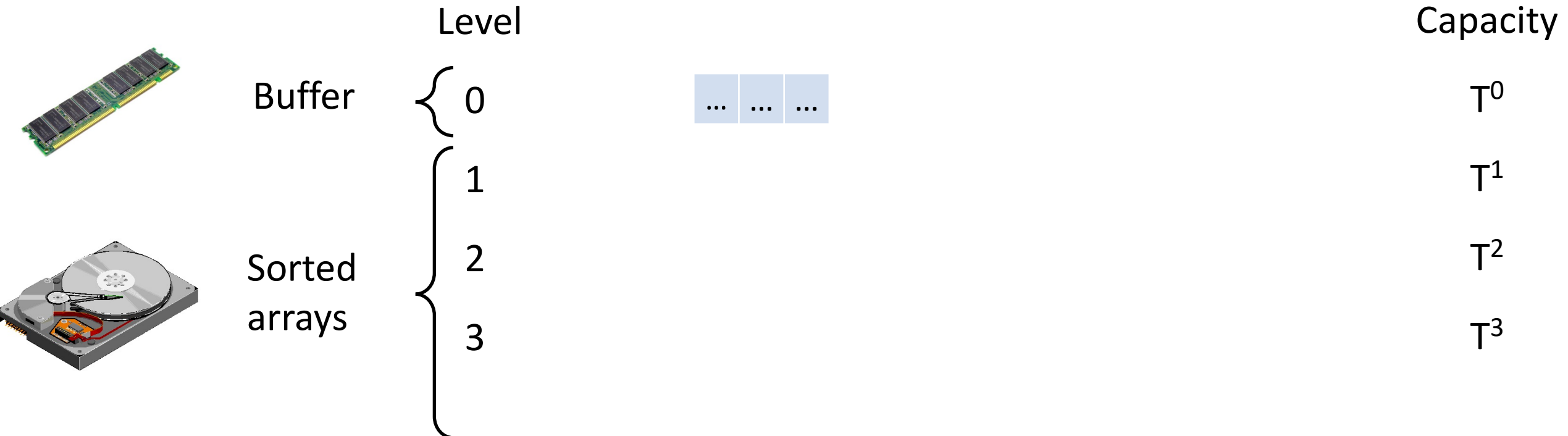
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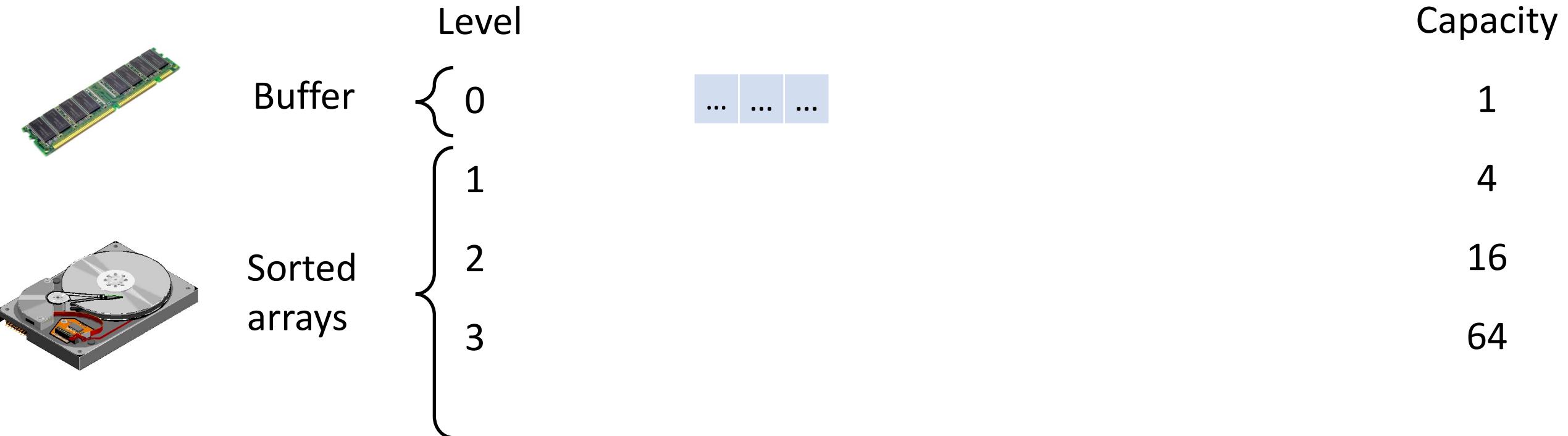


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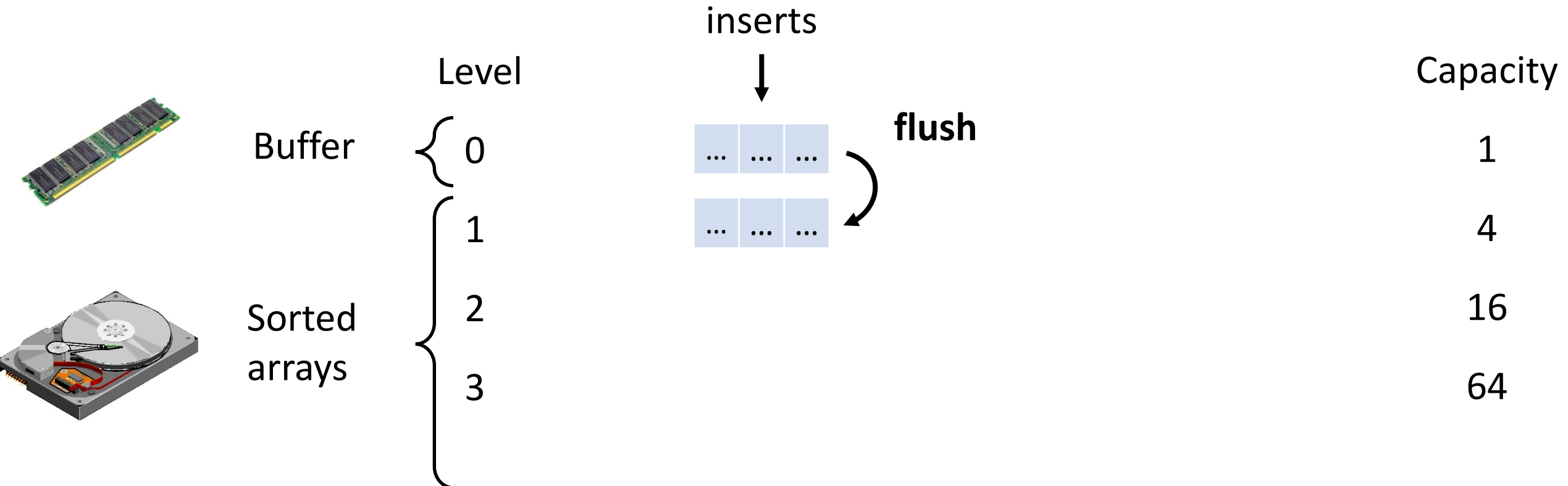


