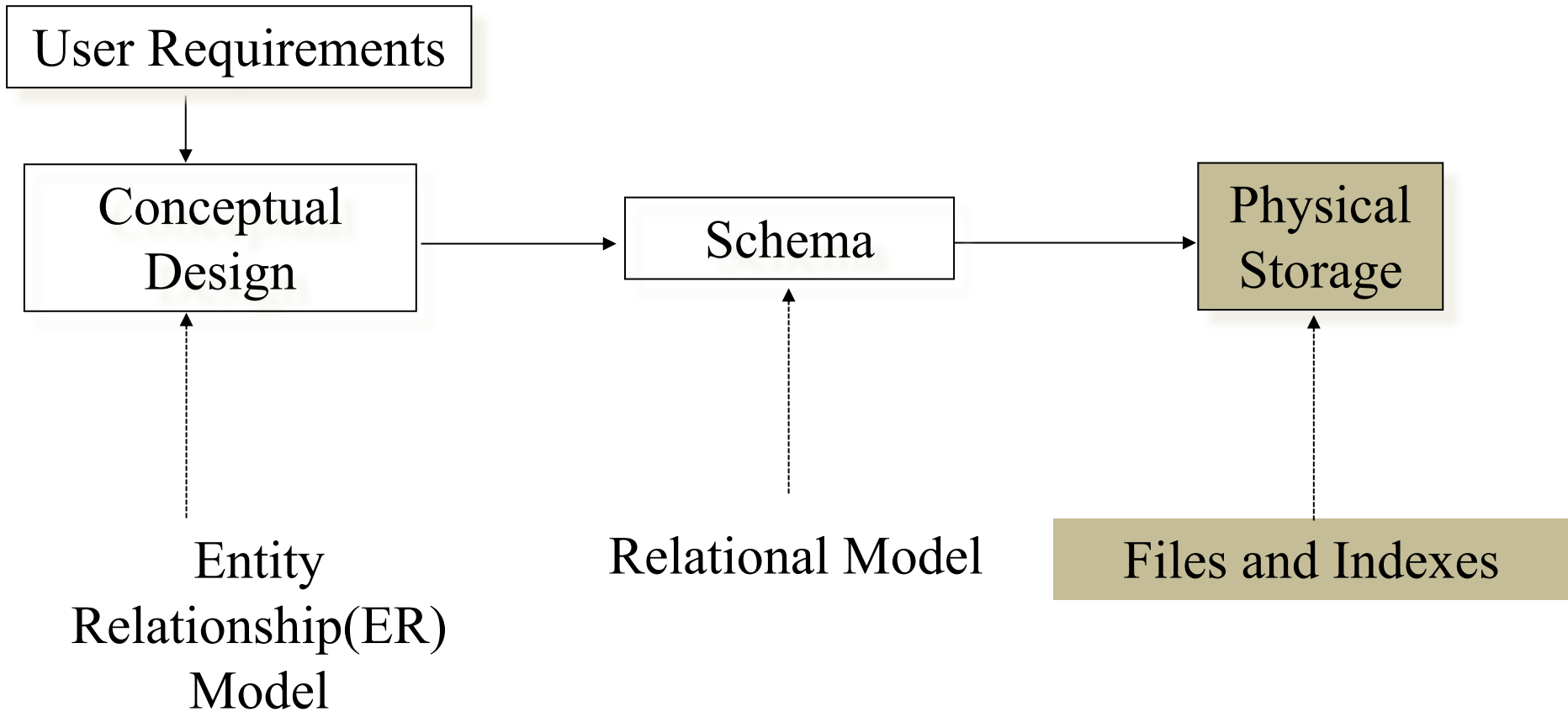


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Database Management Systems

Storage & indexing

Database System Implementation



The advantage of data systems

- It separates logical level (schema) from physical level (implementation).
- Physical data independence
 - Users do not worry about data storage and processing.
 - It is all SQL!
 - Most queries work over all relational data systems.

DBMS Architecture

User/Web Forms/Applications/DBA

query

transaction

Query Parser

Transaction Manager

Process manager

Query Rewriter

Query Optimizer

Lock Manager

Logging &
Recovery

Query Executor

Files & Access Methods

Buffer Manager

Storage Manager

Buffers

Lock Tables

Main Memory

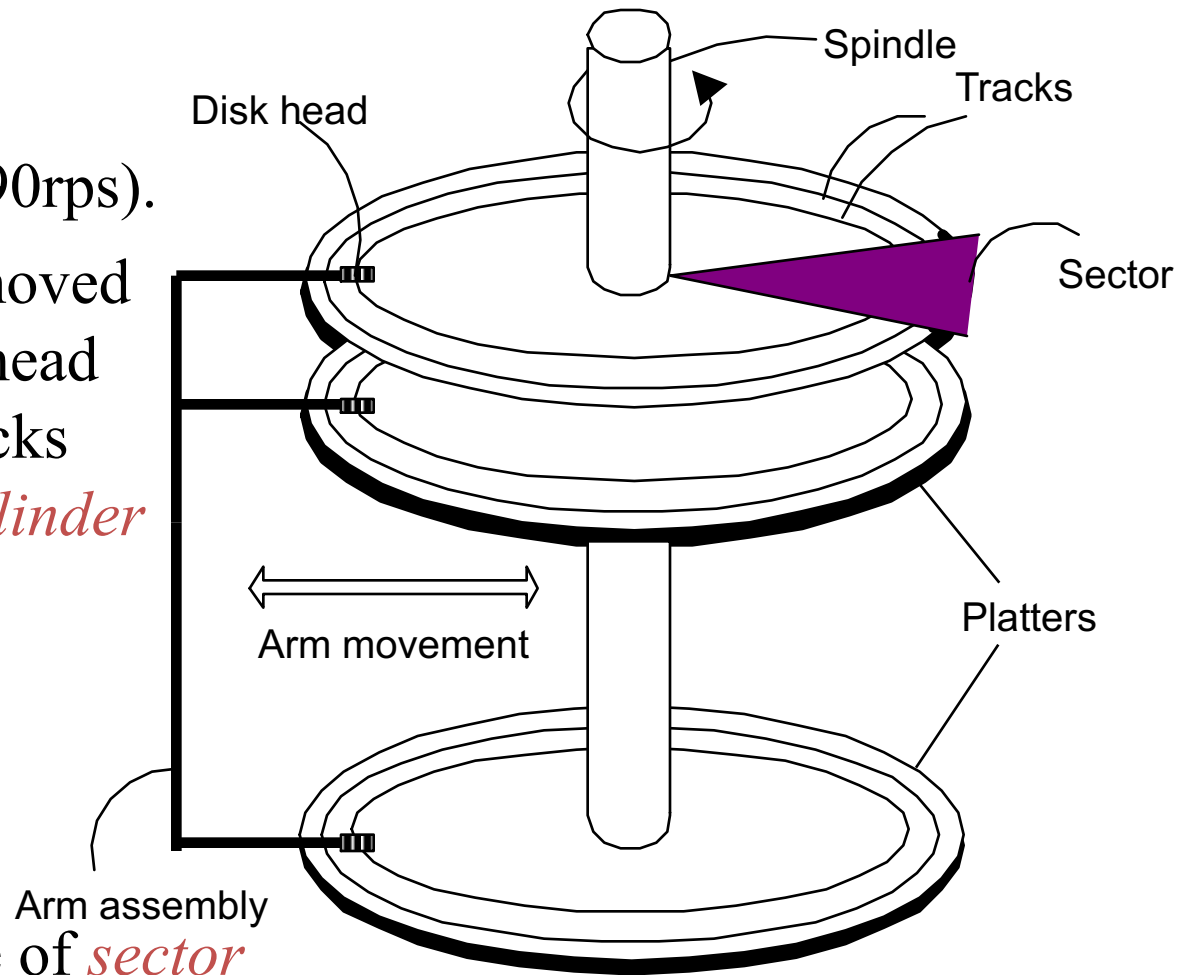
Storage

Challenges in physical level

- Processor:
 - 10000 – 100000 MIPS
- Main memory (RAM)
 - around 10 Gb/ sec.
 - **expensive; volatile**
- Secondary storage (HDD, SSD, ...)
 - cheap; high capacity; durability
 - data is stored and retrieved in *blocks (pages)*
 - access is orders of magnitude slower than main memory

Components of a disk

- The platters spin (say, 90rps).
- The arm assembly is moved in or out to position a head on a desired track. Tracks under heads make a *cylinder* (imaginary!).
- Only one head reads/writes at any one time.
- *Block size* is a multiple of *sector size* (which is fixed).



Slow access in secondary storage

- seek time + rotational latency + transfer time
 - seek time: about 4 ms - 15 ms!
 - rotational latency: about 2 ms – 7 ms!
 - transfer time: about 1000 Mb/ sec
 - seek time and rotational delay dominate.
- #I/O access dominates the time of Big data analysis and processing!

General approach to storing Big data

- Storage hierarchy:
 - main memory (RAM) for currently used data.
 - secondary storage (disk) for the main database.
- Key to lower I/O cost:
 - reduce seek/rotation delays!
- Recently main memory is getting cheaper
 - in-memory data systems
 - different storage hierarchy?

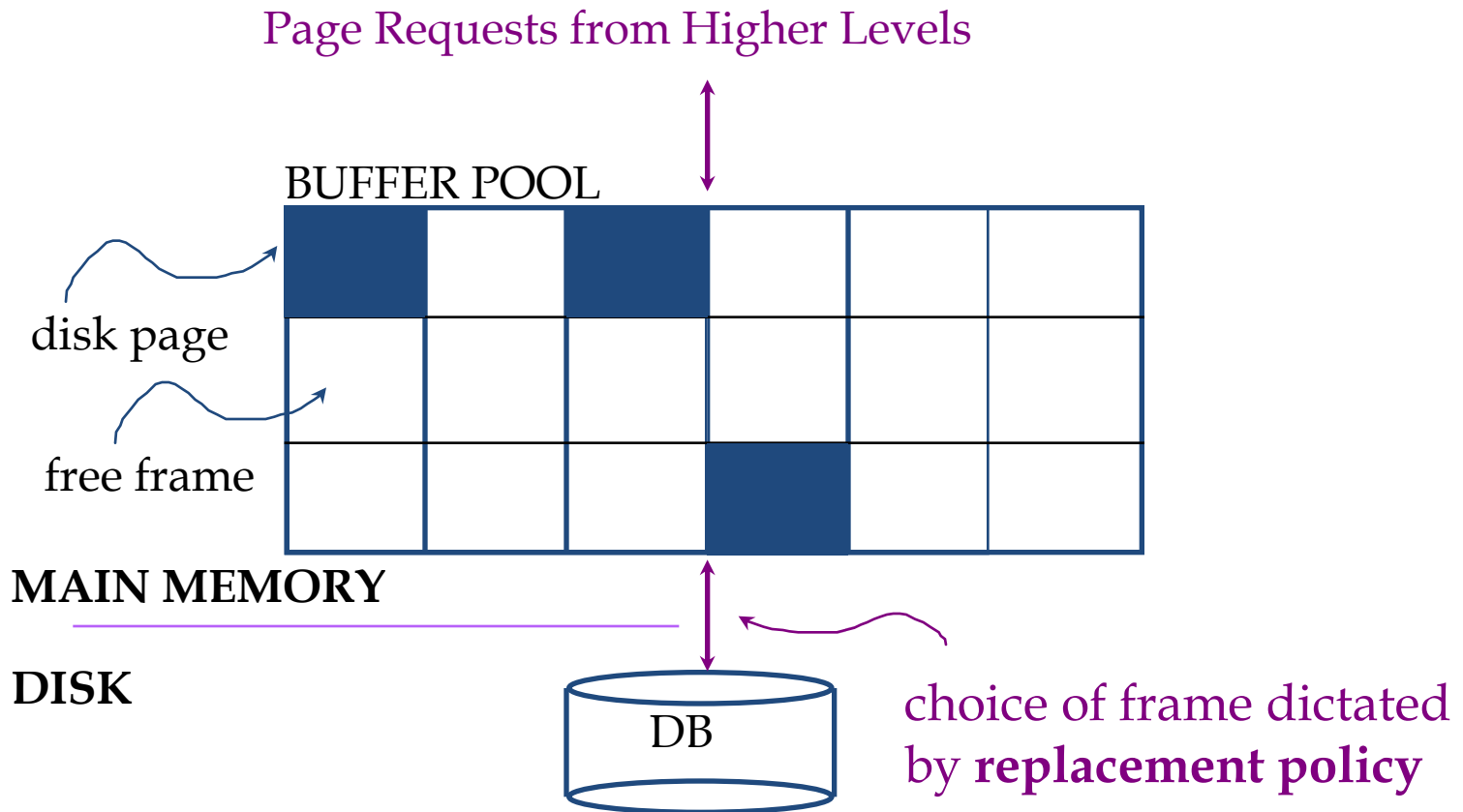
Random versus sequential access

- Disk random access (example ?)
 - seek time + rotational latency + transfer time.
- Disk sequential access (example ?)
 - *'next'* block concept:
 - blocks on same track, followed by
 - blocks on same cylinder, followed by
 - blocks on adjacent cylinder
 - blocks in a file should be arranged sequentially on disk (by *'next'*), to minimize seek and rotational delay.
- For a **sequential scan**, *pre-fetching* several pages at a time is a big win!

Storage management

- Lowest layer of DBMS software manages space on disk.
- Higher levels call upon this layer to:
 - allocate/de-allocate a page
 - read/write a page
- Request for a *sequence* of pages must be satisfied by allocating the pages sequentially on disk!
 - higher levels don't need to know how this is done, or how free space is managed.

Buffer management



- *Data must be in RAM for DBMS to operate on it!*
- *Table of $\langle \text{frame\#}, \text{pageid} \rangle$ pairs is maintained.*

When a page is requested ...

- If requested page is not in pool:
 - Choose a frame for *replacement*
 - If frame is dirty, write it to disk
 - Read requested page into chosen frame
 - *Pin* the page and return its address.
- ➡ *If requests can be predicted (e.g., sequential scans) pages can be pre-fetched several pages at a time!*

More on buffer management

- Requestor of page must unpin it, and indicate whether page has been modified:
 - *dirty* bit is used for this.
- Page in pool may be requested many times,
 - a *pin count* is used. A page is a candidate for replacement iff *pin count* = 0.
- CC & recovery may entail additional I/O when a frame is chosen for replacement. (*Write-Ahead Log* protocol; more later.)

Buffer replacement policy

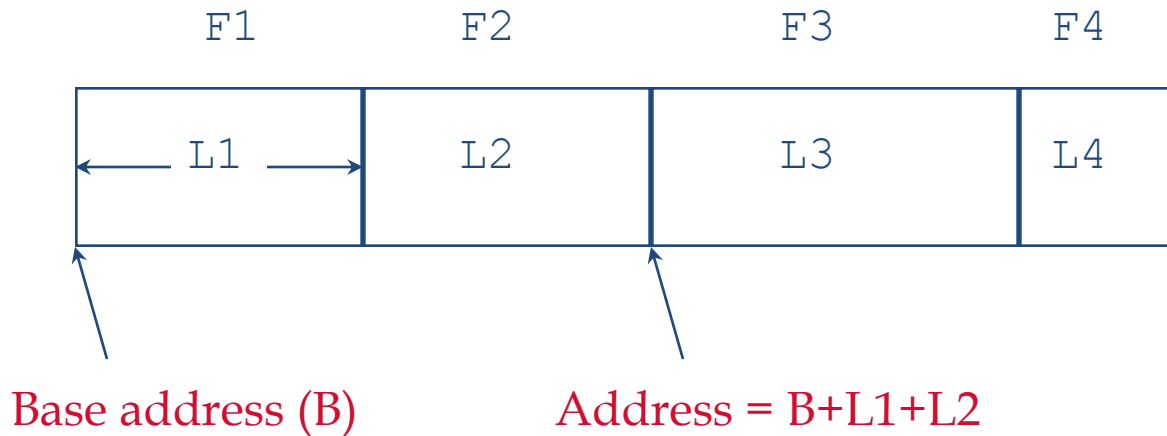
- Frame is chosen for replacement by a *replacement policy*:
 - Least-recently-used (LRU), Clock, MRU etc.
- Policy can have big impact on # of I/O's; depends on the *access pattern*.
- *Sequential flooding*: nasty situation caused by LRU + repeated sequential scans.
 - # buffer frames < # pages in file means each page request causes an I/O. MRU much better in this situation (but not in all situations, of course).

DBMS vs. OS File System

OS does disk space & buffer mgmt: why not let OS manage these tasks?

- Differences in OS support: portability issues
- Buffer management in DBMS requires ability to:
 - **pin a page** in buffer pool, **force a page** to disk (important for implementing CC & recovery),
 - adjust *replacement policy*, and **pre-fetch pages** based on access patterns in typical DB operations.

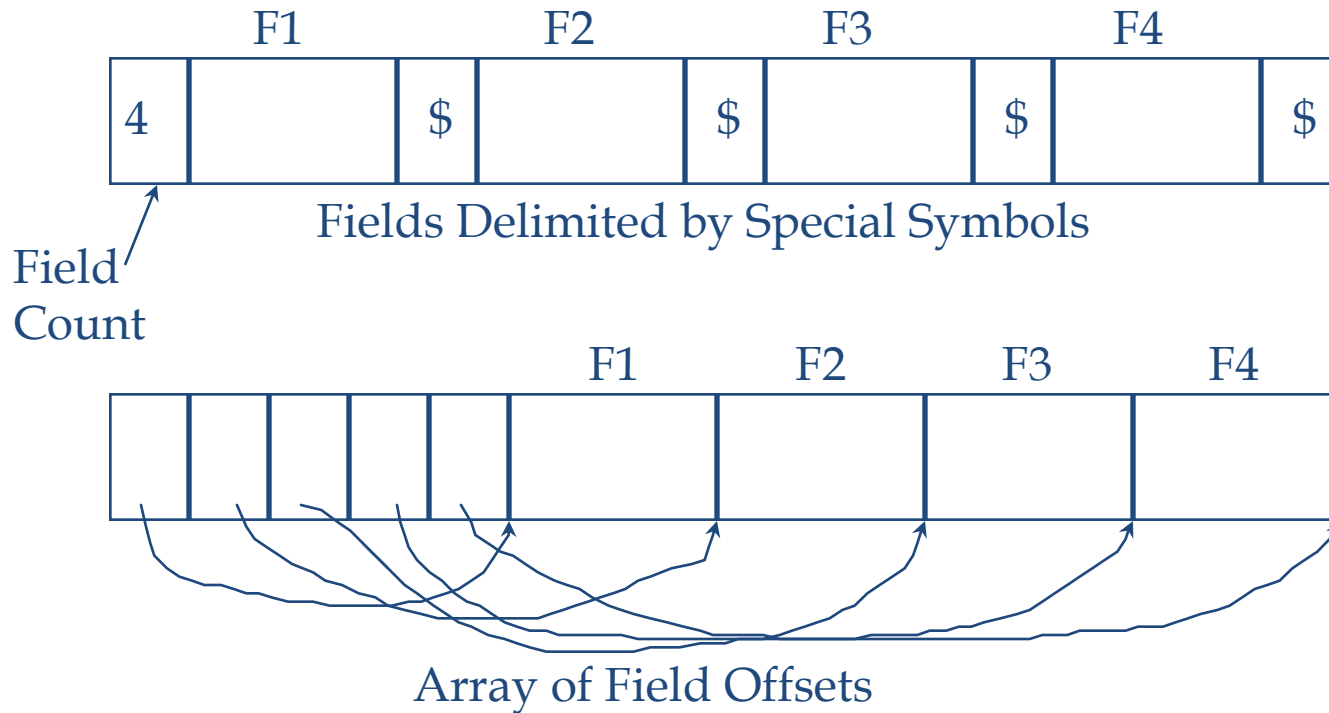
Record formats: fixed length



- Information about field types same for all records in a file; stored in *system catalogs*.
- Finding *i*'th field does not require scan of record.

