

Honors Data Structures

Lecture 18: Sorting I

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Sorting

- Input:

34	8	64	51	32	21
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- Array containing unordered Comparables (duplicates allowed).
- Output:

8	21	32	34	51	64
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- A sorted array containing the same items.
- Only comparisons between pairs of items allowed (**comparison based sorting**).

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Sorting Overview

- We will discuss different sorting algorithms and compare their running time, required space, and stability.
 - Heap Sort
 - Selection Sort
 - Insertion sort
 - Merge sort
 - Quick sort
 - Bucket Sort / Radix Sort (not comparison based)

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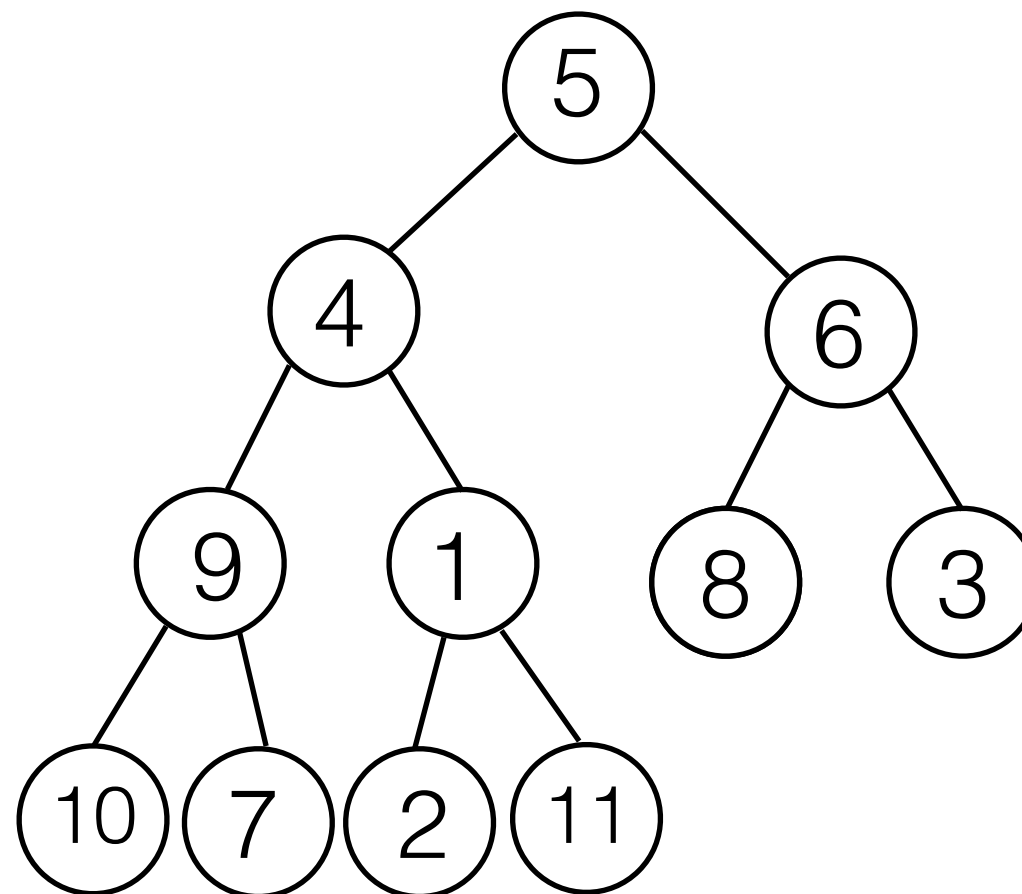
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- Problem: This algorithm requires a second array to store the output: $O(N)$ space!
- Idea: re-use the freed space after each `deleteMin`.

