

Database System Internals

Indexing

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Announcements

- SimpleDB Partner Sign-up
 - <https://forms.gle/yPac3AvyRKNF915LA>
 - Last chance to submit by noon today

- Lab 1 Part 2: due next Wednesday
 - Random partner option should see a response email later today
 - Advice for working as team:
 - Make sure to schedule time to plan and/or pair code
 - Trying to strictly divide portions of the code with little communication often doesn't go well
 - Be up-front about how much time you will commit and when

Recap: Heap File

A sequence of pages (implementation in SimpleDB)

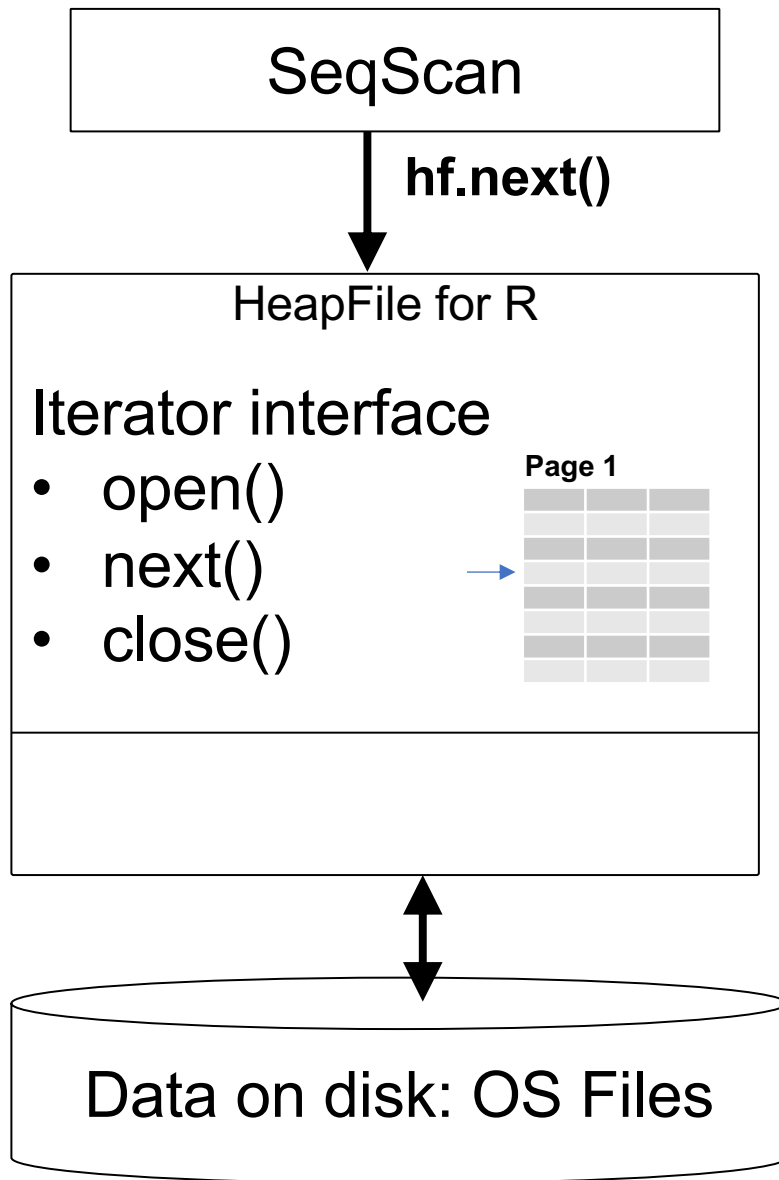
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Some pages have space and other pages are full
Add pages at the end when need more space

