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# LINKED LISTS AND HASH TABLES

*Data Structures for to Make Life Betterer!*

# CHOOSE THE RIGHT TOOL FOR THE JOB

It's all about the context.

What is the shape of the data?

What are the constraints?

Which operations need to be fast?

# LINKED LISTS

# QUICK REVIEW - ARRAYS

Contiguous piece of memory

Same size storage space at each index

Static - Memory allocated once, size can't change

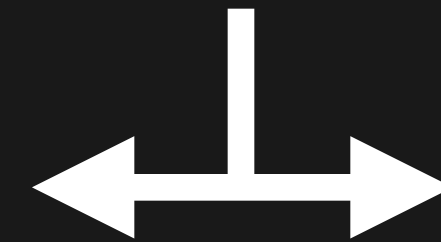
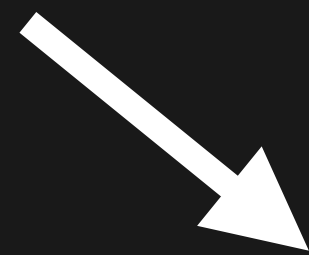
Dynamic - New memory allocated, array copied to grow

Address

$A[0] = 2000$

Size

$S = 6$



0

1

2

3

4

5

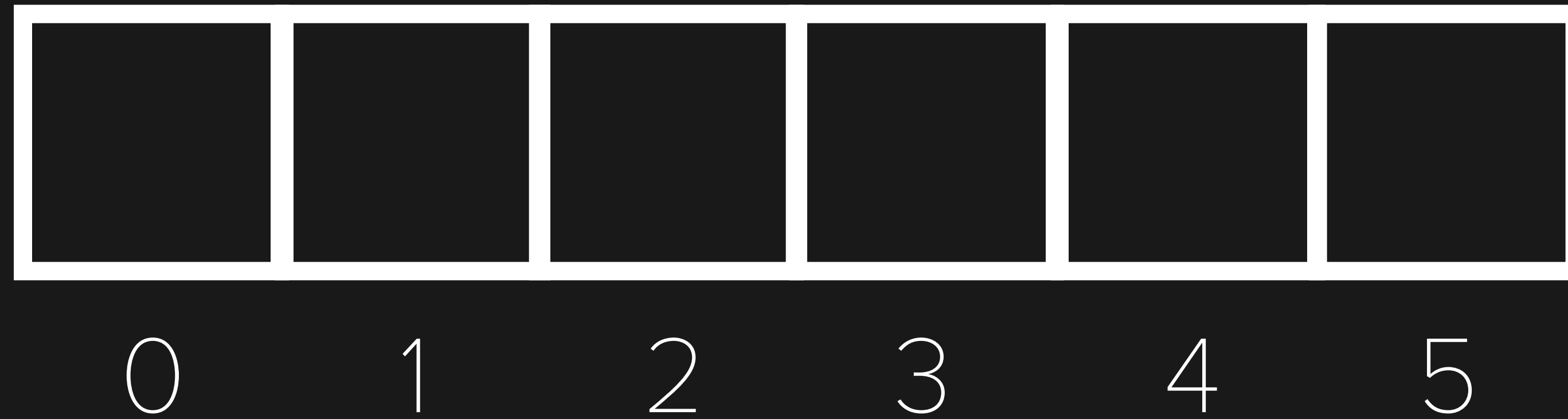
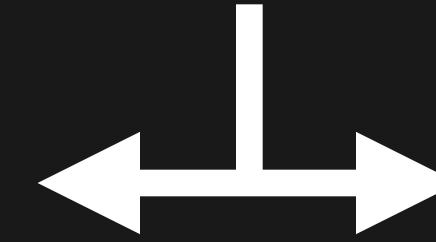
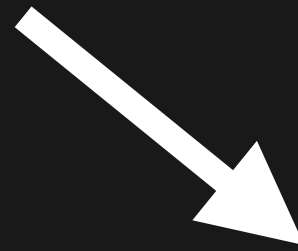
Equation to find memory location for index 4?

