

Algorithm Design & Problem Solving: Data Structures



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Abstract Data Types

“A data type can be considered **abstract** when it is defined in terms of operations on it, and its implementation is hidden”

Abstract Data Type 1



1. What is a **List**

- How do I insert into a list?
- How do I delete an item in a list?
- How do I search a list?

Lists: Inserting


4	6	7	9	11
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- ❖ Check that the list is not full
- ❖ Check that the requested position exists
- ❖ Shift items up to make room for the new item
- ❖ Make the insertion
- ❖ Update list size value

Lists: Deleting

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- ❖ Check that the requested position exists
- ❖ Shift items back to delete item
- ❖ Update list size value

Lists: Searching

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❖ In what ways can I search?

How can lists be implemented?



1. List

- Arrays/Records
- Linked Lists

Data Structures: Records

What is a record?

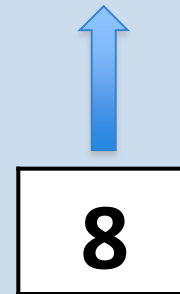
Surname	Byrne	Murphy	Carroll	
First Name	Mary	Tom	Jack	
Sex	Female	Male	Male	
Age	50	45	35	

List: Arrays (same process as records)



1. Inserting

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Check that the list is not full

Check that the requested position exists

Shift items up to make room for the new item

Make the insertion

Update list size value

Lists: Arrays-inserting

*If sizeoflist = sizeofarray
exit*

*Else if reqindexnumber is not in the array
exit*

Else

for $i = \text{sizeoflist}$ to $i \geq \text{reqindexnumber}$ do

$A[i+1] = A[i]$

$i--$

$A[\text{reqindexnumber}] = \text{value}$

increment sizeoflist

Data Structures: Arrays



2. Deleting

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Check that the requested position exists

Shift items back to delete item

Update list size value

Lists: Arrays-deleting

*if reqindexnumber is not in the array
exit*

Else

*for $i = \text{reqindexnumber}$ to $i \leq \text{sizeoflist}$ do
 $A[i] = A[i+1]$
decrement sizeoflist*

Data Structures: Arrays

3. Searching

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Write the code for both types of searches

Reminder: Linear Search Algorithm



```
for  $i = 0, i < n$  do  
    if  $A[i] = \text{searchKey}$   
        return  $i$   
return  $-1$ 
```

Reminder: **Iterative** Binary Search Algorithm



While low <= high

Middle = (low + high)/2

If searchKey = A[middle]

return middle

Else if searchKey < A[middle]

high = middle - 1

Else if searchKey > A[middle]

low = middle + 1

Reminder: **Recursive** Binary Search Algorithm



binary_search(A, searchKey, low, high)

Middle = (low + high)/2

If searchKey = A[middle]

return middle

Else if searchKey < A[middle]

binary_search(A, searchKey, low, middle - 1)

Else if searchKey > A[middle]

binary_search(A, searchKey, middle + 1, high)

Data Structures: Linked Lists

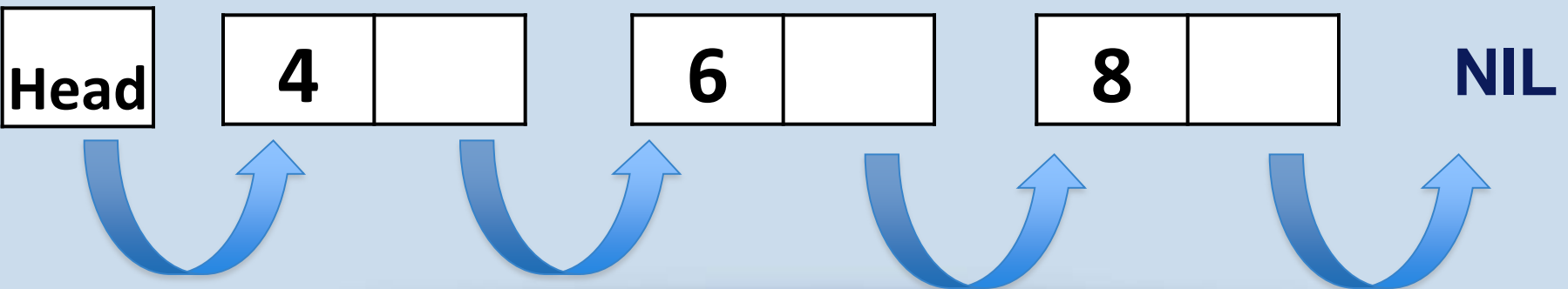


A **linked list** consists of any number of linked nodes such that each node has at most one predecessor and at most one successor => linear structure