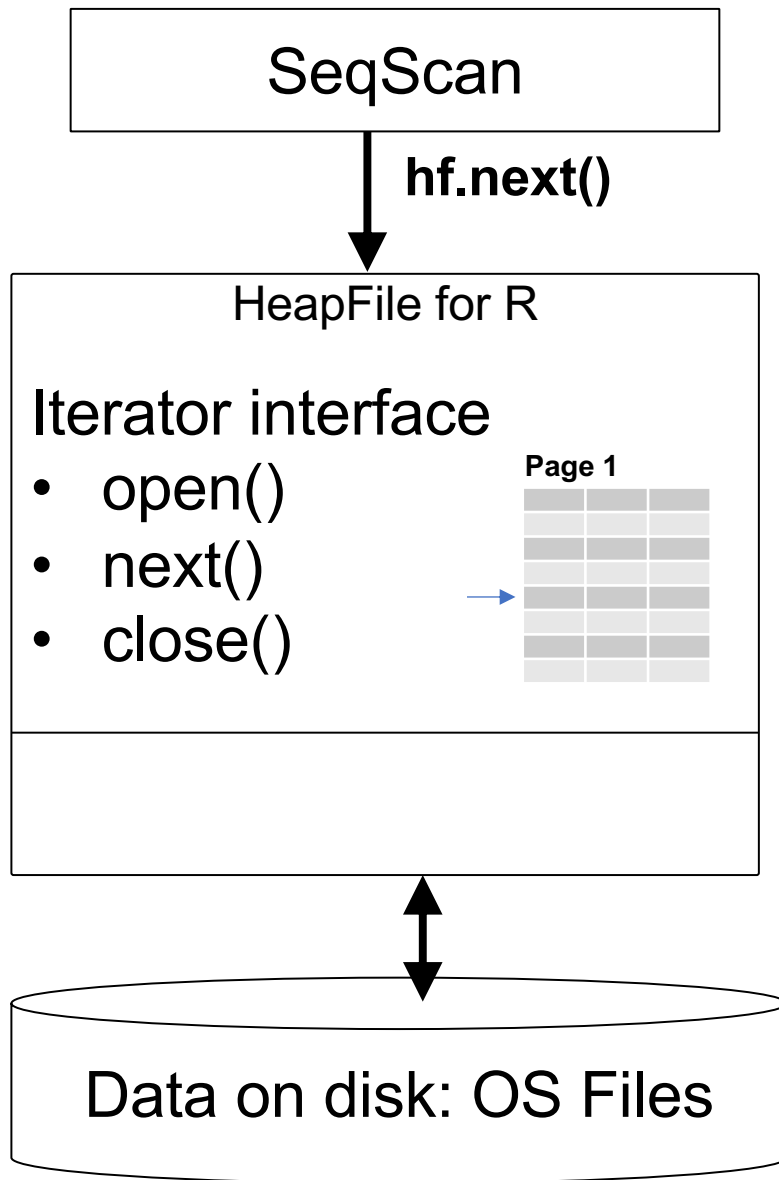
Works well for small files

But finding free space requires scanning the file...