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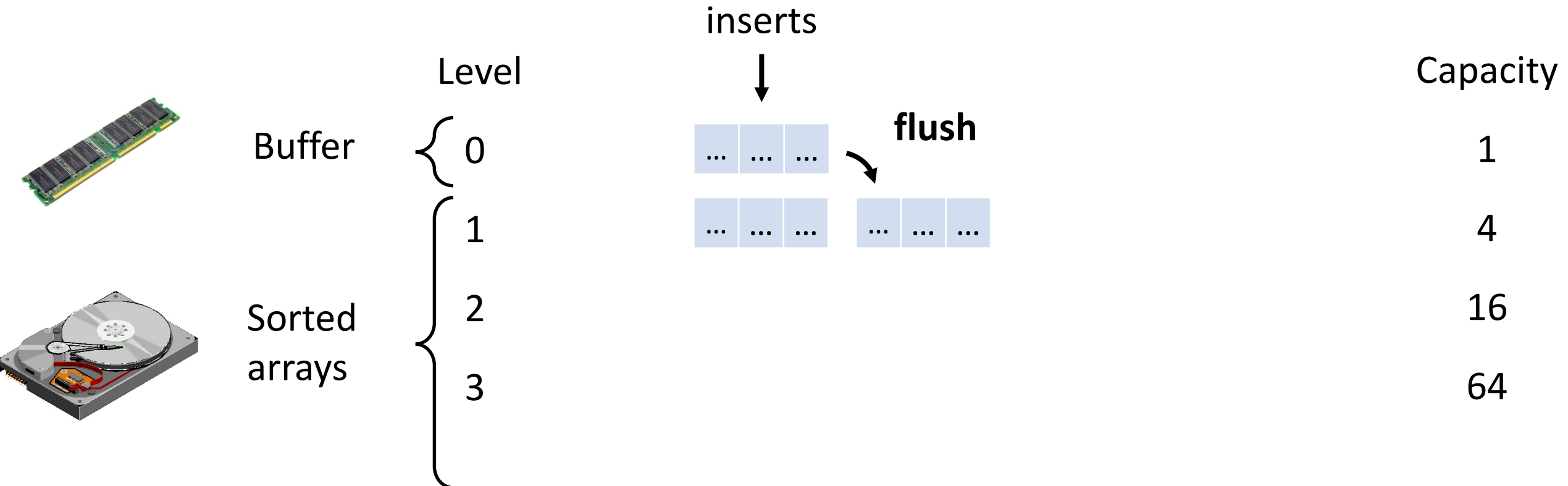


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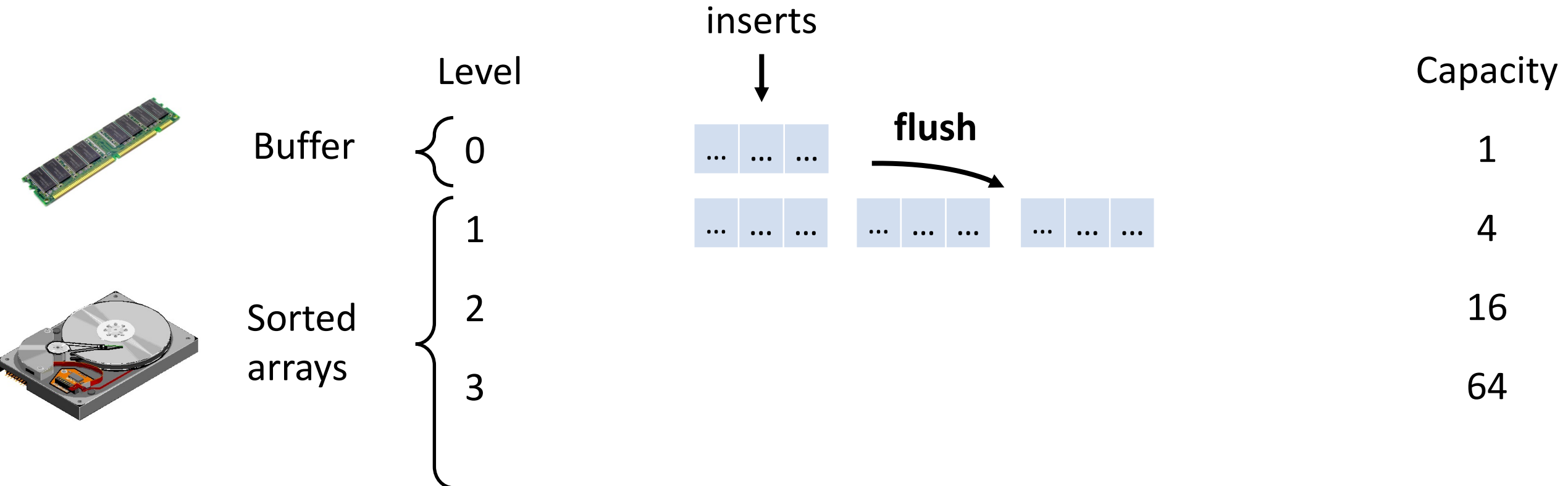


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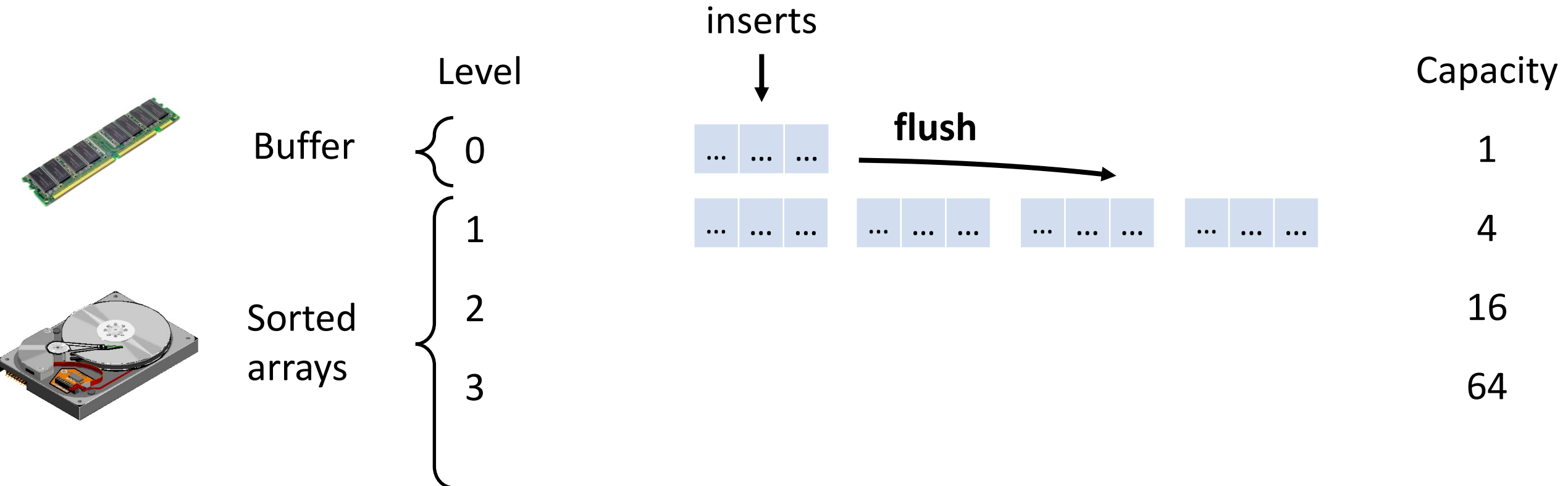