Data Structures: Linked Lists

Each linked list node is actually a record variable with at least two fields:

- ❖ *Data* field
- ❖ *Next* location field, a pointer to the next node



Data Structures: Linked Lists



1. Inserting
2. Deleting
3. Searching

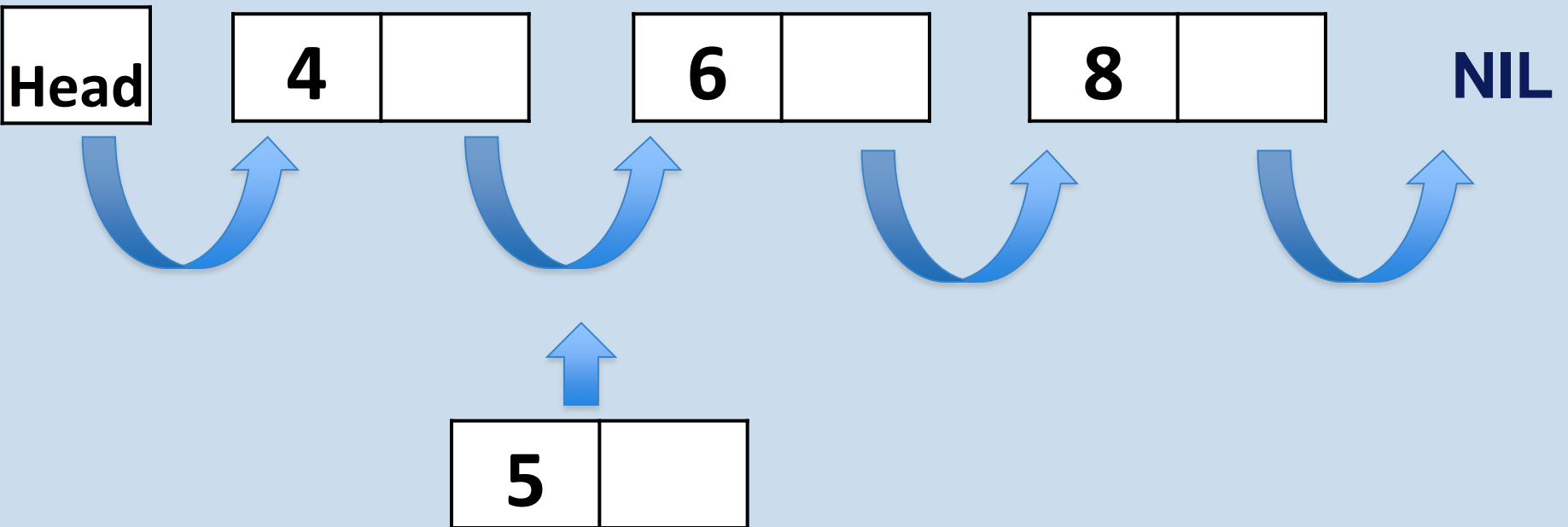
Linked List: A Demo



Inserting: Linked Lists



1. Inserting



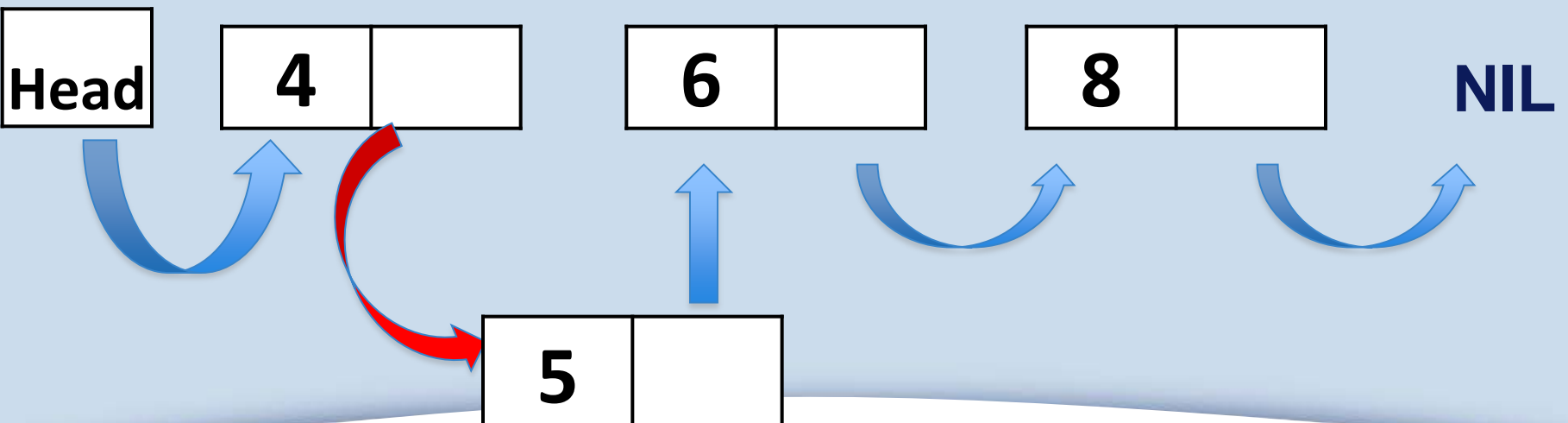
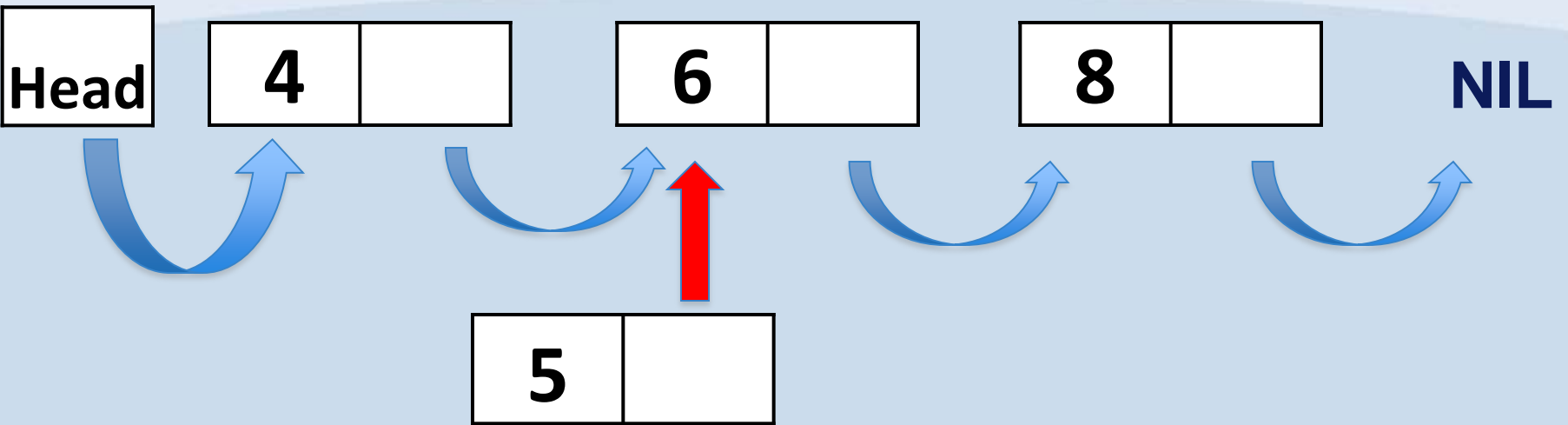
Inserting: Linked List



Involves two steps:

