

# Searching and Sorting

# Algorithms Revisited

- An **algorithm** is a procedure for effecting some result.
- There can be many different algorithms for solving the same problem.
- How can we compare algorithms against one another?
- What's the best algorithm for solving a given problem?

# Two Famous Problems

- **Searching**

- Given an array of values, determine whether some value is contained in that array.
- Very important: finding medical records, determining if a bookstore has a copy of a book, etc.

- **Sorting**

- Given an array of values, rearrange those values to put them in sorted order.
- Enormously important: shows up in iTunes, Google, Facebook, etc.

Searching

Can I get some volunteers?

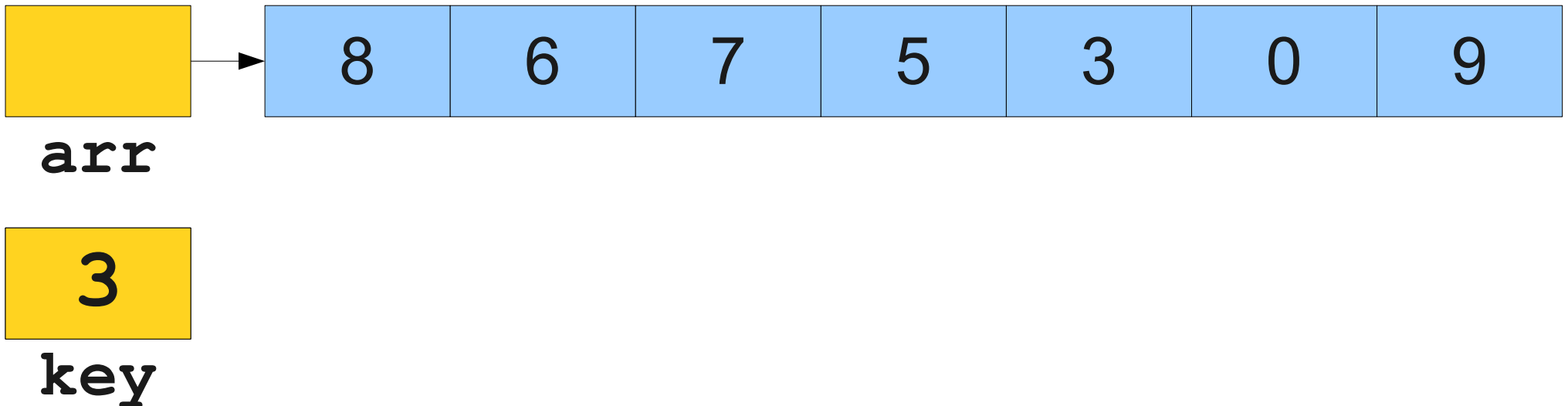
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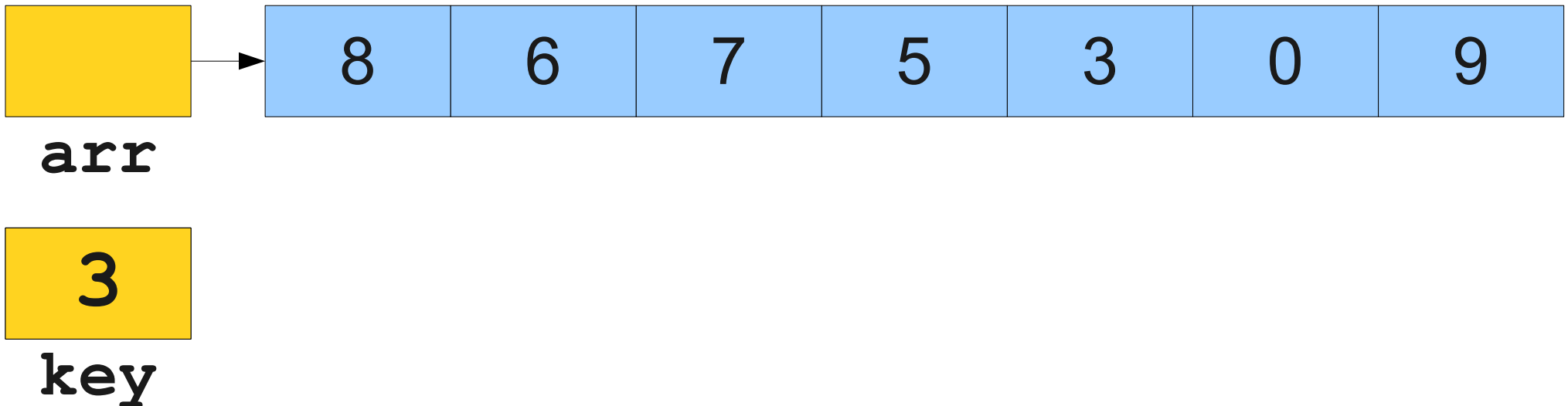
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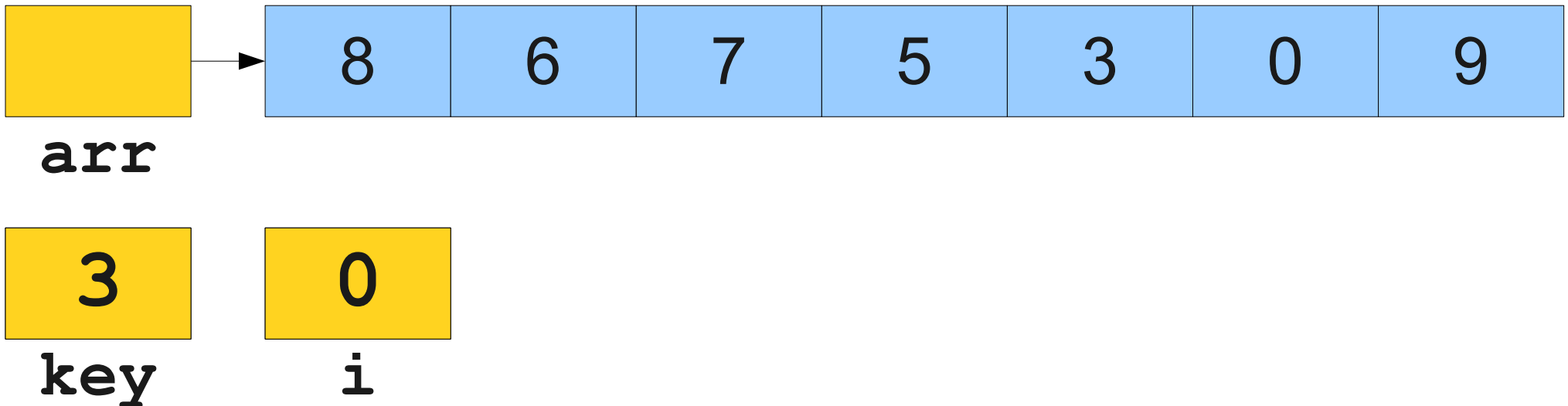
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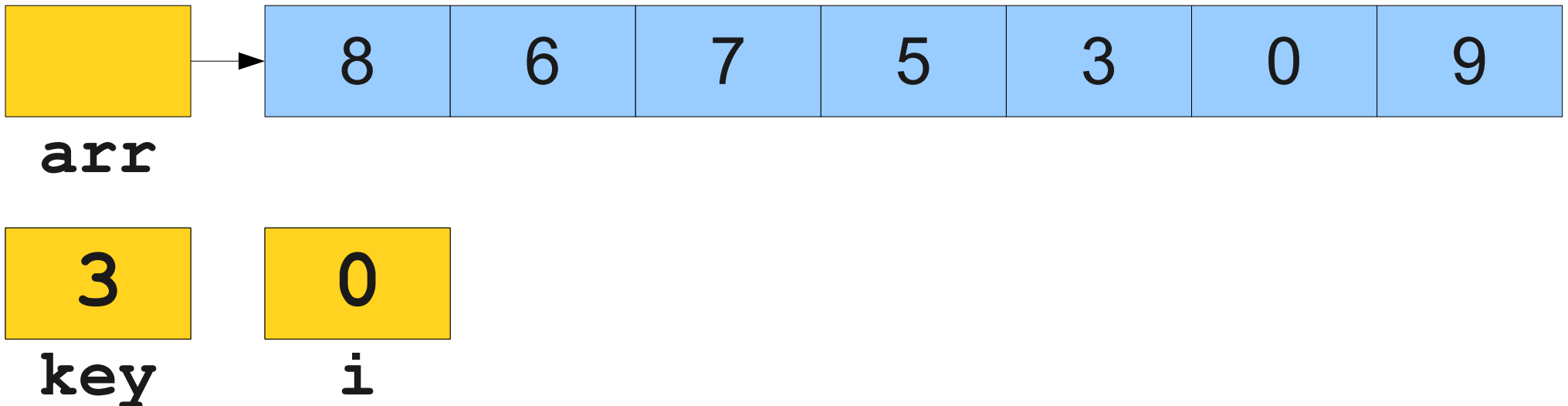
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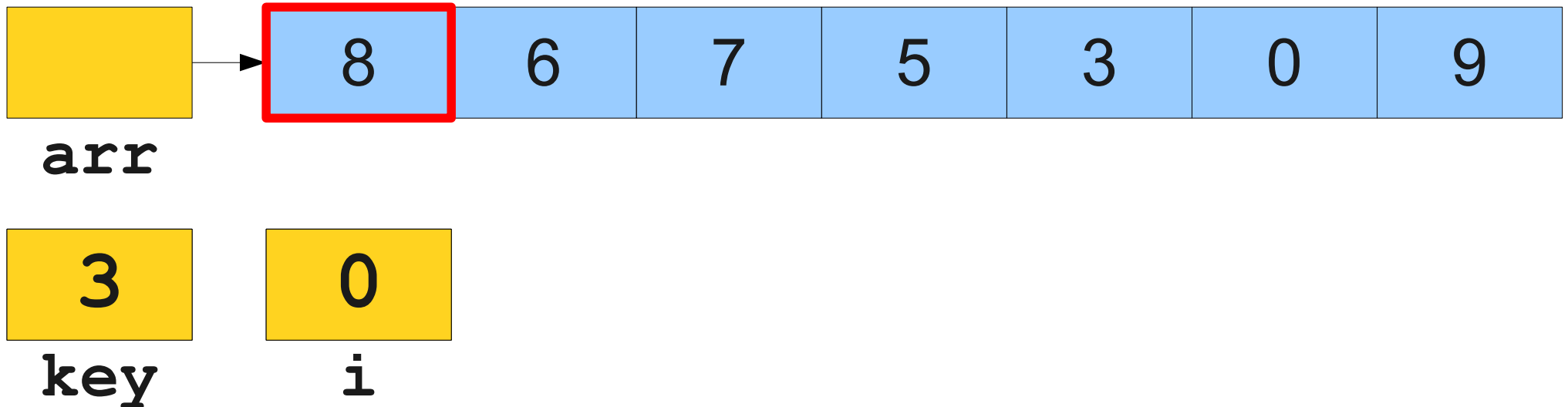
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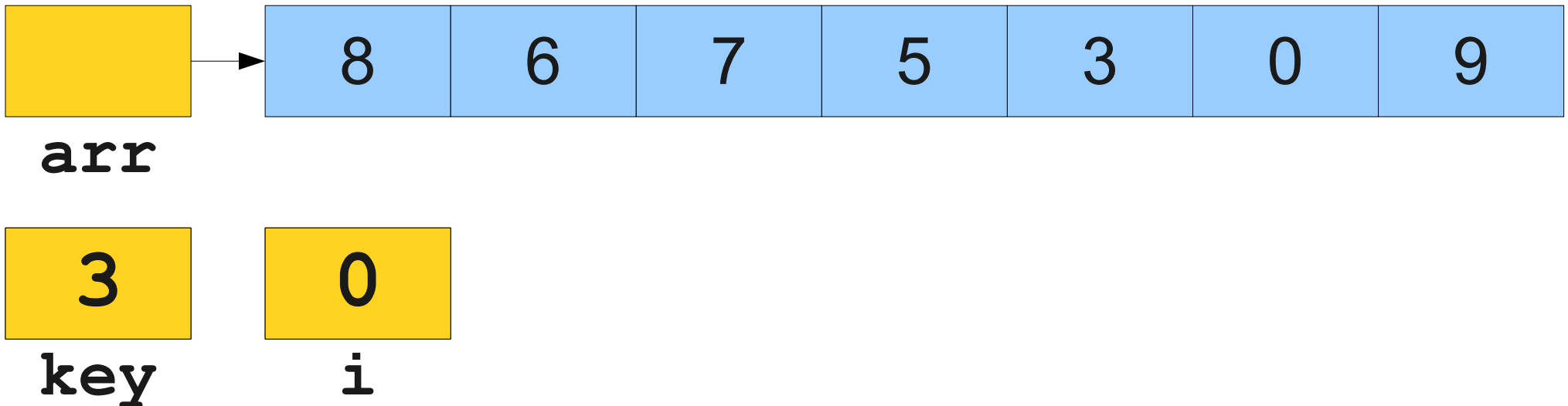