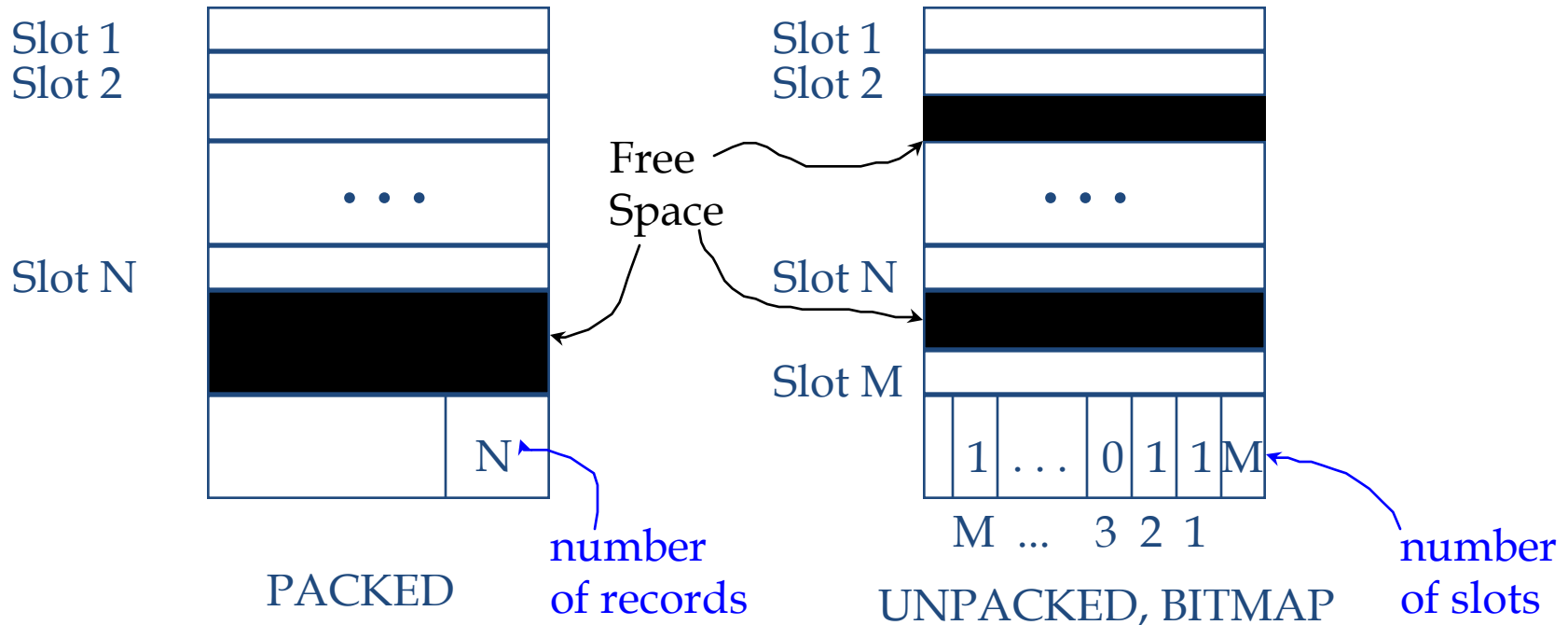
Record formats: variable length

- Two alternative formats (# fields is fixed):



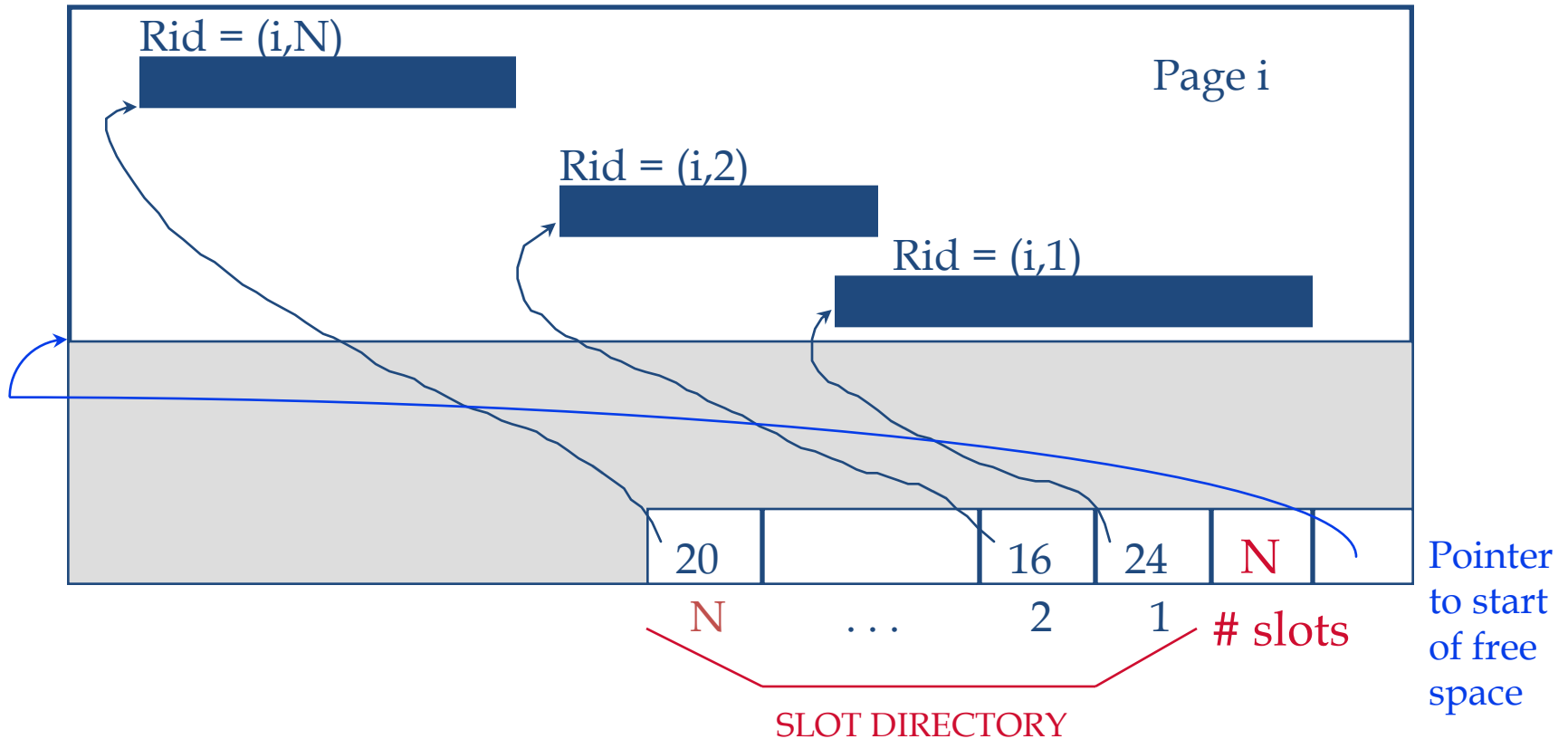
➡ Second offers direct access to i 'th field, efficient storage of *nulls* (special *don't know* value); small directory overhead.

Page formats: fixed length records



➡ Record id = $\langle \text{page id}, \text{slot \#} \rangle$. In first alternative, moving records for free space management changes rid; may not be acceptable.

Page formats: variable length records



☞ *Can move records on page without changing rid; so, attractive for fixed-length records too.*

Spanned versus un-spanned

- Un-spanned
 - Each record belongs to only one block
- Spanned
 - Records may be stored across multiple blocks
 - Saves space
 - The only way to deal with large records and fields:
blob, image, ...

Files of records

- Page or block is OK when doing I/O, but higher levels of DBMS operate on *records*, and *files of records*.
- FILE: A collection of pages, each containing a collection of records. Must support:
 - insert/delete/modify record
 - read a particular record (specified using *record id*)
 - scan all records (possibly with some conditions on the records to be retrieved)

System catalogs

- For each relation:
 - name, file name, file structure (e.g., Heap file)
 - attribute name and type, for each attribute
 - index name, for each index
 - integrity constraints
- For each view:
 - view name and definition
- Plus statistics, authorization, buffer pool size, etc.

➡ *Catalogs are themselves stored as relations!*

Access paths

- The methods that RDBMS uses to retrieve data.
- Attribute value(s) ➔ Tuple(s)
- Point query over *Coffee*(*cname*, *producer*)

Select *

From coffee

Where cname = 'Costa';

- Range query over *Sells*(*sname*, *cname*, *price*)

Select *

From Sells

Where price > 2 AND price < 10;

Types of access paths

- Heap files
 - there is not any order in the file
 - new blocks are inserted at the end of the file.
- Sorted files
 - order blocks (and records) based on some key.
 - physically contiguous or using links
- Average cost of heap versus sorted files
 - search?
 - insertion/update?
 - deletion?
- Middle ground?

Indexing

- An old idea



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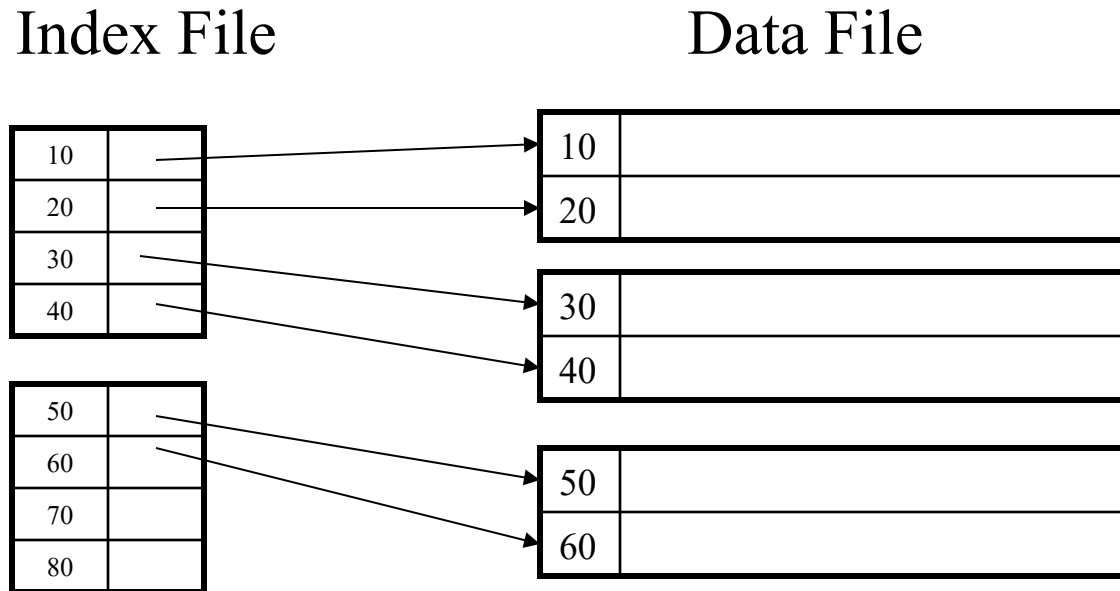
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Index

- A data structure that speeds up selecting tuples in a relation based on some **search keys**.
- Search key
 - A subset of the attributes in a relation
 - May not be the same as the (primary) key
- Entries in an index
 - (k, r)
 - k is the search key.
 - r is the pointer to a record (record id).

Index

- **Data file** stores the table data.
- **Index file** stores the index data structure.



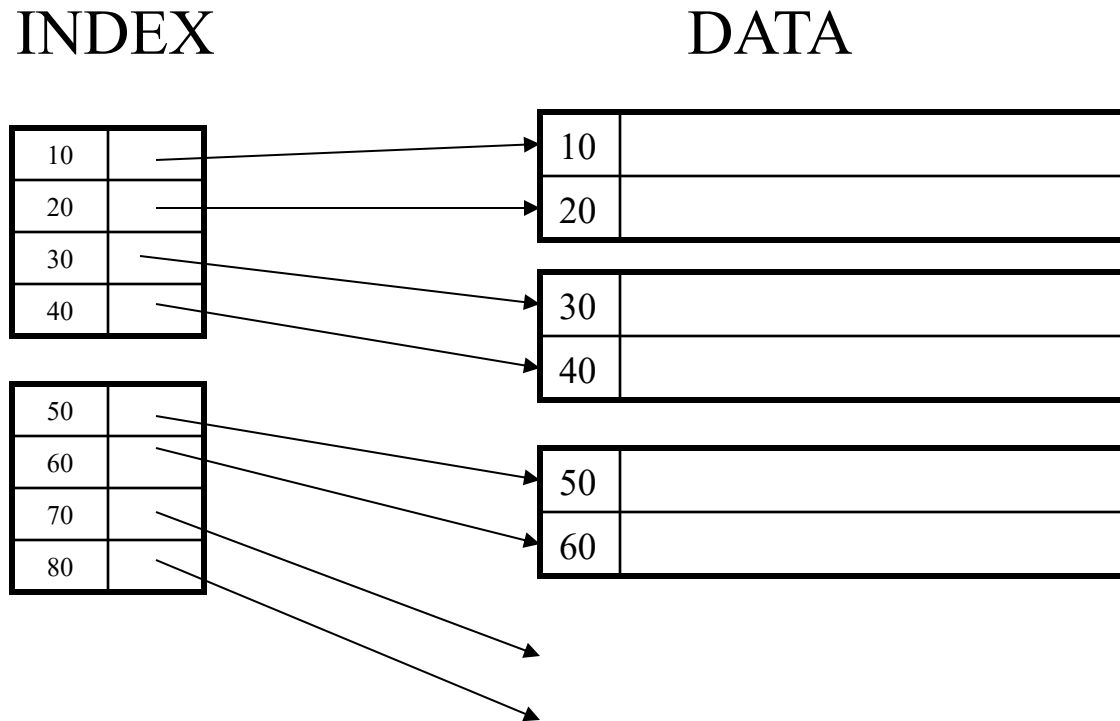
- Index file is smaller than the data file.
- Ideally, the index should fit in the main memory.

Index categorizations

- Clustered vs. unclustered
 - Records are stored according to the index order.
 - Records are stored in another order, or not any order.
- Dense vs. sparse
 - Each record is pointed by an entry in the index.
 - Each block has an entry in the index.
 - Size versus time tradeoff.
- Primary vs. secondary
 - Primary key is the search key
 - Other attributes.