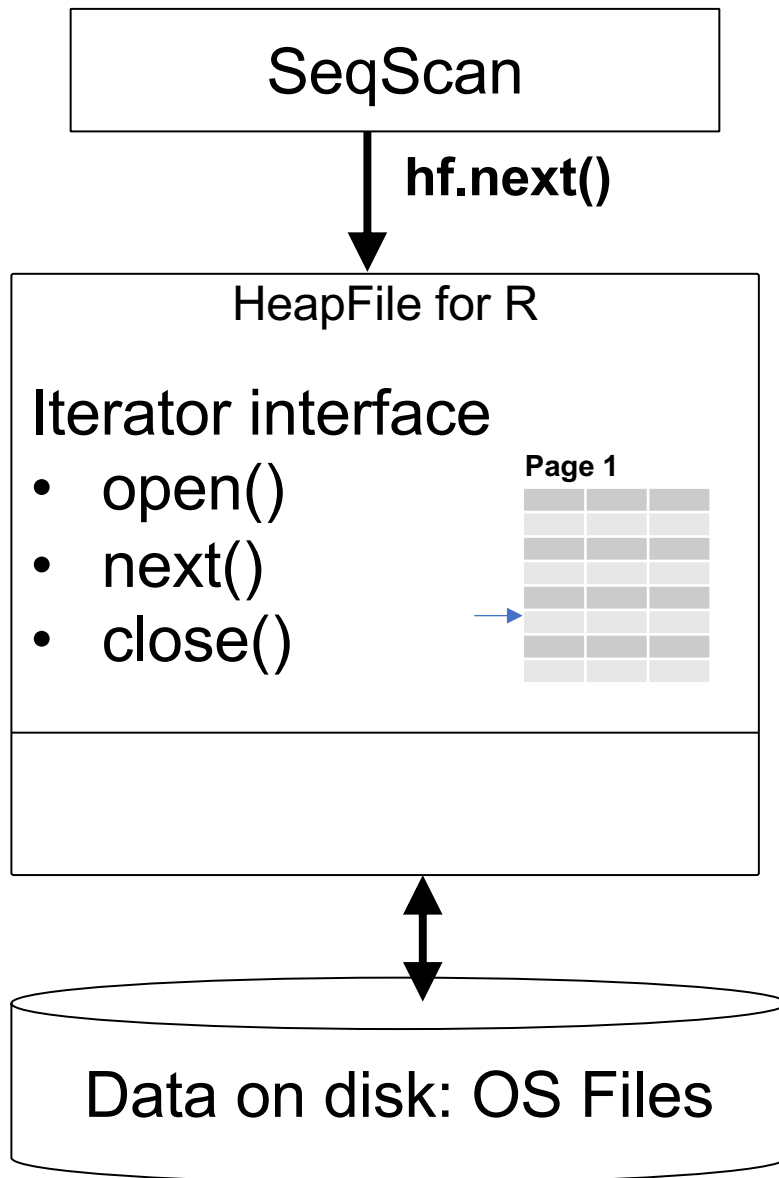
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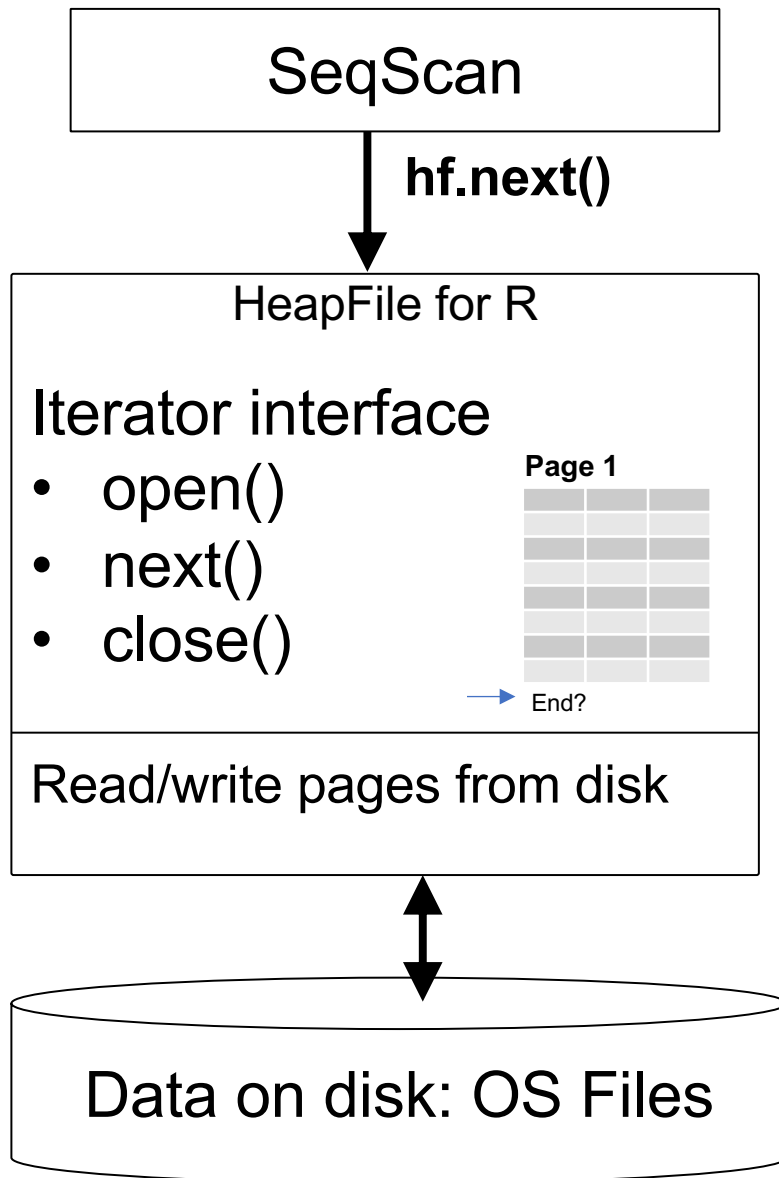
