

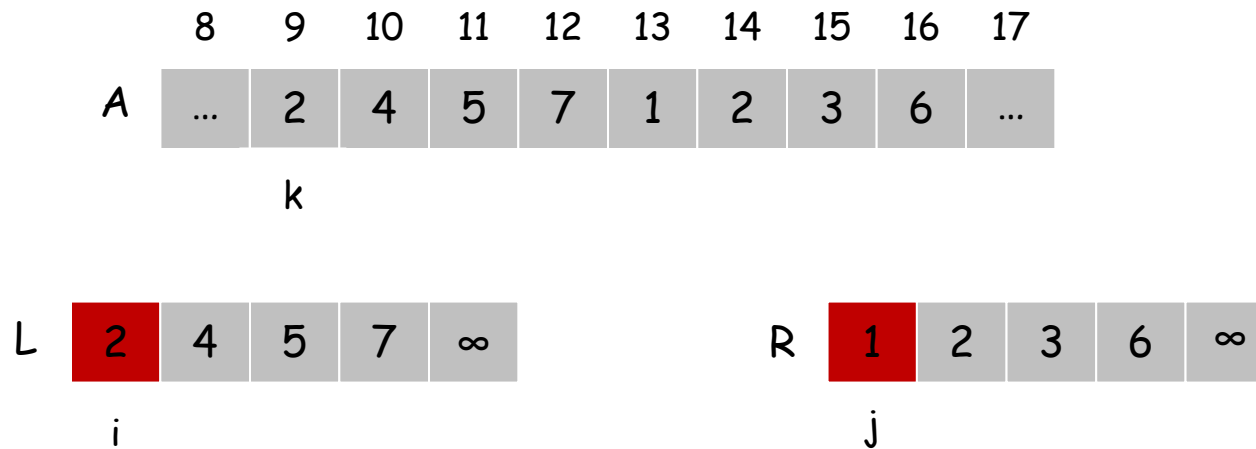
Merging: Example

	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
A	...	2	4	5	7	1	2	3	6	...
	k									

L	2	4	5	7	∞
	i				

R	1	2	3	6	∞
	j				

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