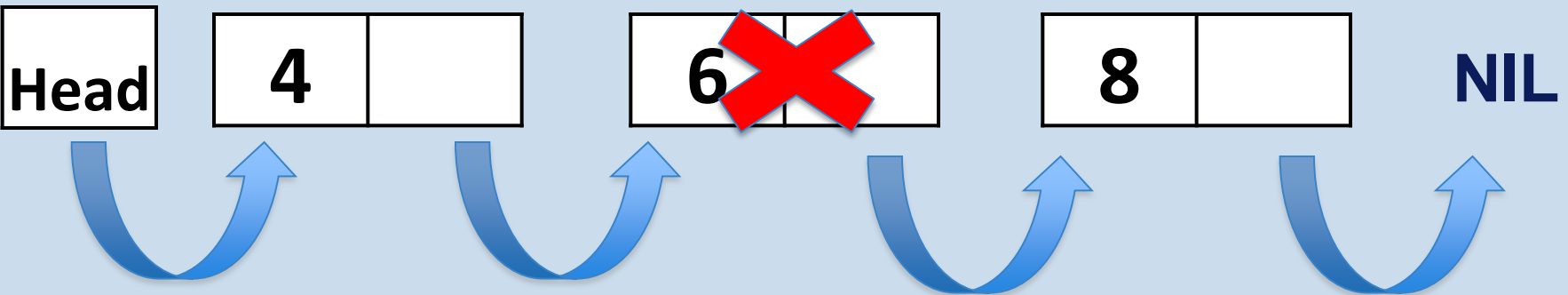
- ❖ **Finding the correct location**
- ❖ **Doing the work to add the node**

Inserting: Linked Lists



Deleting: Linked Lists

2. Deleting



Deleting: Linked List



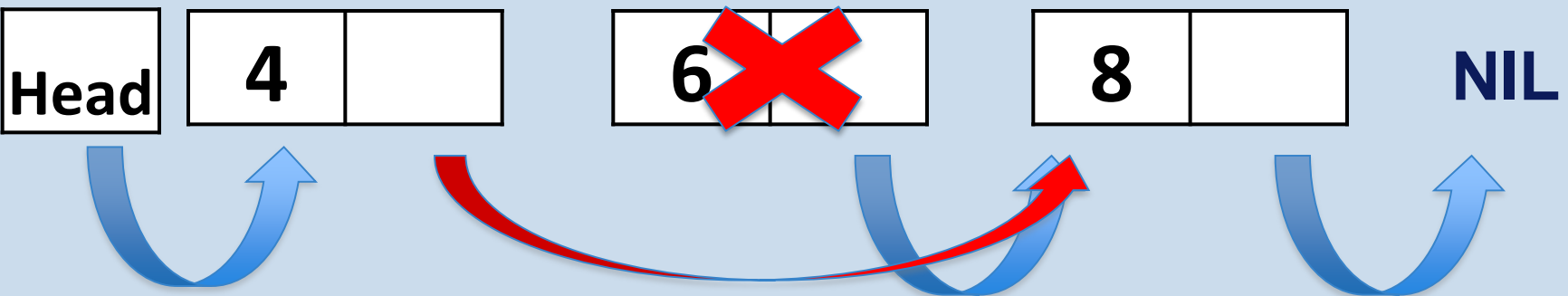
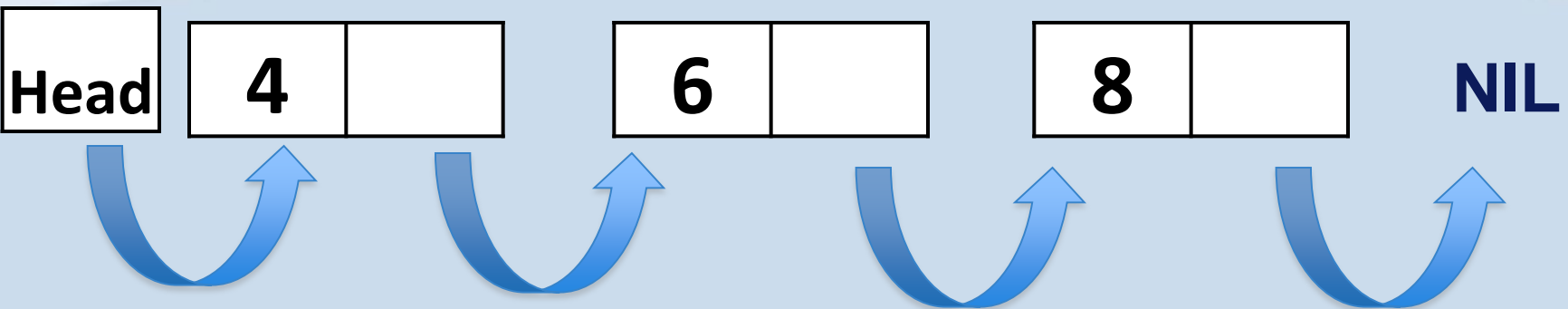
❖ Deletion from a linked list involves two steps:

