

Data Structure and Algorithm

(CSE 225)

Lecture 20

Sorting and Searching

- Fundamental problems in computer science and programming
- Sorting done to make searching easier
- Multiple different algorithms to solve the same problem
 - How do we know which algorithm is "better"?
- Let review searching first (We have already covered it.)

Searching



Searching

- Given a list of data find the location of a particular value or report that value is not present
- linear search
 - intuitive approach
 - start at first item
 - is it the one I am looking for?
 - if not go to next item
 - repeat until found or all items checked
- If items not sorted or unsortable this approach is necessary



Searching in a Sorted List

- If items are sorted then we can *divide and conquer*
- dividing your work in half with each step
 - generally a good thing
- The Binary Search on List in Ascending order
 - Start at middle of list
 - is that the item?
 - If not is it less than or greater than the item?
 - less than, move to second half of list
 - greater than, move to first half of list
 - repeat until found or sub list size = 0

Sorting

- A fundamental application for computers
- Done to make finding data (searching) faster
- Many different algorithms for sorting
- One of the difficulties with sorting is working with a fixed size storage container (array)
 - if resize, that is expensive (slow)
- The "simple" sorts run in quadratic time $O(N^2)$
 - bubble sort
 - selection sort
 - insertion sort

The Problem of Sorting

Input: sequence $\langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \rangle$ of numbers.

Output: permutation $\langle a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n \rangle$ such that $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$.

Example:

Input: 8 2 4 9 3 6

Output: 2 3 4 6 8 9

Insertion Sort

- ❑ Commonly used by card players: As each card is picked up, it is placed into the proper sequence in their hand.
- ❑ Divide the list into a sorted sublist and an unsorted sublist.
- ❑ In each pass, one or more pieces of data are removed from the unsorted sublist and inserted into their correct position in a sorted sublist.



Insertion Sort

A[0] unused, valid elements: A[1] ... A[n]

Algorithm Name with parameters
(like a C function-header)

Comment

Equivalent CPP function

INSERTION-SORT (A, n)

▷ $A[1 \dots n]$

Algorithm body

For loop body

While

Loop body

```
for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$ 
do ▷ Insert  $A[j]$  into the sorted subarray
▷ in such a position that  $A[1..j]$  becomes sorted
 $key \leftarrow A[j]$ 
 $i \leftarrow j - 1$ 
while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$ 
do  $A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]$ 
 $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
 $A[i+1] \leftarrow key$ 
```

```
void insertionSort (int A[], int n)
{
    //here A[0 .. n] is an int array
    int i, j;
    for (j = 2; j <= n; j++) {
        key = A[j];
        i = j - 1;
        while(i > 0 && A[i] > key){
            A[i+1] = A[i];
            i = i - 1;
        } //while
        A[i+1] = key;
    } //for
}
```

Indentation/spacing determines where
the algorithm/loop/if/else-body ends

Insertion Sort Simulation

INSERTION-SORT (A, n) $\triangleright A[1 \dots n]$

for $j \leftarrow 2$ **to** n

do \triangleright Insert $A[j]$ into the sorted subarray $A[1..j-1]$
 \triangleright in such a position that $A[1..j]$ becomes sorted

$key \leftarrow A[j]$

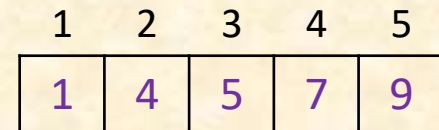
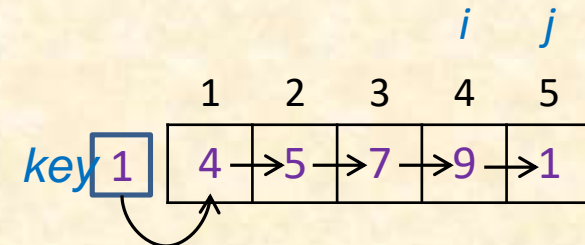
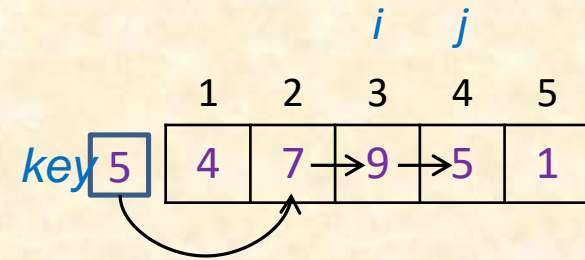
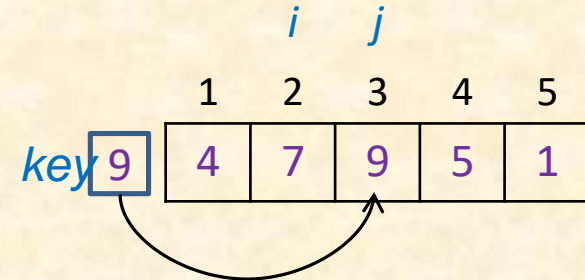
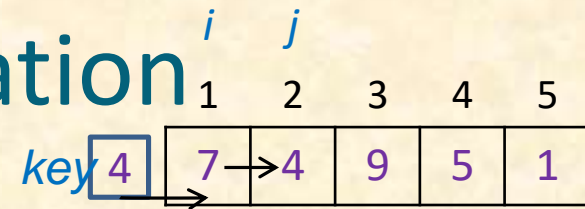
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Insertion Sort

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Comparison



Data Movement



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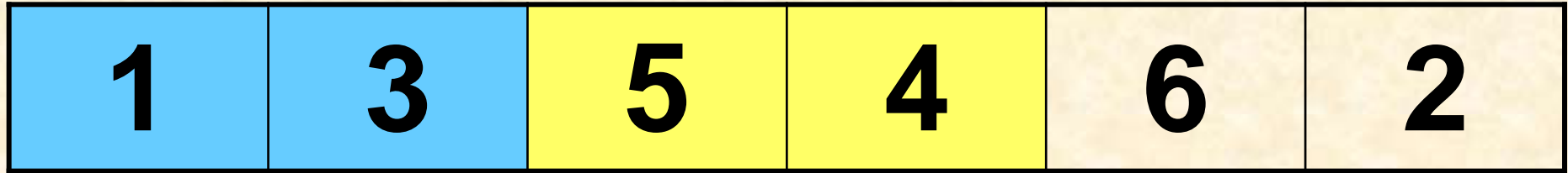


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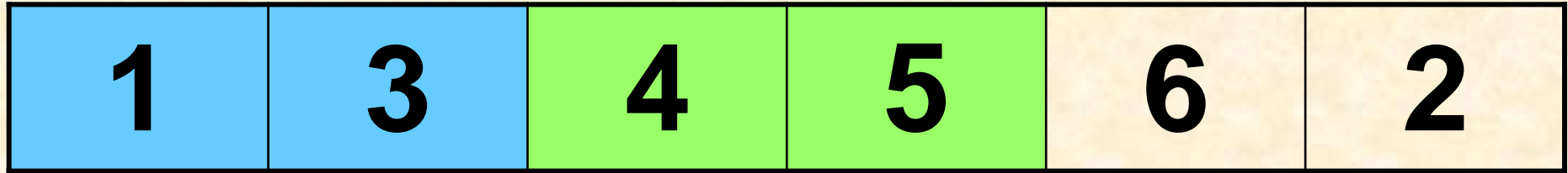


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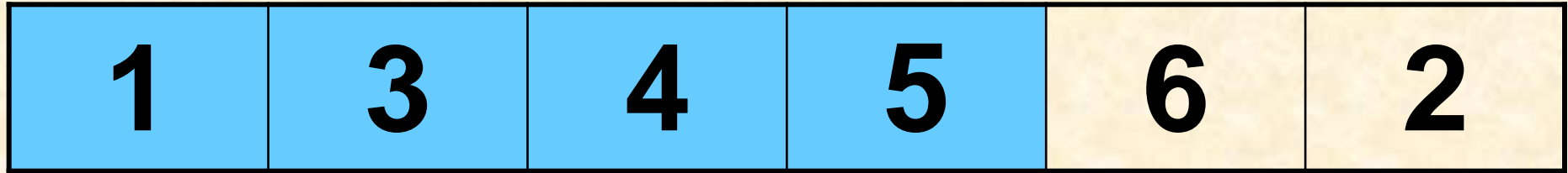