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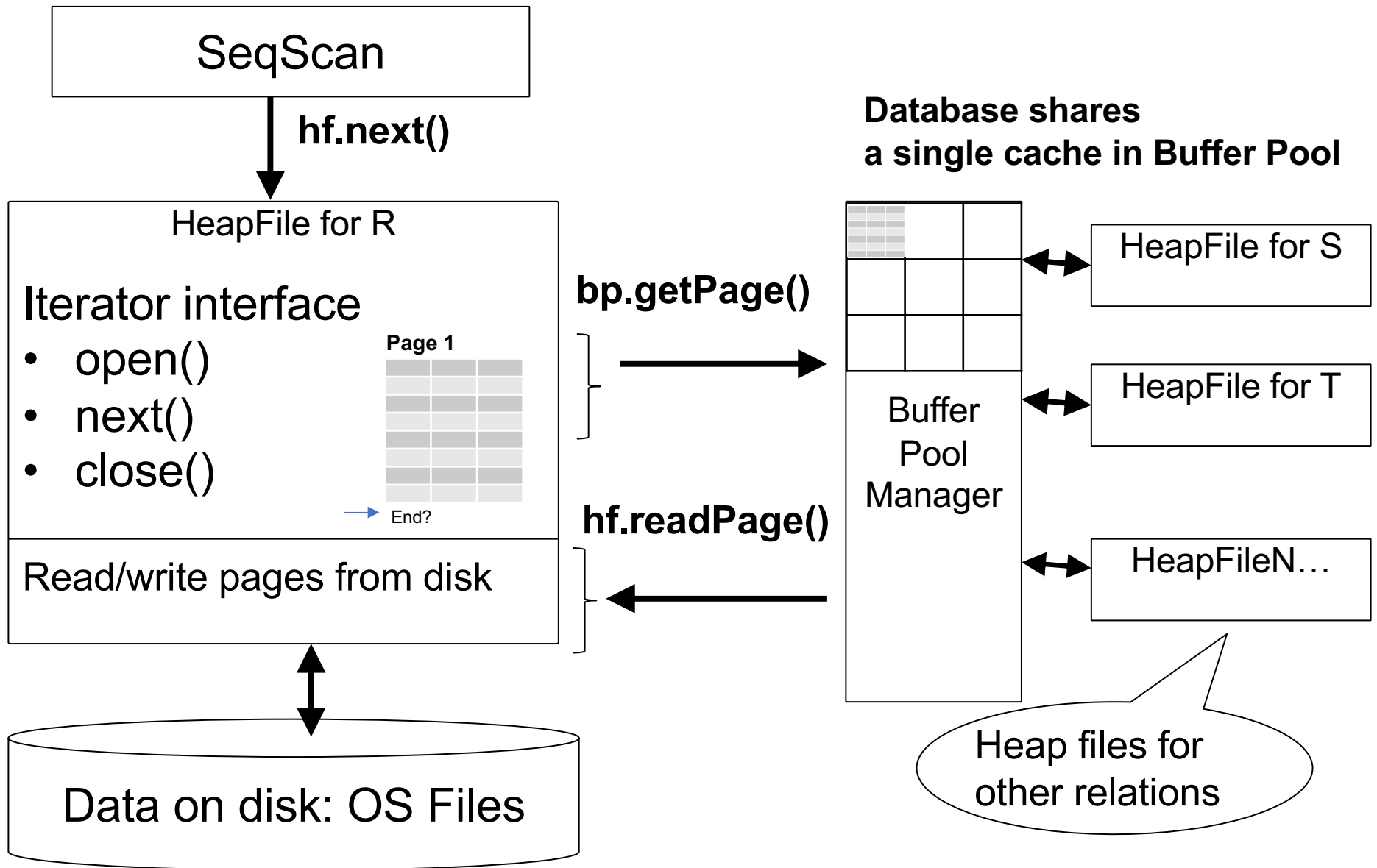
