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# COMP90038

# Algorithms and Complexity

Lecture 2: Review of Basic Concepts  
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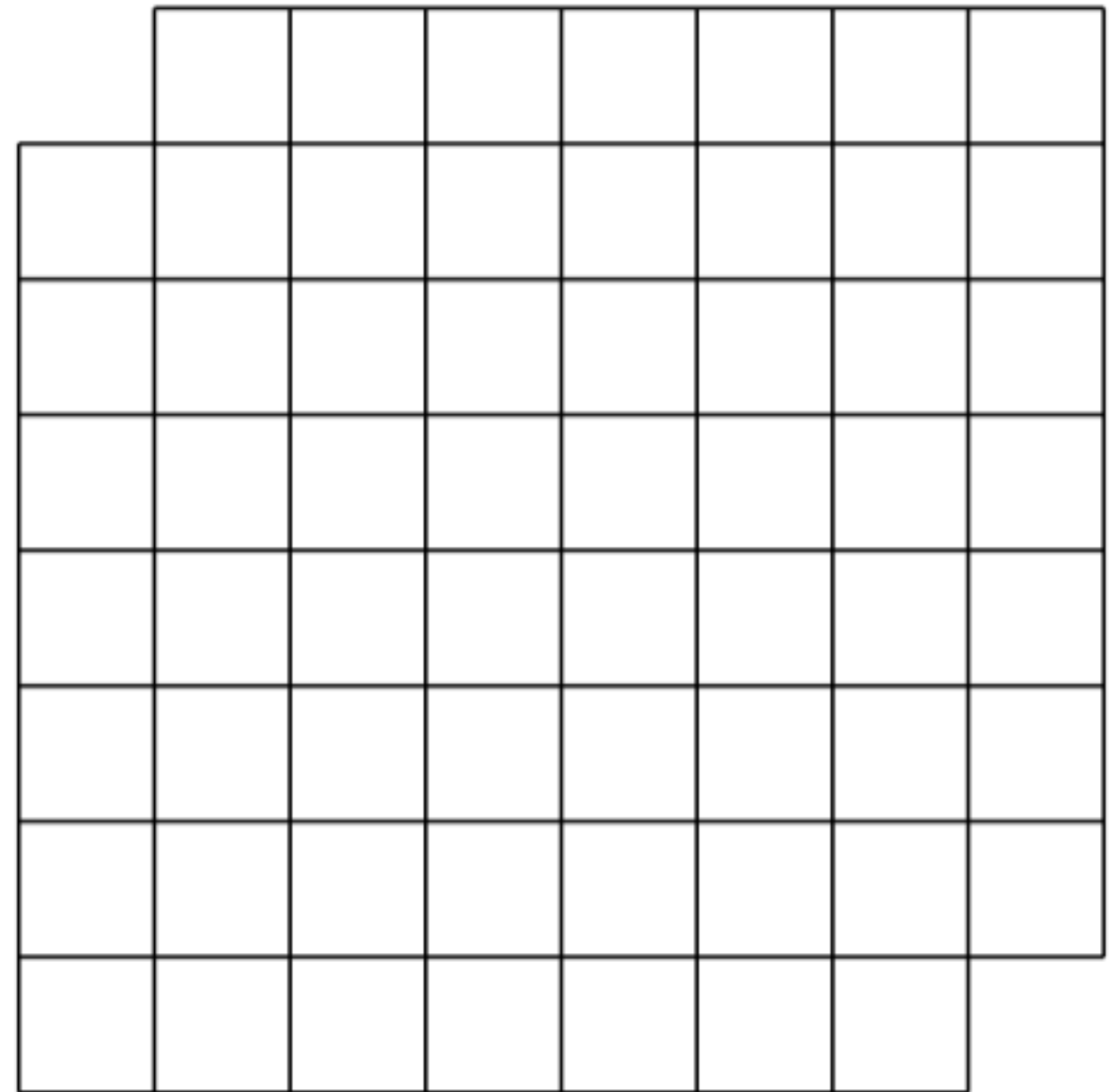
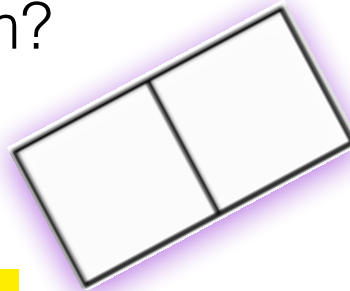


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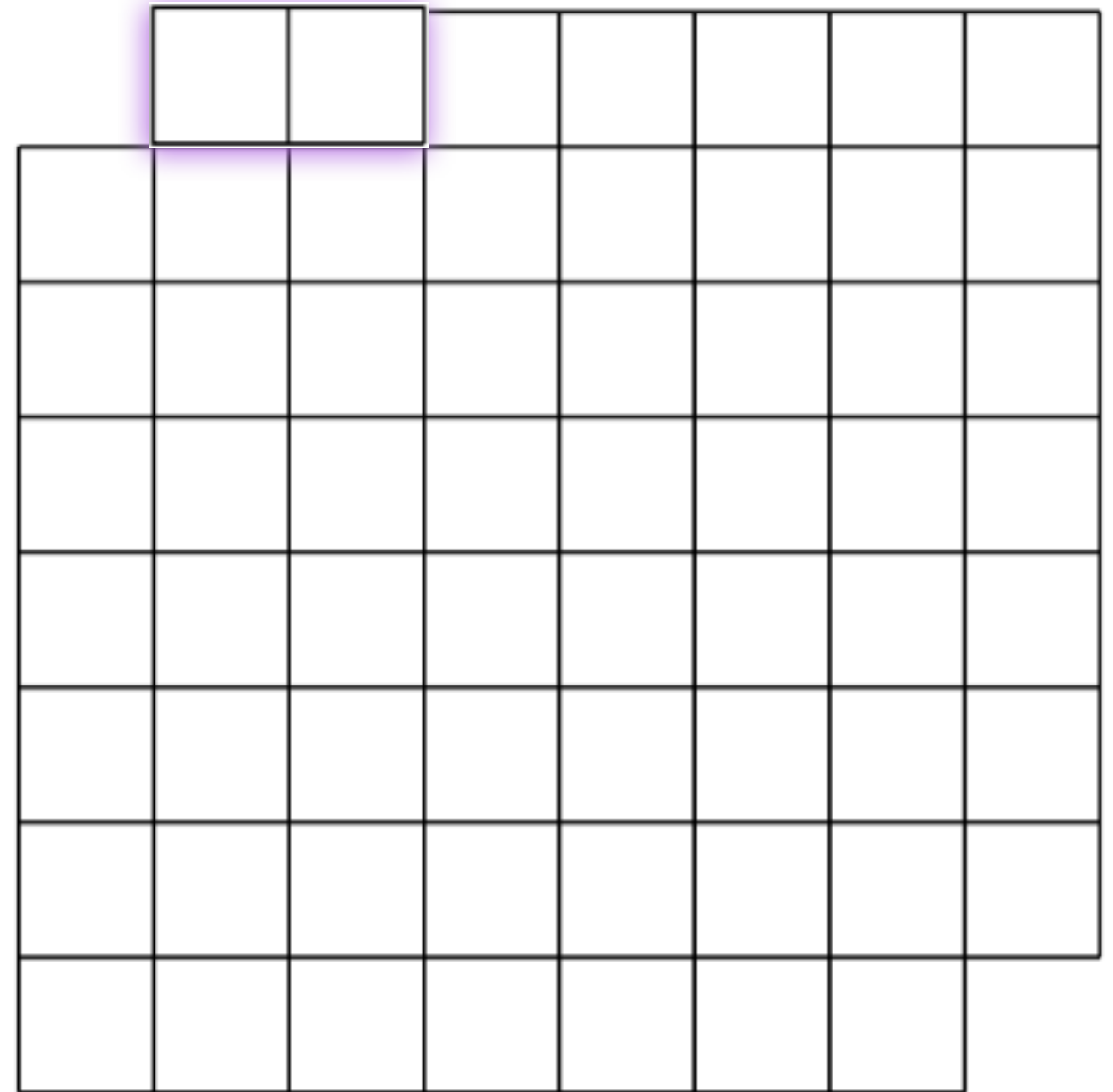


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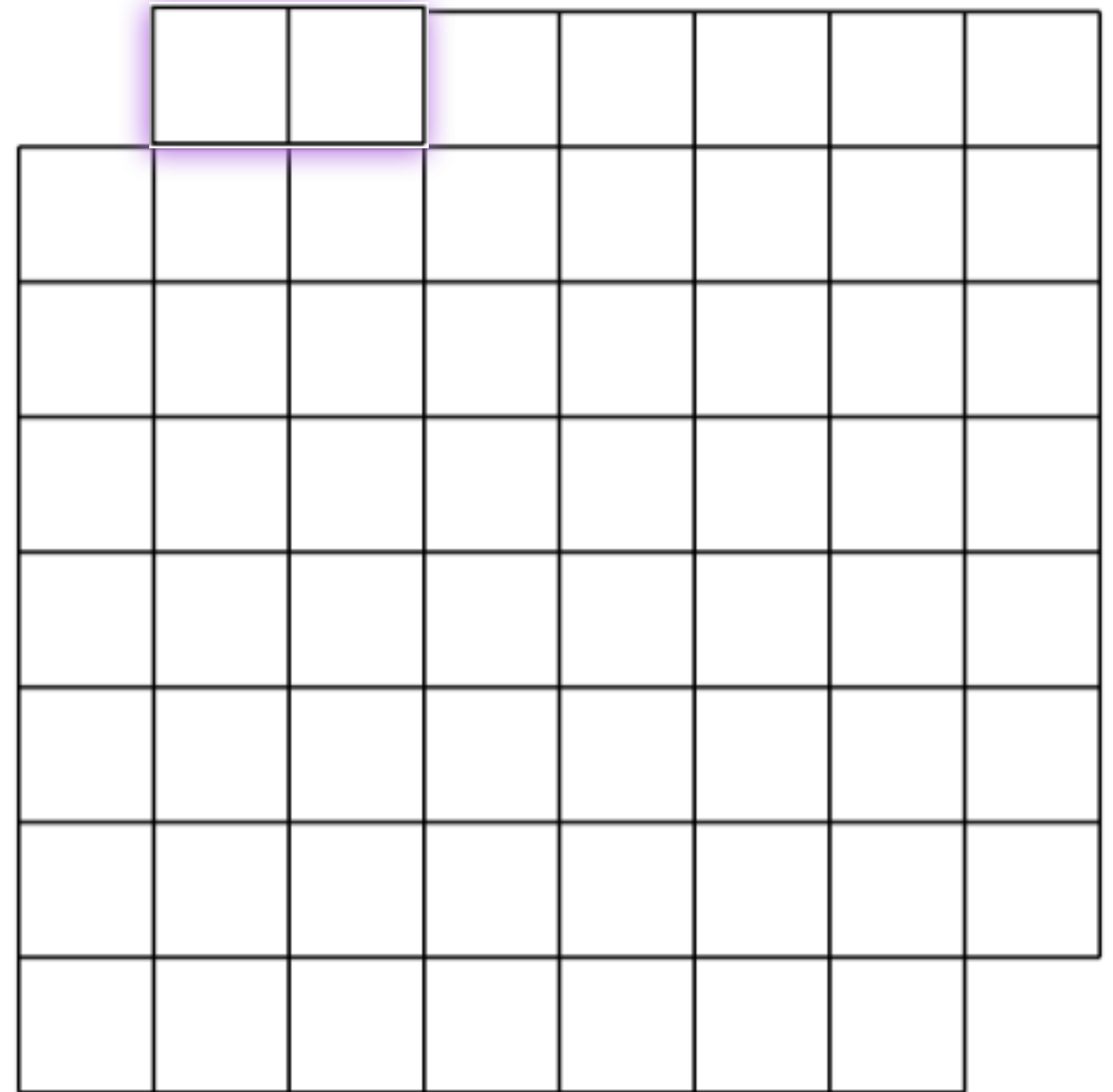
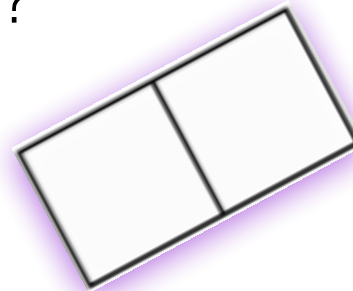
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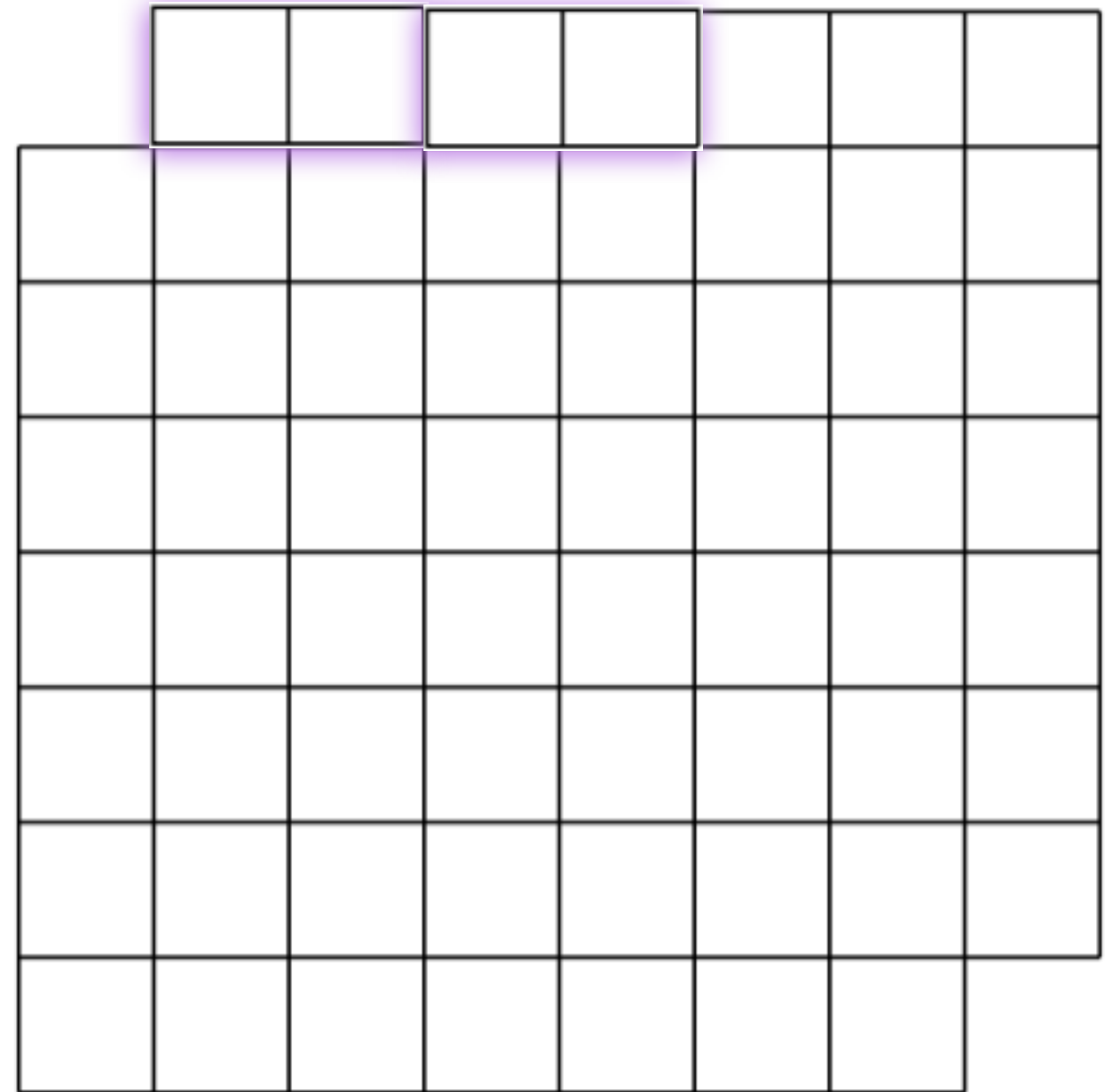