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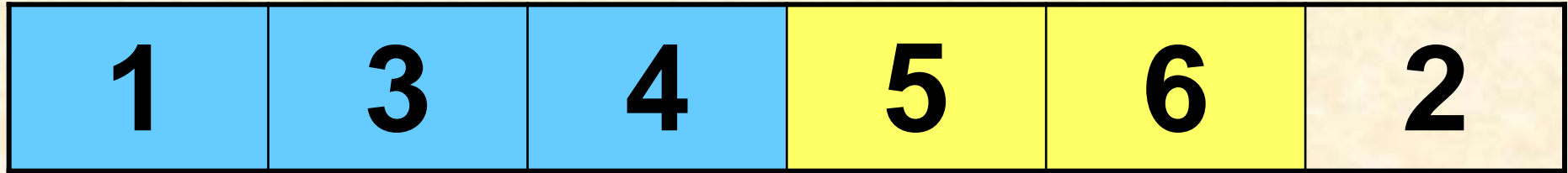


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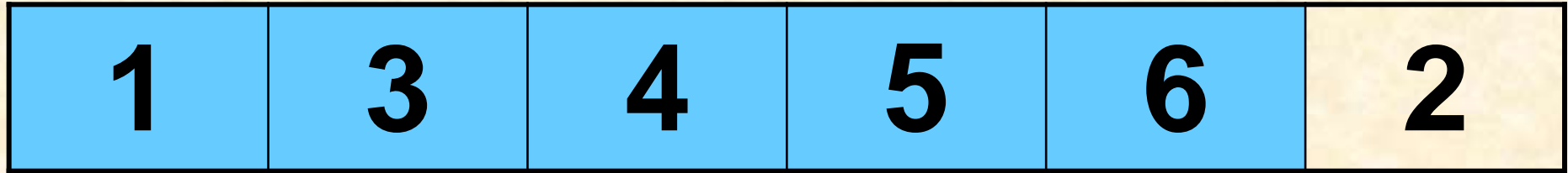


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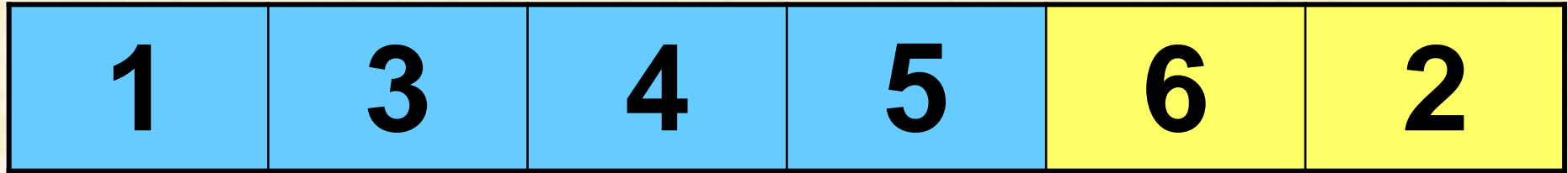


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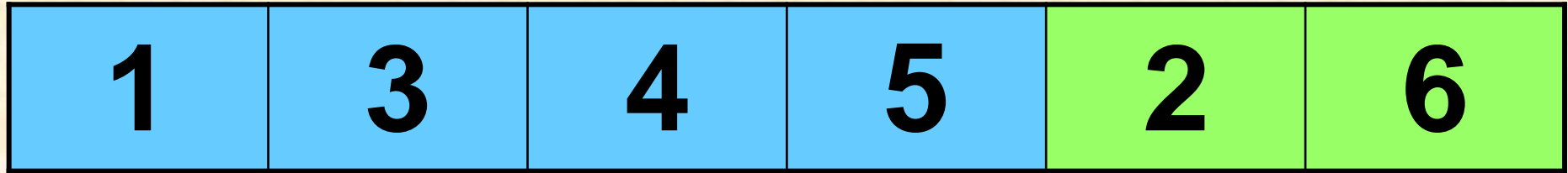


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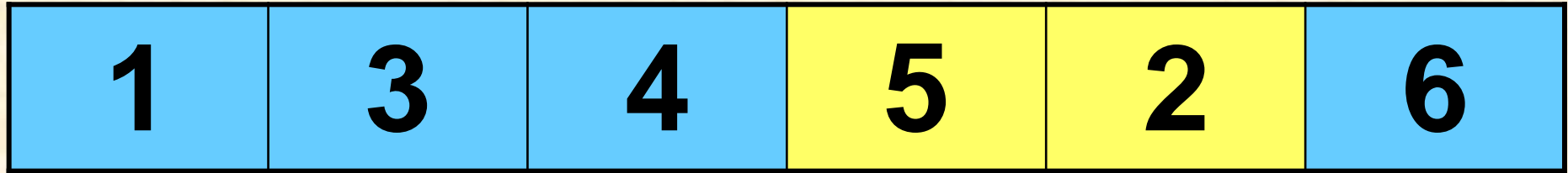


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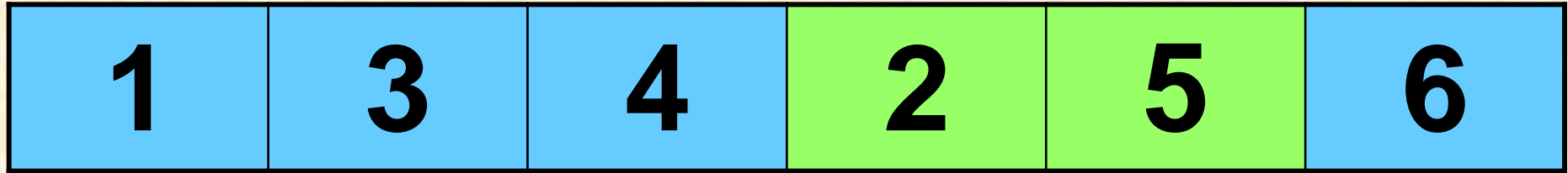


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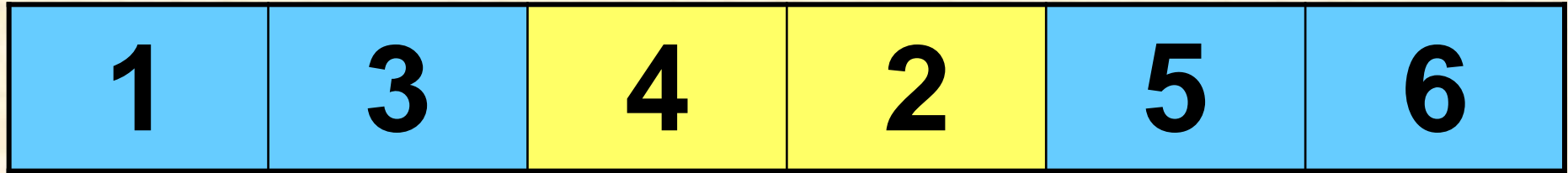


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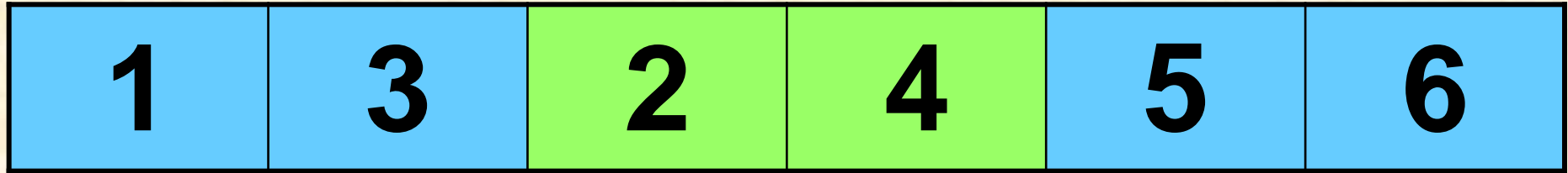