Address

$A[0] = 2000$

Size

$S = 6$



$$A[i] = A[0] + S * i$$

$$A[4] = 2000 + 4 * 6$$

$$A[4] = 2024$$

# DYNAMIC ARRAY RUNTIME

## Operation

## Worst Case

Access Element Via Index

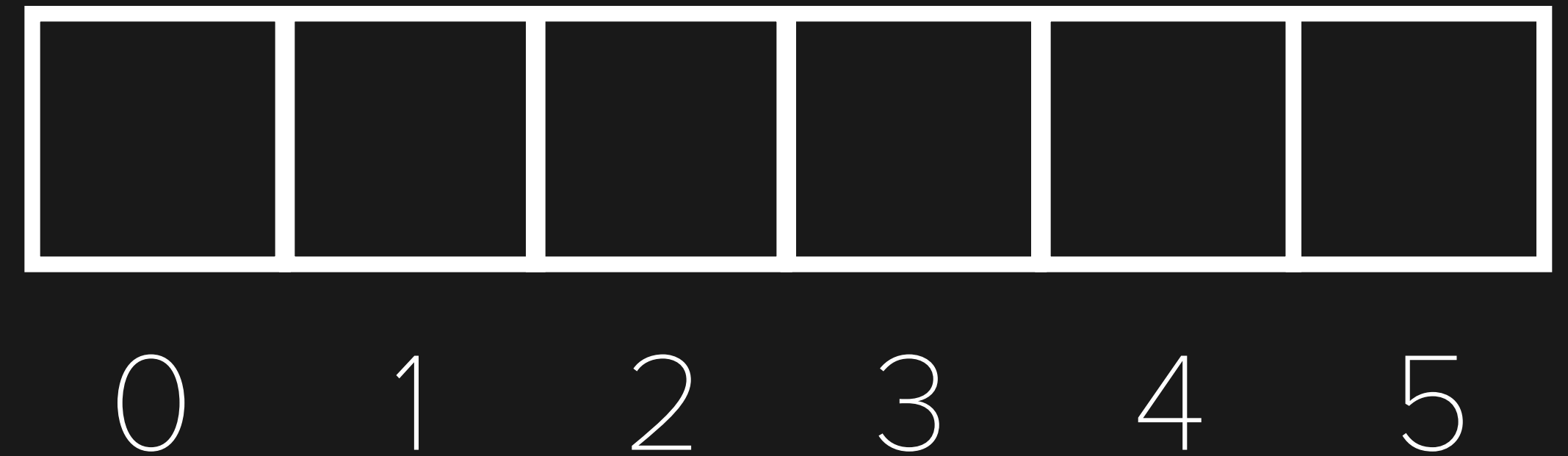
$O(1)$

Insert or Delete Element  
(Beginning, Middle)

$O(n)$

Insert or Delete Element  
(End)