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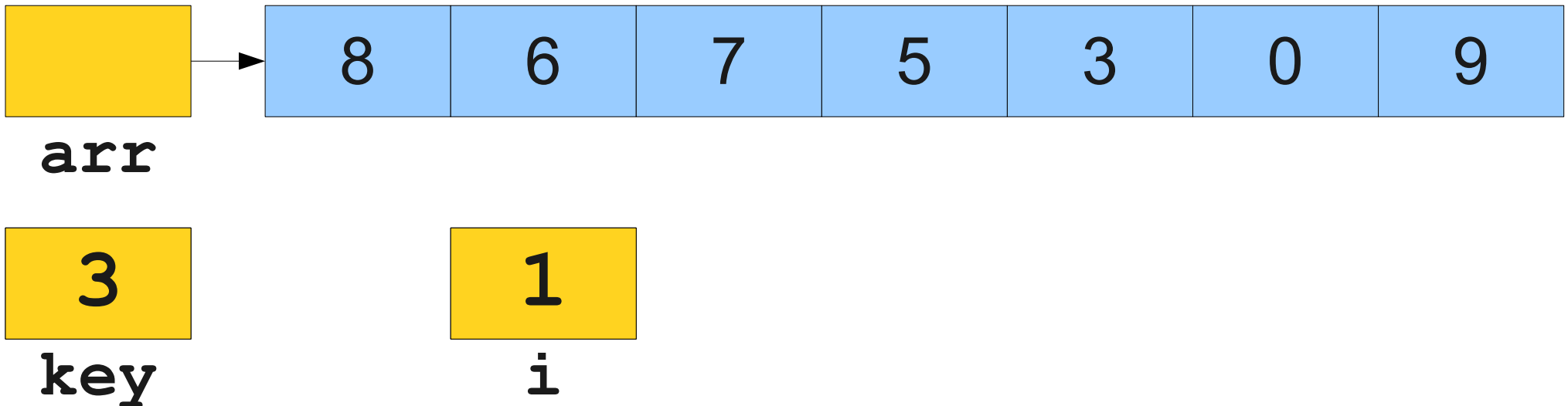
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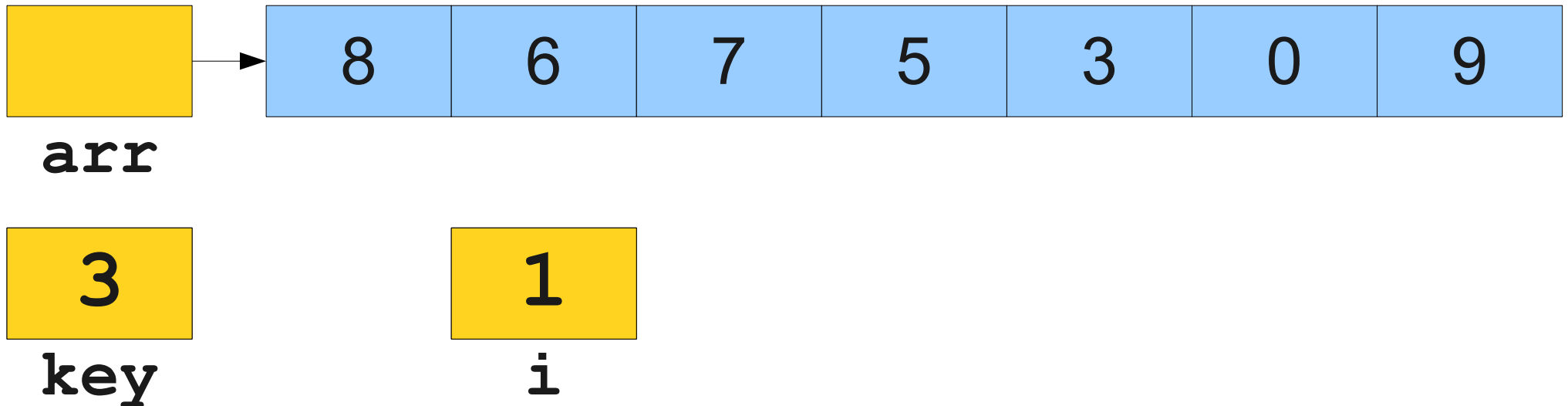
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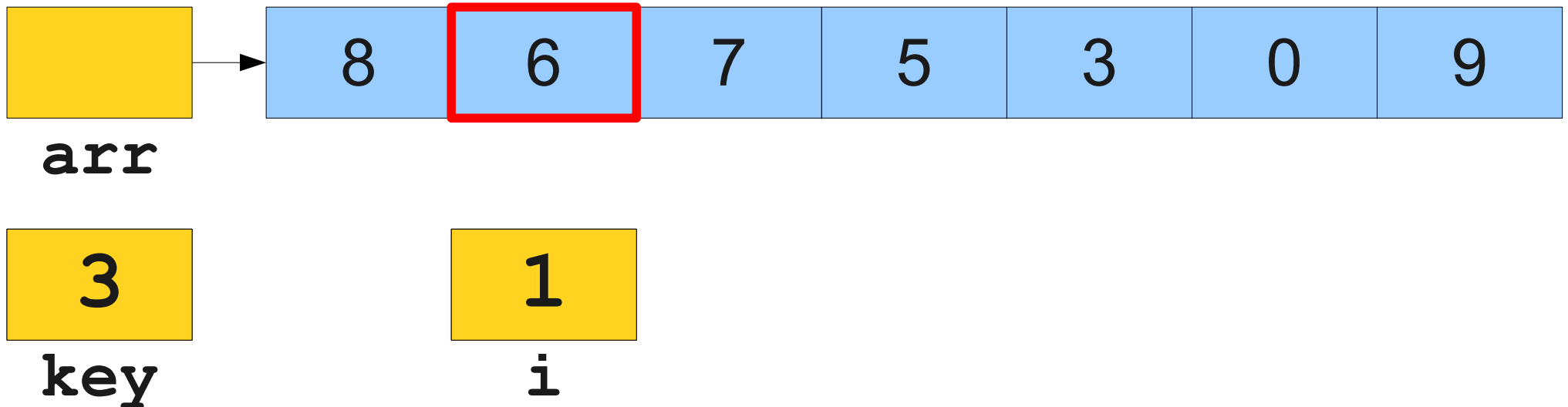
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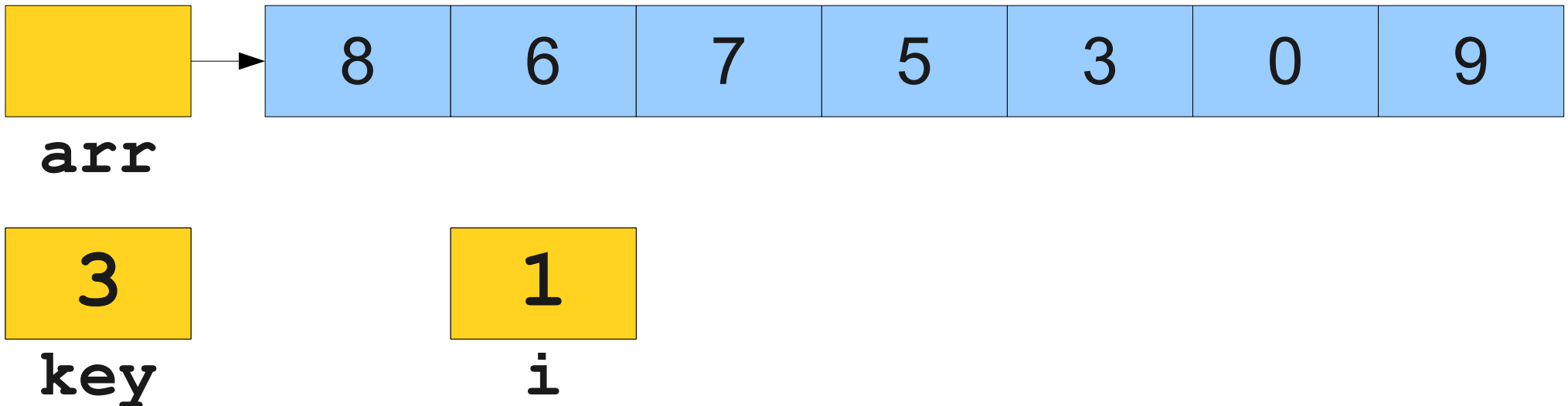
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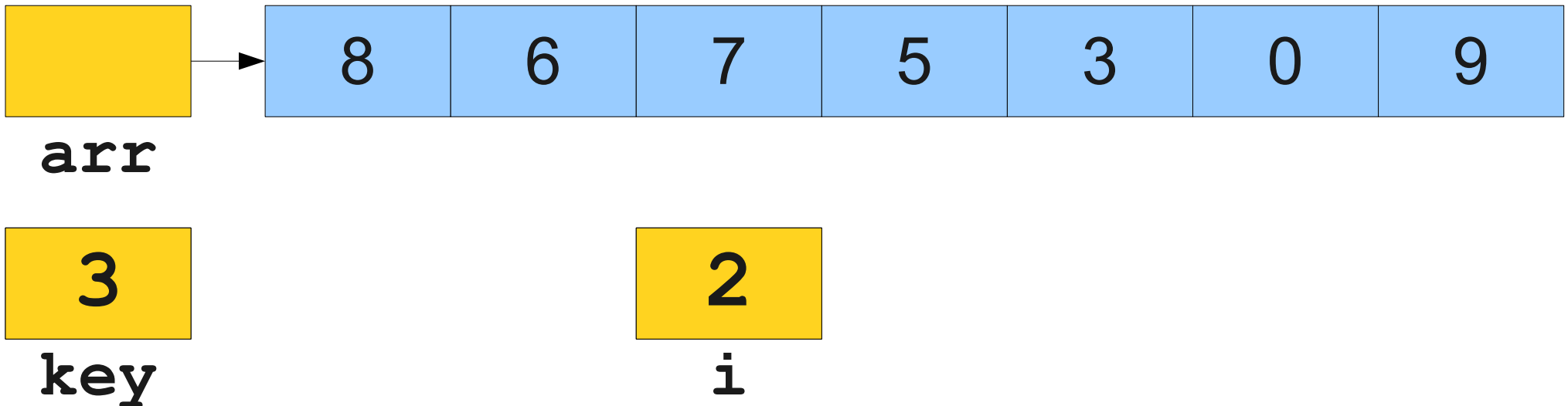
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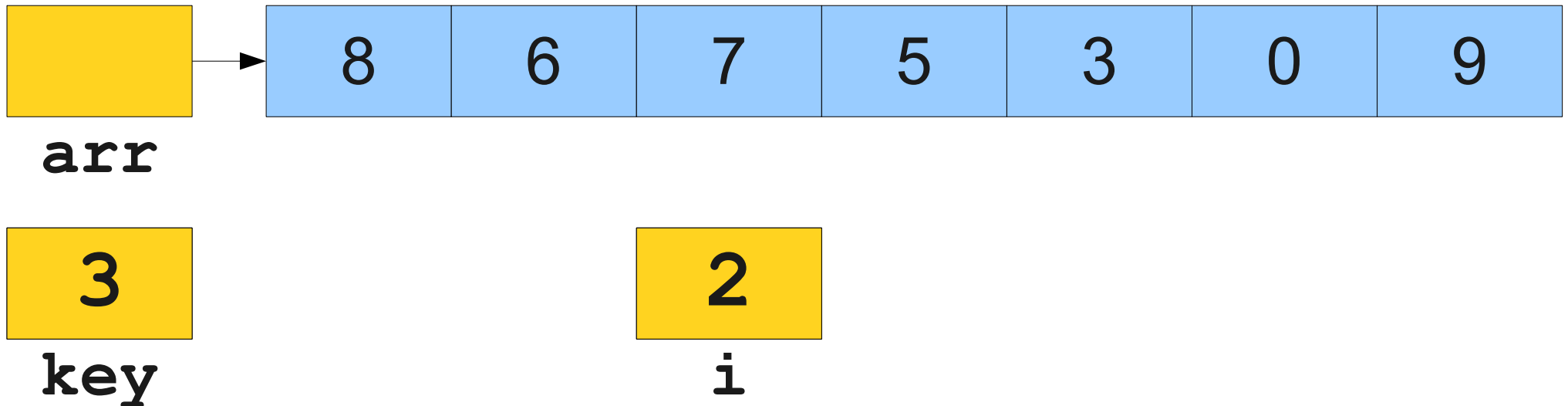
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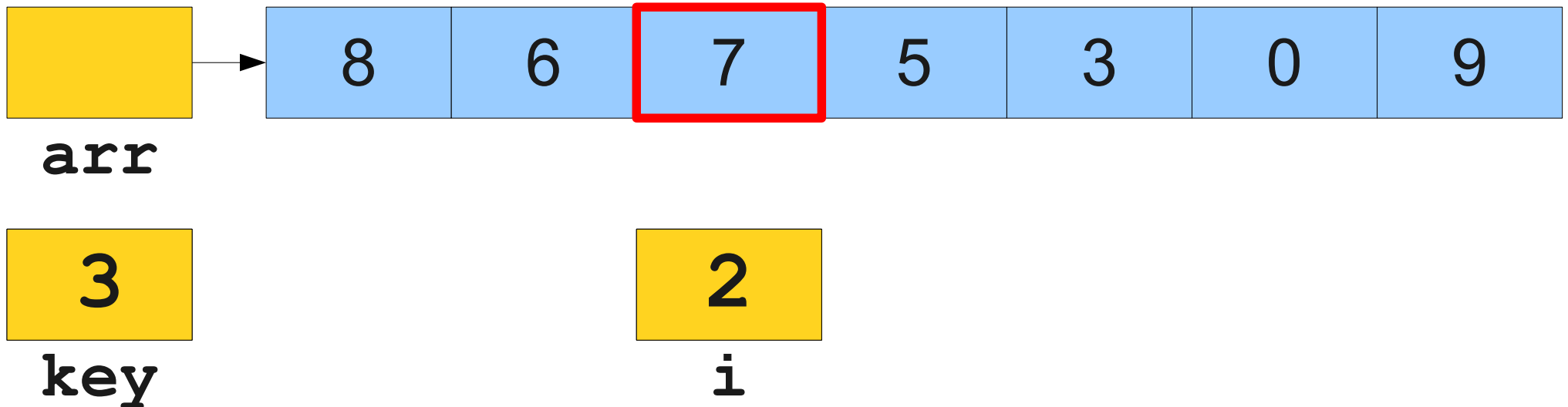
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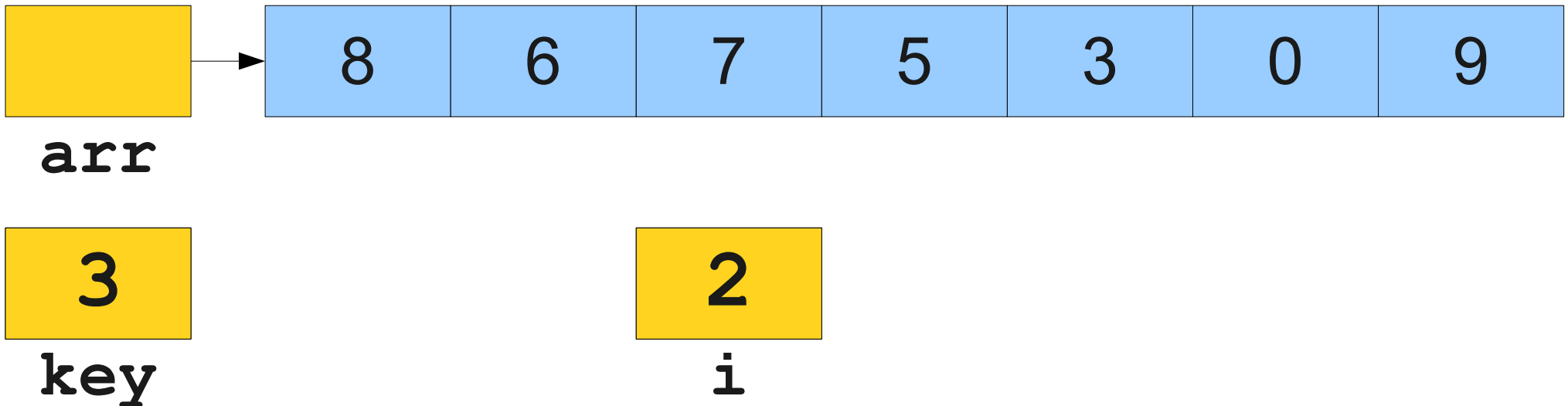
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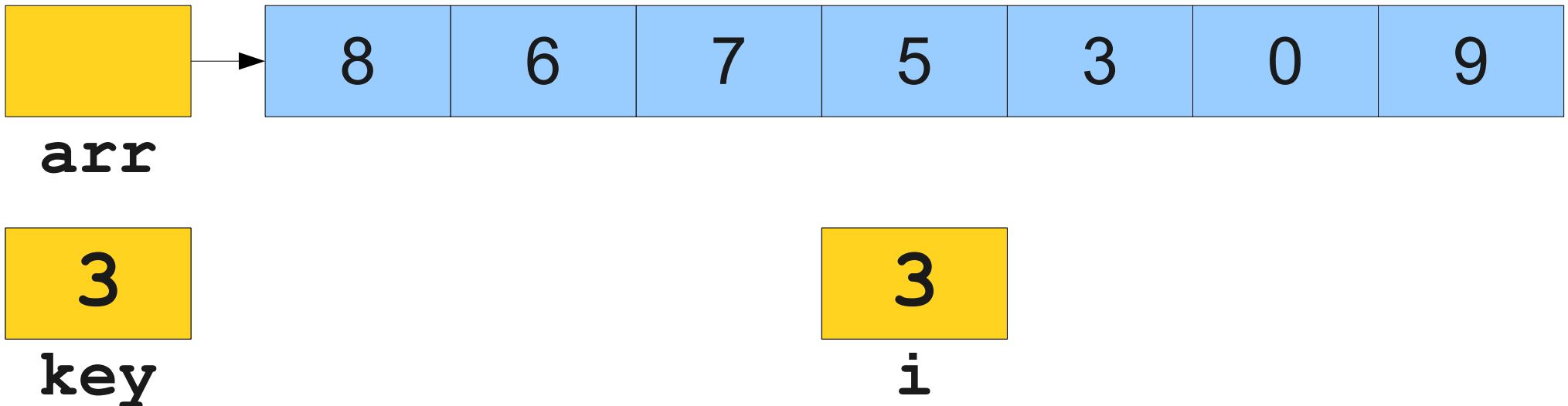
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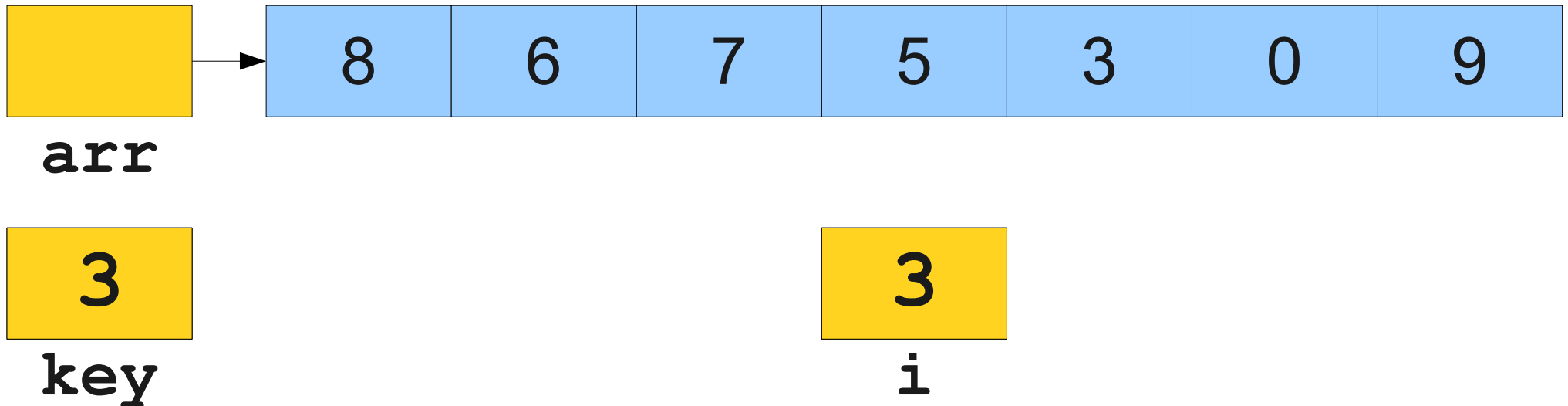
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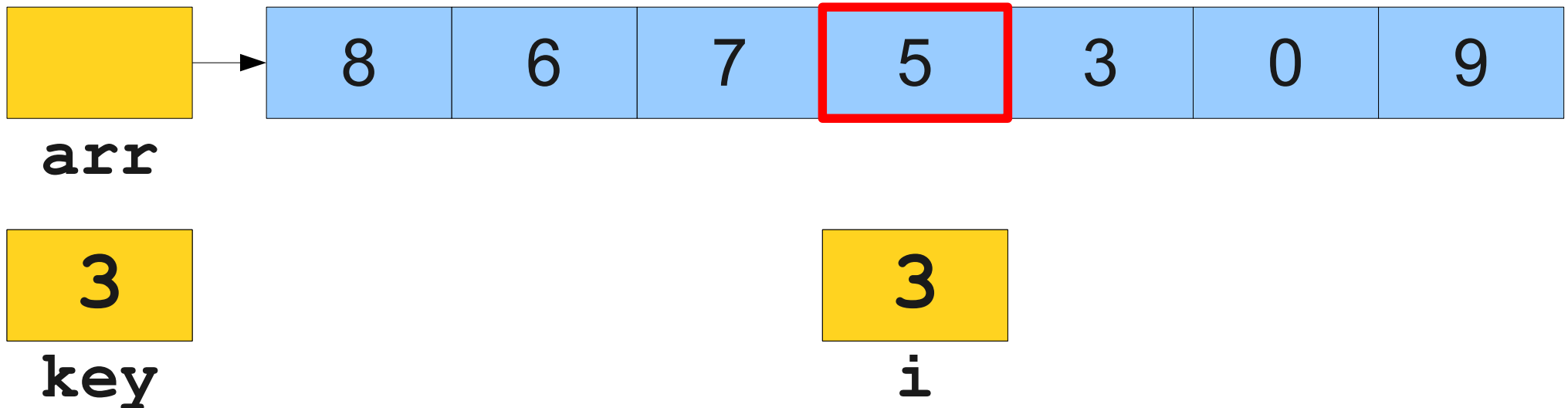
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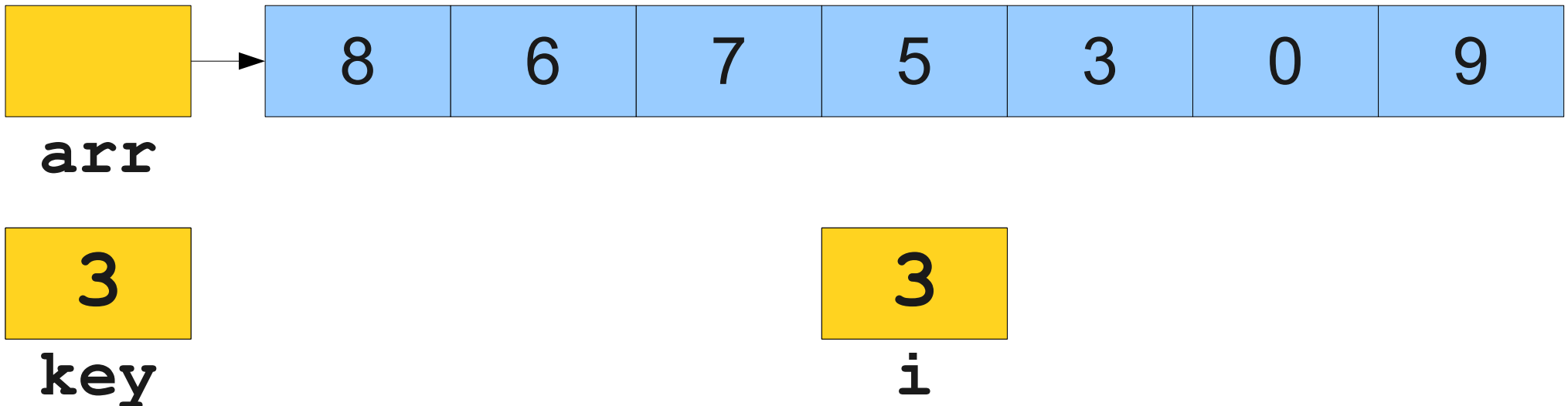
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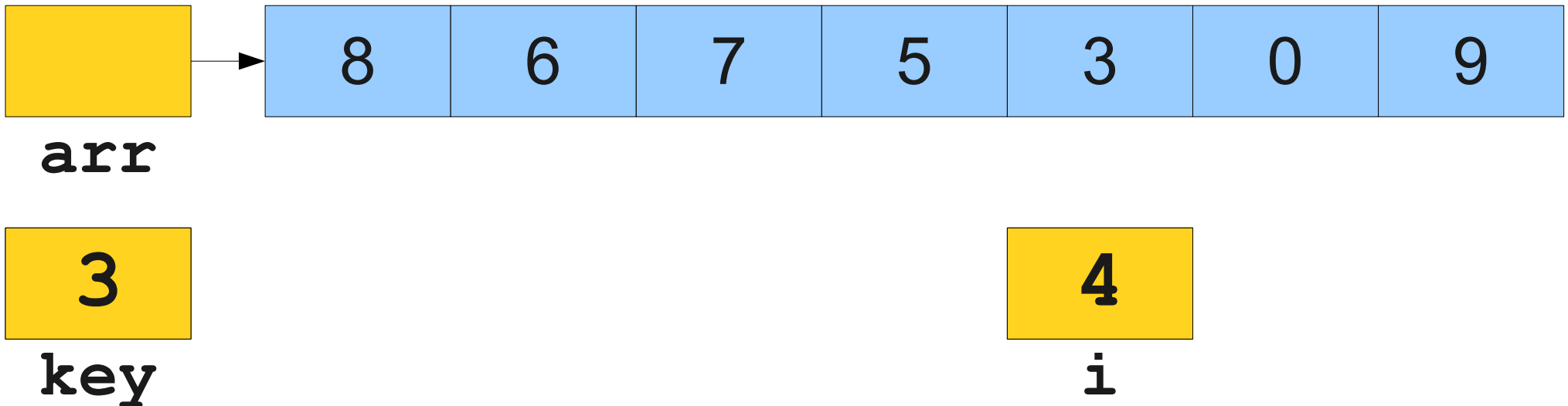
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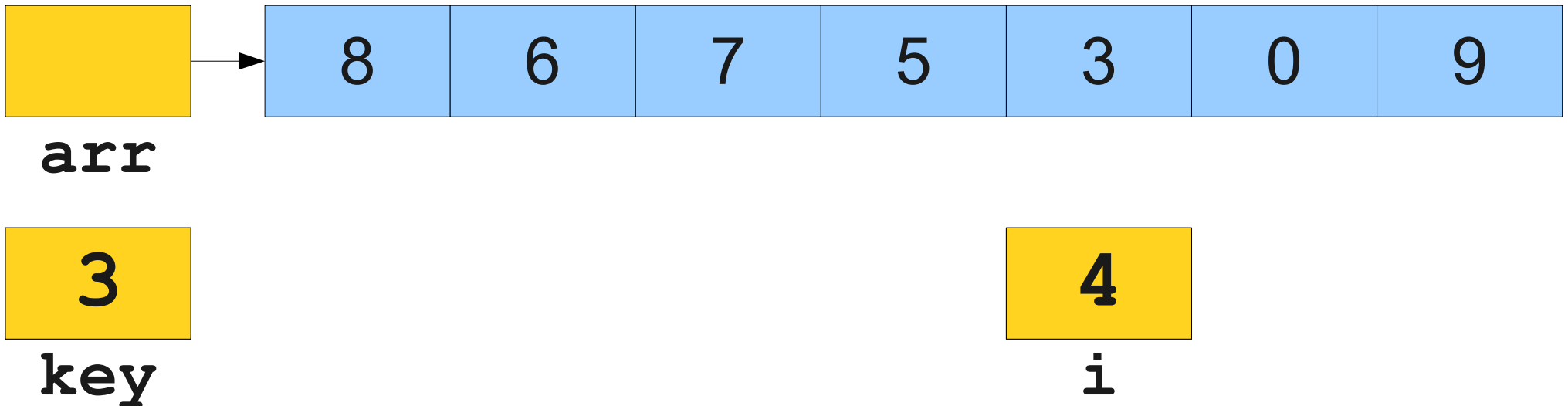