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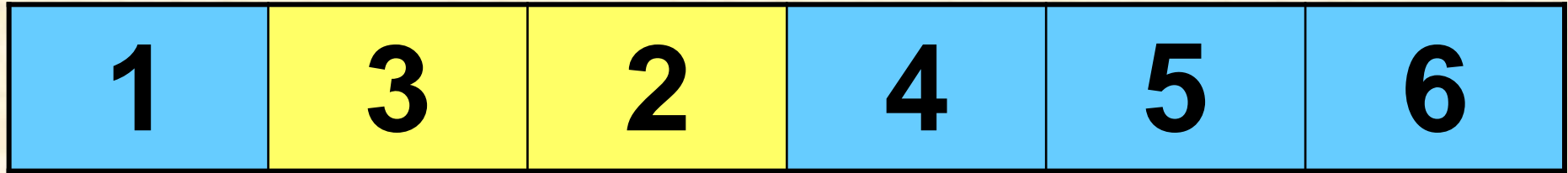


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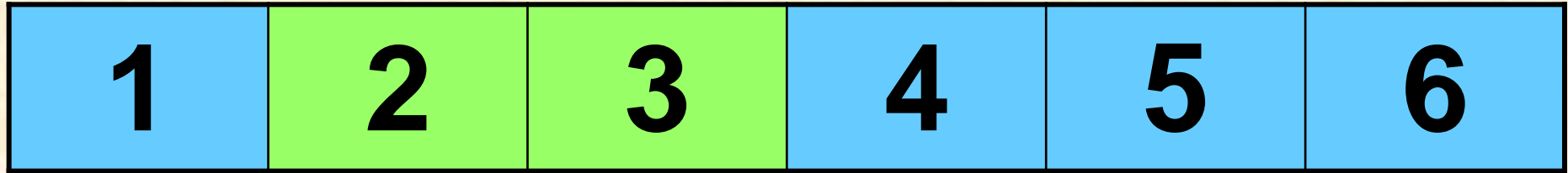


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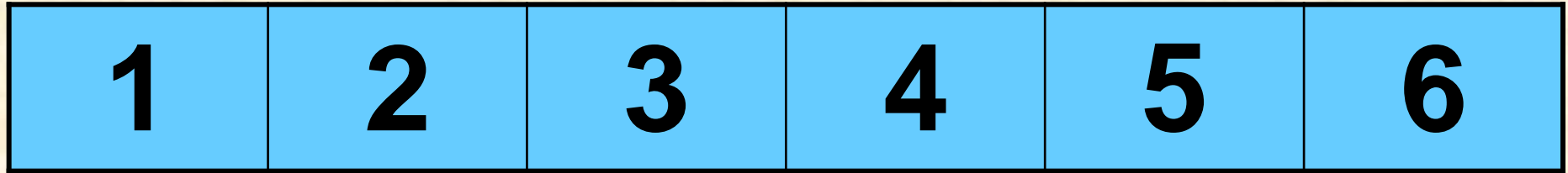


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Sorting Fun

Why Not Bubble Sort?



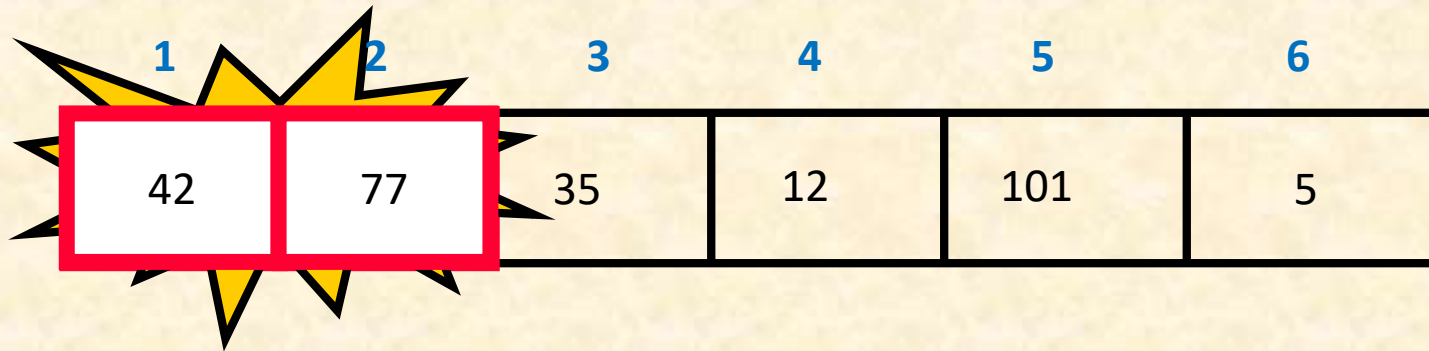
"Bubbling Up" the Largest Element

- **Traverse a collection of elements**
 - Move from the front to the end
 - “Bubble” the **largest value** to the end using **pair-wise comparisons and swapping**