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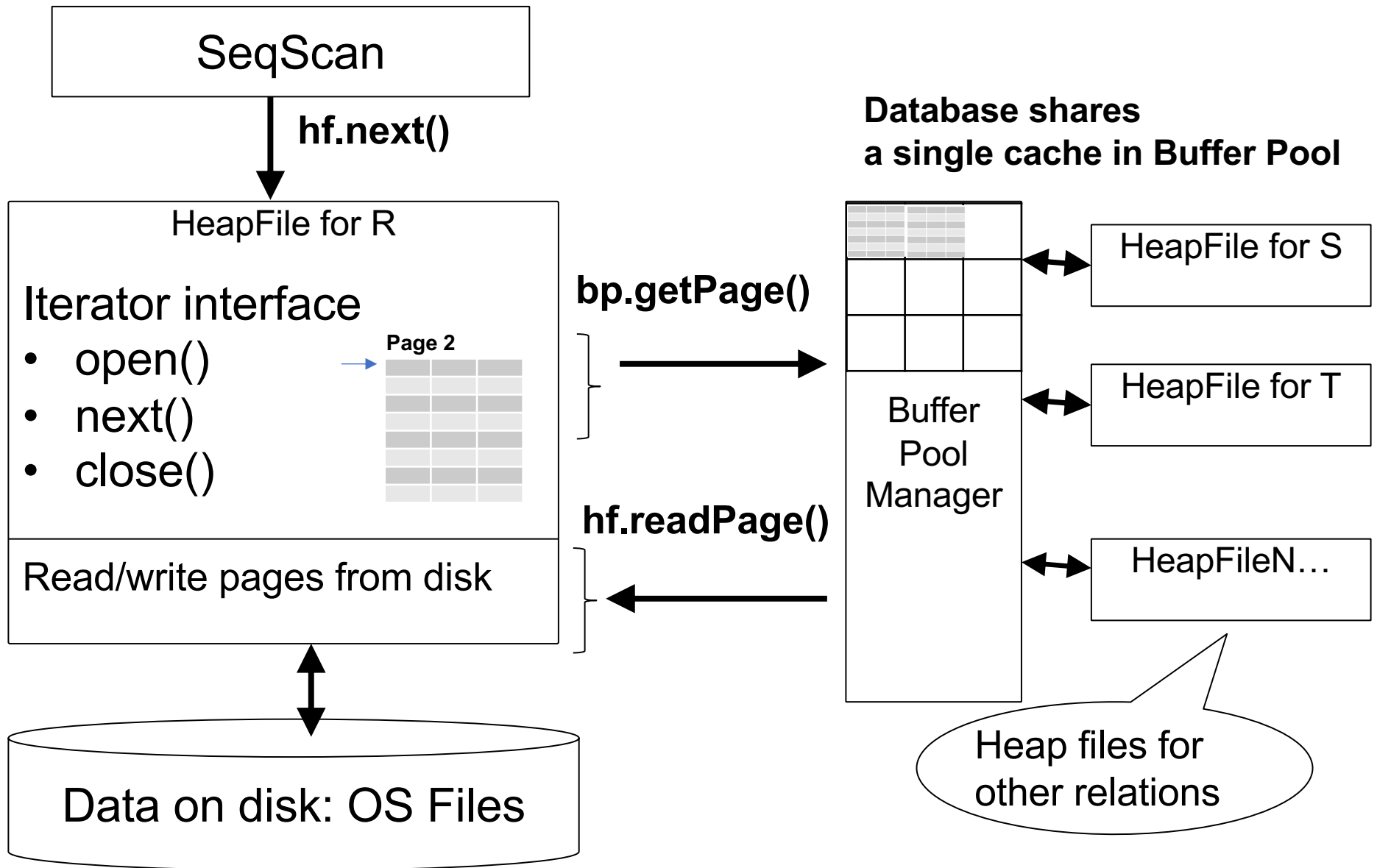
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