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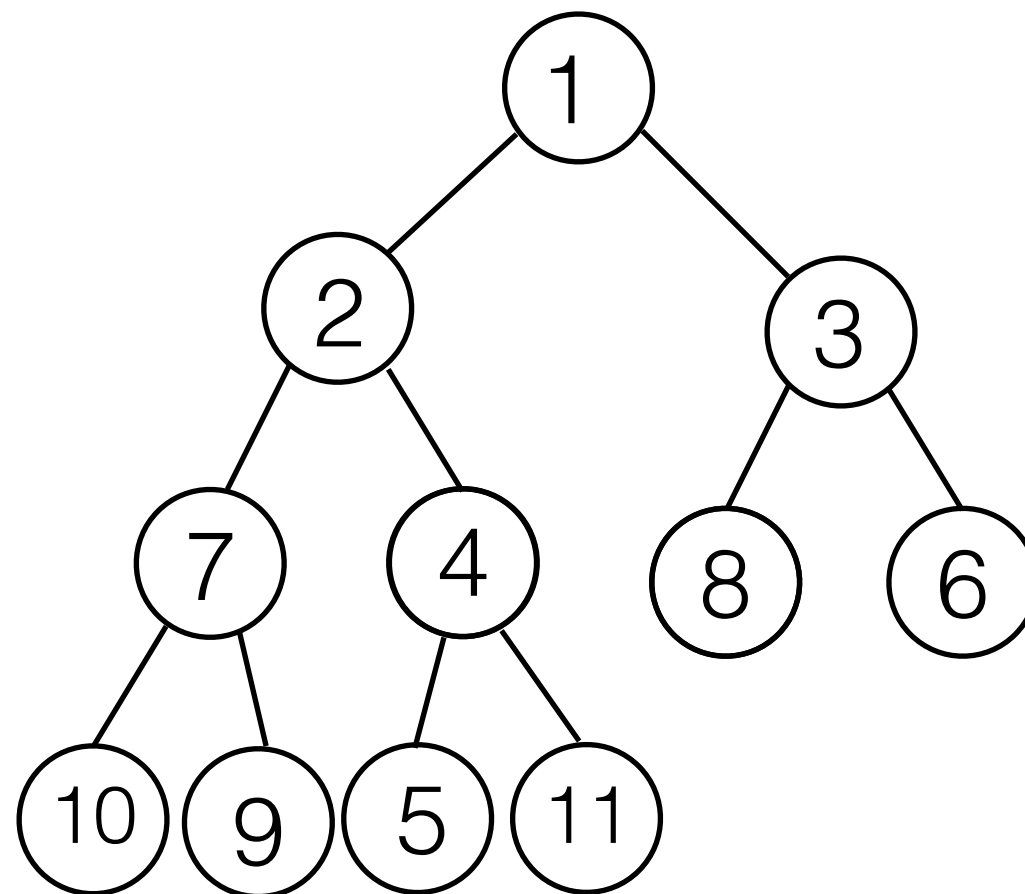
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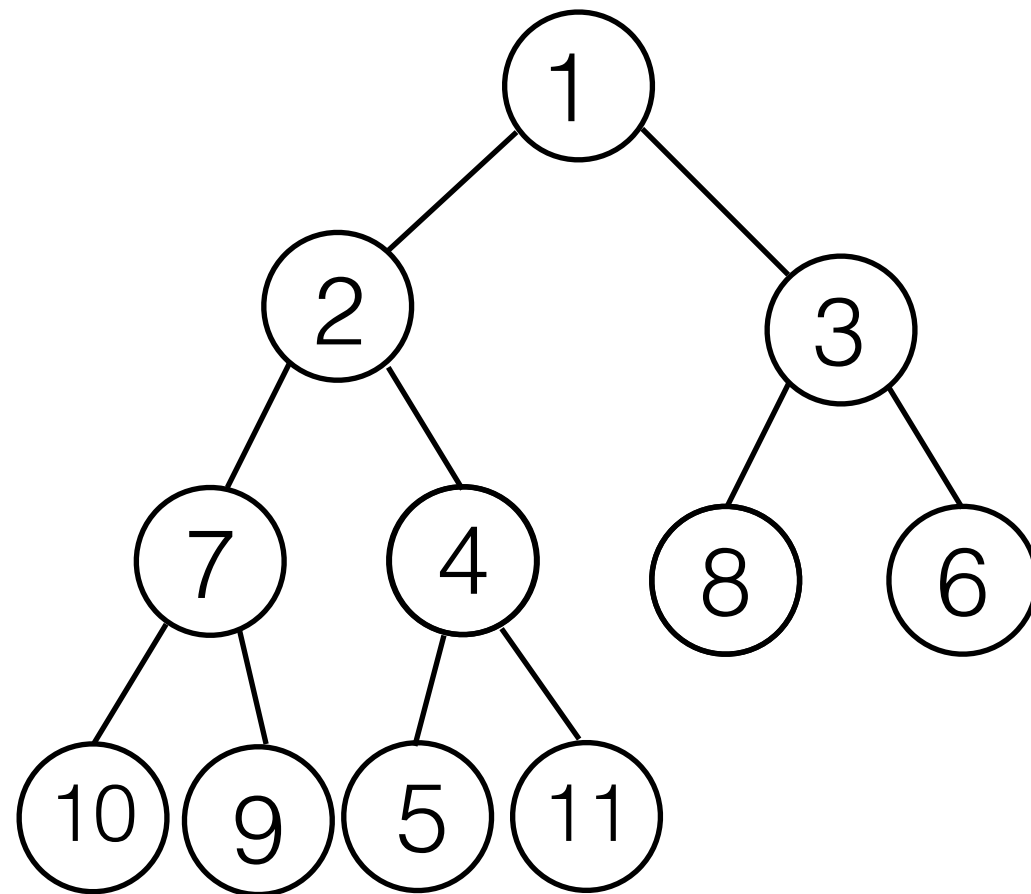
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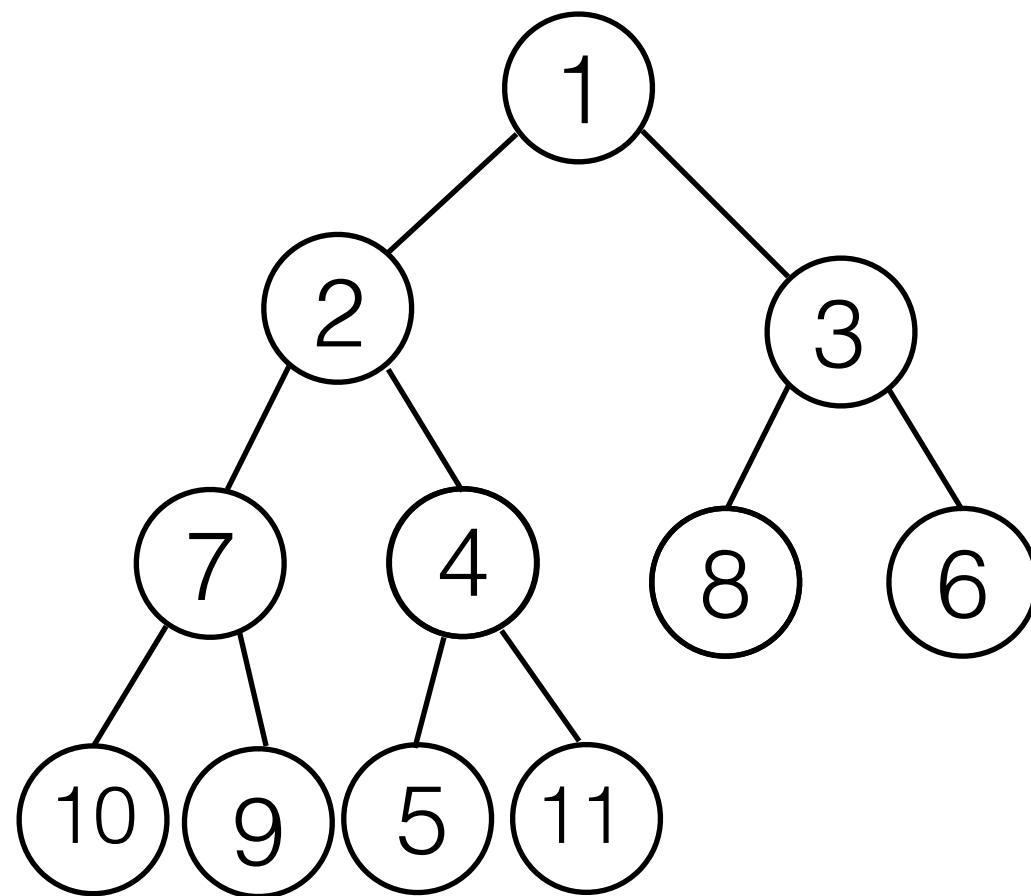
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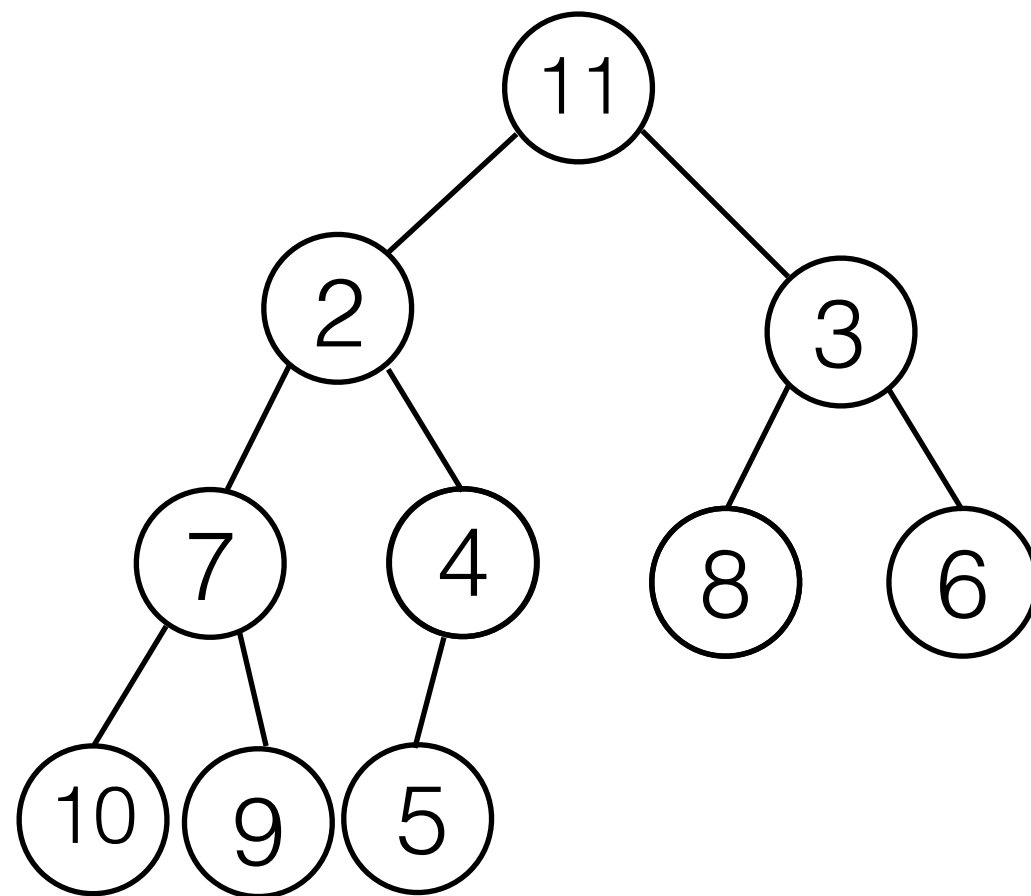
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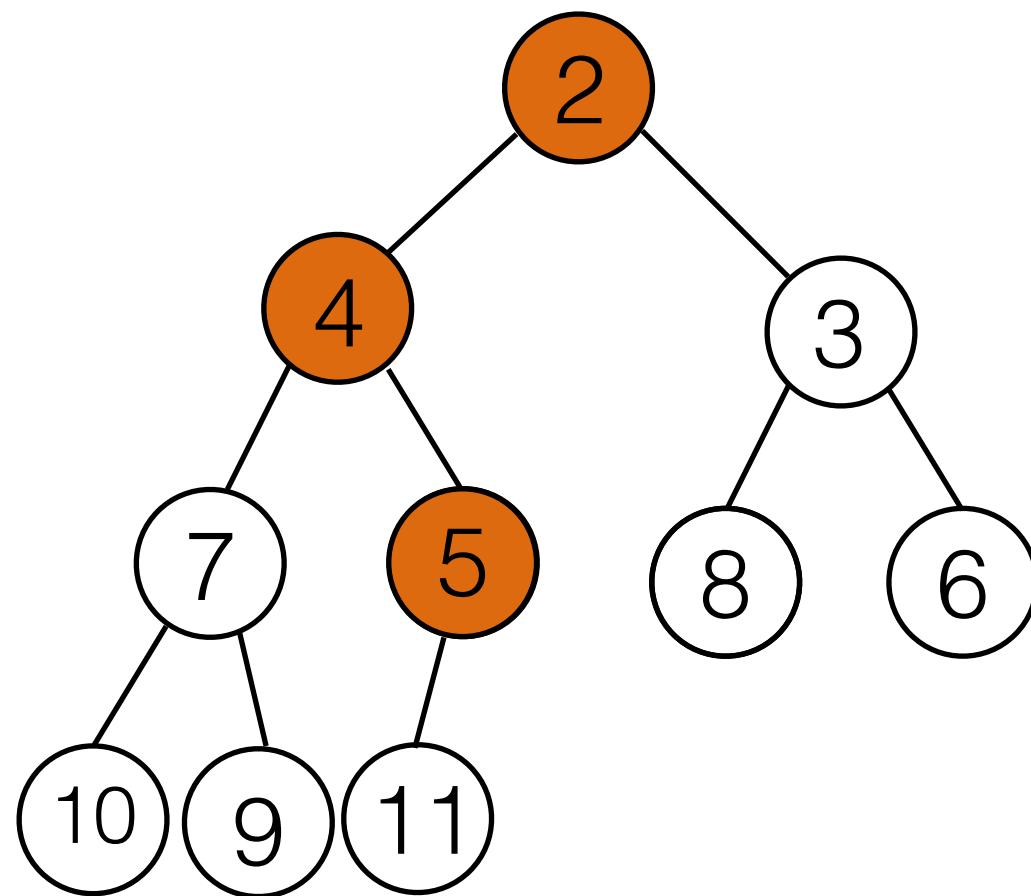
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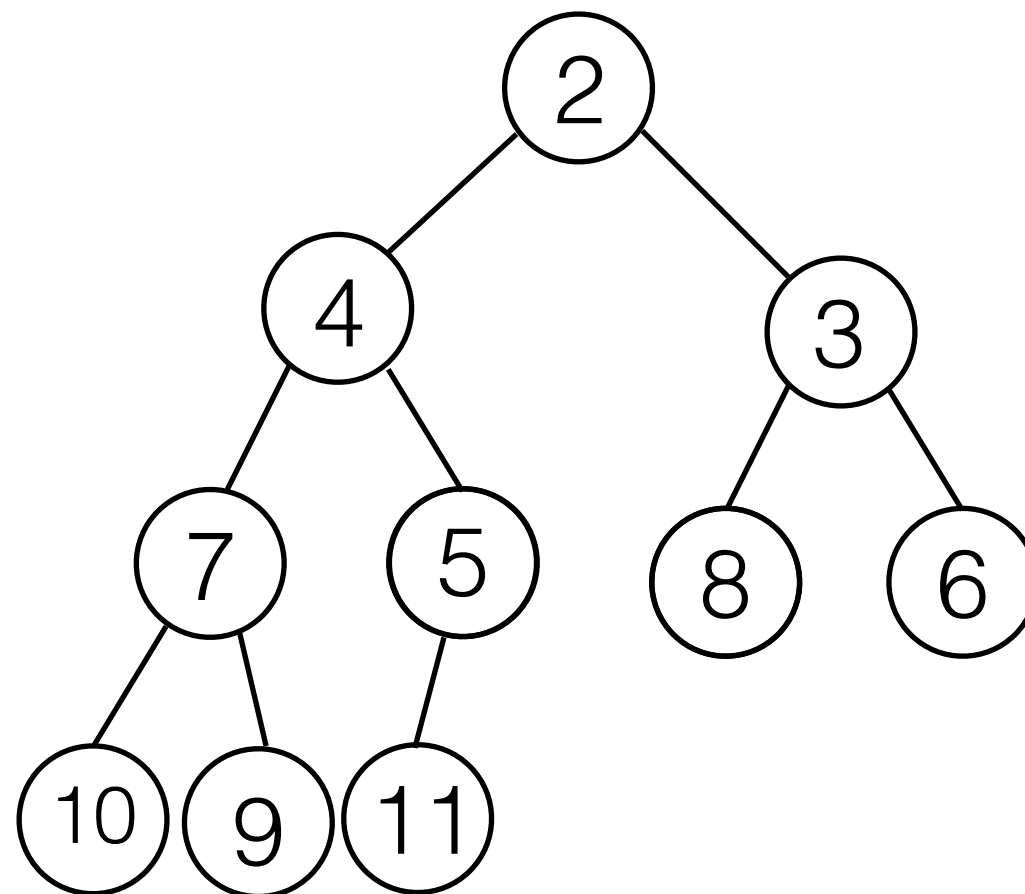
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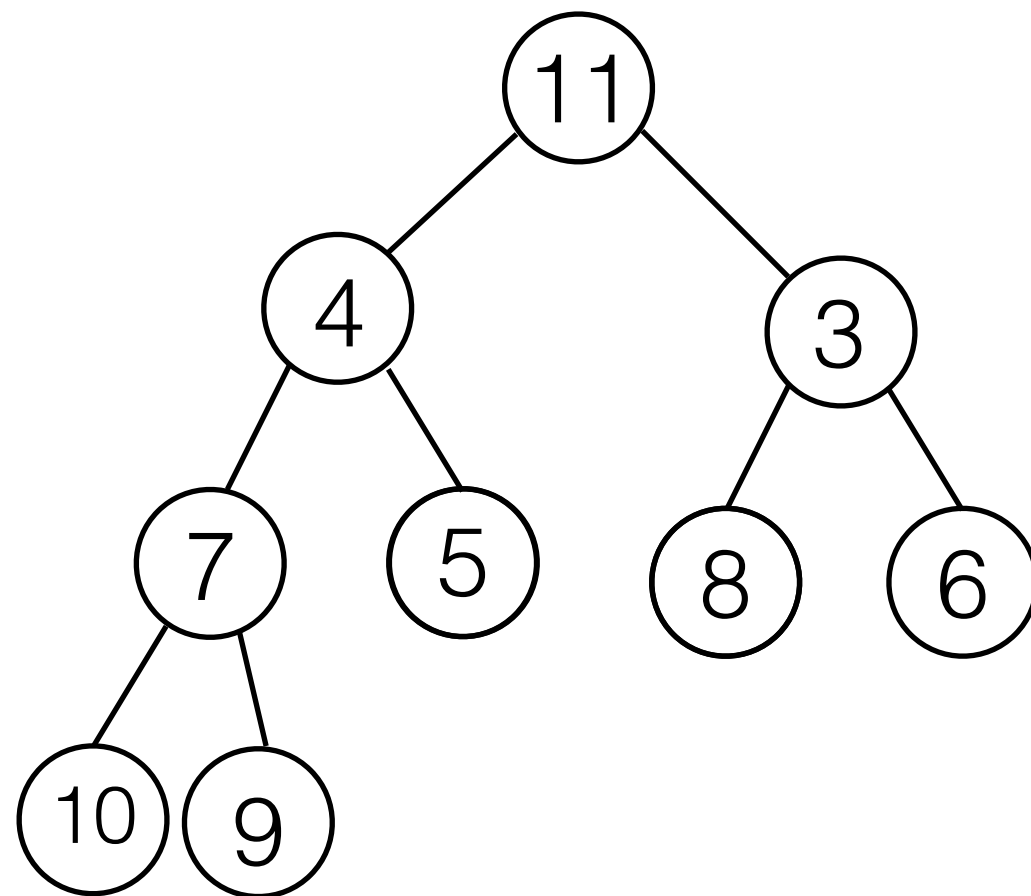
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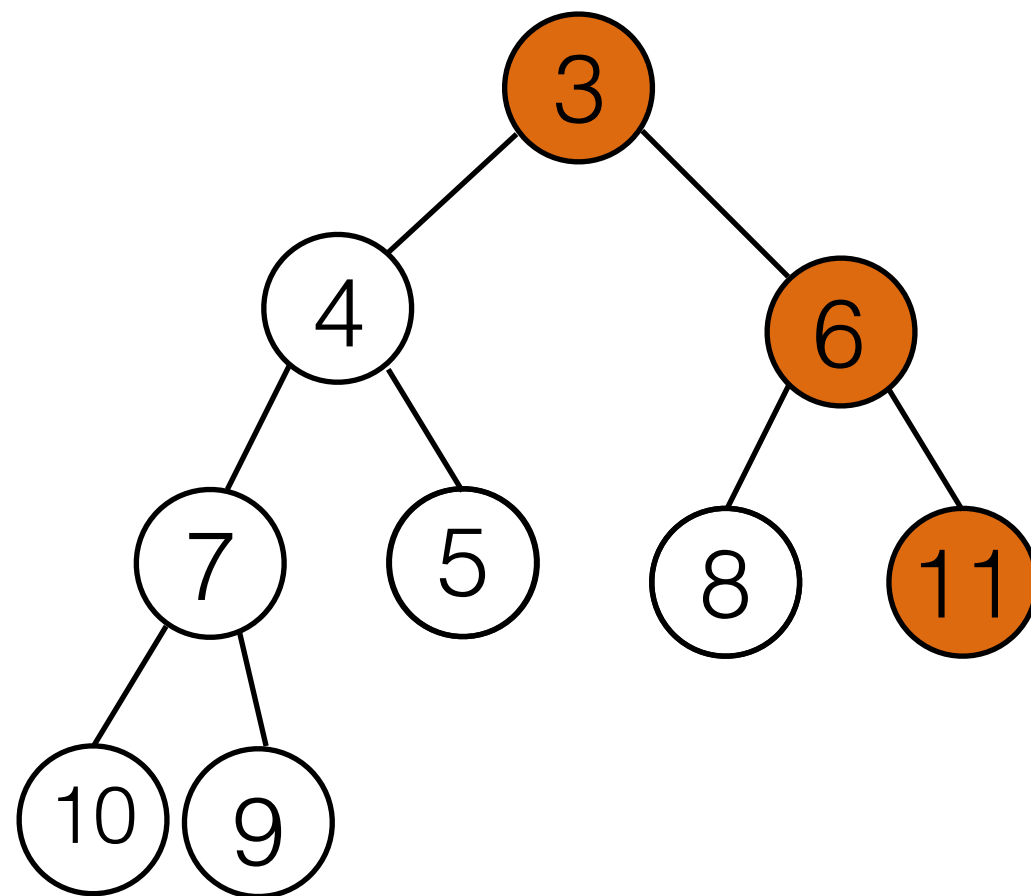
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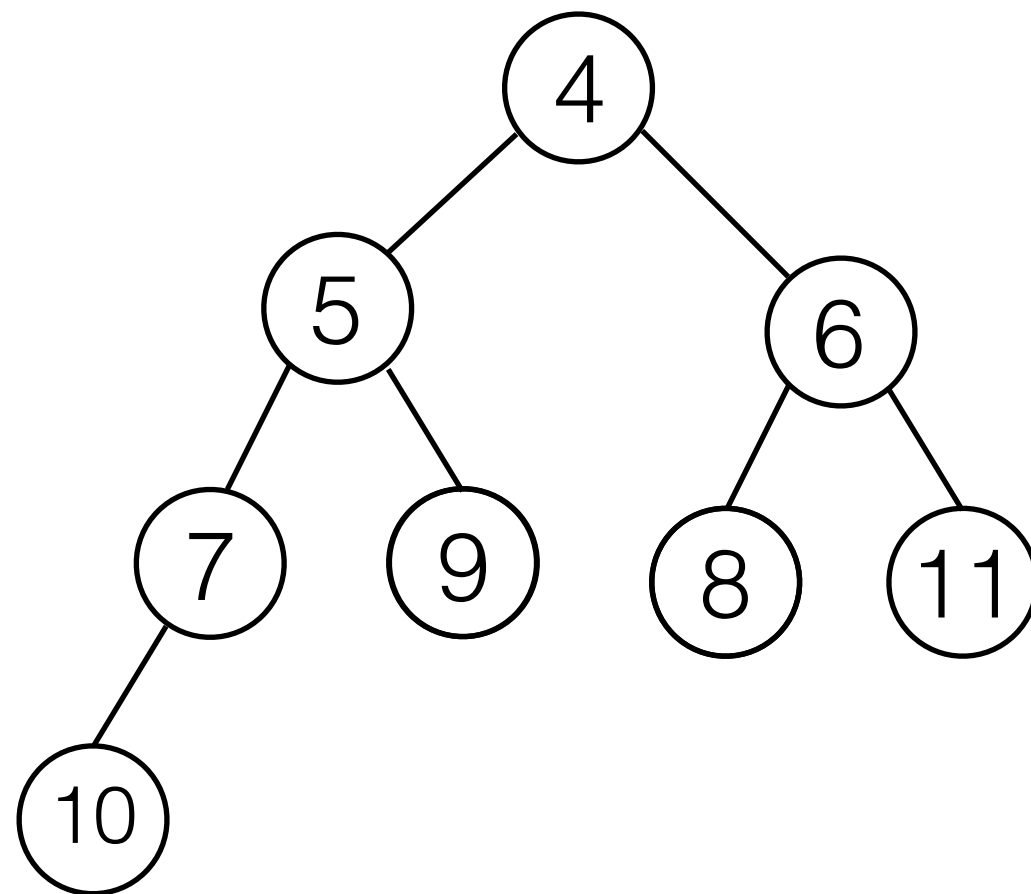
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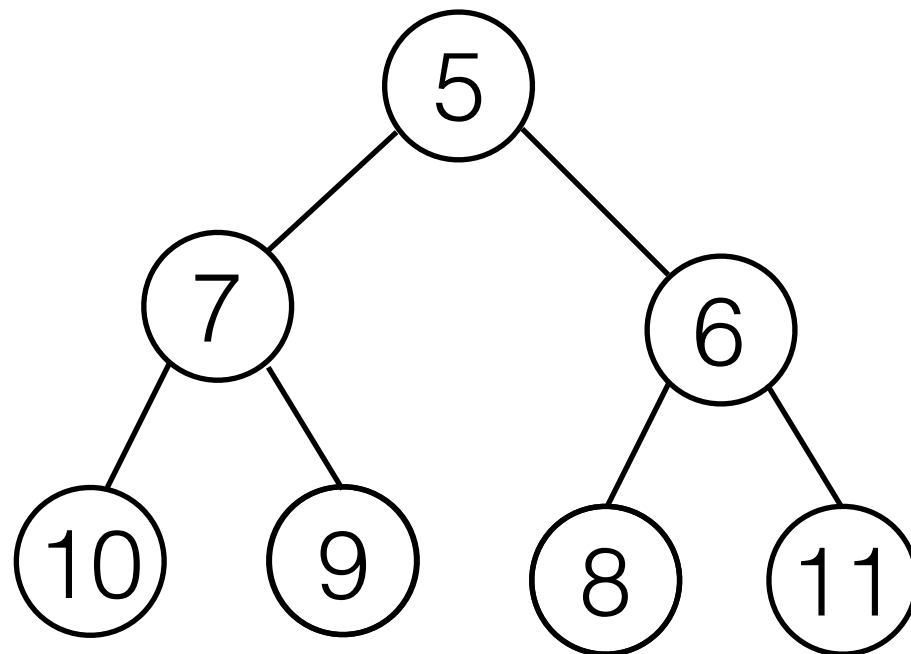
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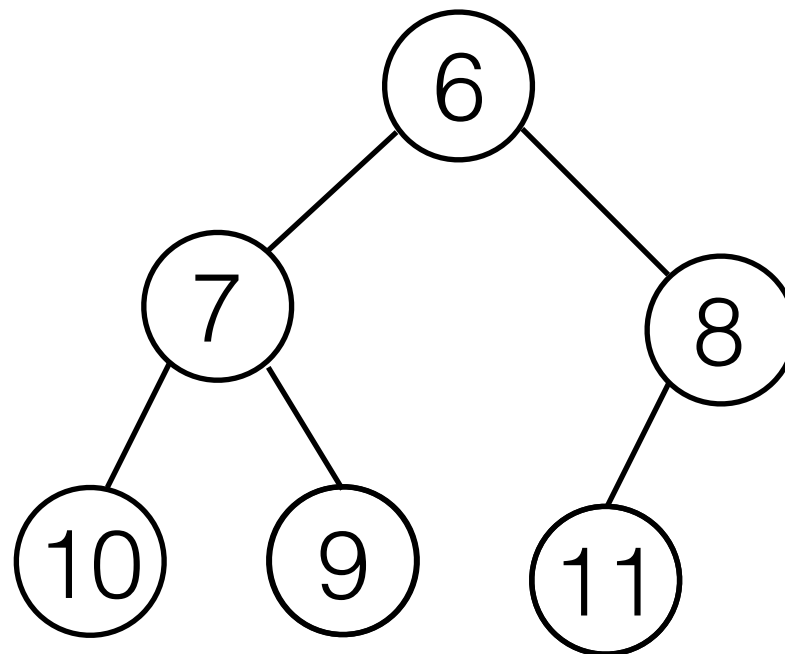
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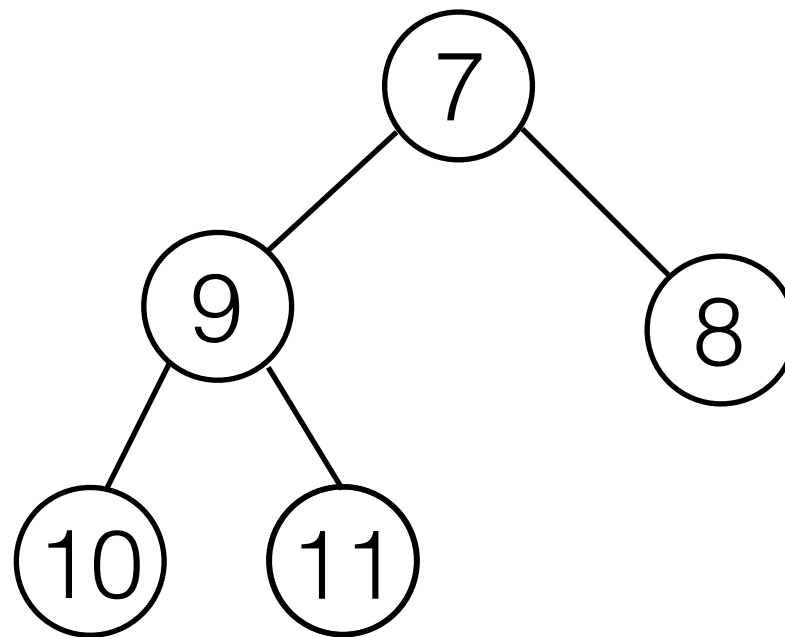
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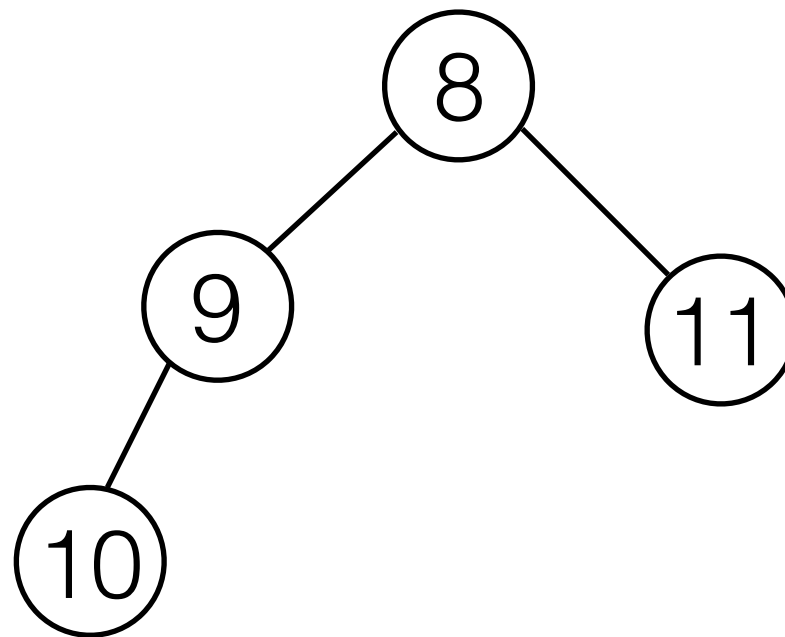
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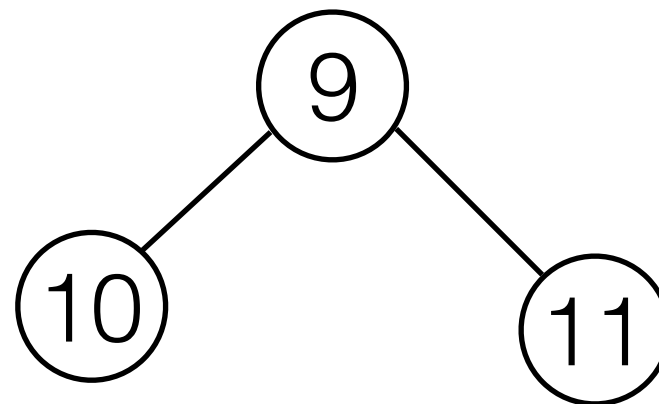
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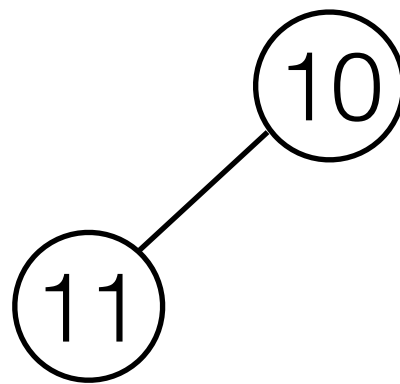
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- Can use a max-heap if we want the output in increasing order.