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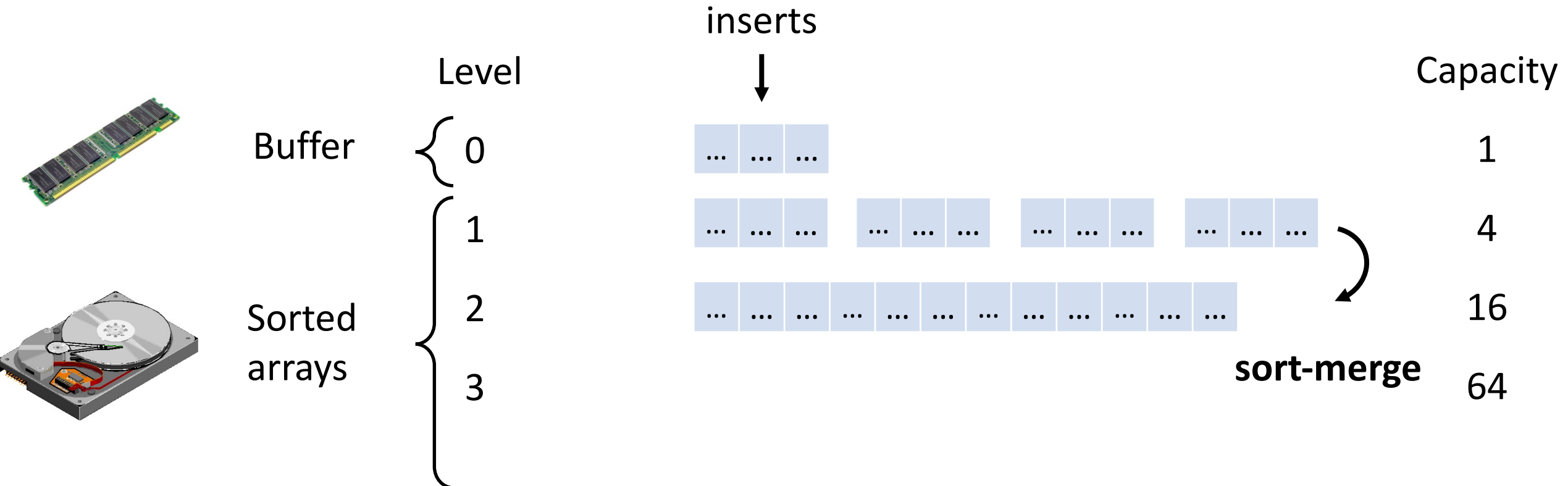


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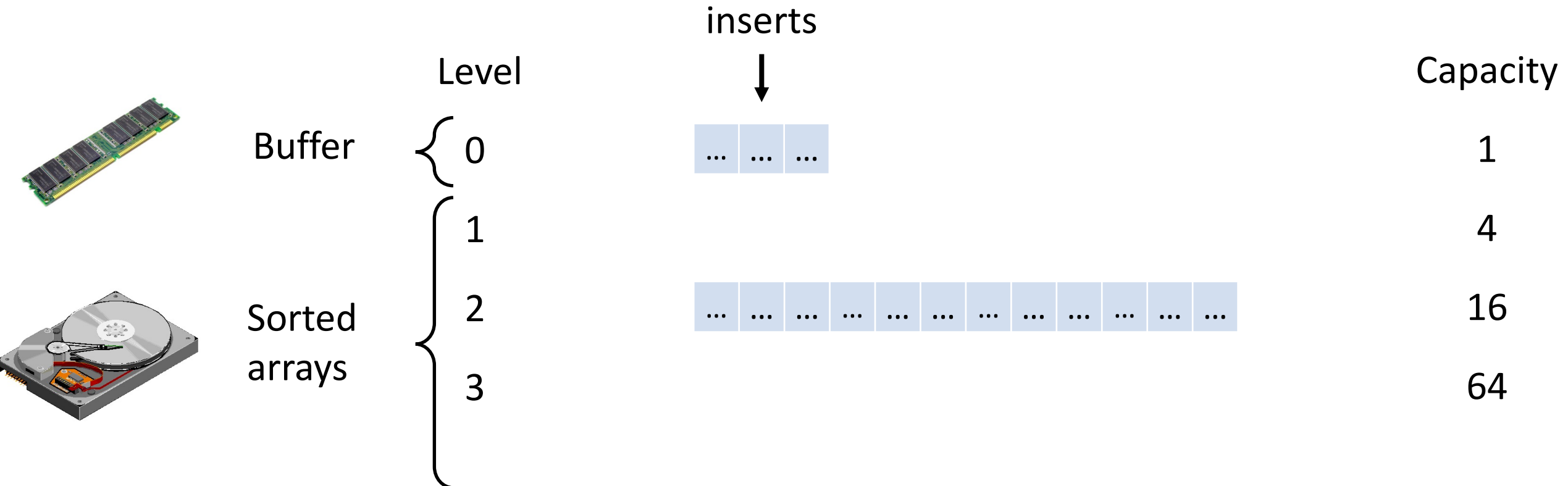


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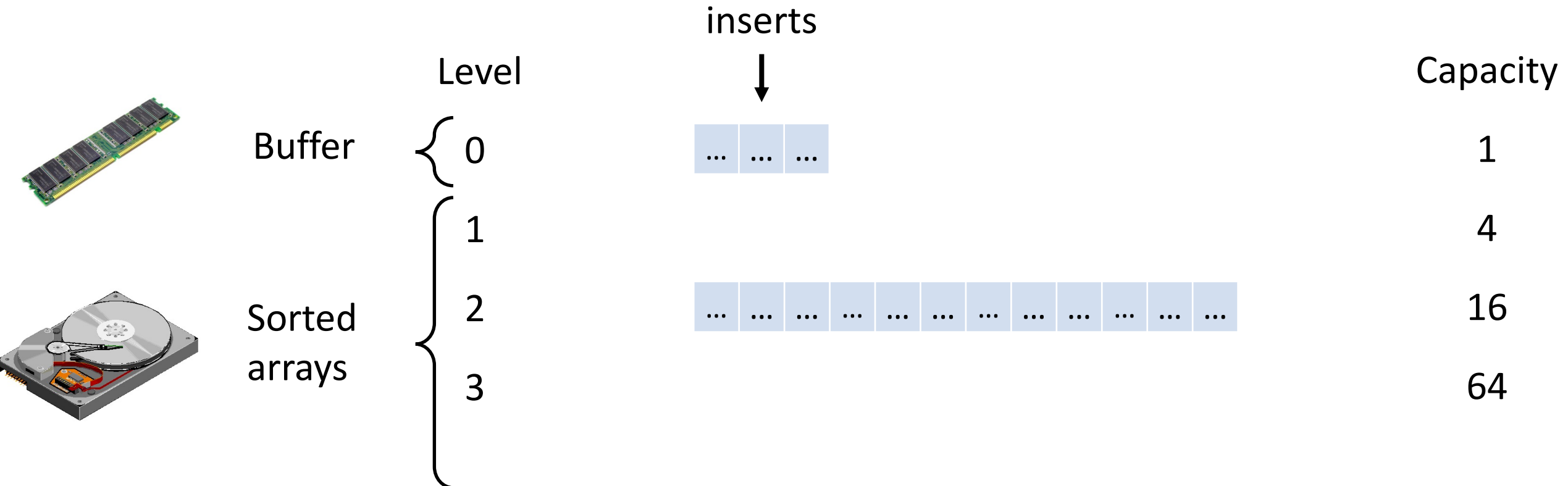
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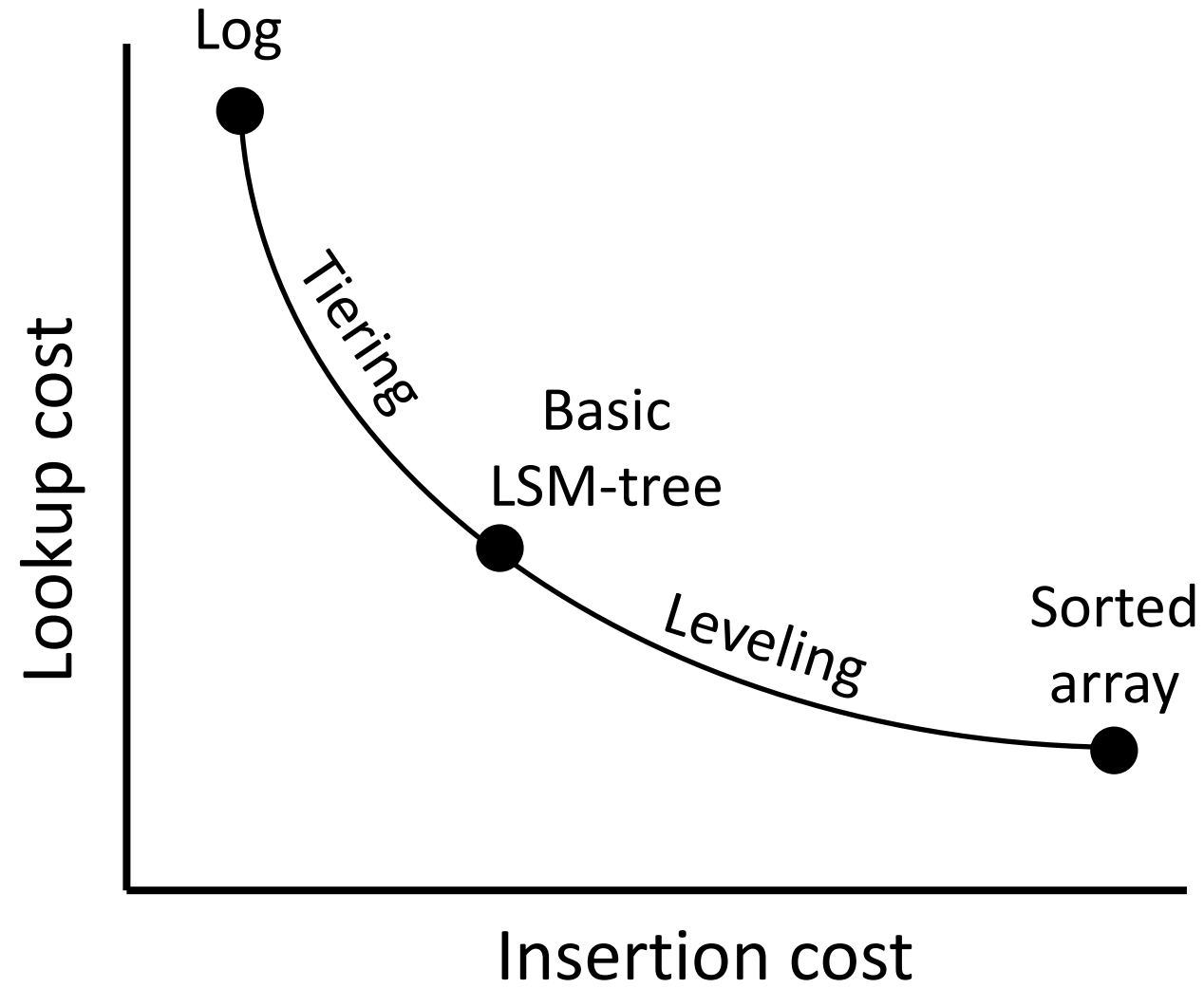
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The tiered LSM-tree becomes a log!