- Find a match to the element to be deleted (traverse until nil *or* found)
- Perform the action to delete

❖ Performing the deletion is trivial:

- This removes the element, since nothing will point to the node

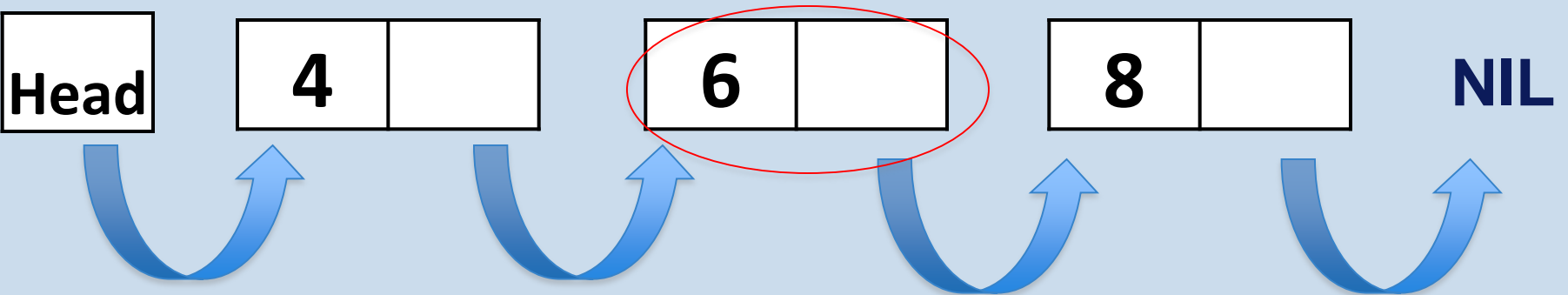
Deleting: Linked Lists



Searching: Linked Lists



3. Searching



Other Abstract Data Types

1. **Stacks** – works like a physical stack
2. **Queues** – works like a physical queue

What is the difference?

Stacks



LIFO: Last In First Out

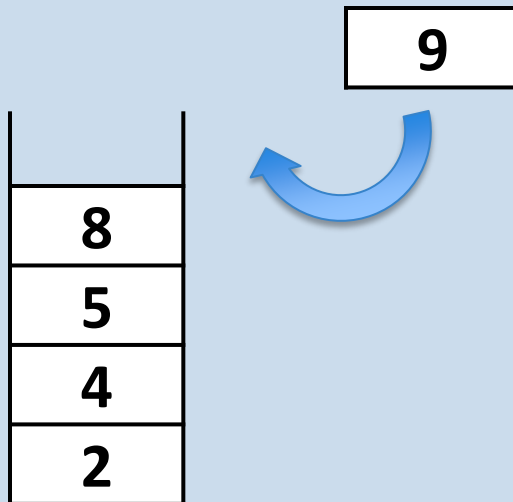
Abstract Data Type 2: Stacks

1. **Push:** put new element on to the stack
2. **Pop:** take an element off the stack

How can this be implemented using an array?