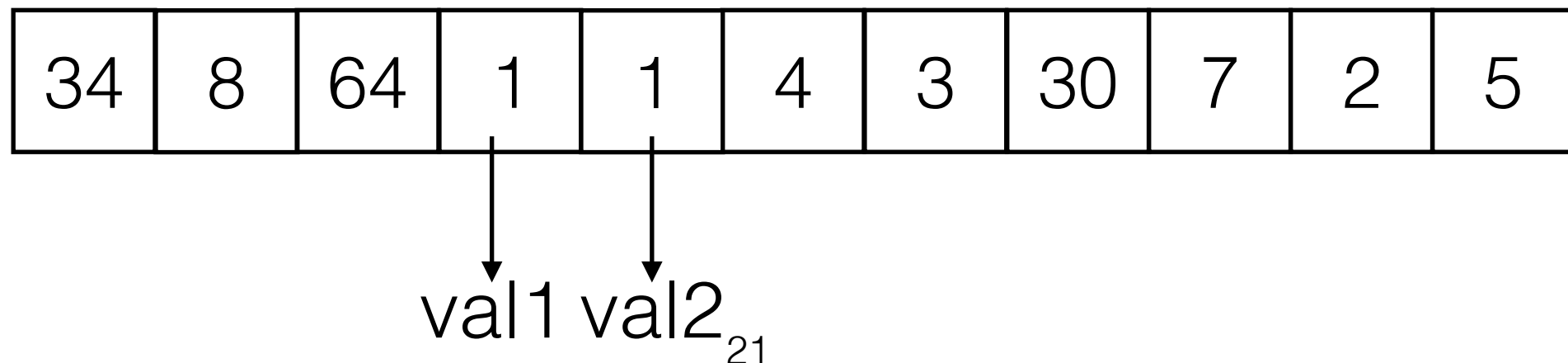
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Analyzing Sorting Algorithms

- For each sorting algorithm we will compare:
 - Runtime (best / worst case)
 - Space requirements:
 - Some sorting algorithms / implementations require extra space in addition to the input.
- Stability