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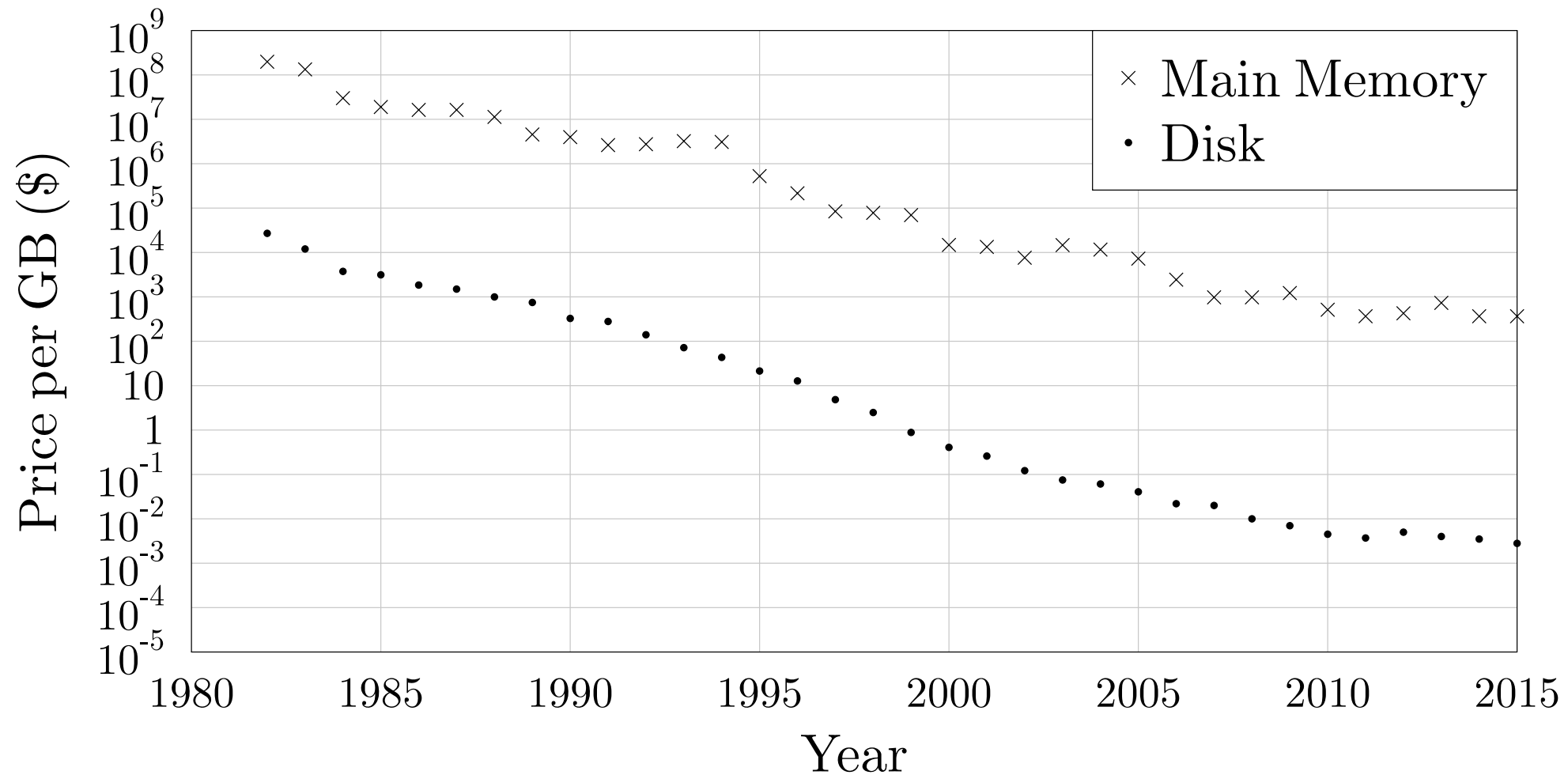
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Bloom filters