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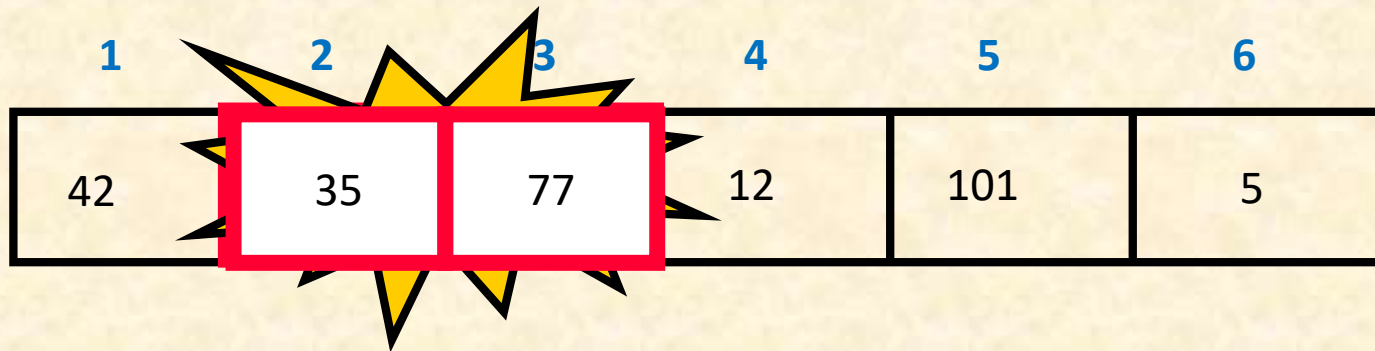
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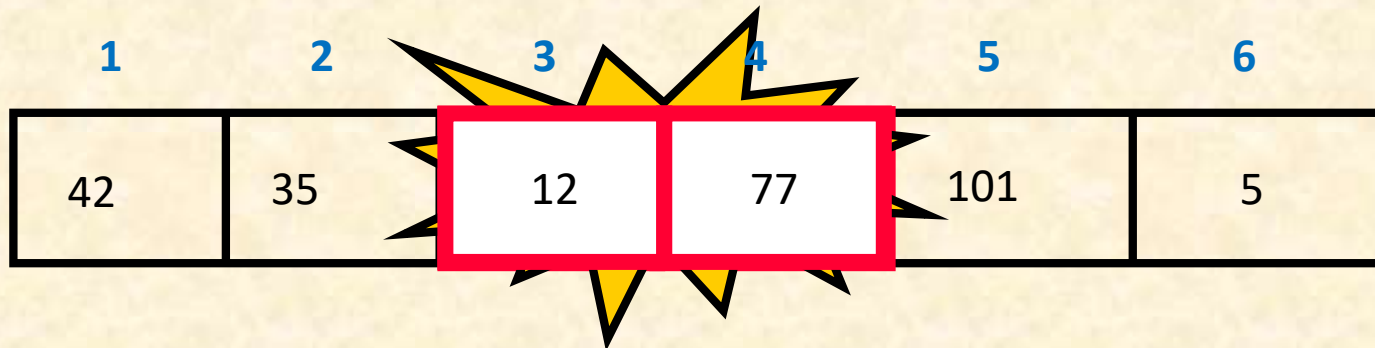
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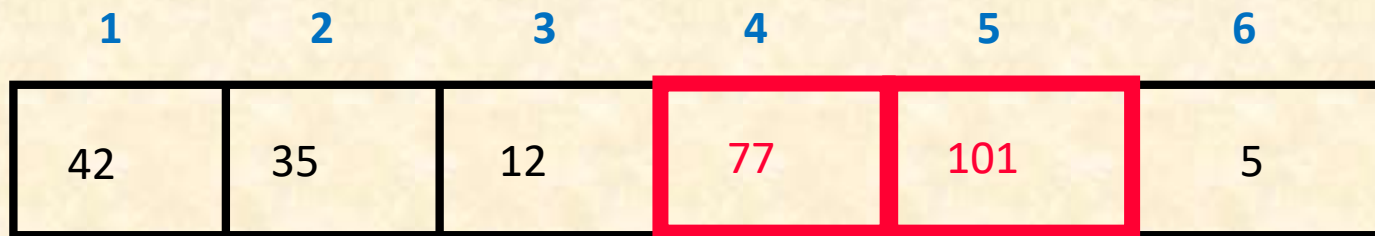
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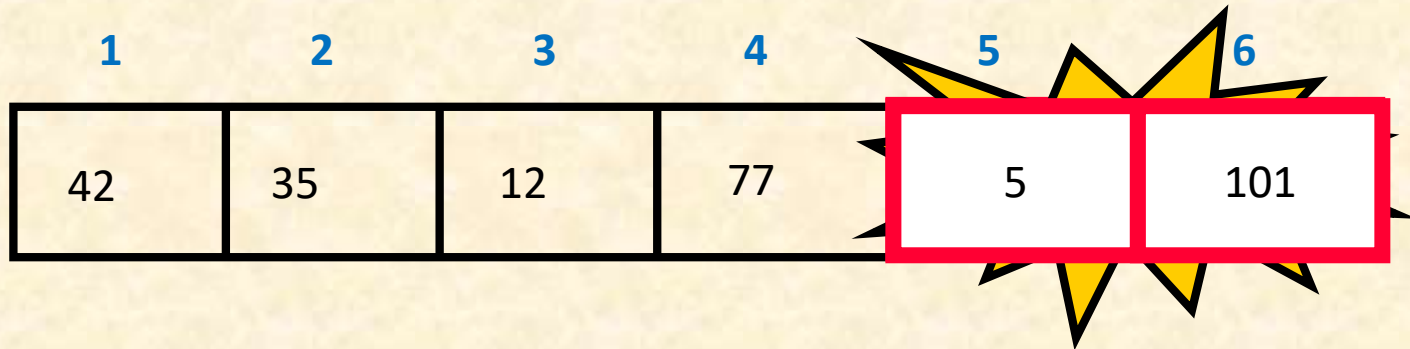
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No need to swap

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42	35	12	77	5	101

Largest value correctly placed

Bubble Sort

16	12	22	13	17	22
6	12	14	14	17	22

- Given n numbers to sort:
- Repeat the following n-1 times:
 - For each **pair** of adjacent numbers:
 - If the number on the left is greater than the number on the right, swap them.

Bubble Sort

6	12	12	14	17	22
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6	8	12	14	17	22
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Bubble Sort

❑ **Algorithm:** (Bubble Sort) BUBBLE (DATA, N)

Here DATA is an Array with N elements. This algorithm sorts the elements in DATA.

1. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for $K = 1$ to $N-1$
2. Set $PTR := 1$
3. Repeat while $PTR \leq N-K$
 - (a) If $DATA[PTR] > DATA[PTR+1]$, then:
Interchange $DATA[PTR]$ and $DATA[PTR+1]$
[End of if structure]
 - (b) Set $PTR := PTR + 1$
[End of inner loop][End of Step 1 Outer loop]
4. Exit

Bubble Sort

- Given n numbers to sort:
 - Repeat the following $n-1$ times:
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- How efficient is bubble sort?
 - In general, given n numbers to sort, it performs n^2 comparisons
 - The same as selection sort
 - Is there a simple way to improve on the basic bubble sort?
 - Yes! Stop after going through without making any swaps
 - This will only help some of the time

Bubble Sort

- Given n numbers to sort:
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Try one!

15	3	11	19	4	7
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Selection Sort

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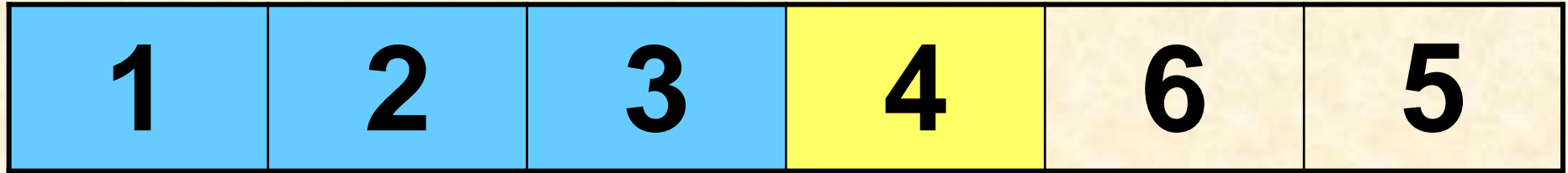


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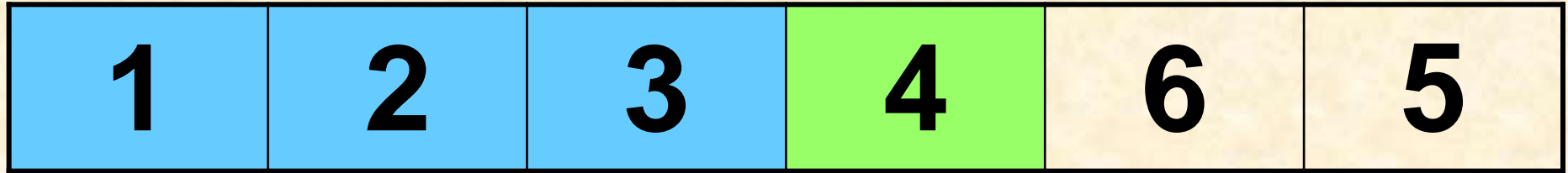


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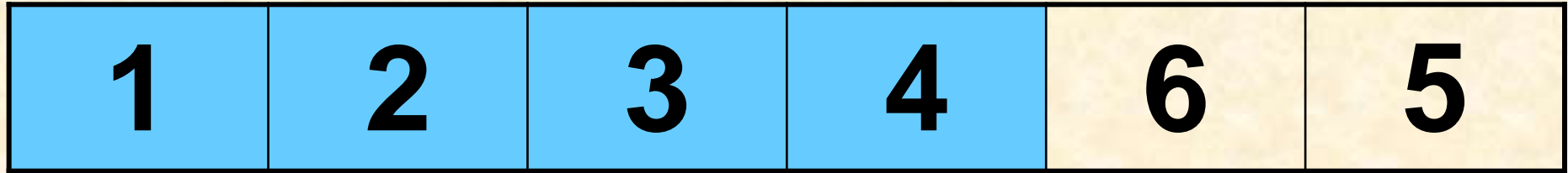