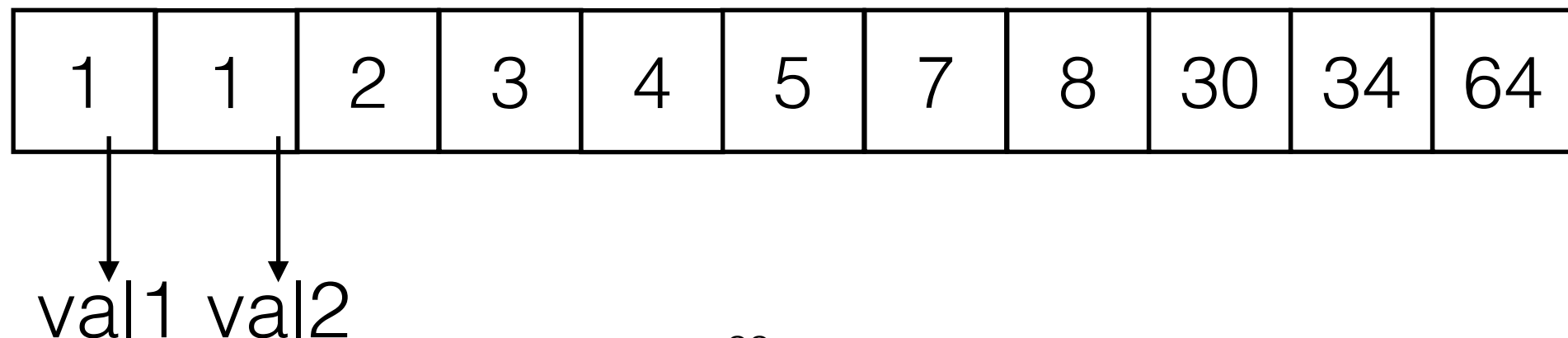
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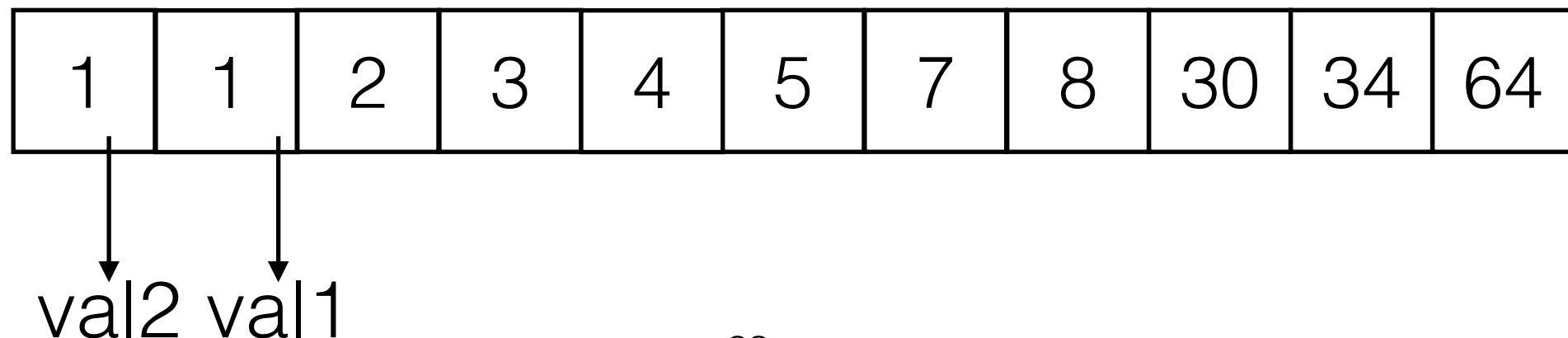
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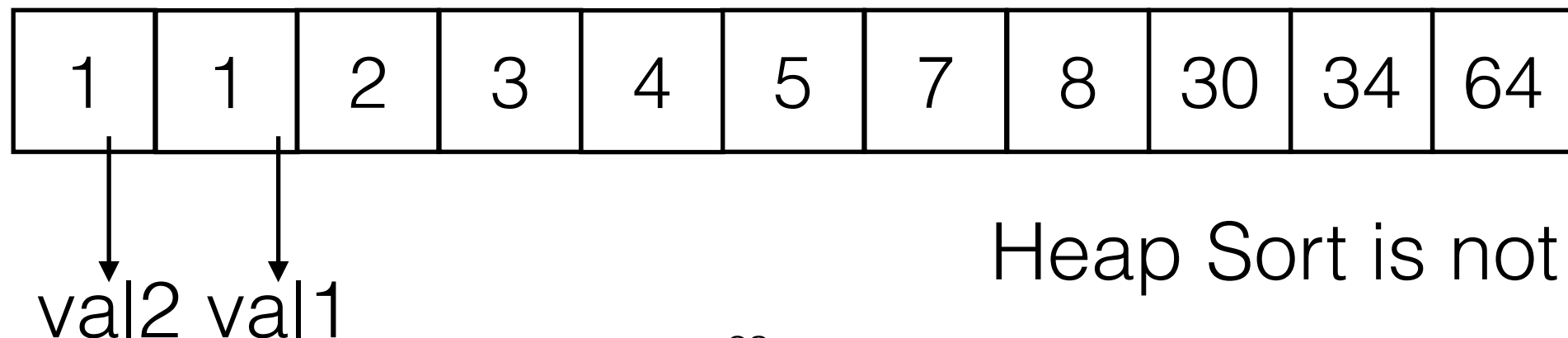
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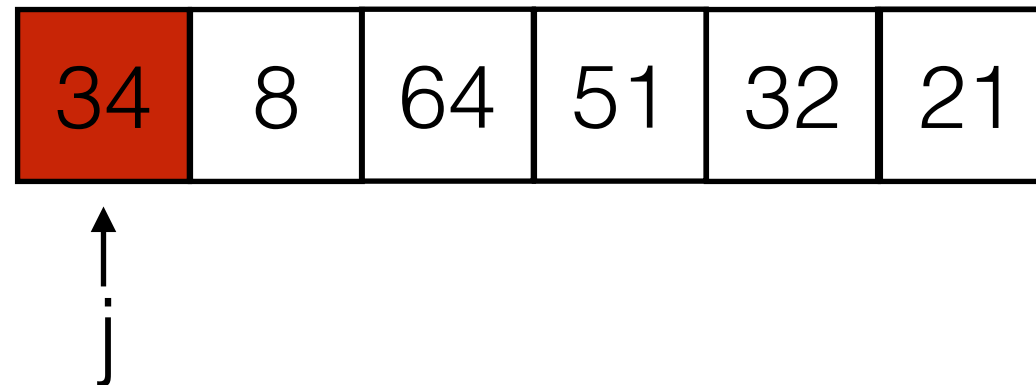
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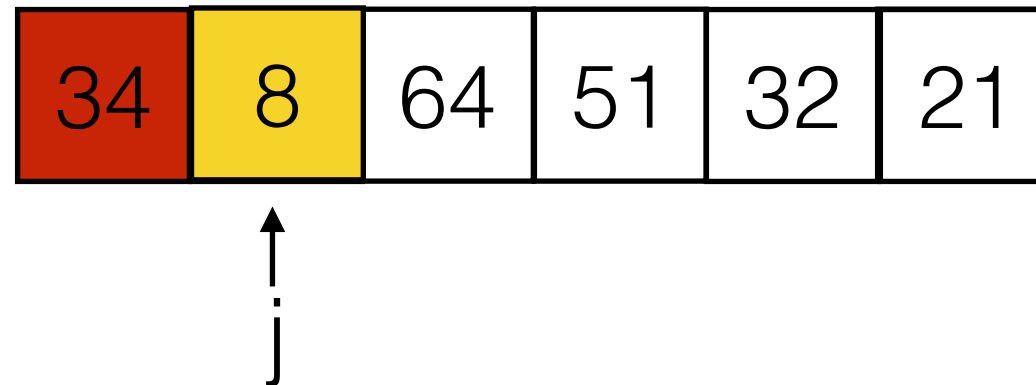
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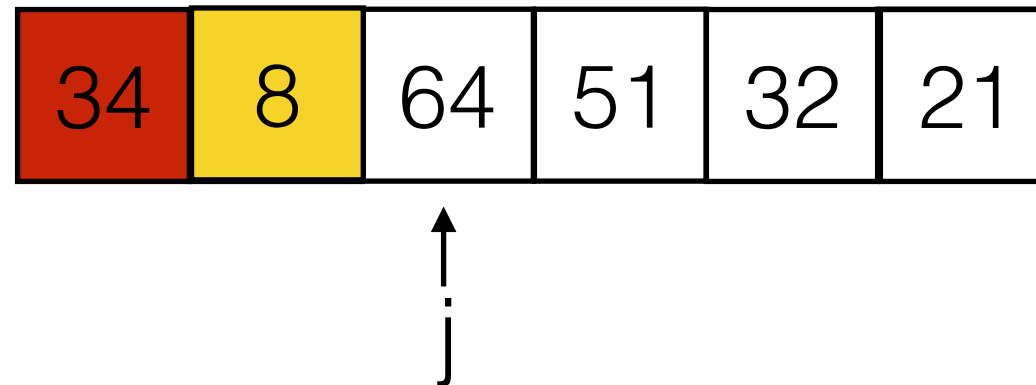
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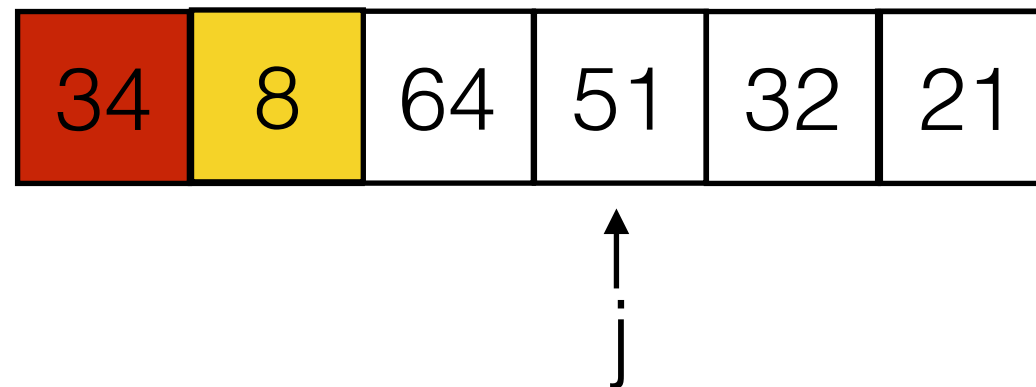
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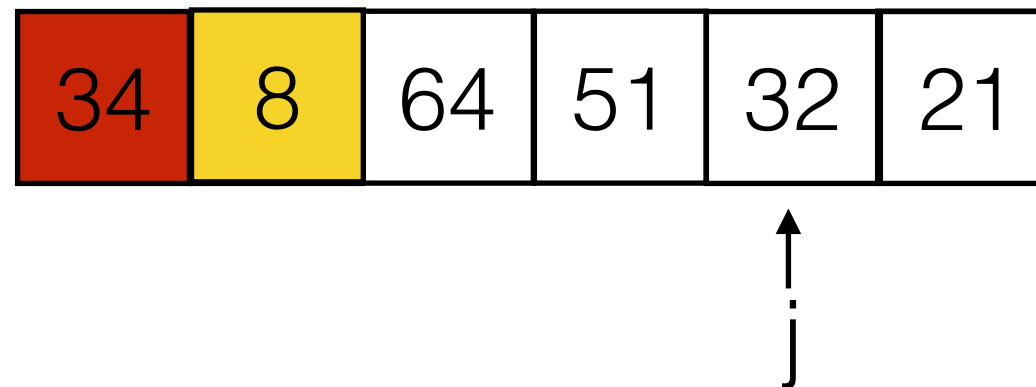
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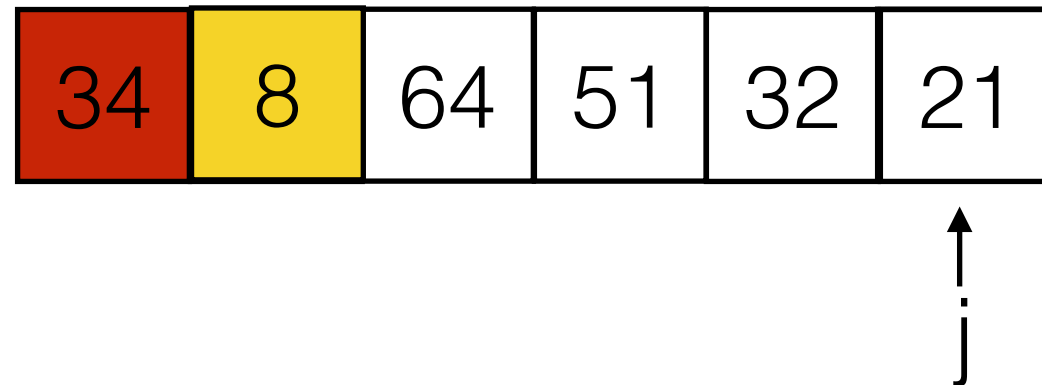
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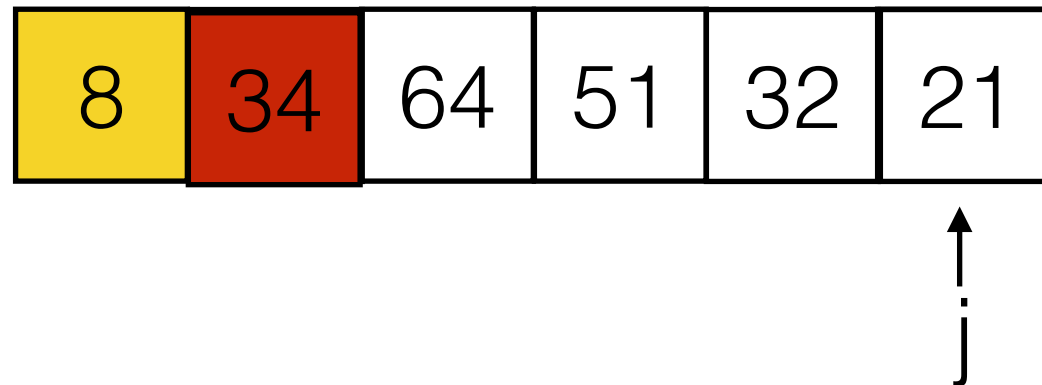
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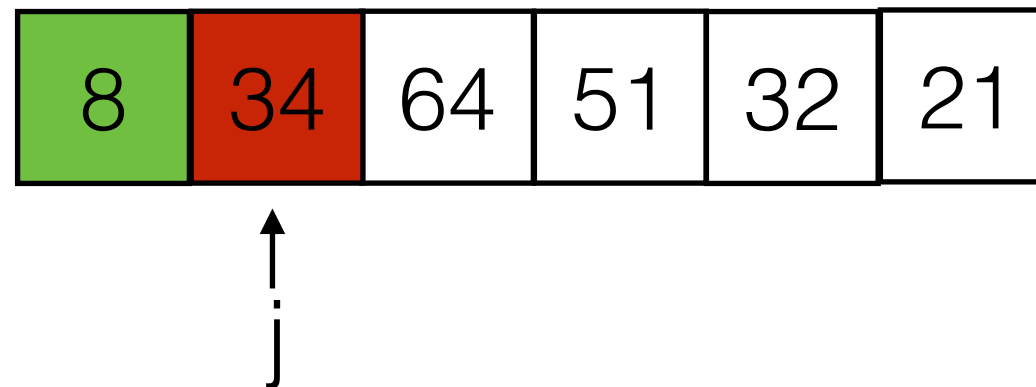
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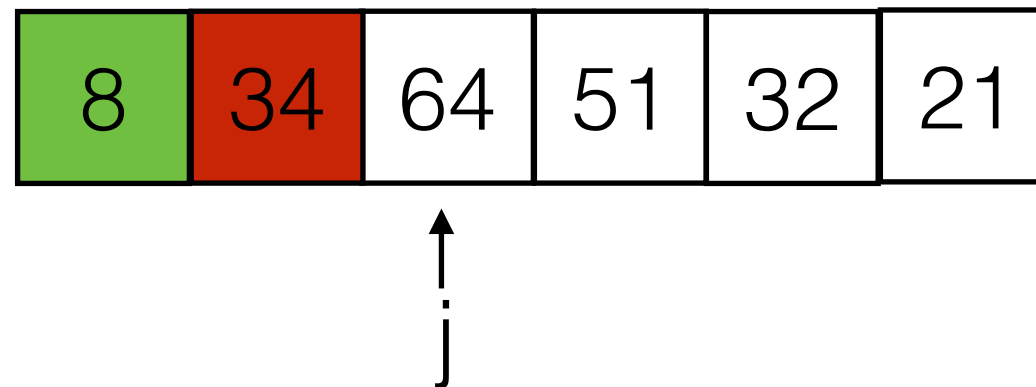
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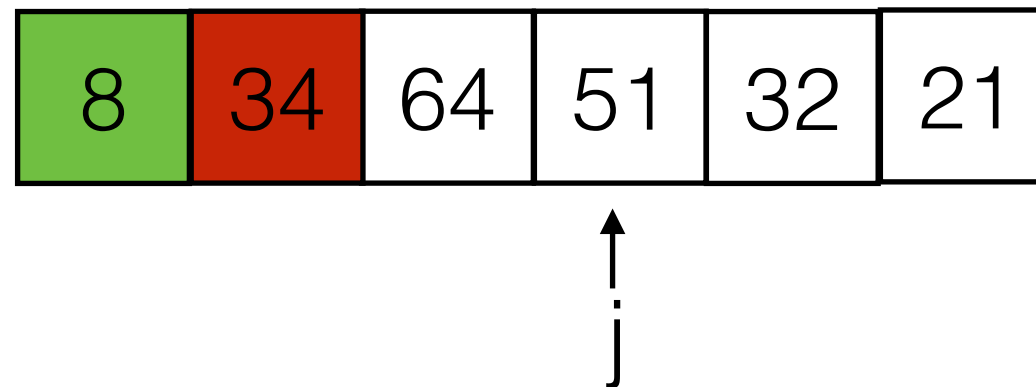
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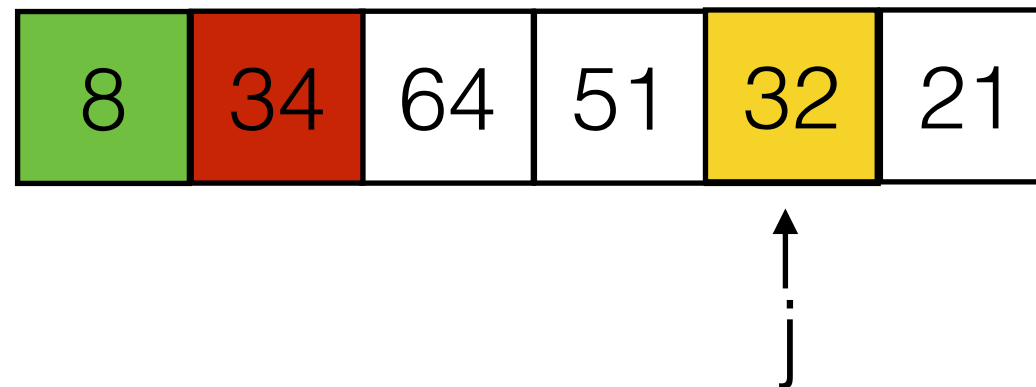
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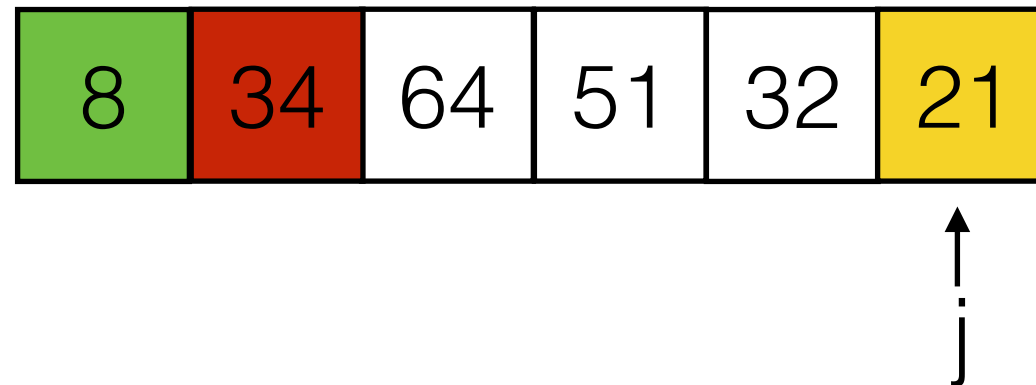