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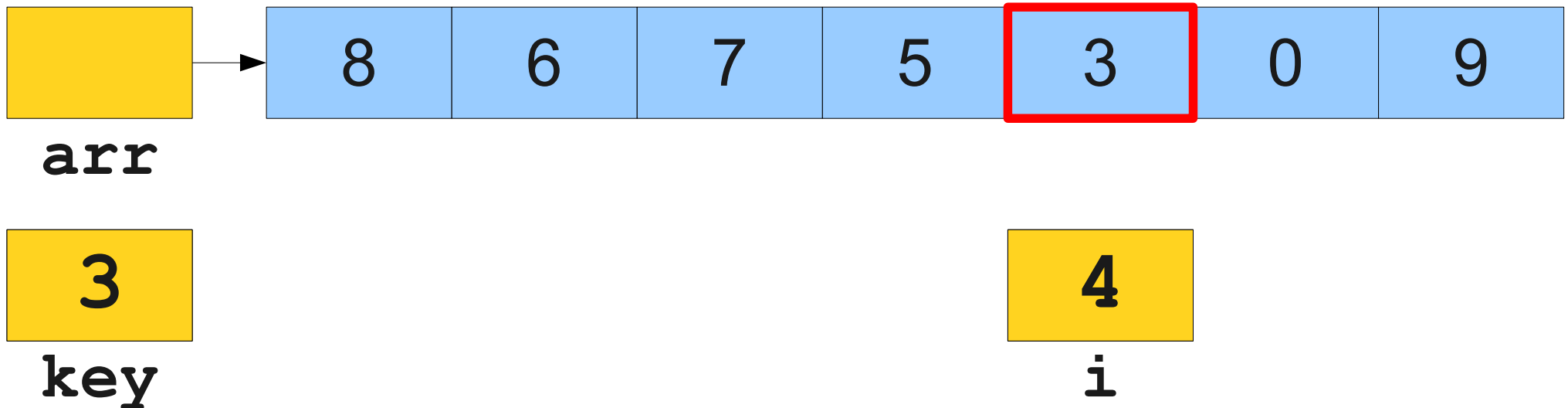
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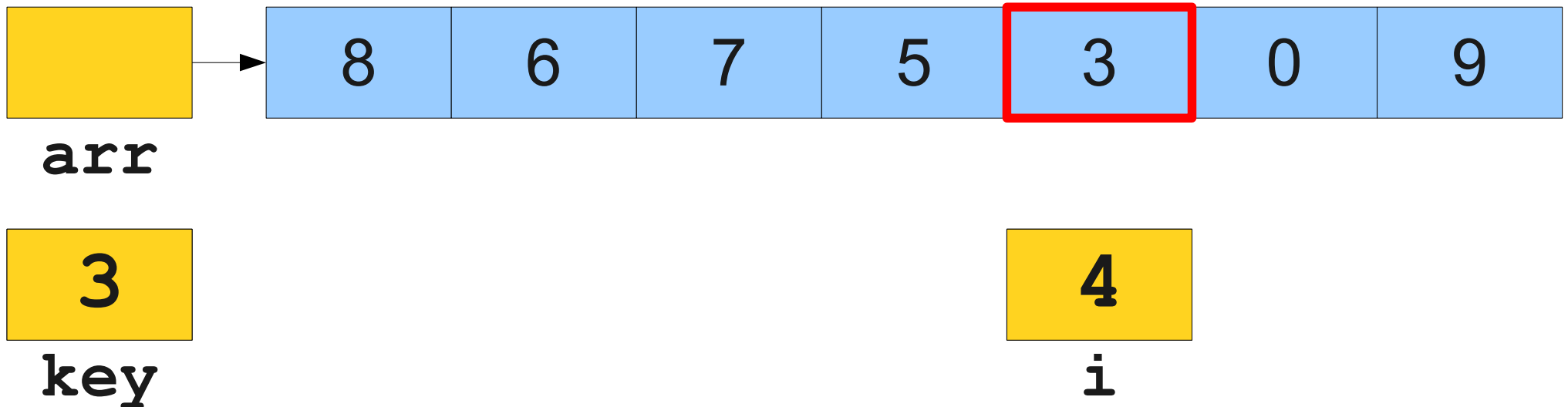
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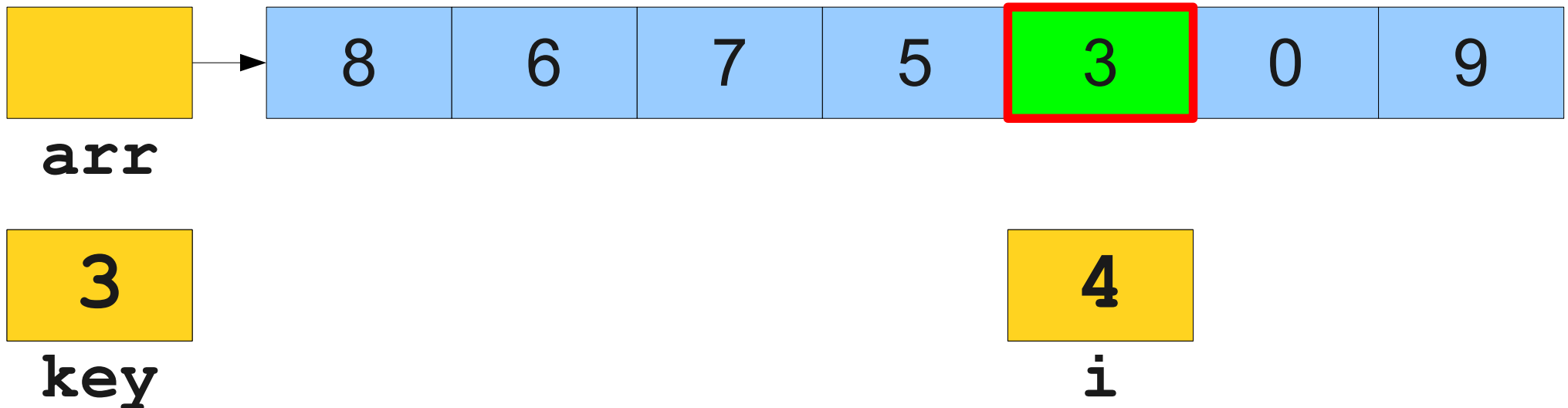
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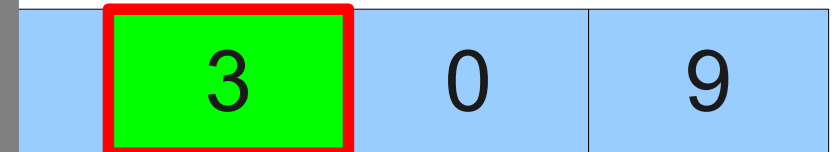
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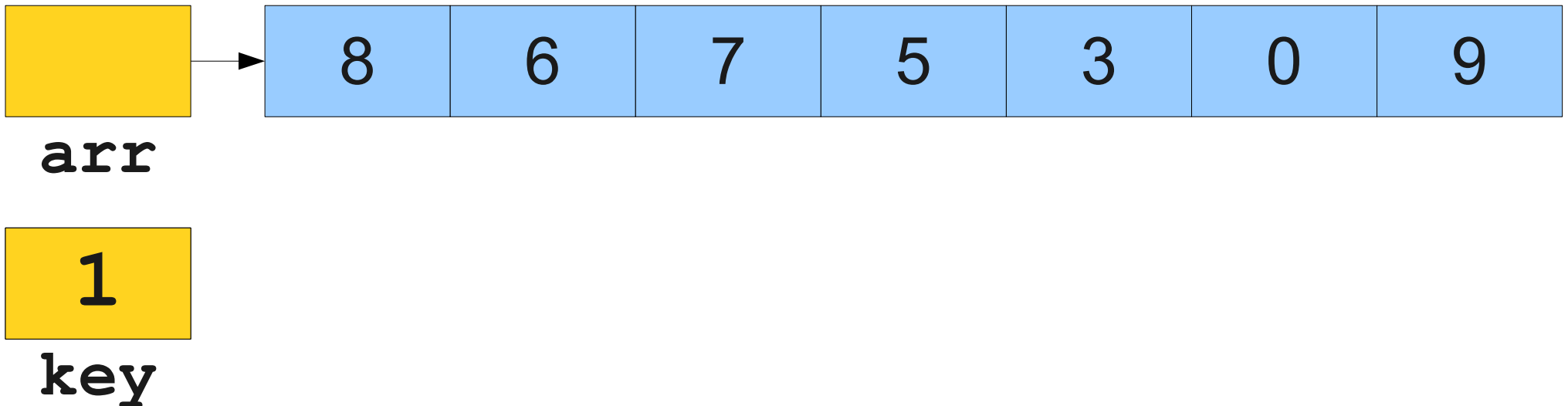
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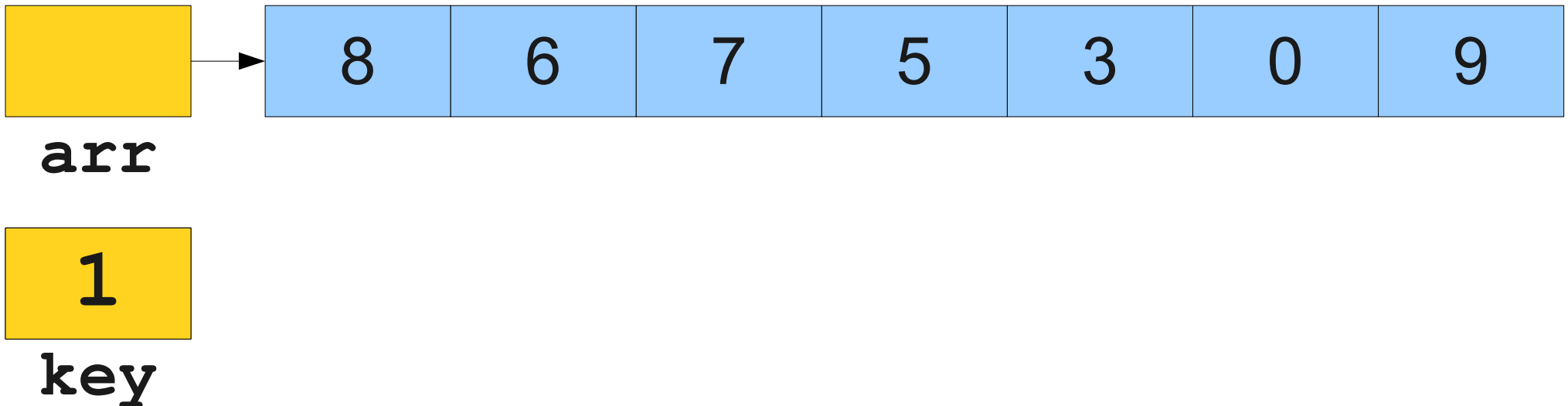
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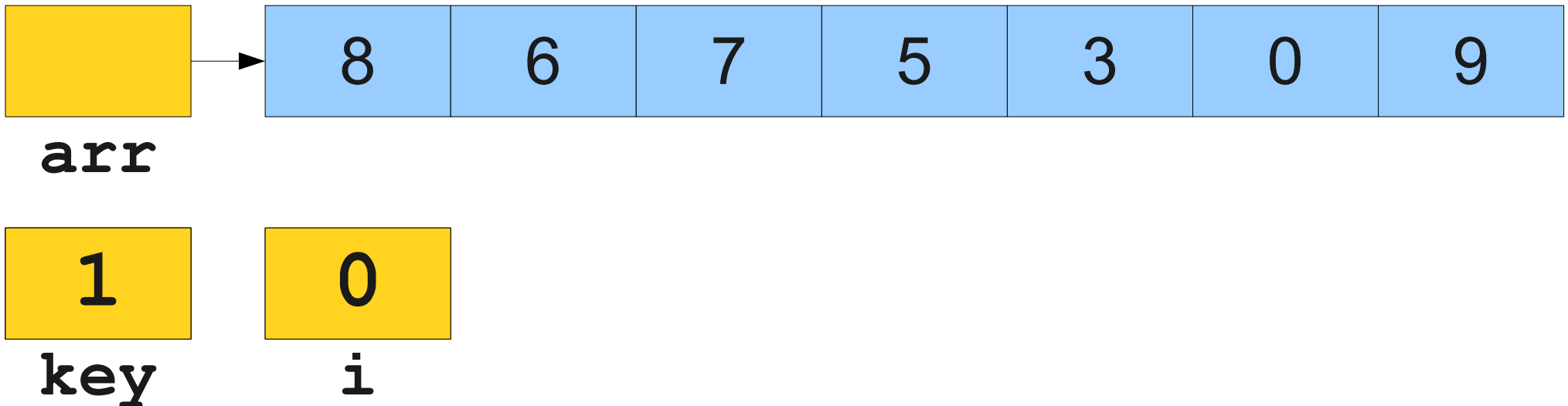
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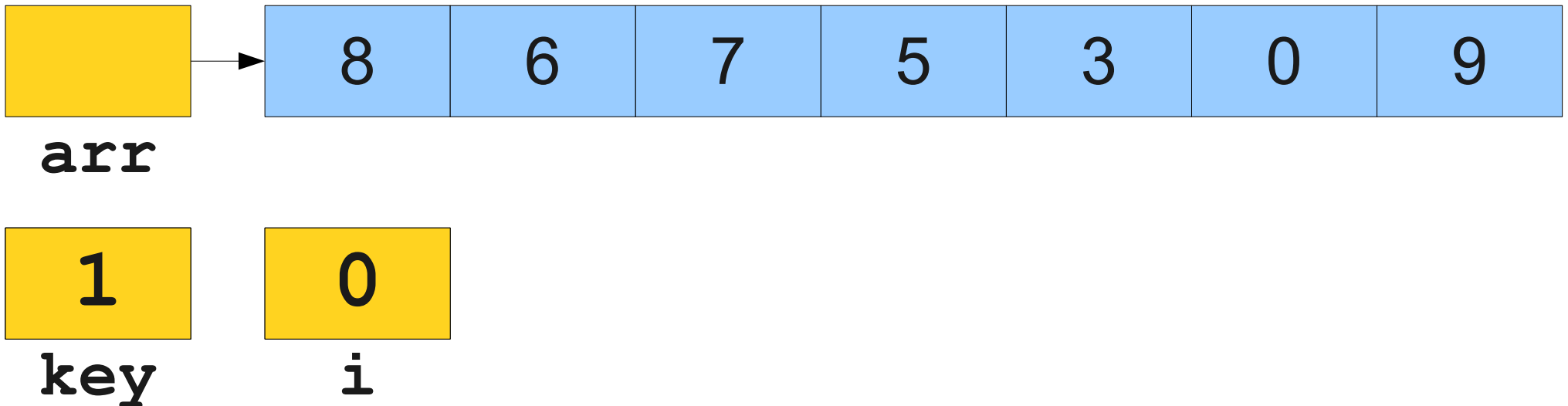
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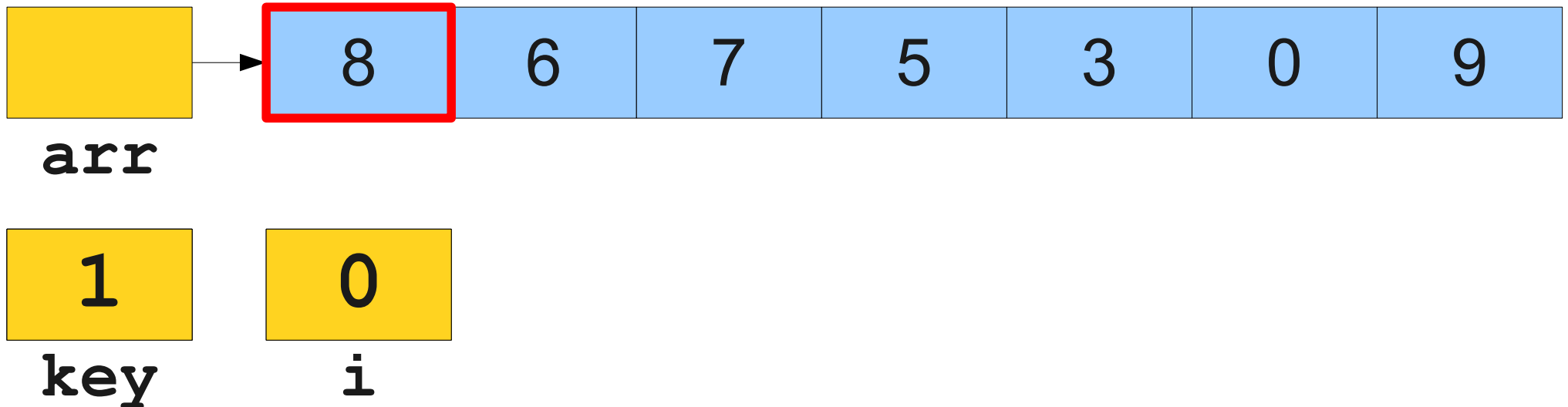
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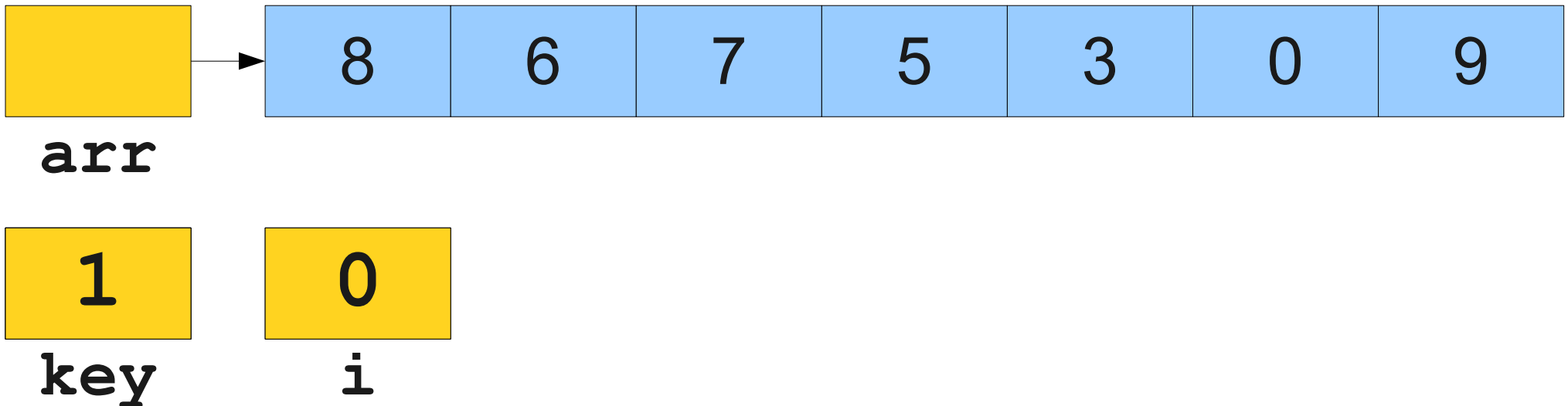
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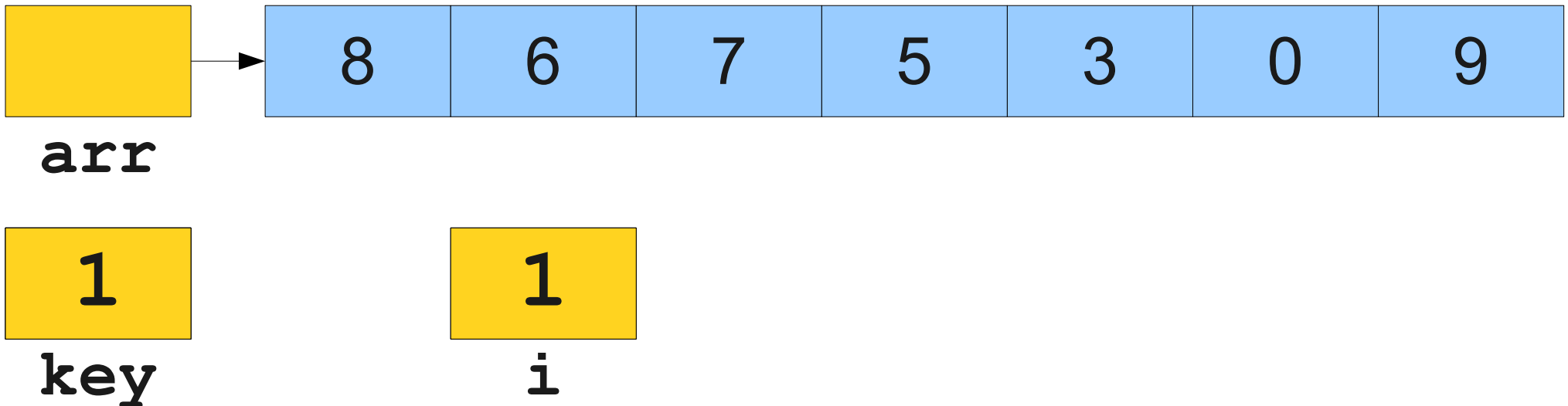
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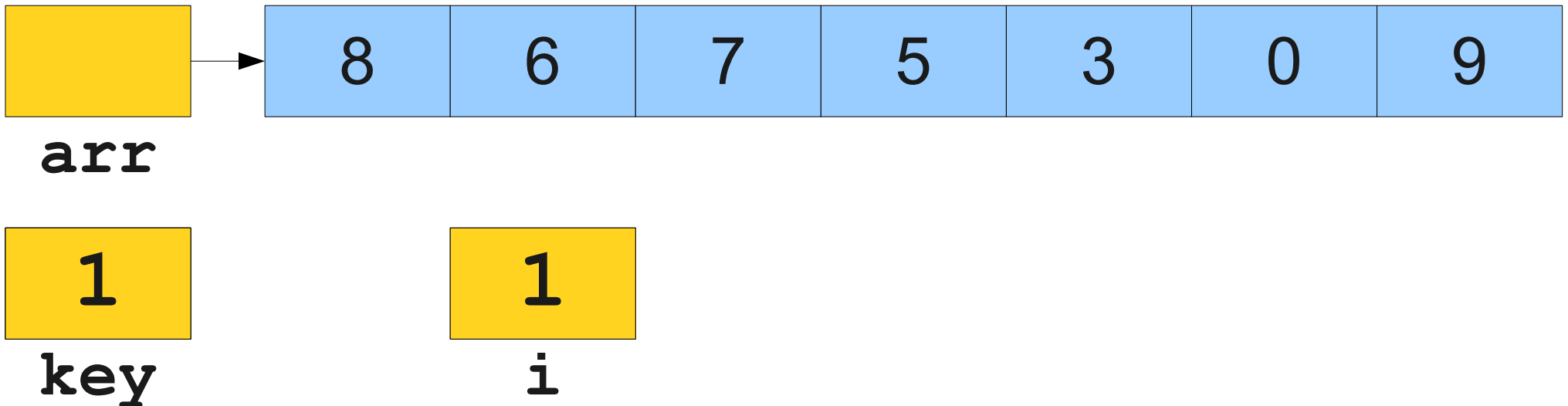
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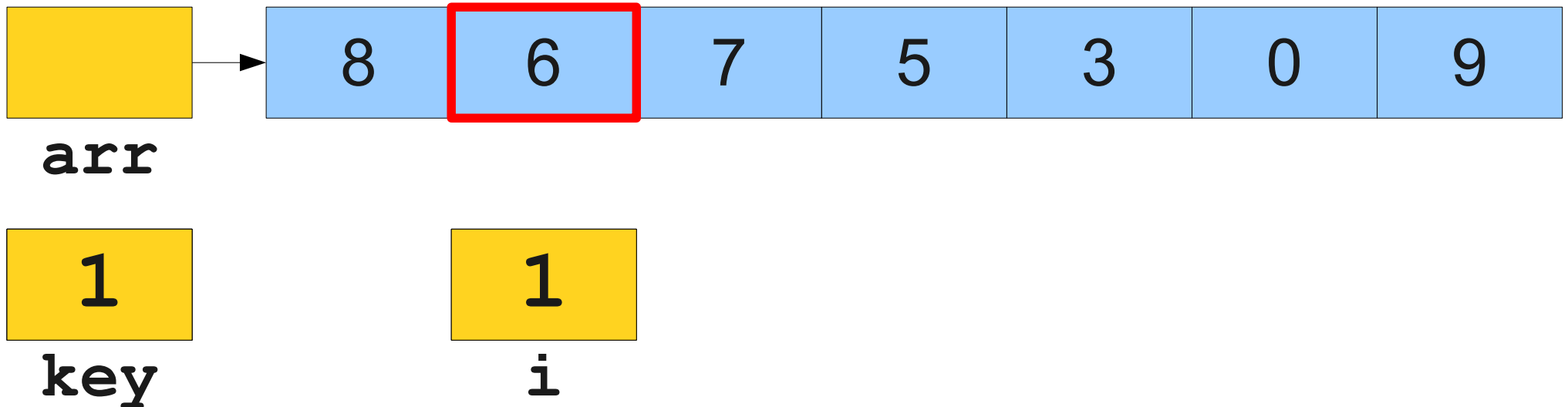