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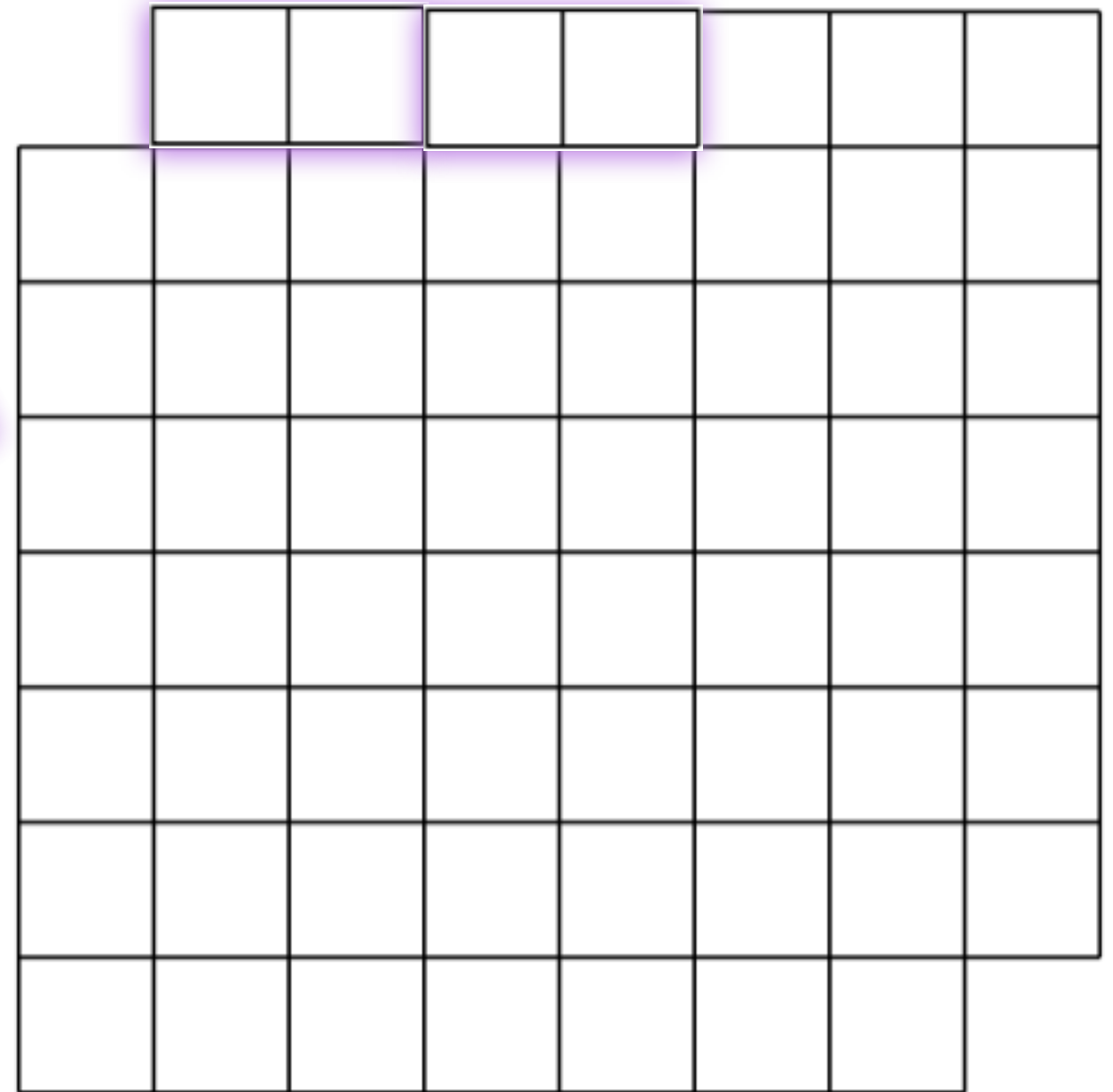
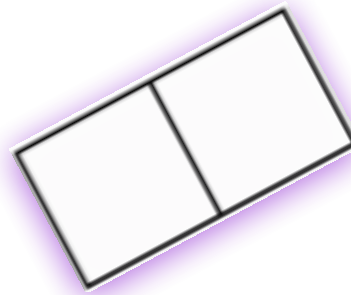
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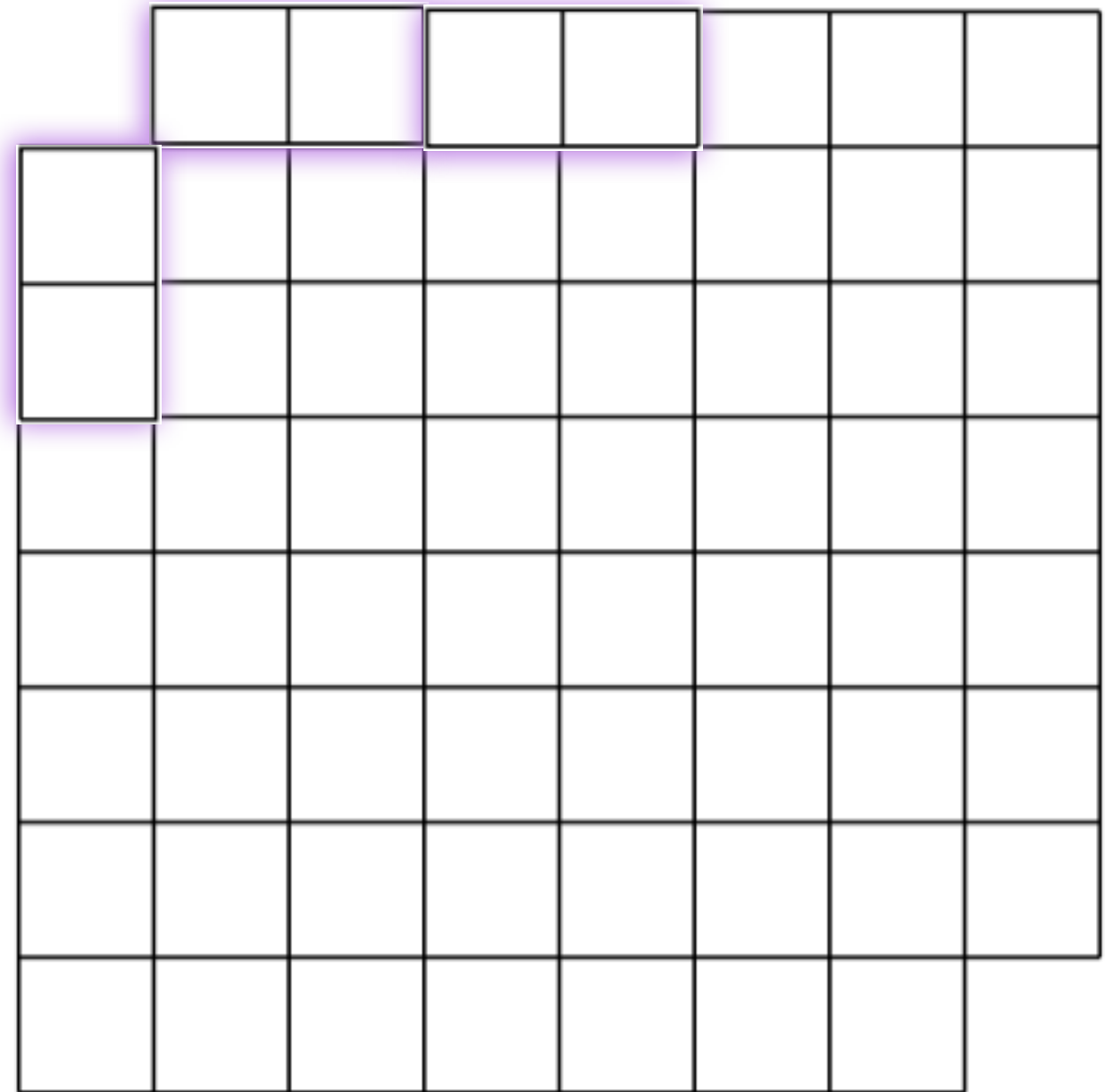


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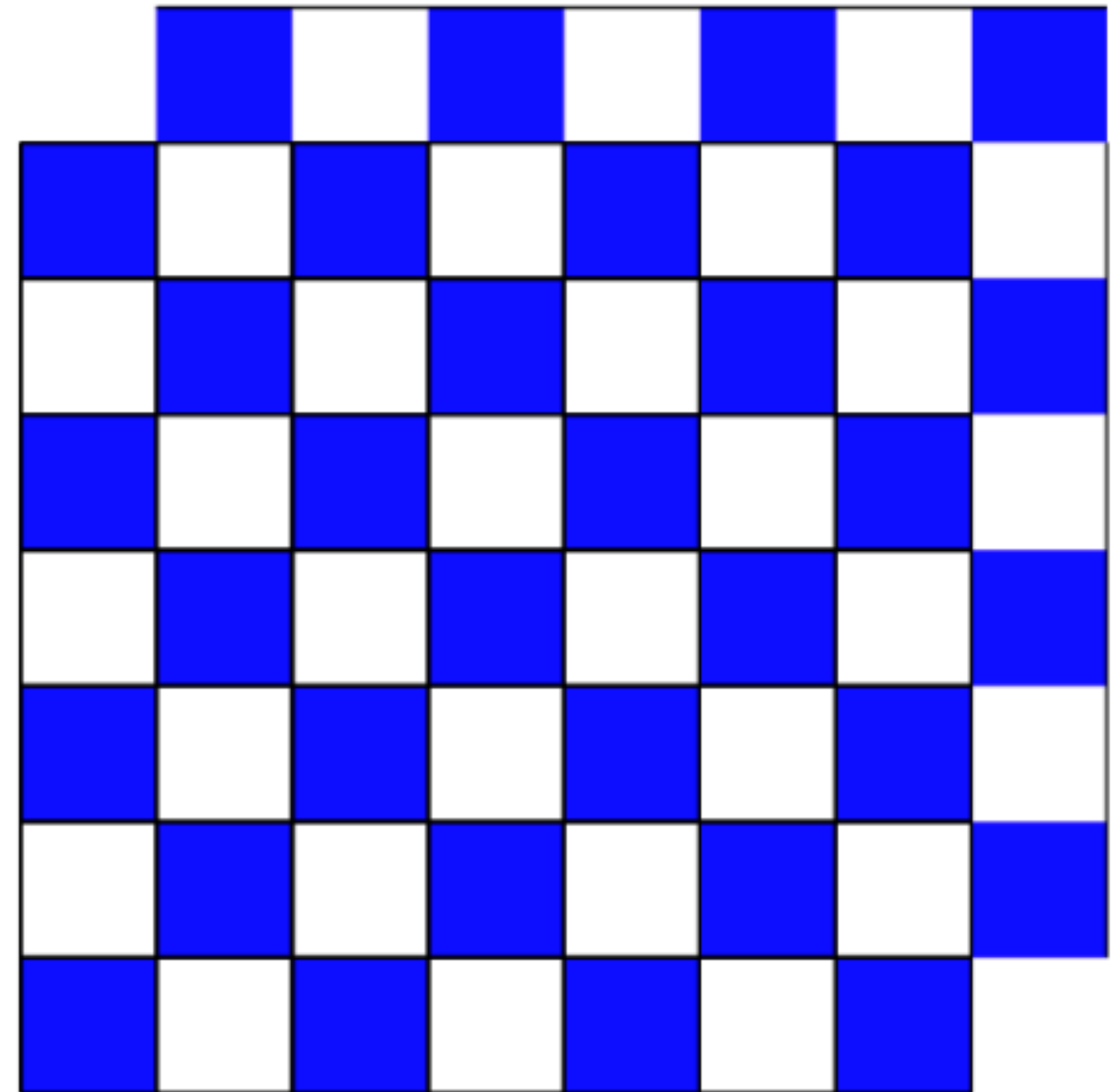
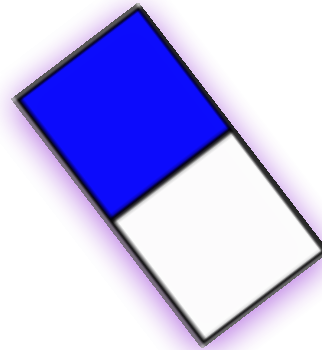
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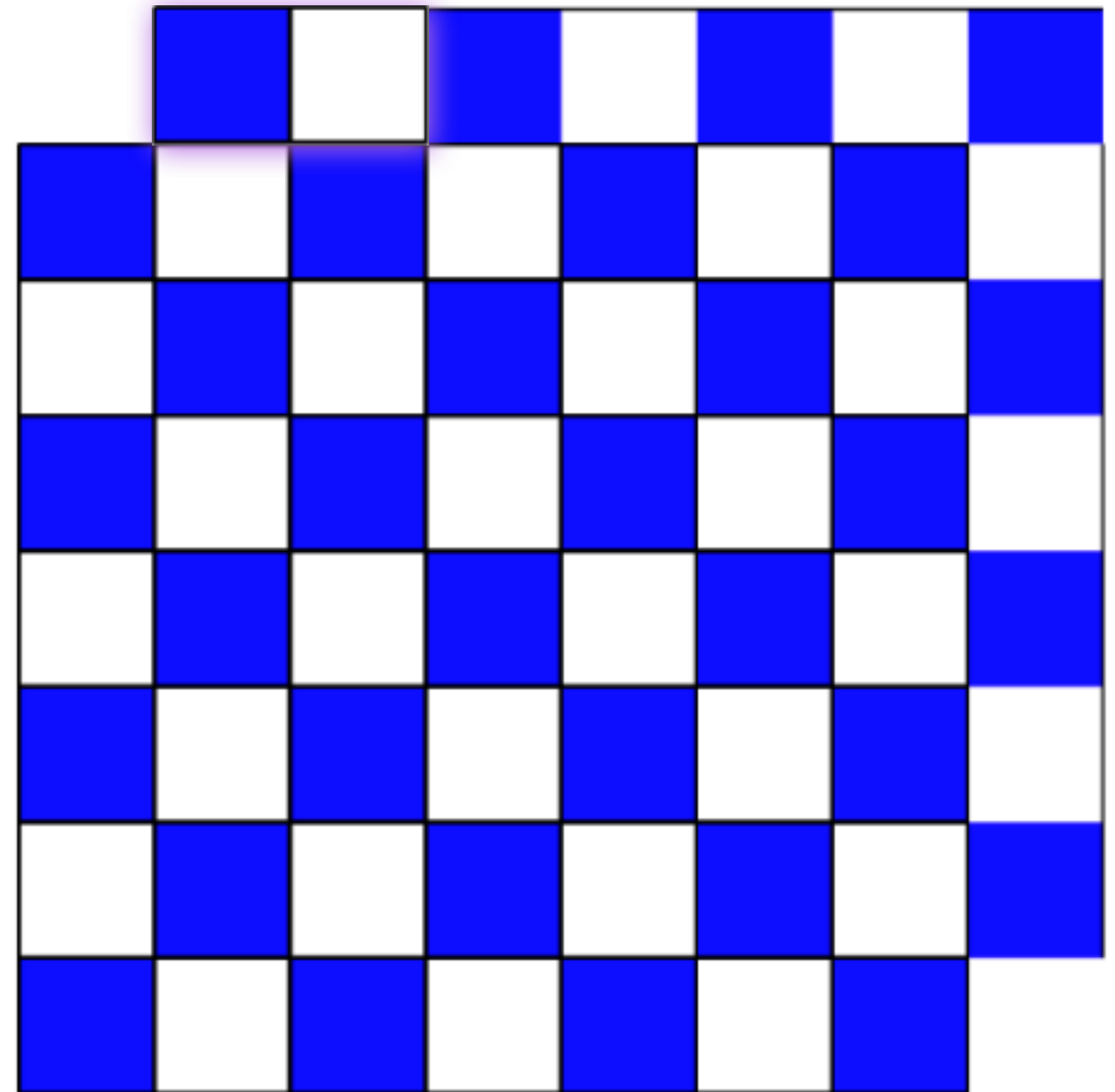


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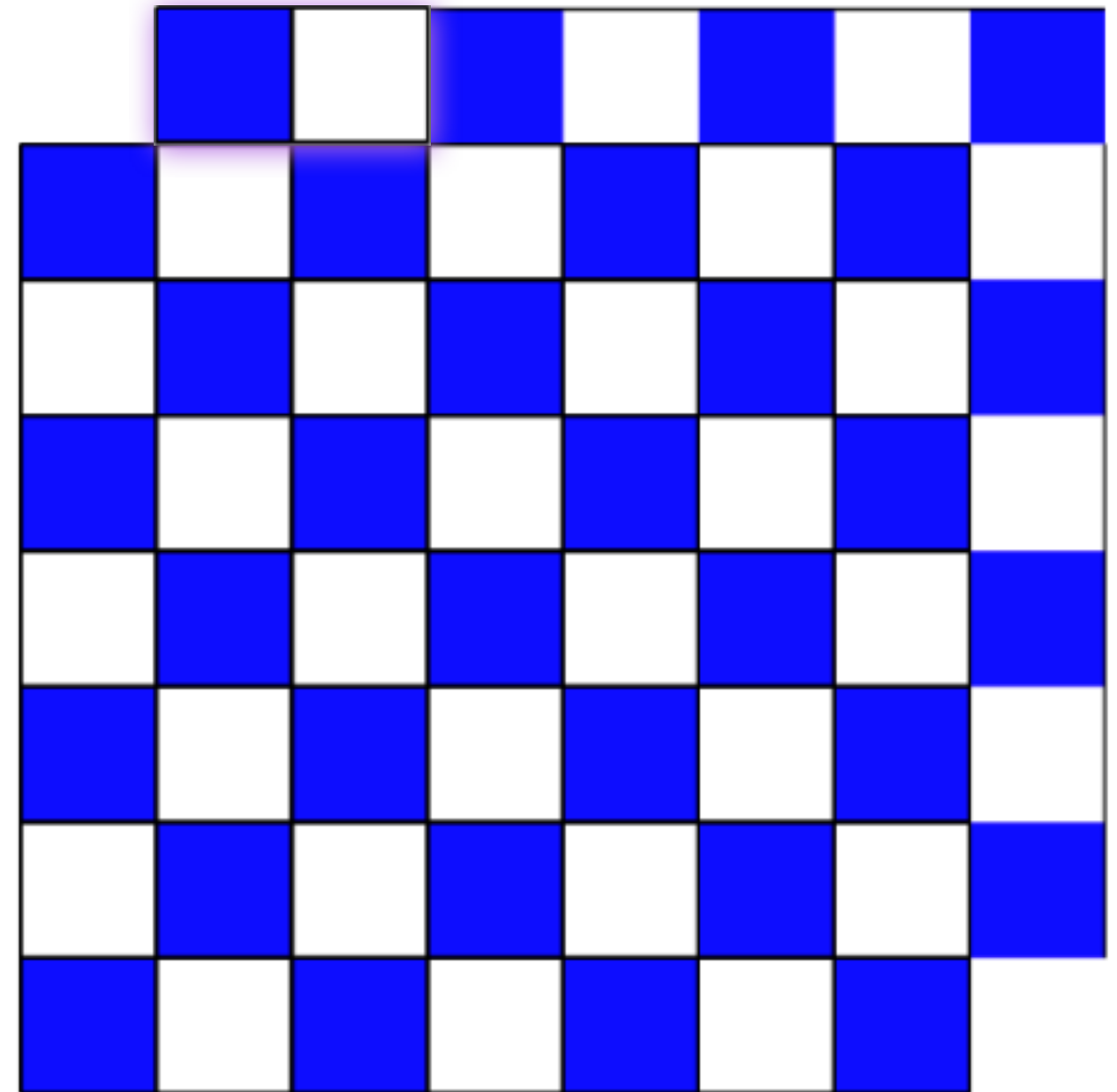
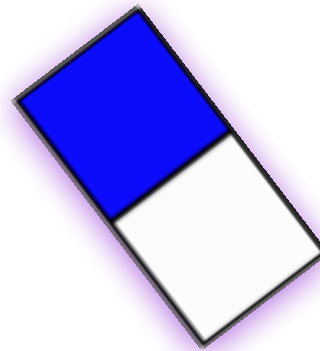