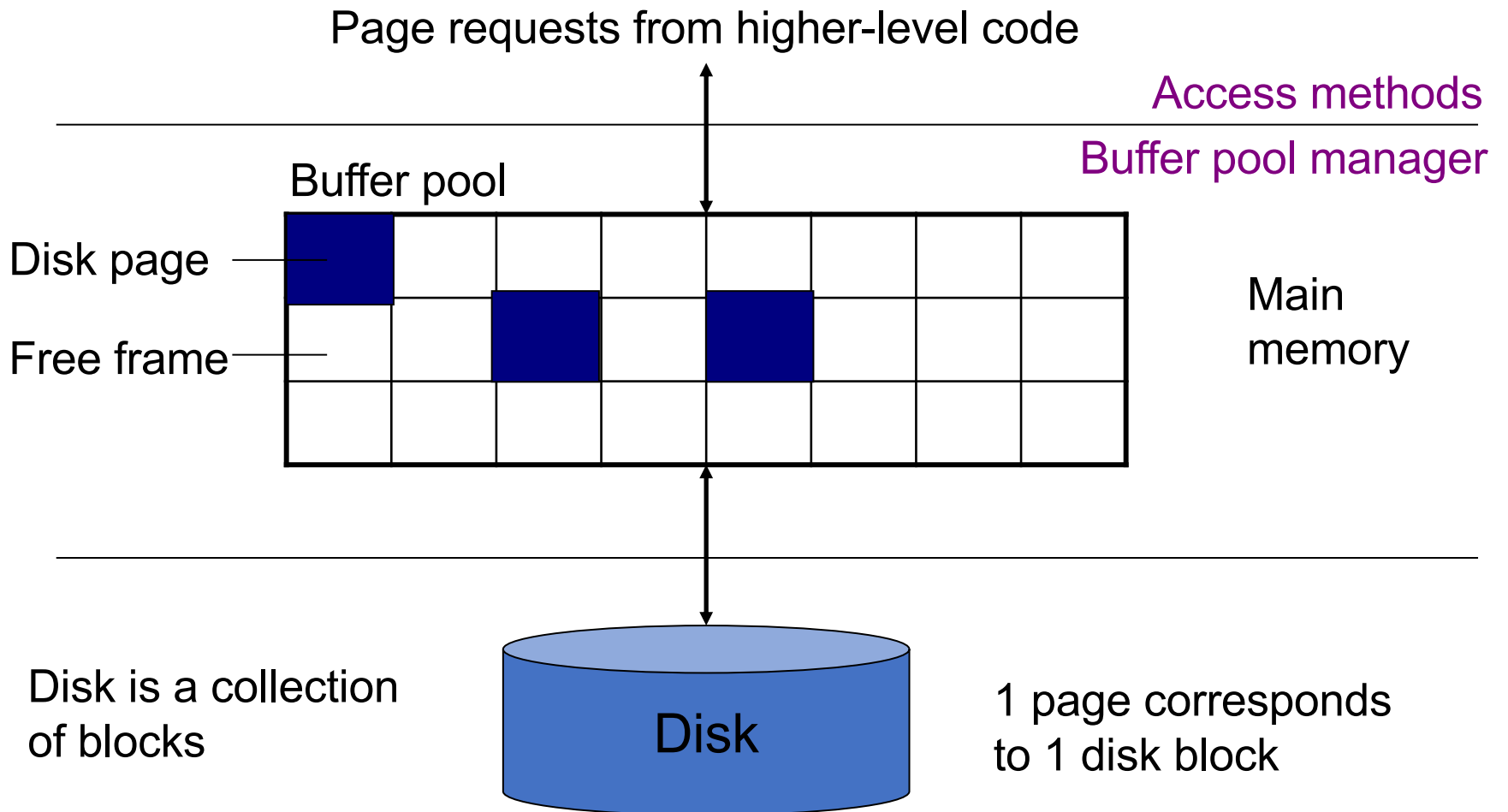
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Buffer Manager