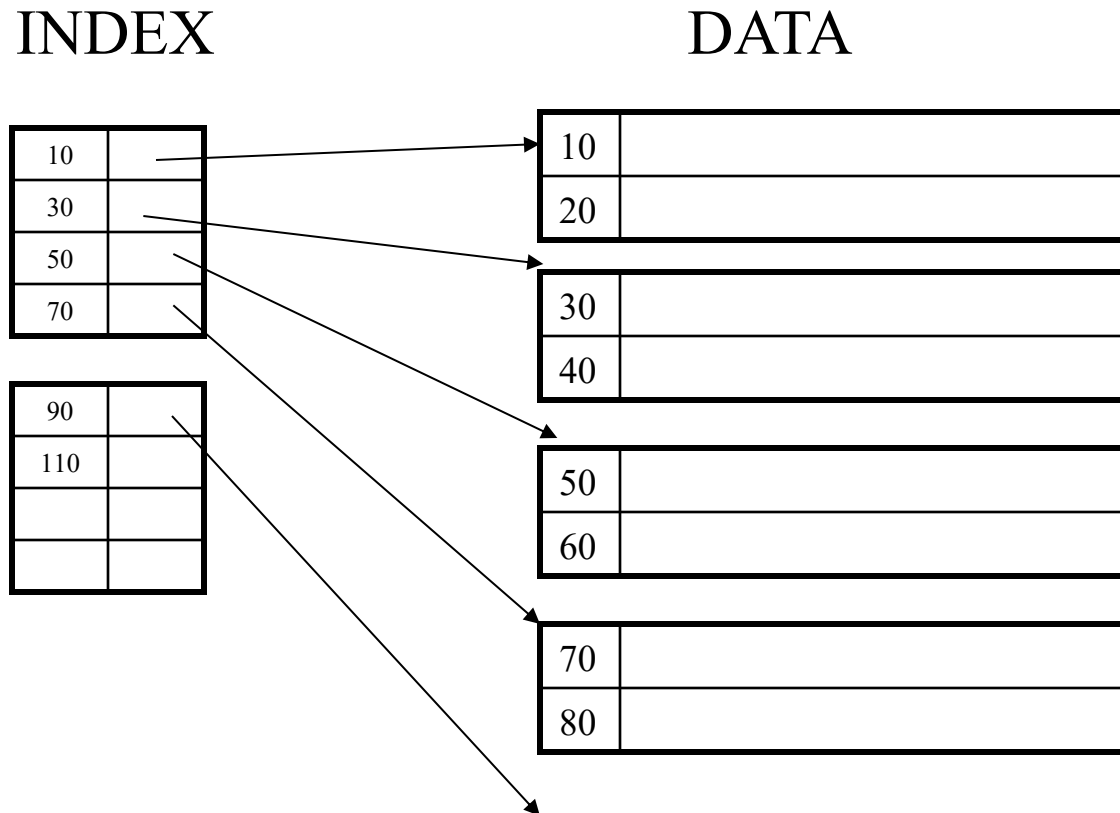
Index categorizations

- Clustered and dense



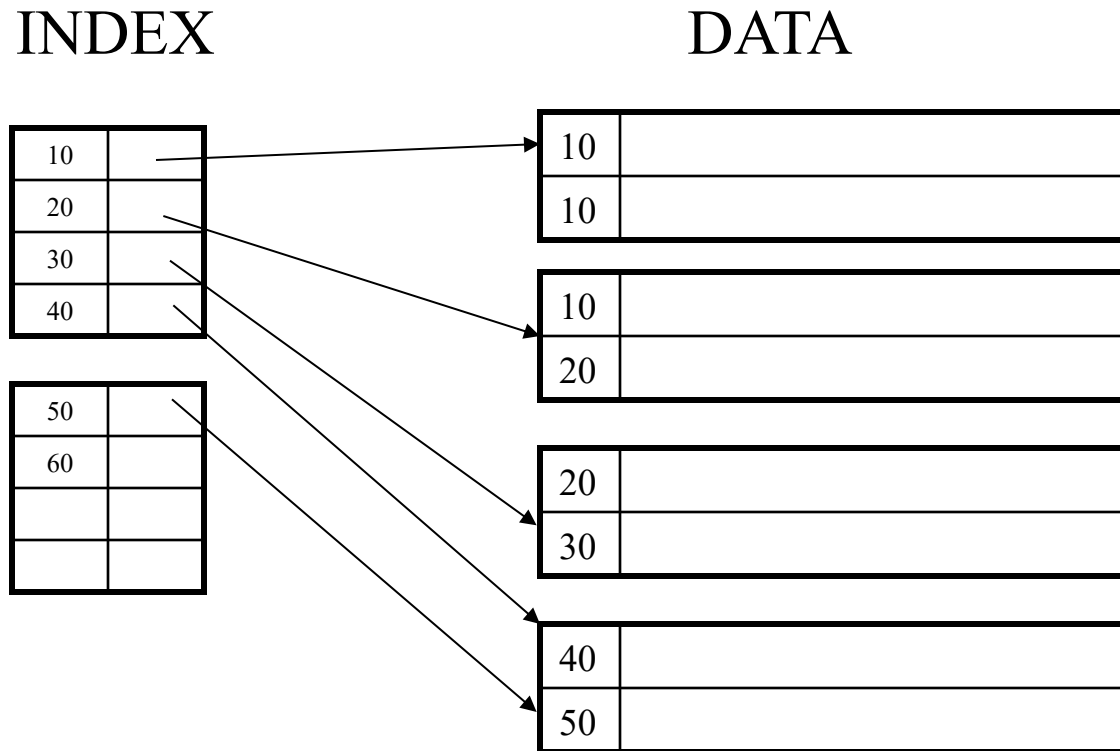
Index categorizations

- Clustered and sparse



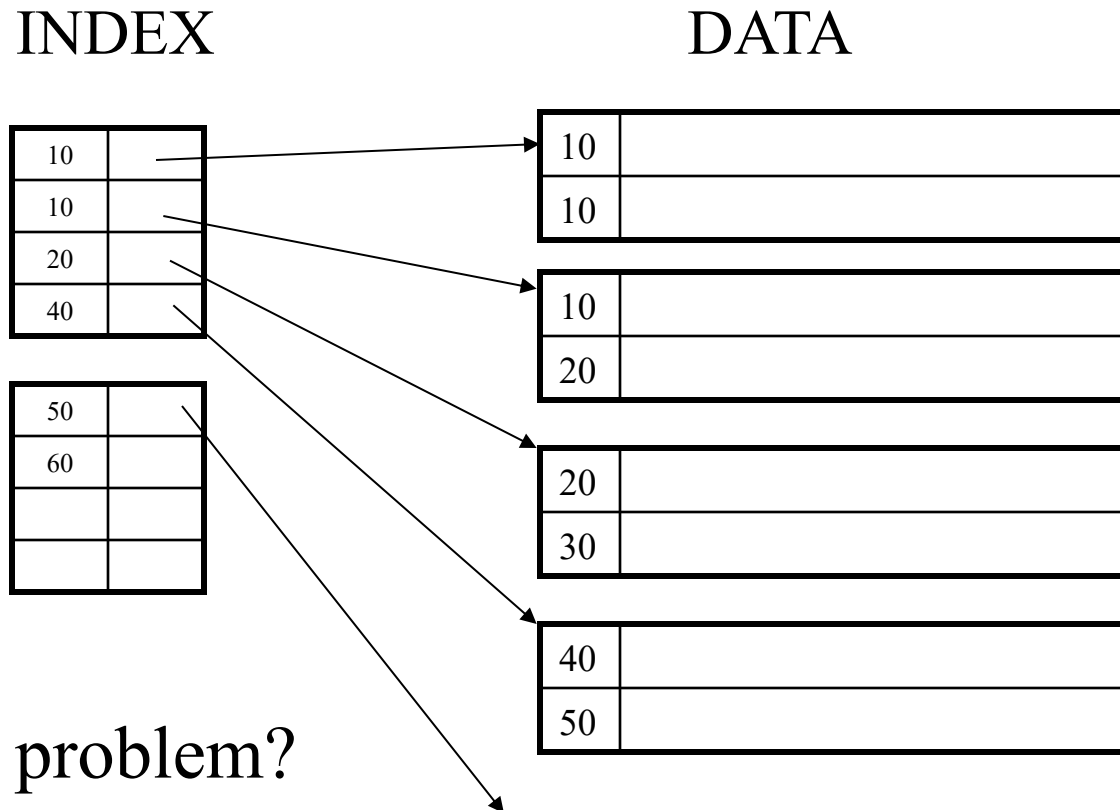
Duplicate search keys

- Clustered and dense



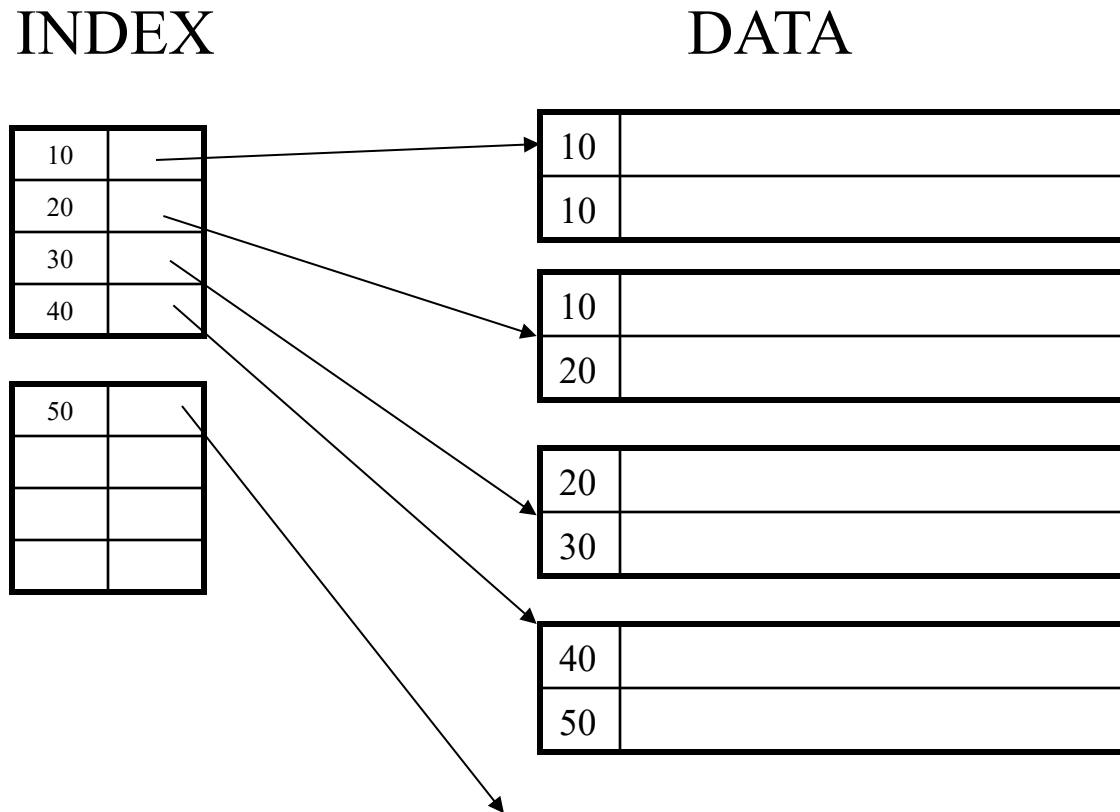
Duplicate search keys

- Clustered and sparse:



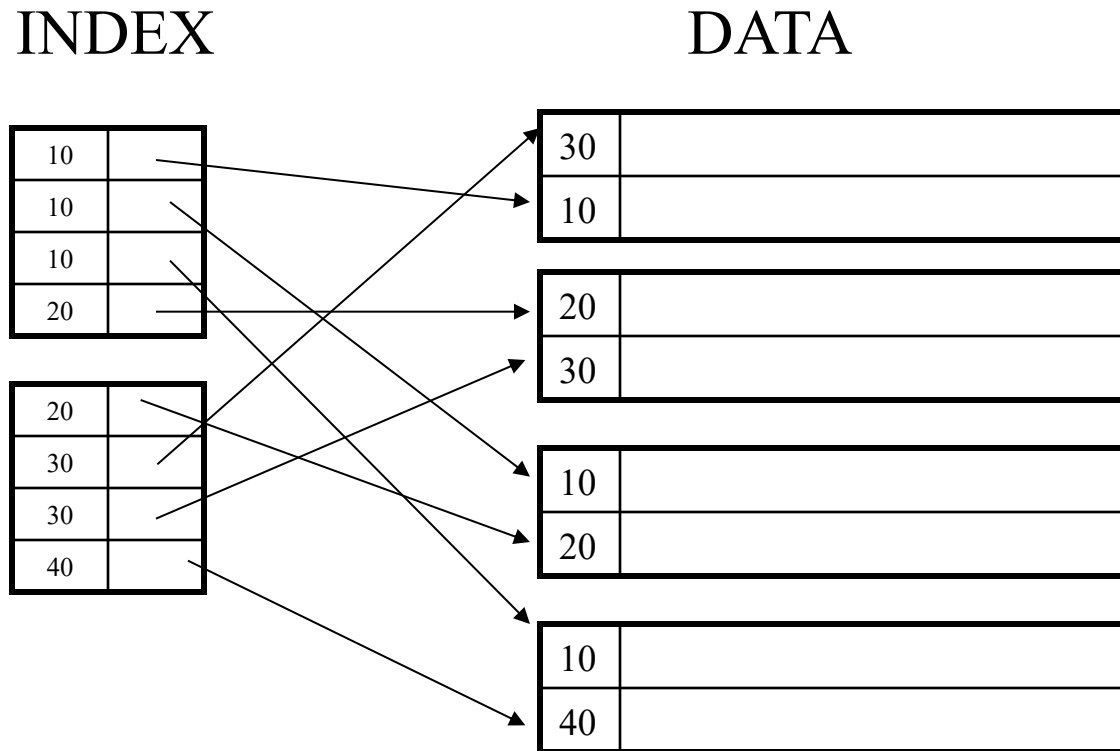
Duplicate search keys

- Clustered and sparse:
 - Point to the lowest new search key in every block



Unclustered Index

- Dense / sparse?



Index structures

- Tree indexing
 - extends the idea of search trees in main memory
 - popular
 - most frequently used one is B+ tree
- Hash indexing
 - extends the idea of hash tables in main memory
 - less frequently used
- Other structures based on the type of data/ query
 - bitmap indexes, learned indexes, ...

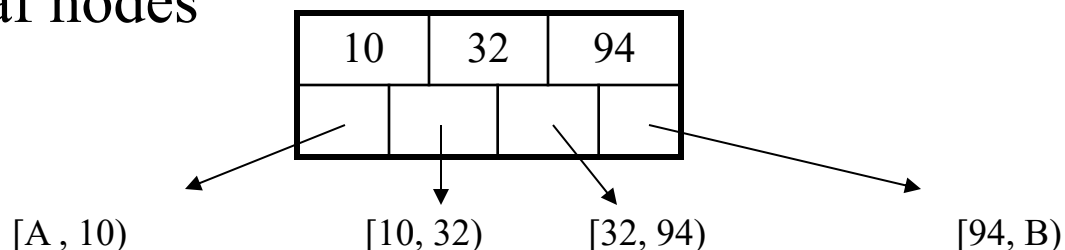
B+ trees

- The index of a very large data file gets too large.
- How about building an *index* for the index file?
 - A multi-level index, or a tree
- Insert/delete at $\log_F N$ cost; keep tree *height-balanced*. (F = fanout, N = # leaf pages)
- Supports point (equality) and range queries efficiently.

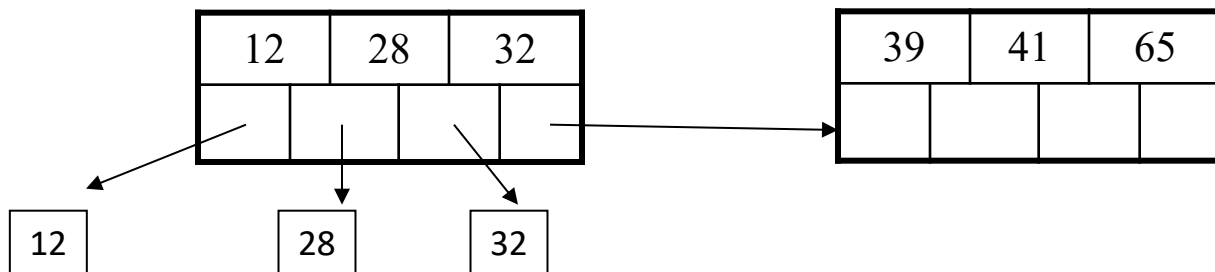
B+ trees

- Degree (order) of the tree: d
- Each node (except root) stores $[d, 2d]$ keys
 - minimum 50% occupancy (except for root).

Non-leaf nodes



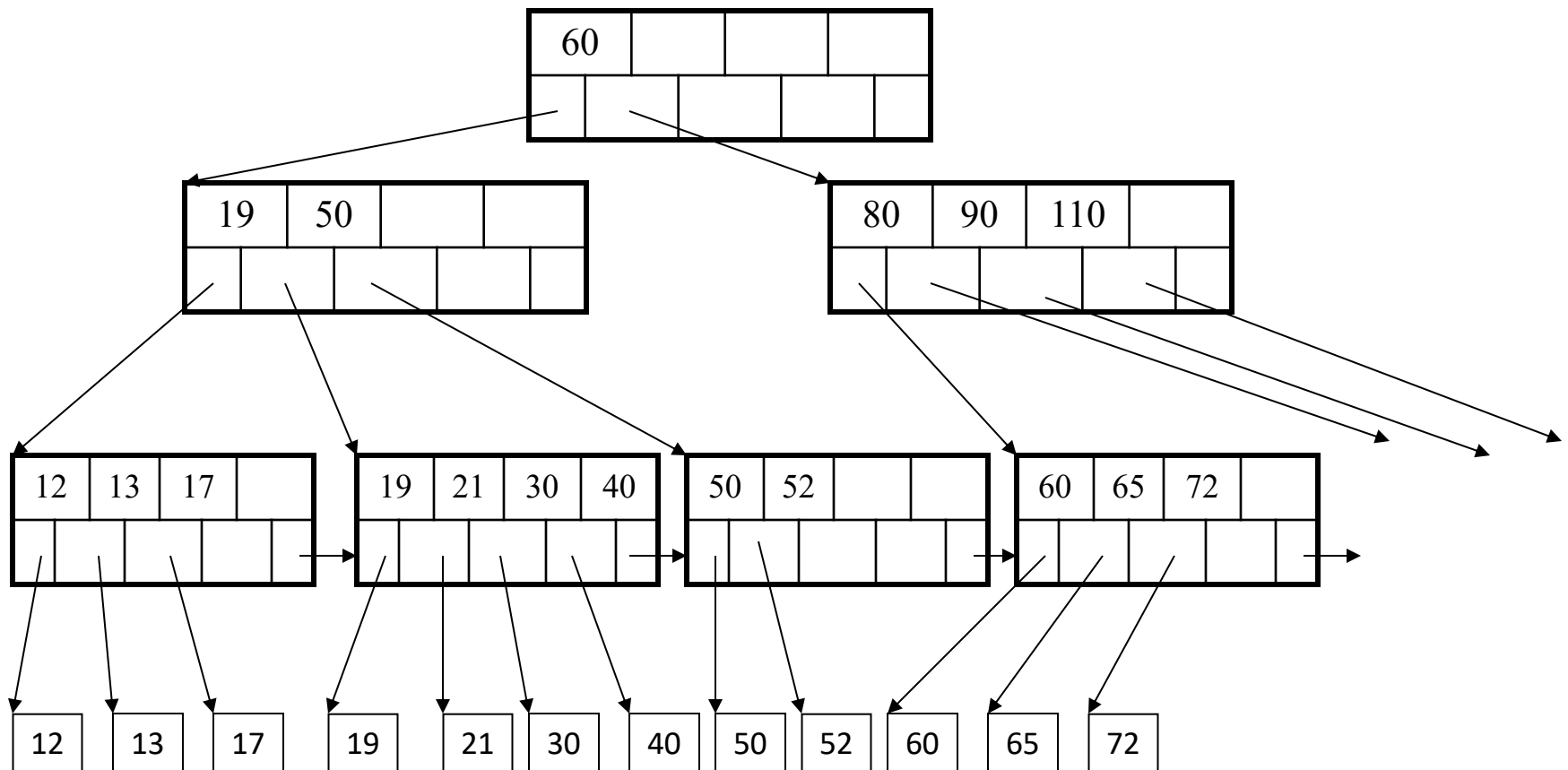
Leaf nodes



Records

Example

$d = 2$



B+ tree tuning

- How to choose the value of d ?
 - each node should fit in a block.
- Example
 - key value: 8 byte; record pointer: 16 bytes
 - block size: 4096 bytes
 - $2d * 8 + (2d + 1) * 16 \leq 4096$; $d \leq 85$

B+ trees in practice

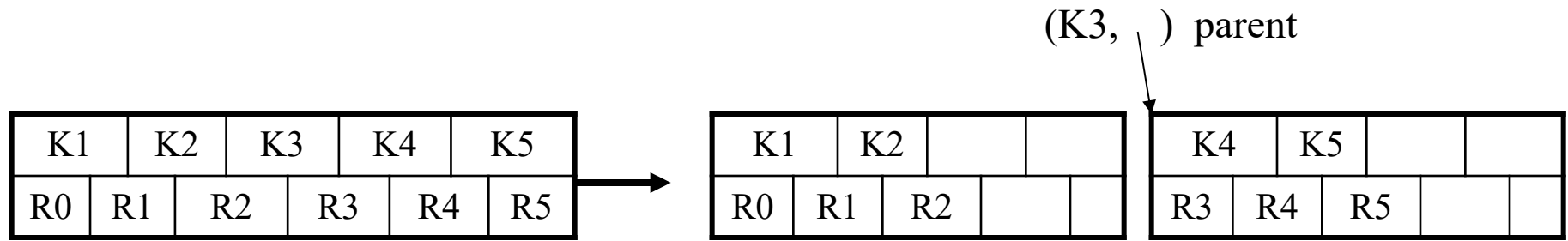
- Typical order: 100. Typical fill-factor: 67%.
 - average fanout = 133
- Typical capacities:
 - Height 4: $133^4 = 312,900,700$ records
 - Height 3: $133^3 = 2,352,637$ records
- Can often hold top levels in buffer pool:
 - Level 1 = 1 page = 8 Kbytes
 - Level 2 = 133 pages = 1 Mbyte
 - Level 3 = 17,689 pages = 133 MBytes

Retrieving tuples

- Point queries
 - start from the root and follow the links to the leaf.
- Range queries
 - find the lowest point in the range; then, follow the links between the nodes.

Inserting a new key

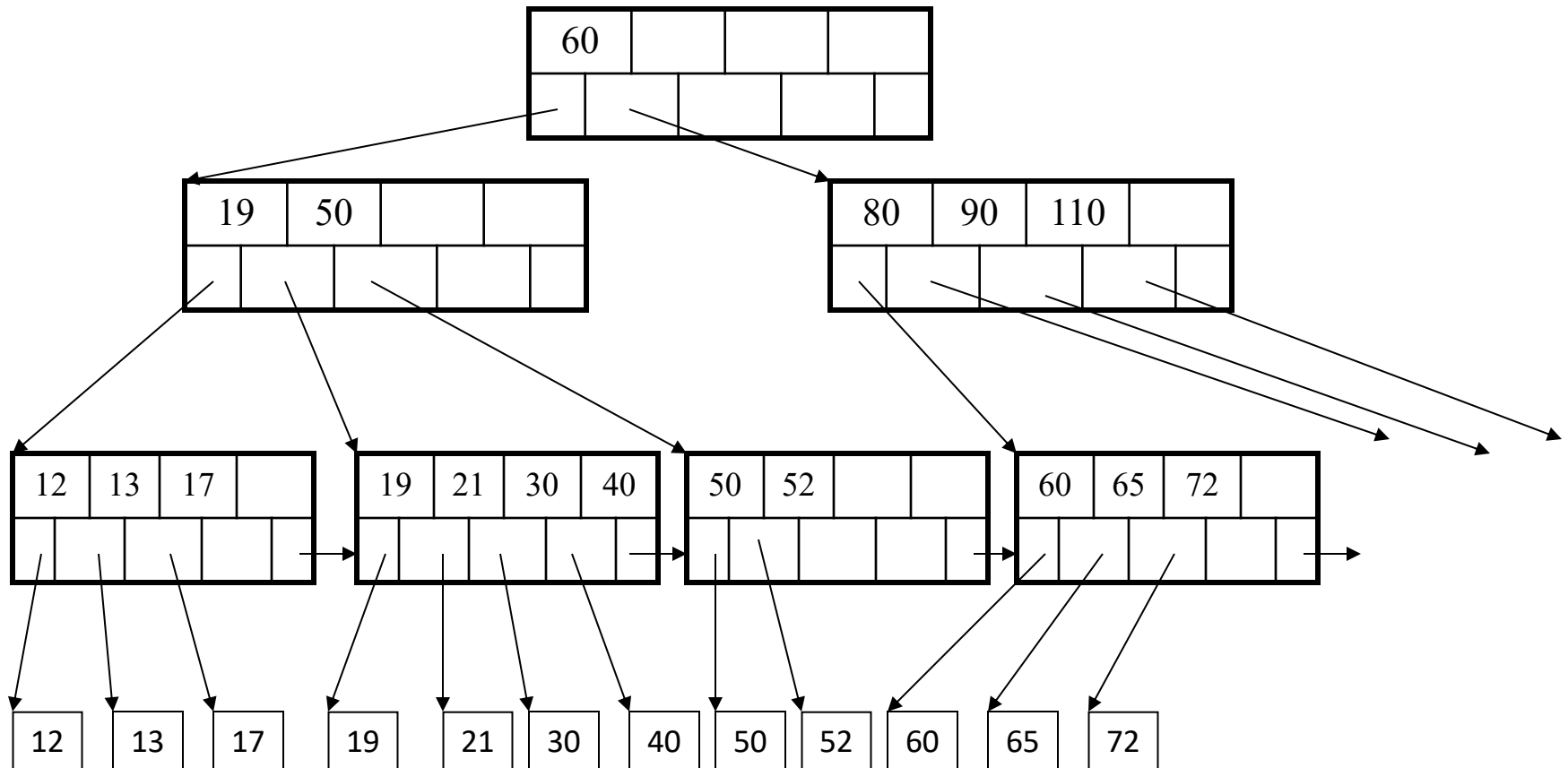
- Pick the proper leaf node and insert the key.
- If the node contains more than $2d$ keys, split the node and insert the extra node in the parent.