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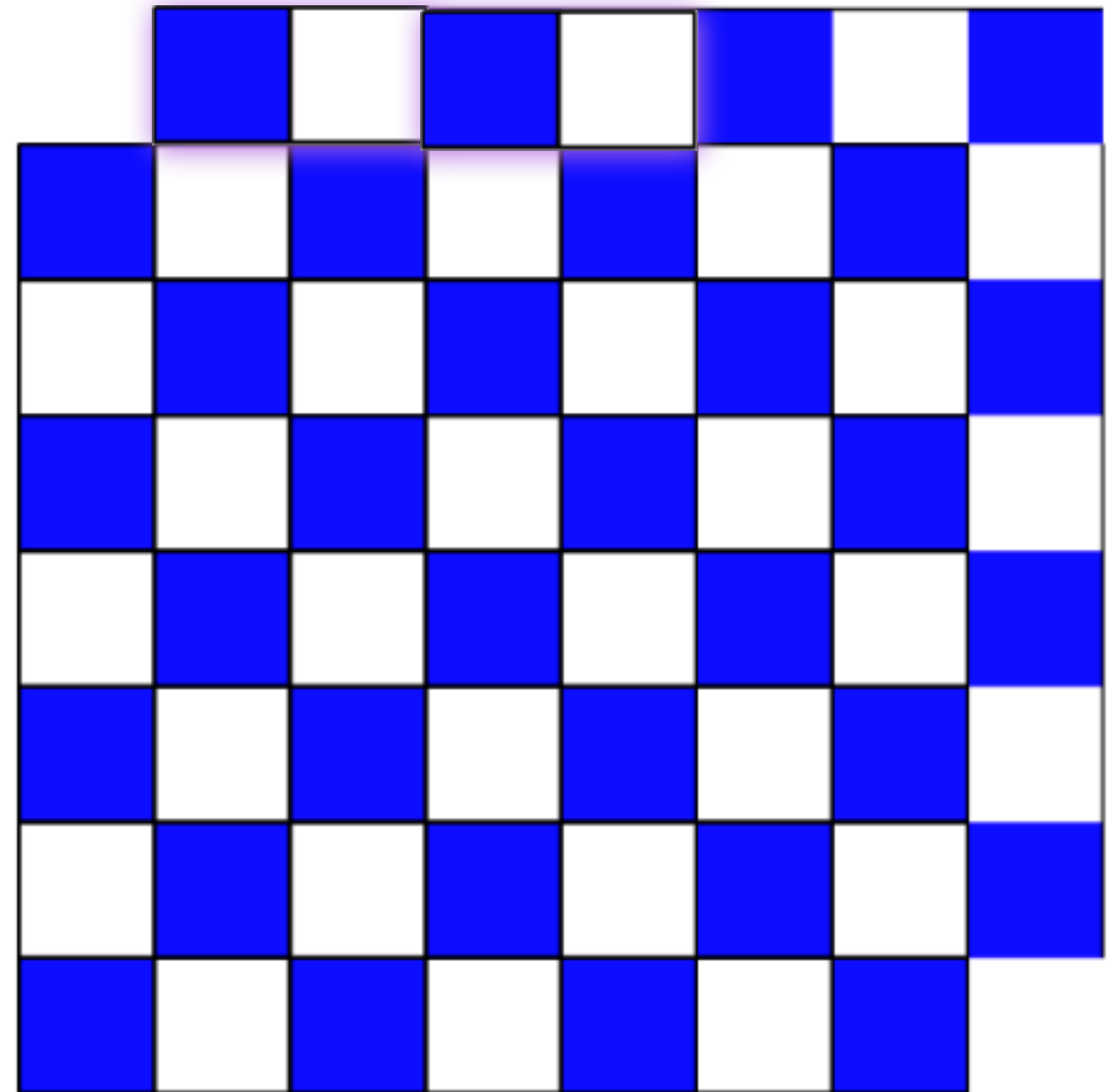
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- **Algorithms:** for solving problems, transforming data.
- **Data structures:** for storing data; arranging data in a way that suits an algorithm.
  - **Linear** data structures: stacks and queues
  - Trees and graphs
  - Dictionaries
- Which data structures are you familiar with?

# Exercise

- Pick your favourite data structure and describe:
  - How to insert an item into the data structure
  - How to find an item
  - How to handle duplicate items

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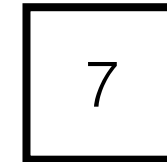
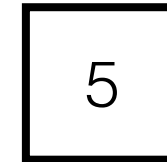
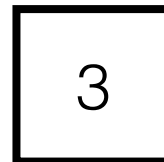
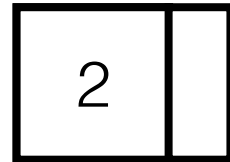
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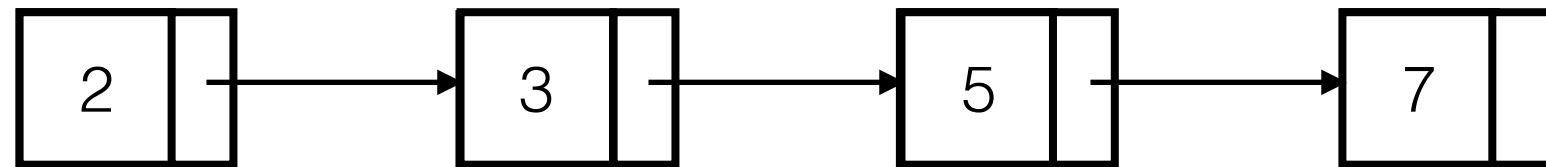
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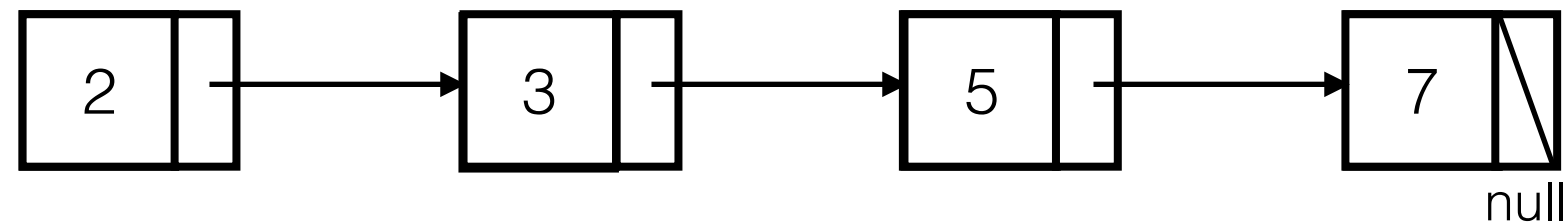
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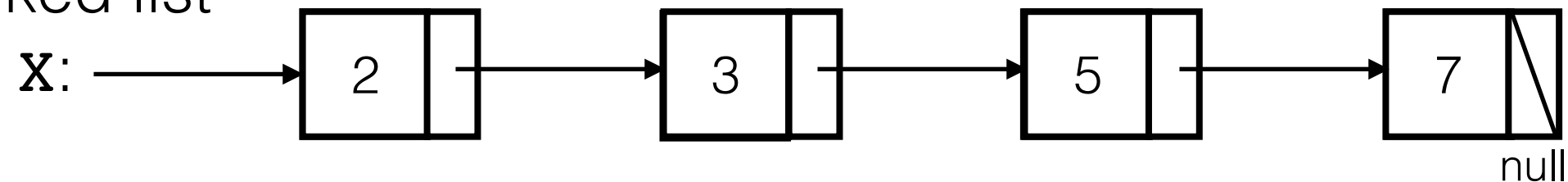


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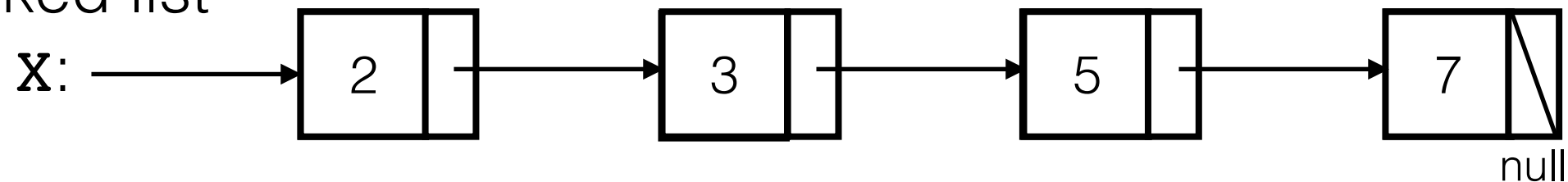
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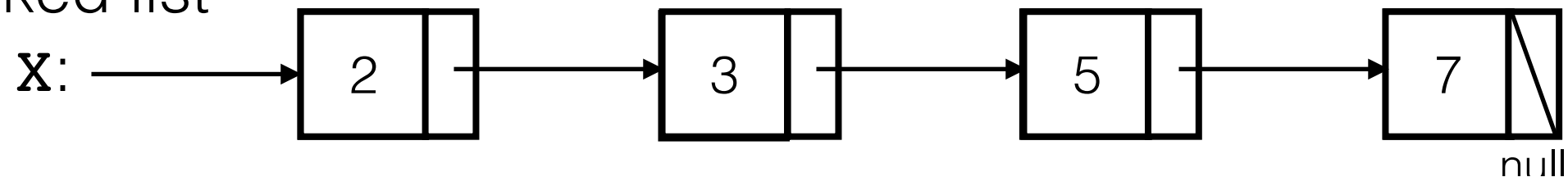


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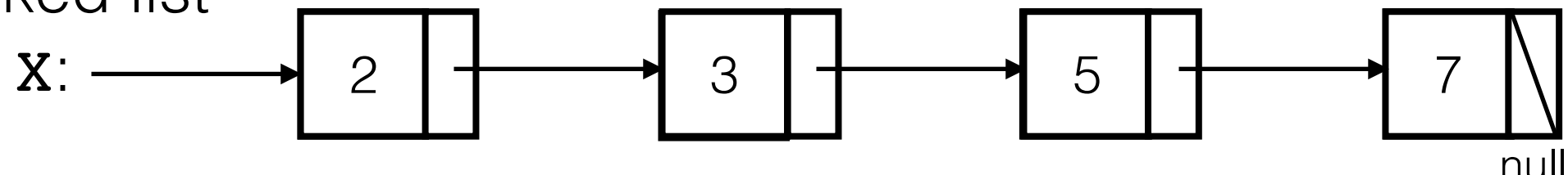
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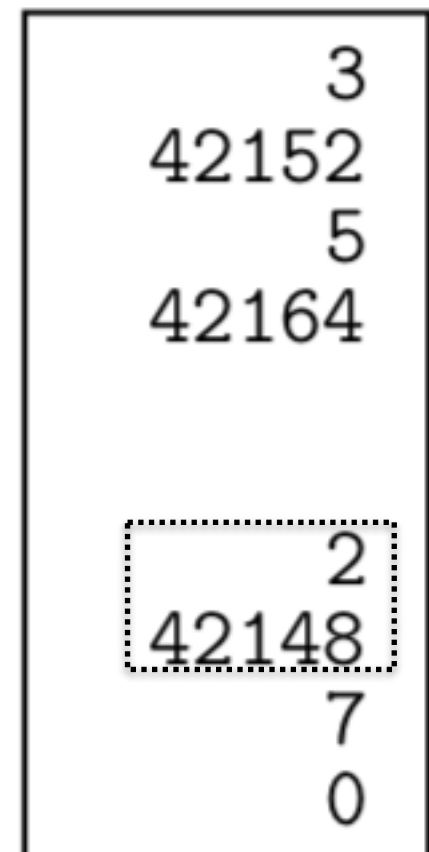


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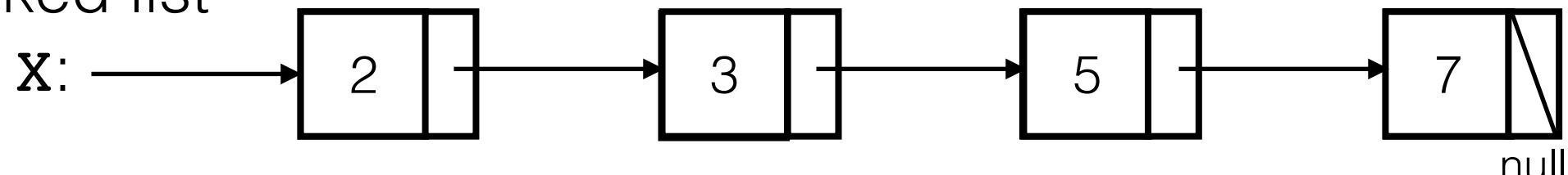
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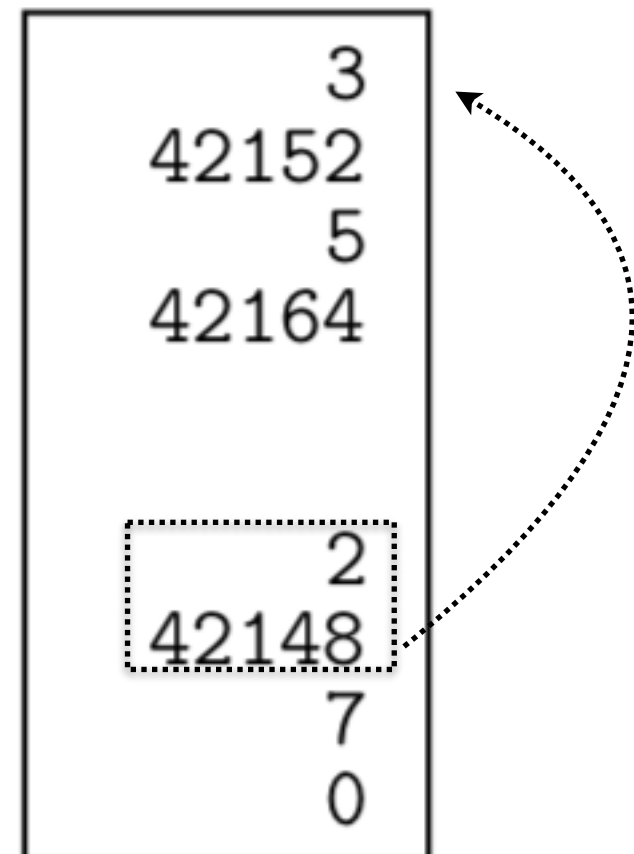


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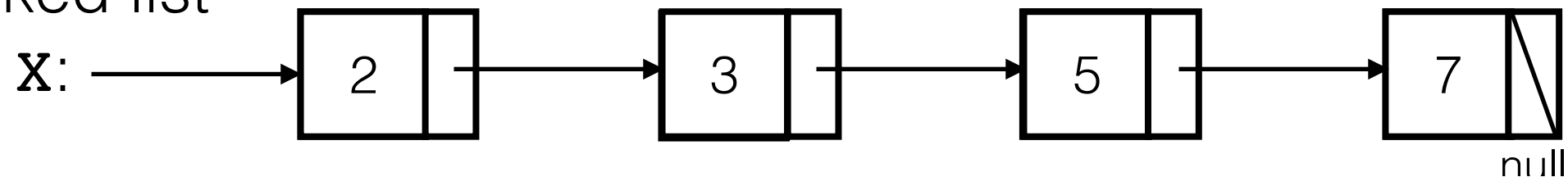
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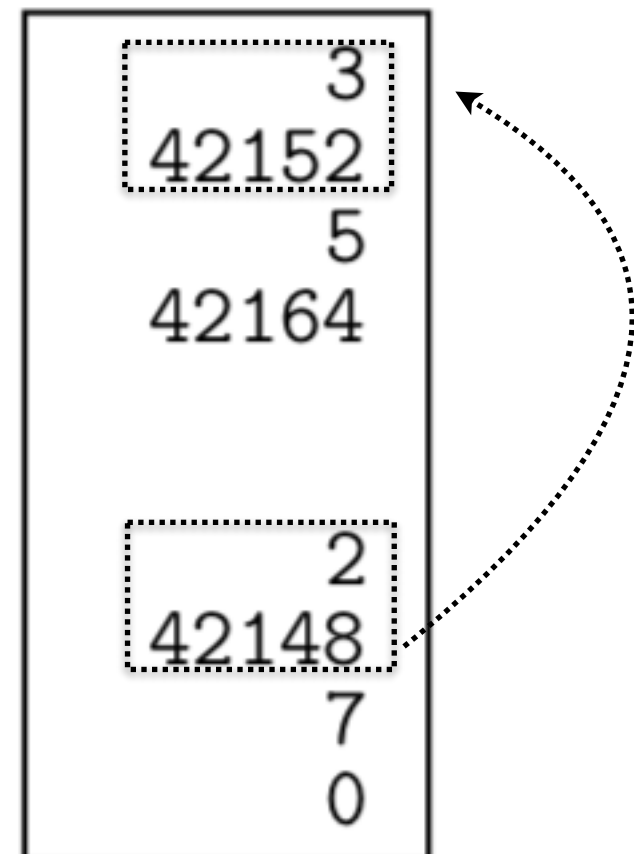