- Brings pages in from memory and caches them
- Eviction policies
 - Random page (ok for SimpleDB)
 - Least-recently used (LRU)
 - The “clock” algorithm
- Keeps track of which **pages are dirty**
 - A dirty page has changes not reflected on disk
 - Implementation: Each page includes a dirty bit

Buffer Manager



Pushing Updates to Disk

- When **inserting a tuple**, HeapFile inserts it on a page but does not write the page to disk
- When **deleting a tuple**, HeapFile deletes tuple from a page but does not write the page to disk
- The buffer manager worries when to write pages to disk (and when to read them from disk)
- When need to **add new page** to file, HeapFile adds page to file on disk and then reads it through buffer manager

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Next: how to scan only some records

Access by Attribute Value

- Scan all Suppliers where `city='Seattle'`
- Scan all Students with `GPA > 3.5`
- Scan all Students with `SID = 12345` // just one

Searching in a Heap File

File is **not sorted** on any attribute

Student (sid: int, age: int, ...)

30	18 ...
70	21

— 1 record

20	20
40	19

} 1 page

80	19
60	18

10	21
50	22

Heap File Search Example

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Sorted File (a.k.a. Sequential File)

File **sorted on an attribute**, usually on primary key

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Limitations of Sorted Files

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- Find student where $sid=12345$
- Find students where $age > 20$
- Insert a new student

What are the limitations of using a sorted file?