– If leaf level, add K3 to the right node

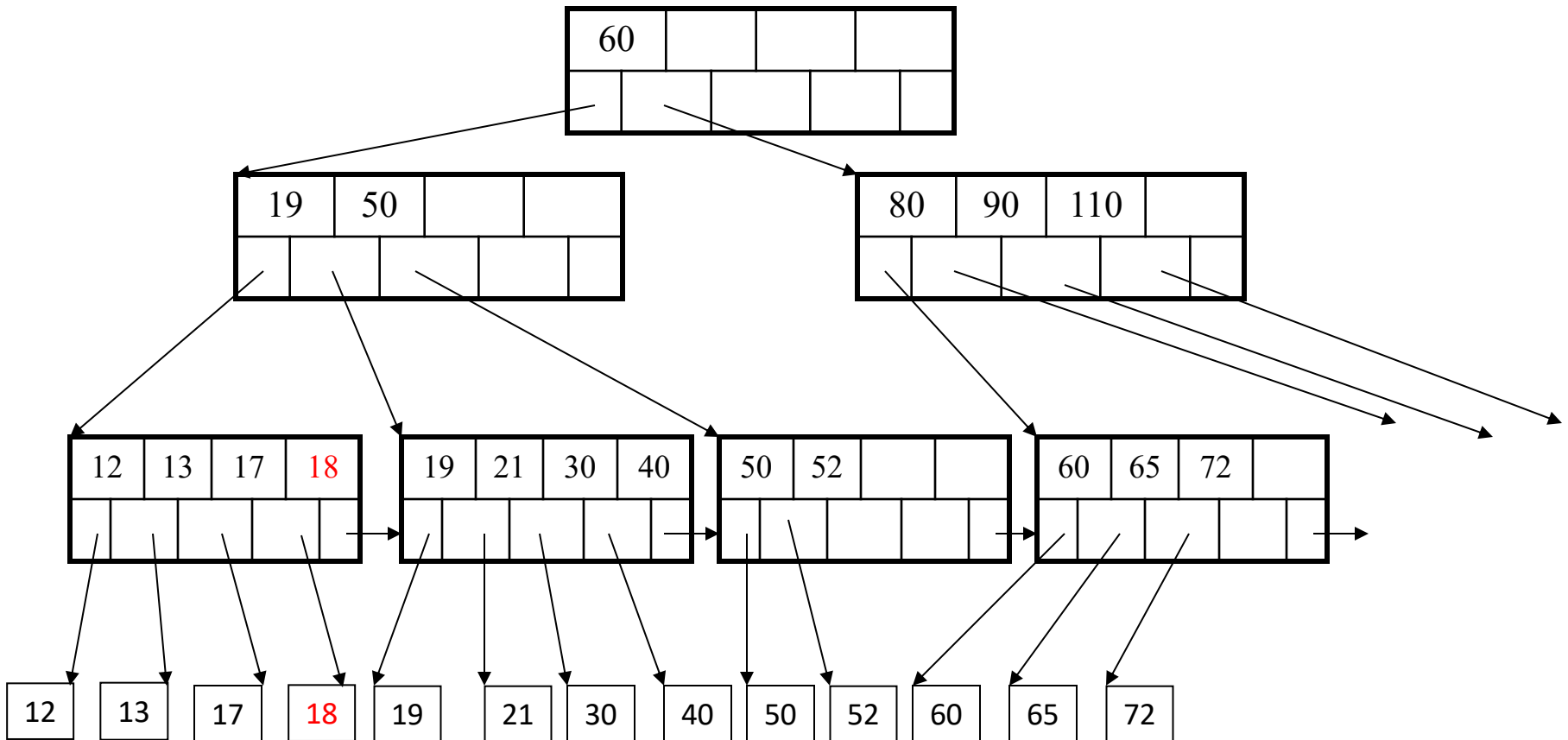
Insertion

Insert $K = 18$



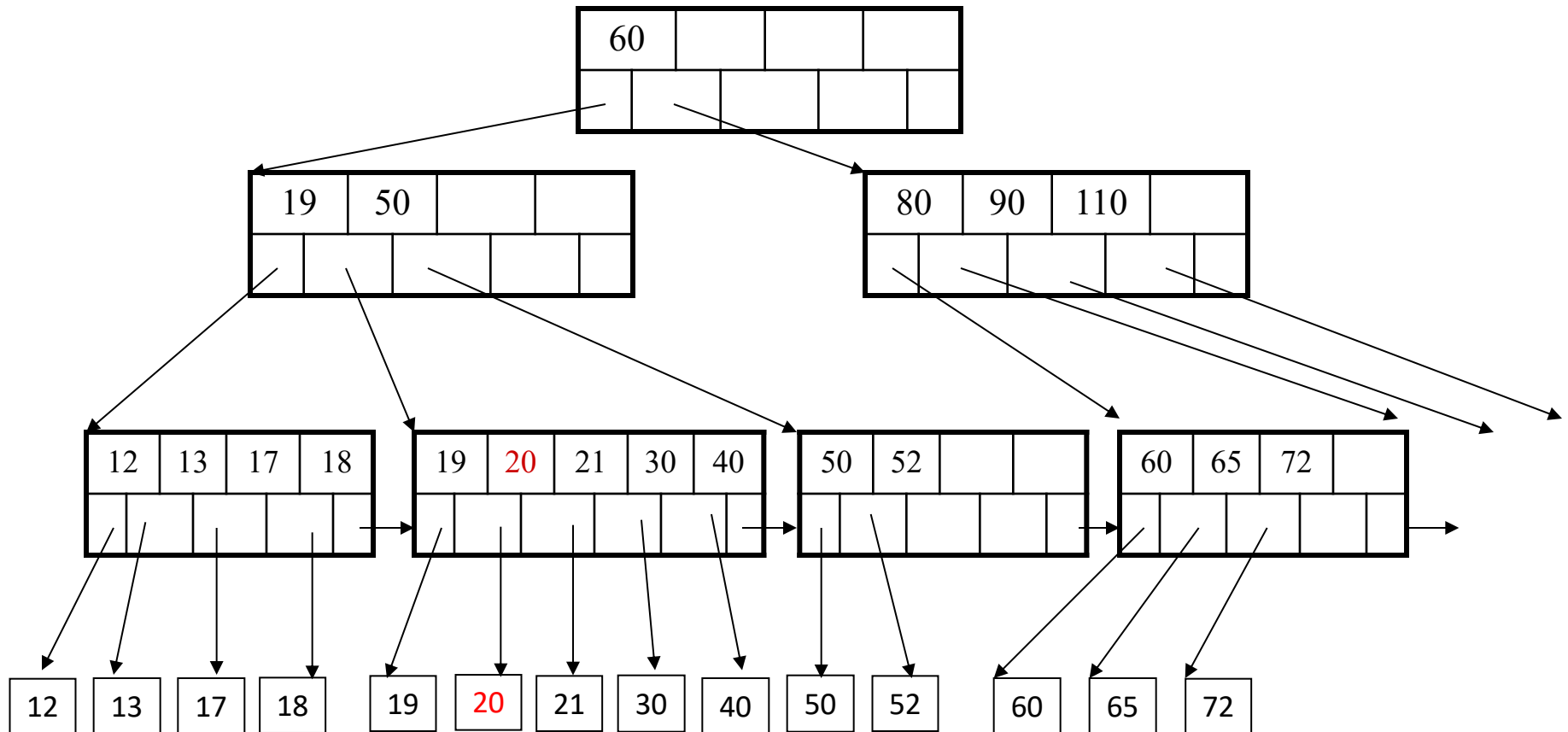
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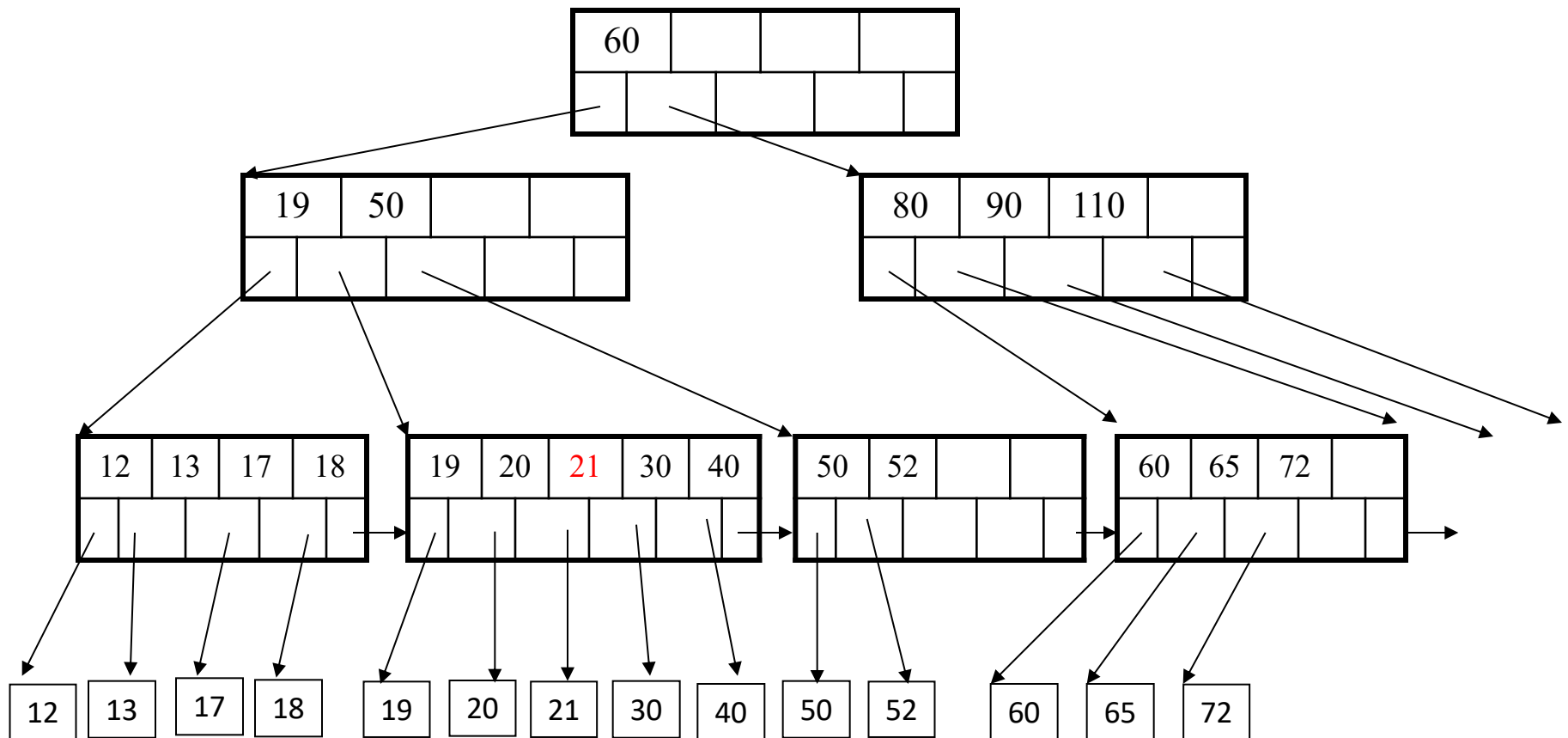
Insertion

Insert K= 20



Insertion

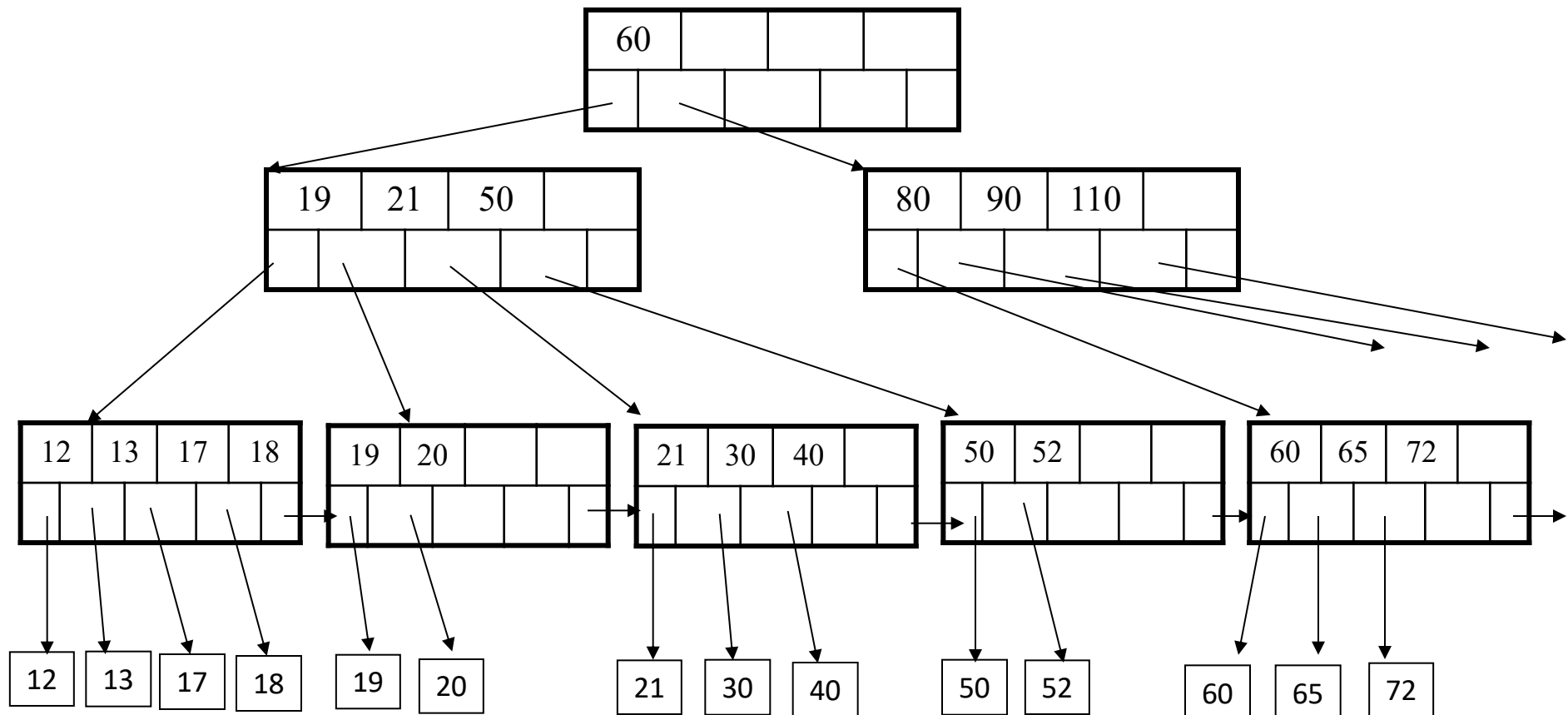
Need to split the node



Insertion

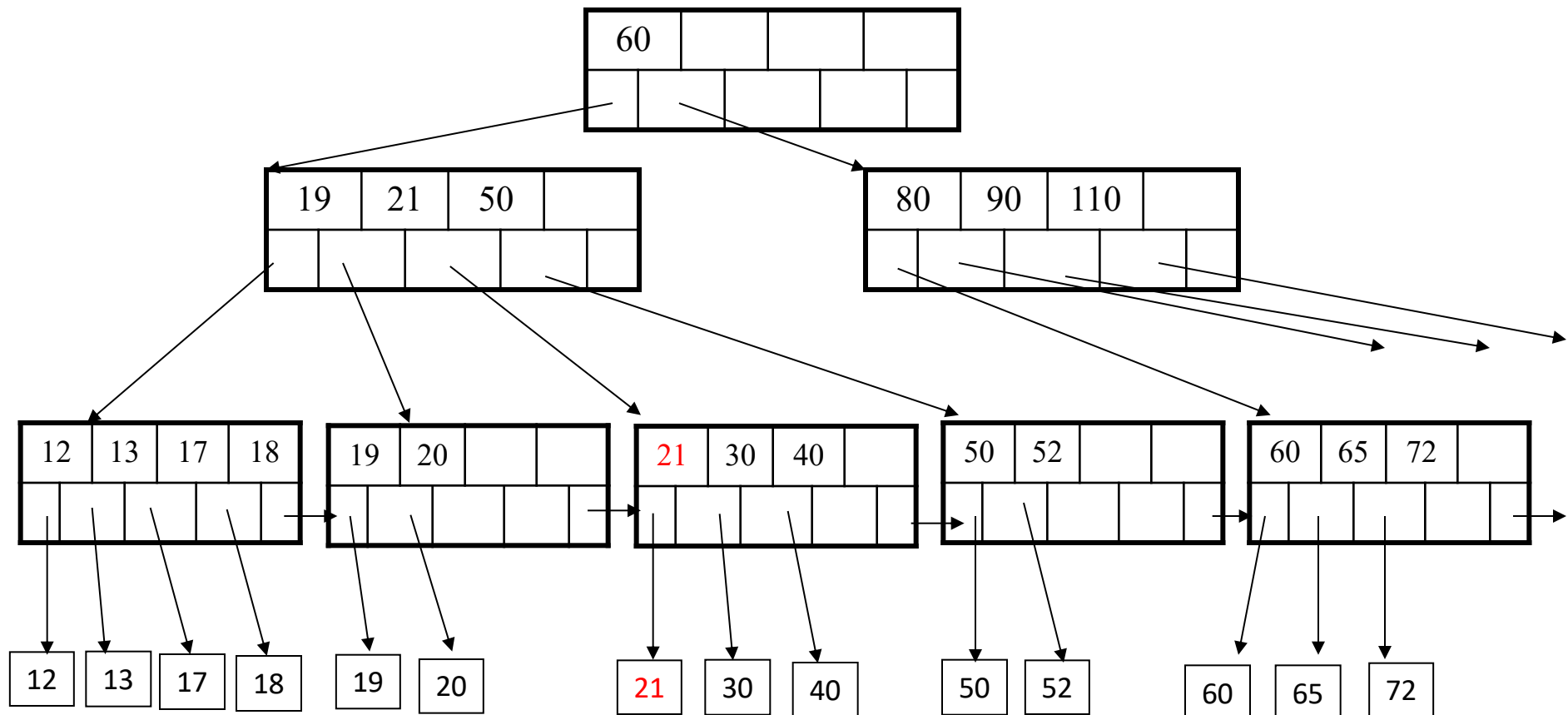
Split and update the parent node.