Declining Main Memory Cost



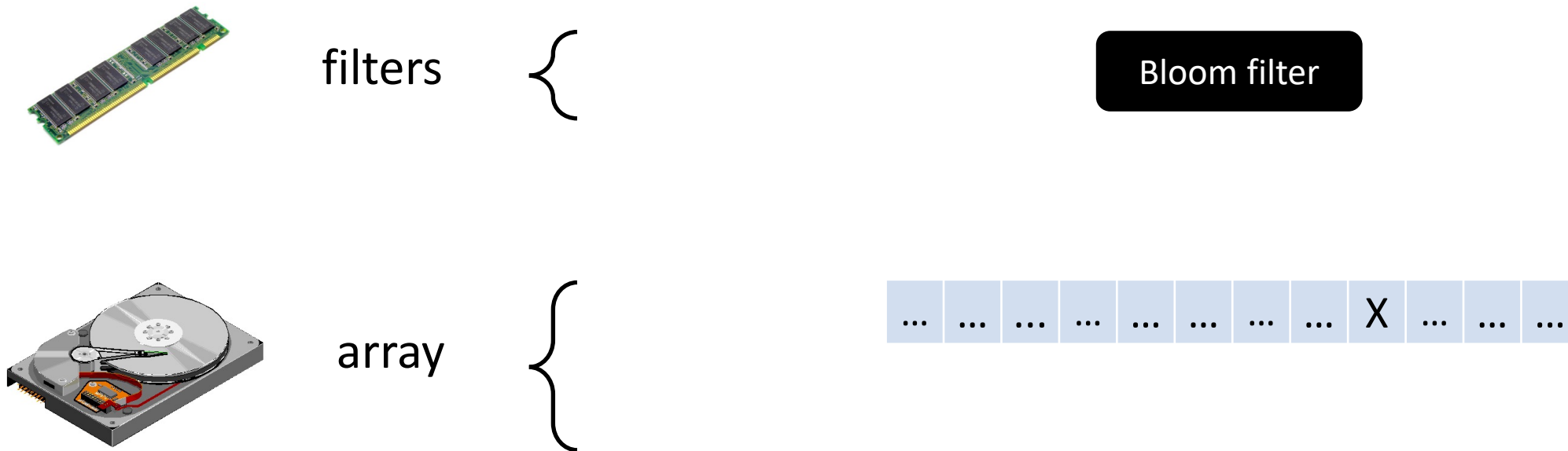
Bloom Filters

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Purpose: avoid accessing disk if entry is not in array

Subtlety: may return false positives.



