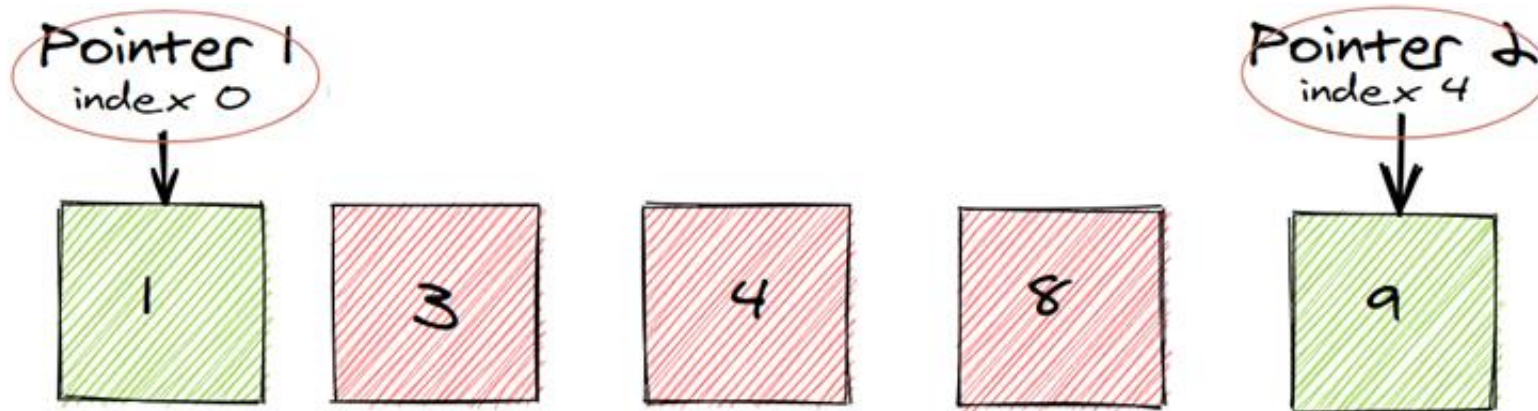


2 Pointer Approach

2 Pointer Technique

- ✓ Use 2 reference to move the control
- ✓ Usually used when solving Array or String problems
- ✓ Solves time and space complexity issue !!



Scenario

Reverse the Array

Input Array Sequence :

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Working Steps



Scenario



Two Sum

Given an array of integers nums and an integer target, return indices of the two numbers such that they add up to target.

Input: `nums = [1,4,5,8,11,12,16,21]`, `target = 19`

Output: `[3,4]`

Output: Because `nums[3] + nums[4] == 19`, we return `[3, 4]`.