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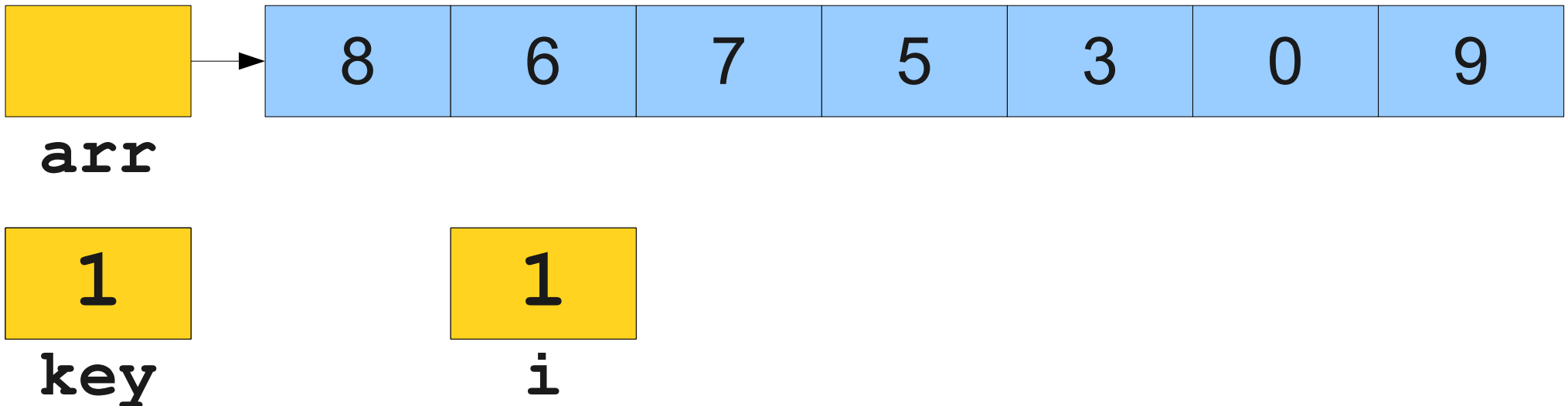
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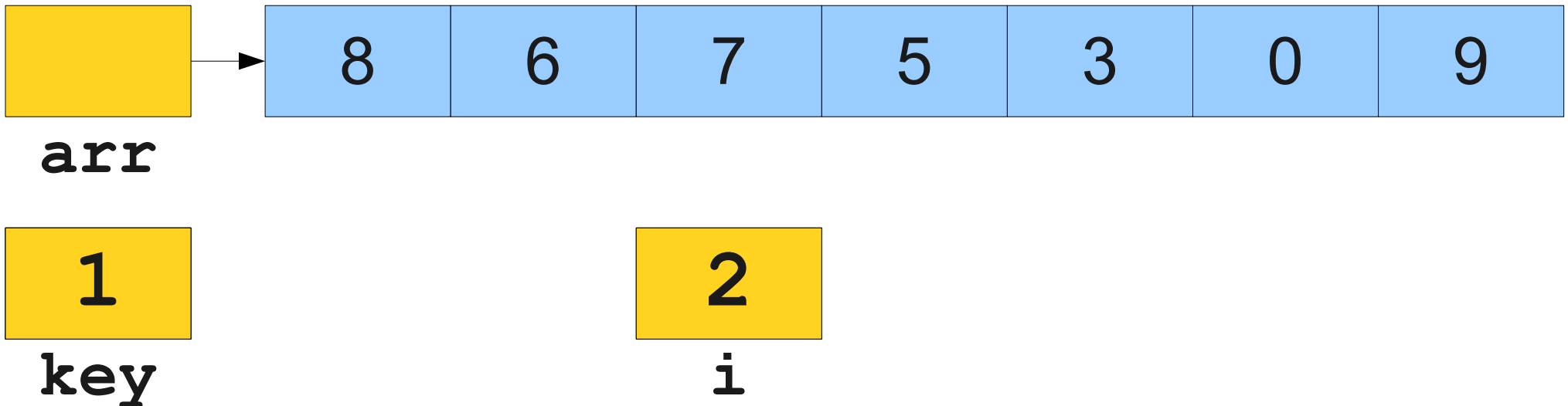
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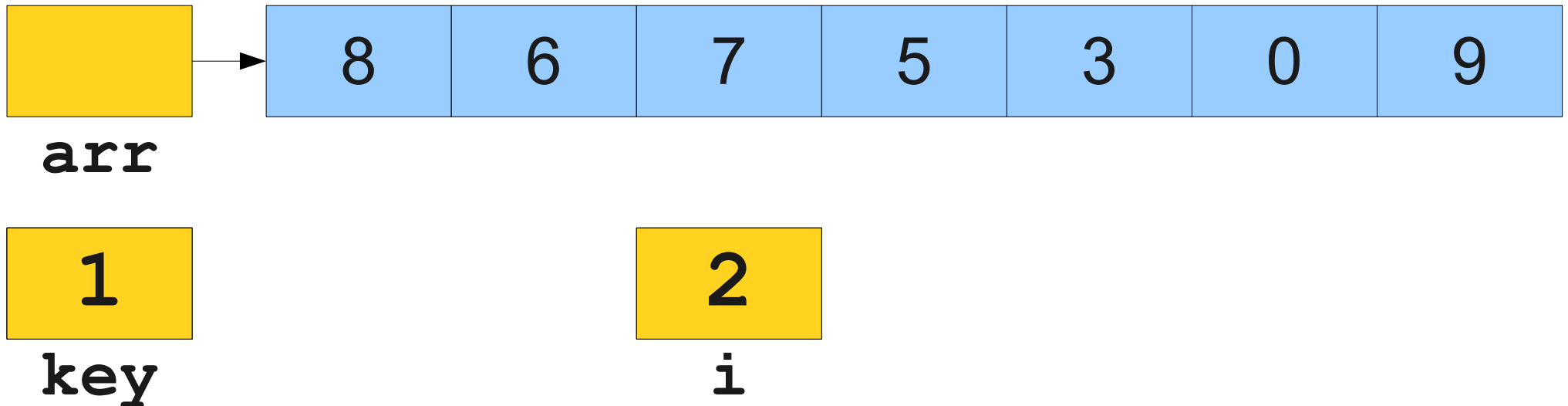
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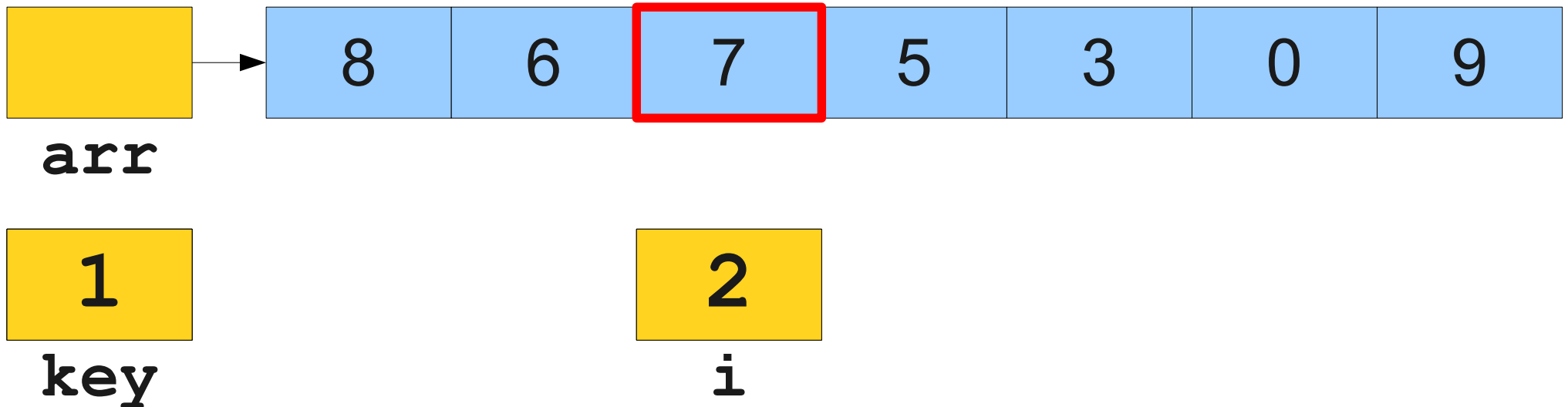
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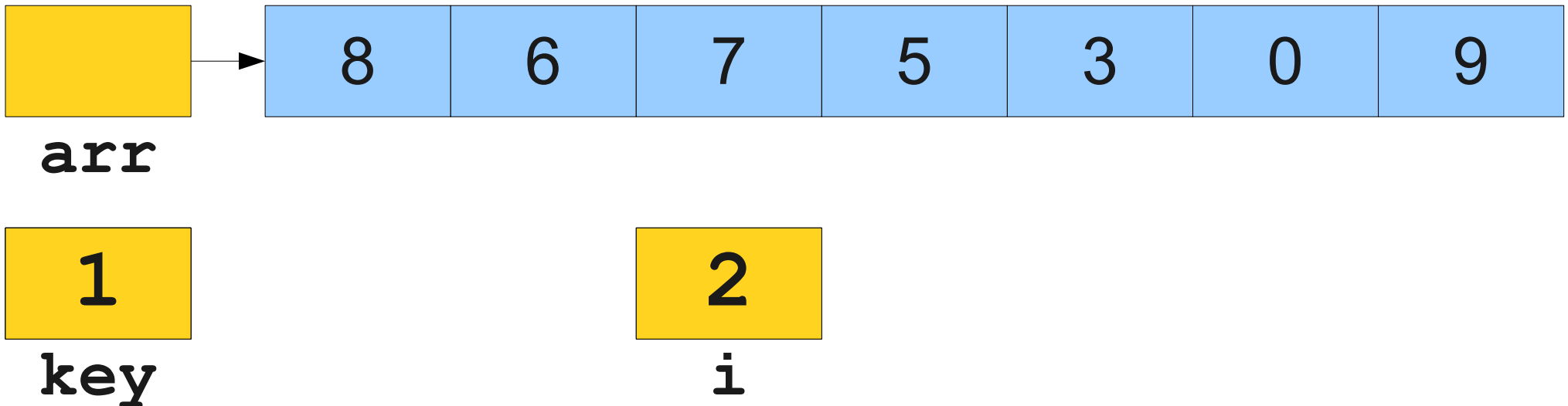
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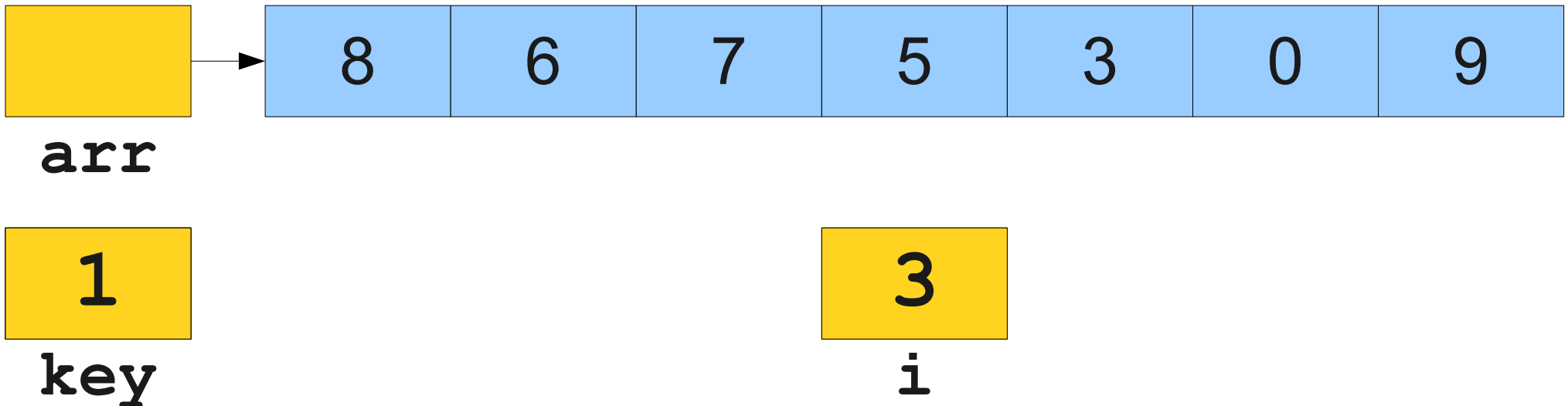
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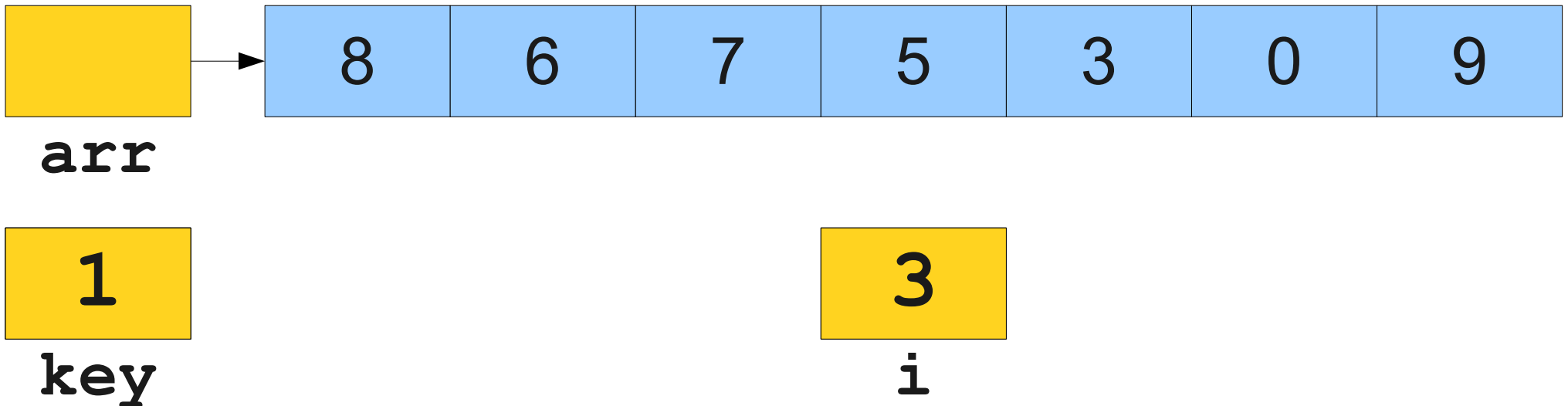
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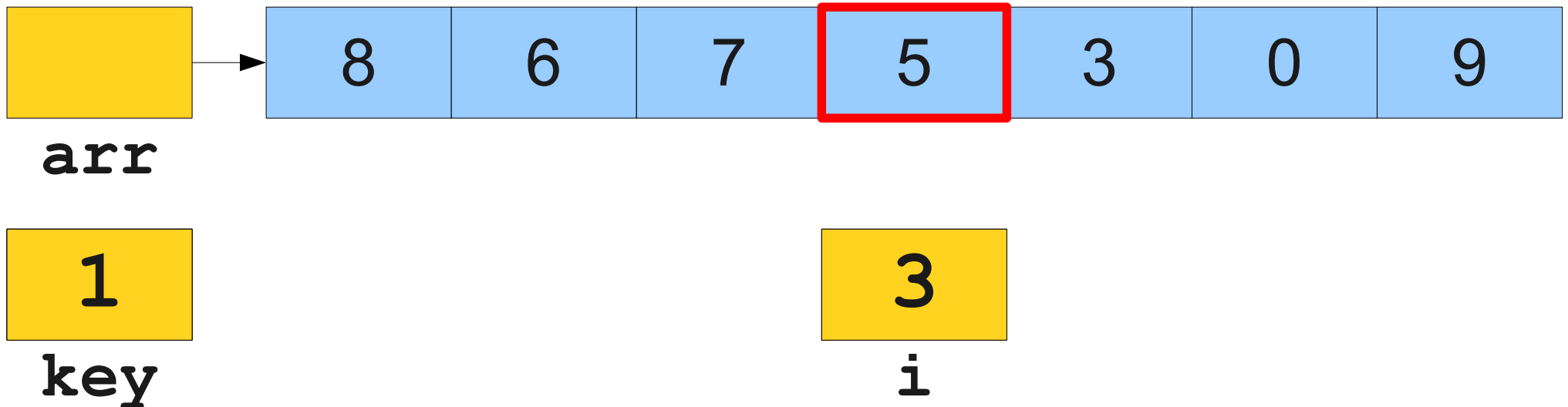
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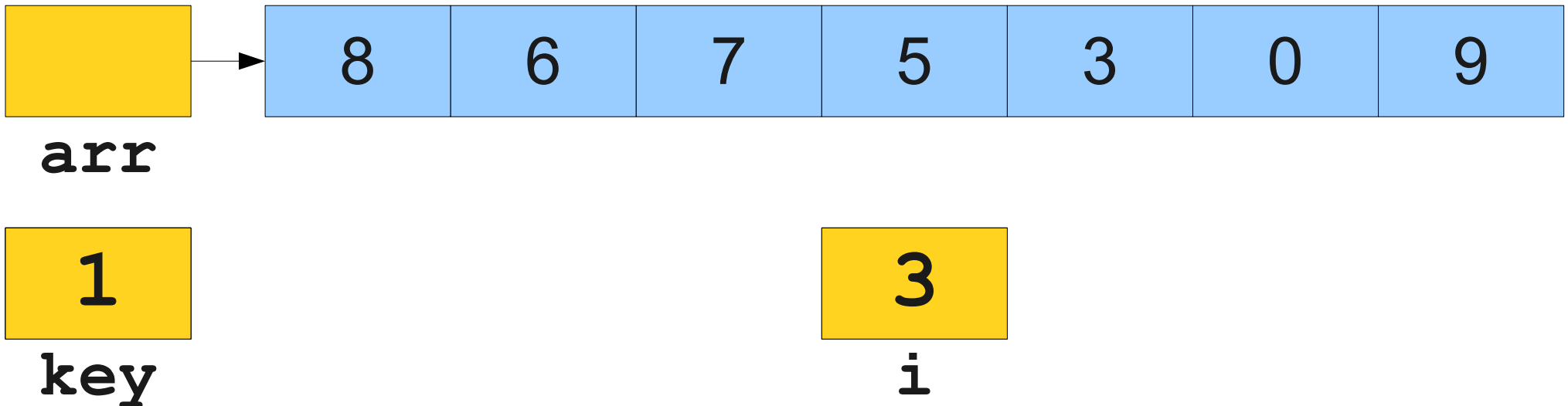
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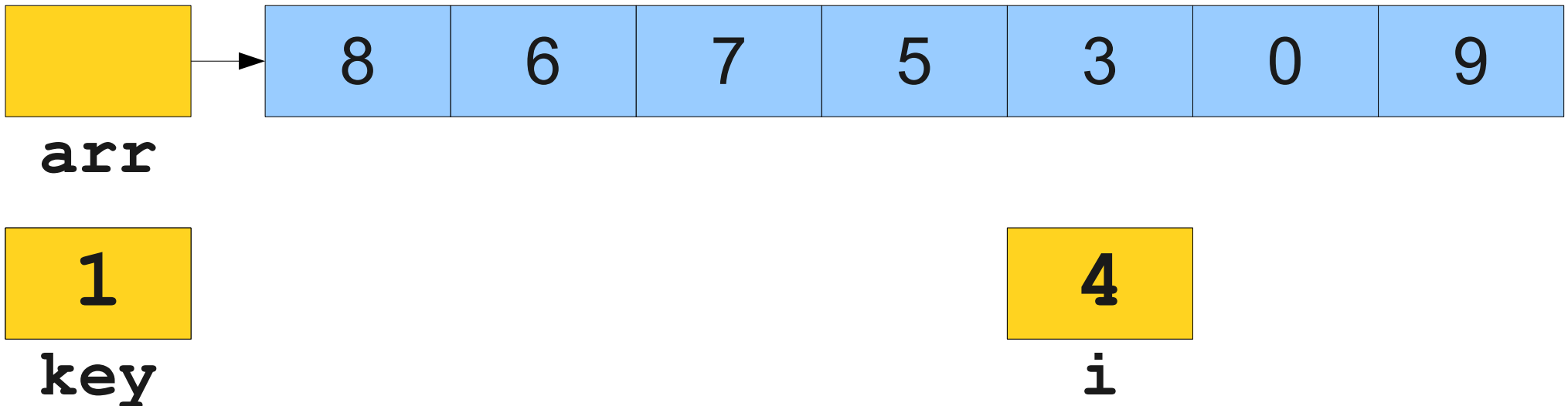
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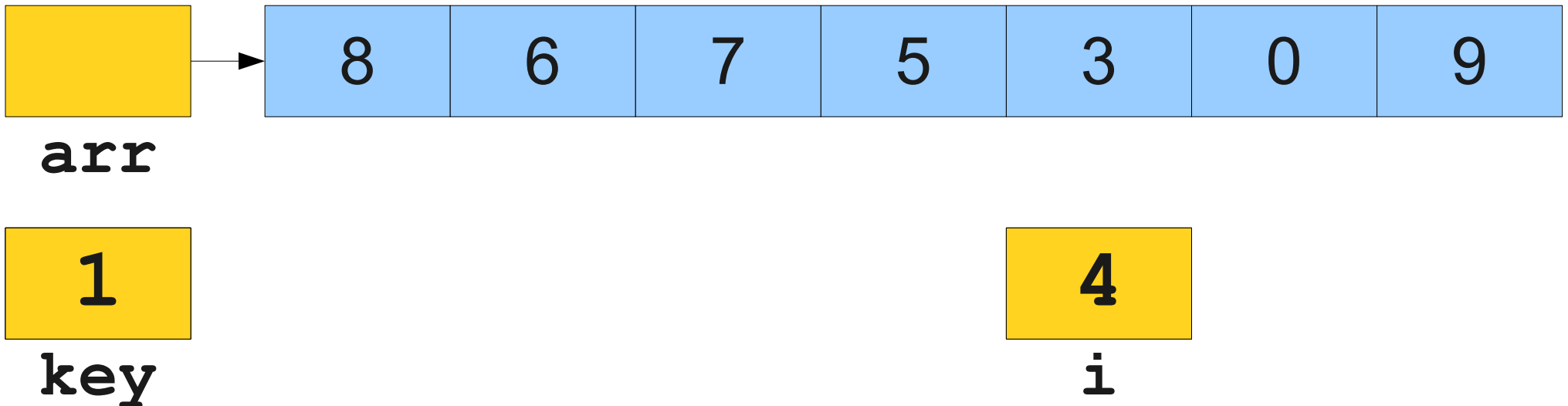
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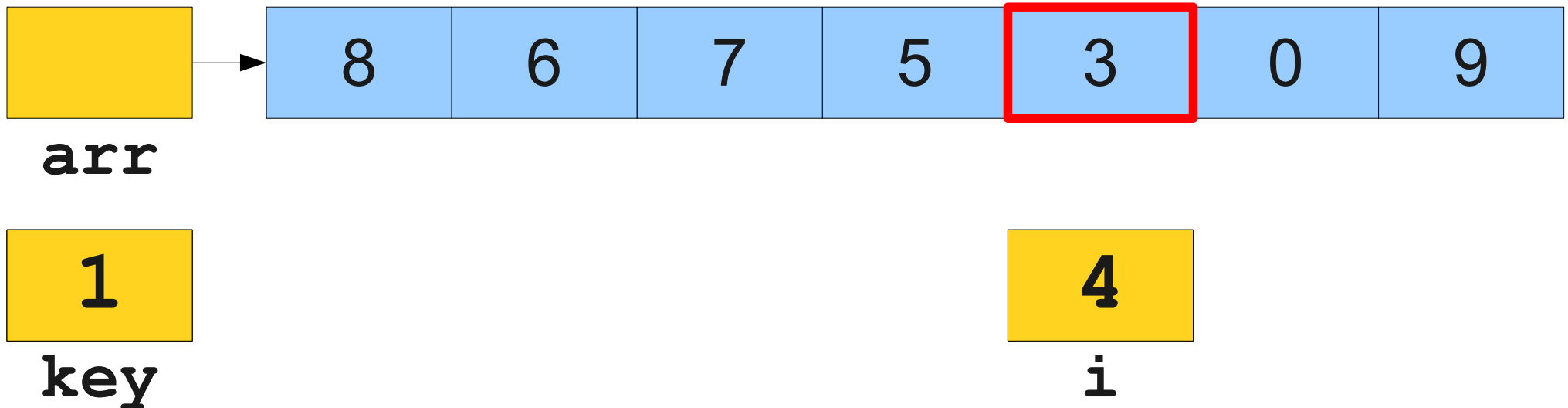
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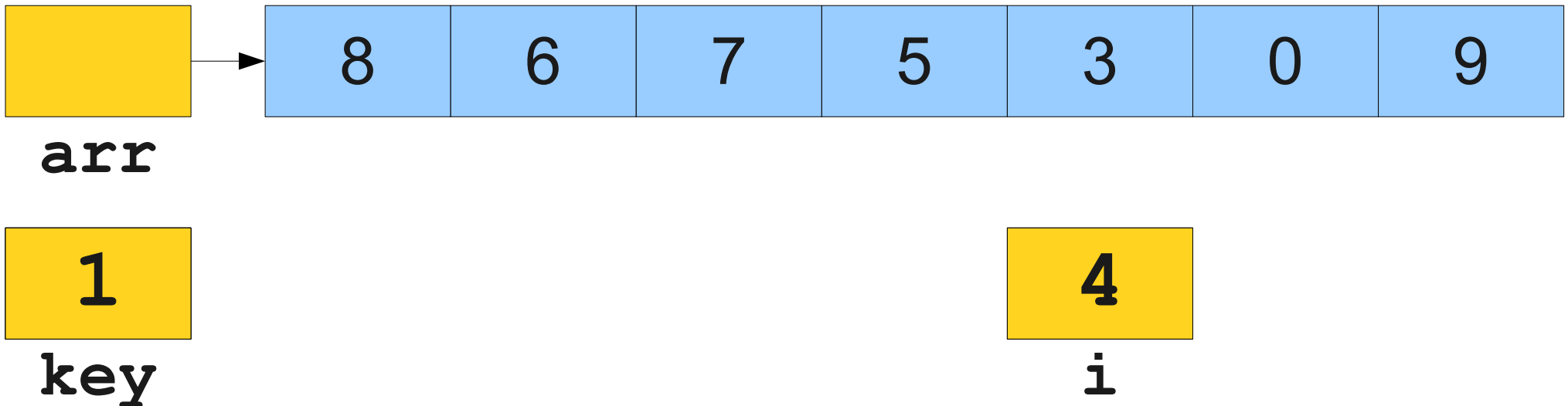
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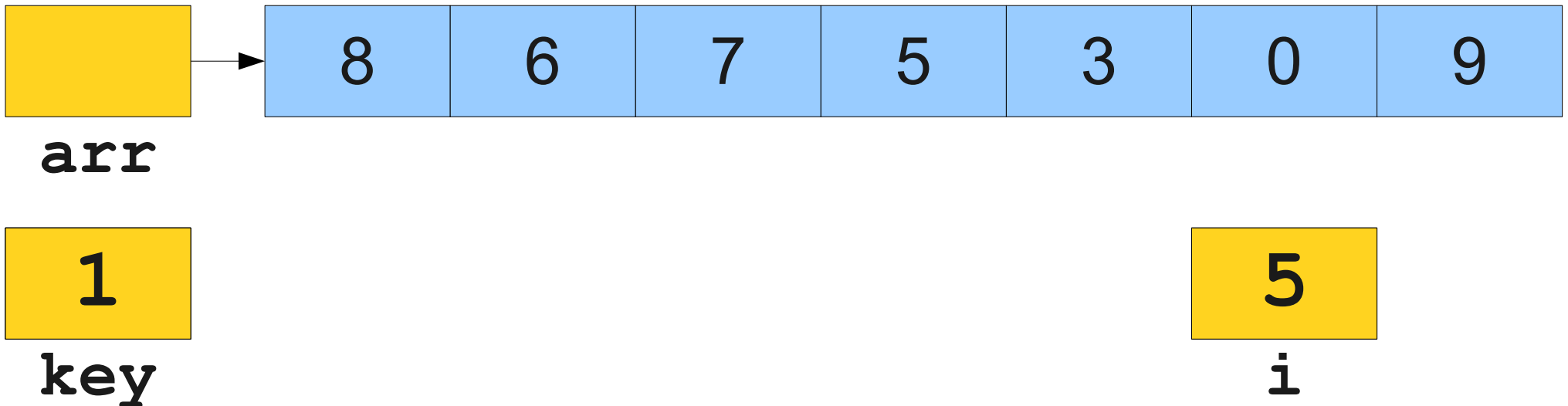