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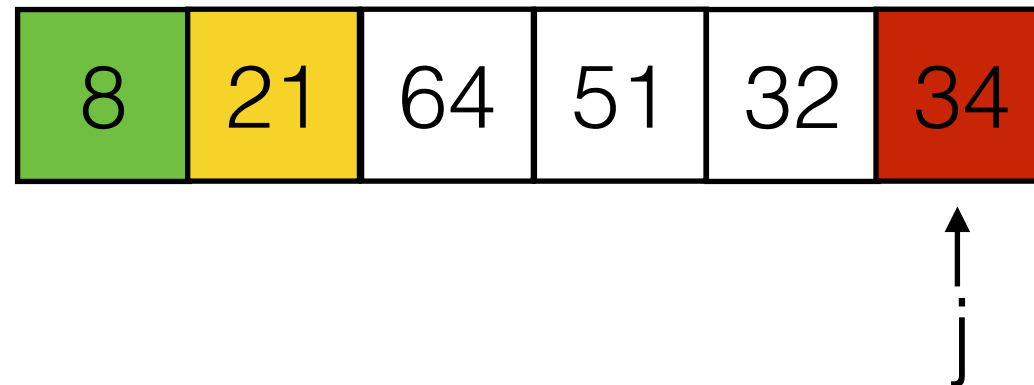
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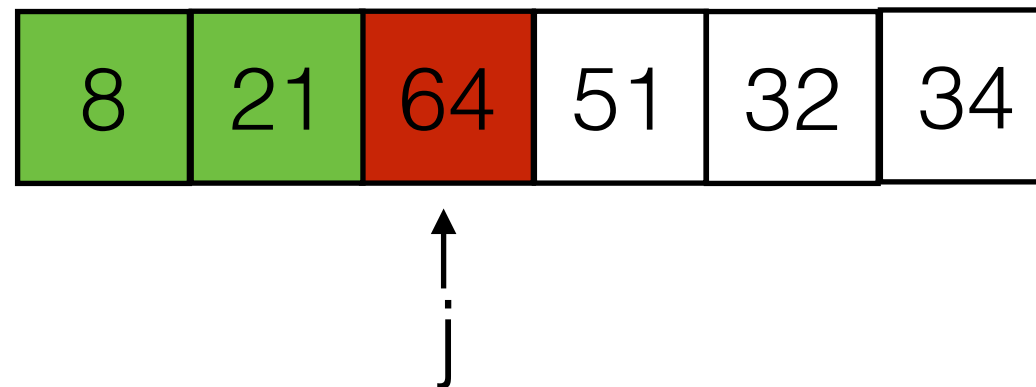
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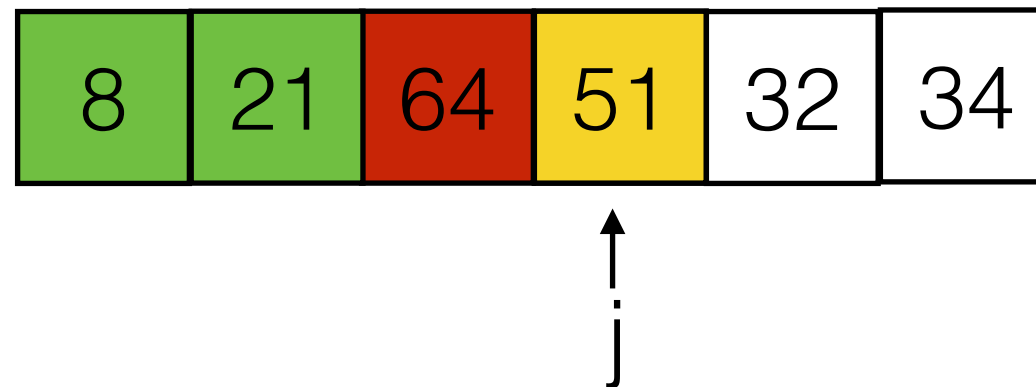
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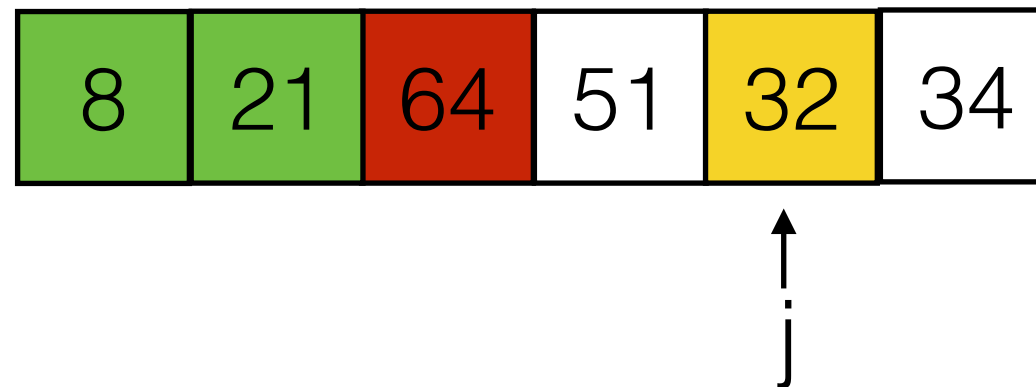
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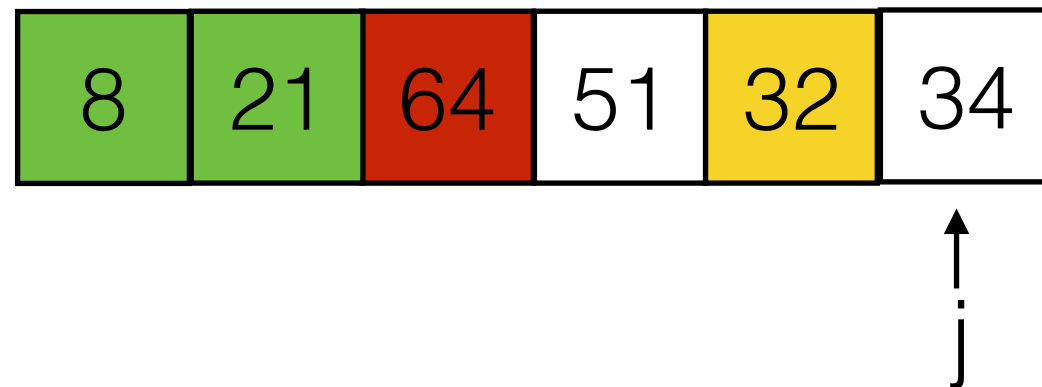
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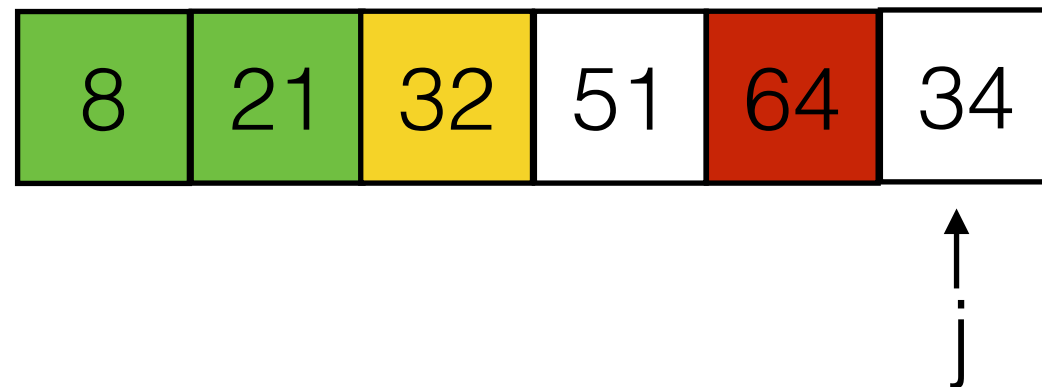
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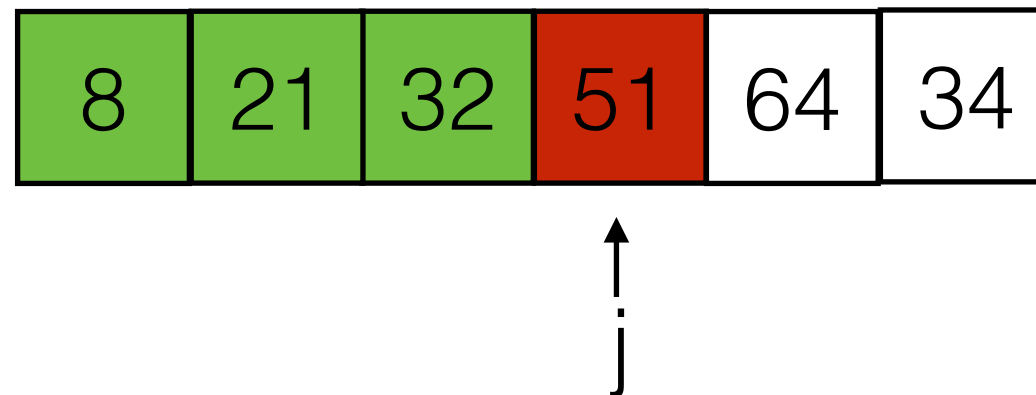
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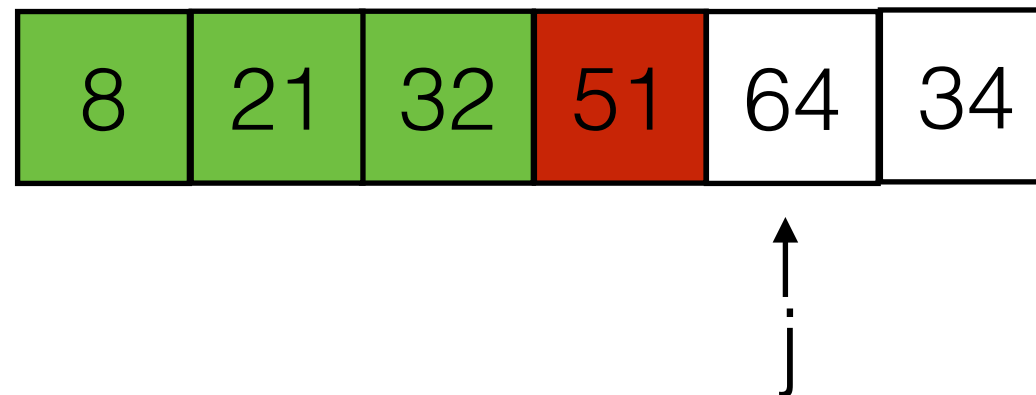
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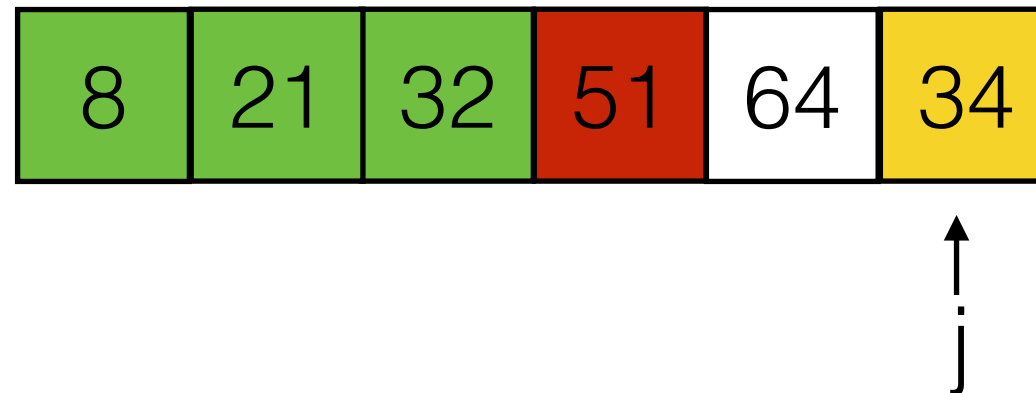
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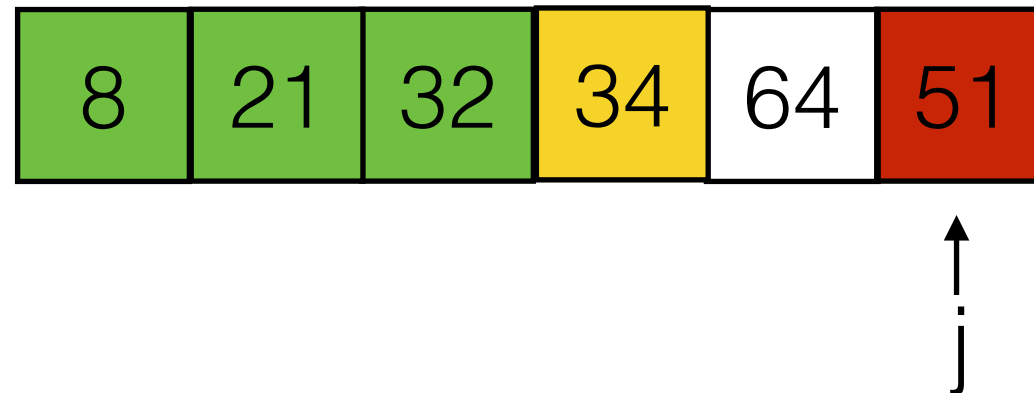
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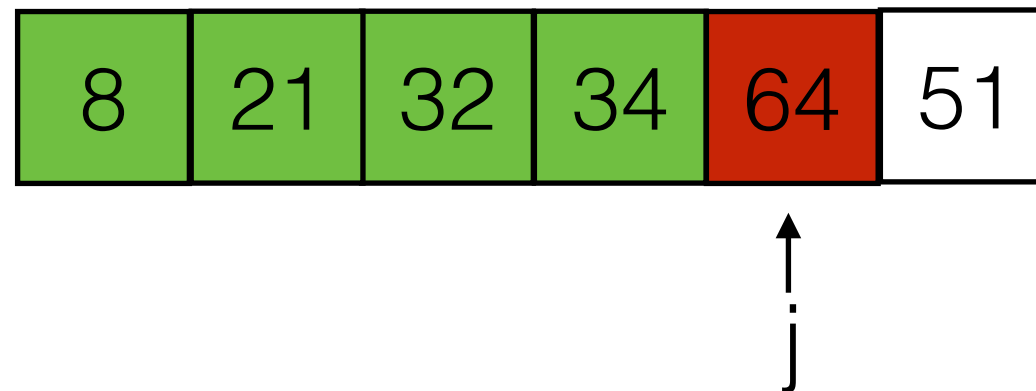
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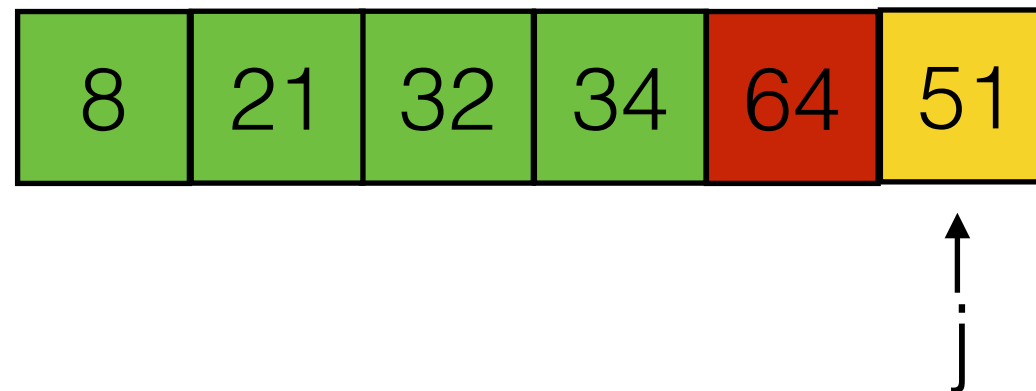
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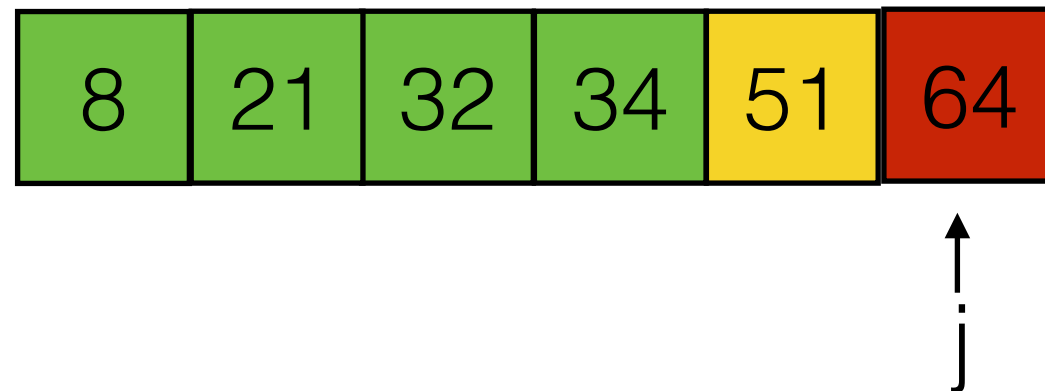
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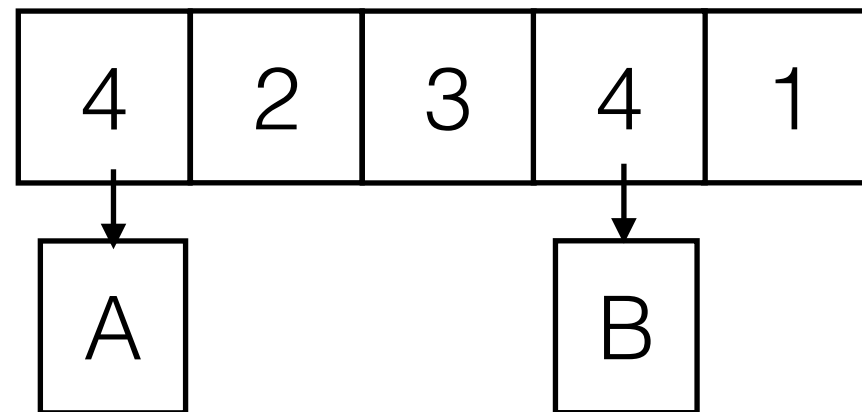
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Selection Sort is **Not** Stable