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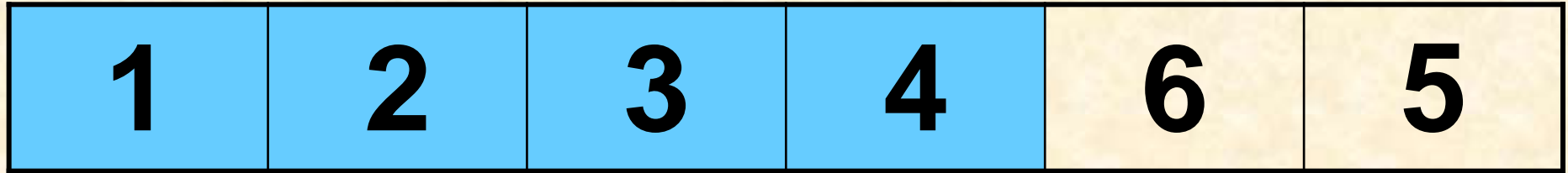


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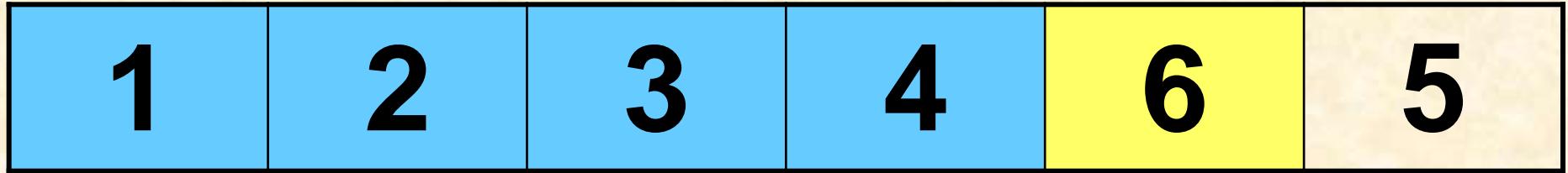


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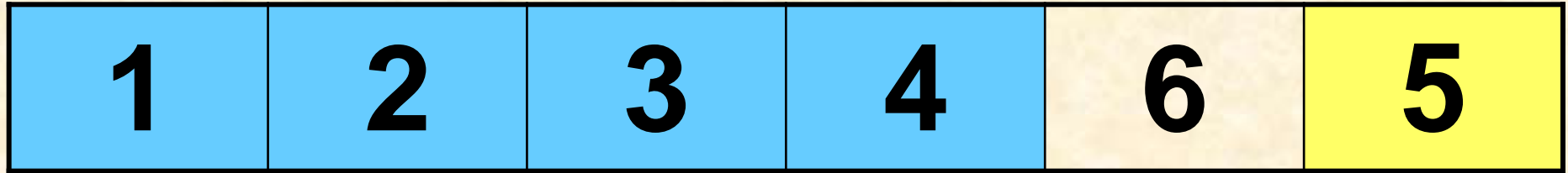


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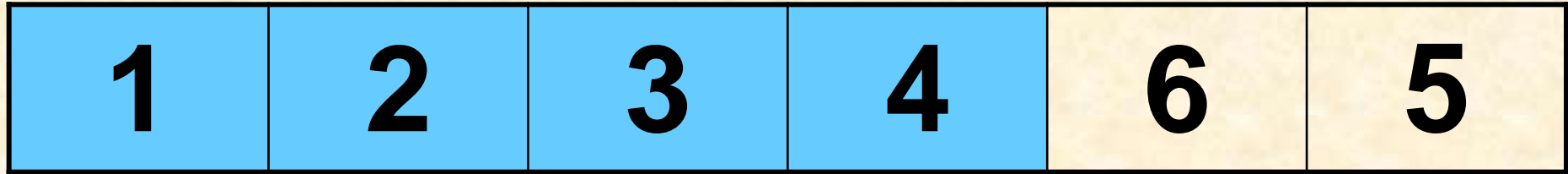


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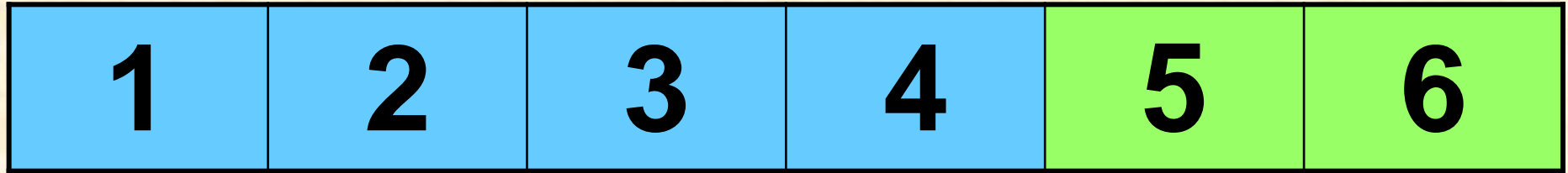


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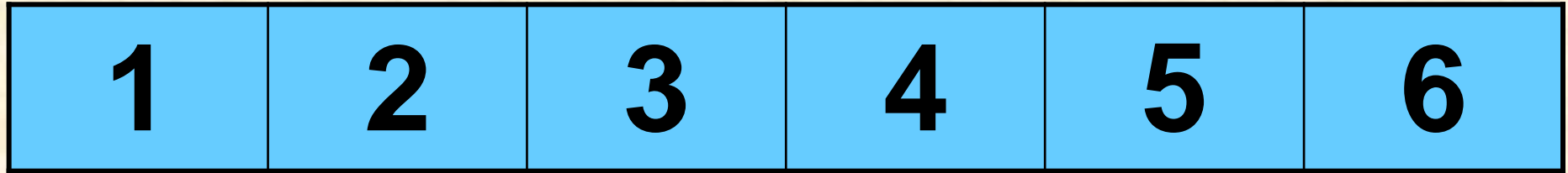


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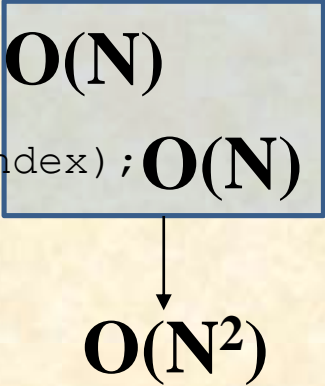
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template<class ItemType>
int getMinIndex(ItemType values[], int startIndex, int endIndex)
{
    int indexOfMin = startIndex;
    for (int index = startIndex + 1; index <= endIndex; index++)
        if (values[index] < values[indexOfMin])
            indexOfMin = index;
    return indexOfMin;
}

template<class ItemType>
void SelectionSort(ItemType values[], int numValues)
{
    int endIndex = numValues-1;
    int minIndex;
    for (int current = 0; current < endIndex; current++)
    {
        minIndex = getMinIndex(values, current, endIndex);
        Swap(values[current], values[minIndex]);
    }
}
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Selection Sort

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    int minIndex;
    for (int current = 0; current < endIndex; current++) O(N)
    {
        minIndex = getMinIndex(values, current, endIndex); O(N)
        Swap(values[current], values[minIndex]);
    }
}
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O(N²)