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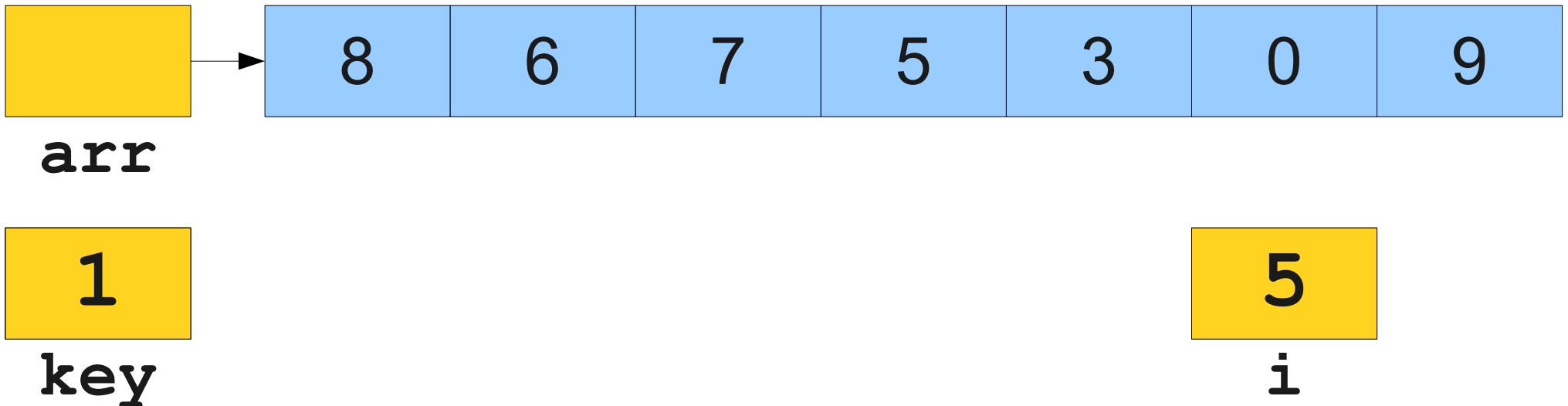
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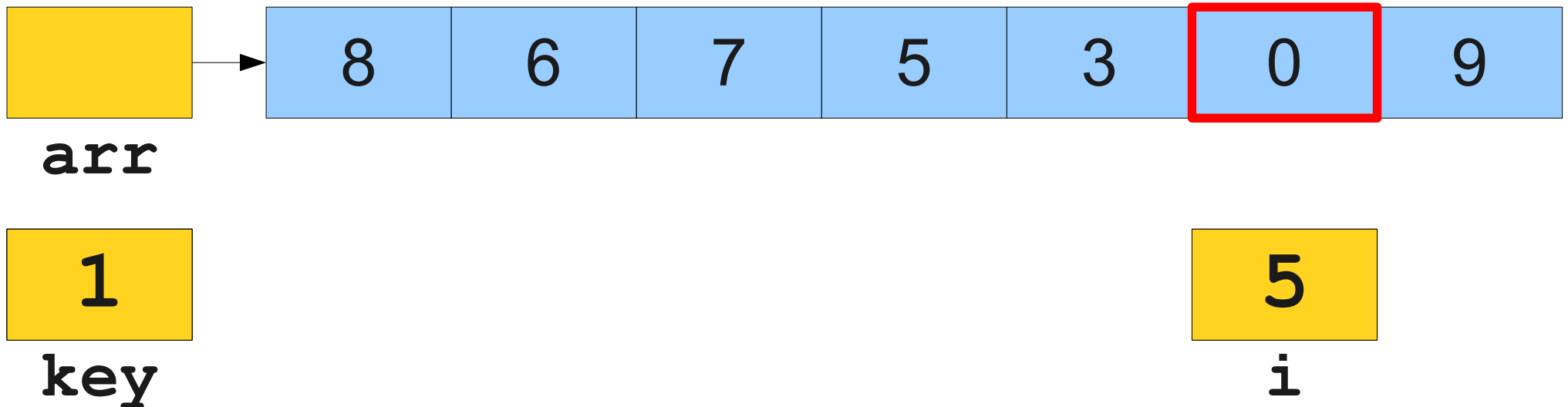
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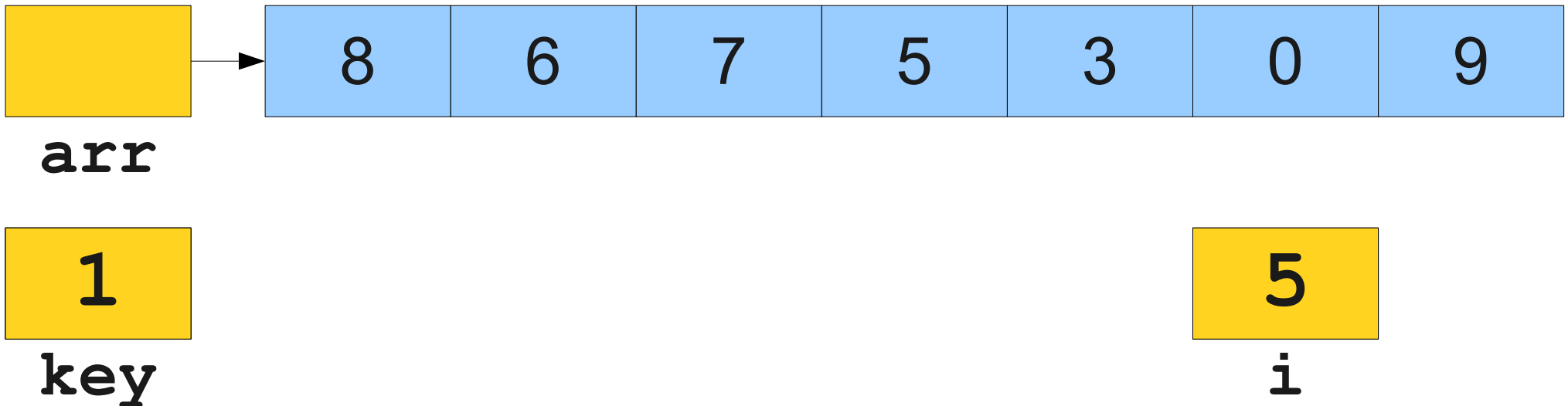
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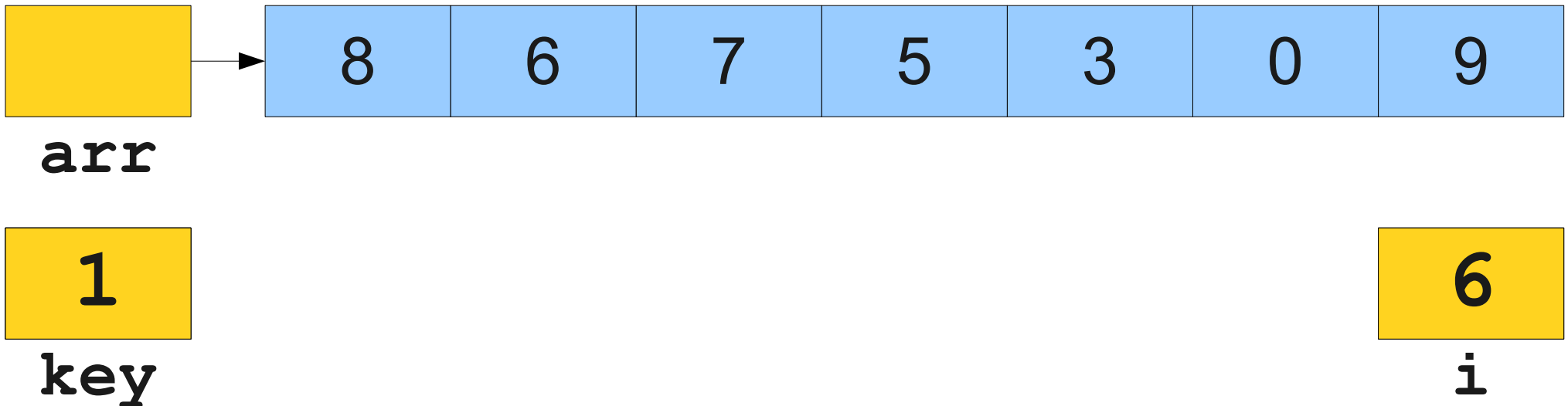
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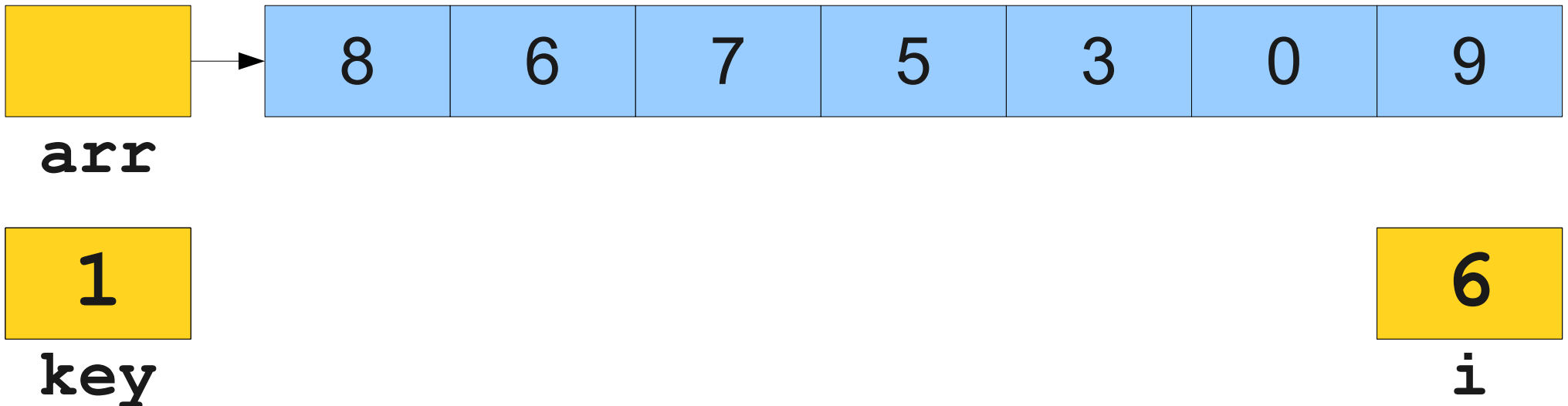
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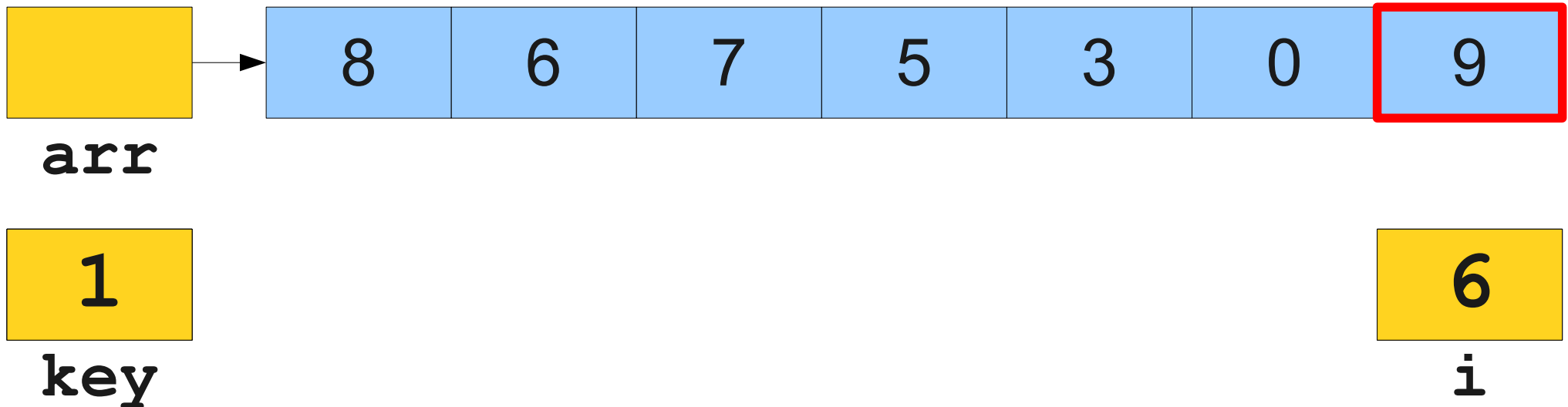
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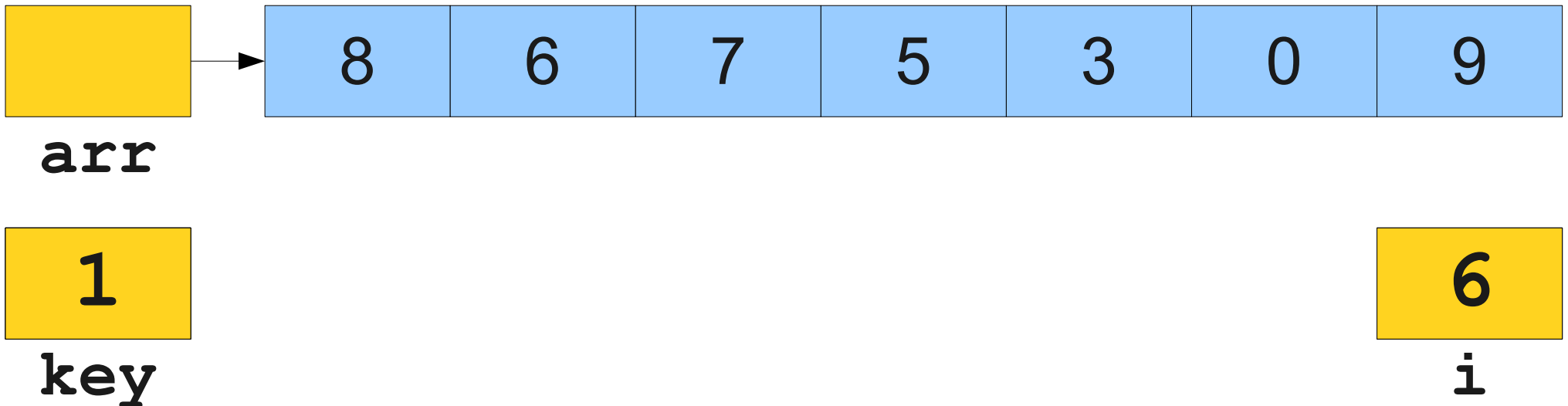
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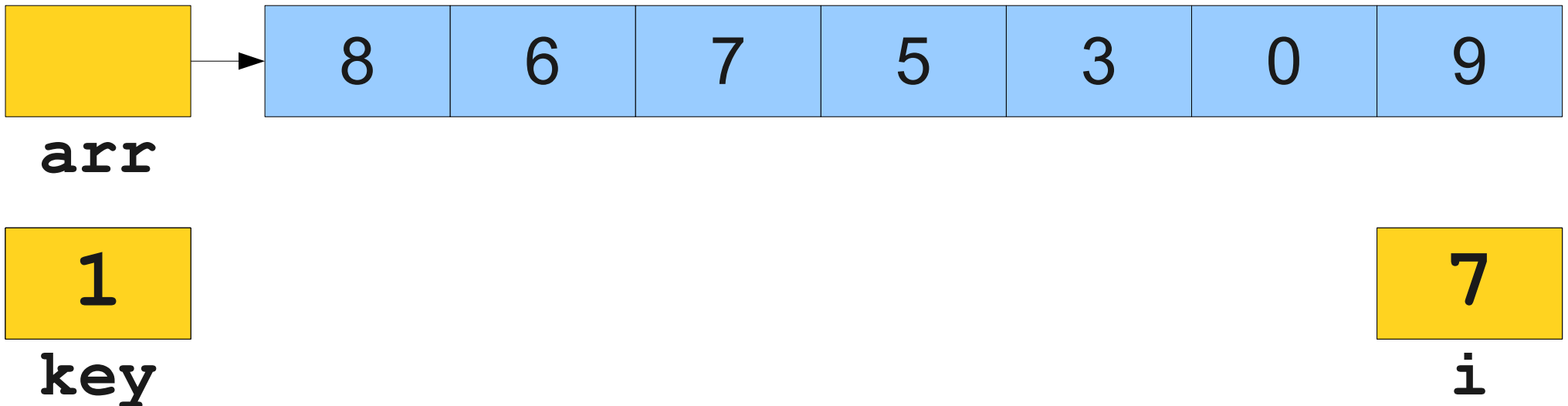
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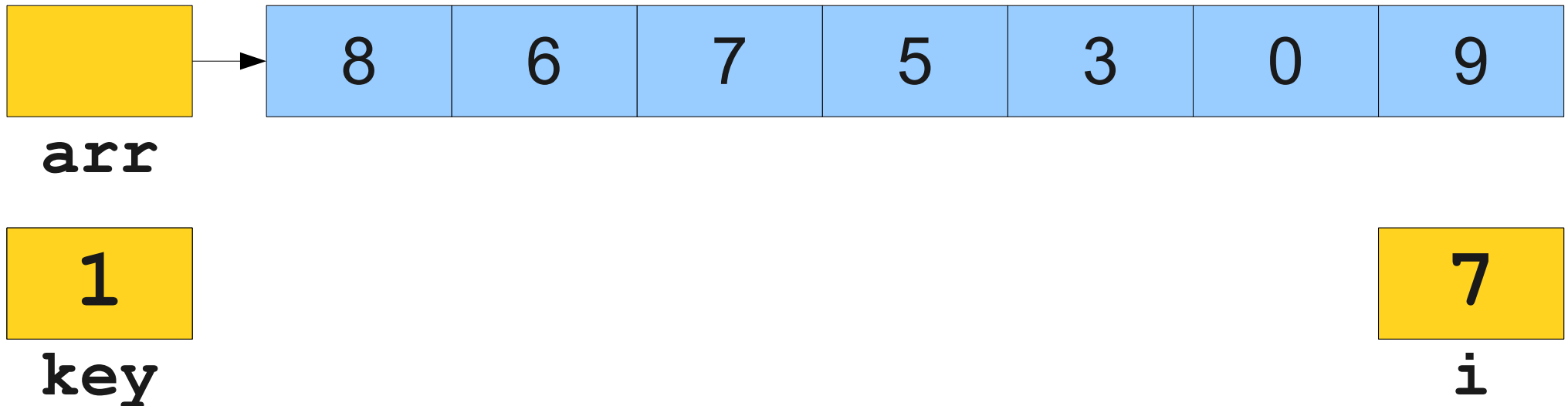
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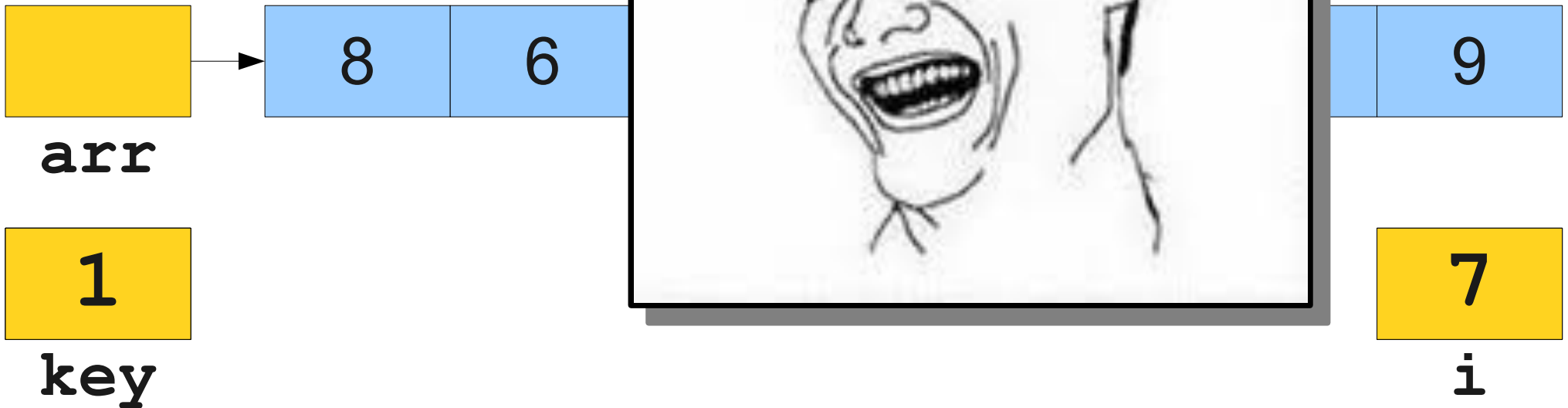
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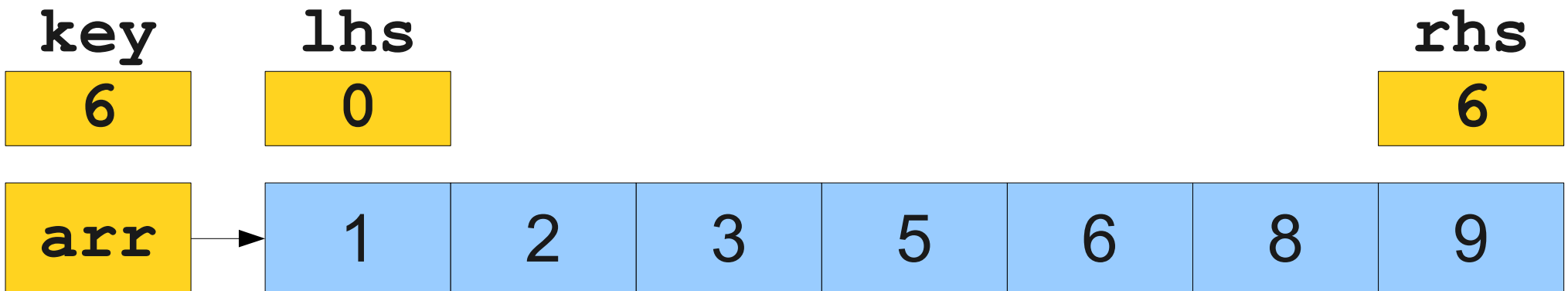
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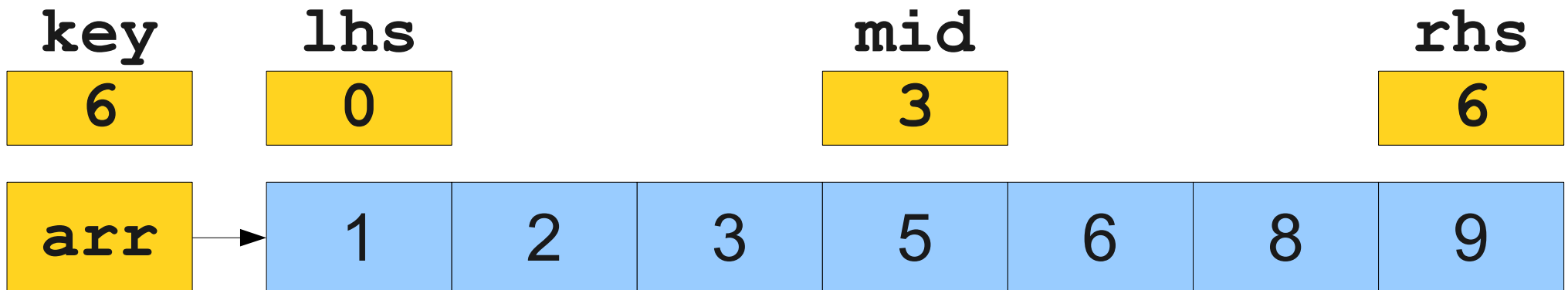
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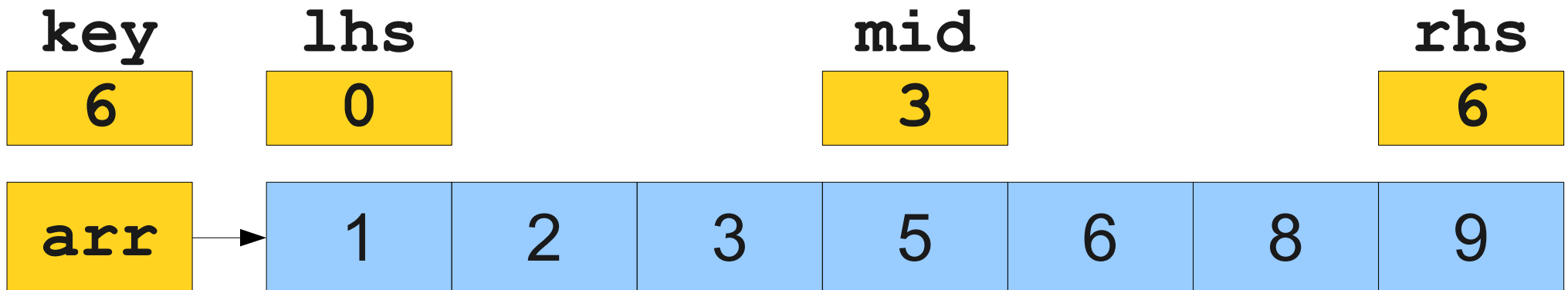