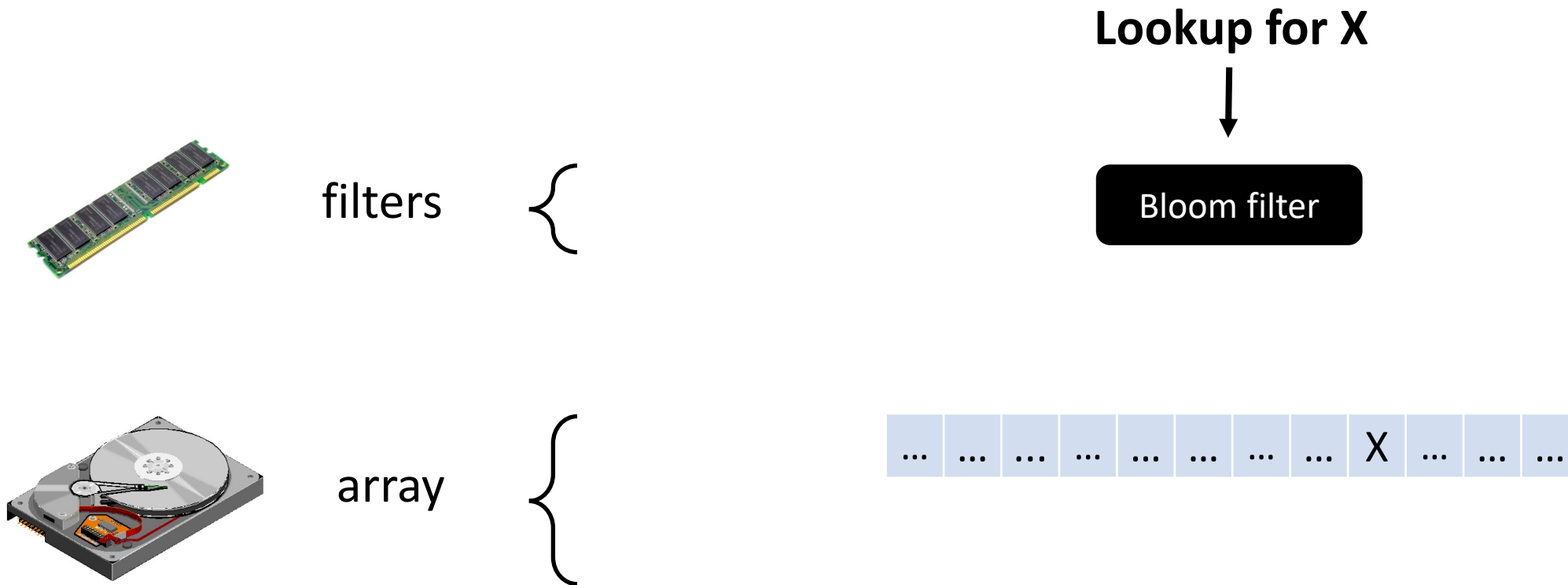
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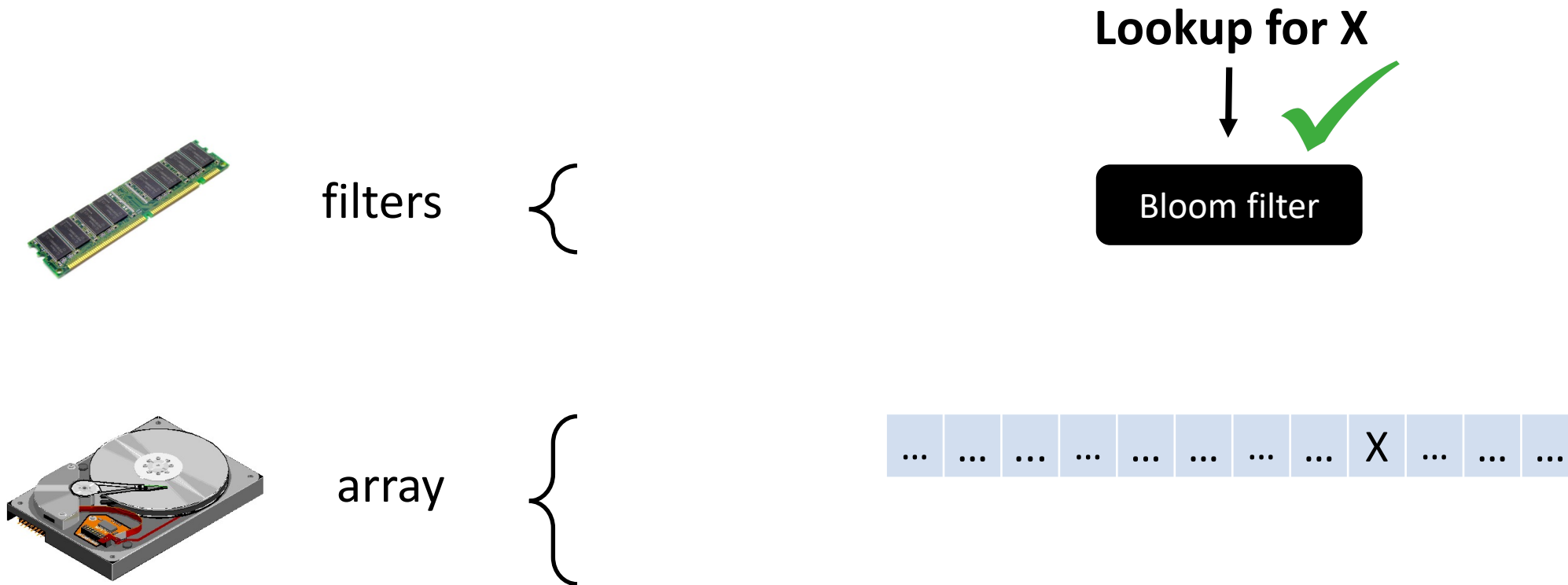
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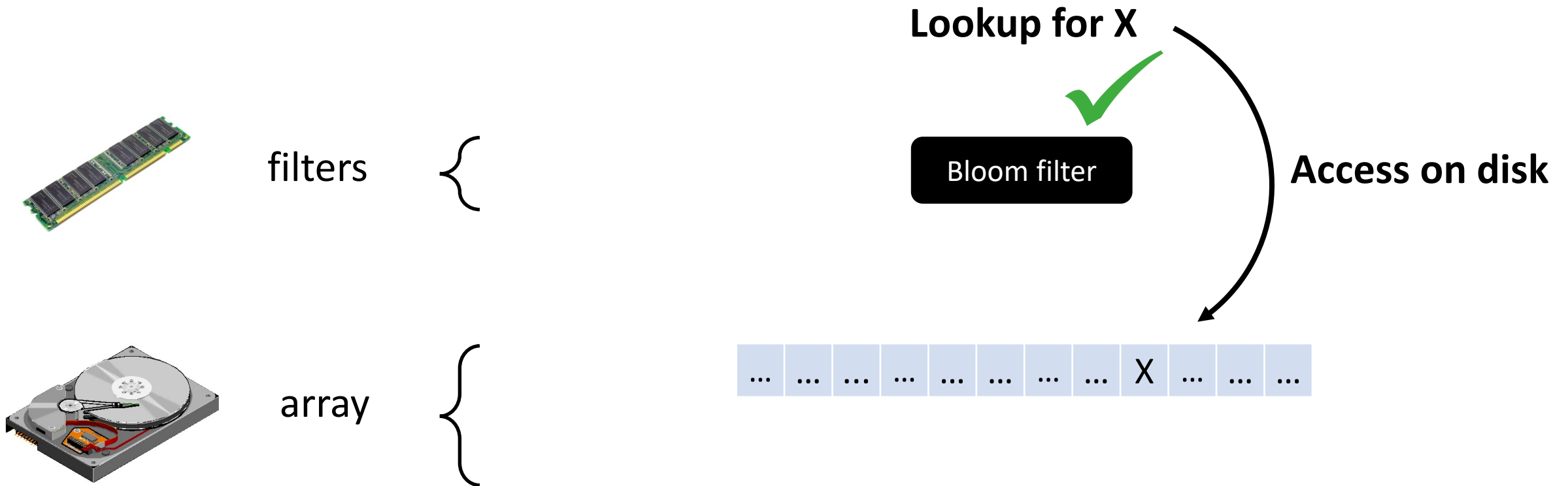
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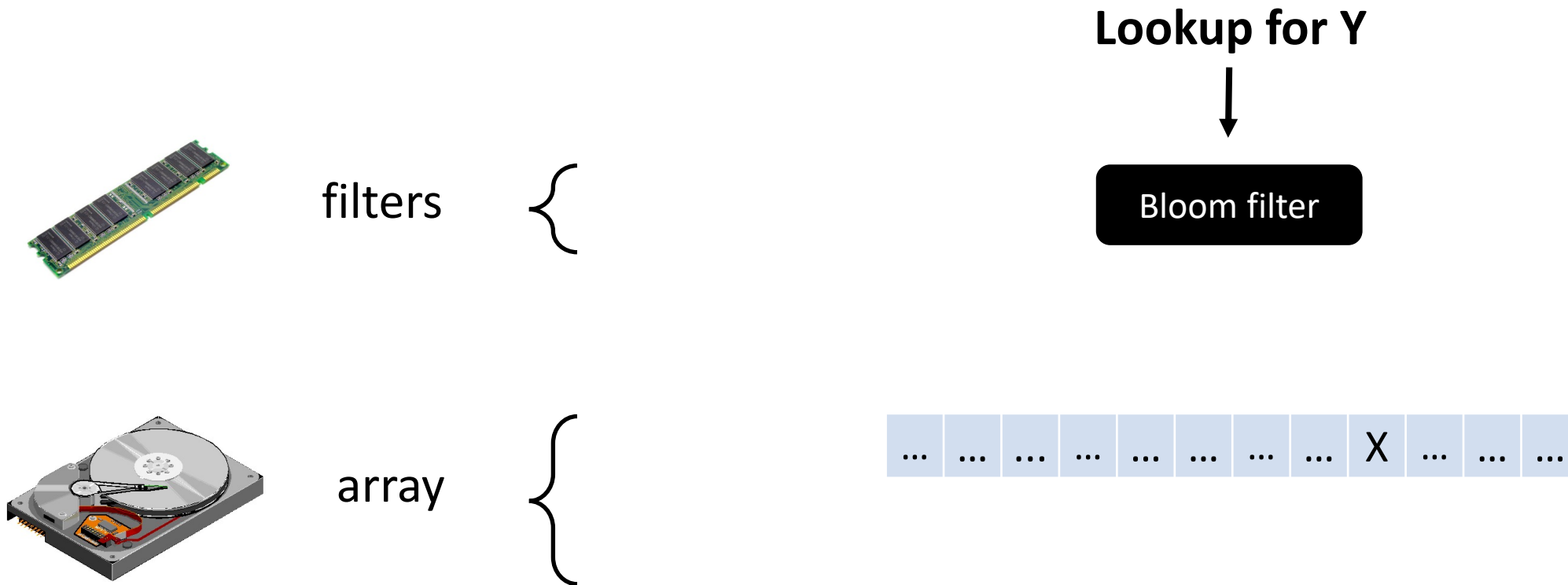