$O(1)$





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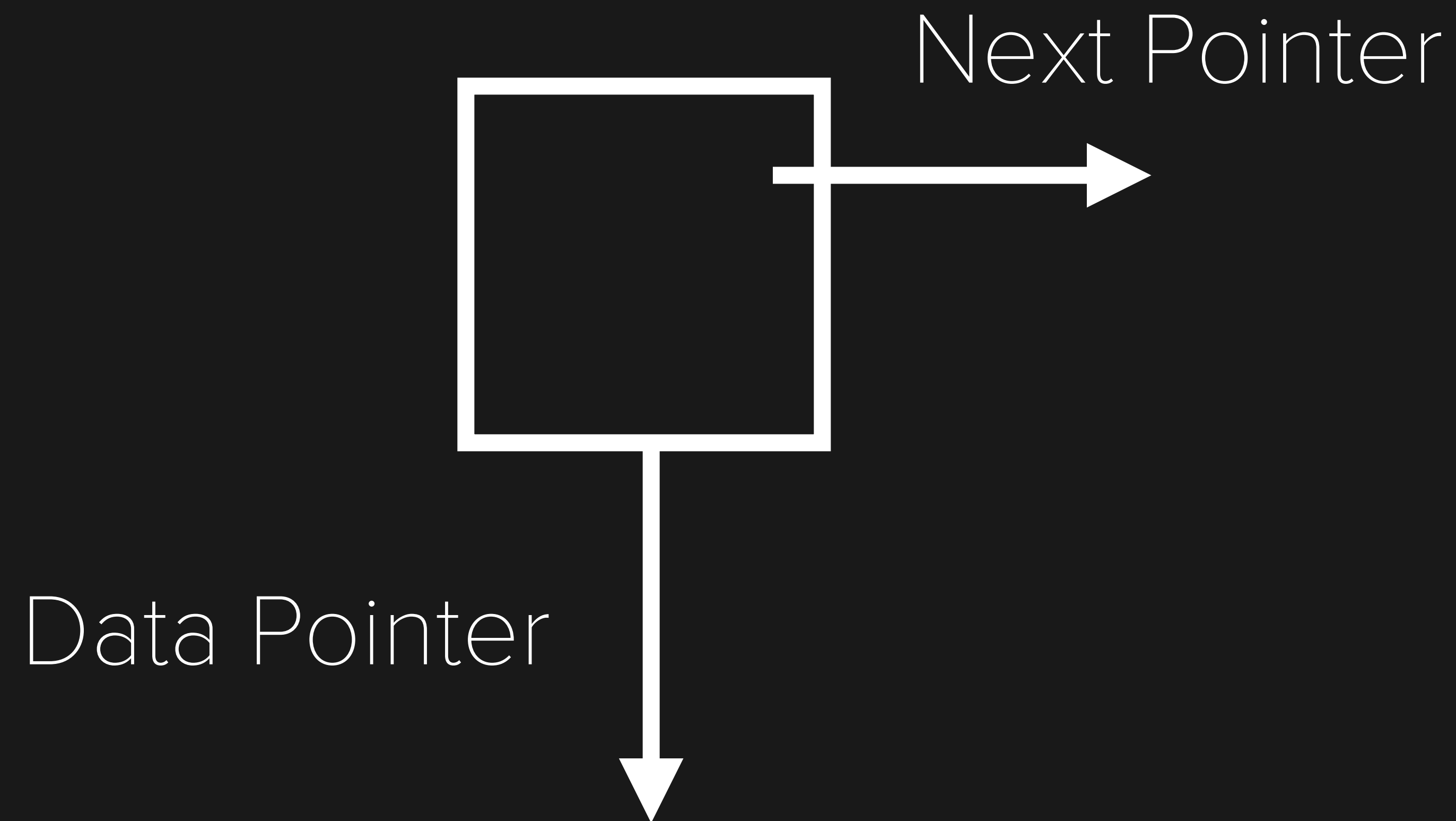
Not contiguous piece of memory