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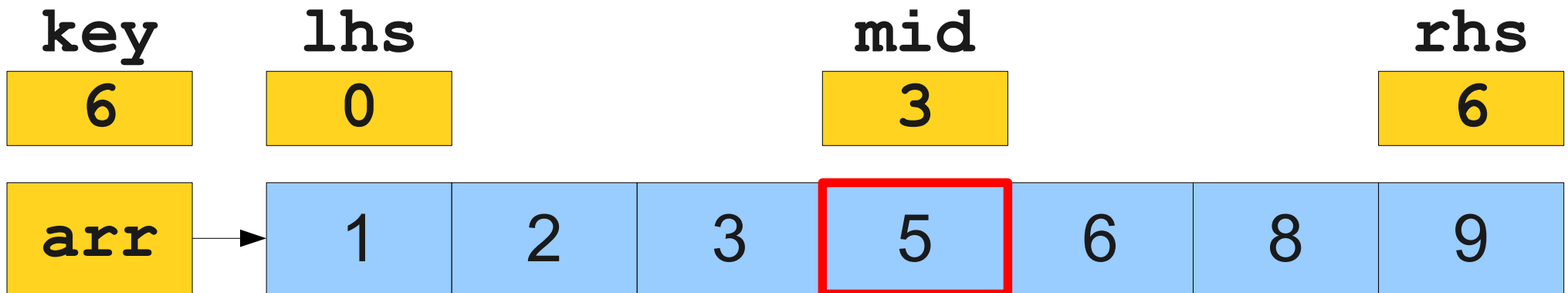
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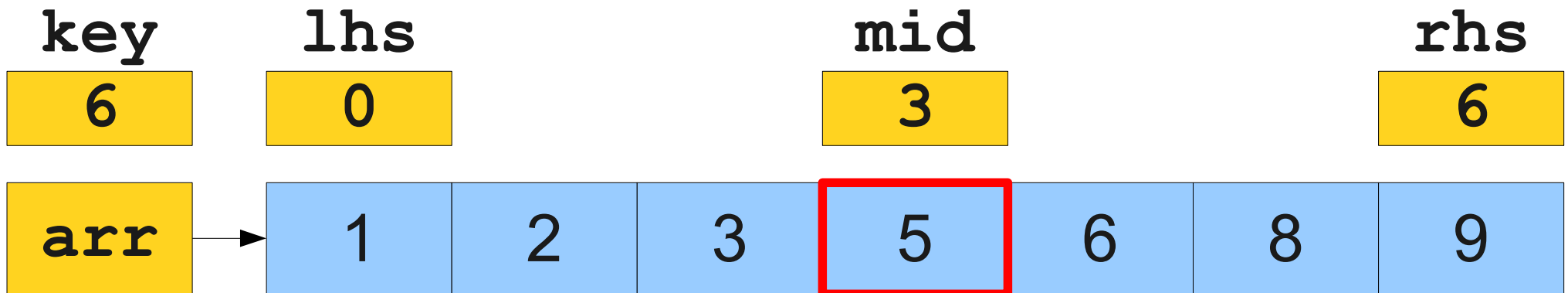
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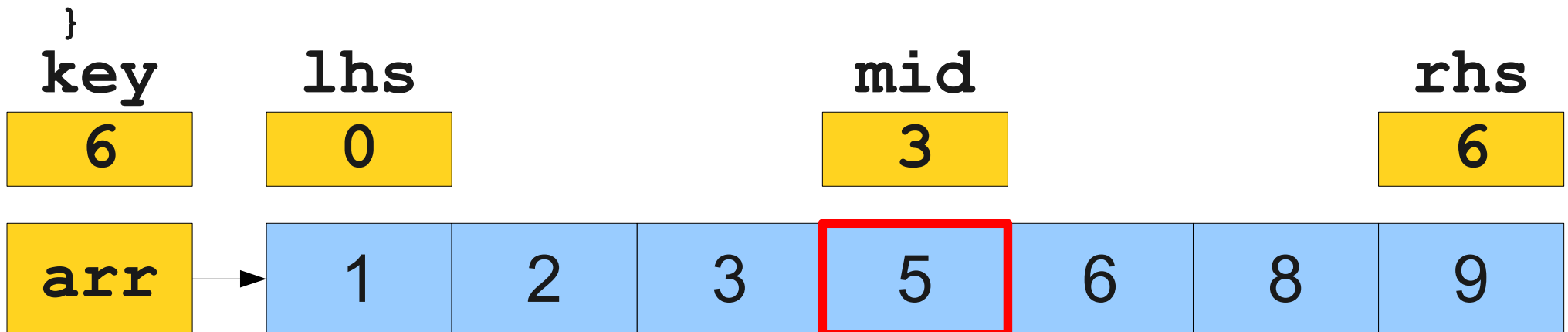
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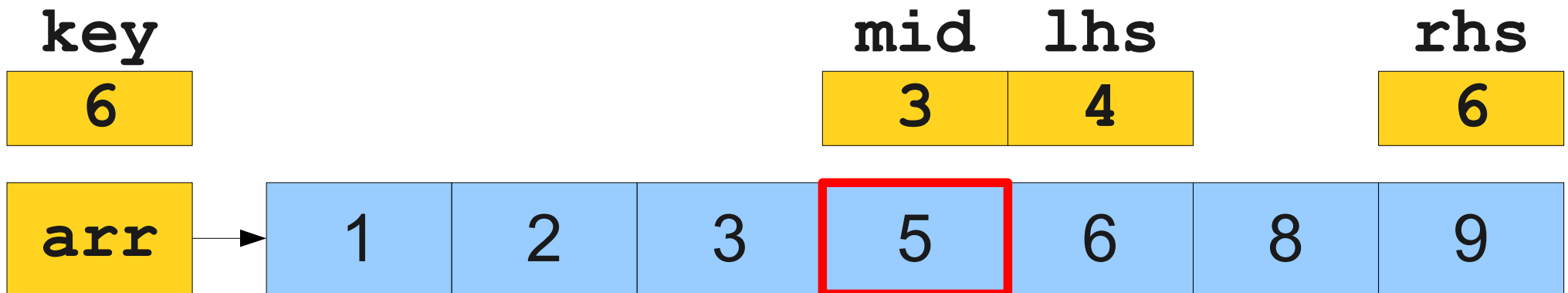
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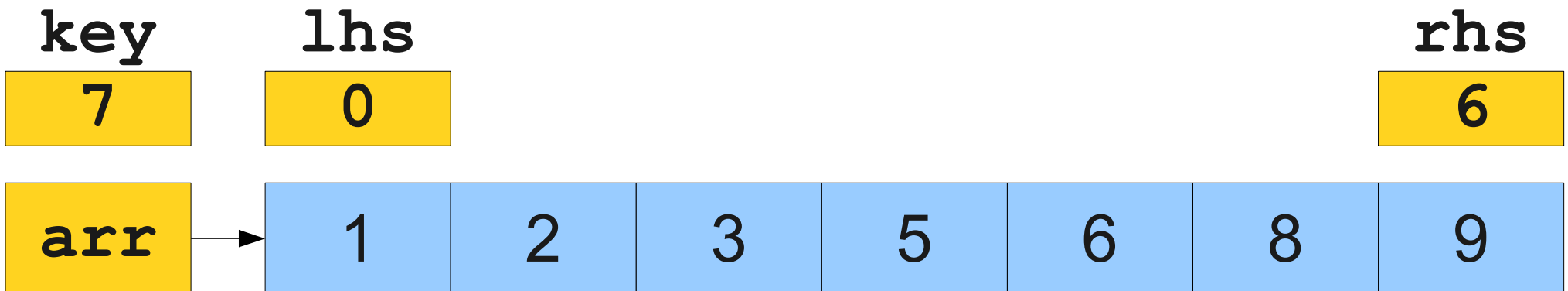
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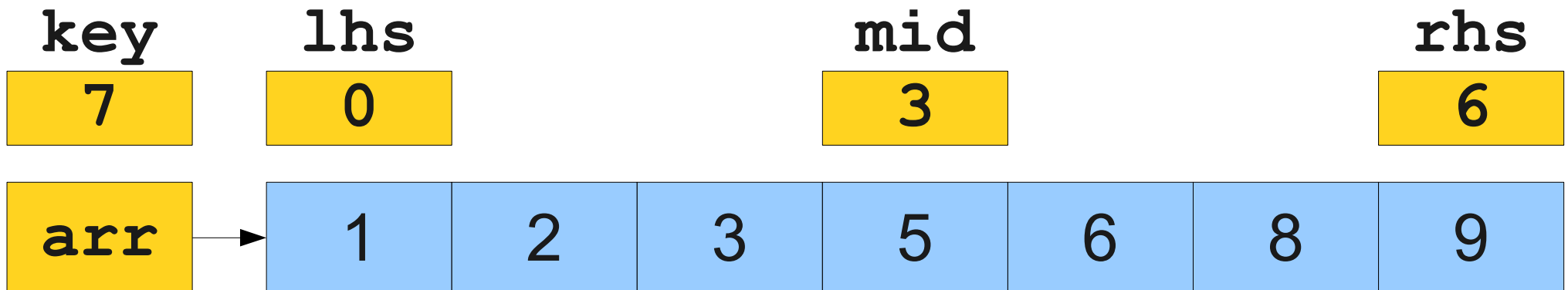
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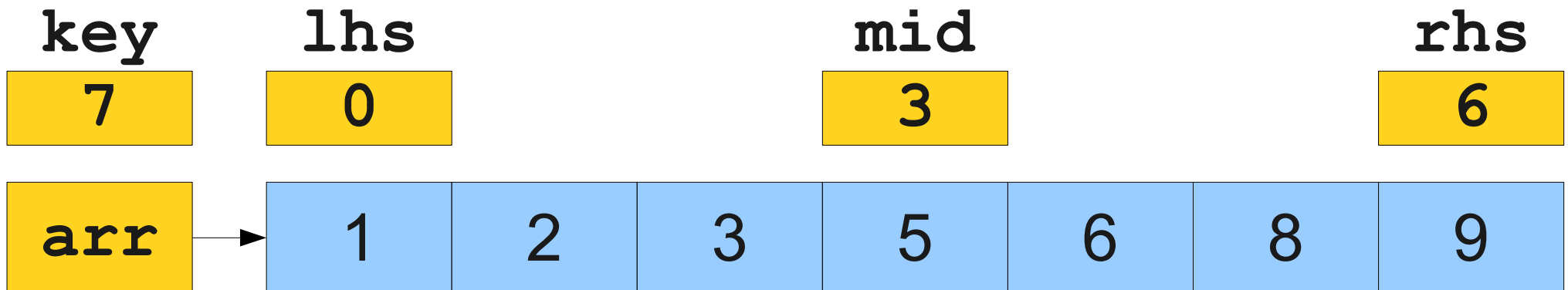
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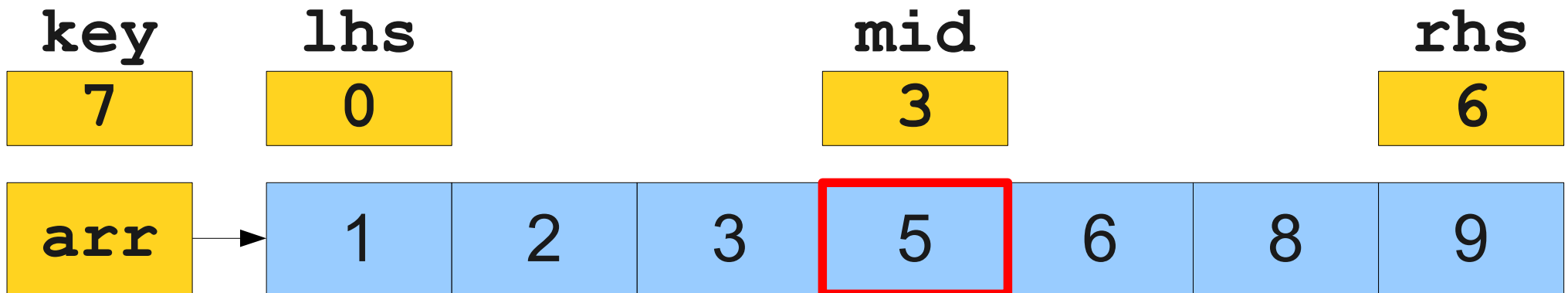
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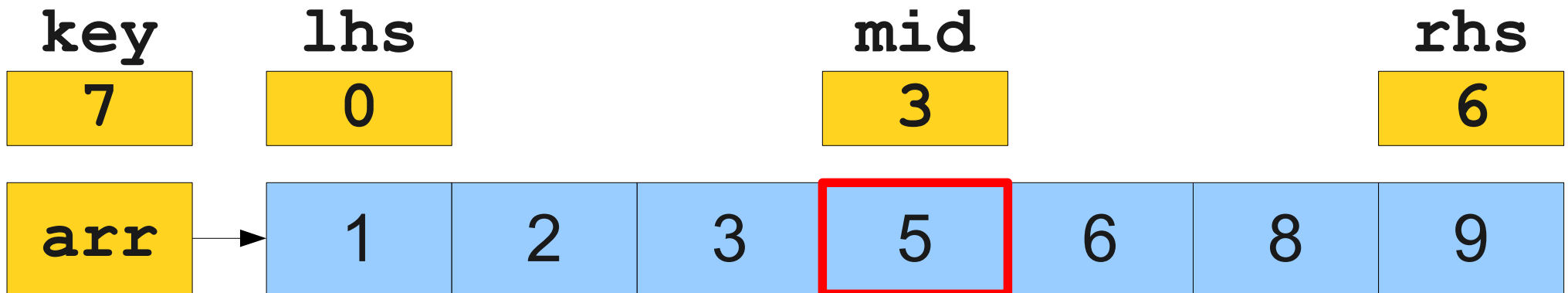
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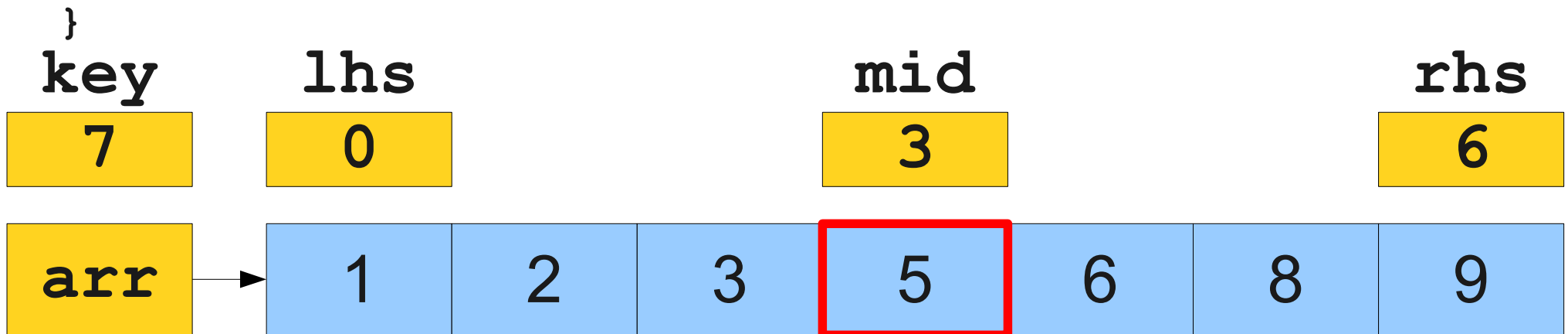
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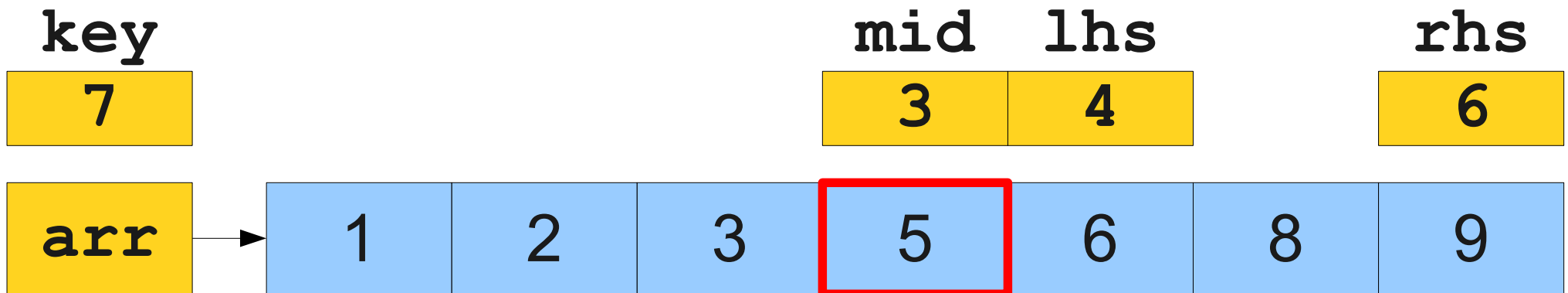
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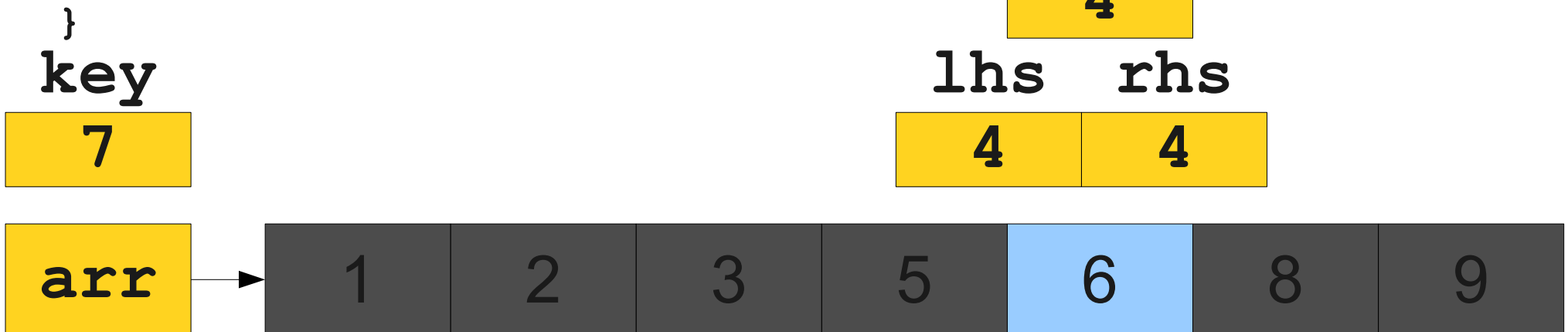
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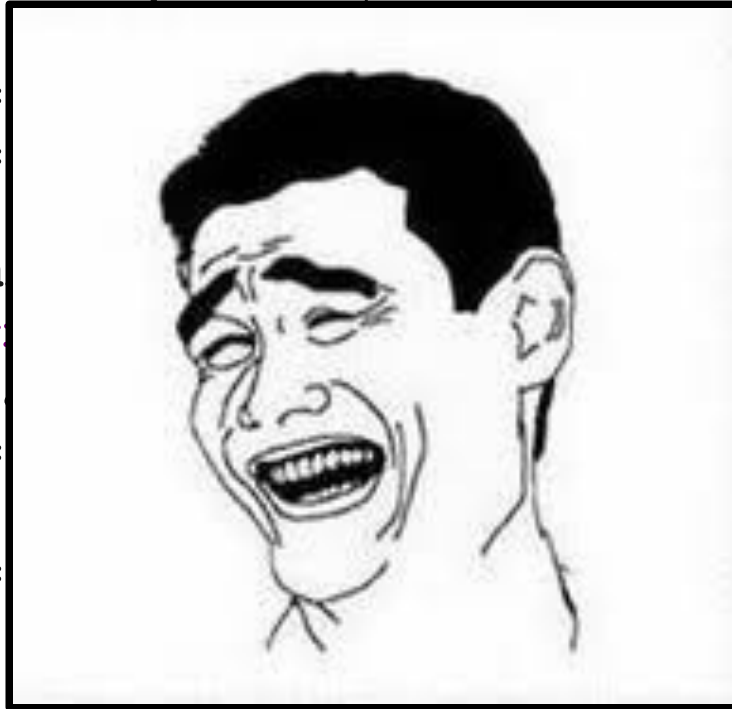
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    int rhs = arr.length - 1;  
  