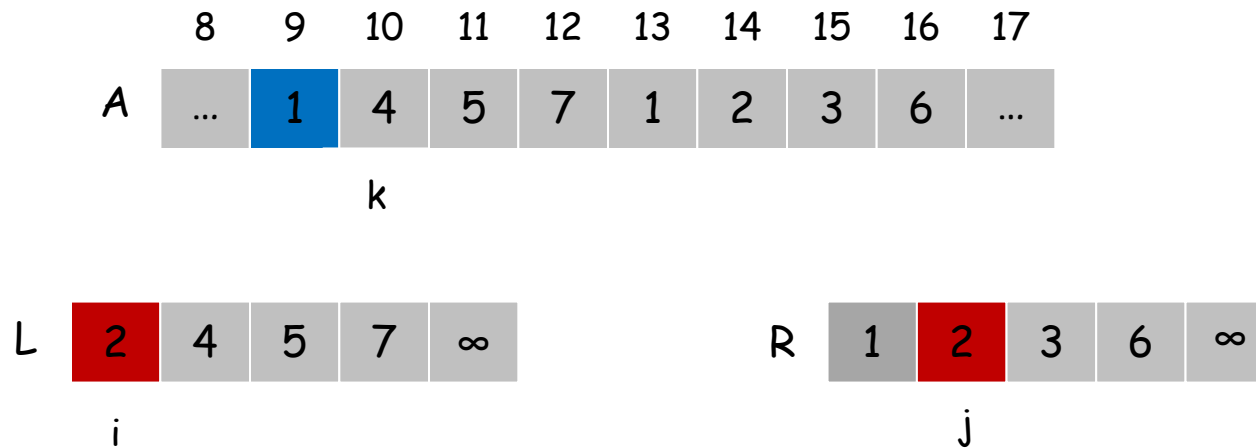
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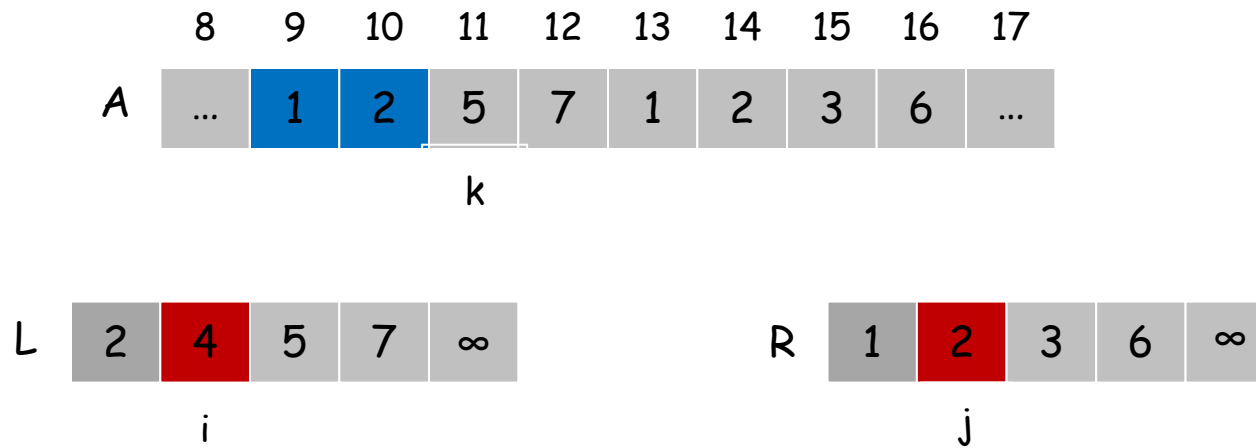
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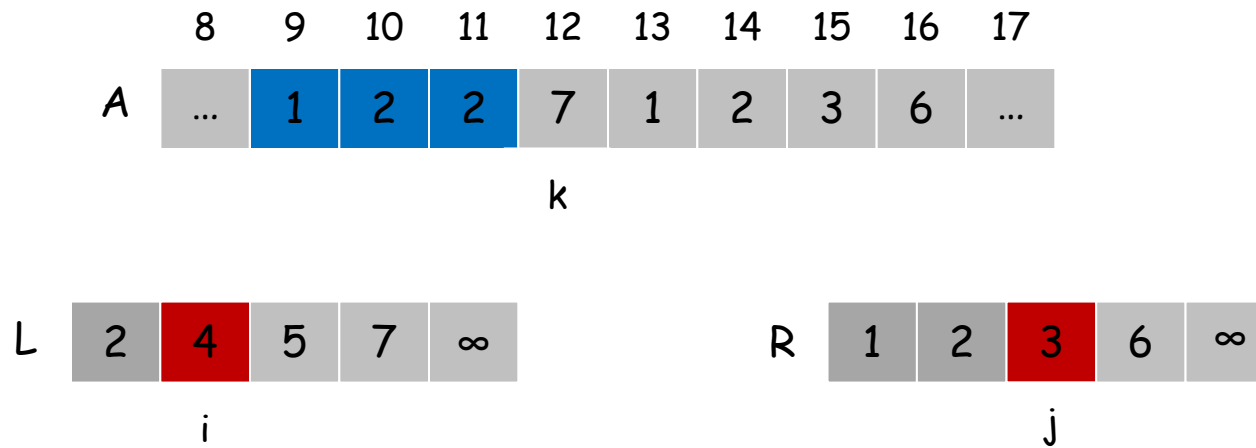