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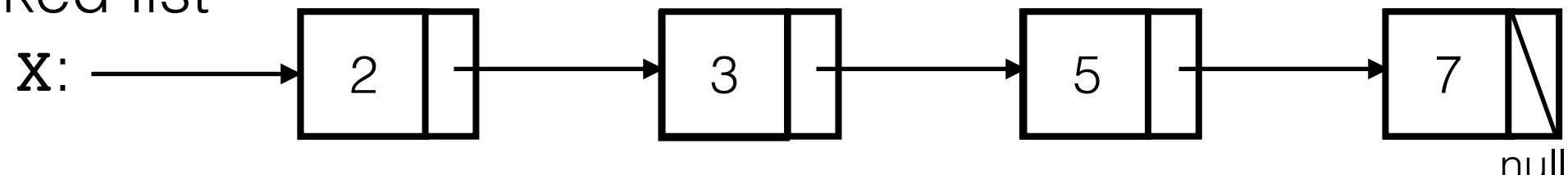
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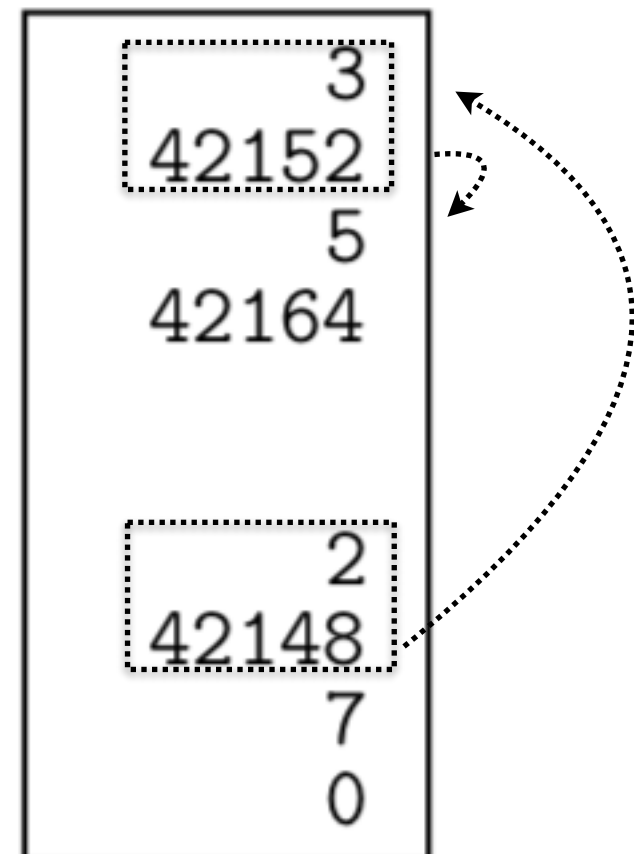


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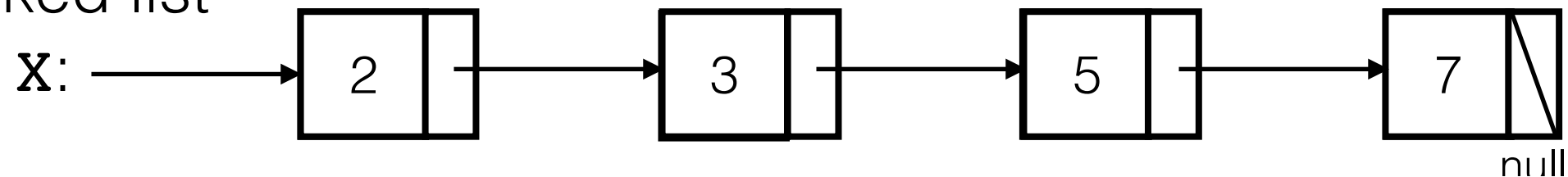
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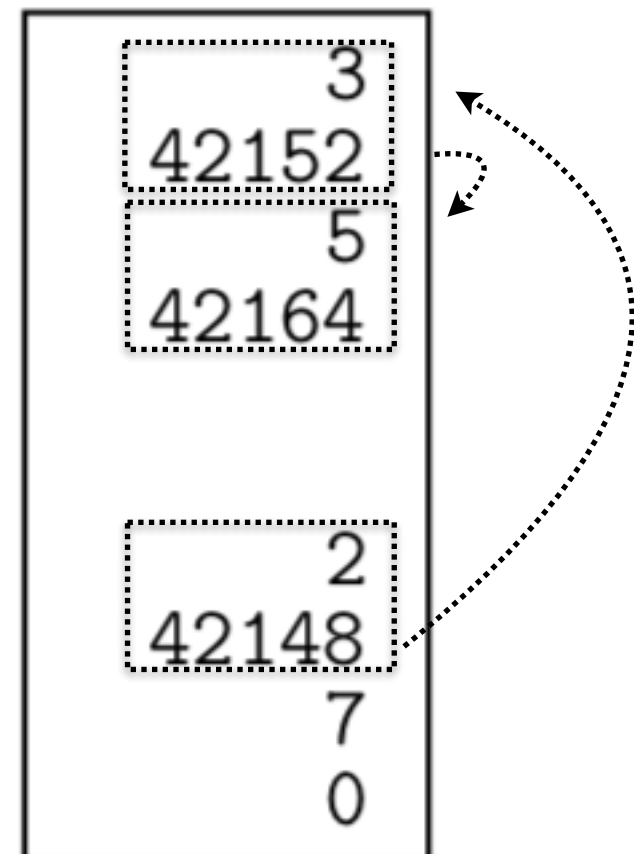


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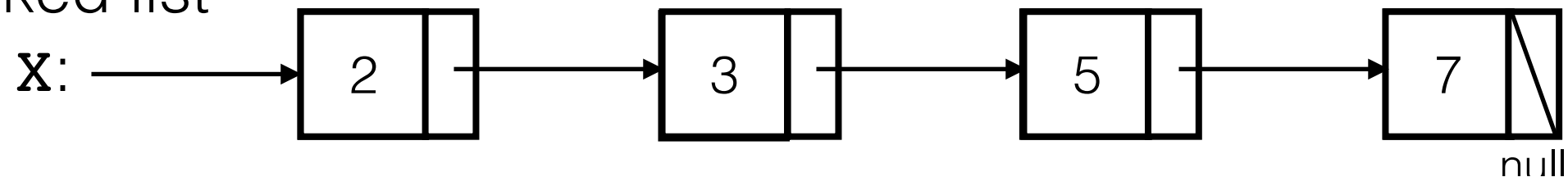




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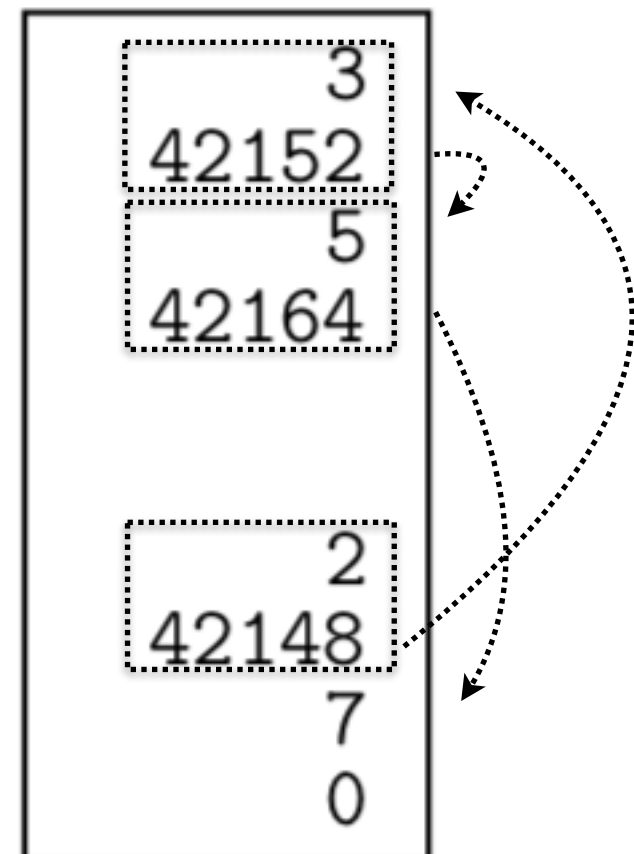


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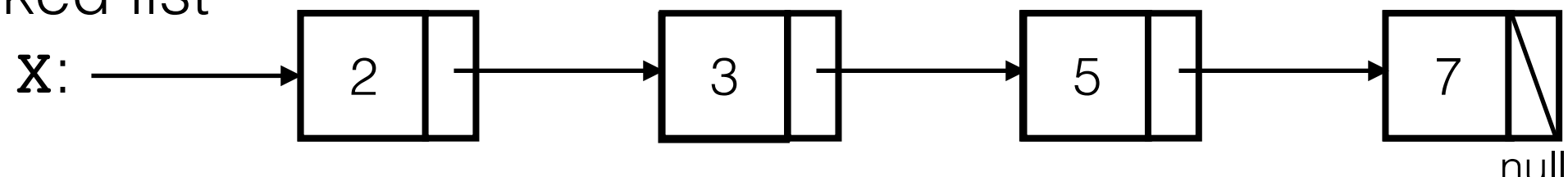
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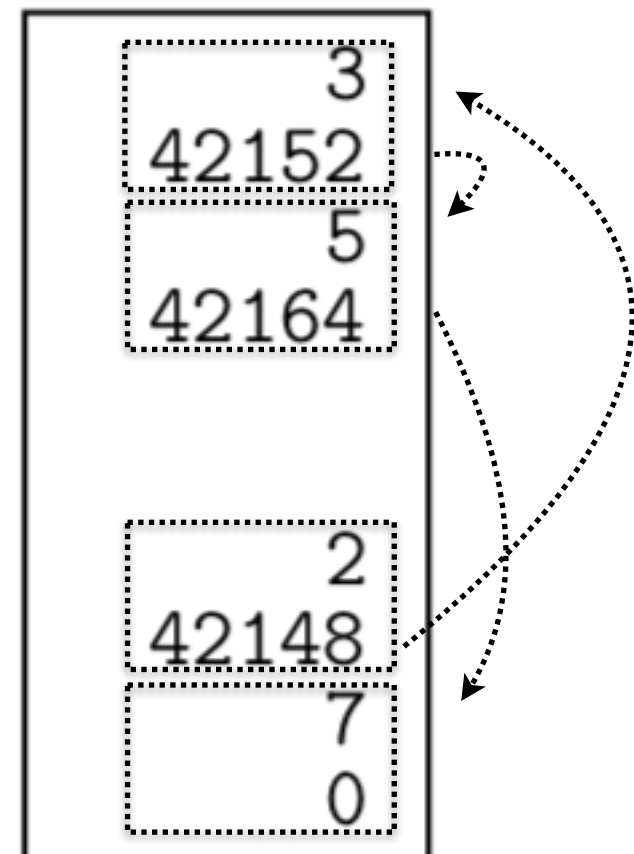


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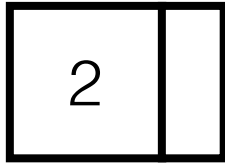
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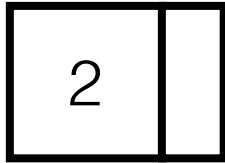


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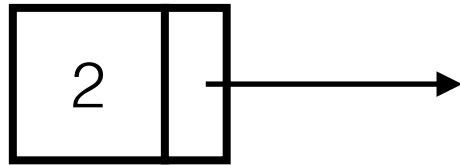
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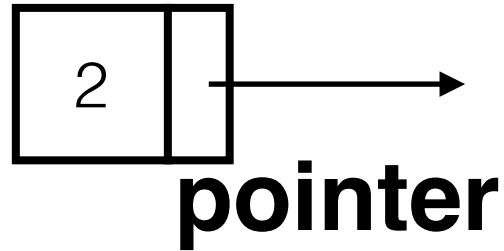


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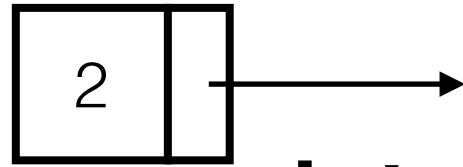
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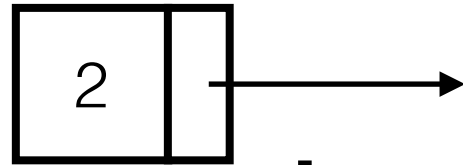
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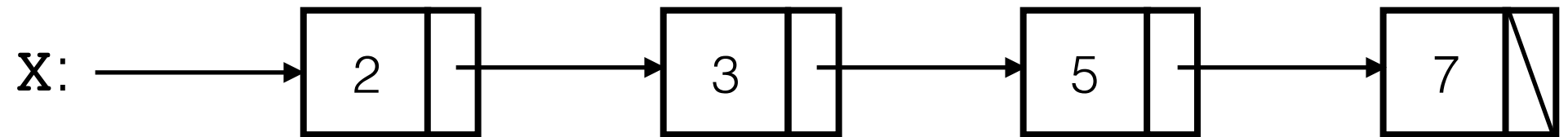
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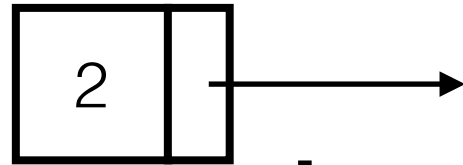
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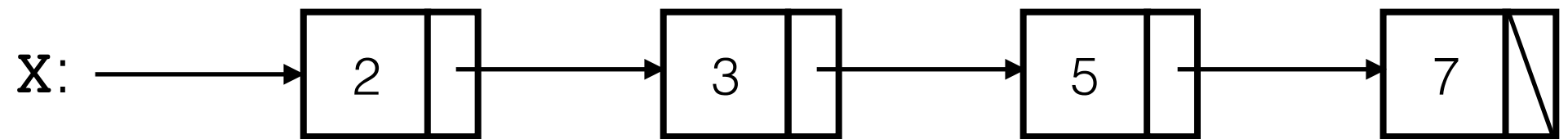
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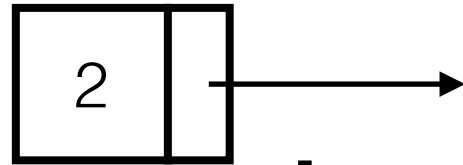
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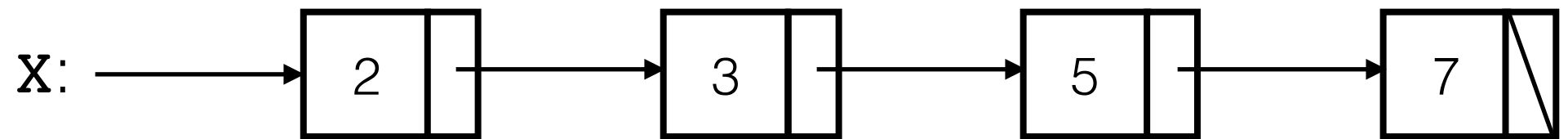
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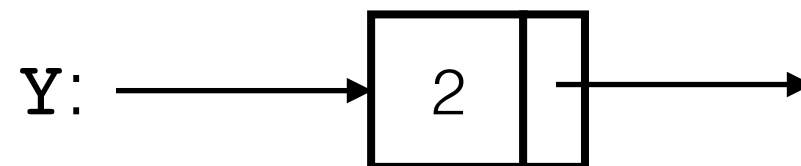


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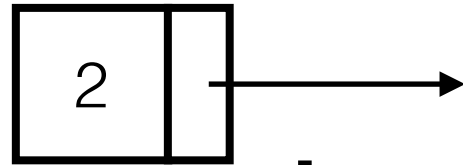


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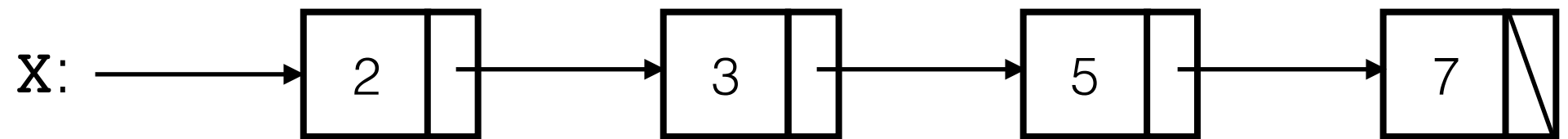
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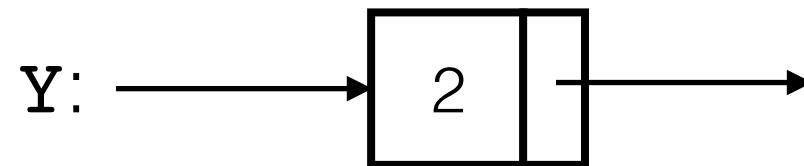


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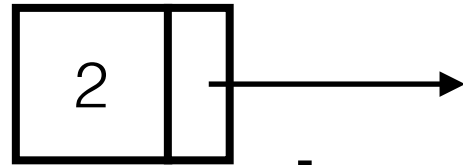
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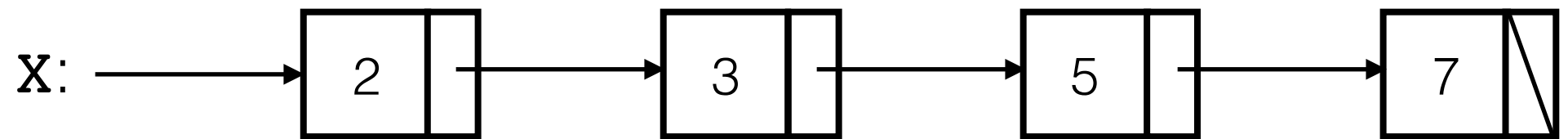
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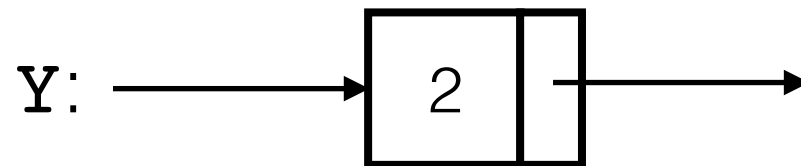