    while (lhs <= rhs) {  
        int mid = (lhs + rhs) / 2;  
  
        if (arr[mid] == key) {  
            return mid;  
        }  
        else if (arr[mid] < key) {  
            lhs = mid + 1;  
        }  
        else {  
            rhs = mid - 1;  
        }  
    }  
    return -1;  
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key

7

rhs

4

lhs

5

arr

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# Analyzing the Algorithms

# For Comparison

```
private int linearSearch(int[] arr,  
                        int key) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {  
        if (arr[i] == key)  
            return i;  
    }  
  
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# Analyzing Linear Search

- How many elements of the array do we have to look at to do a linear search?
- Let's suppose that there are  $N$  elements in the array.
- We may have to look at each of them once.
- Number of lookups:  $N$ .

# Analyzing Binary Search

- How many elements of the array do we have to look at to do a binary search?
- Let's suppose that there are  $N$  elements in the array.
- Each lookup cuts the size of the array in half.
- How many times can we cut the array in half before we run out of elements?

# Slicing and Dicing

- After zero lookups:  $N$
- After one lookup:  $N / 2$
- After two lookups:  $N / 4$
- After three lookups:  $N / 8$
- ...
- After  $k$  lookups:  $N / 2^k$

# Cutting in Half

- After doing  $k$  lookups, there are  $N / 2^k$  elements left.
- The algorithm stops when there is just one element left.
- Solving for the number of iterations:

$$N / 2^k = 1$$

$$N = 2^k$$

$$\log_2 N = k$$

- So binary search stops after  **$\log_2 N$**  lookups.

# For Comparison

$N$	$\log_2 N$
10	3
100	7
1000	10
1,000,000	20
1,000,000,000	30

Binary search can check whether a value exists in an array of **one billion elements** in just 30 array accesses!

# A Feel for $\log_2 N$

- It is conjectured that the number of atoms in the universe is  $10^{100}$ .
- $\log_2 10^{100}$  is roughly 300.
- If you (somehow) listed all the atoms in the universe in sorted order, you would need to look at 300 before you found the one you were looking for.

# Sorting

# Bubble Sort

- Until the array is sorted:
  - Look at each adjacent pair of elements.
  - If they are out of order, swap them.



# Selection Sort

- Find the smallest number and swap it to the front of the array.
- Find the second-smallest number and swap it to the second position.
- Find the third-smallest number and swap it to the third position.
- ...

```
private void selectionSort(int[] array) {
    for (int index = 0; index < array.length; index++) {
        int smallestIndex = findSmallest(array, index);
        swap(array, index, smallestIndex);
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}