Differing size storage space at each index

Dynamic - New (small) piece of memory allocated

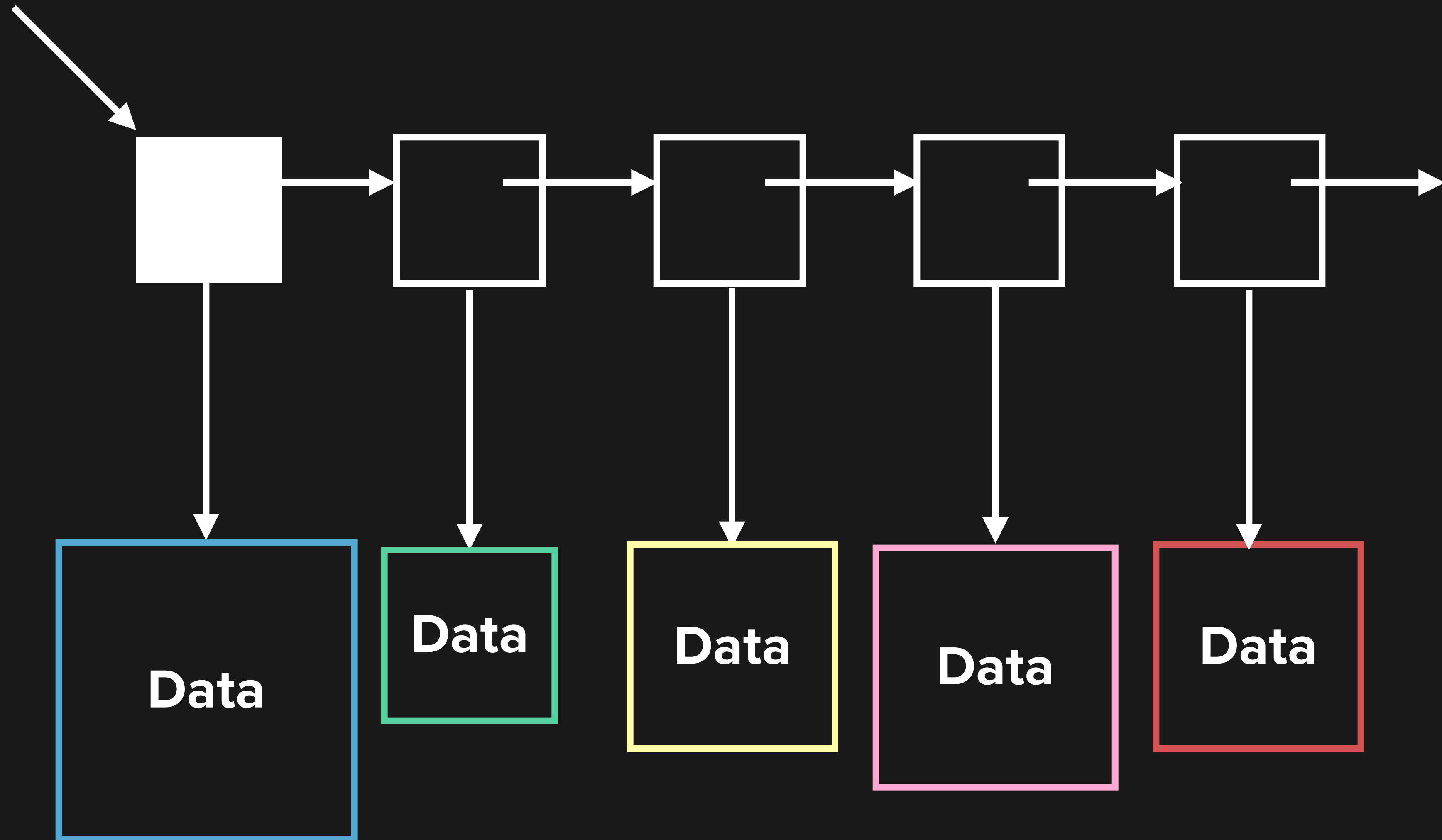
No need to copy the whole thing like an array