- Try sorting the following example using Selection Sort



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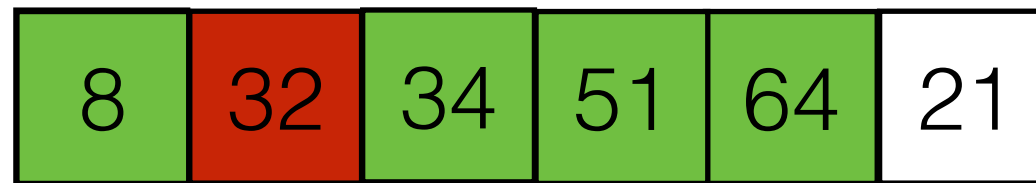
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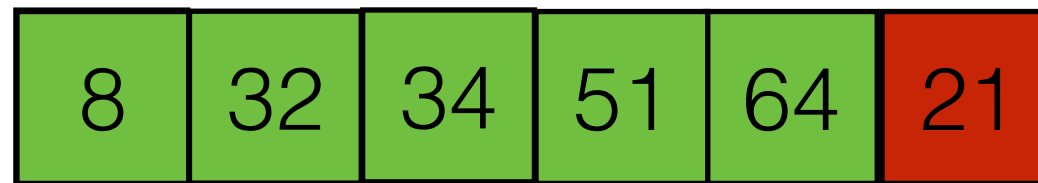
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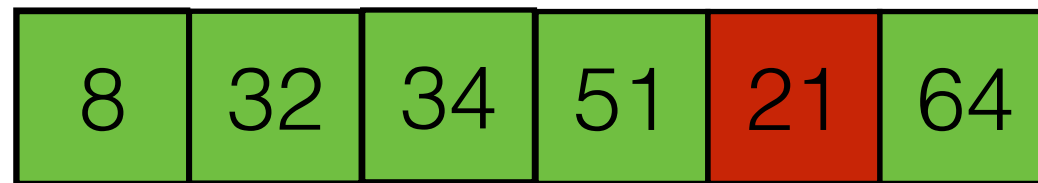
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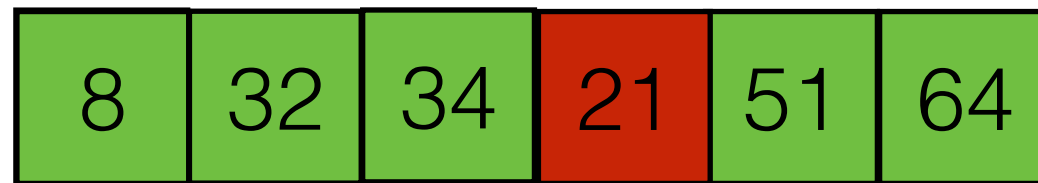
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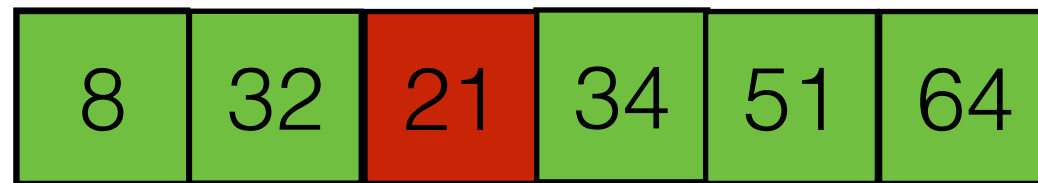
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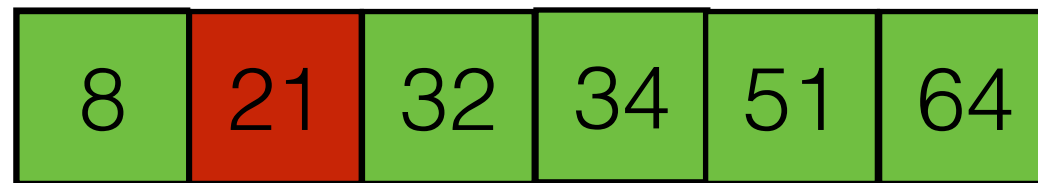
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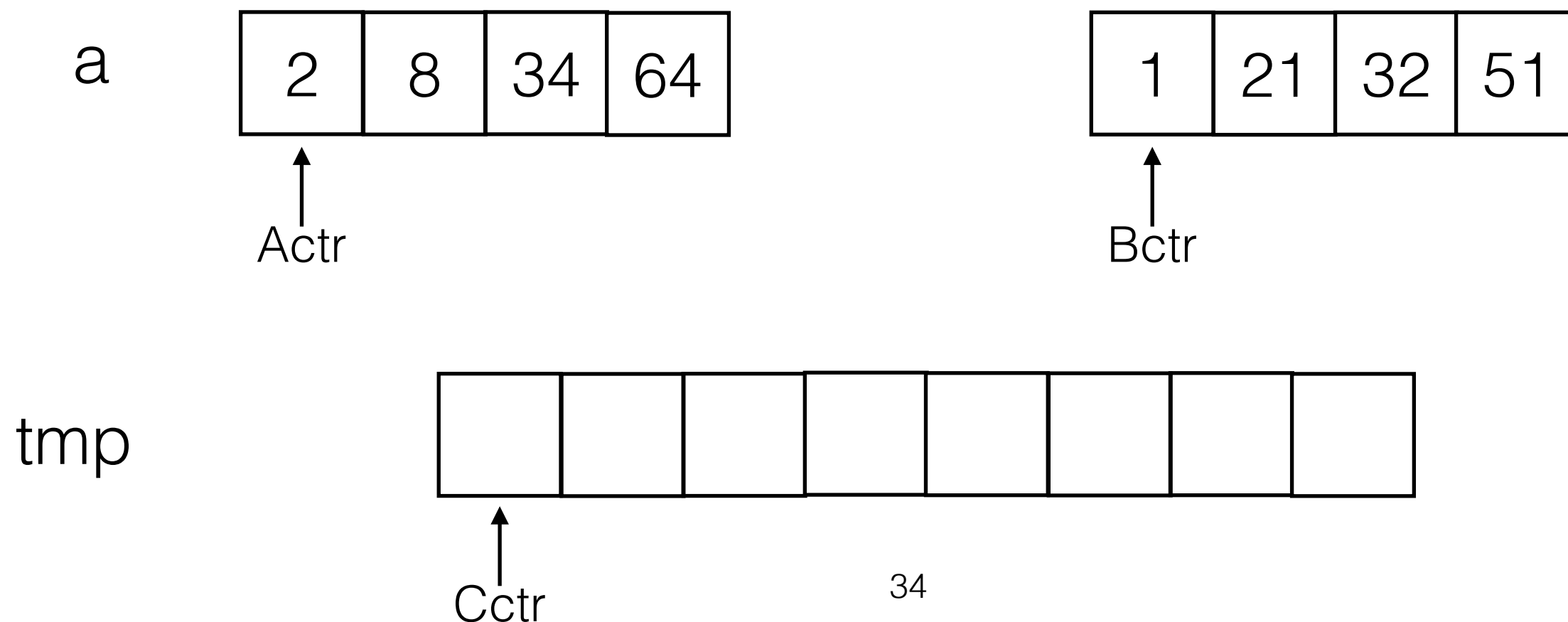
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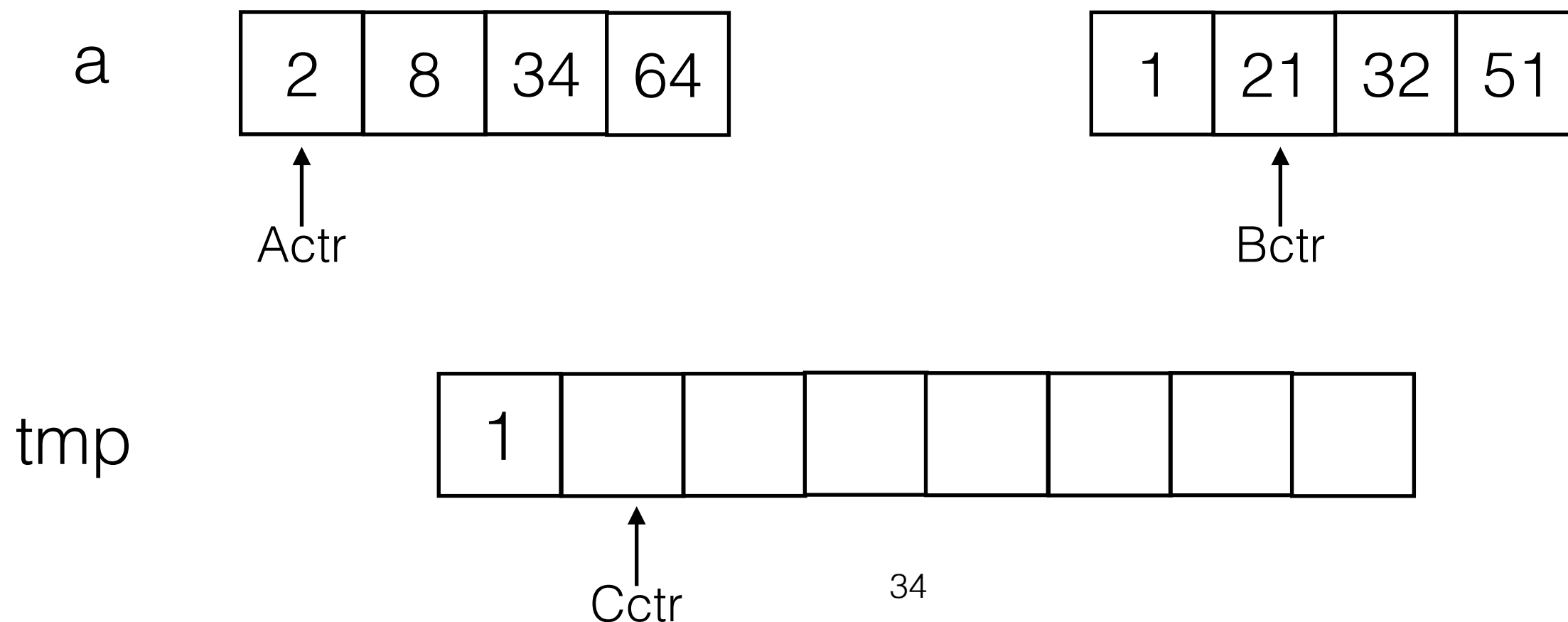
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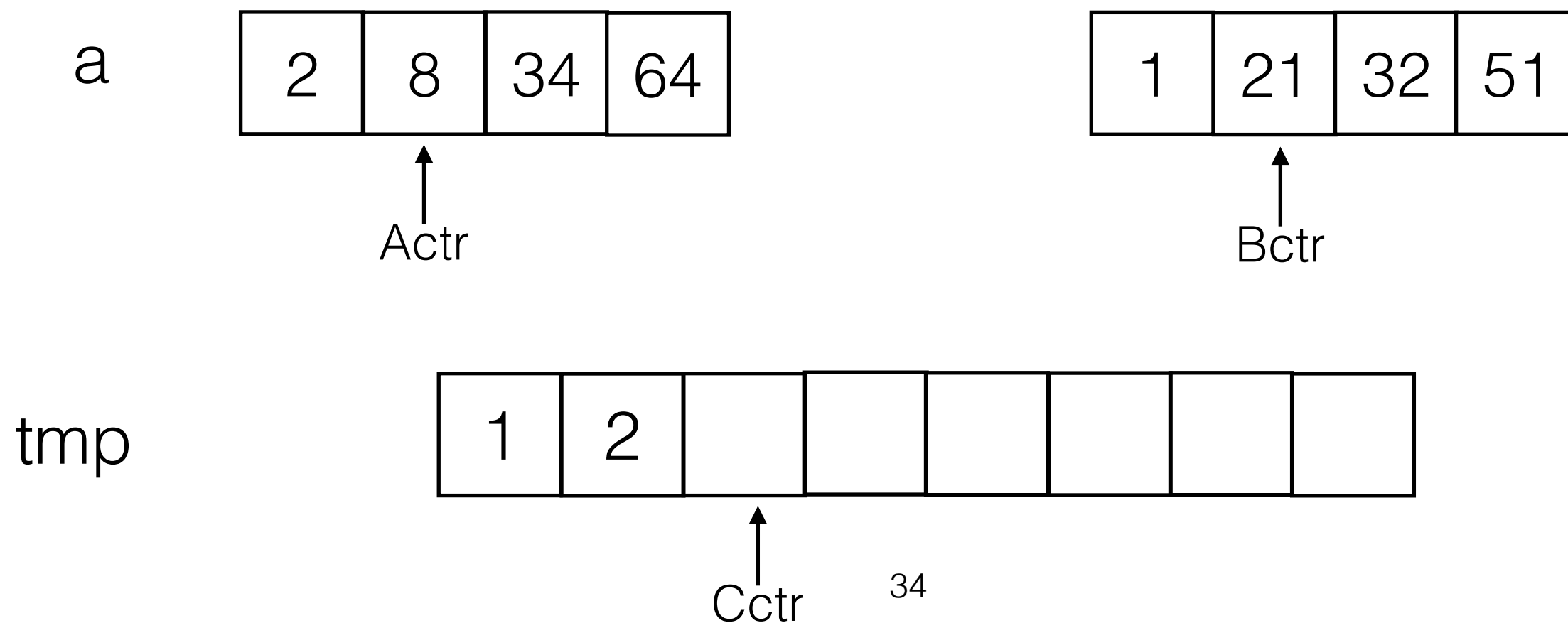
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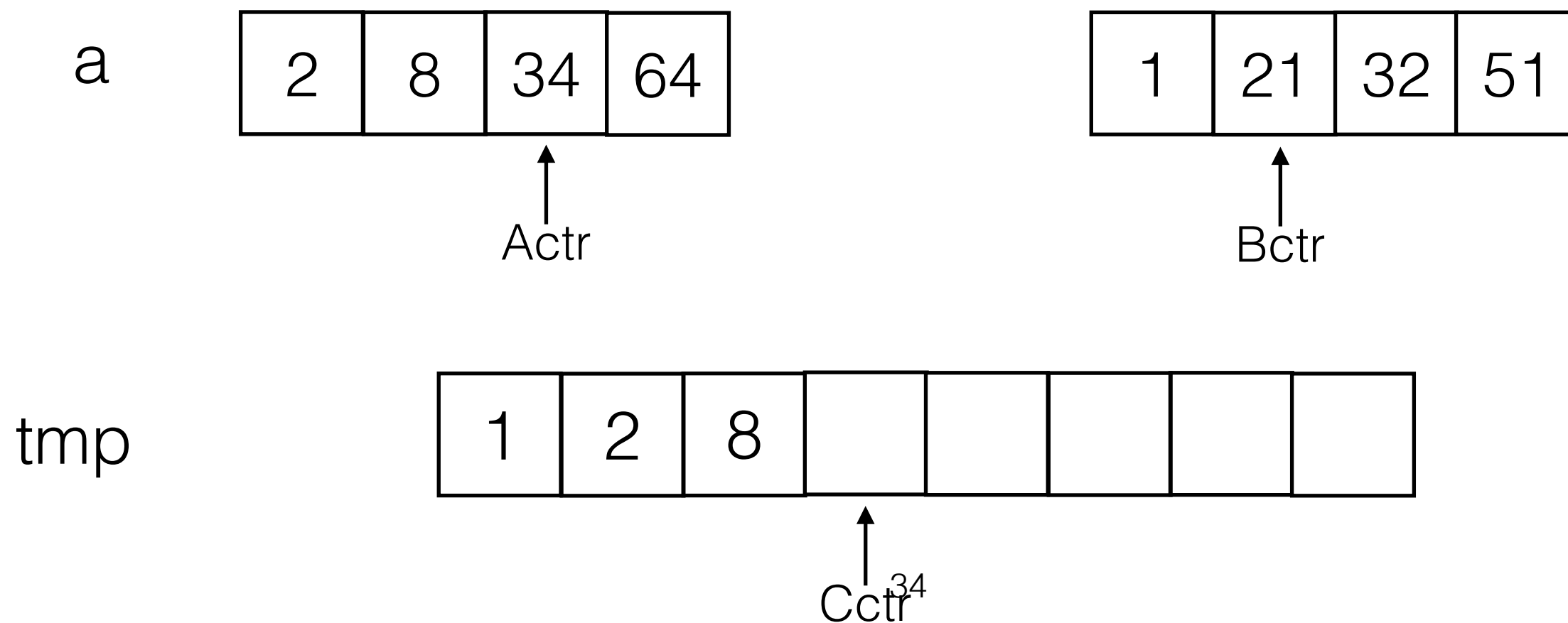
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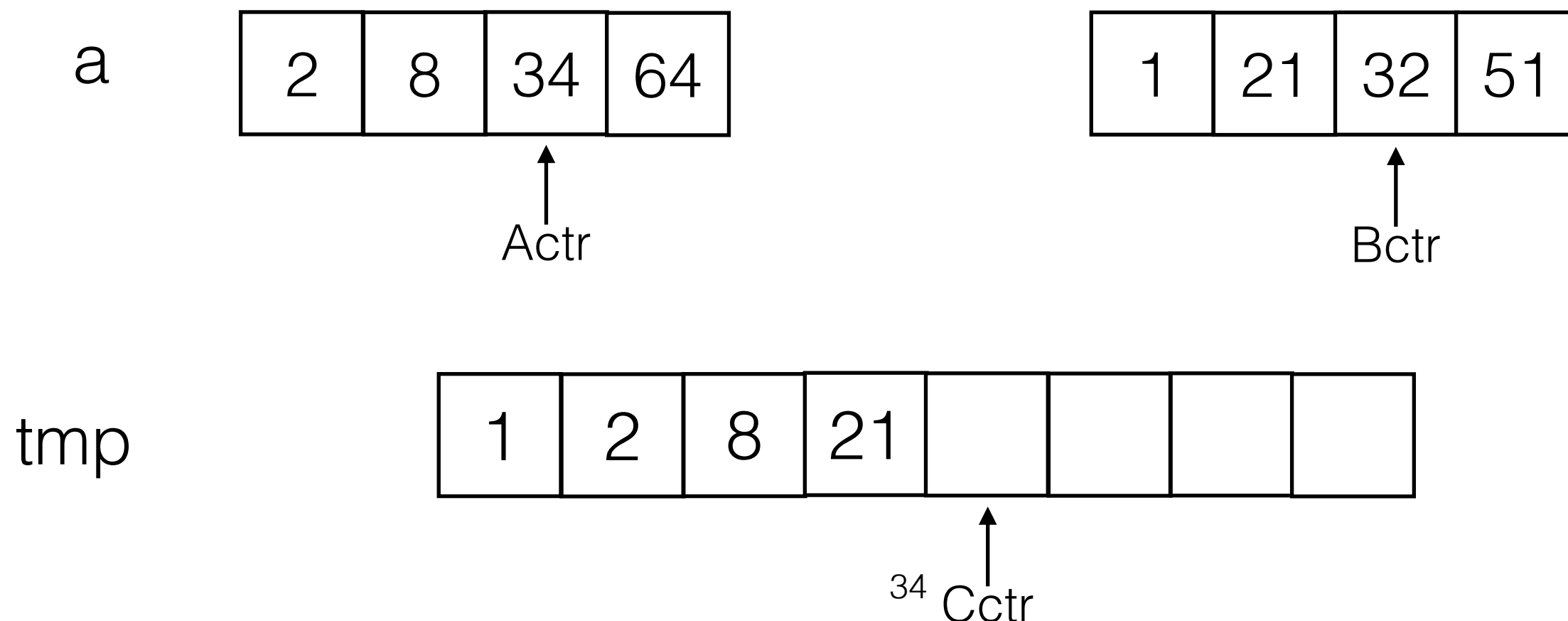
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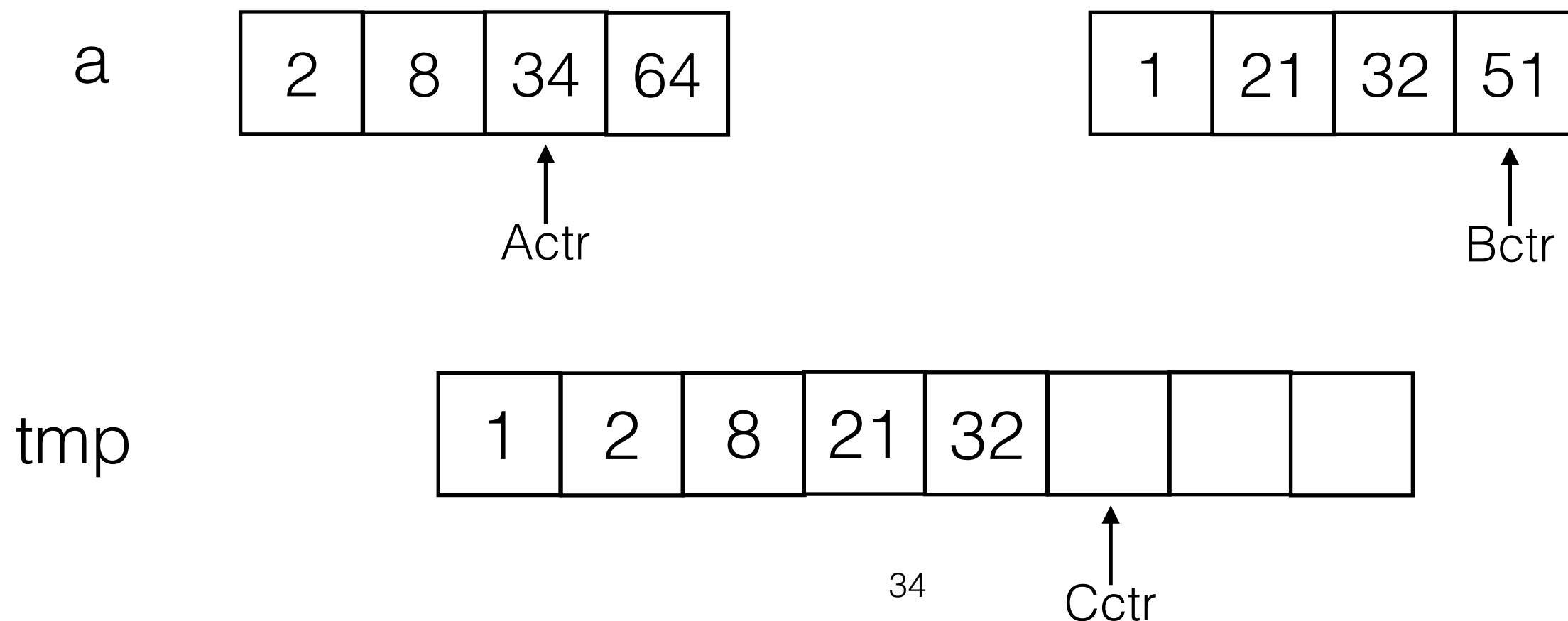
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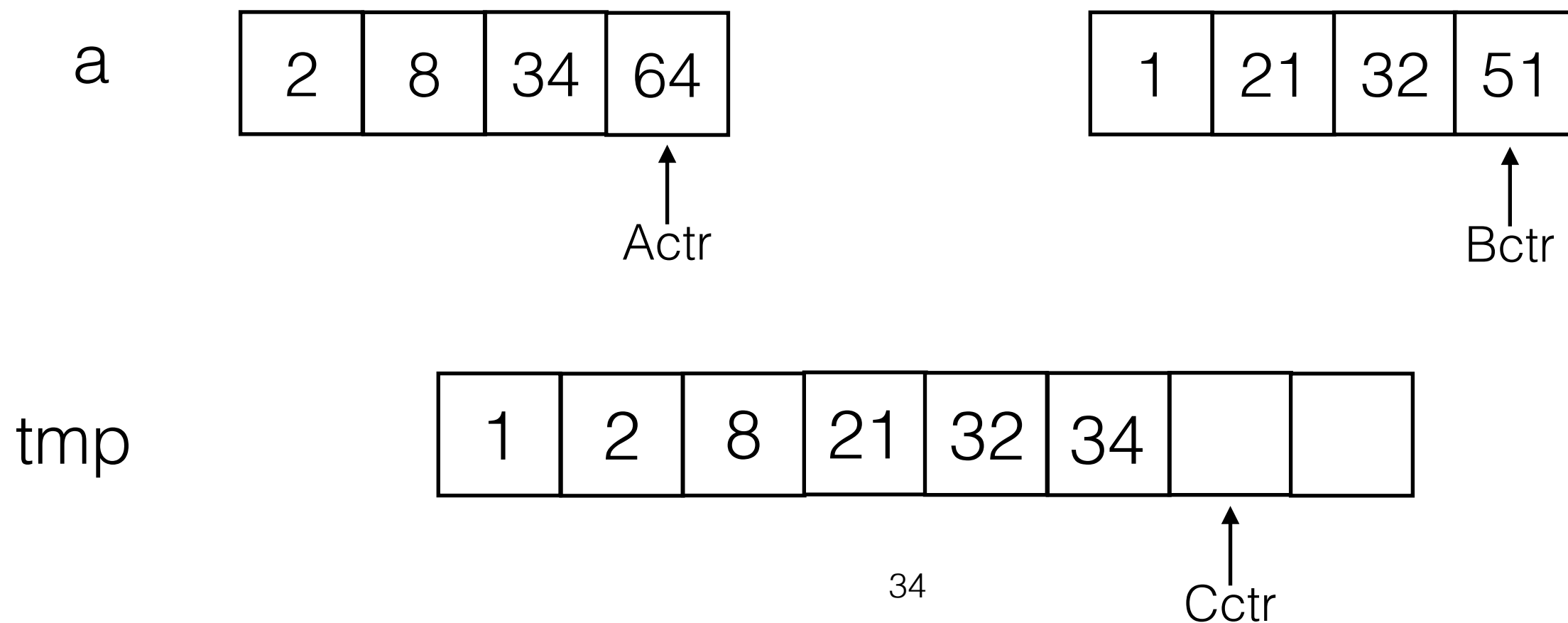
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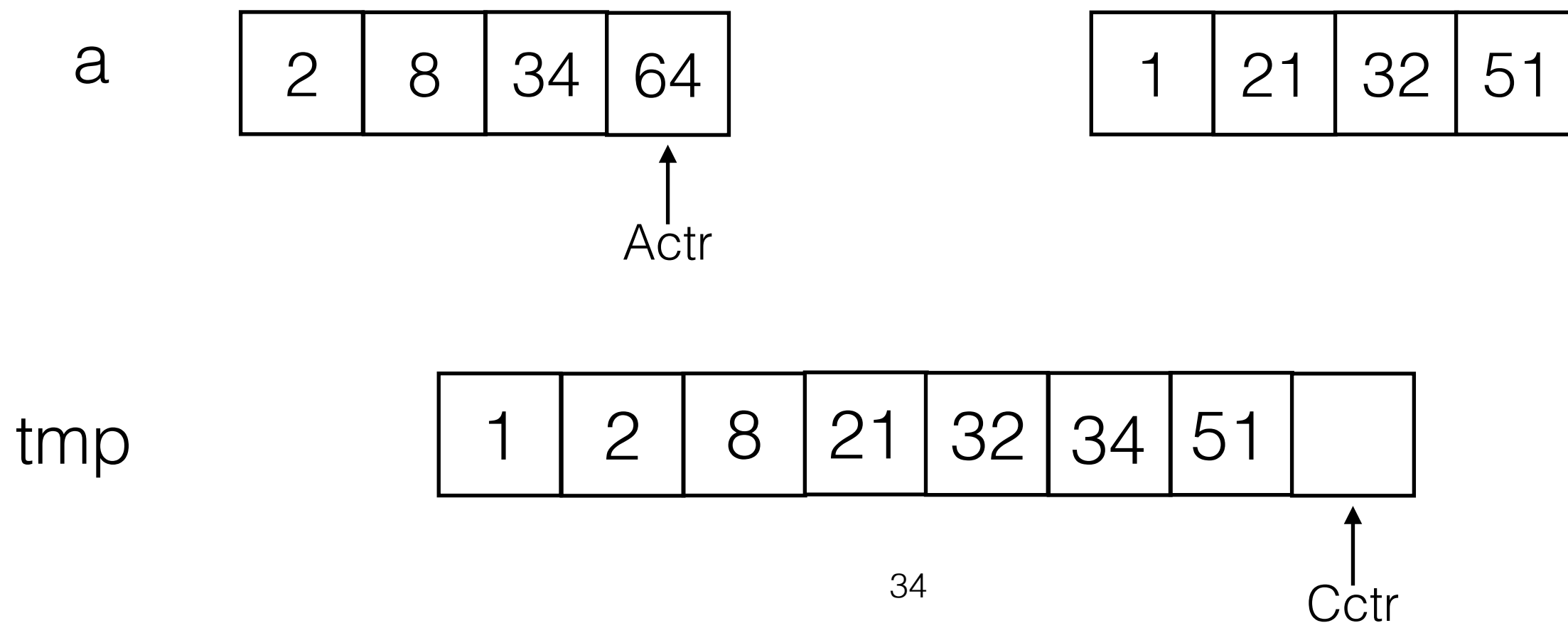
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    int tmpPos = aCtr;
    int numElements = rightEnd - aCtr + 1;