What if we need to split the root?



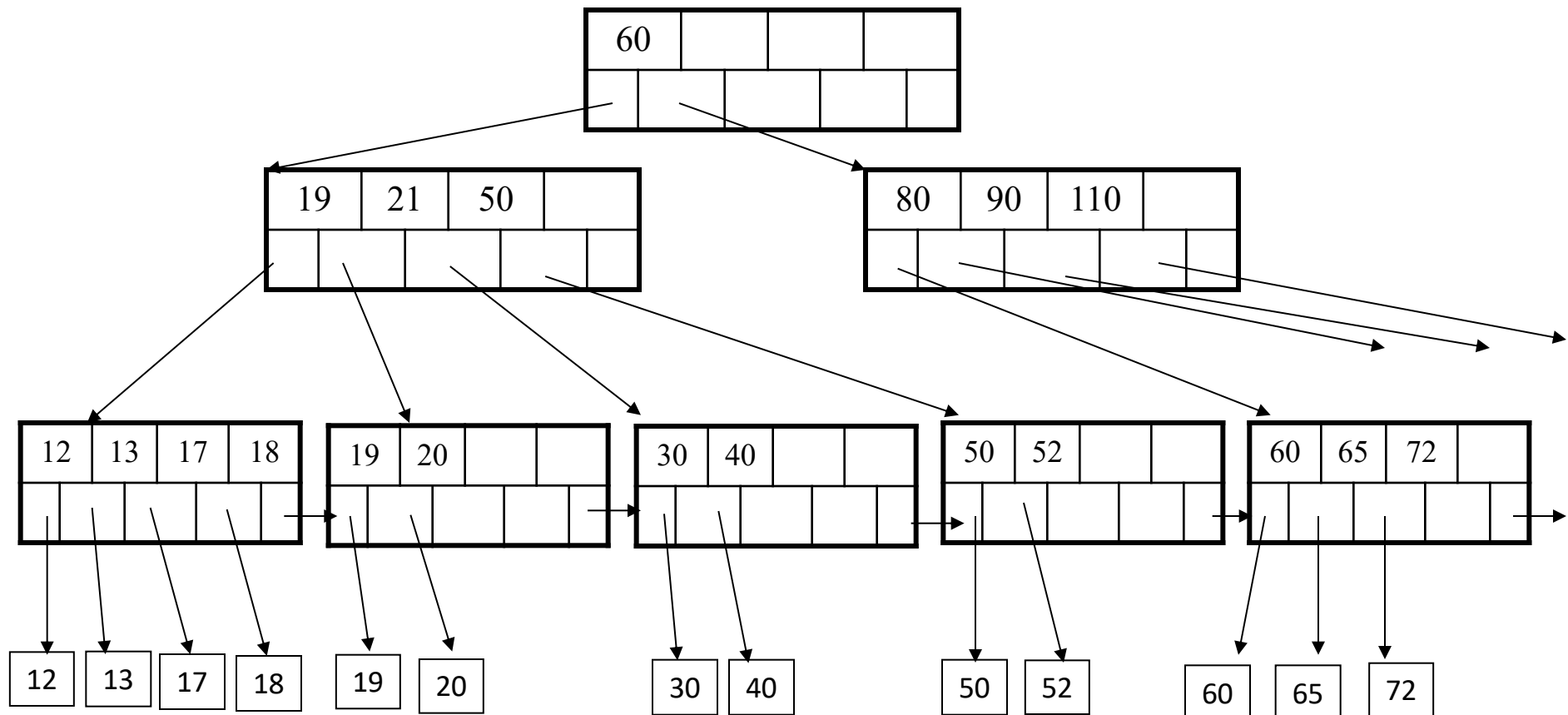
Deletion

Delete $K = 21$



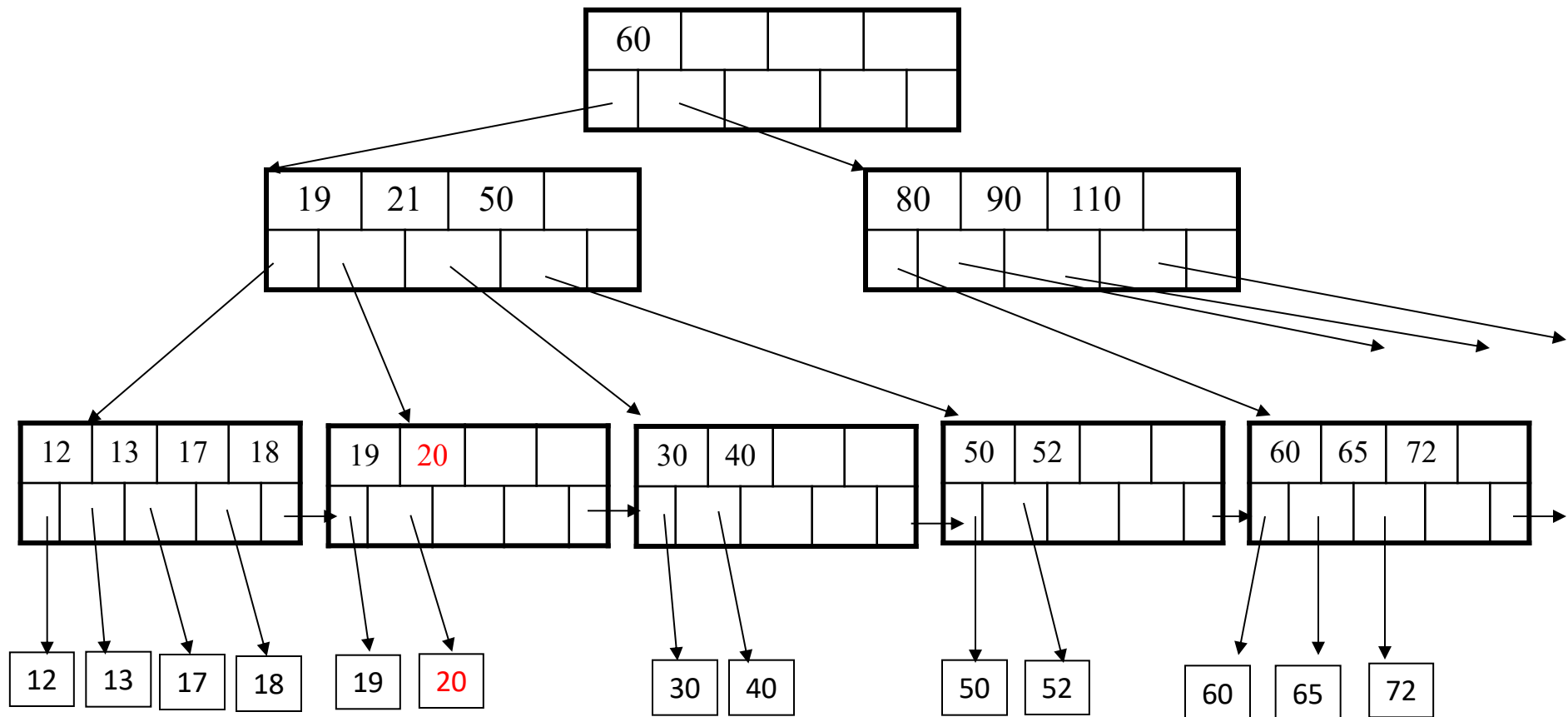
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Note: $K = 21$ may still remain in the internal levels



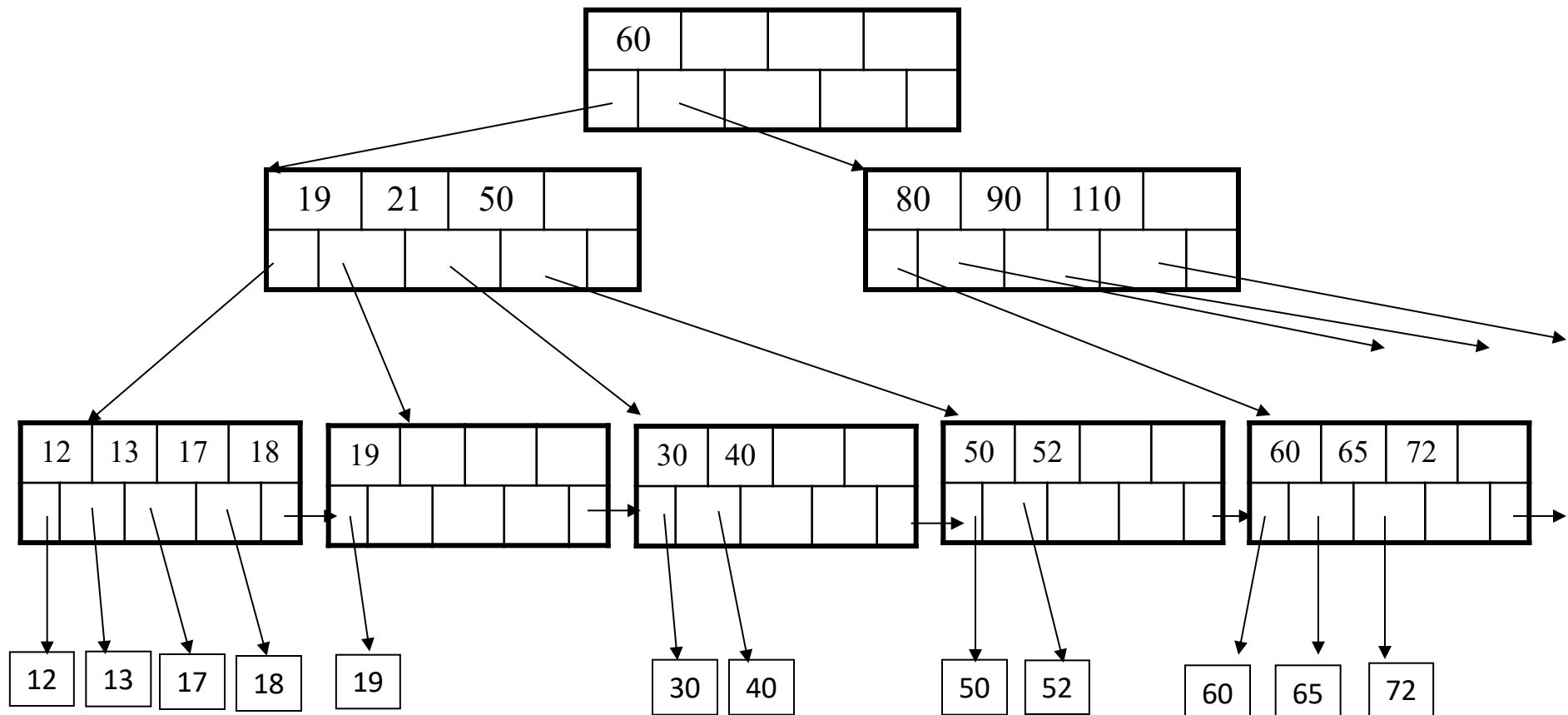
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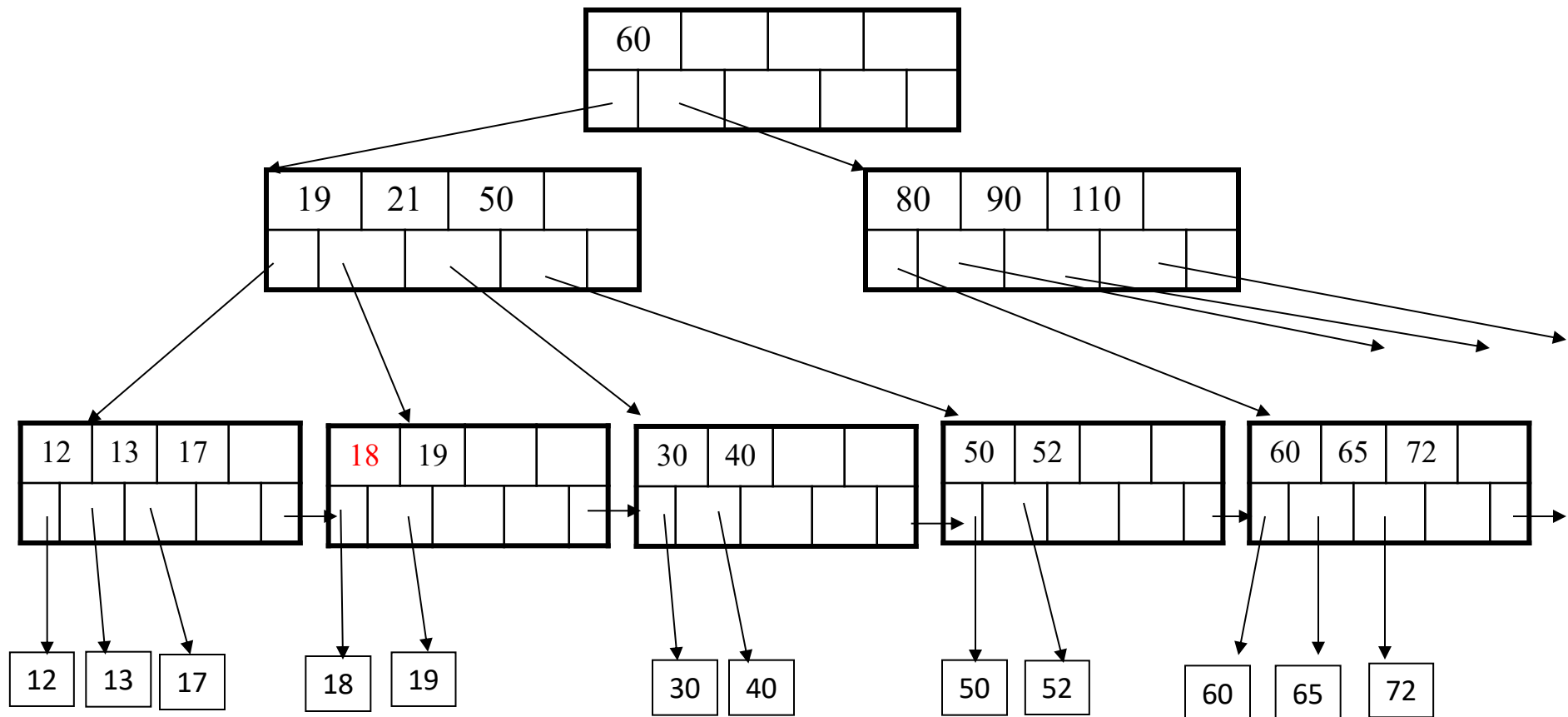
Deletion