# NODE



# LINKED LIST

Head Pointer



# LINKED LIST RUNTIME

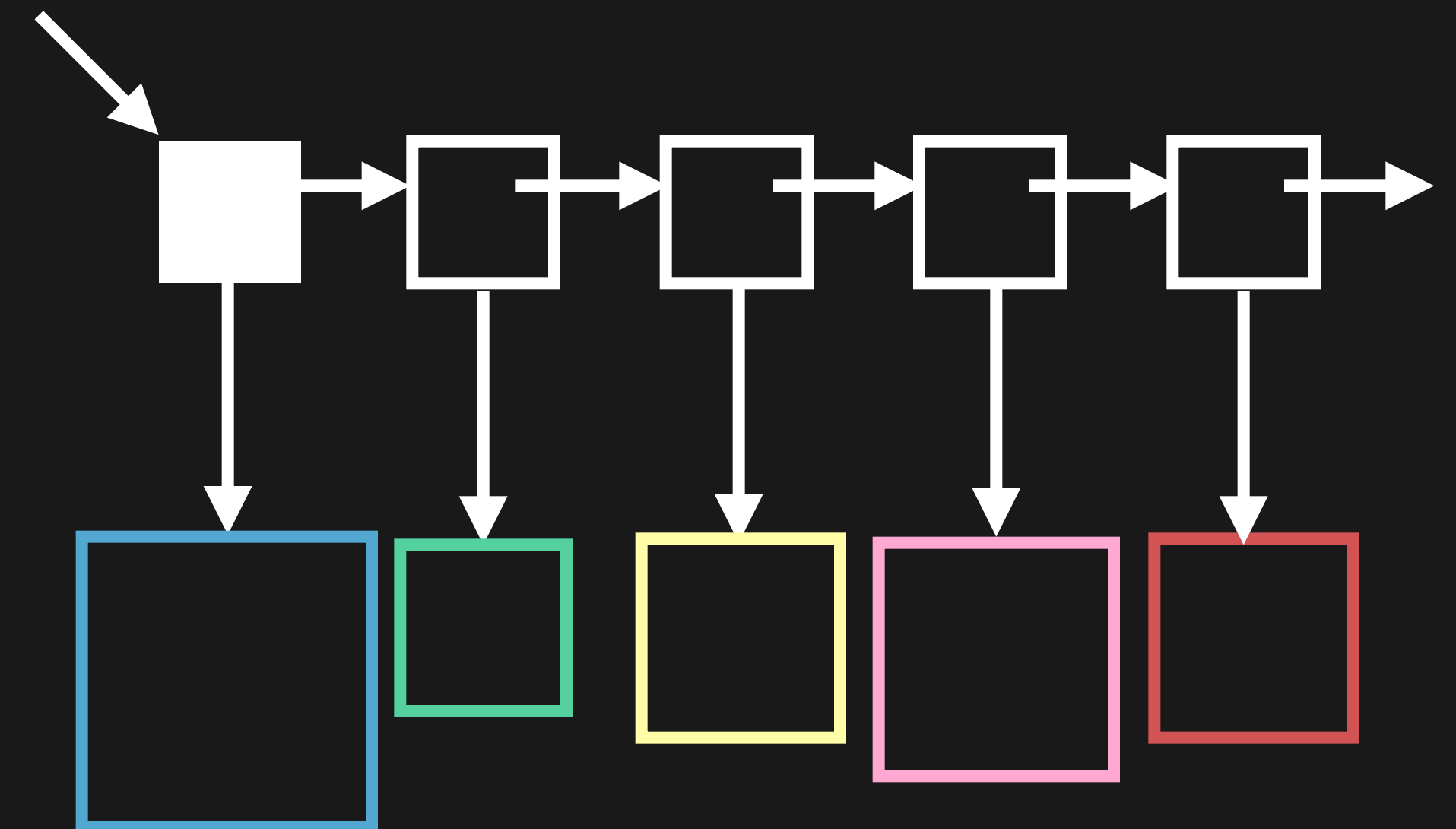
| Operation | Worst Case |
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| Access Element Via Index | $O(n)$ |
|--------------------------|--------|