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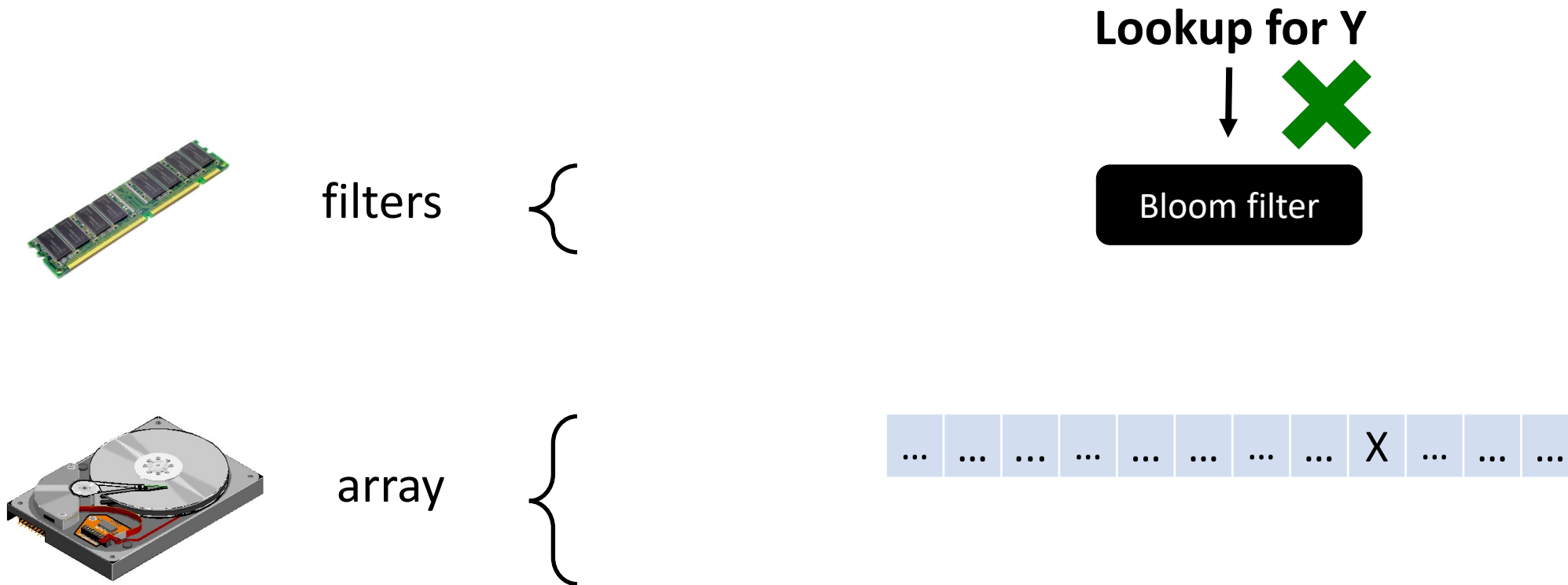
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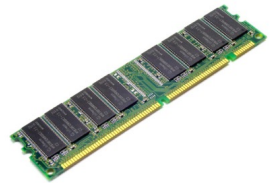
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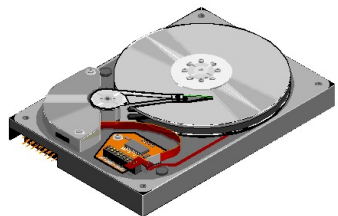
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filters