    // Main loop
    while( aCtr <= leftEnd && bCtr <= rightEnd )
        if( a[ aCtr ].compareTo( a[ bCtr ] ) <= 0 )
            tmpArray[ tmpPos++ ] = a[ aCtr++ ];
        else
            tmpArray[ tmpPos++ ] = a[ bCtr++ ];

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    while( bCtr <= rightEnd ) // Copy rest of right half
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    // Copy tmpArray back
    for( int i = 0; i < numElements; i++, rightEnd-- )
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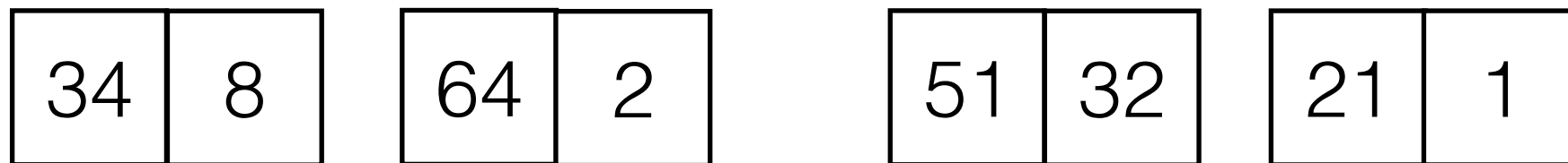
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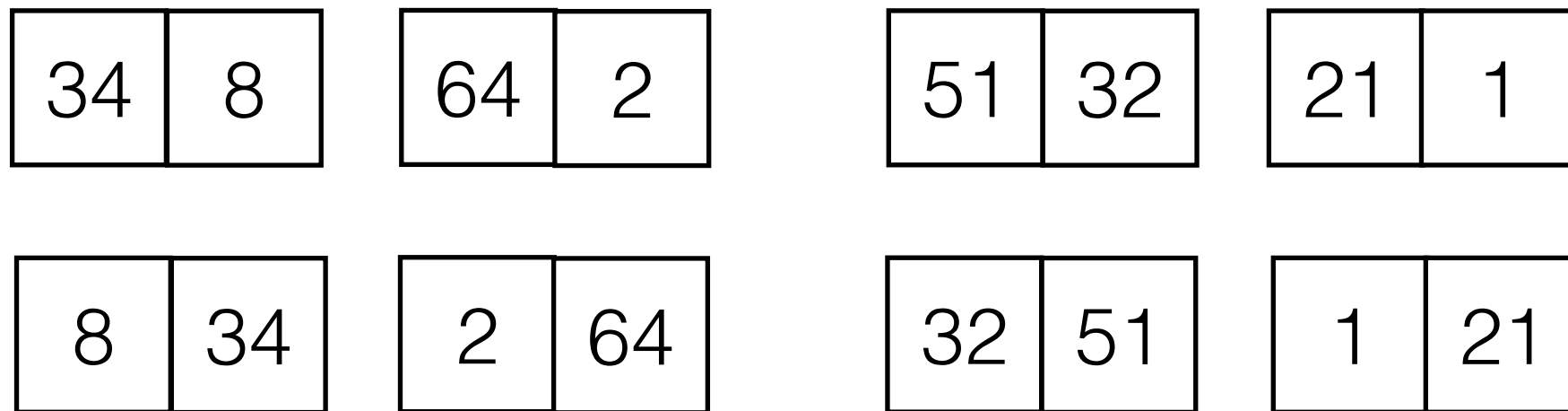
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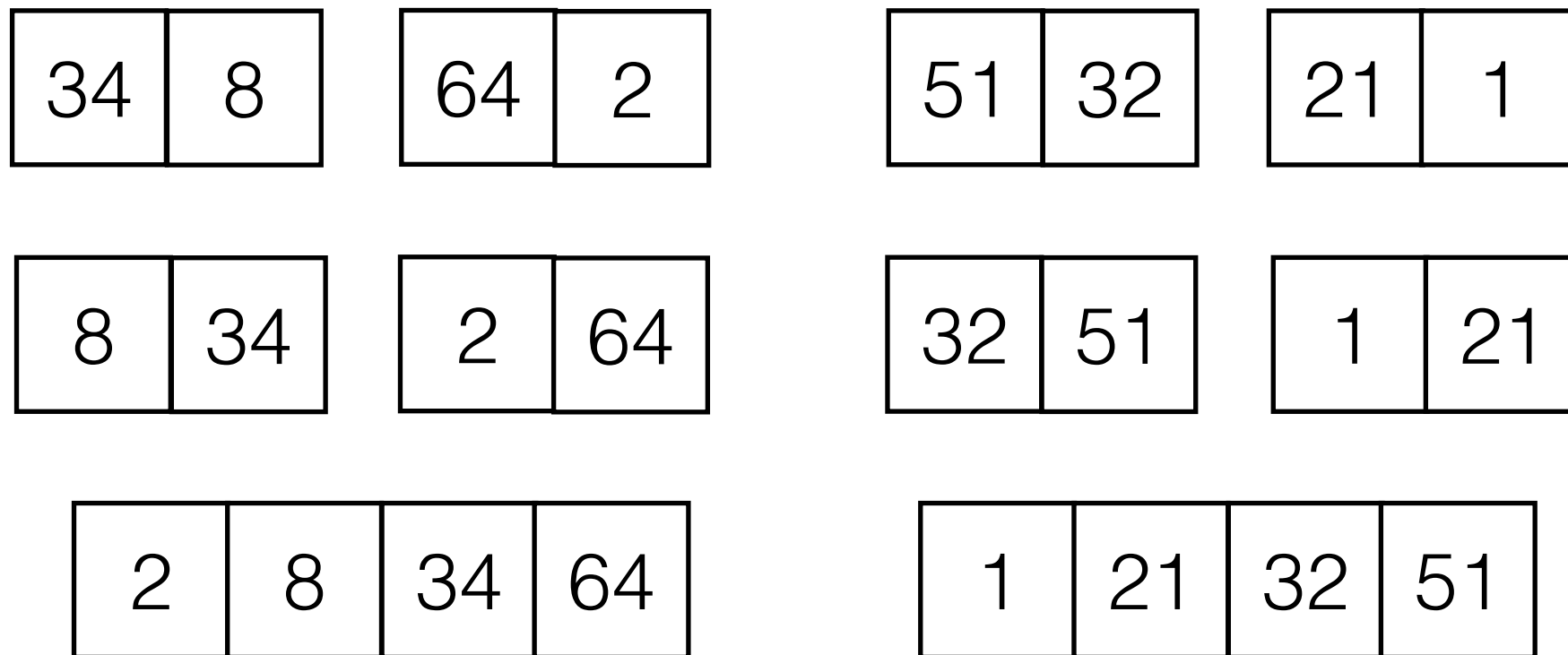
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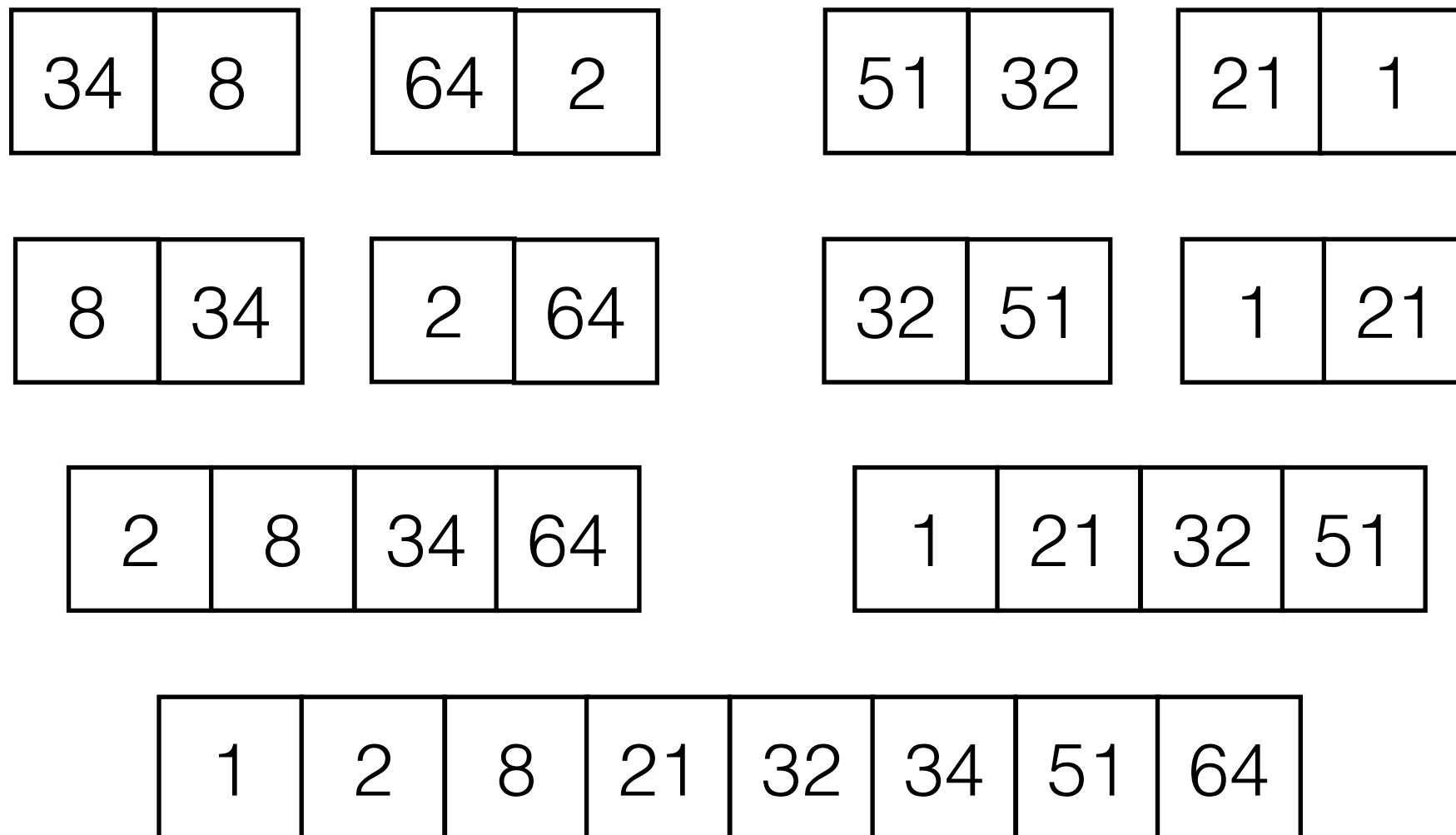
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        int center = ( left + right ) / 2;
        mergeSort( a, tmpArray, left, center );
        mergeSort( a, tmpArray, center + 1, right );
        merge( a, tmpArray, left, center + 1, right );
    }
}
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Merge Sort Running Time