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Insert or Delete Element (Beginning) | $O(1)$ |
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| Insert or Delete Element (Middle) | $O(n)$ |
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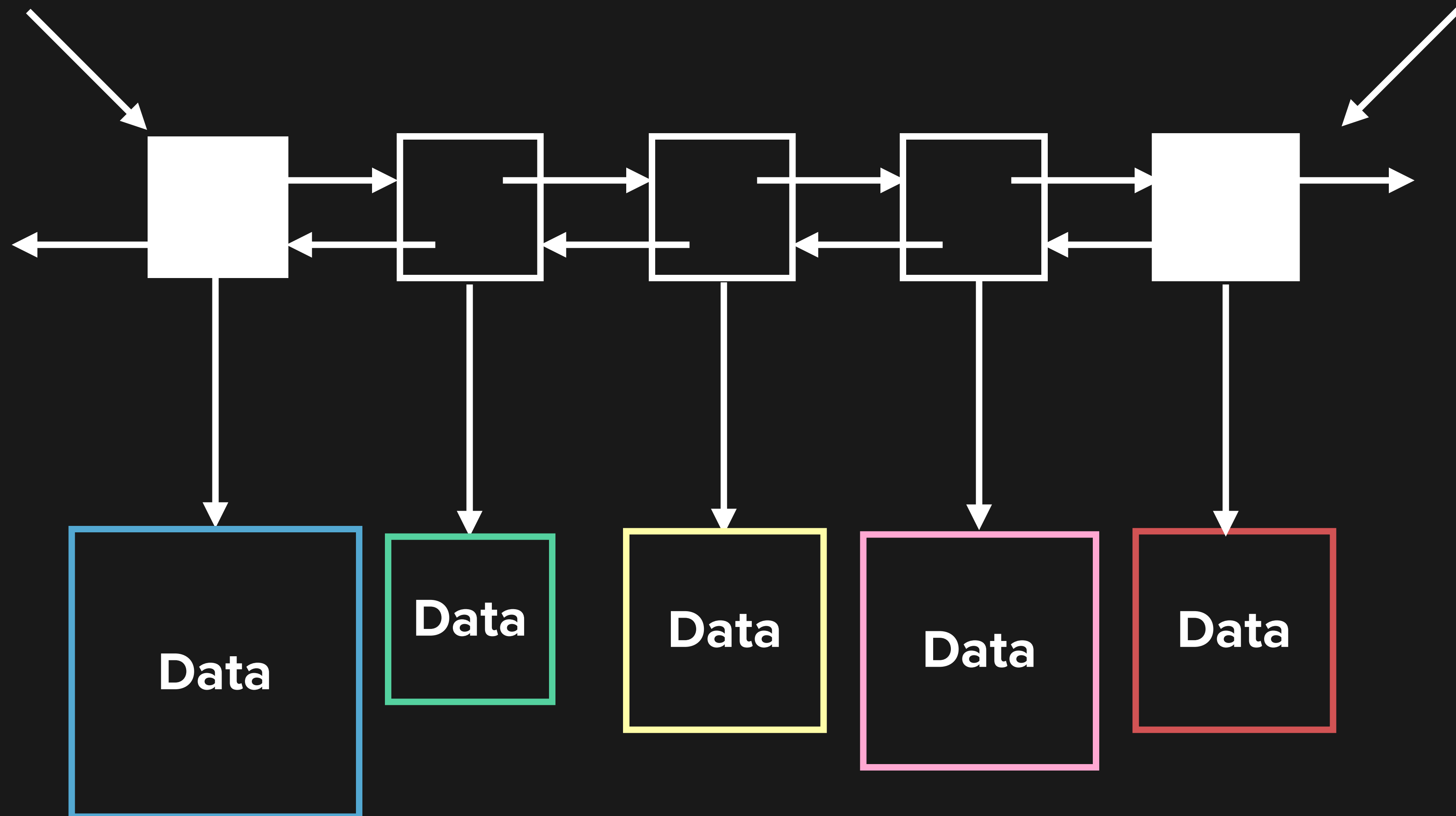
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| Insert or Delete Element (End) | $O(n)$ |
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# DOUBLY LINKED LIST