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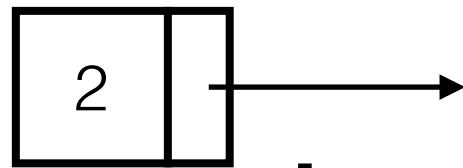


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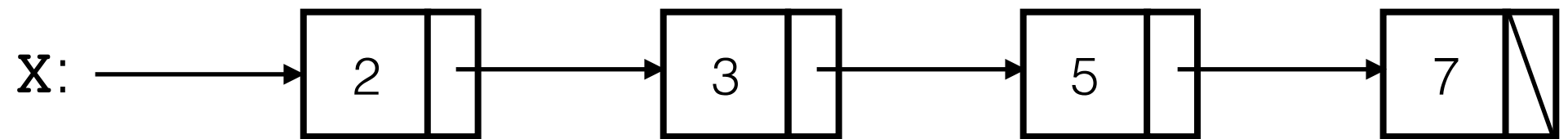


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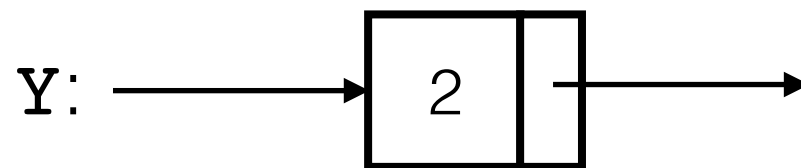


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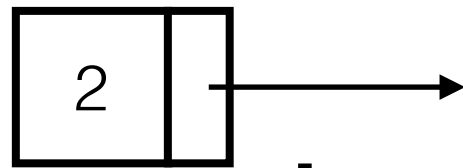
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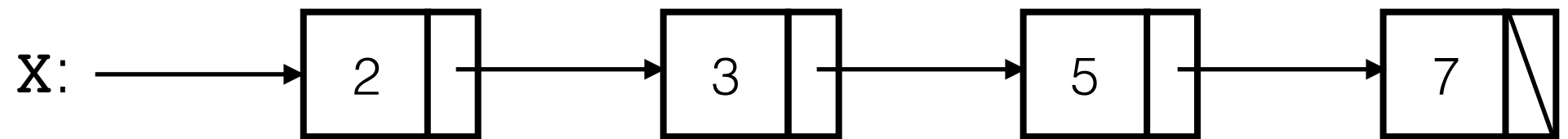


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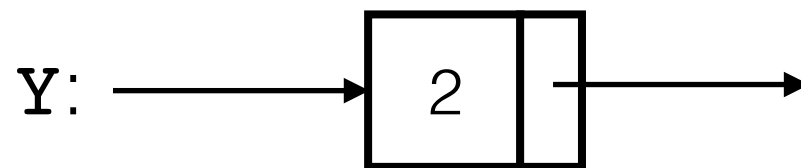


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# Linked List

- Often we use a dummy head node that points to the first object, or to a special `null` object that represents an empty list. This makes it easier to write functions that insert or delete elements.
- Inserting and deleting elements is very fast: just move a few links around.
- Finding the  $i$ th element can be time-consuming.



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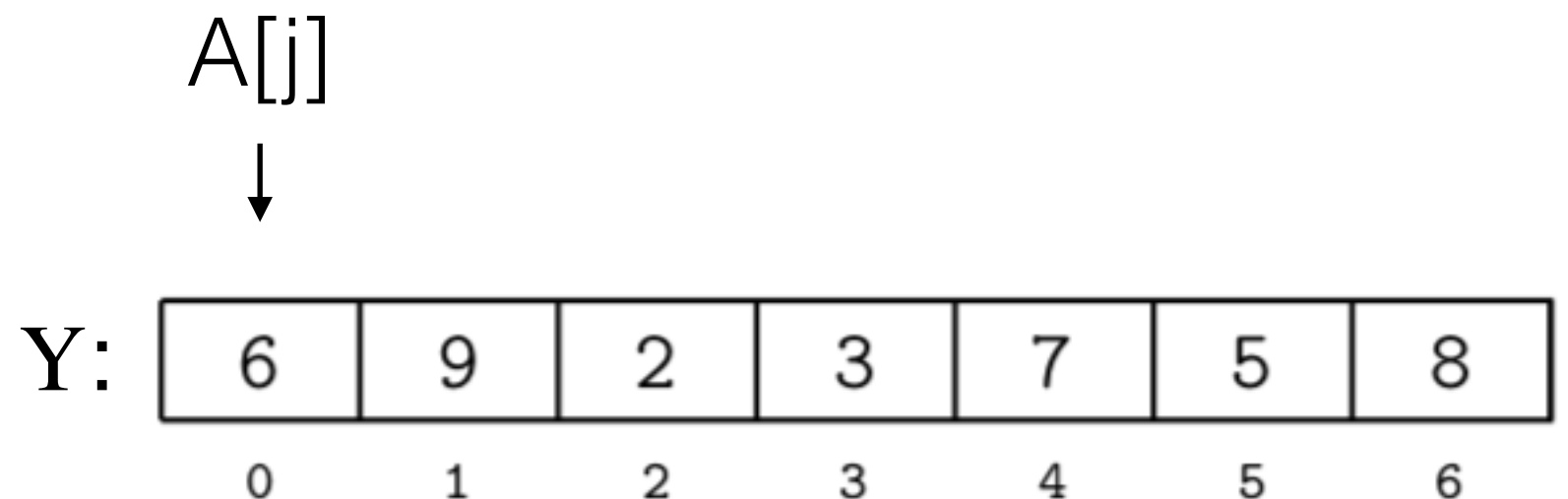
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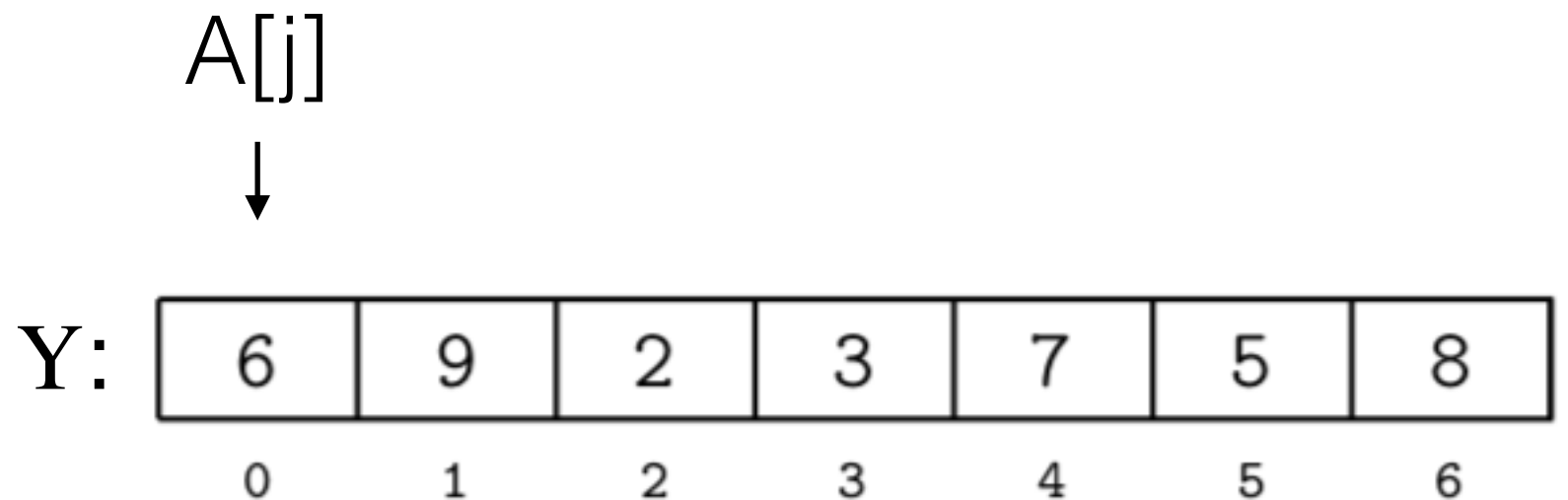
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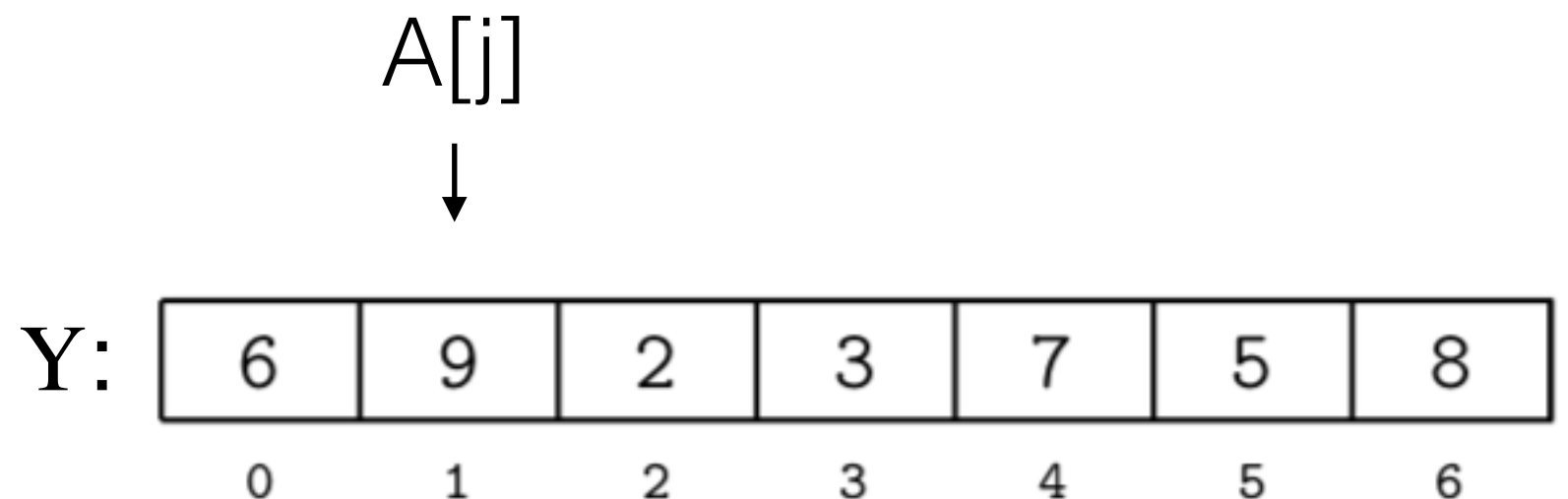
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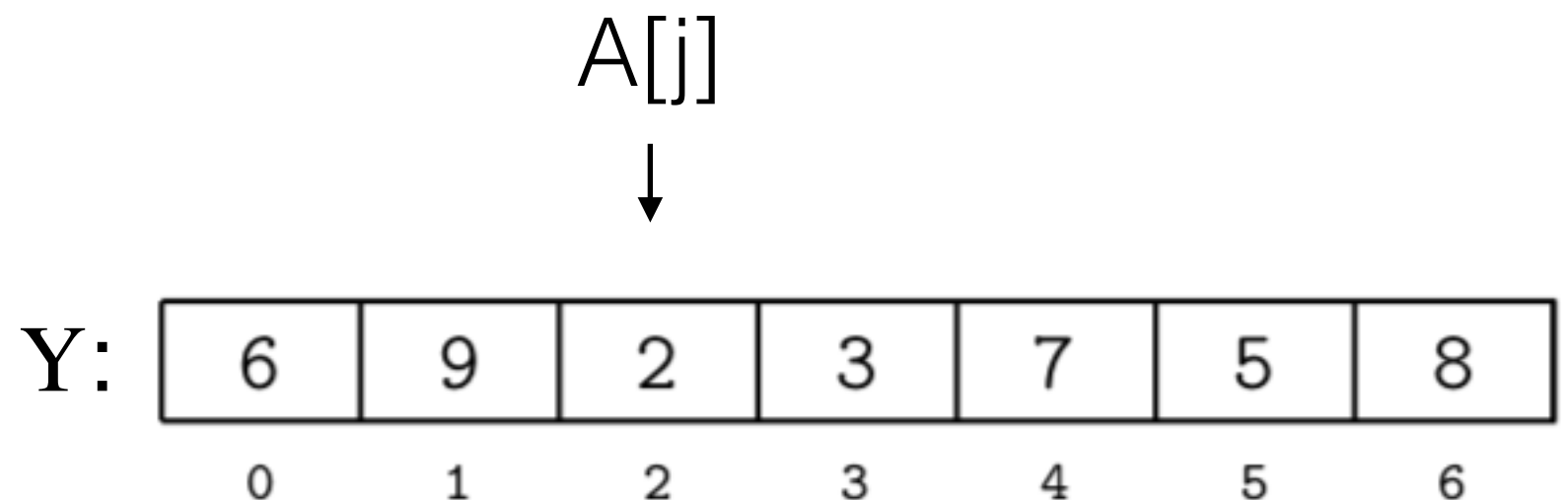
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A[j]  
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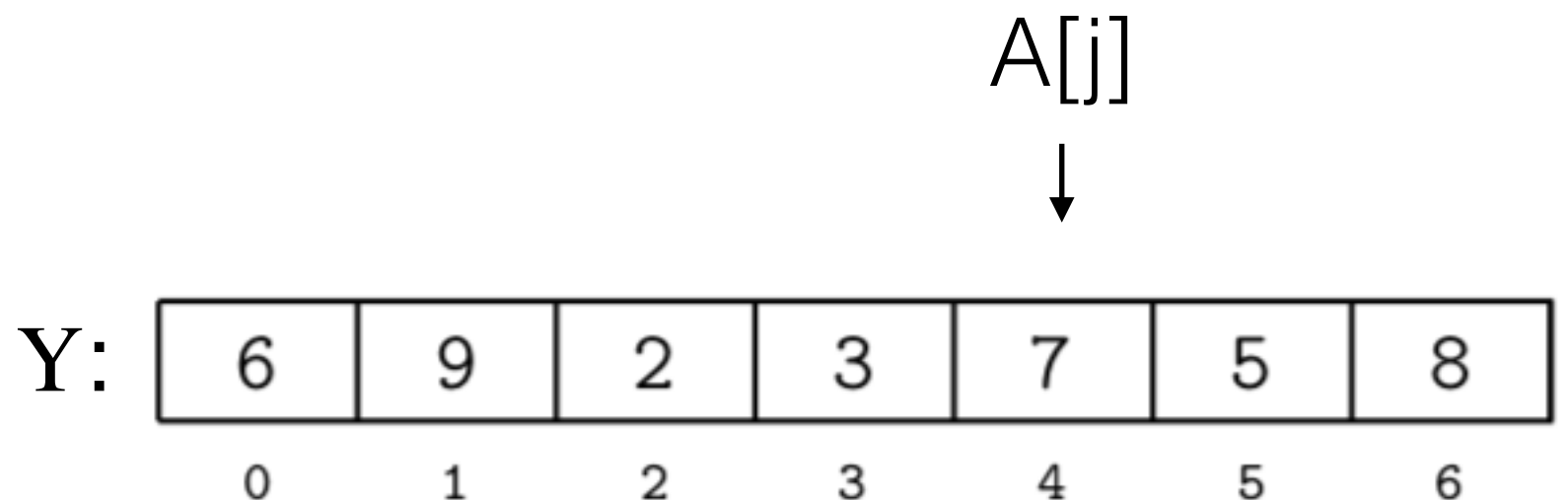
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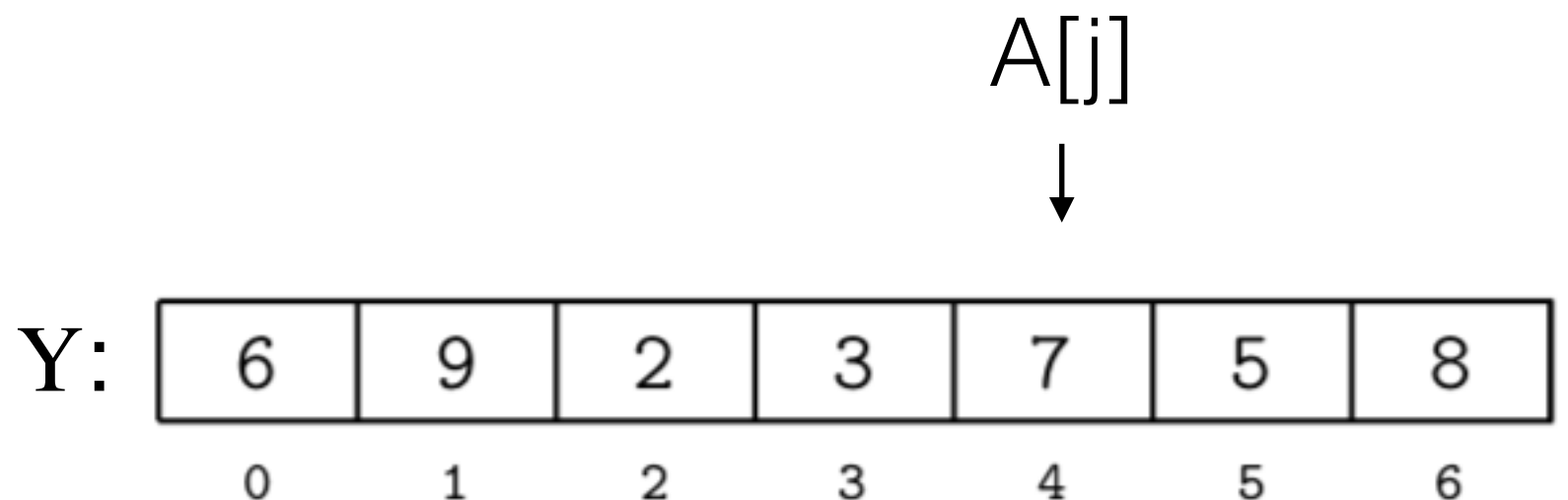
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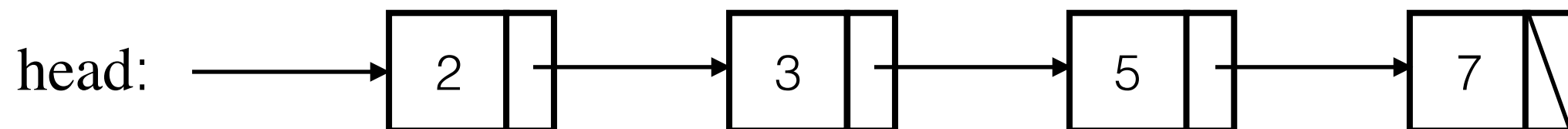
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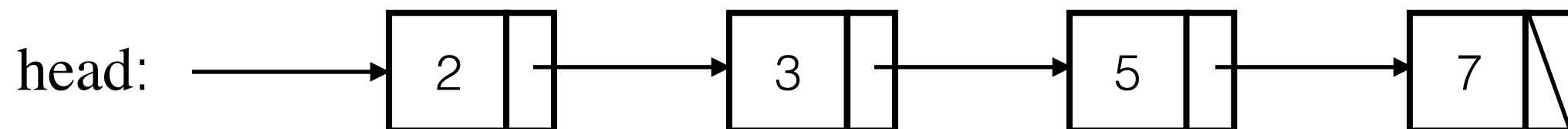
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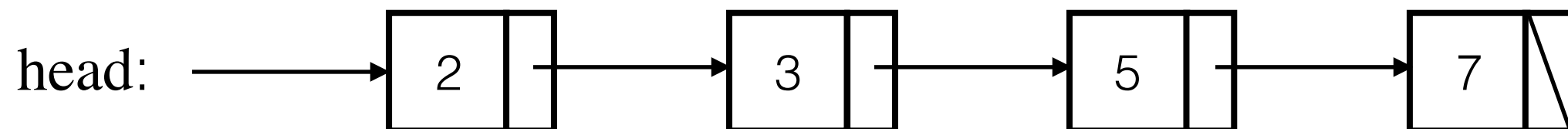
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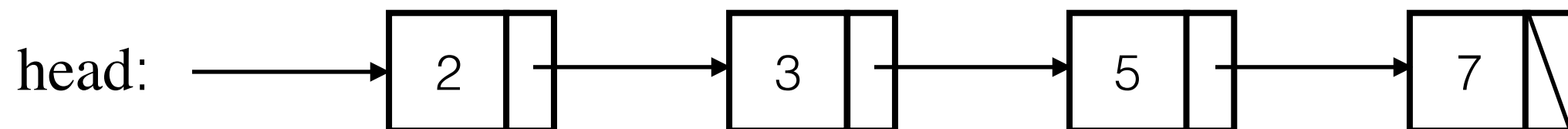
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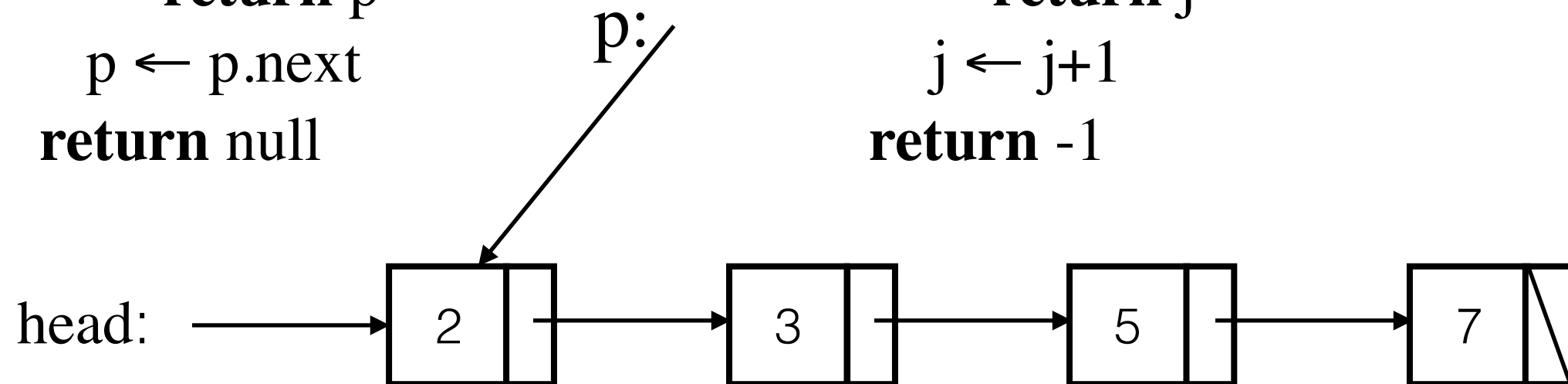
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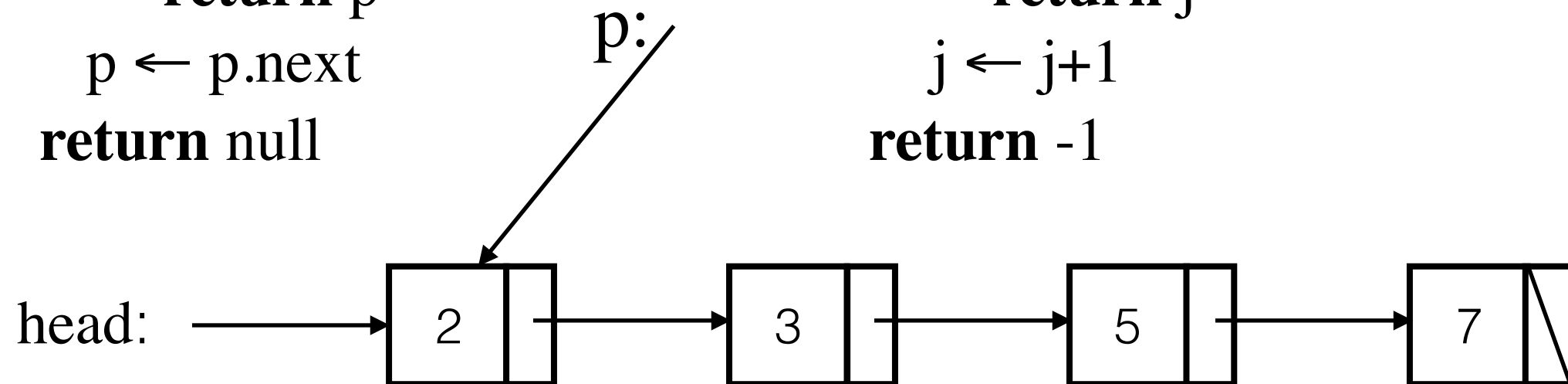
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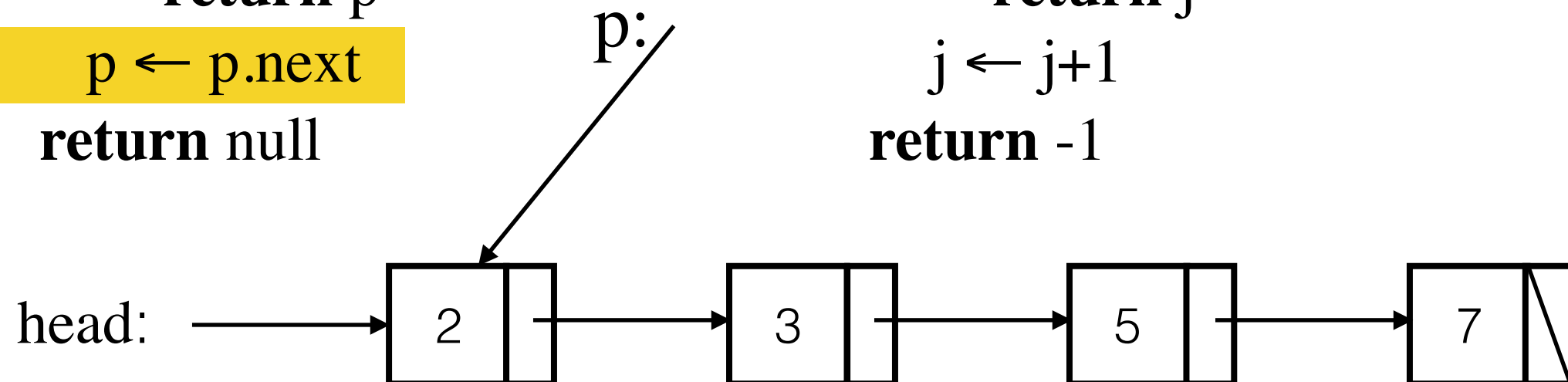
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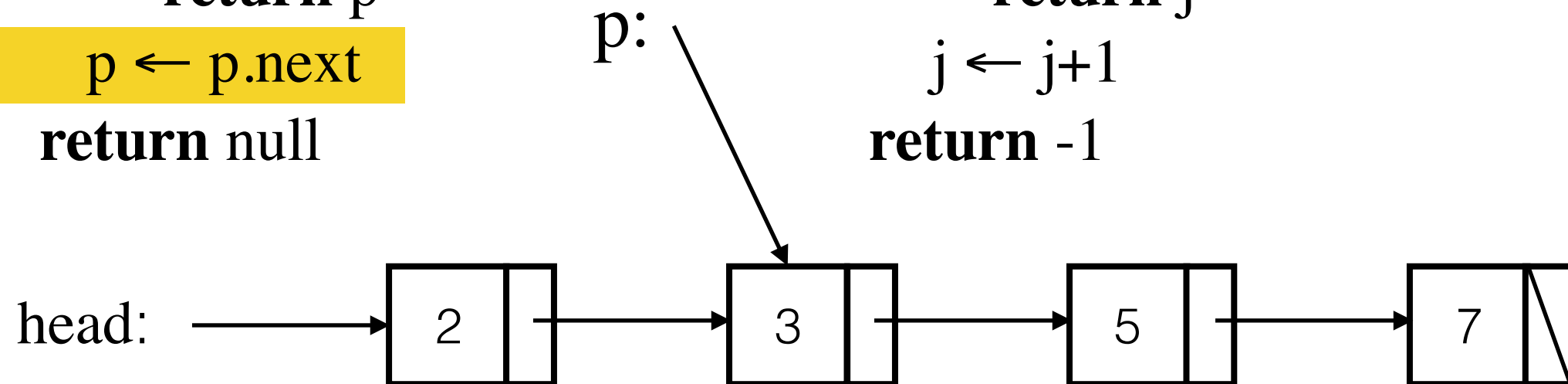
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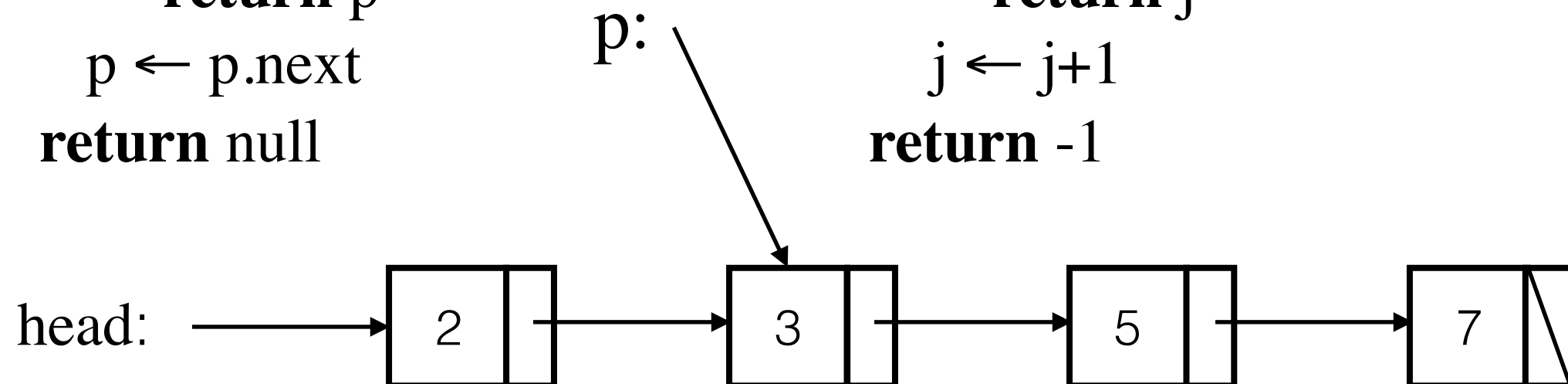
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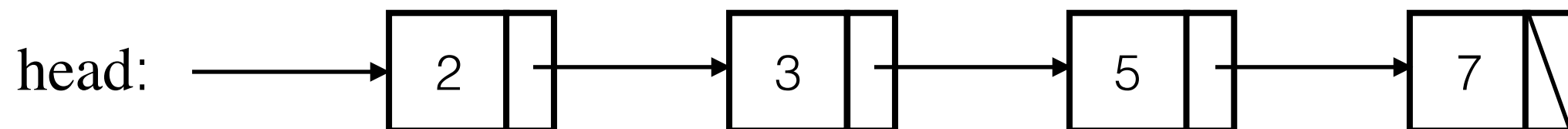
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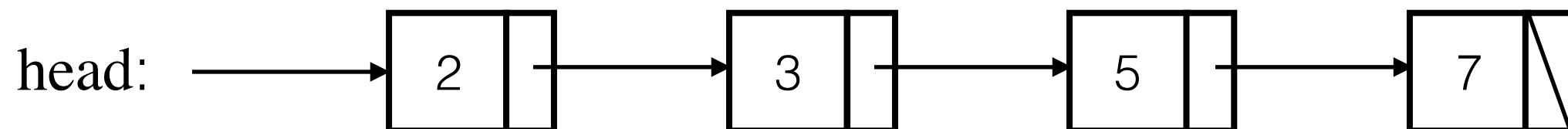