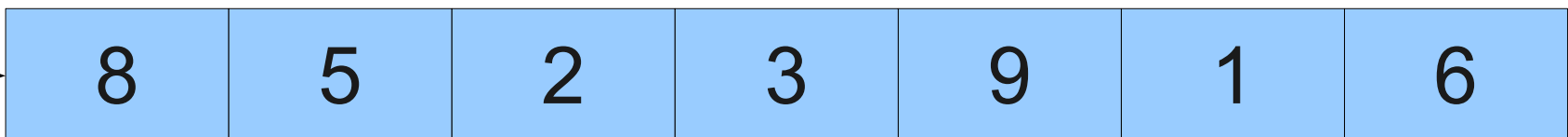
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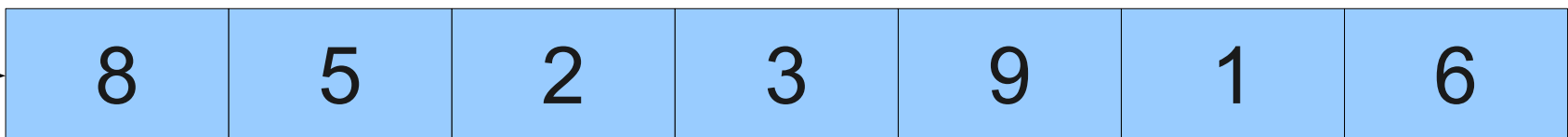
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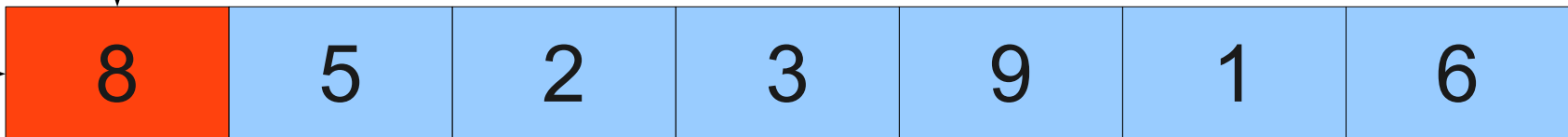
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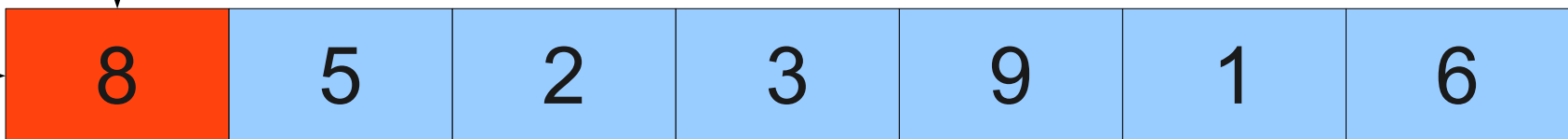
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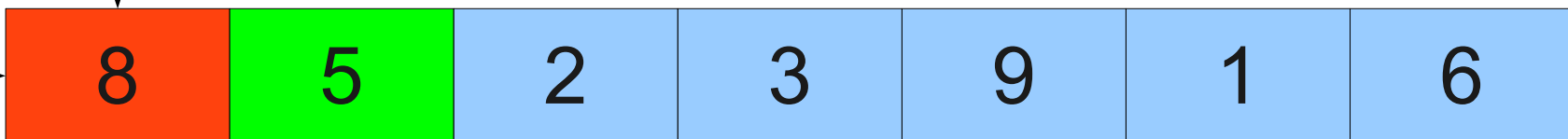
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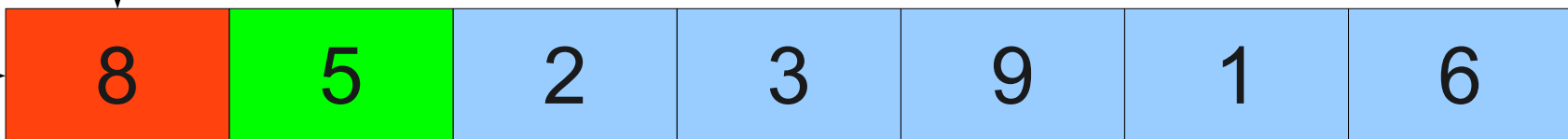
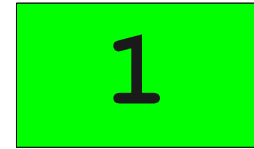
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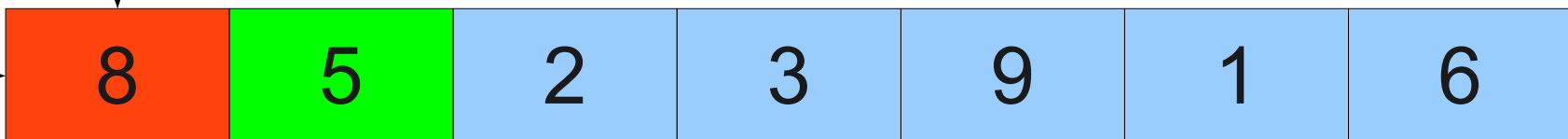
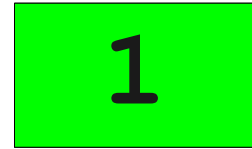
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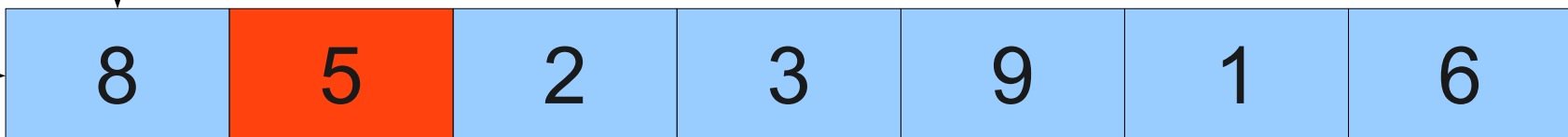
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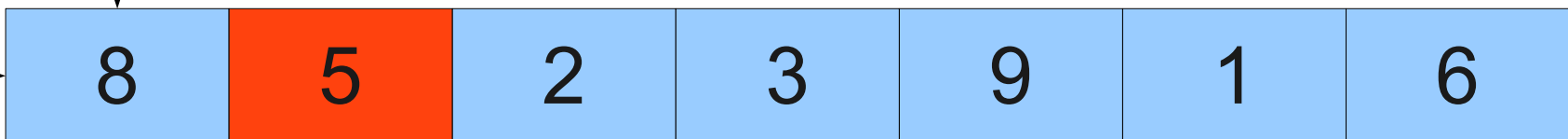
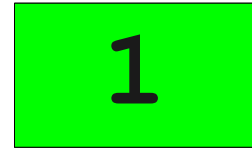
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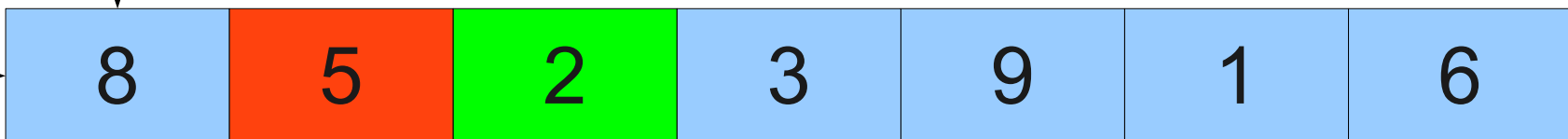
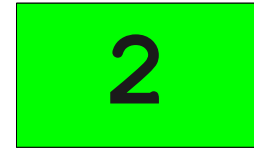
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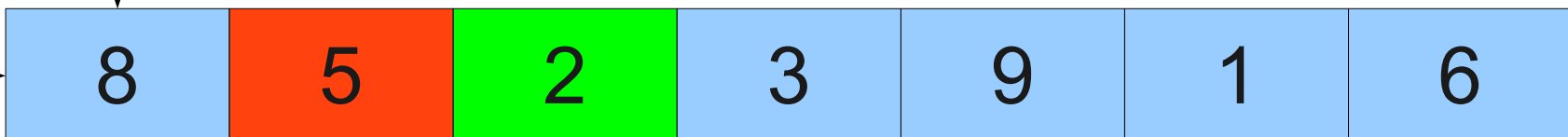
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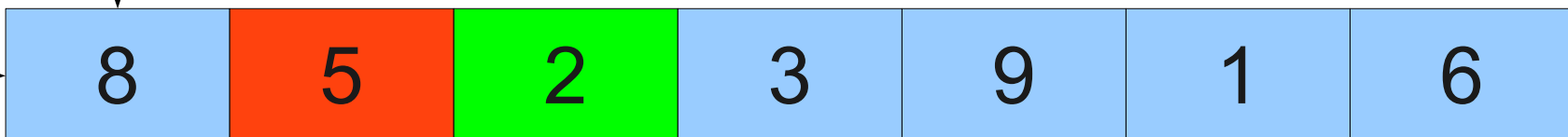
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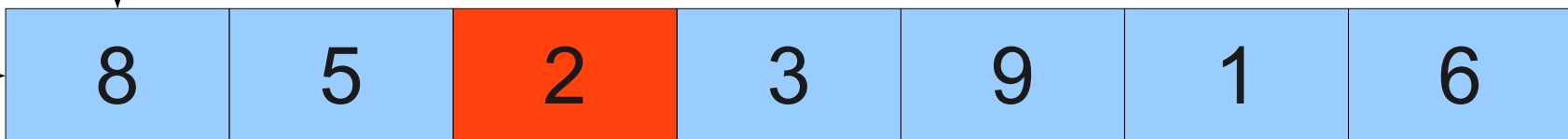
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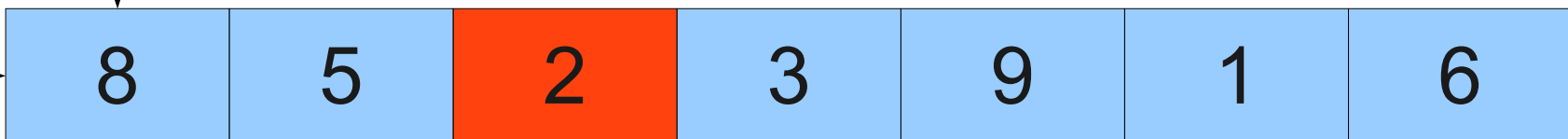
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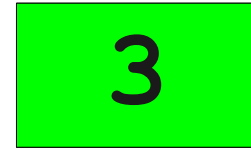
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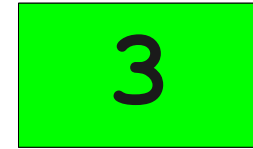
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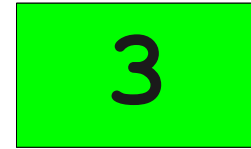
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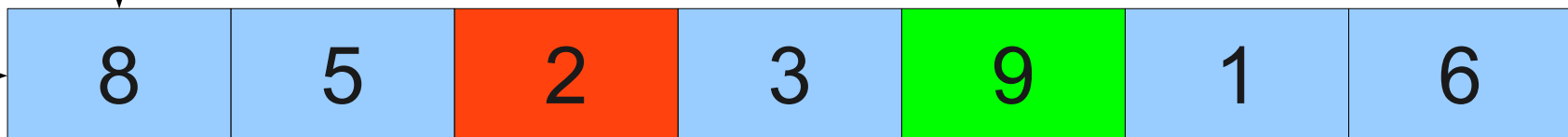
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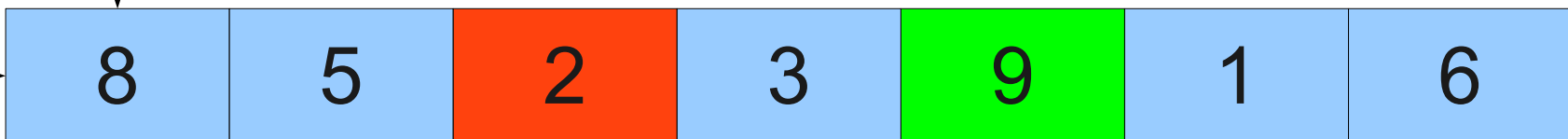
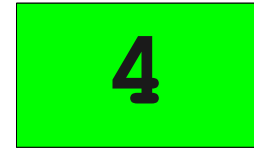
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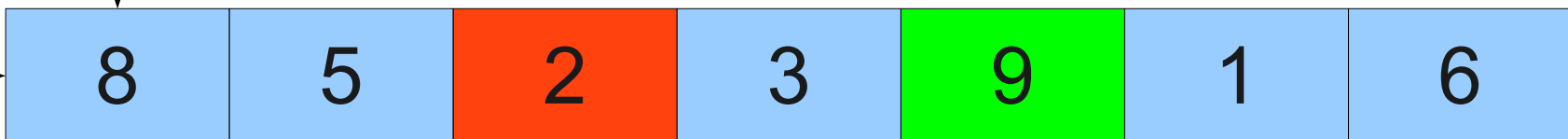
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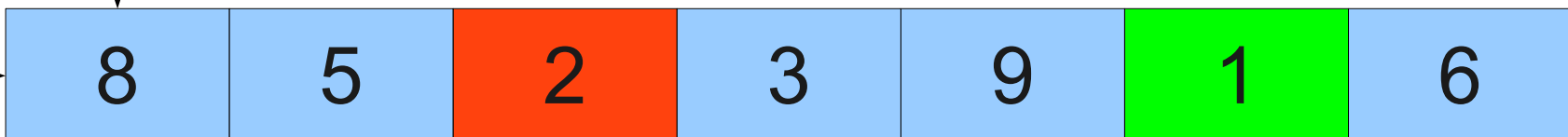
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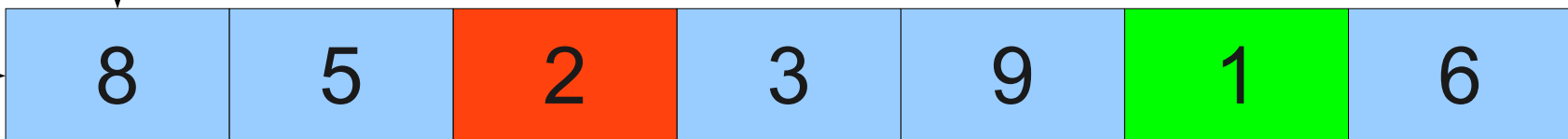
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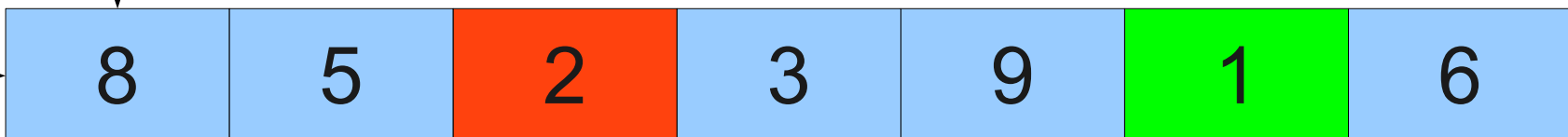
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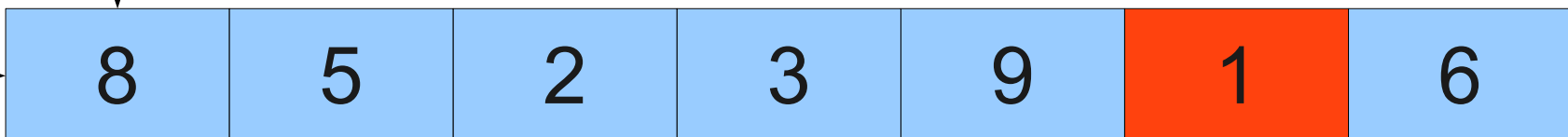
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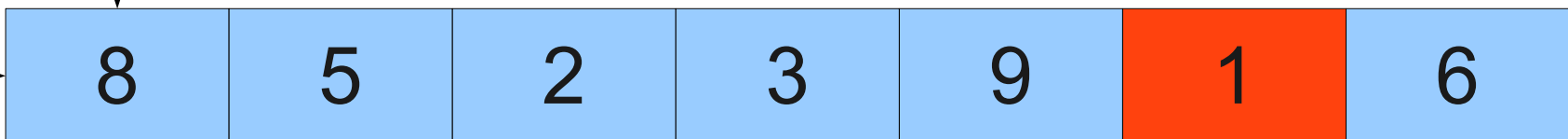
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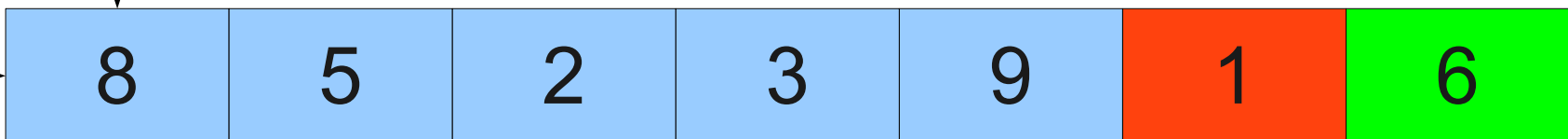
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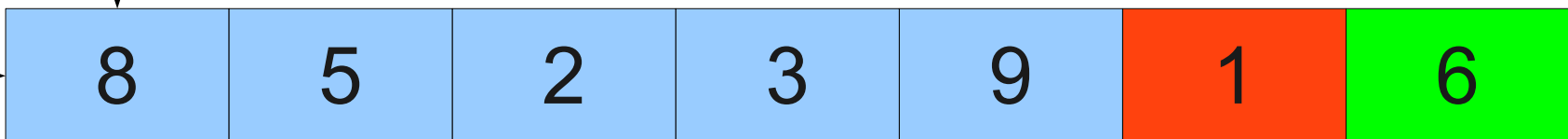
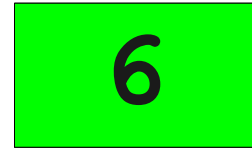
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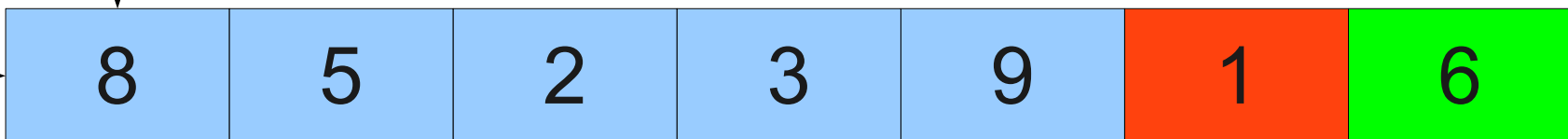
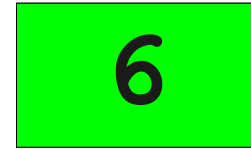
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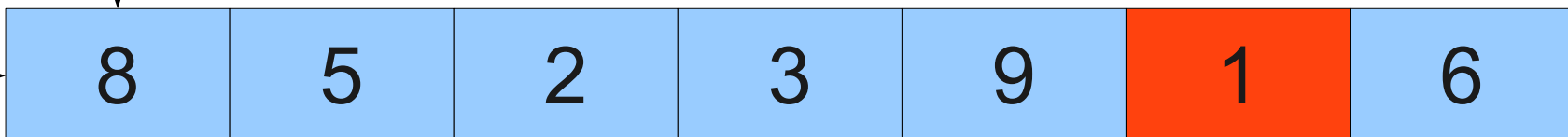
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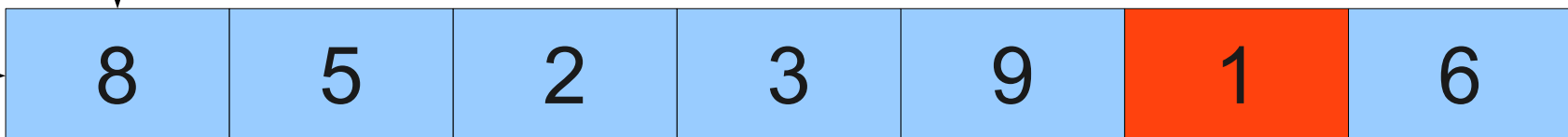
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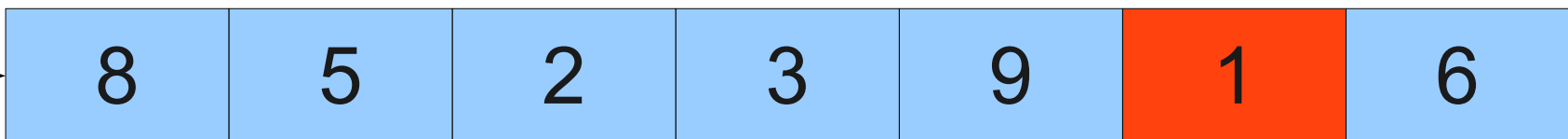
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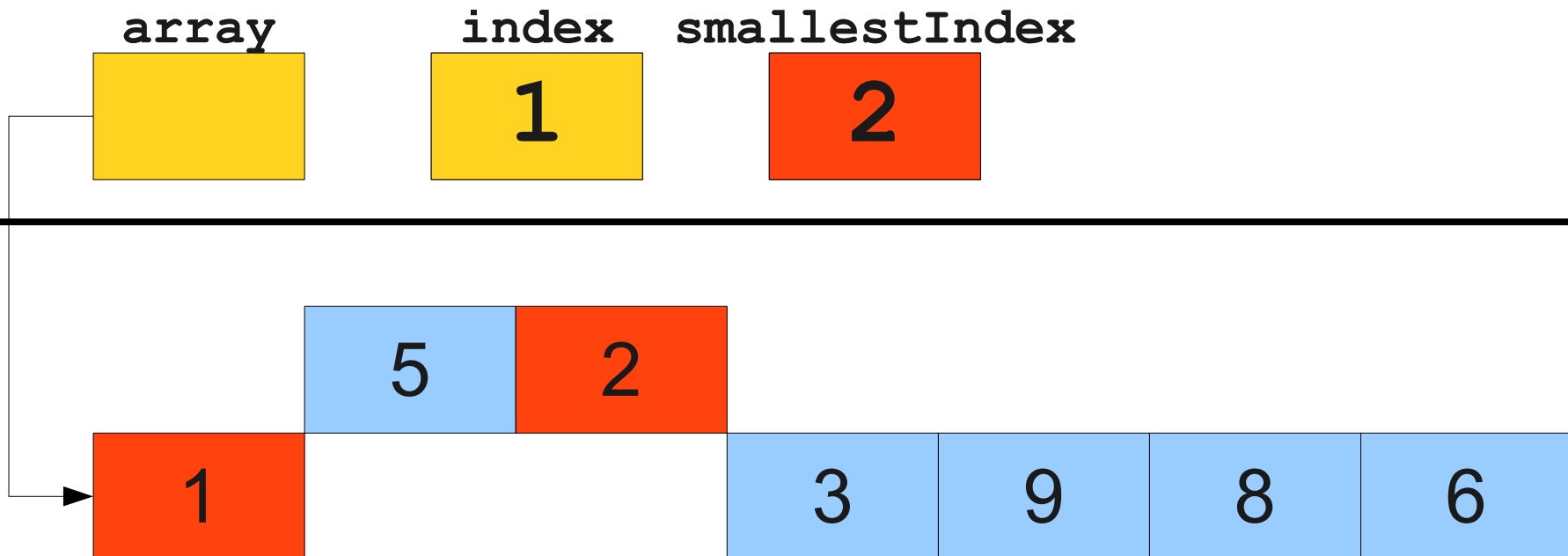
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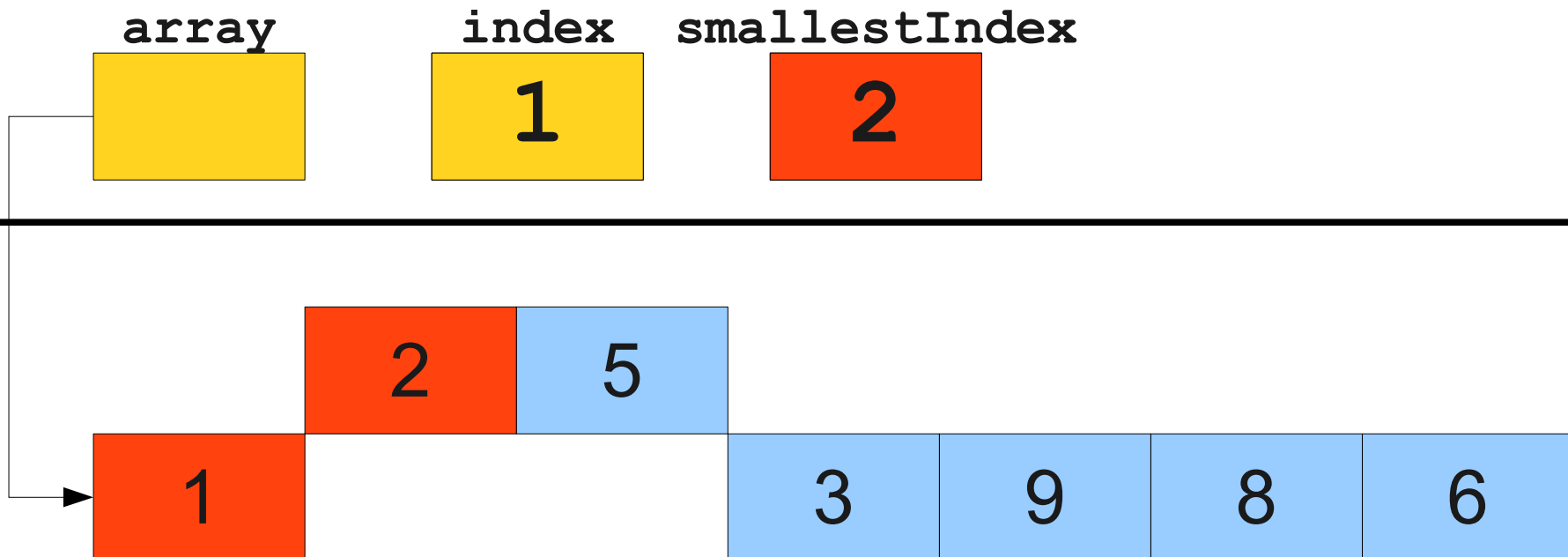
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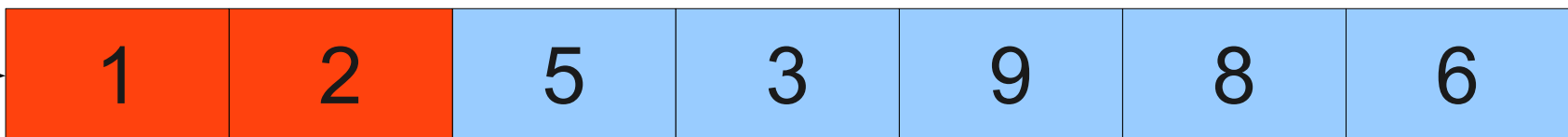
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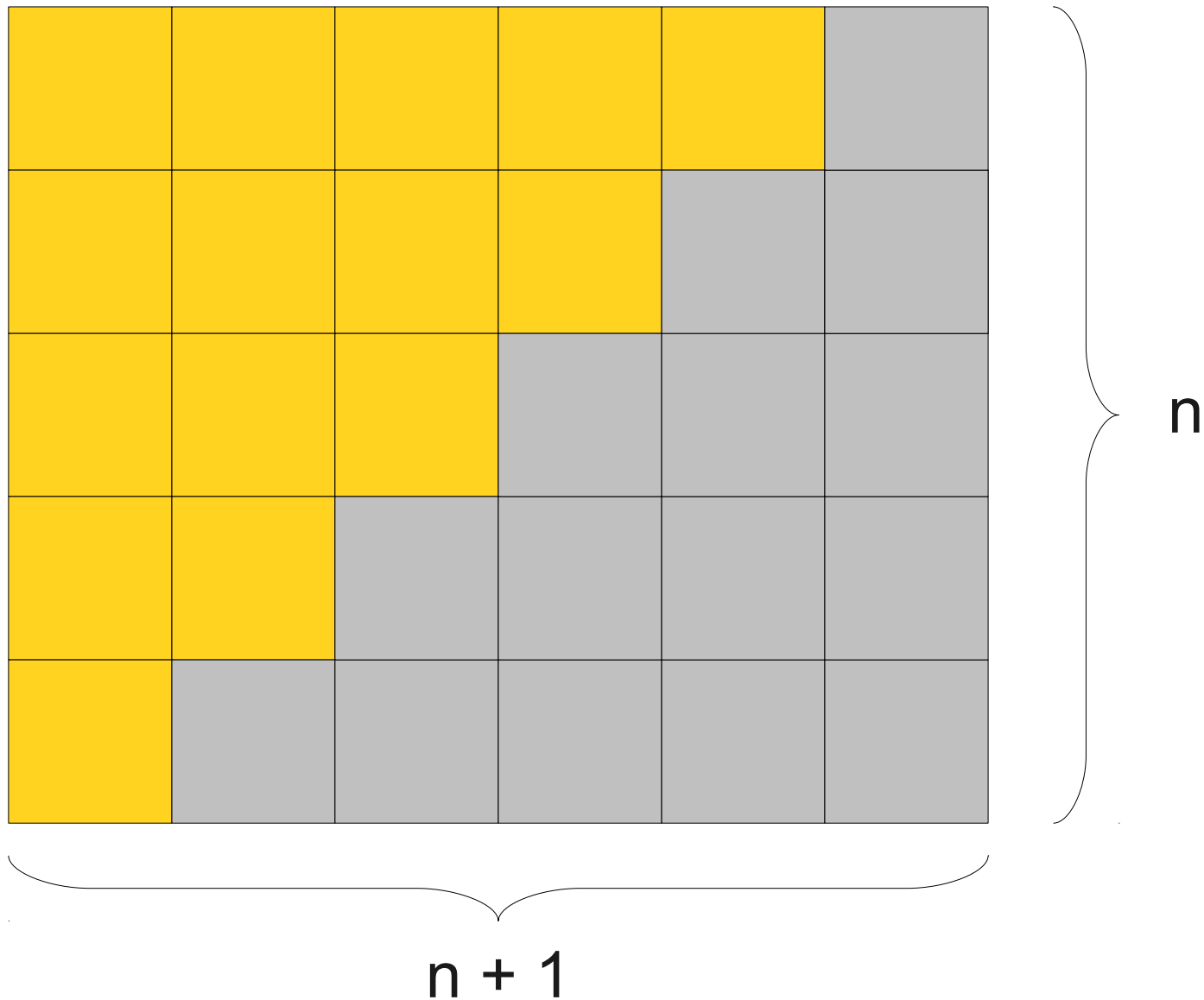
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# Analyzing Selection Sort

- How much work do we do for selection sort?
- To find the smallest value, we need to look at all  $N$  array elements.
- To find the second-smallest value, we need to look at  $N - 1$  array elements.
- To find the third-smallest value, we need to look at  $N - 2$  array elements.
- Work is  $N + (N - 1) + (N - 2) + \dots + 1$ .

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1) + n = n(n+1) / 2$$



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- So we should expect it to take about four times longer.

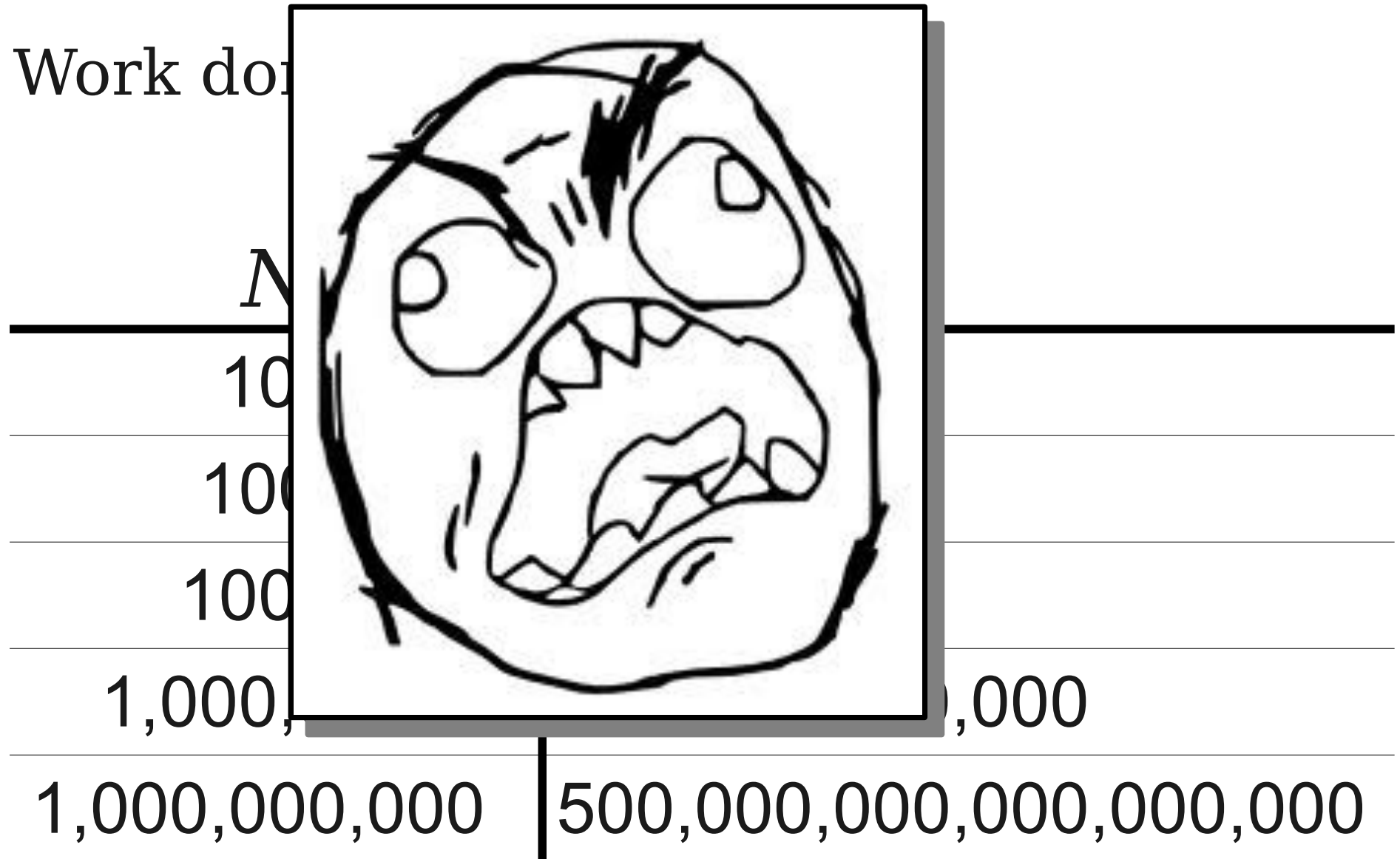
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$N$	$N^2 / 2$
10	50
100	5,000
1000	500,000
1,000,000	500,000,000,000
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# Analyzing Selection Sort

- Work done





# A Few Other Sorting Algorithms