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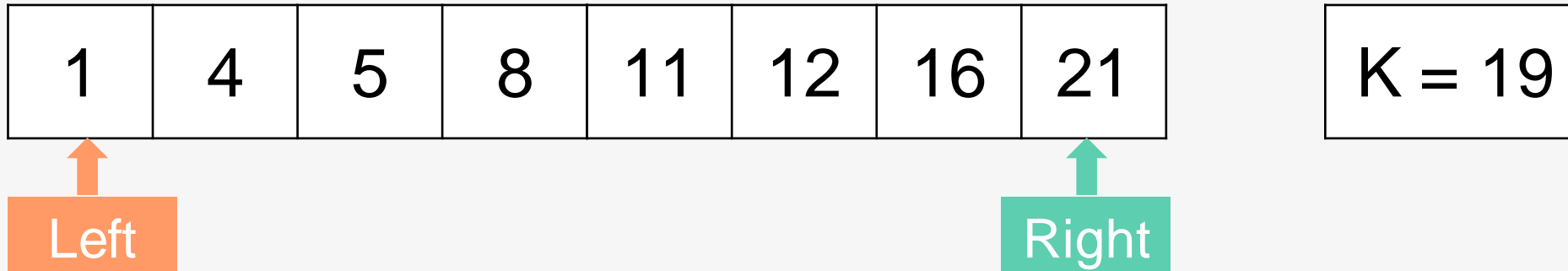
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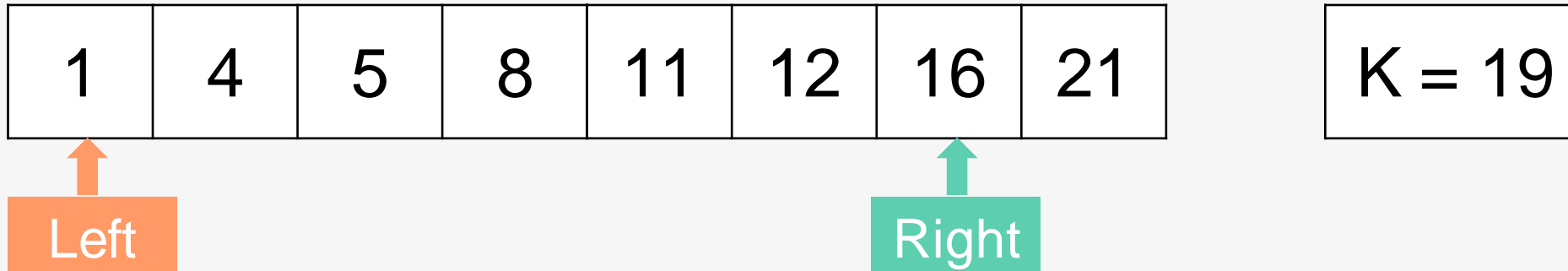
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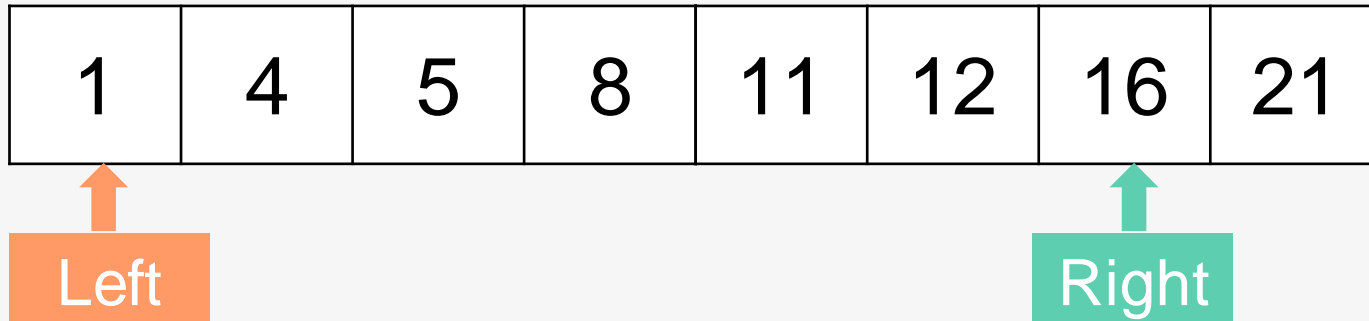
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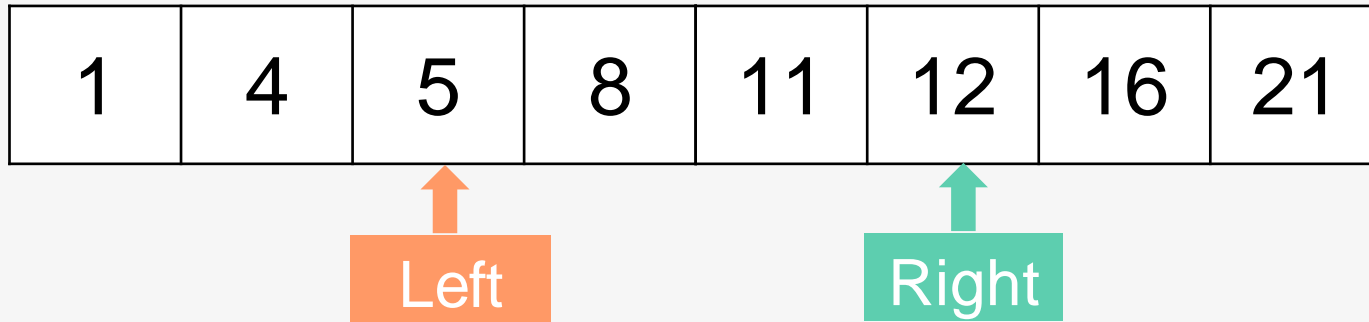
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