We need to update the number of keys on the node:
Borrow from siblings: rotate



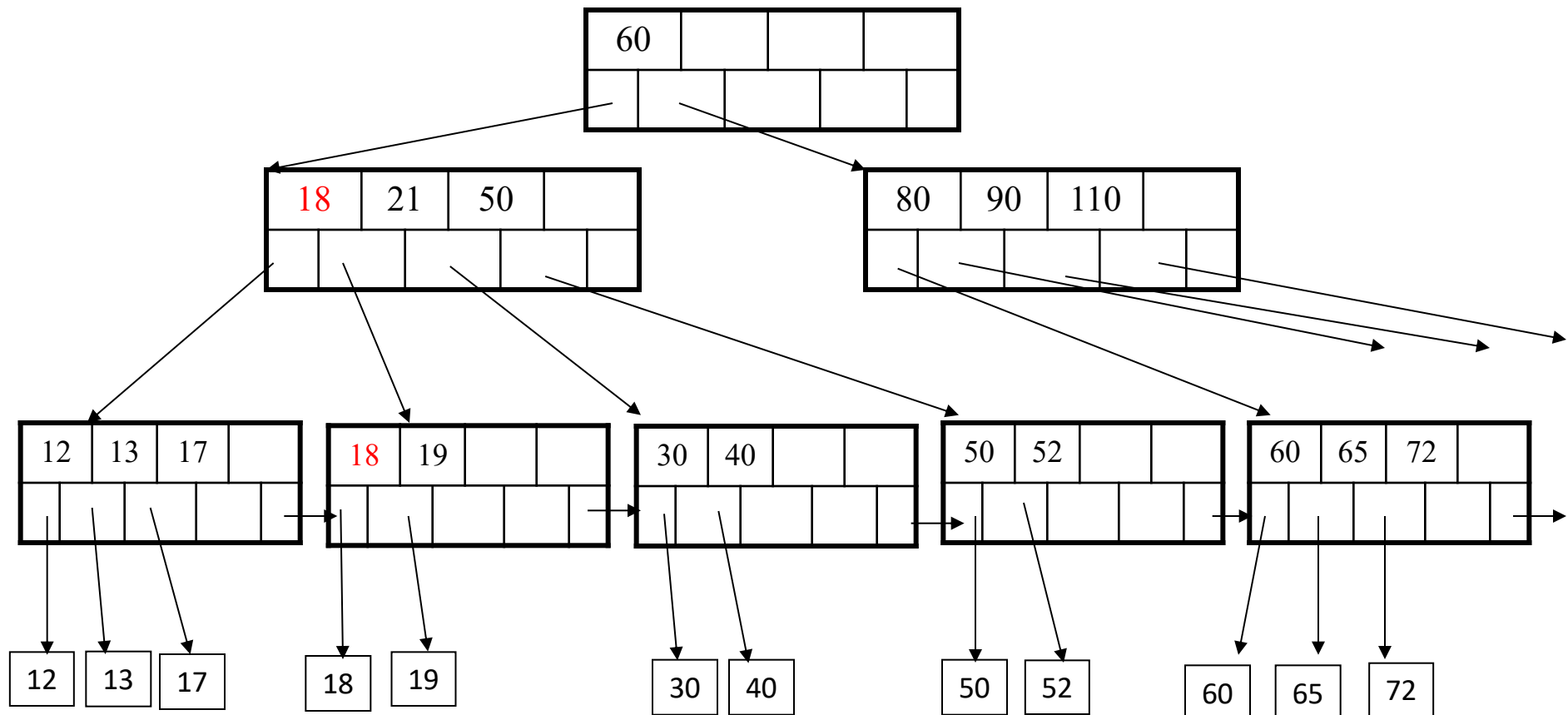
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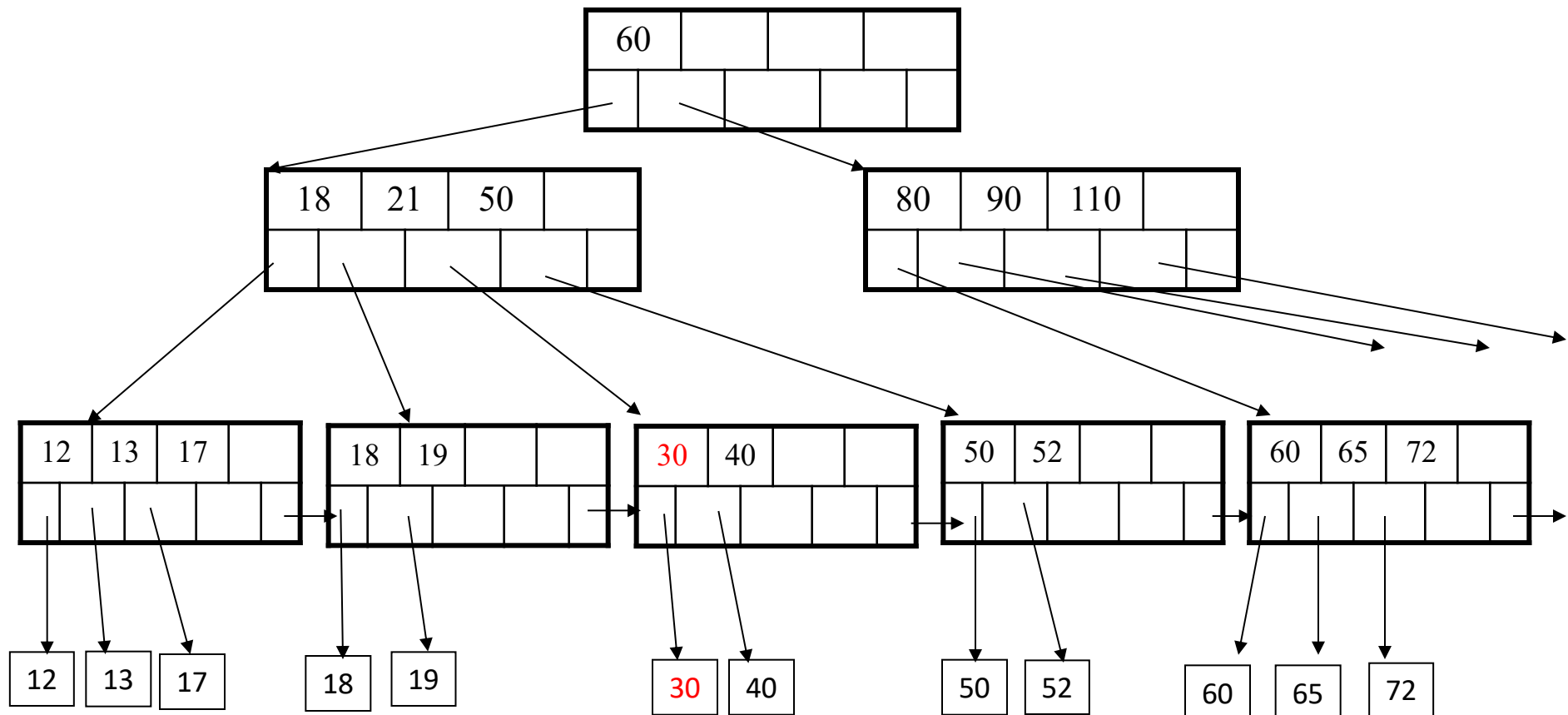
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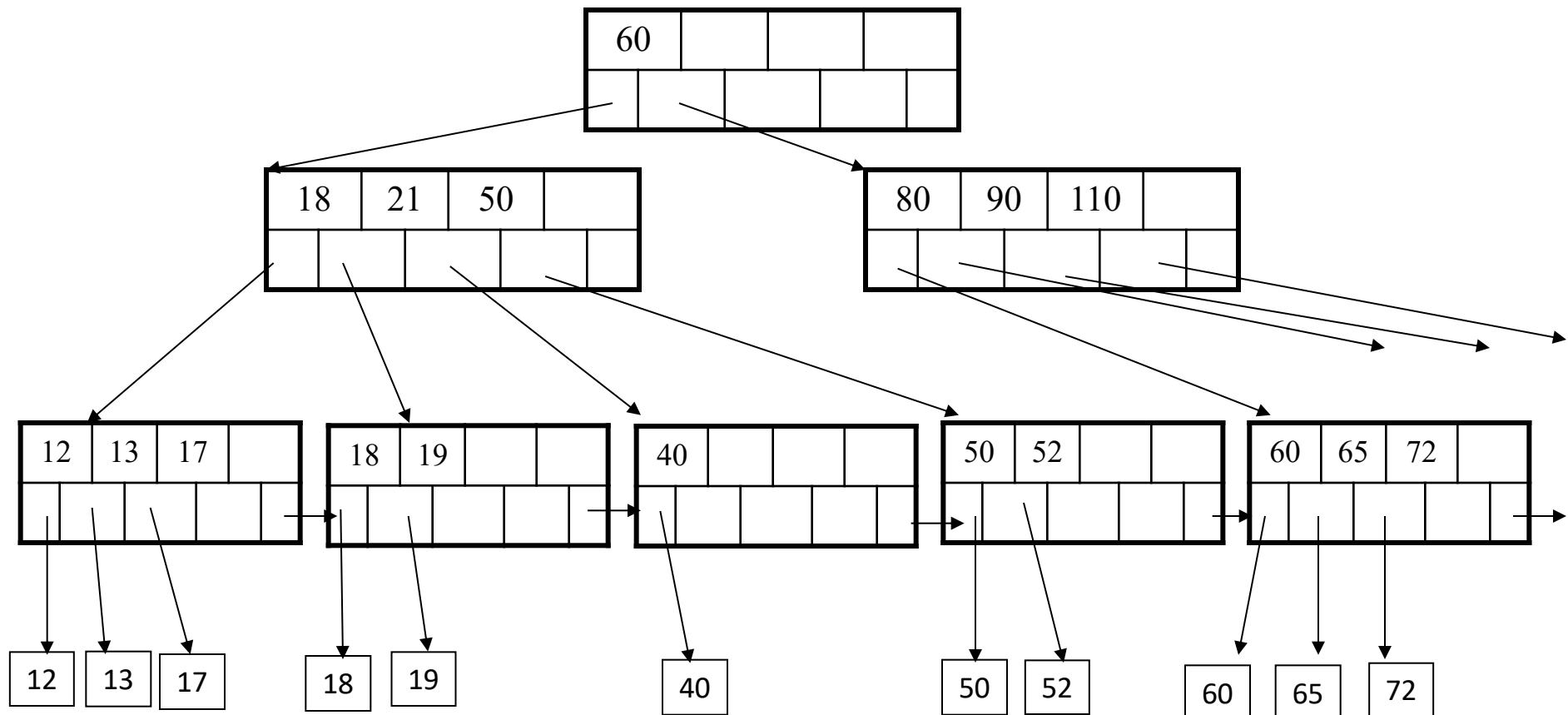
What if we cannot borrow from siblings?

Example: delete $K = 30$



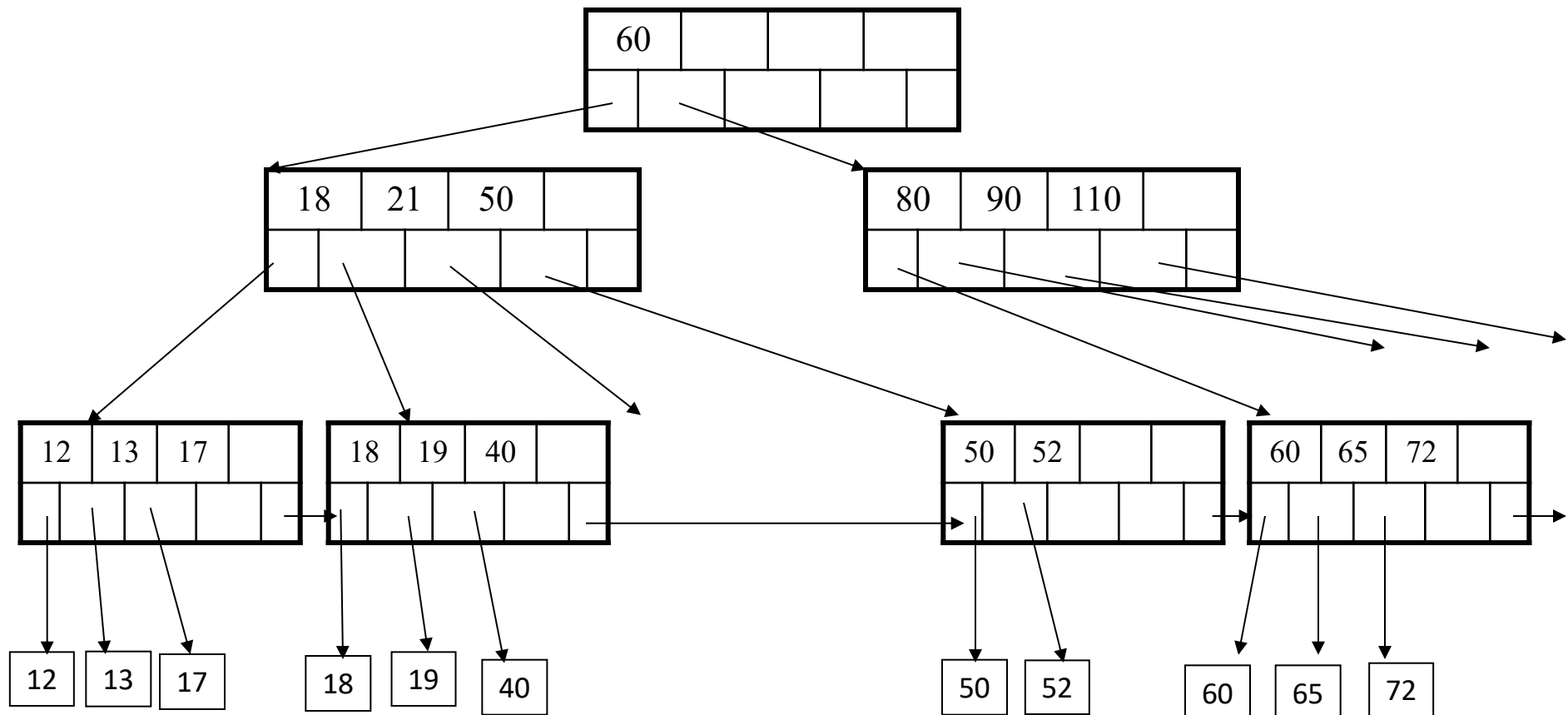
Deletion

What if we cannot borrow from siblings?
Merge with a sibling.



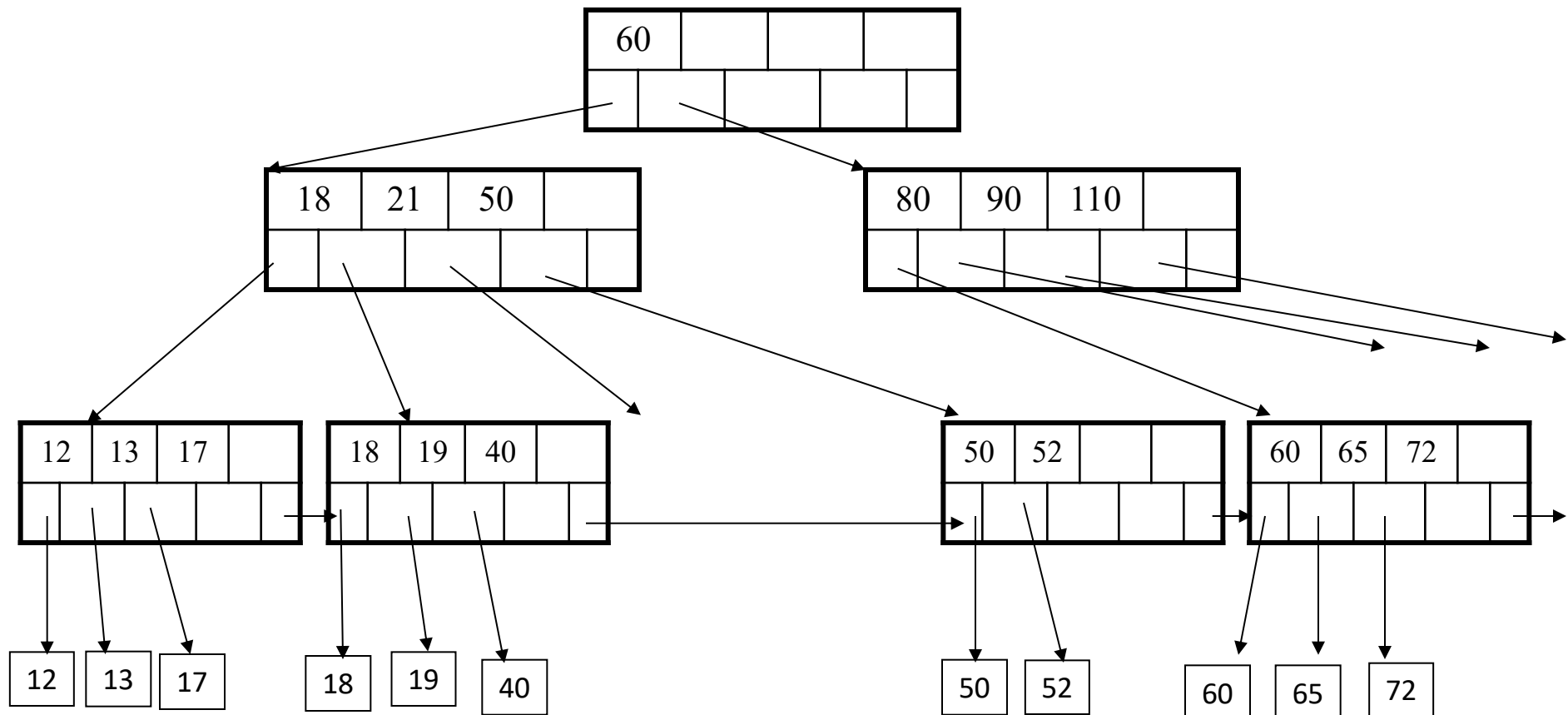
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What if we cannot borrow from siblings?
Merge siblings!



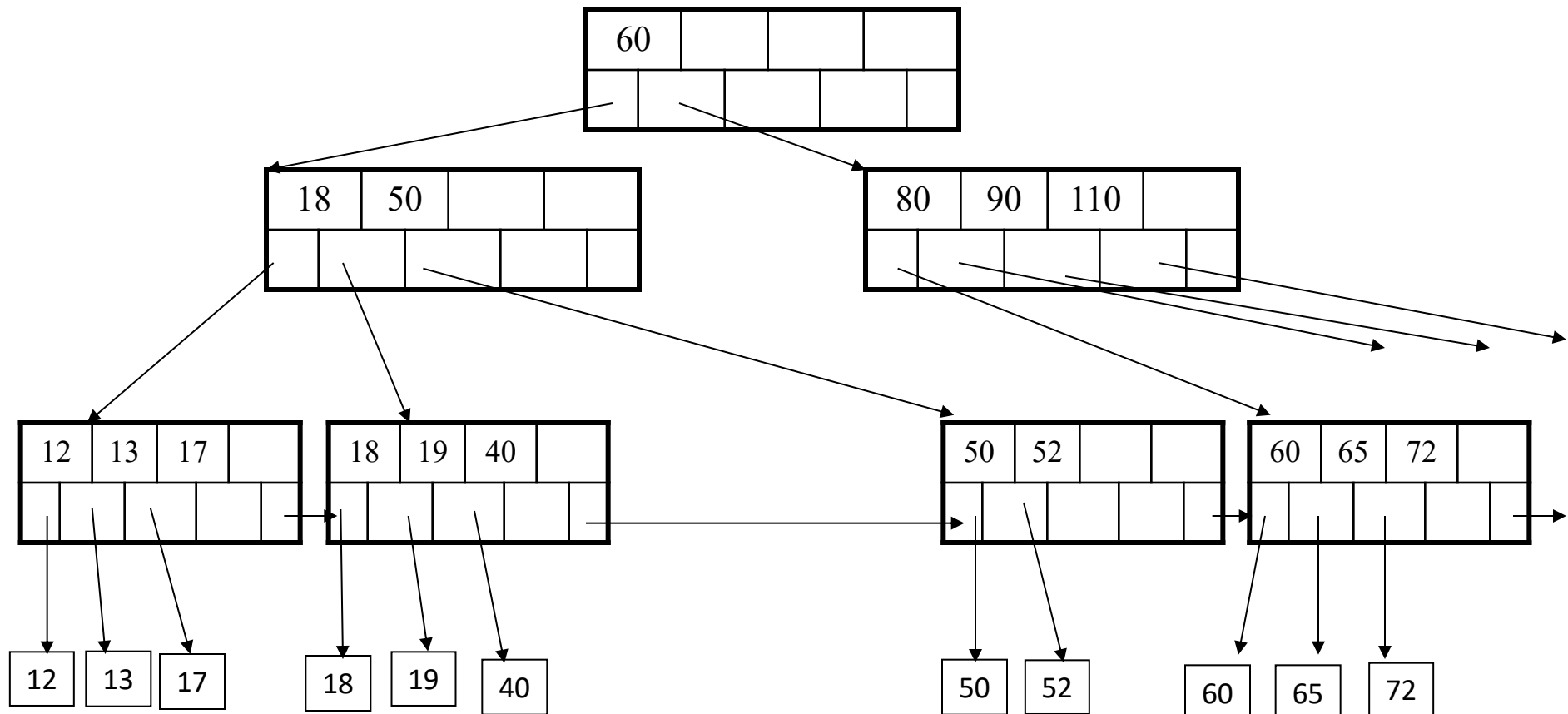
Deletion

What to do with the dangling key and pointer? simply remove them



Deletion

Final tree

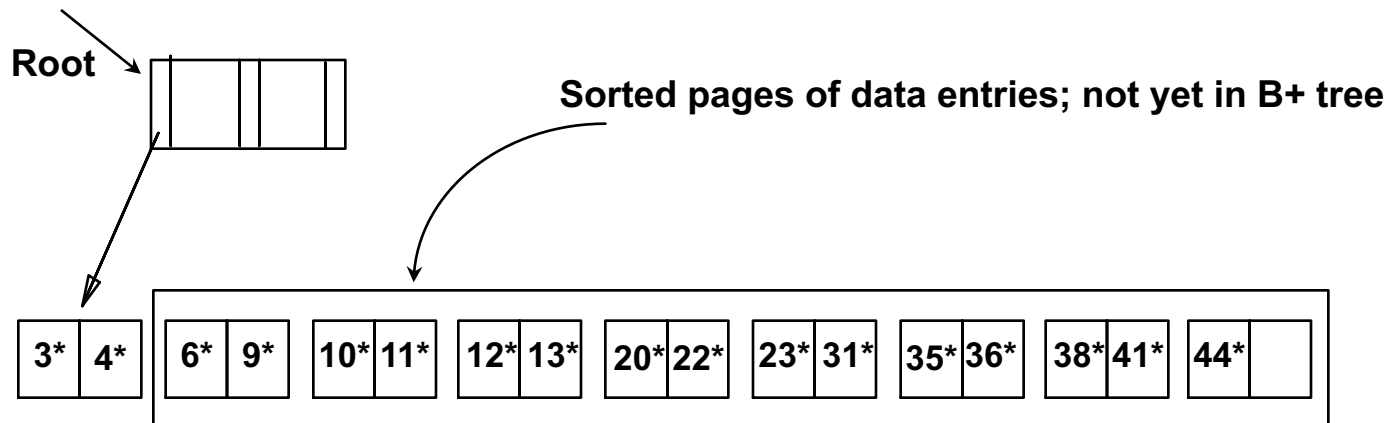


Prefix key compression

- Important to increase fan-out. (Why?)
- Key values in index entries only 'direct traffic'; can often compress them.
 - E.g., If we have adjacent index entries with search key values *Dannon Yogurt*, *David Smith* and *Devarakonda Murthy*, we can abbreviate *David Smith* to *Dav*. (The other keys can be compressed too ...)
 - Is this correct? Not quite! What if there is a data entry *Davey Jones*? (Can only compress *David Smith* to *Davi*)
 - In general, while compressing, must leave each index entry greater than every key value (in any subtree) to its left.
- Insert/delete must be suitably modified.