Divide and Conquer

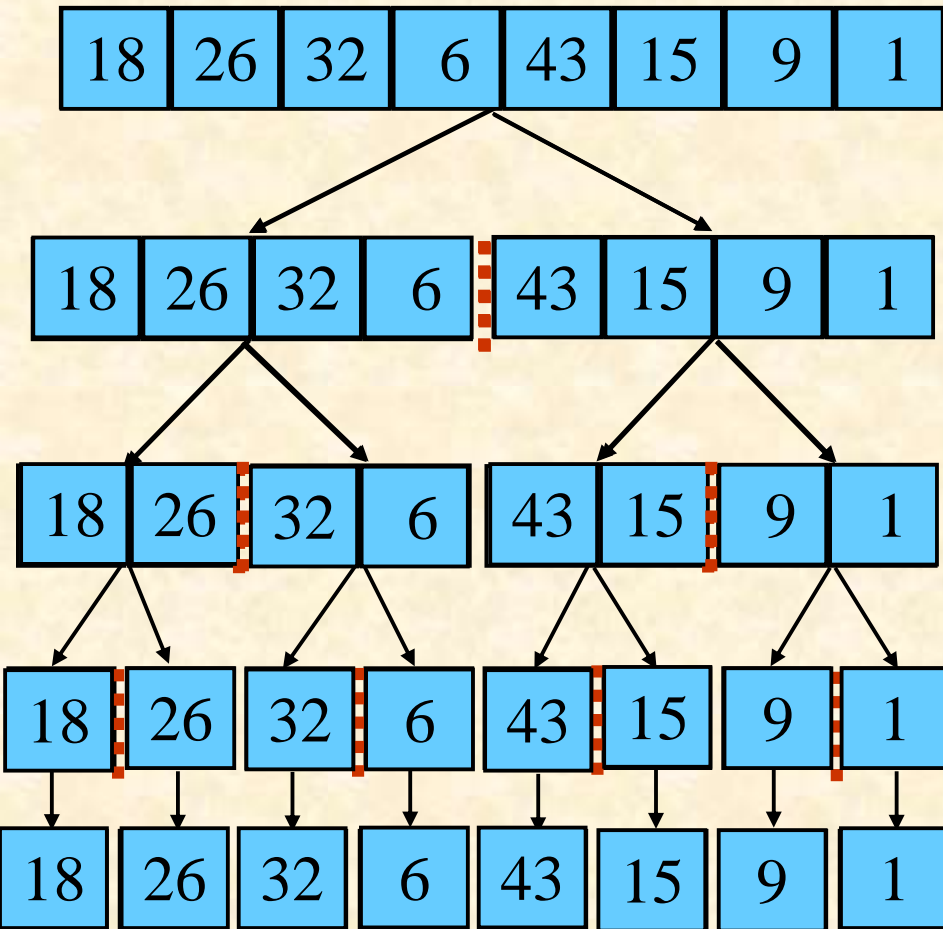
- **Recursive** **in** **structure**
 - **Divide** the problem into independent sub-problems that are similar to the original but smaller in size
 - **Conquer** the sub-problems by solving them **recursively**. If they are small enough, just solve them in a straightforward manner.
 - This can be done by reducing the problem until it reaches the **base case**, which is the solution.
 - **Combine** the solutions of the sub-problems to create a solution to the original problem

Example: Merge Sort

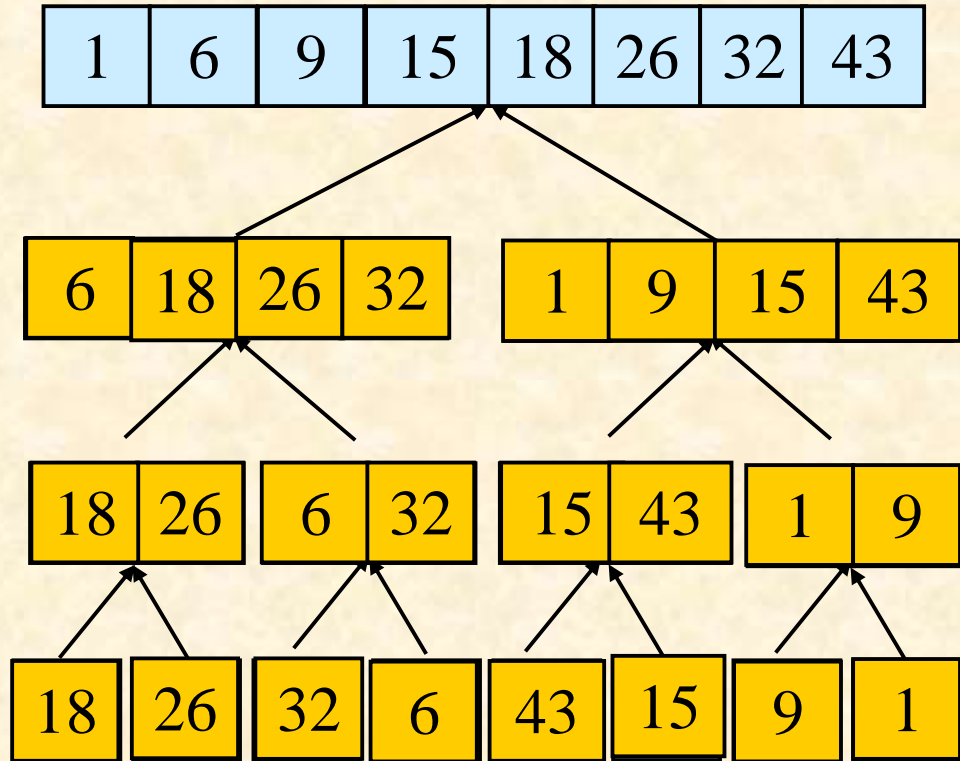
Sorting Problem: Sort a sequence of n elements into non-decreasing order.

- *Divide:* Divide the n -element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of $n/2$ elements each
- *Conquer:* Sort the two subsequences recursively using merge sort.
- *Combine:* Merge the two sorted subsequences to produce the sorted answer.