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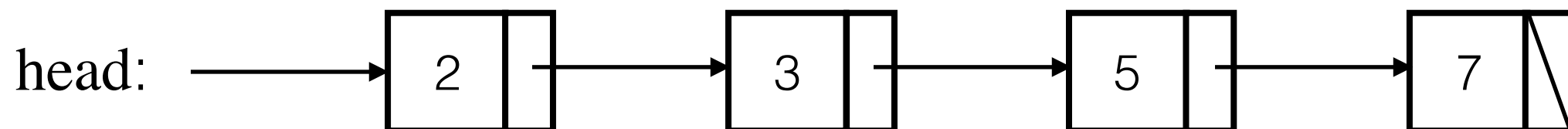
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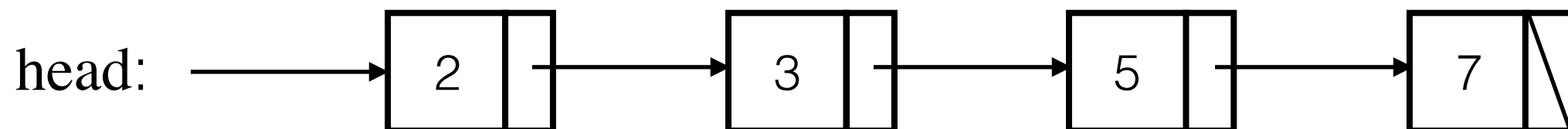
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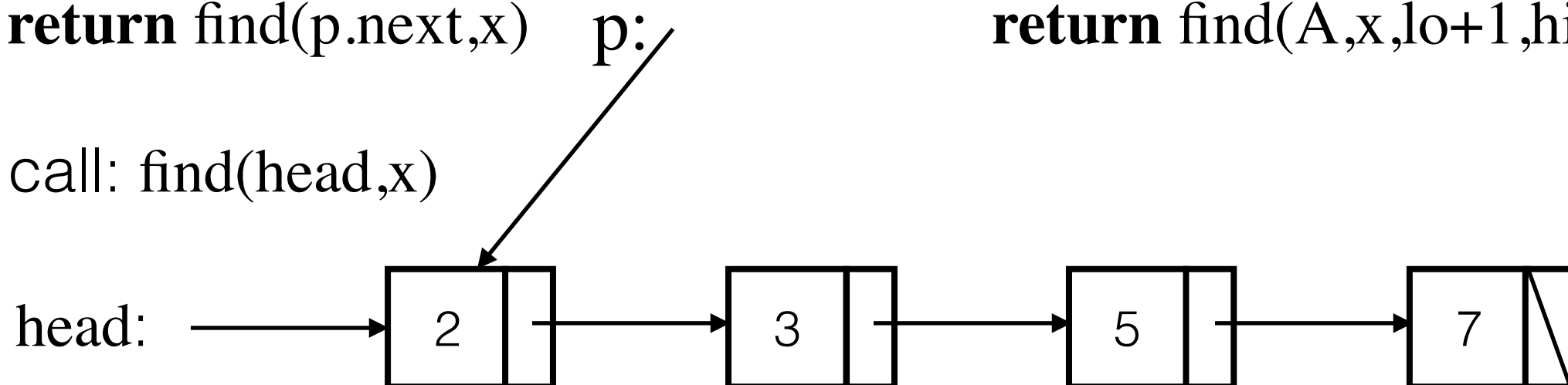
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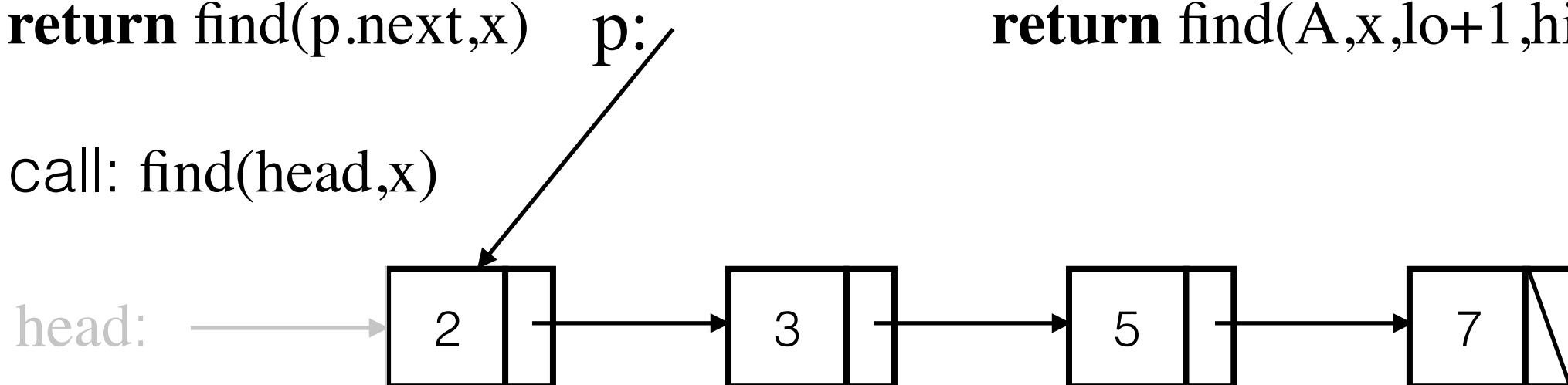
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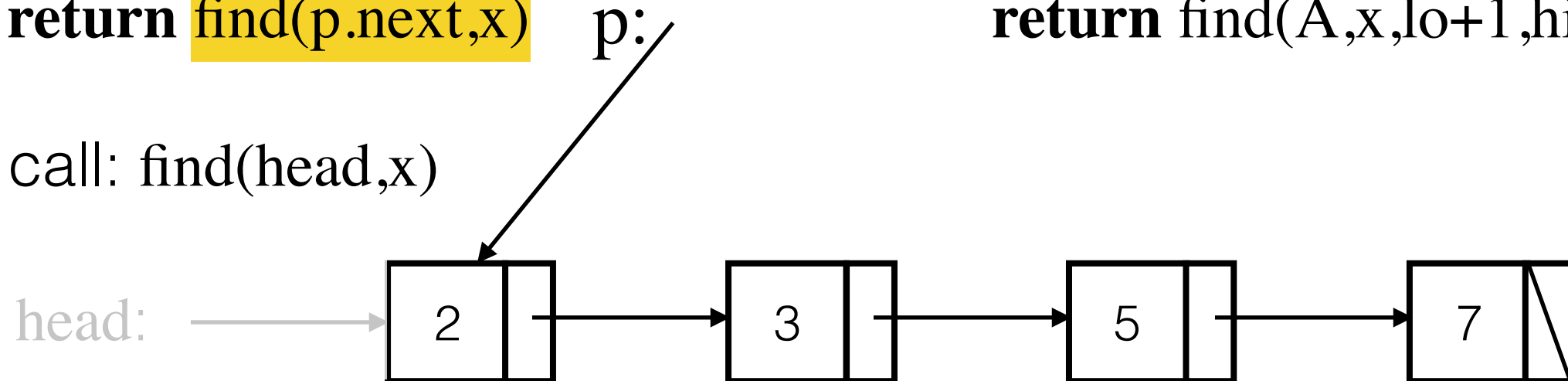
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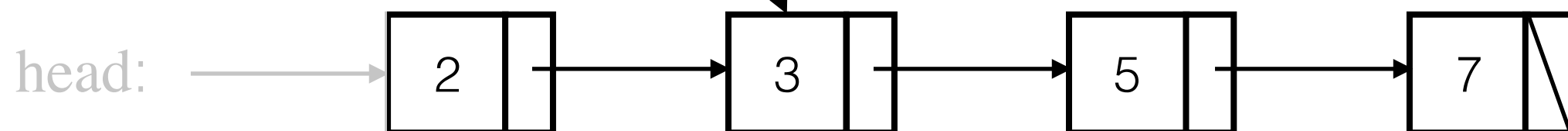
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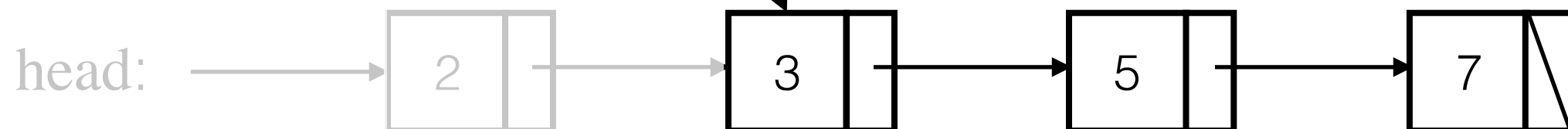
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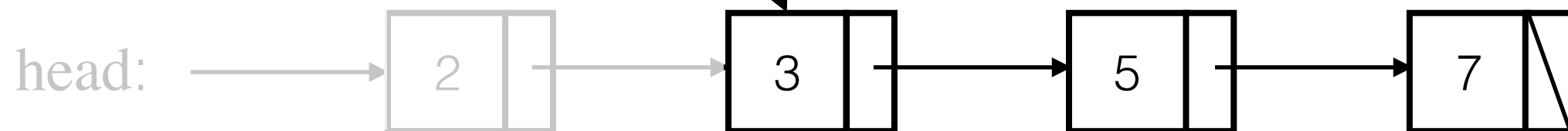
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# Abstract DataTypes