Abstract Data Type 2: Stacks

1. Push



*If stack is full
exit*

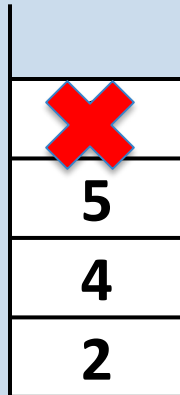
else

*$A[\text{freelocation}] = \text{new element}$
increment freelocation*

Abstract Data Type 2: Stacks



2. Pop



*If stack is empty
exit*

*else
decrement freelocation*

Queues



FIFO: First In First Out

Abstract Data Type 3: Queues



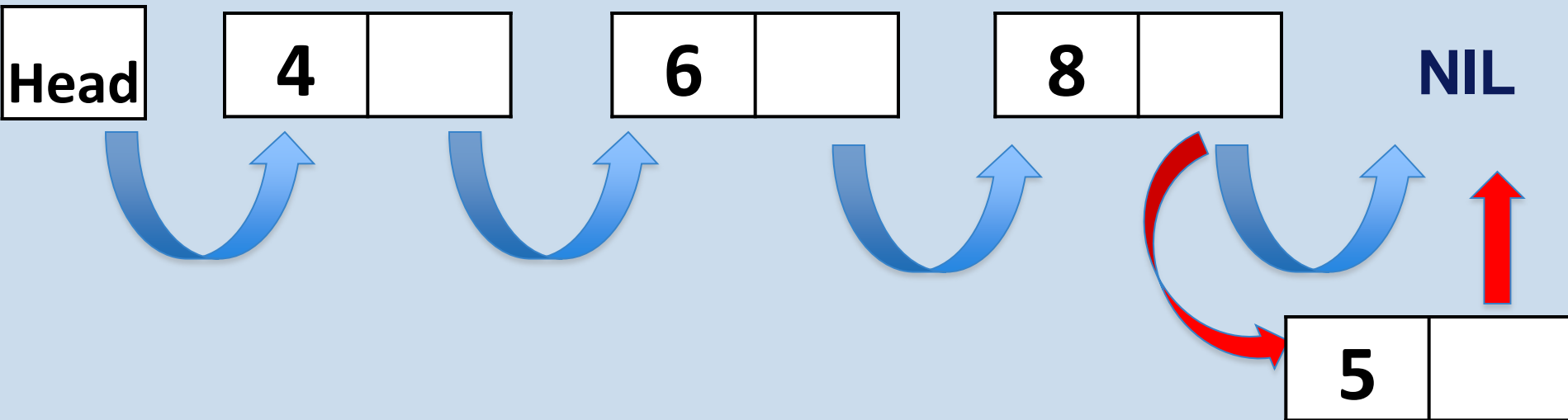
1. **Push:** put new element in to the queue

1. **Pop:** remove an element from the queue

Should this be implemented using an array?
No!

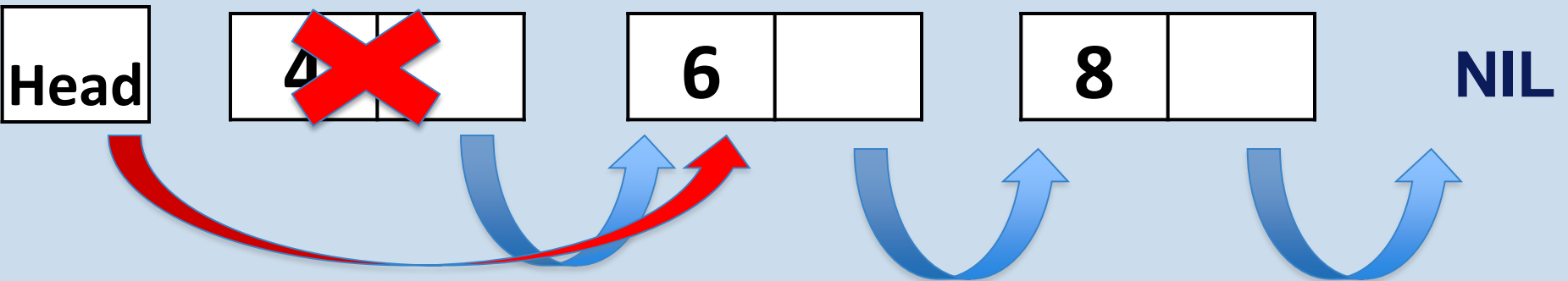
Abstract Data Type 3: Queues

1. Push



Abstract Data Type 3: Queues

2. Pop



Thank You !