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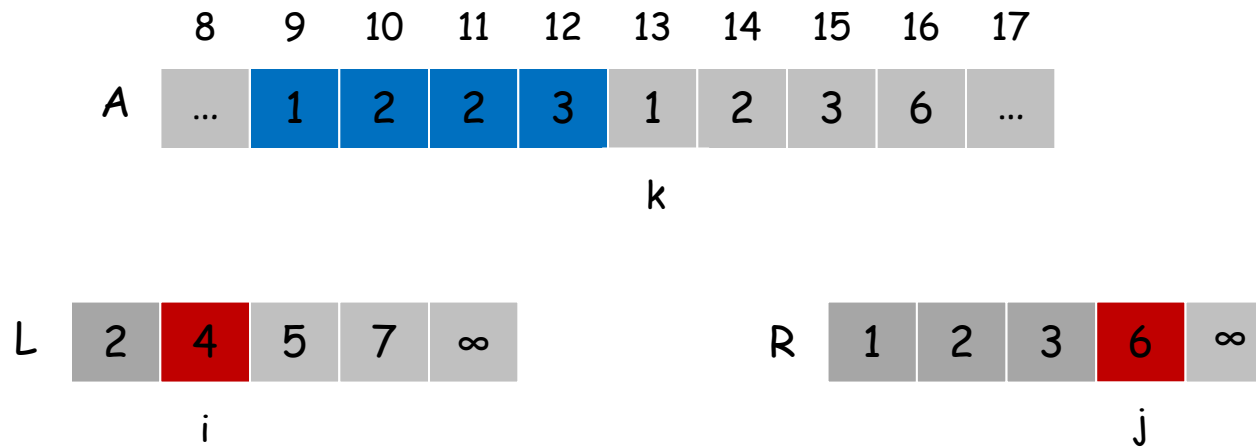
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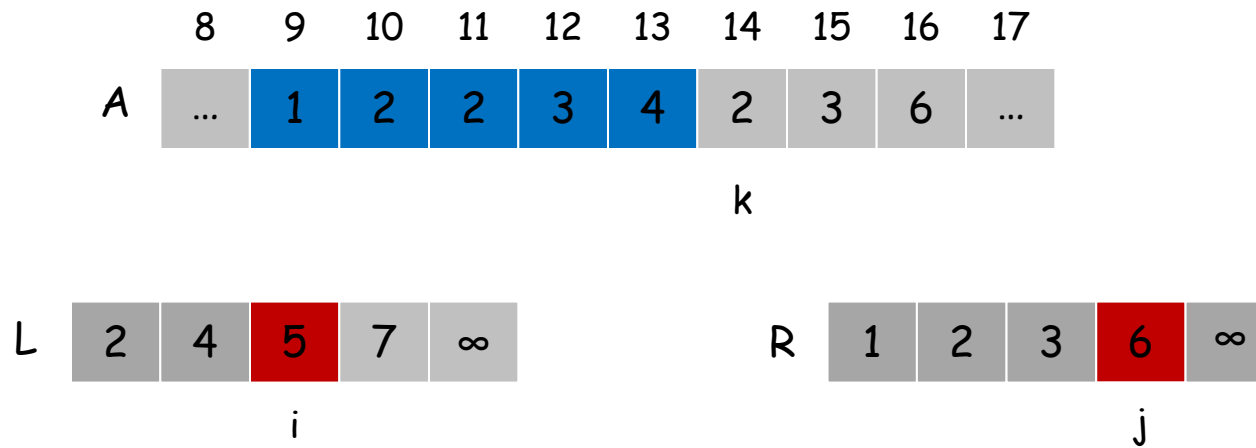
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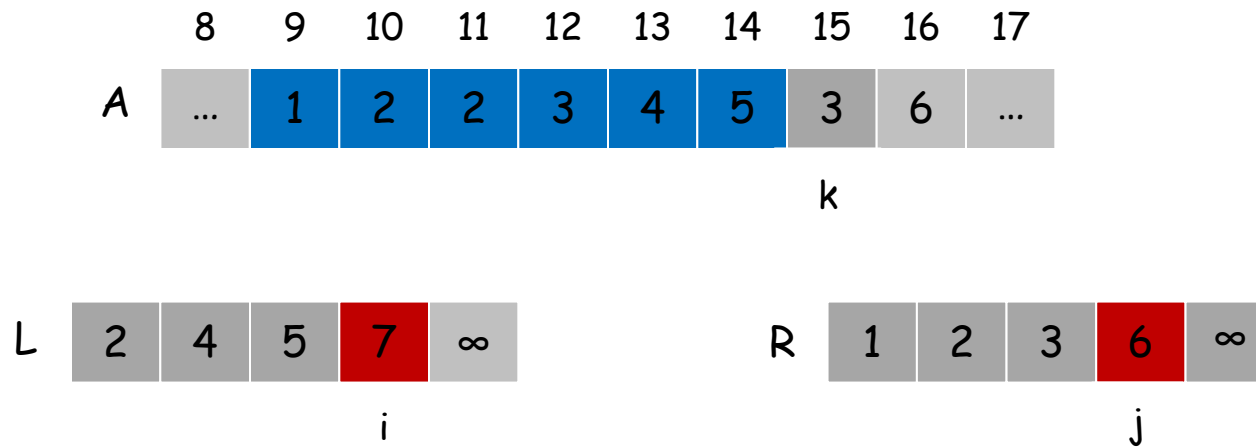