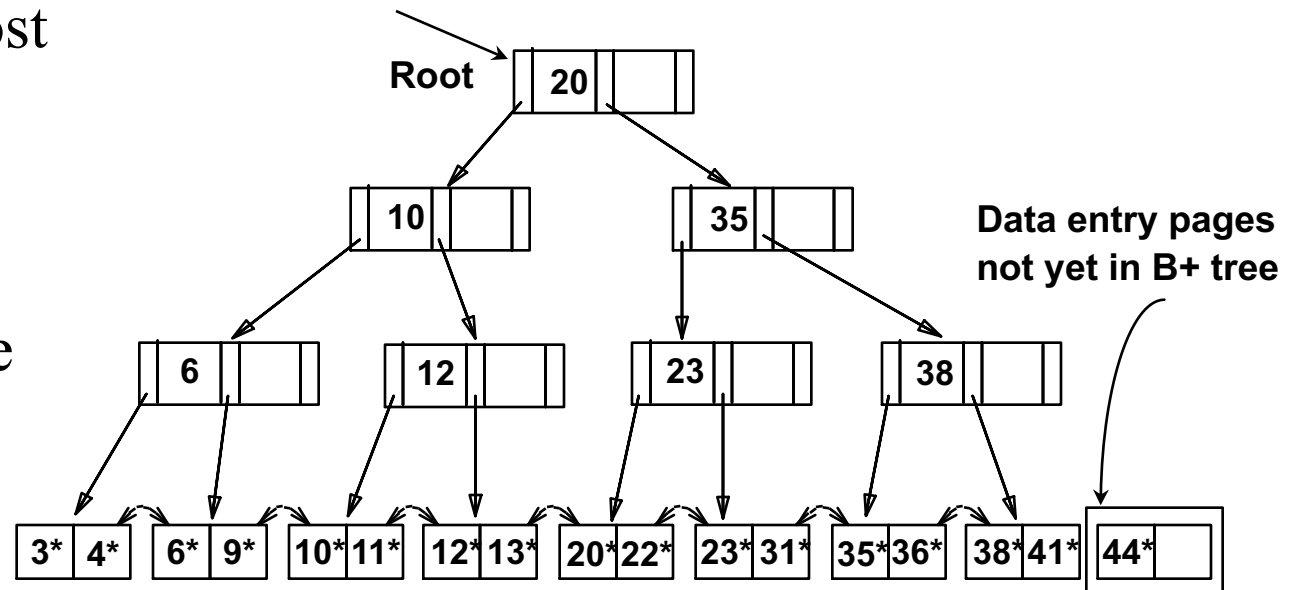
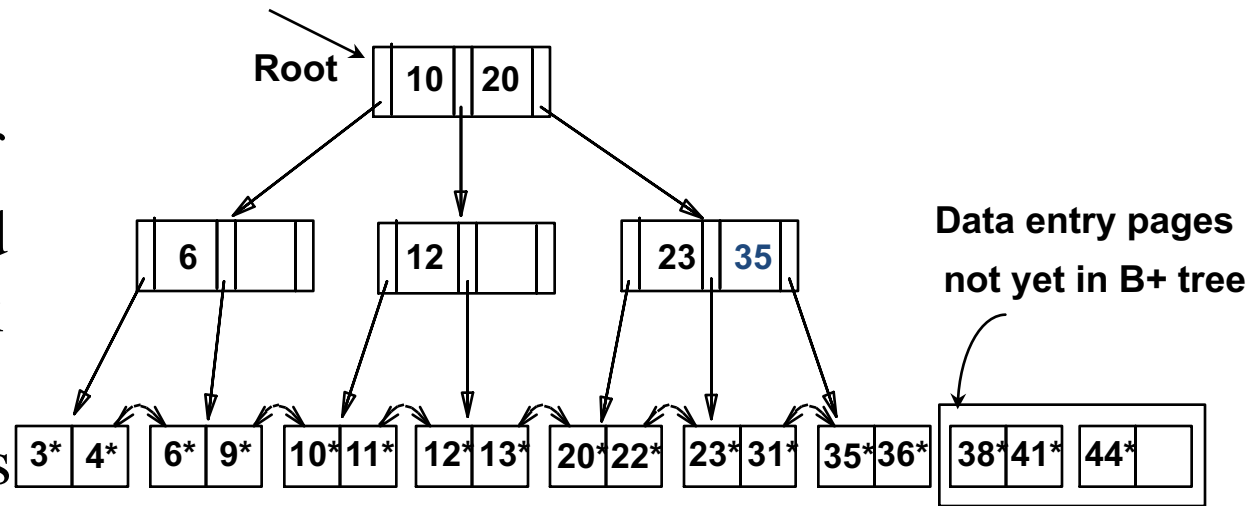
Bulk loading of a B+ tree

- If we have a large collection of records, and we want to create a B+ tree on some field, doing so by repeatedly inserting records is very slow.
- Bulk Loading can be done much more efficiently.
- *Initialization*: Sort all data entries, insert pointer to first (leaf) page in a new (root) page.



Bulk loading

- Index entries for leaf pages always entered into right-most index page just above leaf level. When this fills up, it splits. (Split may go up right-most path to the root.)
- Much faster than repeated inserts, especially when one considers locking!



Hash Table

- Very similar to main memory hash tables, but much larger
- Main memory hash tables
 - n available buckets
 - A hash function $f(k)$ maps a key k to $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$
 - Bucket $f(k)$ points to the records whose keys are k .
- Secondary storage hash tables
 - Bucket = block
 - Block $f(k)$ stores the records with key k .
 - Overflow blocks when needed.

Example

- Assume 1 bucket (block) stores 2 records
- $h(e)=0$
- $h(b)=h(f)=1$
- $h(g)=2$
- $h(a)=h(c)=3$

0	e
1	b
1	f
2	g
3	a
3	c

Searching a Hash Table

- Search for a:
- Compute $h(a)=3$
- Read bucket 3
- 1 disk access

Main memory may have an array of pointers (to buckets) accessible by bucket number.

0	e
1	b f
2	g
3	a c

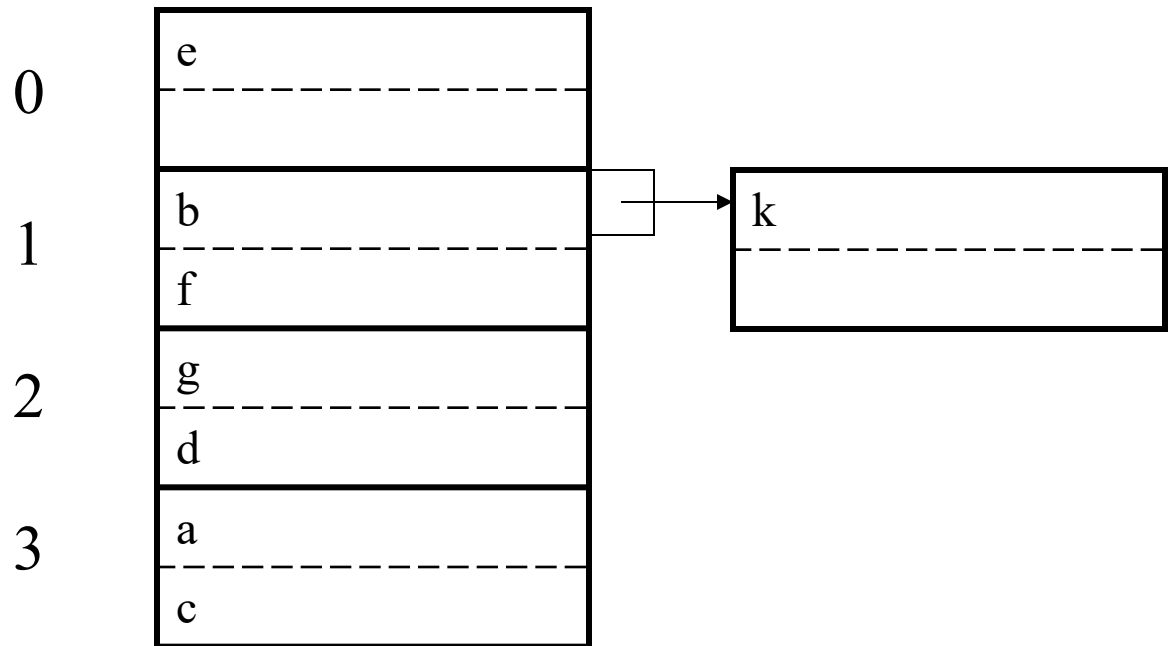
Insertion in Hash Table

- Place in right bucket, if space
- E.g. $h(d)=2$

0	e
1	b
2	g
3	a
	c

Insertion in Hash Table

- Create overflow block, if no space
- E.g. $h(k)=1$



- More overflow blocks may be needed

Hash Table Performance

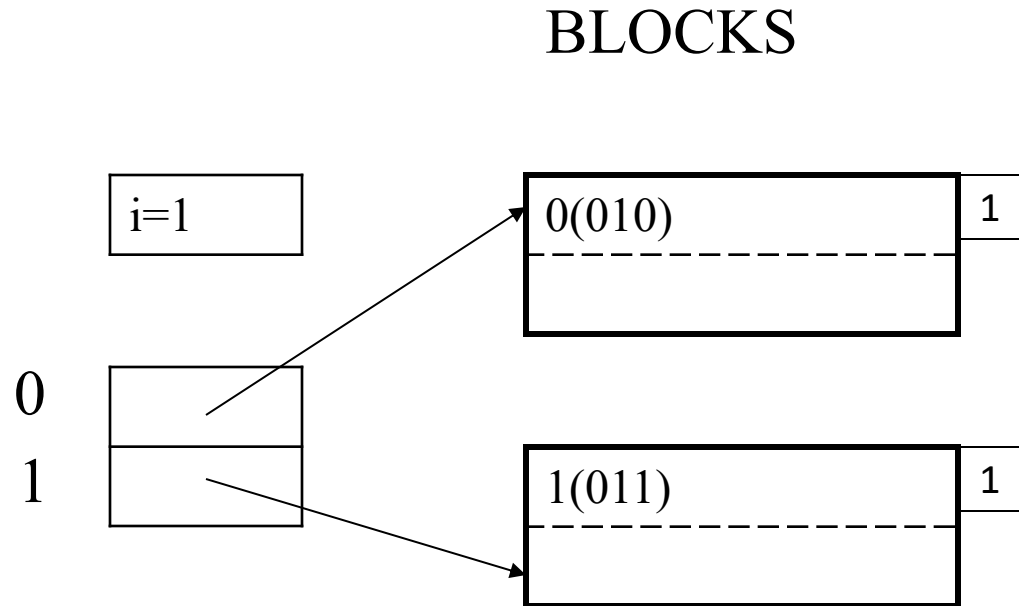
- Excellent, if no overflow blocks
- Degrades when $\#keys > \#buckets$; many overflow blocks.
- Closer to full scan.

Extensible Hash Table

- Allows hash table to grow, to avoid performance degradation
- Assume a hash function h that returns numbers in $\{0, \dots, 2^k - 1\}$
- Start with $n = 2^i \ll 2^k$, only look at first i most significant bits

Extensible Hash Table

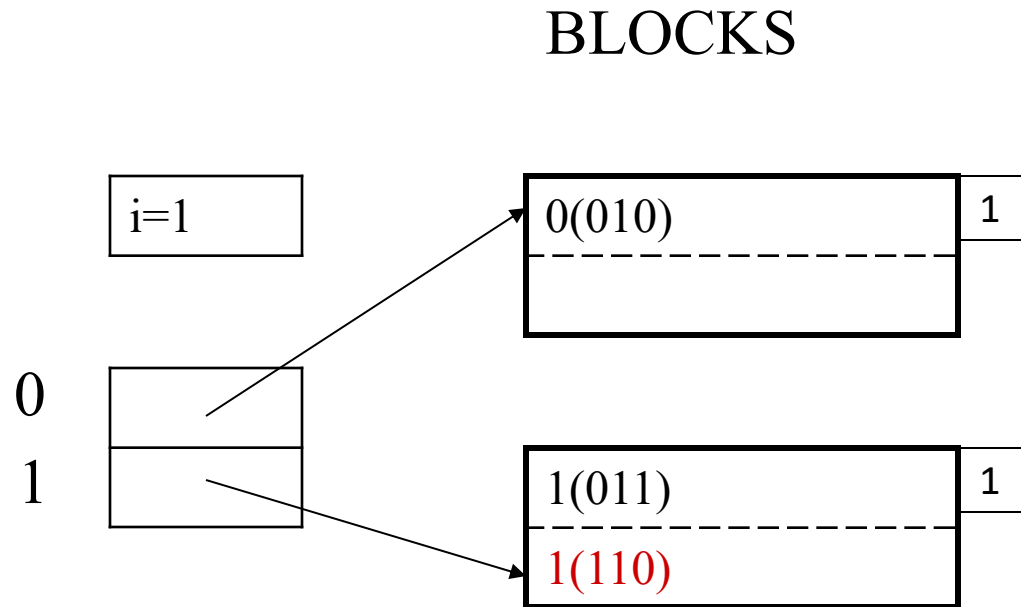
- E.g. $i=1$, $n=2$, $k=4$



- We only look at the first bit (0 or 1).
- Note: similar algorithm for the last bit.

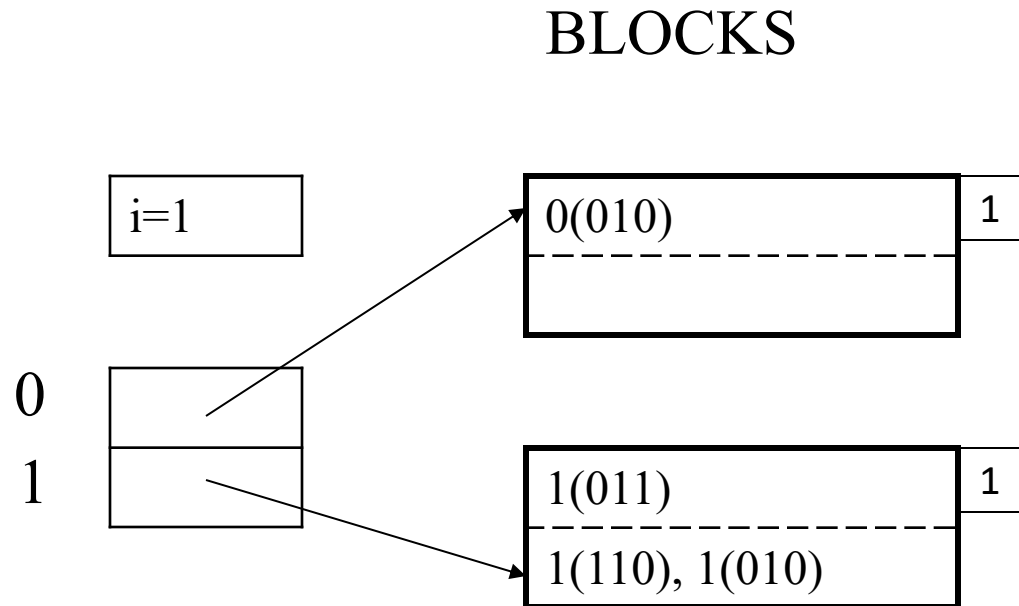
Insertion in Extensible Hash Table

- Insert 1110



Insertion in Extensible Hash Table

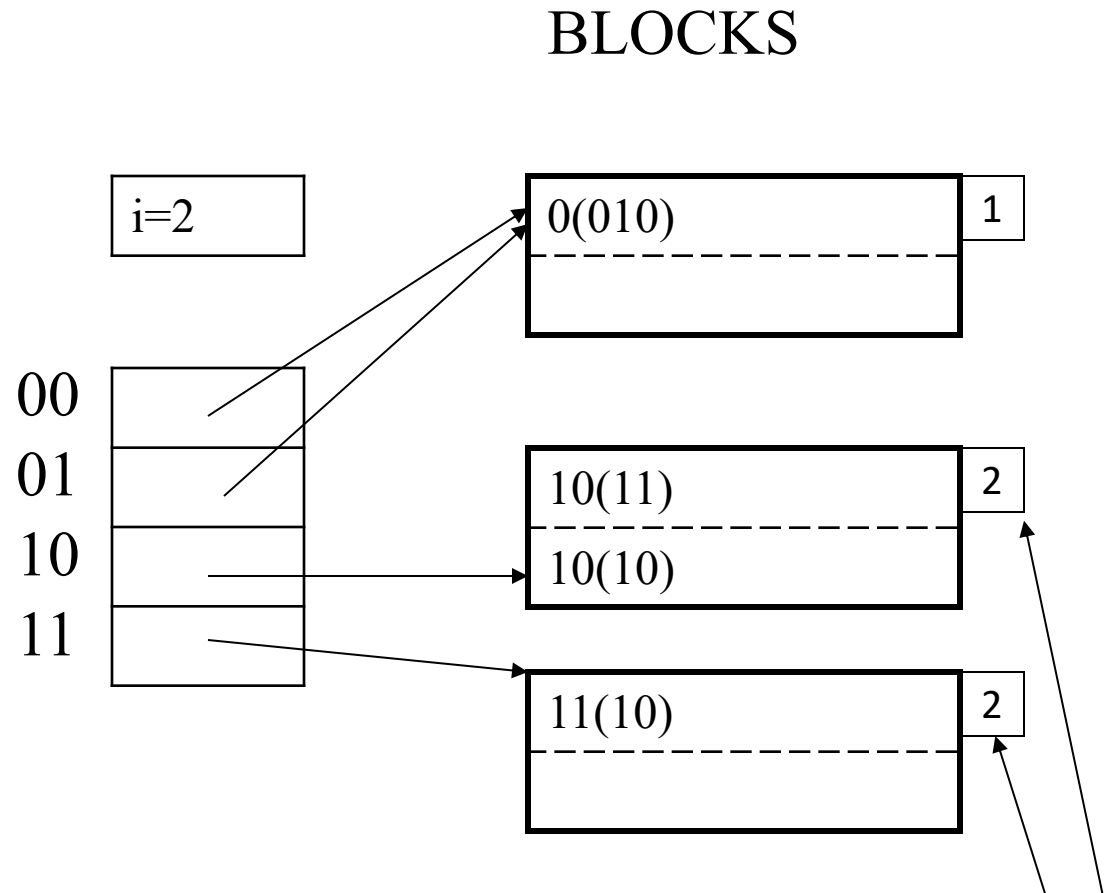
- Insert 1010



- Split block and extend bucket array
- Need more bits to address: i becomes 2

Insertion in Extensible Hash Table

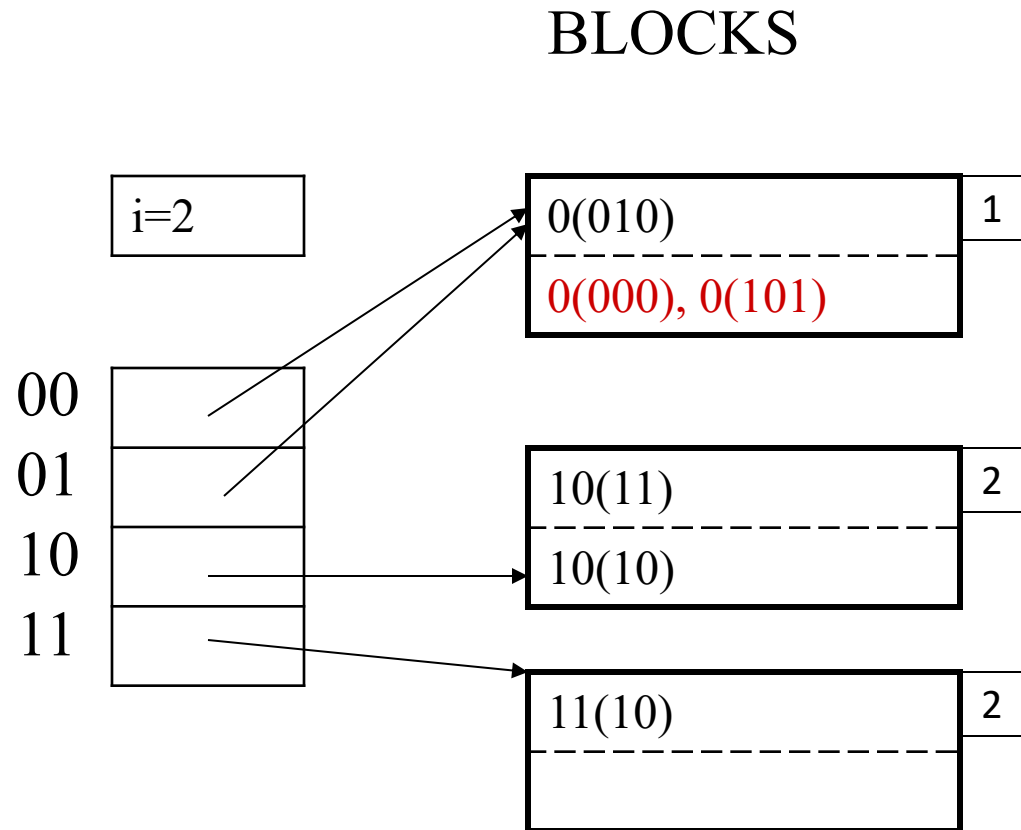
- Insert 1010



Update the number of bits.