- This running time analysis is typical for divide and conquer algorithms.
- Merge sort is a recursive algorithm. The running time analysis should be similar to what we have seen for other algorithms of this type (e.g. binary search)
- Base case: $N=1$ (sort a 1-element list). $T(1) = 1$
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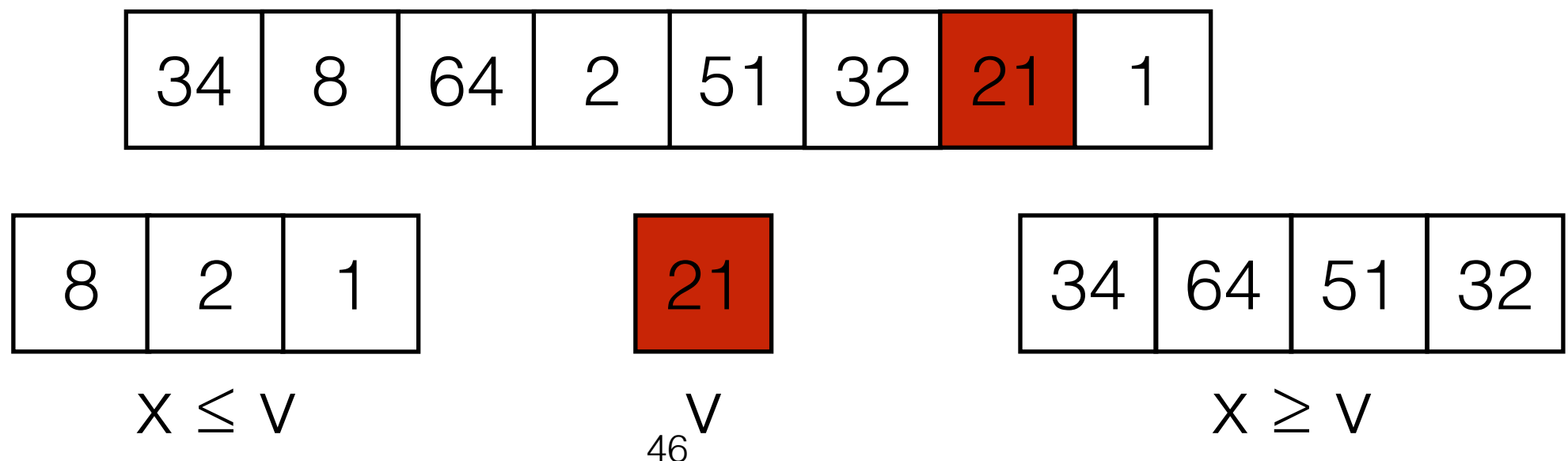
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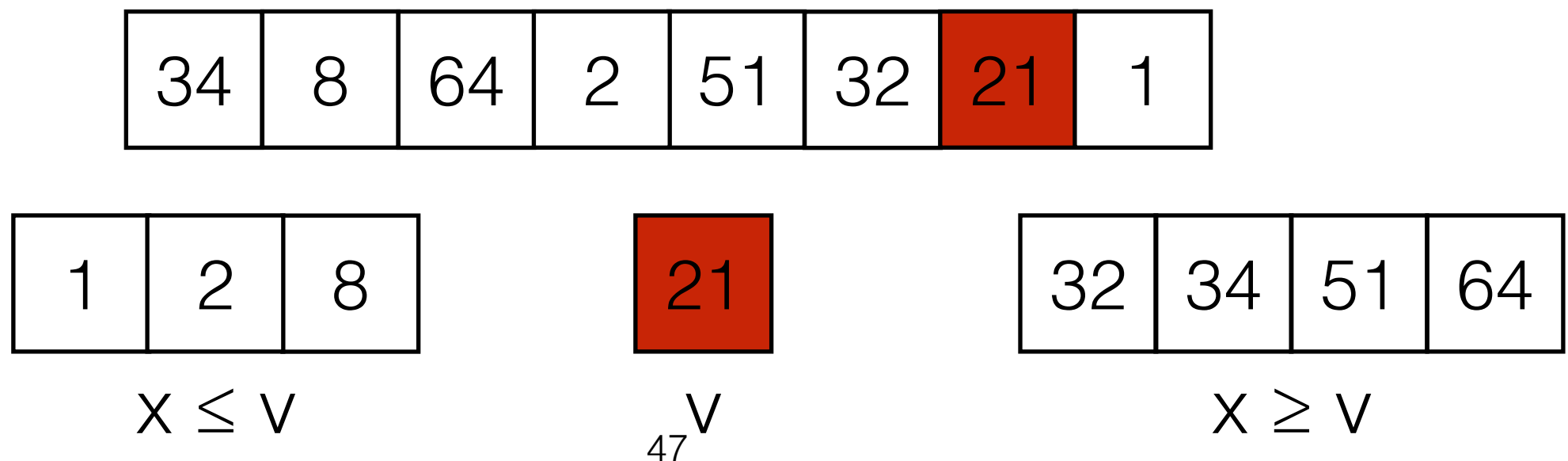
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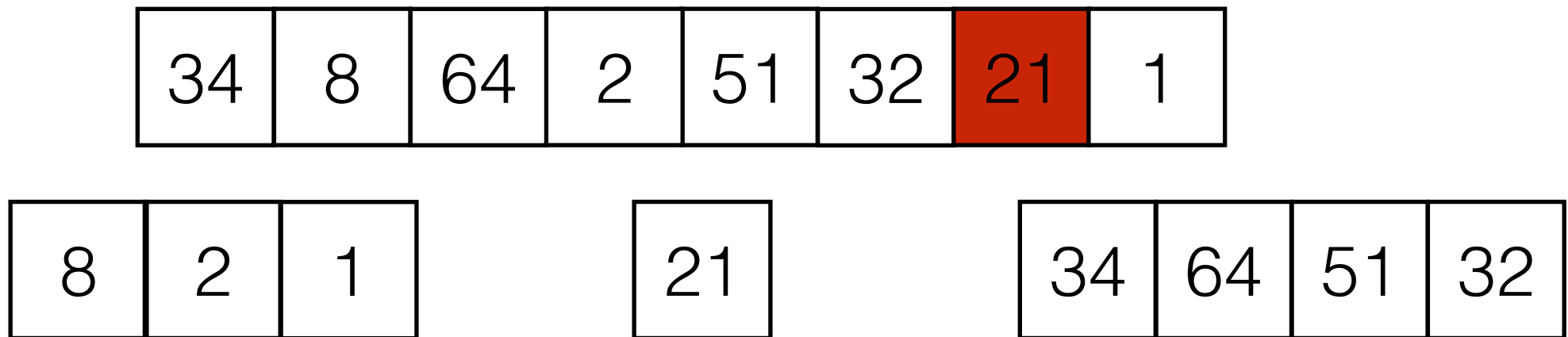
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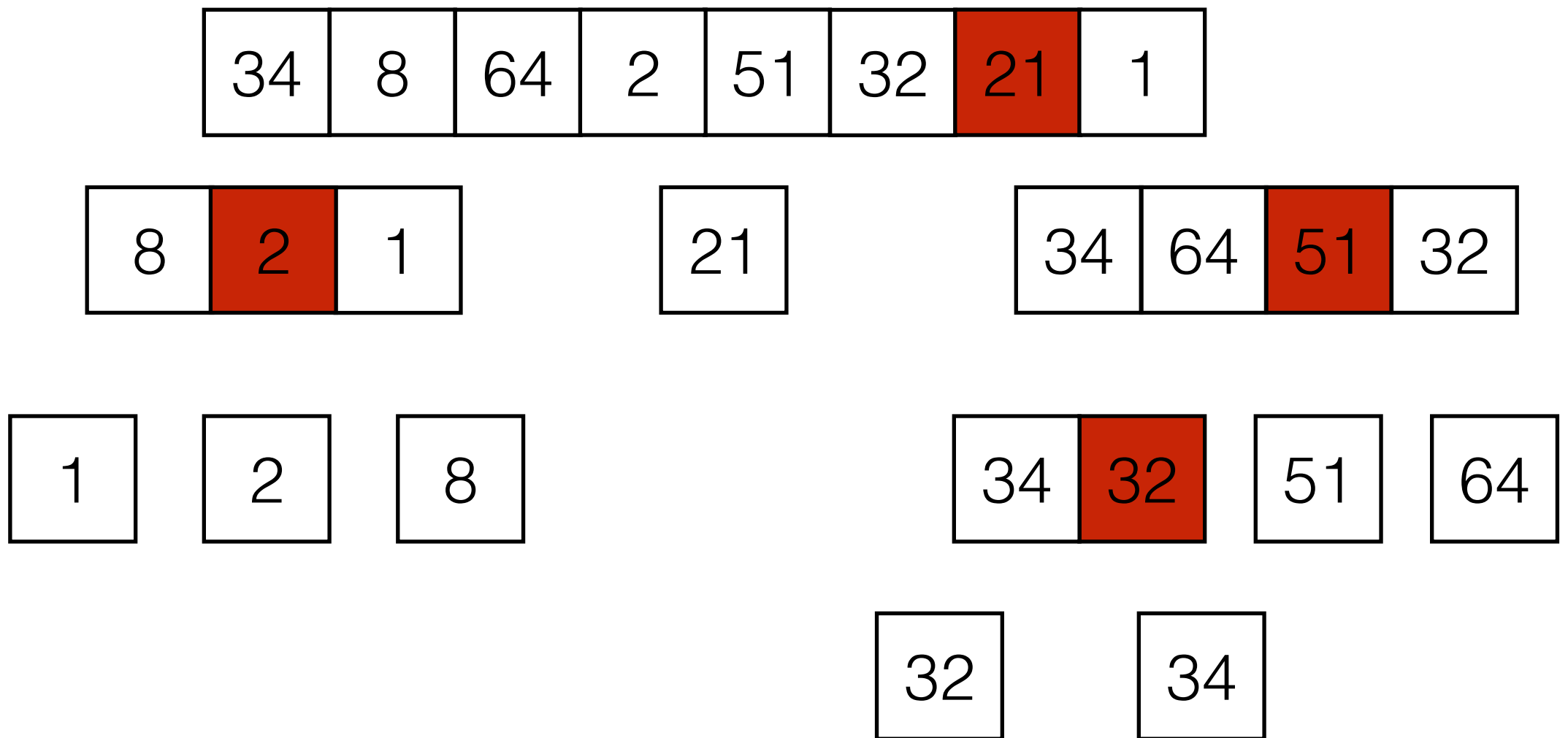
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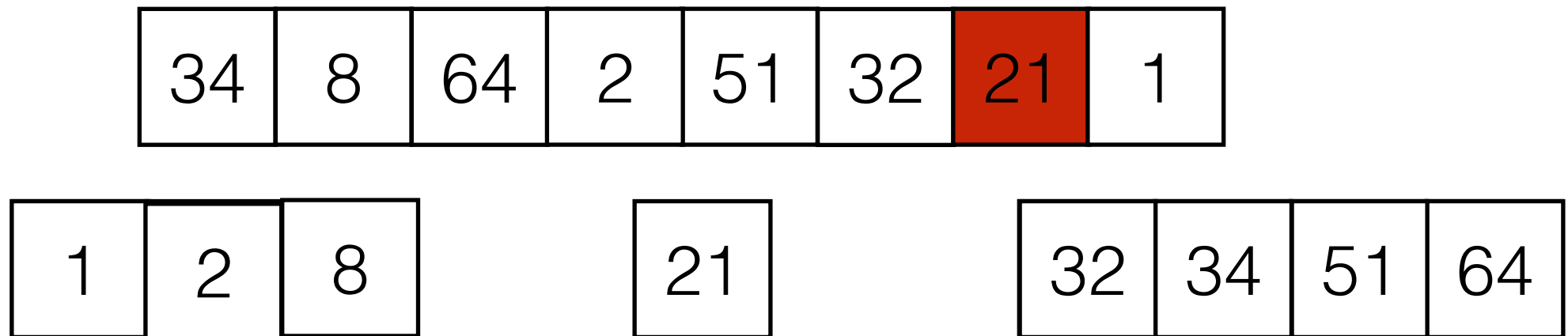
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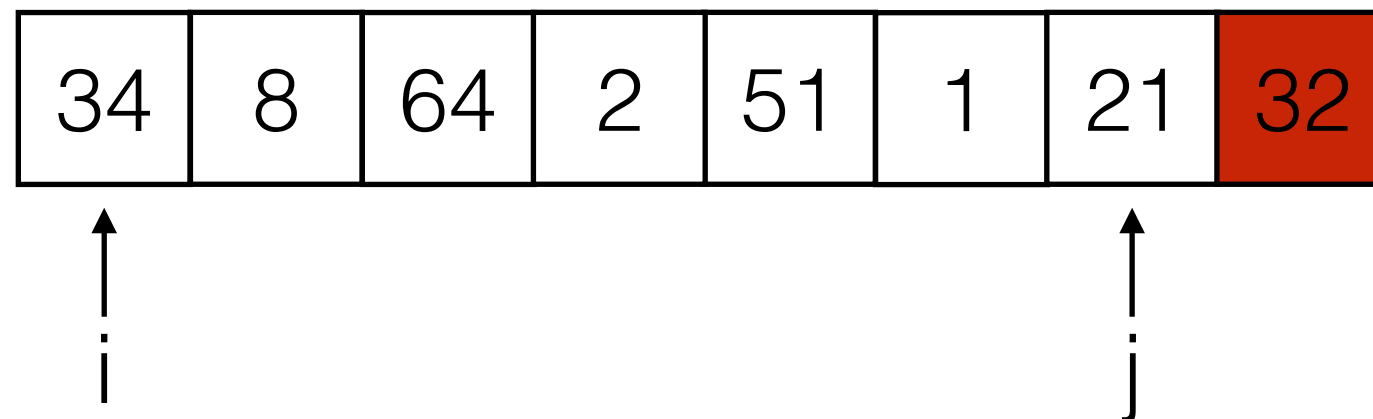
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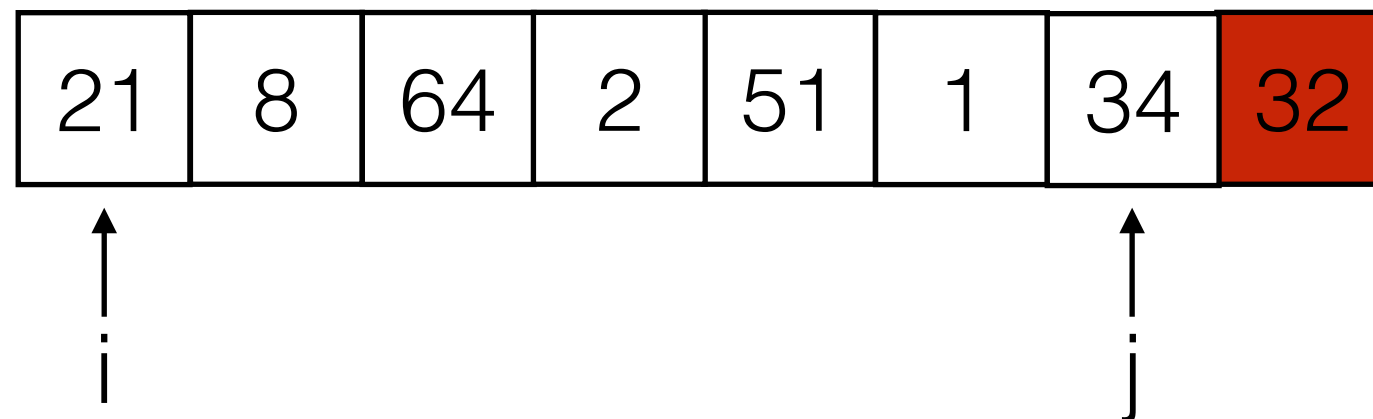
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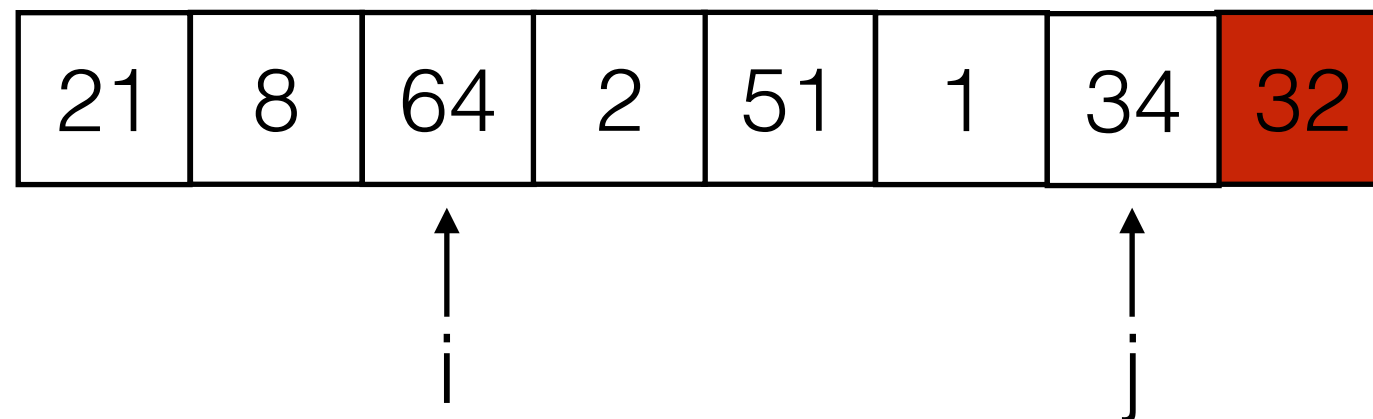
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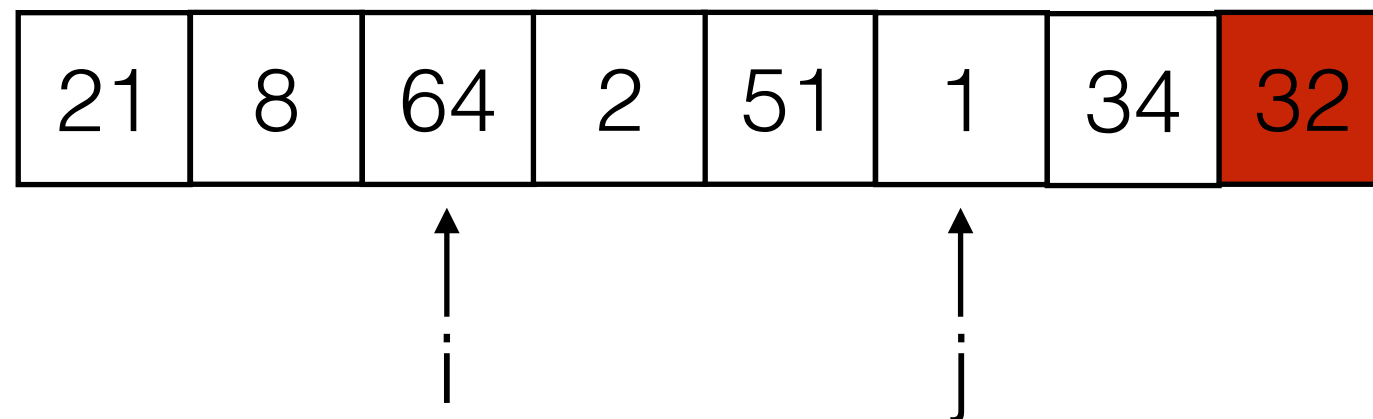
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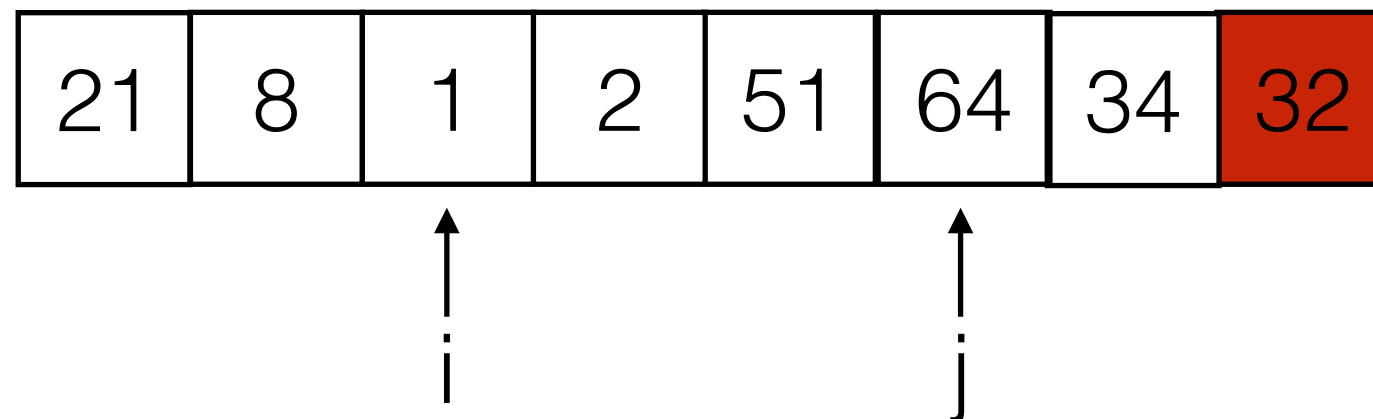
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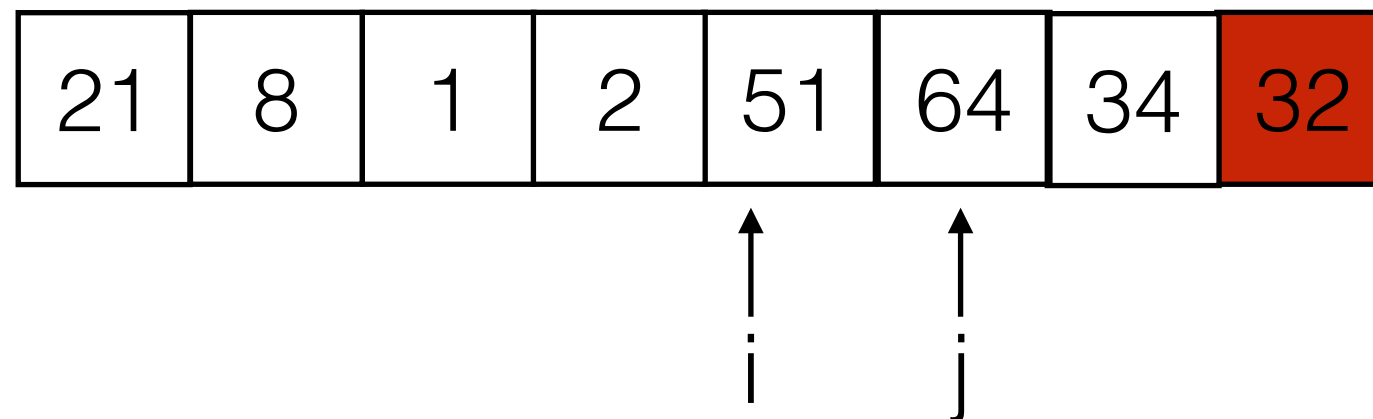
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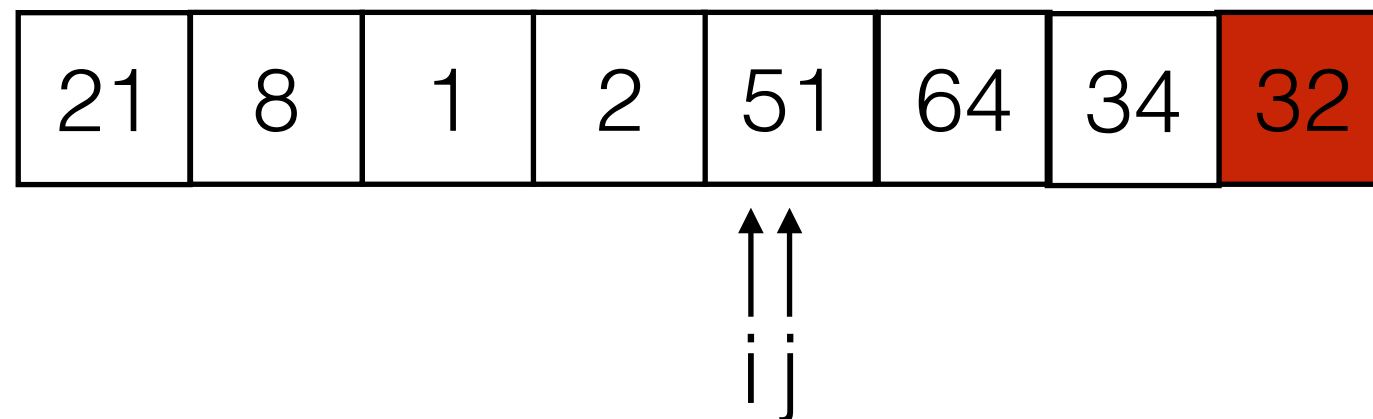
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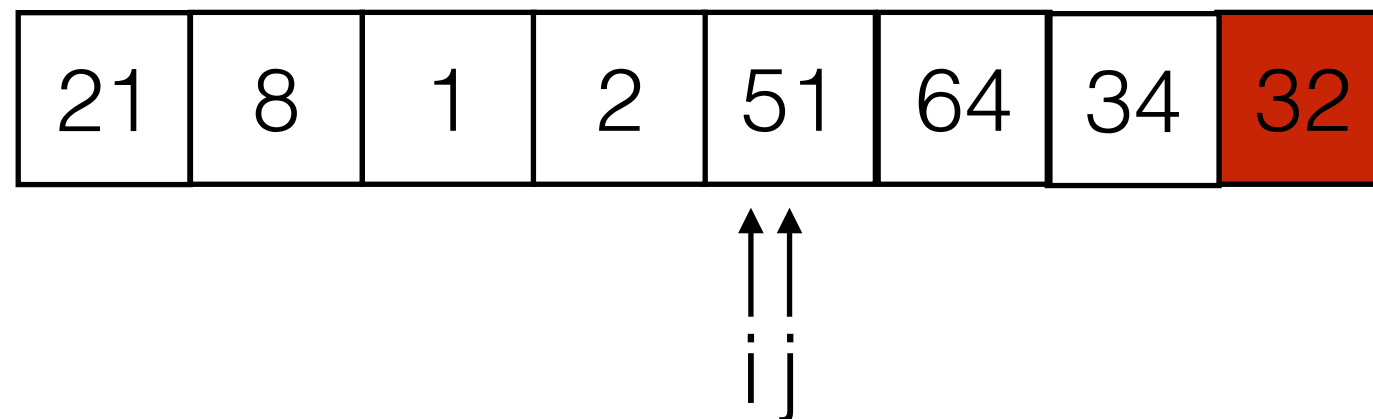
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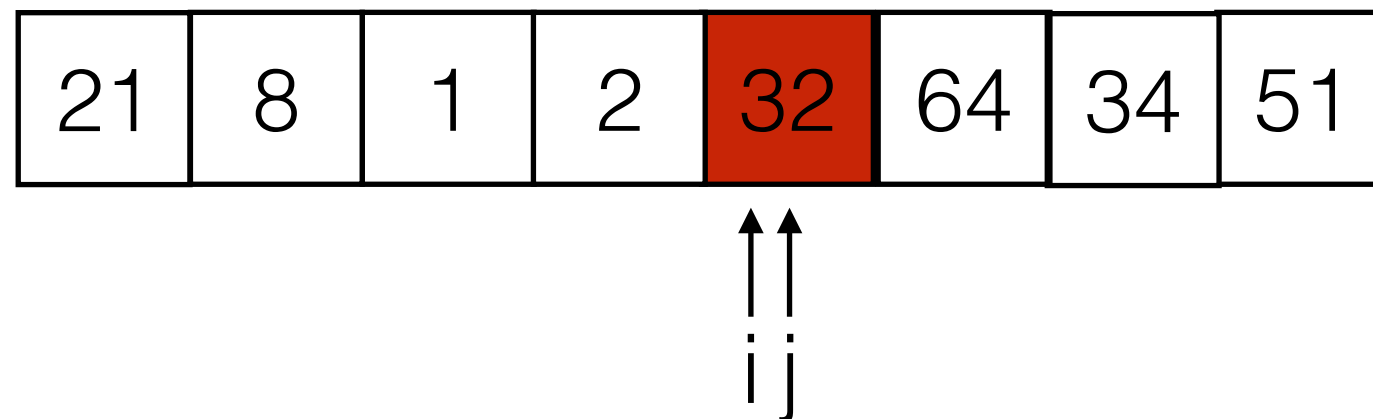
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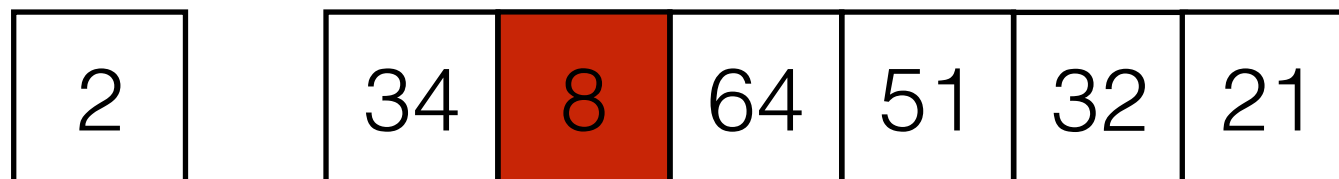
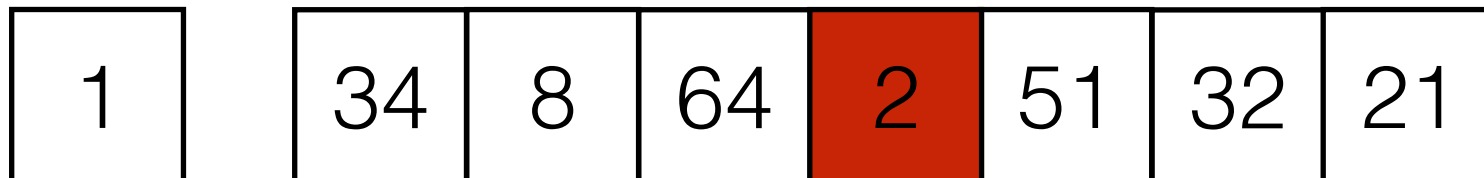
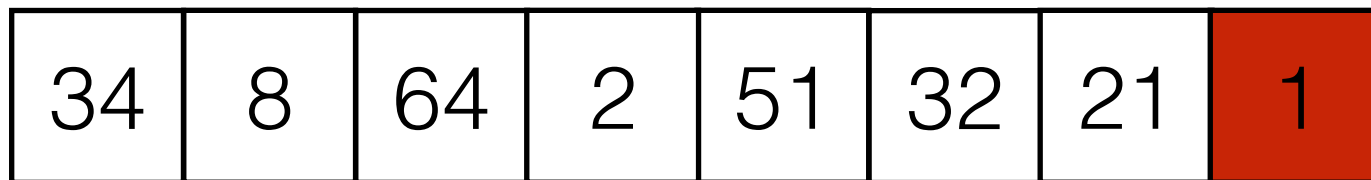
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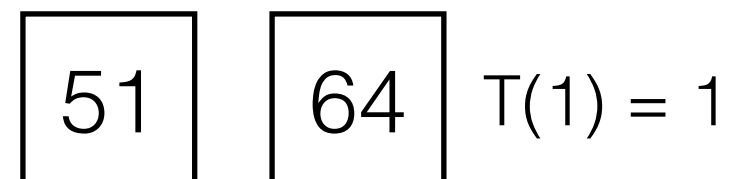
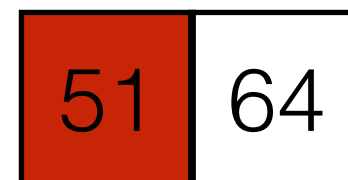
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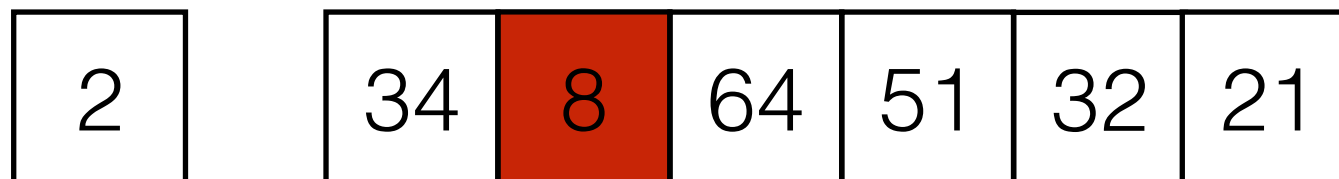
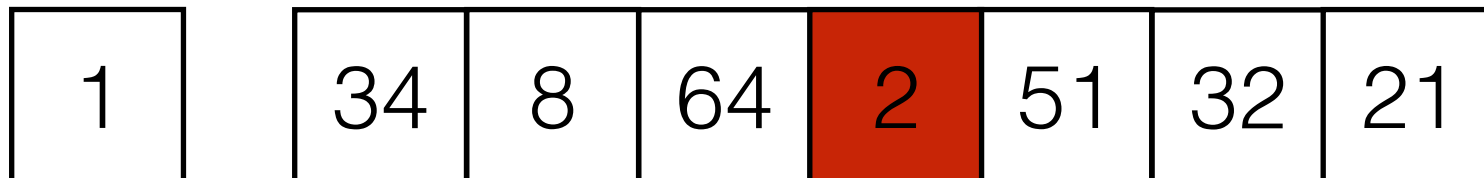
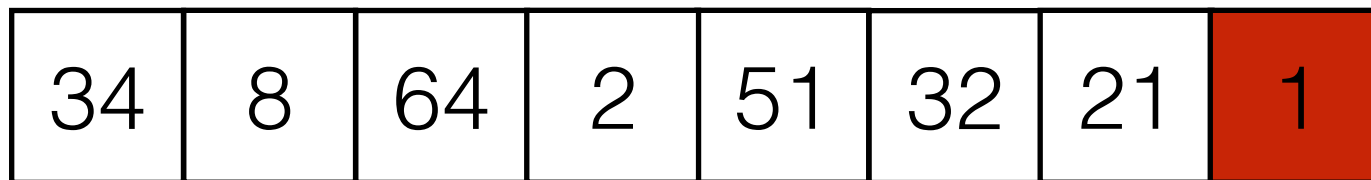
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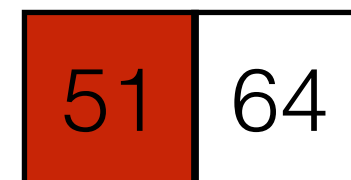
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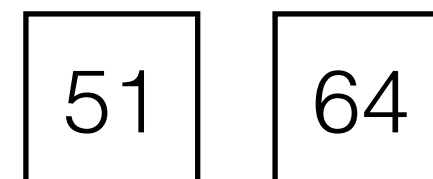
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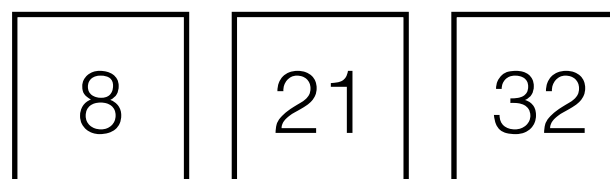
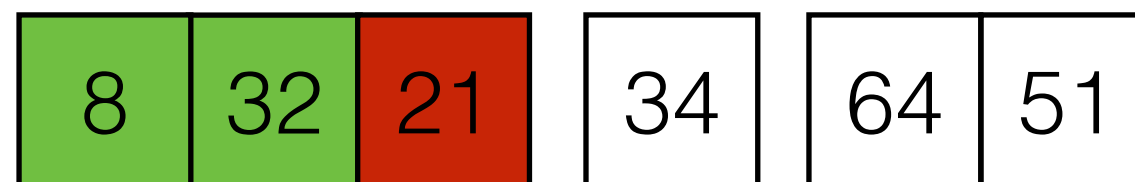
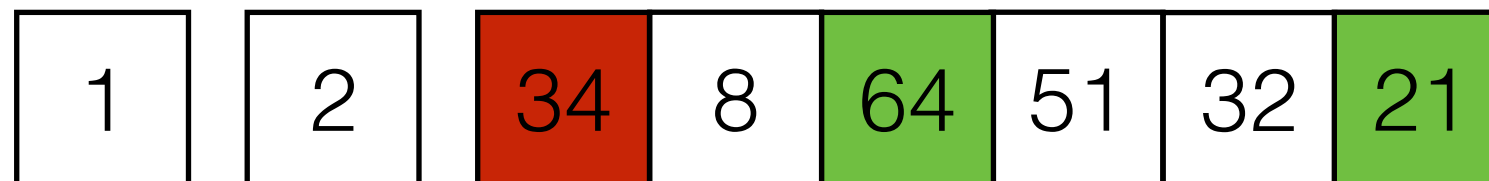
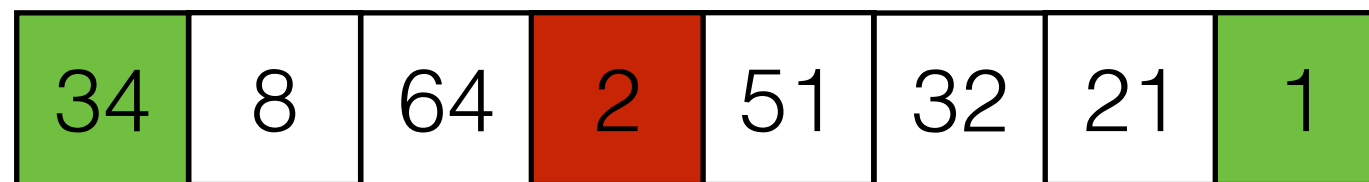
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Merge Sort	$\Theta(N \log N)$	$\Theta(N \log N)$	$\Theta(N \log N)$	$O(N)$	✓
Quick Sort	$\Theta(N^2)$	$\Theta(N \log N)$	$\Theta(N \log N)$	$O(1)$	✗

$\Omega(N \log N)$ worst case lower bound on comparison based general sorting!
Can we do better if we make some assumptions?