Original Sequence



Sorted Sequence



98	23	45	14	6	67	33	42
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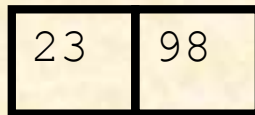
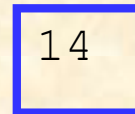
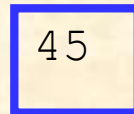
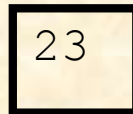
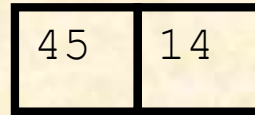
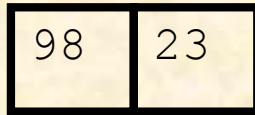
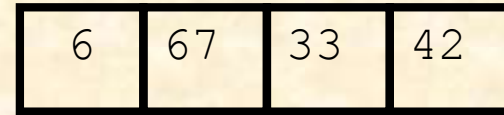
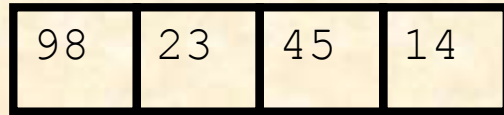
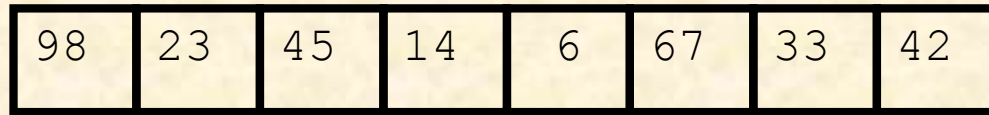
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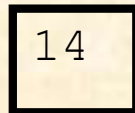
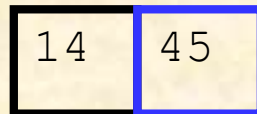
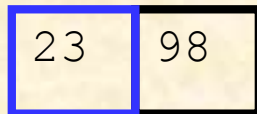
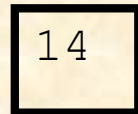
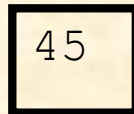
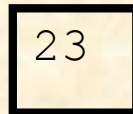
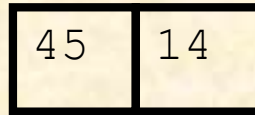
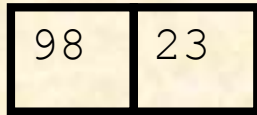
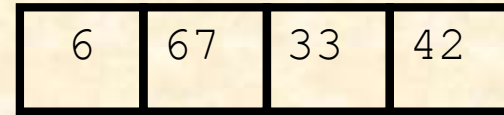
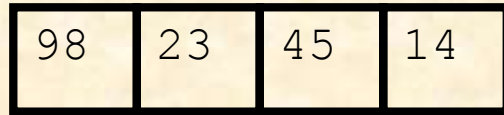
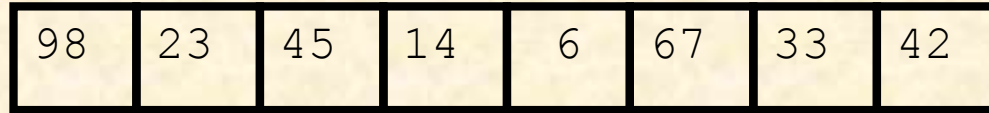
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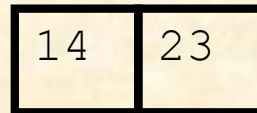
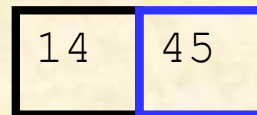
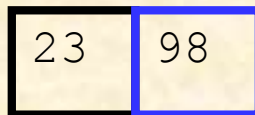
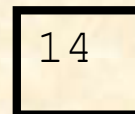
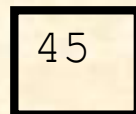
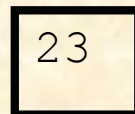
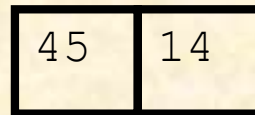
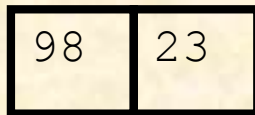
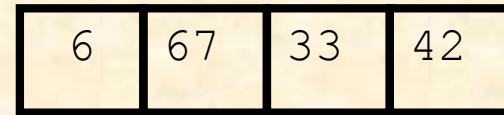
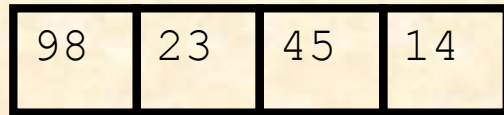
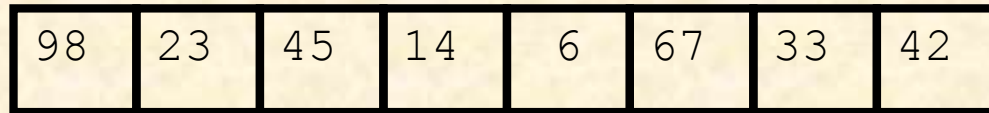
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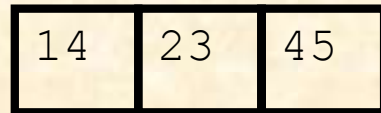
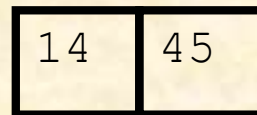
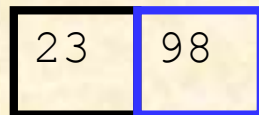
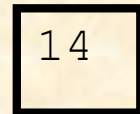
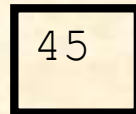
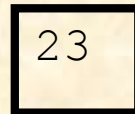
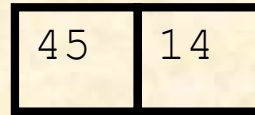
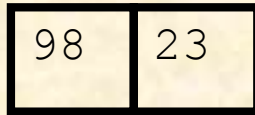
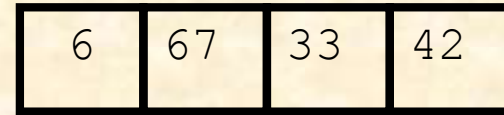
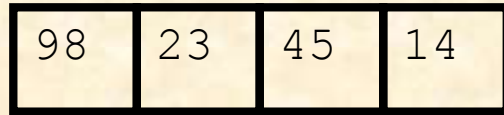
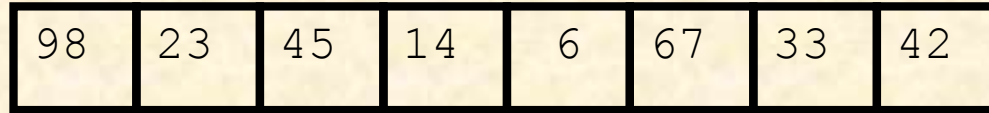
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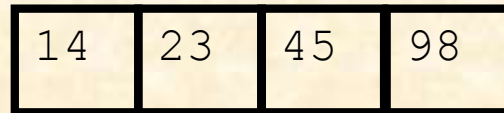
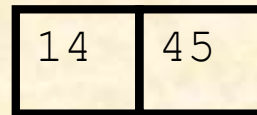
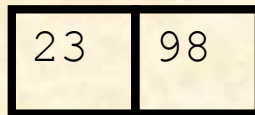
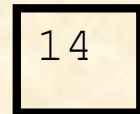
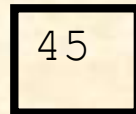
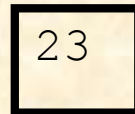
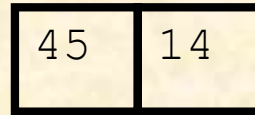
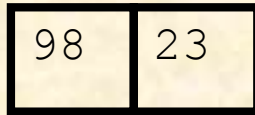
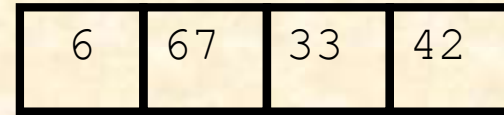
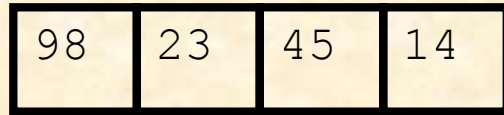
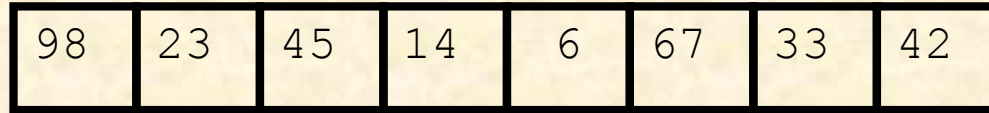
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Merge

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6	33	42	67
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Merge

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Merge

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Merge

98	23	45	14	6	67	33	42
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6	14	23	33	42	45	67	98
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Merge-Sort (A, p, r)

INPUT: a sequence of n numbers stored in array A

OUTPUT: an ordered sequence of n

MergeSort (A, p, r) // sort $A[p..r]$ by divide & conquer

1 **if** $p < r$

2 **then** $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p+r)/2 \rfloor$

3 *MergeSort* (A, p, q)

4 *MergeSort* ($A, q+1, r$)

5 *Merge* (A, p, q, r) // merges $A[p..q]$ with $A[q+1..r]$

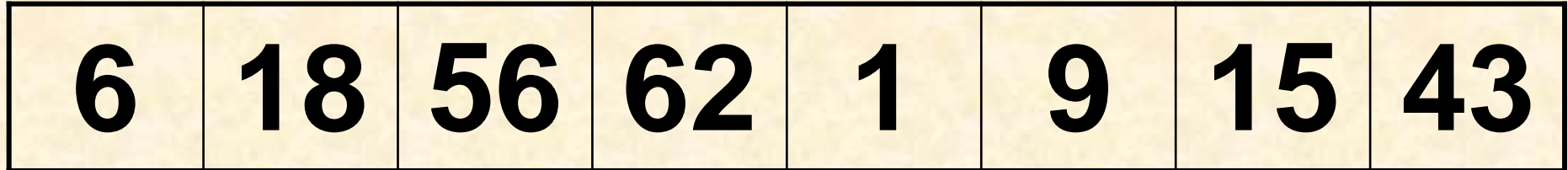
Initial Call: *MergeSort*($A, 1, n$)

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging two sorted subsequences

Unsorted



The diagram shows a horizontal array of eight cells, each containing a number. A bracket above the entire array is labeled 'Unsorted'. Two brackets below the array are labeled 'Sorted'. The first bracket covers the first four cells (6, 18, 56, 62) and the second bracket covers the last four cells (1, 9, 15, 43). The numbers are in bold black font on a light yellow background.