Insertion in Extensible Hash Table

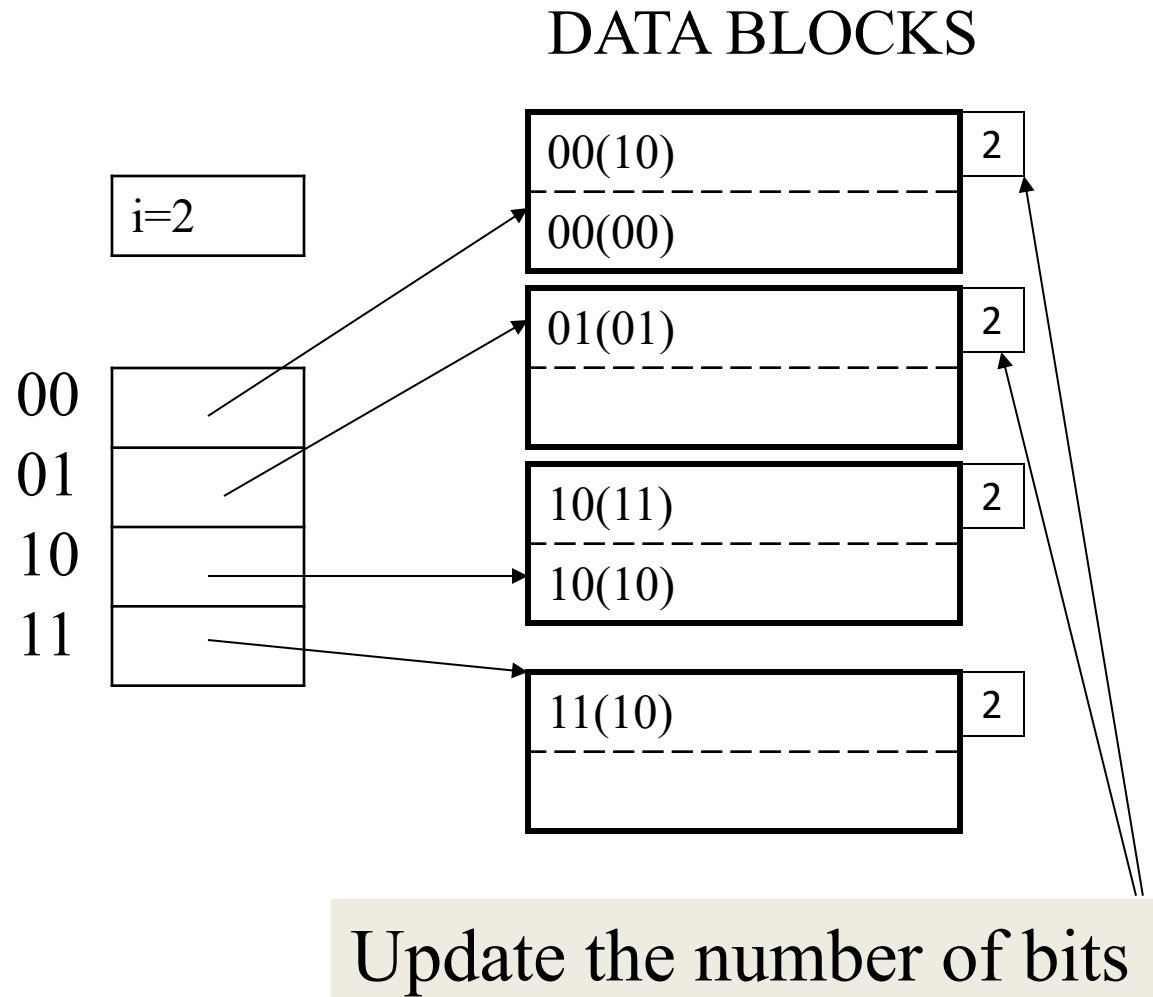
- Insert 0000 and 0101



- Split the block, re-use the bucket array.

Insertion in Extensible Hash Table

- After splitting the block



Extensible Hash Table: Performance

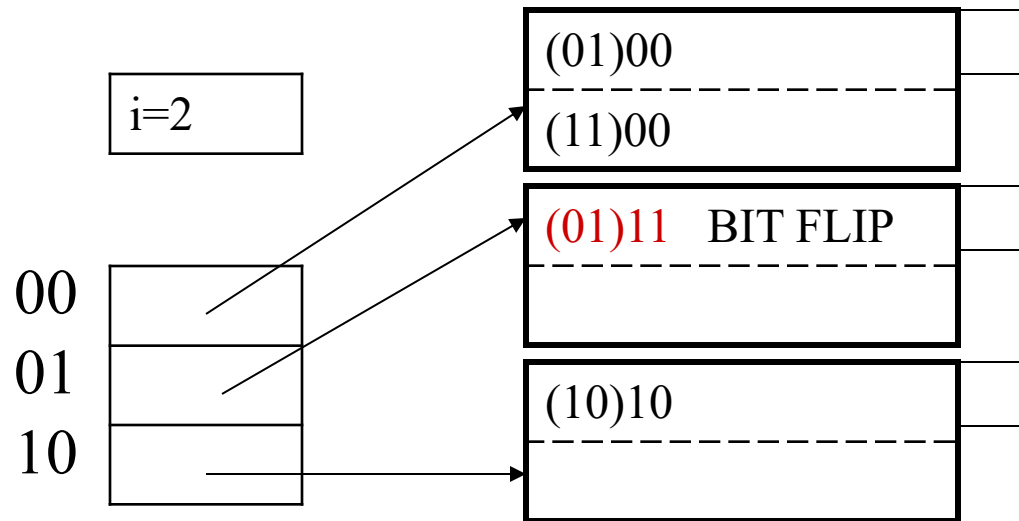
- No overflow blocks: always one read
- Not as good as it sounds:
 - Extensions are costly and disruptive
 - After an extension, the table may no longer fit in main memory
 - Example: three records whose keys share the first 30 bits. A block split would require setting $i = 30$, i.e., accommodating for 2^{30} buckets!
 - Many useless buckets

Linear Hash Table

- Add only one bucket at a time
- But n is no longer a power of 2
- Let i be #bits required to address n buckets.
 - $2^{i-1} < n \leq 2^i$
- After computing $h(k)$, use last i bits:
 - If last i bits represent a number $\geq n$, change msb from 1 to 0 (get a number $< n$)
- Allow overflow blocks

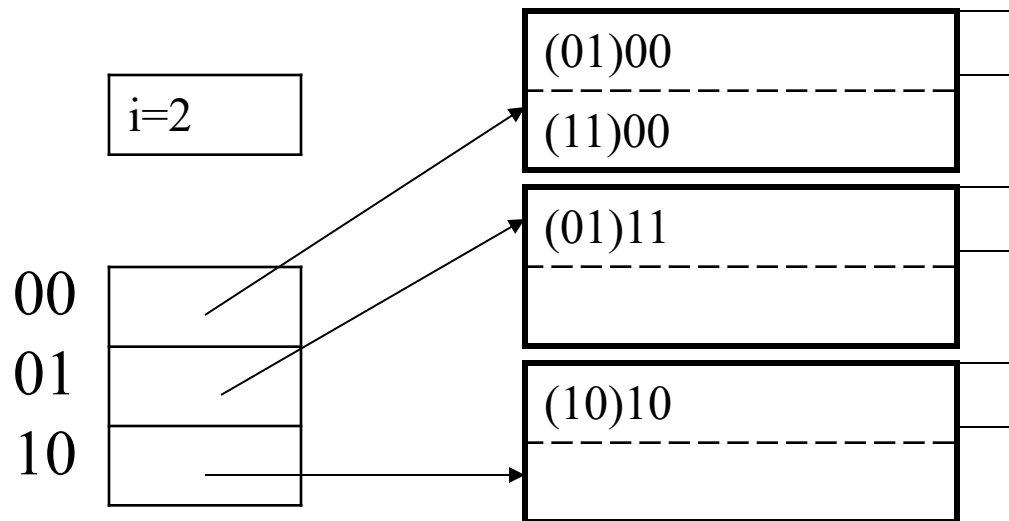
Linear Hash Table Example

- $N=3$



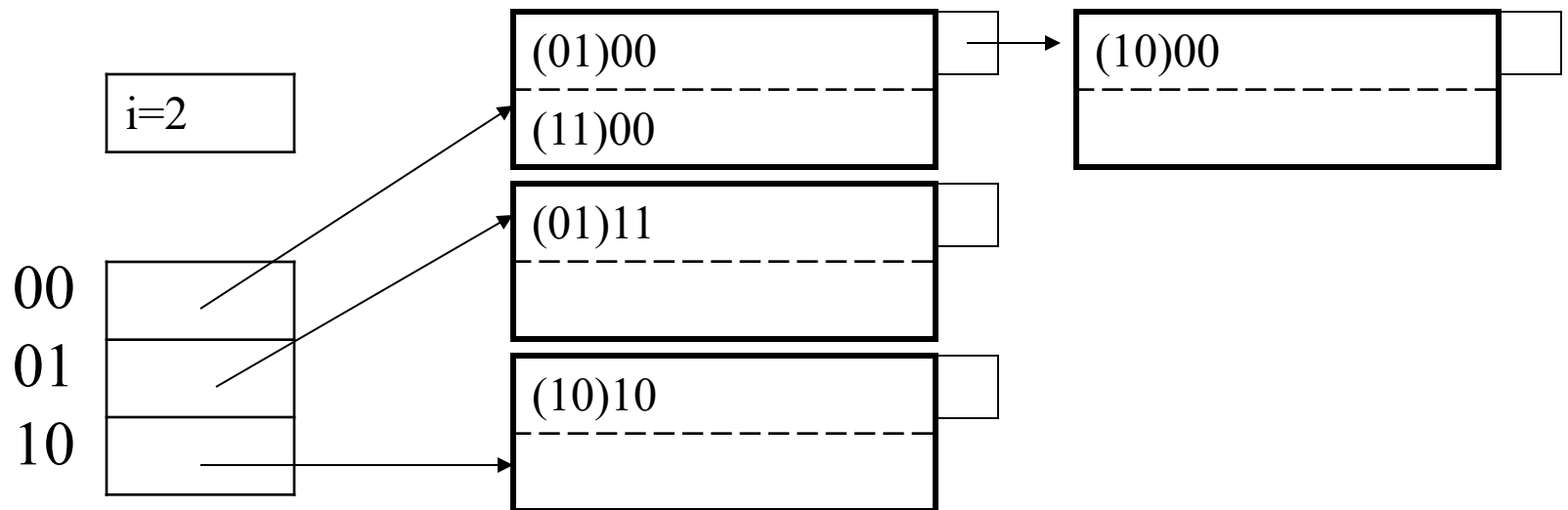
Linear Hash Table Example

- Insert 1000:



Linear Hash Table Example

- Insert 1000: overflow blocks...

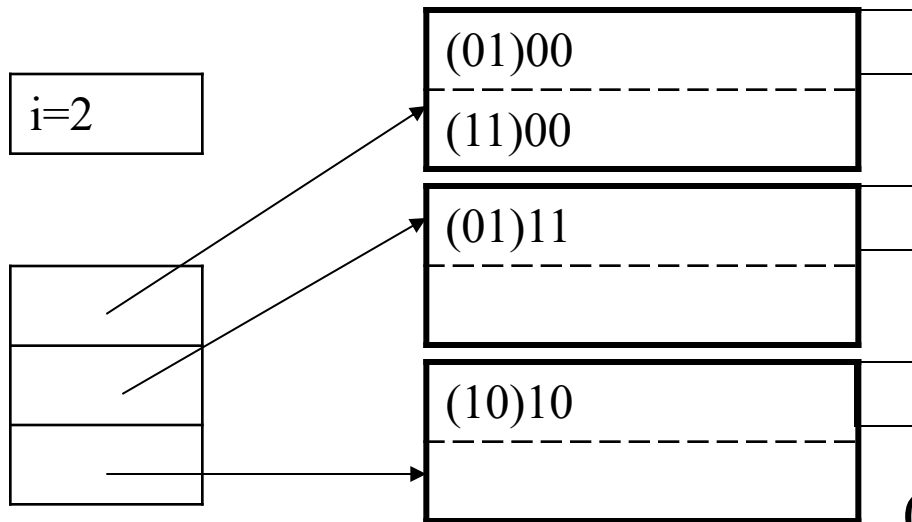


Linear Hash Tables

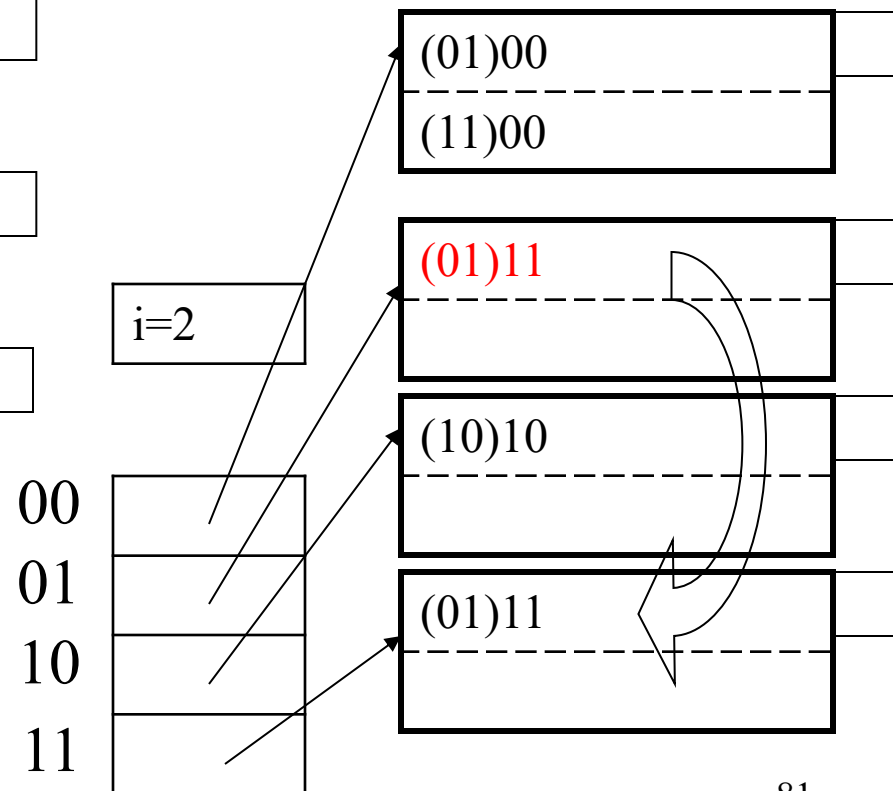
- Extend $n := n + 1$ when average number of records per block exceeds some number, e.g 85%

Linear Hash Table Extension

- From $n=3$ to $n=4$

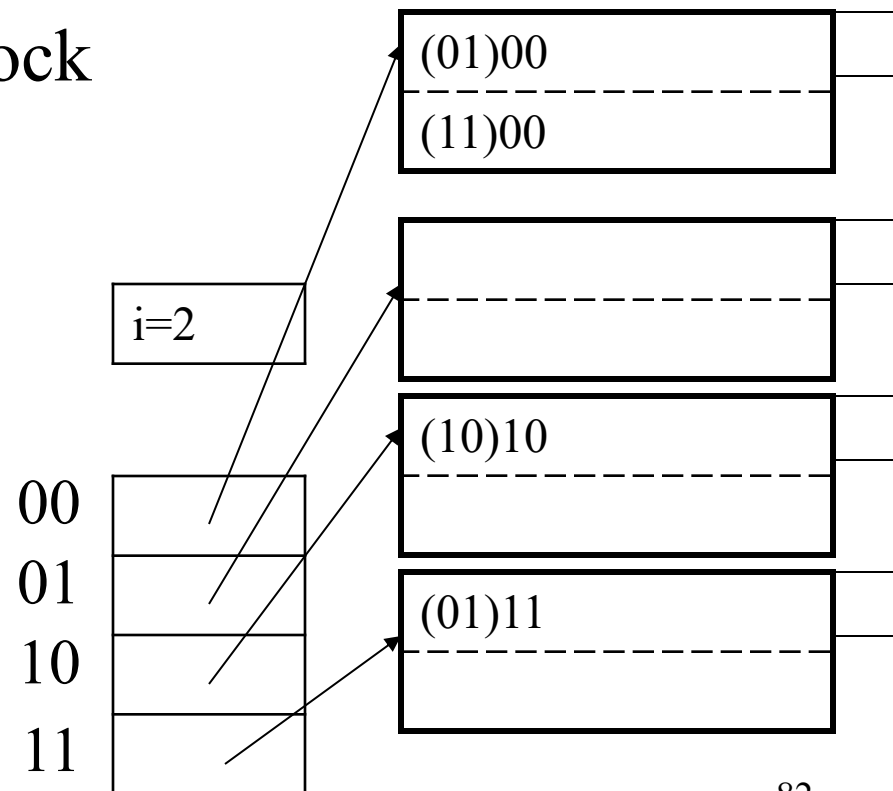


How many block access?



Linear Hash Table Extension

- Extension from $n=4$ to $n=5$ (new bit)
- How many blocks to access?
 - Need to access every block



Index Creation

```
CREATE TABLE Person(Name varchar(50), Pos int, Age int);  
CREATE INDEX Person_ID ON Person(ID);
```



Default is normally B-tree.

```
CLUSTER Person USING ON Person_ID;
```



Cluster Person_ID index

```
CREATE INDEX Pos_Age ON Person(Pos, Age);
```



Multi-attribute index

Index Selection

- Queries that benefit from an index over A
 - Point queries on A.
 - Range queries on A
 - Joins on A
- Some join algorithms are faster using hash indexes.

Index Selection

- Let's index every attribute on every table to speed up all queries!
- Indexes slow down data manipulation
 - INSERT, DELETE, UPDATE.
 - Not all updates
UPDATE Person
SET Age = 34
WHERE Pos = 2;

Index Selection

- Given a *query workload* and a *schema*, find the set of indexes that optimize the execution.
- The query workload:
 - Queries and their frequencies.
 - Queries are both data retrieval (SELECT) and data manipulation (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE).

Index Selection

- Part of **physical database design**
 - File structure, indexing, tuning queries,...
- Physical database design may affect logical design!
 - Change the schema to run the queries faster
 - We talk more on database tuning

Index Selection

- Generally, a hard problem.
- RDBMS vendors provide wizards:
 - Started with AutoAdmin project for SQL Server
 - SQL Server/ Oracle Index Tuning Wizard
 - DB2 Index Advisor
- They try many configurations and pick the one that minimizes the time and overheads.