- A collection of data items, and a family of operations that operate on that data
- Think of an ADT as a set of contracts, an **interface**
- We must still **implement** these promises, but it is an advantage to separate the implementation of the ADT from the “concept” (i.e. the interface it provides)
- Good programming practice is to support this separation
  - Nothing outside of the definition of the ADT should refer to anything inside, except through function calls and basic operations

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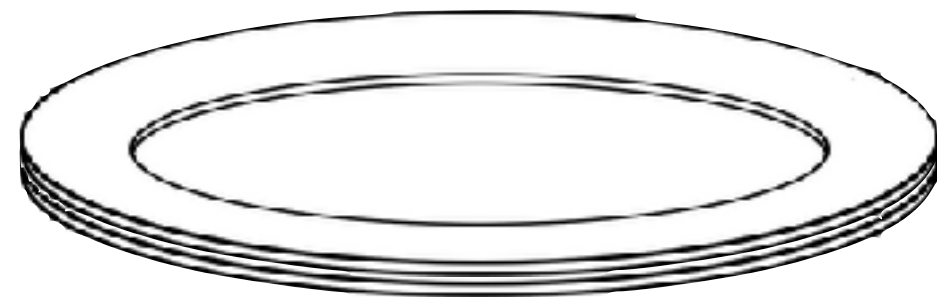
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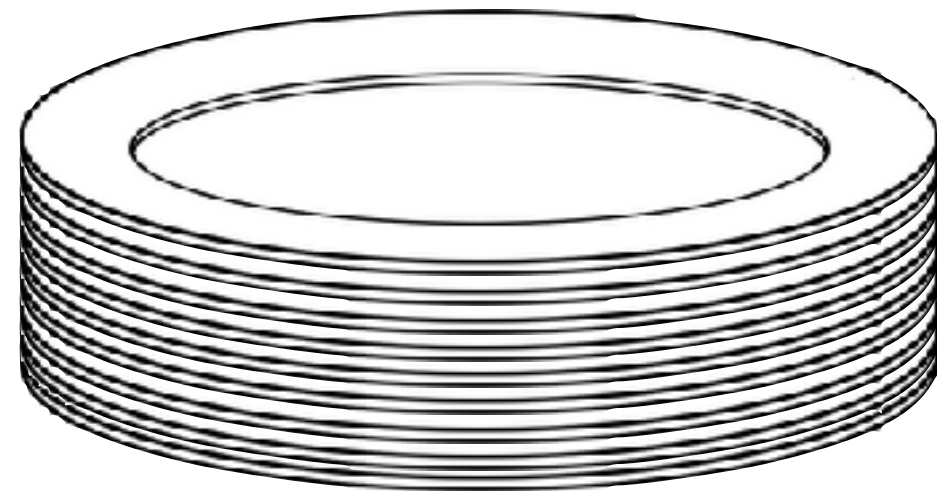
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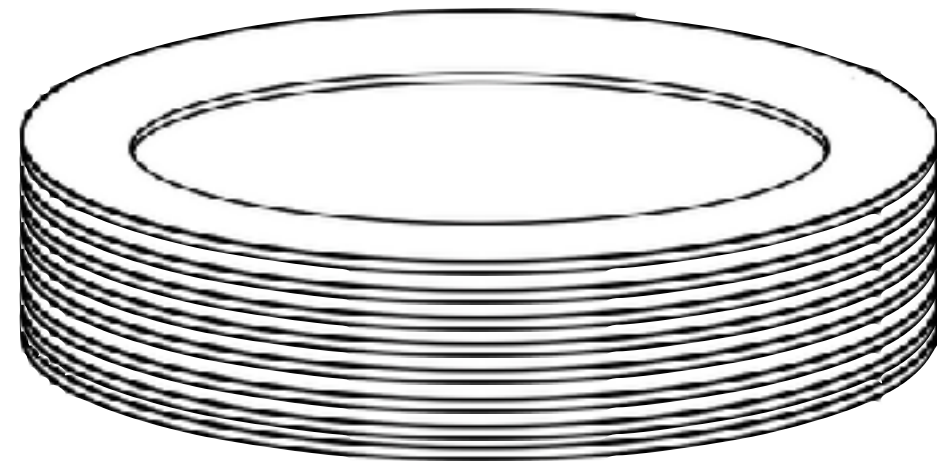
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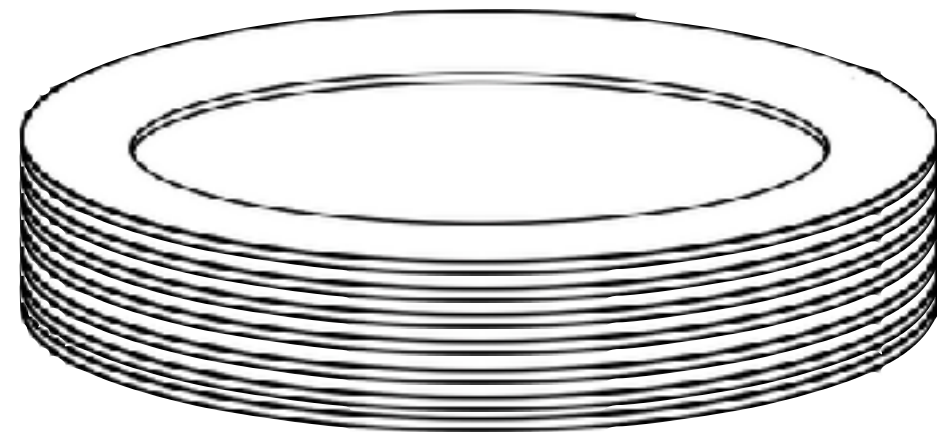
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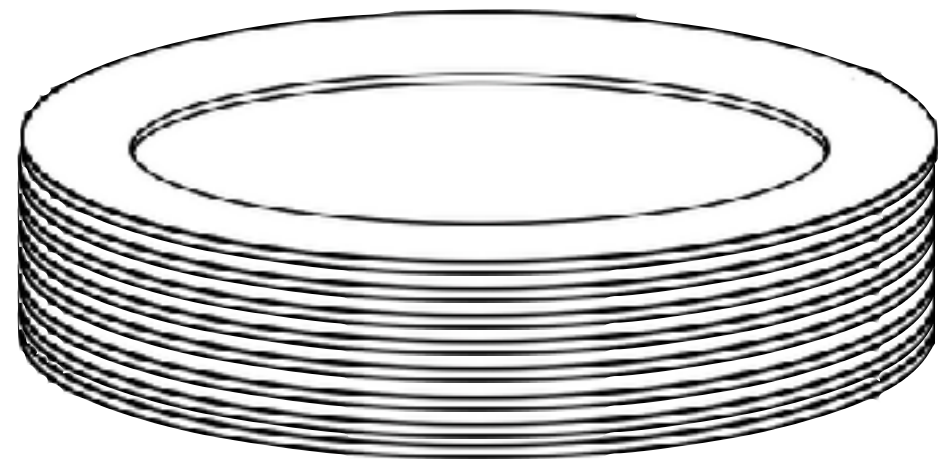
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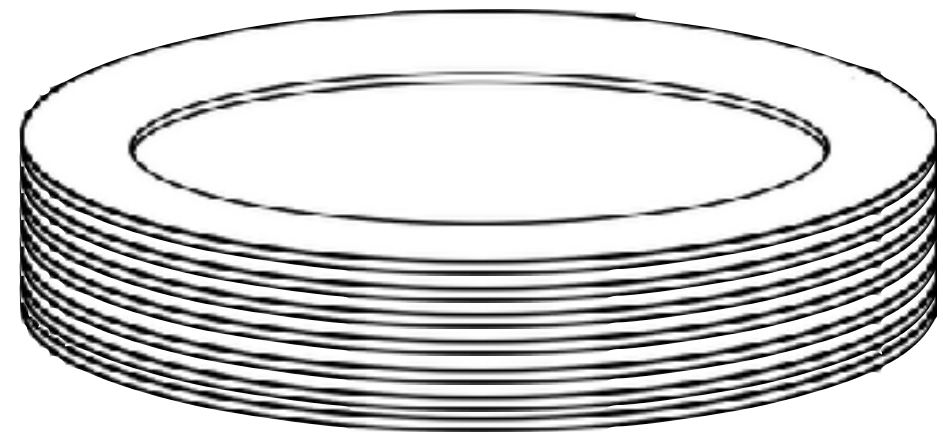
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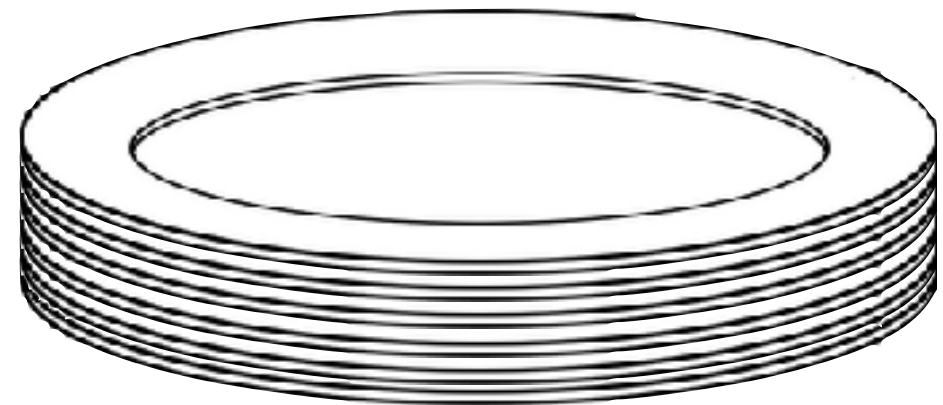
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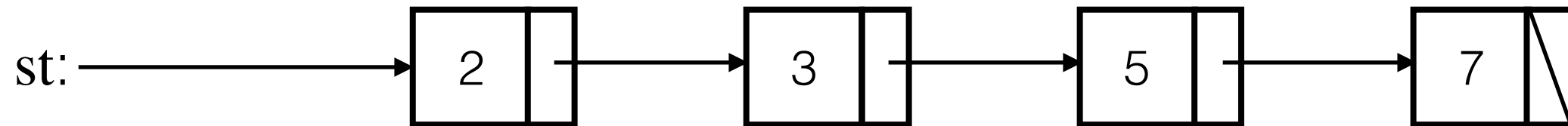
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Push(5)

# Stack Implementation: Linked List



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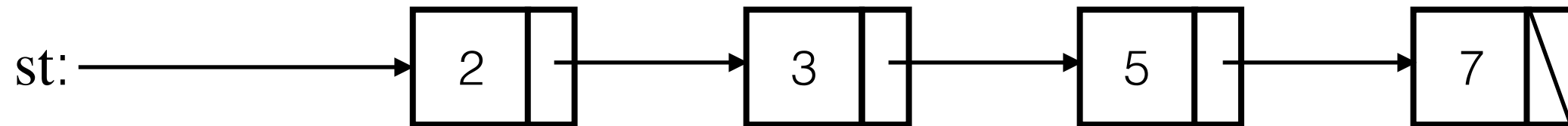