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Sorted

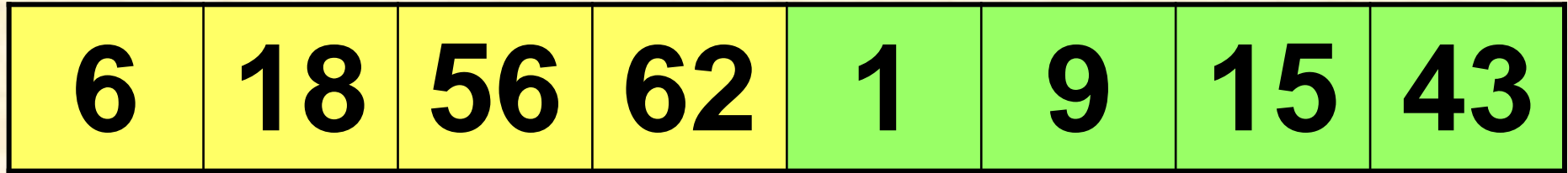
Sorted

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

Merging two sorted subsequences



Merging



Left half

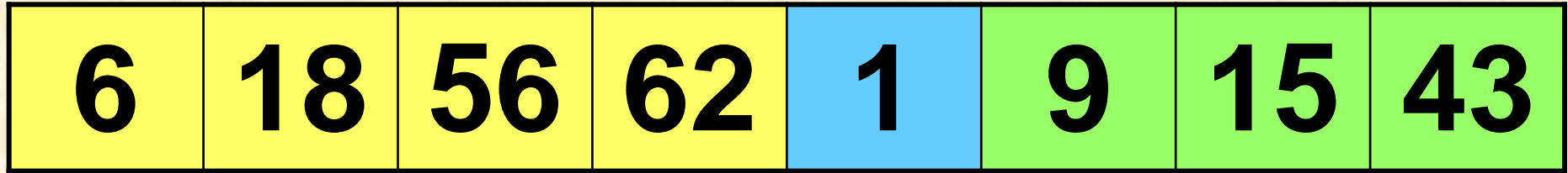


Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences



Merging



Left half

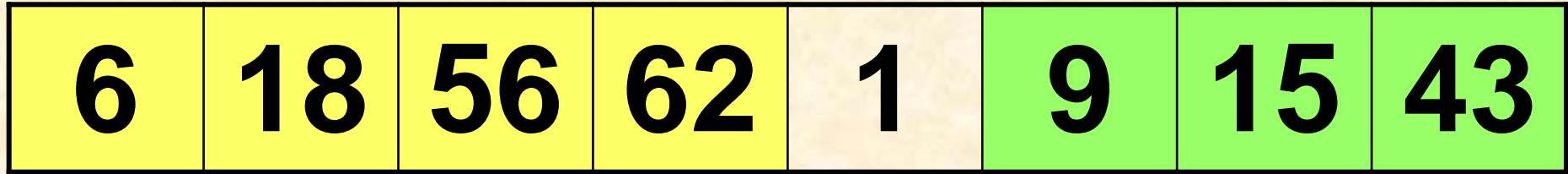


Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences



Merging



Left half

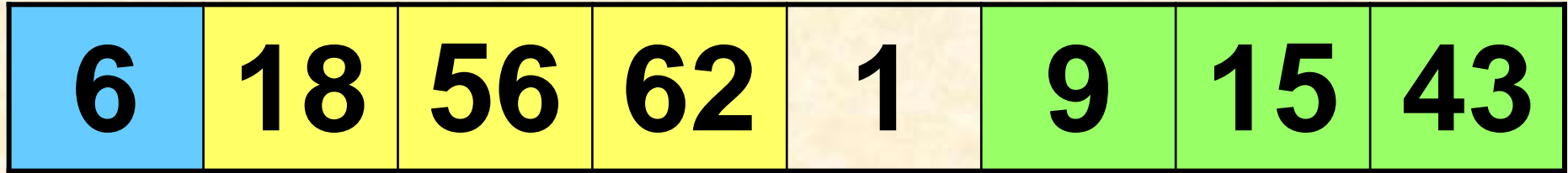


Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences



Merging



Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

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Left half

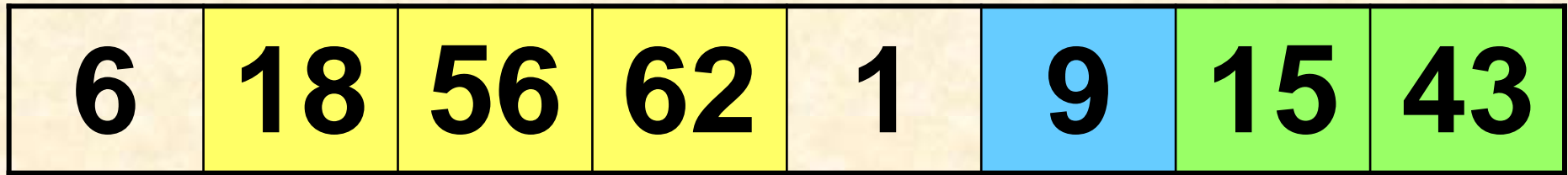


Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences



Merging



Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9					
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15				
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15				
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15	18			
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15	18			
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15	18	43		
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15	18	43		
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

6	18	56	62	1	9	15	43
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Merging

1	6	9	15	18	43	56	62
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Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

1	6	9	15	18	43	56	62
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Merging

↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
1	6	9	15	18	43	56	62



Left half



Right half



Minimum between first elements in both halves

Merging two sorted subsequences

Merge(A, p, q, r)

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1   $n_1 \leftarrow q - p + 1$ 
2   $n_2 \leftarrow r - q$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_1$ 
4      do  $L[i] \leftarrow A[p + i - 1]$ 
5  for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_2$ 
6      do  $R[j] \leftarrow A[q + j]$ 
7   $L[n_1+1] \leftarrow \infty$ 
8   $R[n_2+1] \leftarrow \infty$ 
9   $i \leftarrow 1$ 
10  $j \leftarrow 1$ 
11 for  $k \leftarrow p$  to  $r$ 
12     do if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
13         then  $A[k] \leftarrow L[i]$ 
14              $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
15         else  $A[k] \leftarrow R[j]$ 
16              $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
```

Input: Array containing sorted subarrays $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$.

Output: Merged sorted subarray in $A[p..r]$.

Sentinels, to avoid having to check if either subarray is fully copied at **each step**.

Time complexity of Merge

Merge(A, p, q, r) //Let $r-p+1 = n$

1 $n_1 \leftarrow q - p + 1$ //O(1)

• 2 $n_2 \leftarrow r - q$ //O(1)

3 **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n_1 //O($q-p+1$)

4 **do** $L[i] \leftarrow A[p + i - 1]$

5 **for** $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** n_2 //O($r-q$)

6 **do** $R[j] \leftarrow A[q + j]$

7 $L[n_1+1] \leftarrow \infty$

8 $R[n_2+1] \leftarrow \infty$

9 $i \leftarrow 1$

10 $j \leftarrow 1$

11 **for** $k \leftarrow p$ **to** r //O($r-p+1$) = O(n)

12 **do if** $L[i] \leq R[j]$

13 **then** $A[k] \leftarrow L[i]$

14 $i \leftarrow i + 1$

15 **else** $A[k] \leftarrow R[j]$

16 $j \leftarrow j + 1$

• //Total time: O(n)

*Input: Array containing
sorted subarrays $A[p..q]$ and
 $A[q+1..r]$.*

*Output: Merged sorted
subarray in $A[p..r]$.*