Head Pointer

Tail Pointer



# DOUBLY LINKED LIST RUNTIME

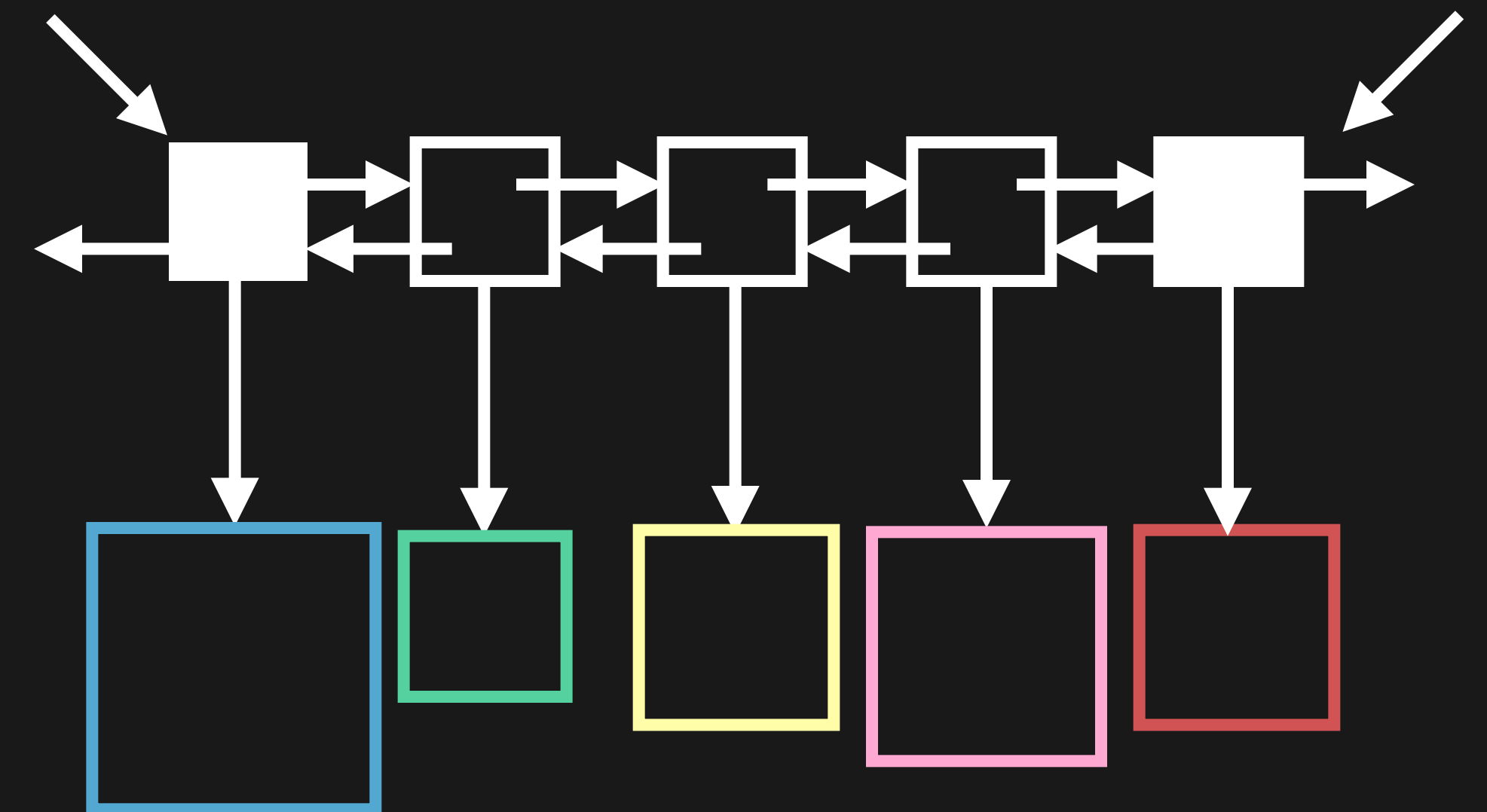
| Operation | Worst Case |
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| Access Element Via Index | $O(n)$ |
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| Insert or Delete Element (Beginning) | $O(1)$ |
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| Insert or Delete Element (Middle) | $O(n)$ |
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| Insert or Delete Element (End) | $O(1)$ |
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**A LINKED LIST IS LIKE A  
FREIGHT TRAIN**



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