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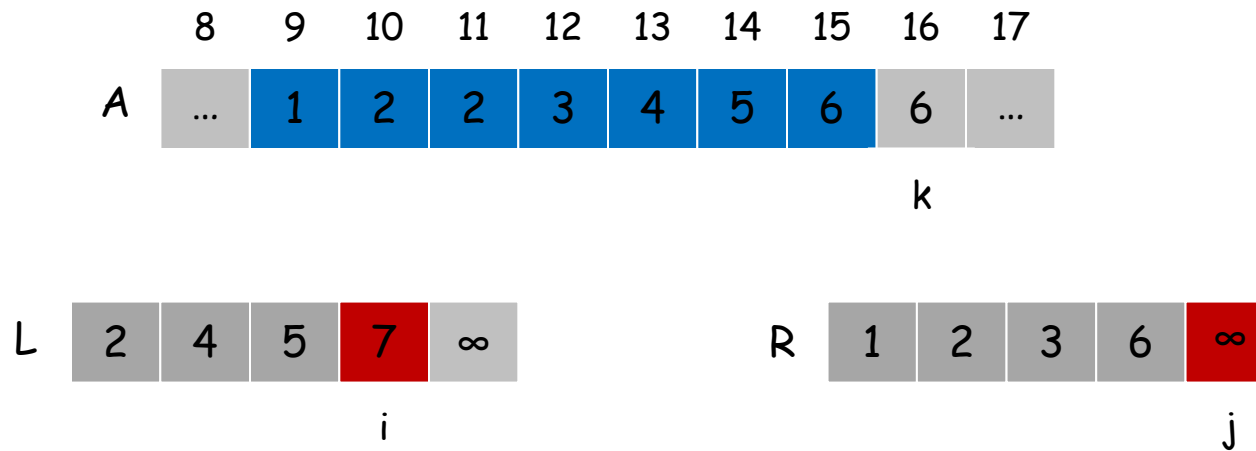
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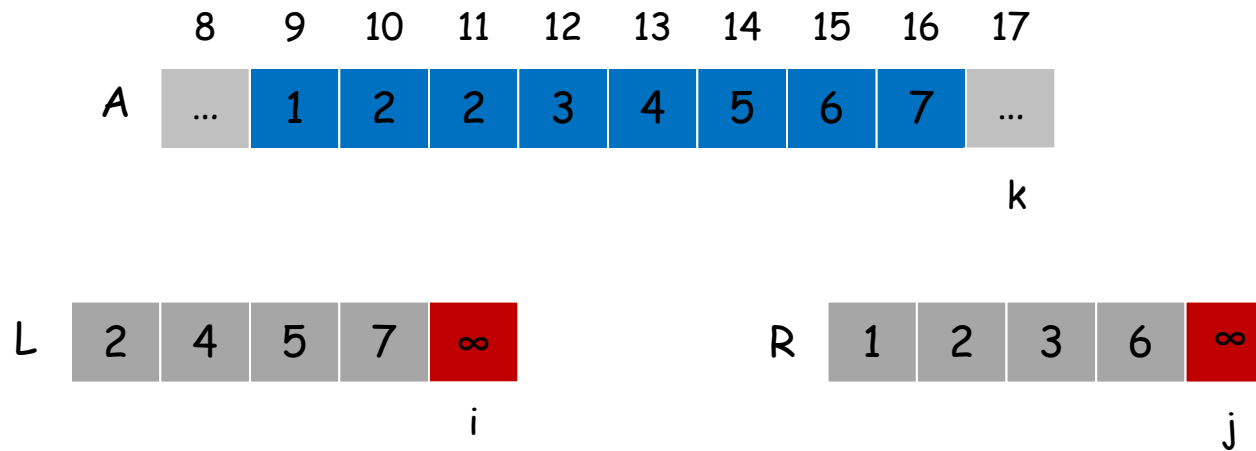
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