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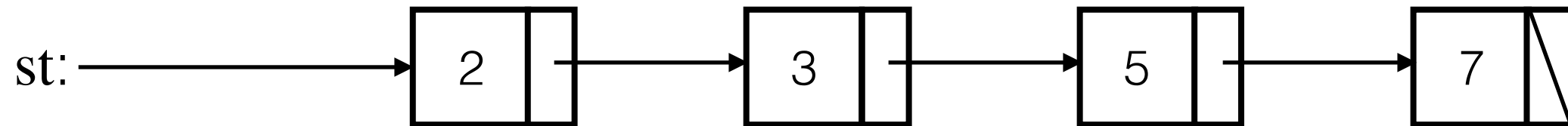
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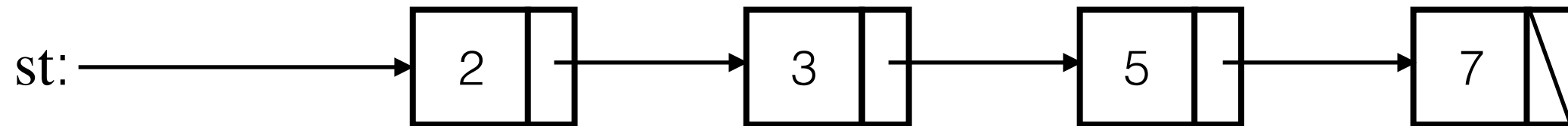
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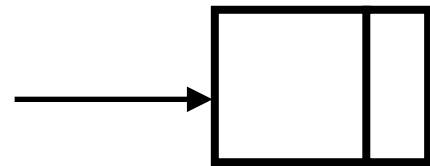
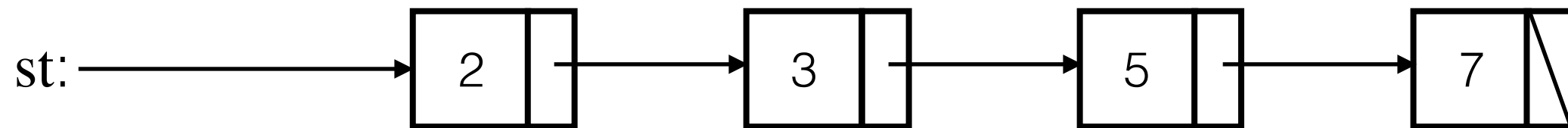
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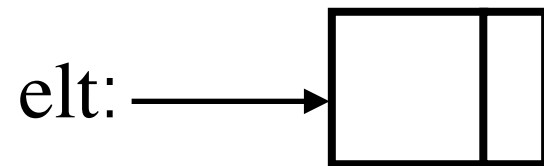
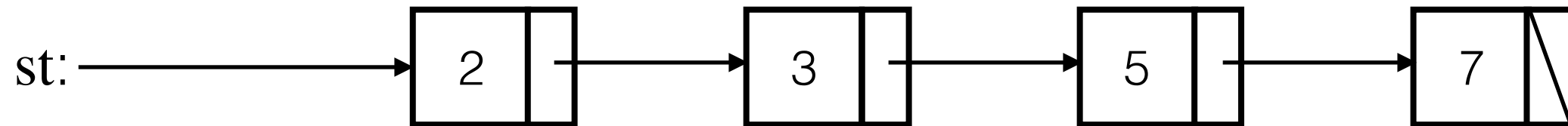
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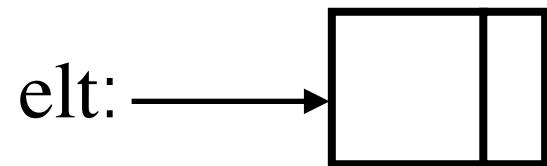
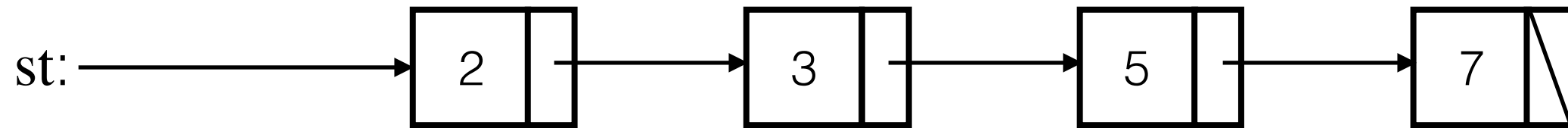
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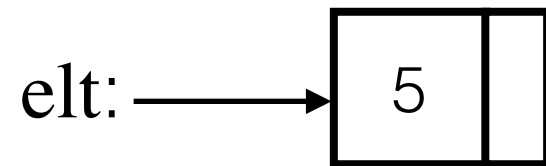
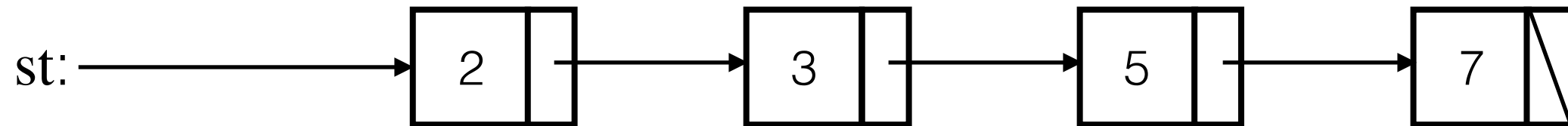
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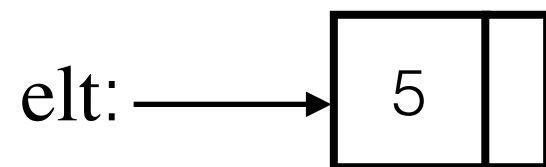
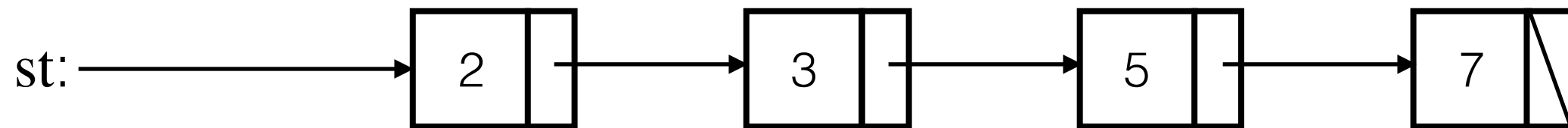
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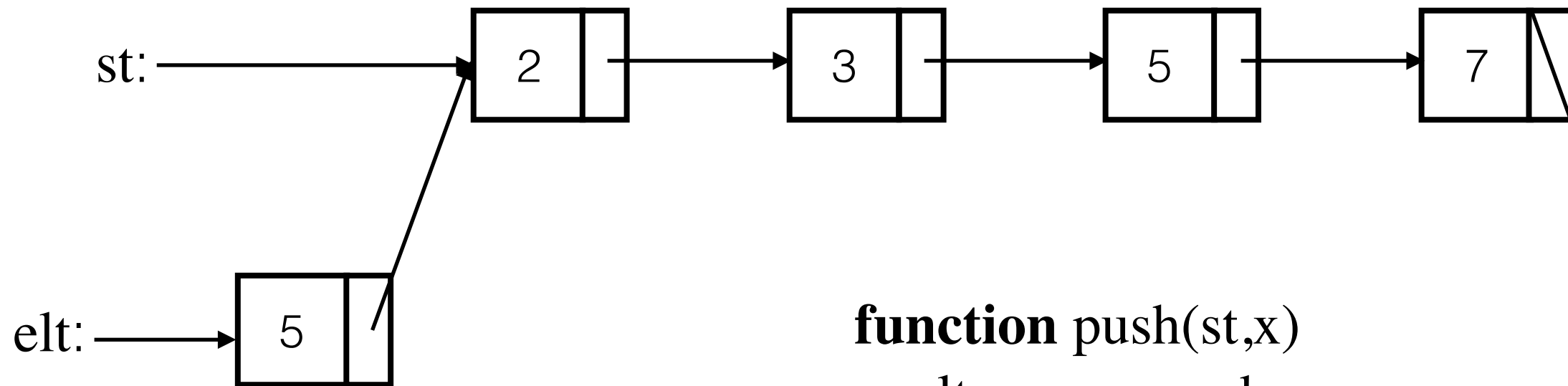
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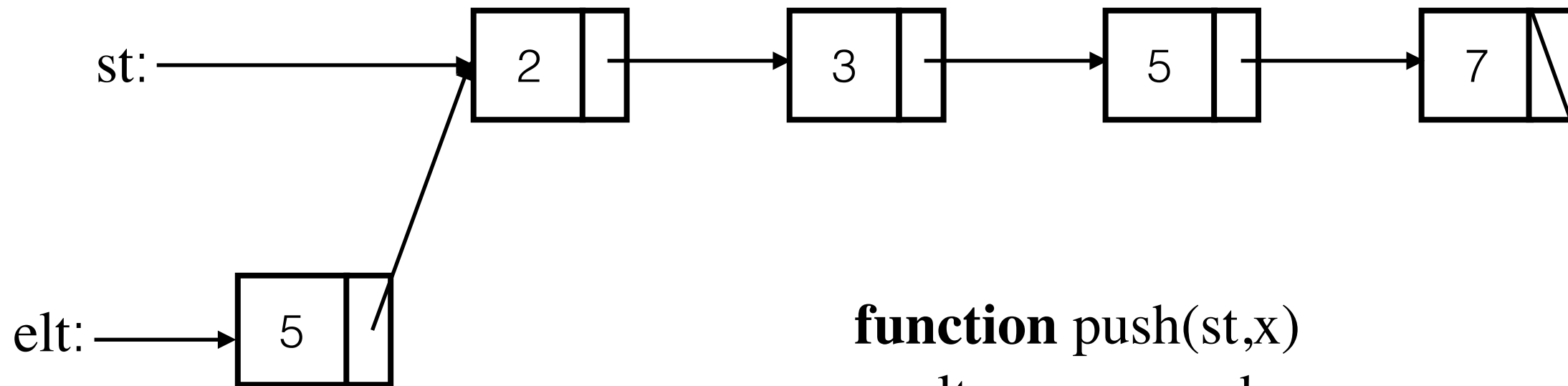
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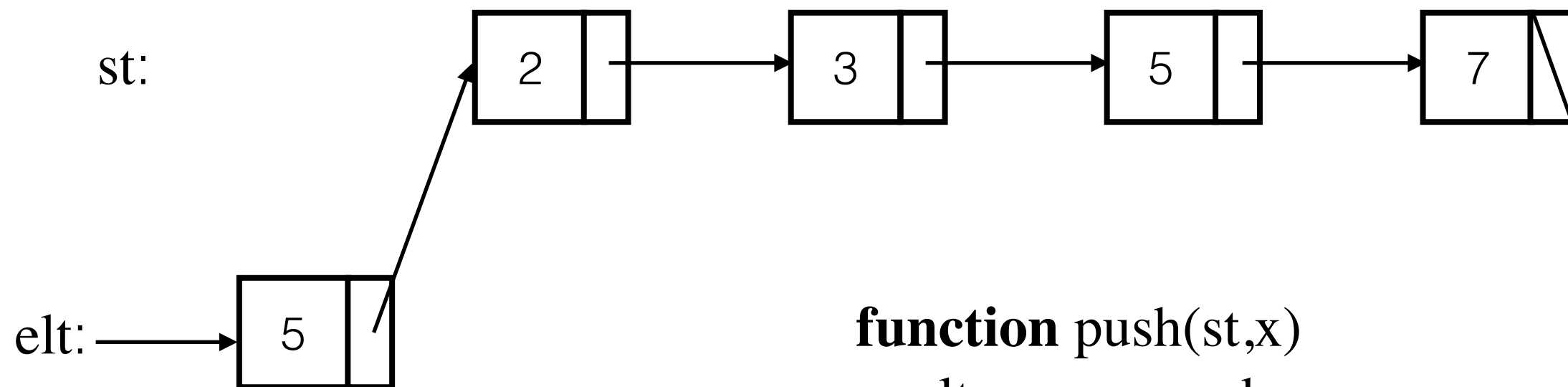
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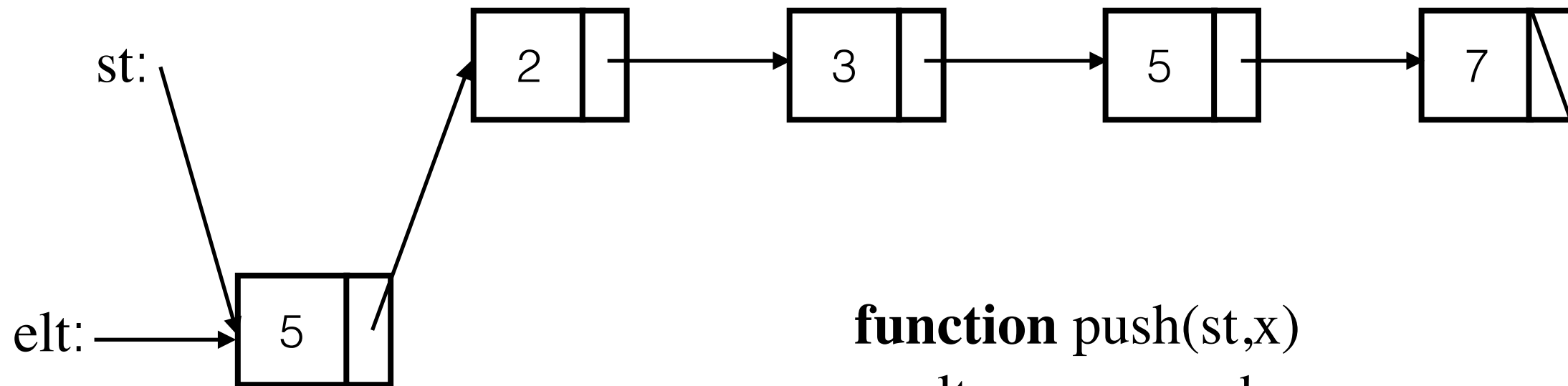
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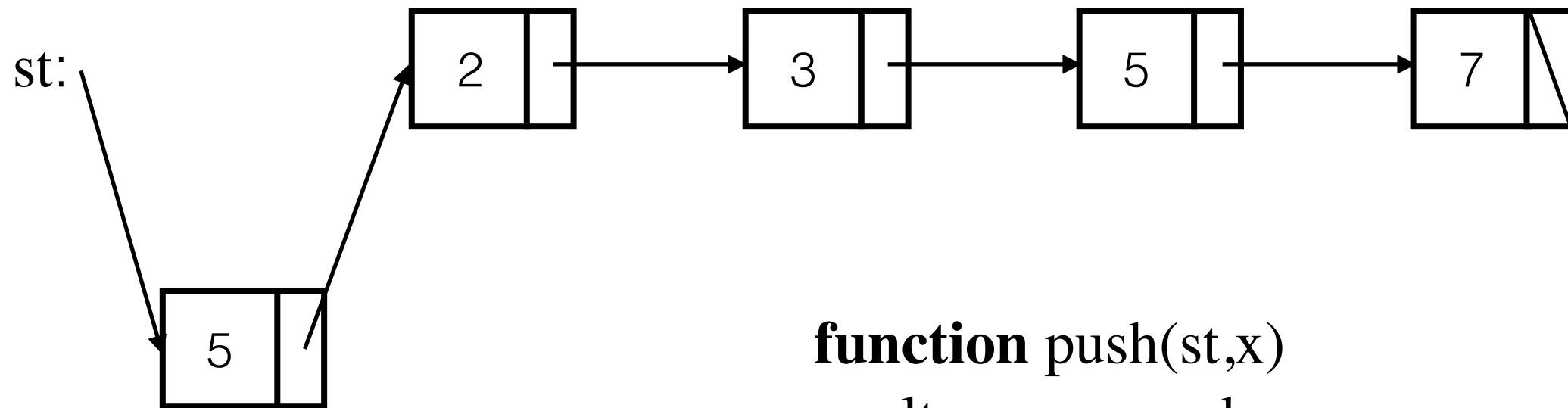
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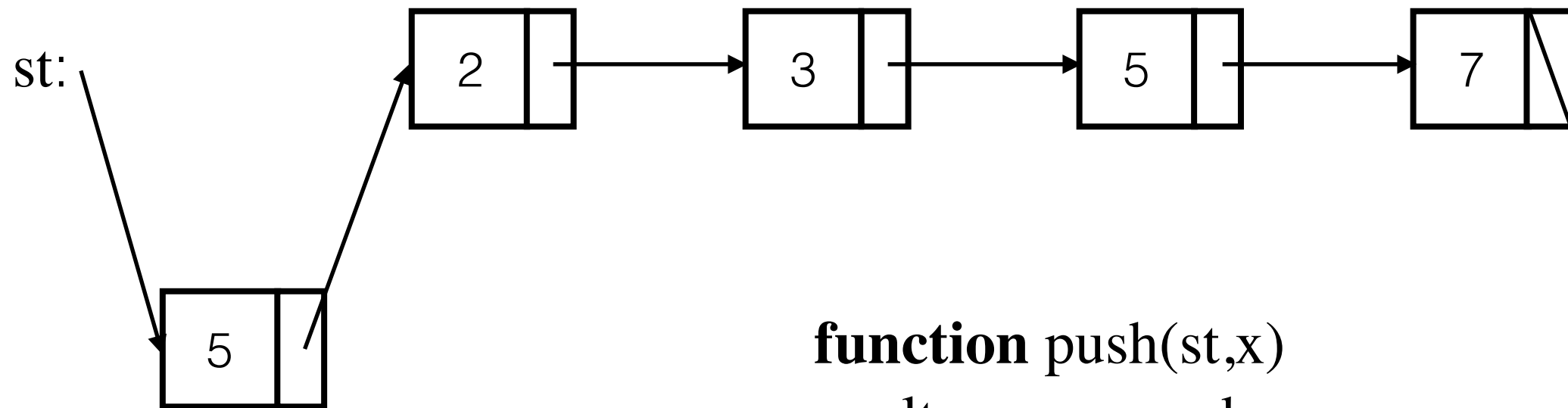
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See

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/Algorithms.html>

for more visualisations

# Pseudo Code

- On the previous slide, we assumed that a “node” has two attributes: a “val” which is its value, and a “next” which points to the rest of the list.
- There is no standard for pseudo-code. Use the examples in Levitin as a guide. Cormen et al. pages 20–22 (in Reading Resources) has a list of standard conventions used with pseudo-code which are good to follow, except we use  $\leftarrow$  as the assignment operator.

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# Other Data Structures

- We will meet many other (abstract) data structures, e.g.
  - The priority queue
  - Various types of “tree”
  - Various types of “graph”
- If you check out algorithm animation tools or advanced algorithm books, you will meet exotic data structures such as splay trees and skip lists.

# Next Week



- Algorithm analysis—how to reason about an algorithm's resource consumption.