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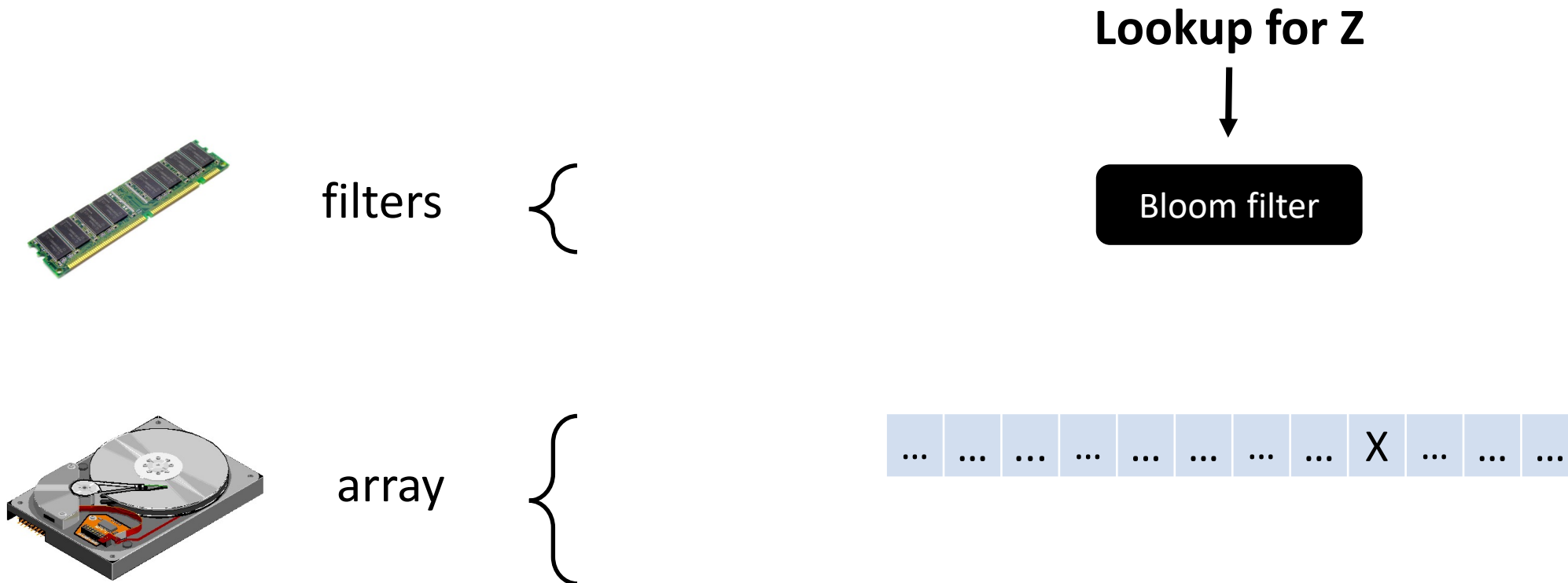
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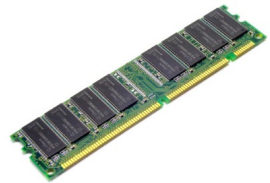
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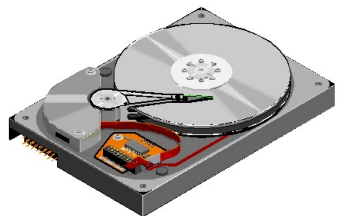
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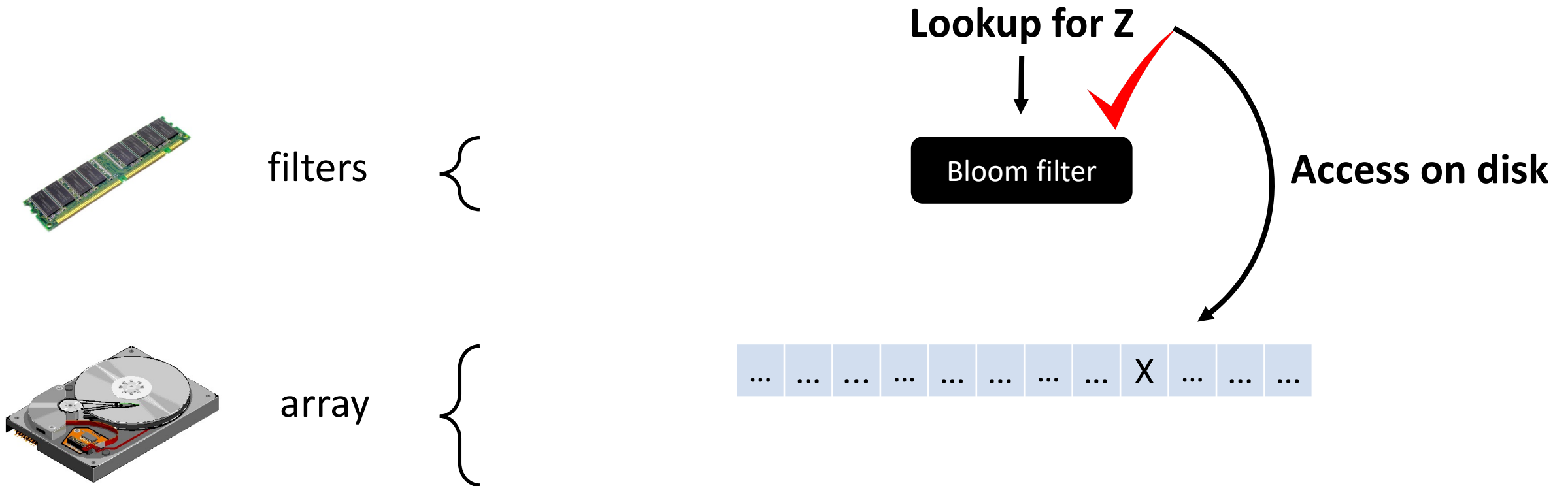
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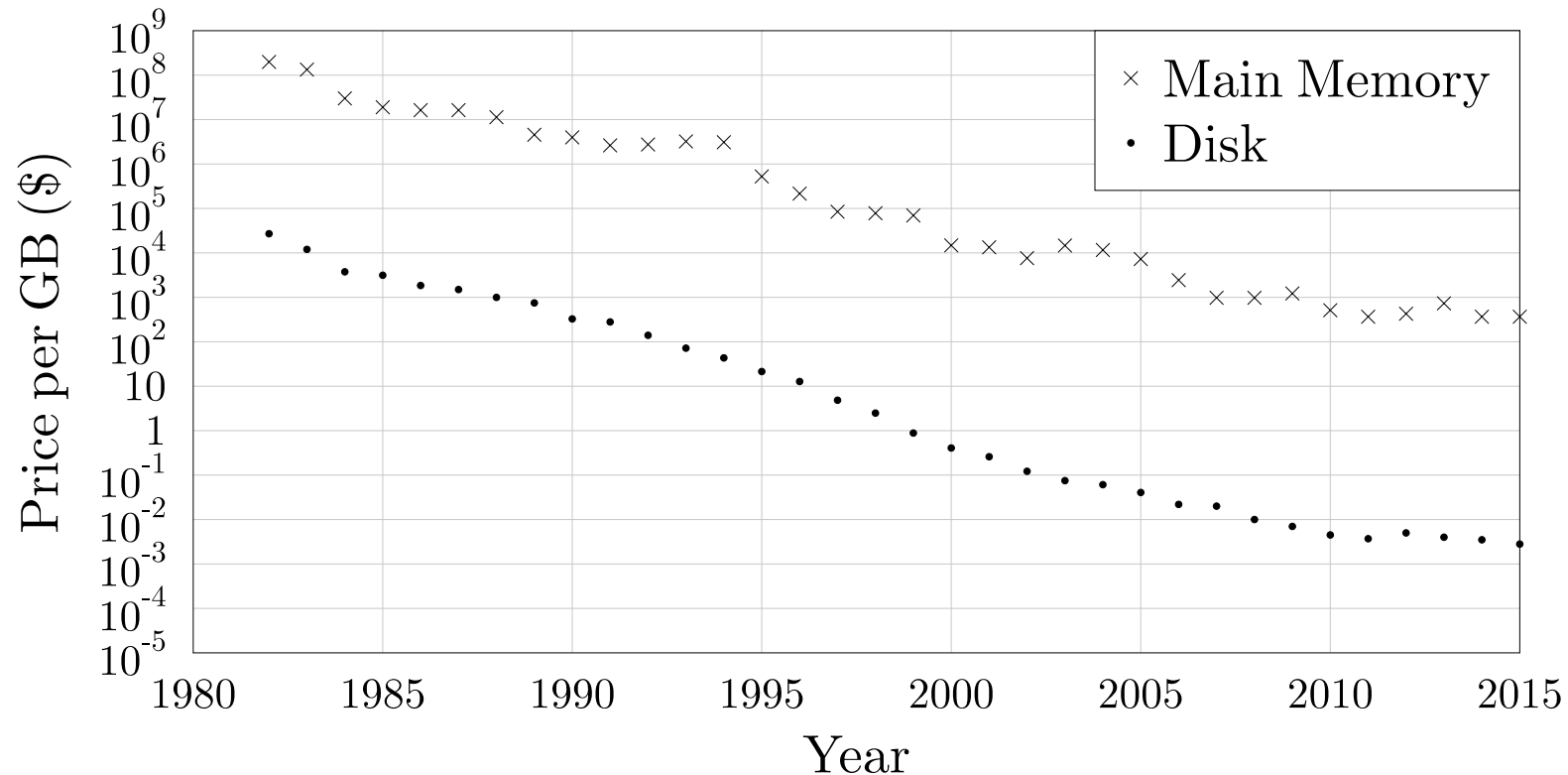
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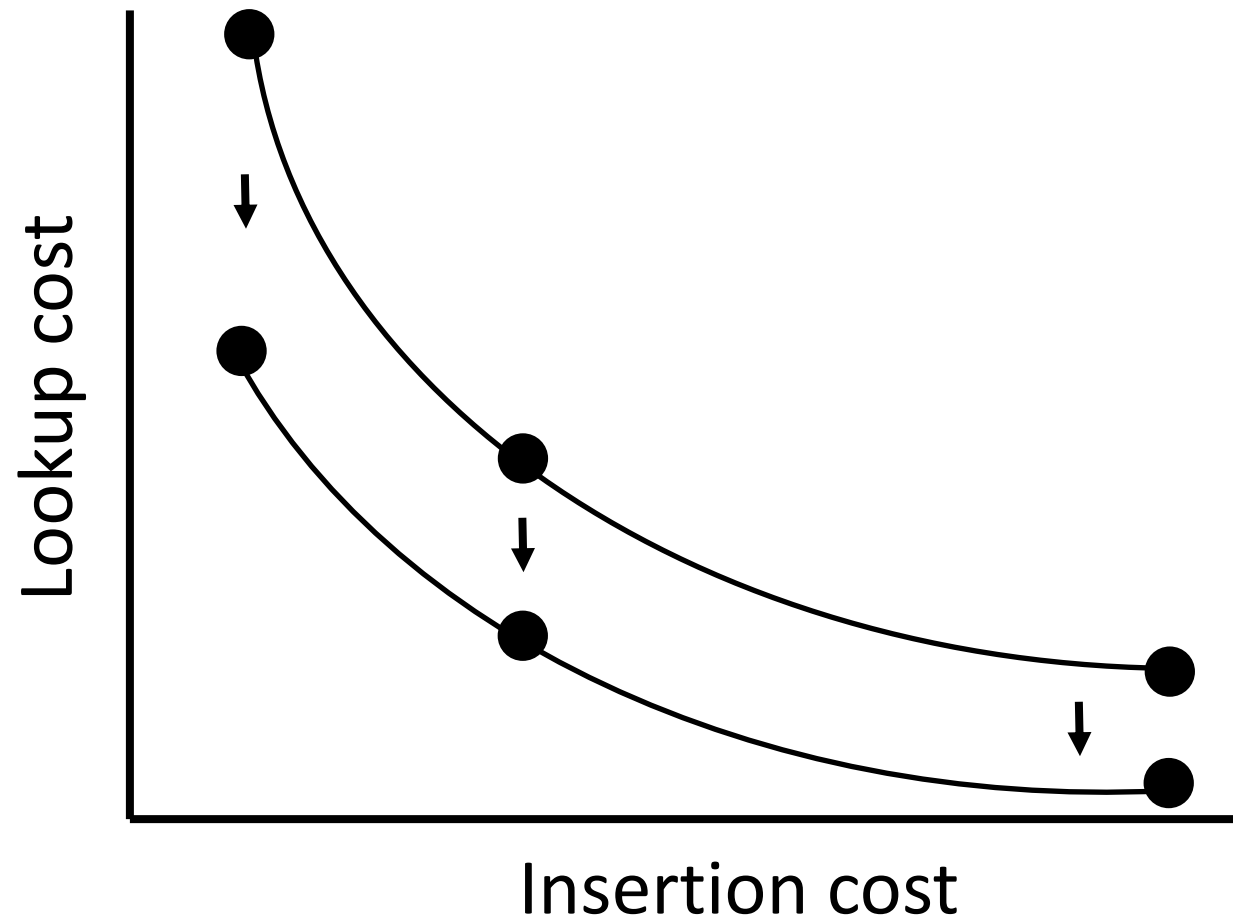
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Conclusions

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Highly tunable

Backbone of many modern systems

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Trade main memory for lookup cost (fence pointers, Bloom filters)

Thank you!