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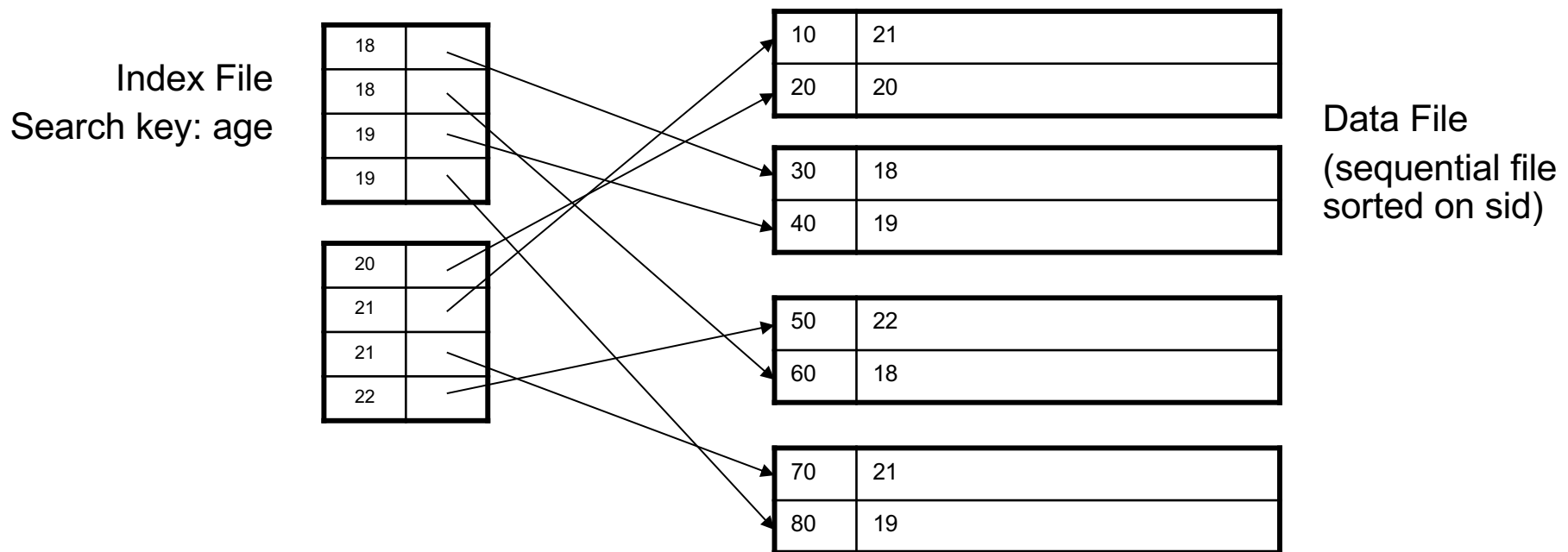
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select *  
from Student  
where age > 25
```

Outline

- **Index structures**
 - **Hash-based indexes**
 - **B+ trees**
- } Today
- } Next time

Indexes

- **Index:** separate file with fast access by “key” value
- Contains pairs of the form (key, RID)
- **Indexes are access methods!** Same API as Heap Files



Indexes

- **Search key** = can attribute or set of attributes
 - not the same as the primary key; not a key
- **Index** = collection of data entries
- **Data entry** for key k can be:
 - (k, RID)
 - $(k, \text{list-of-RIDs})$
 - Record with key k ; “clustered” or “primary” index

Different Types of Files

Imagine one relation, say Student

- The Student file can be:
 - **Heap file** (tuples stored without any order)
 - **Sequential file** (tuples sorted on some attribute(s))
 - **Clustered (primary) index file** (relation+index)
- There can be several **unclustered (secondary) index files** that store (key,rid) pairs

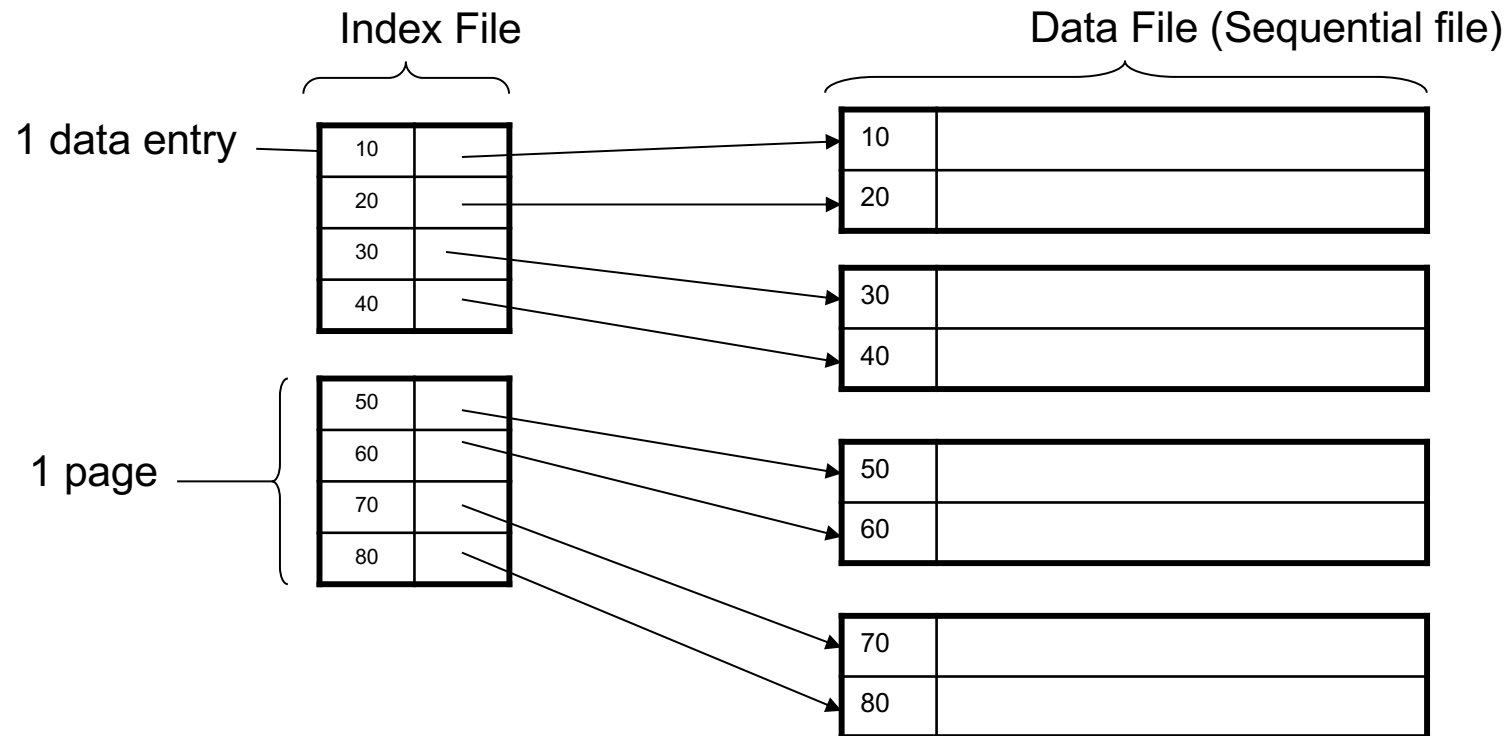
How Indexes Help

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Assume Student = a heap file

- Find student where $sid=12345$
 - Use an index on Student(sid)
- Find students where $age > 20$
 - Use an index on Student(age)
- Insert a new student
 - Insert in the Student heap file – easy
 - Insert in indexes Student(sid), Student(age) – will discuss

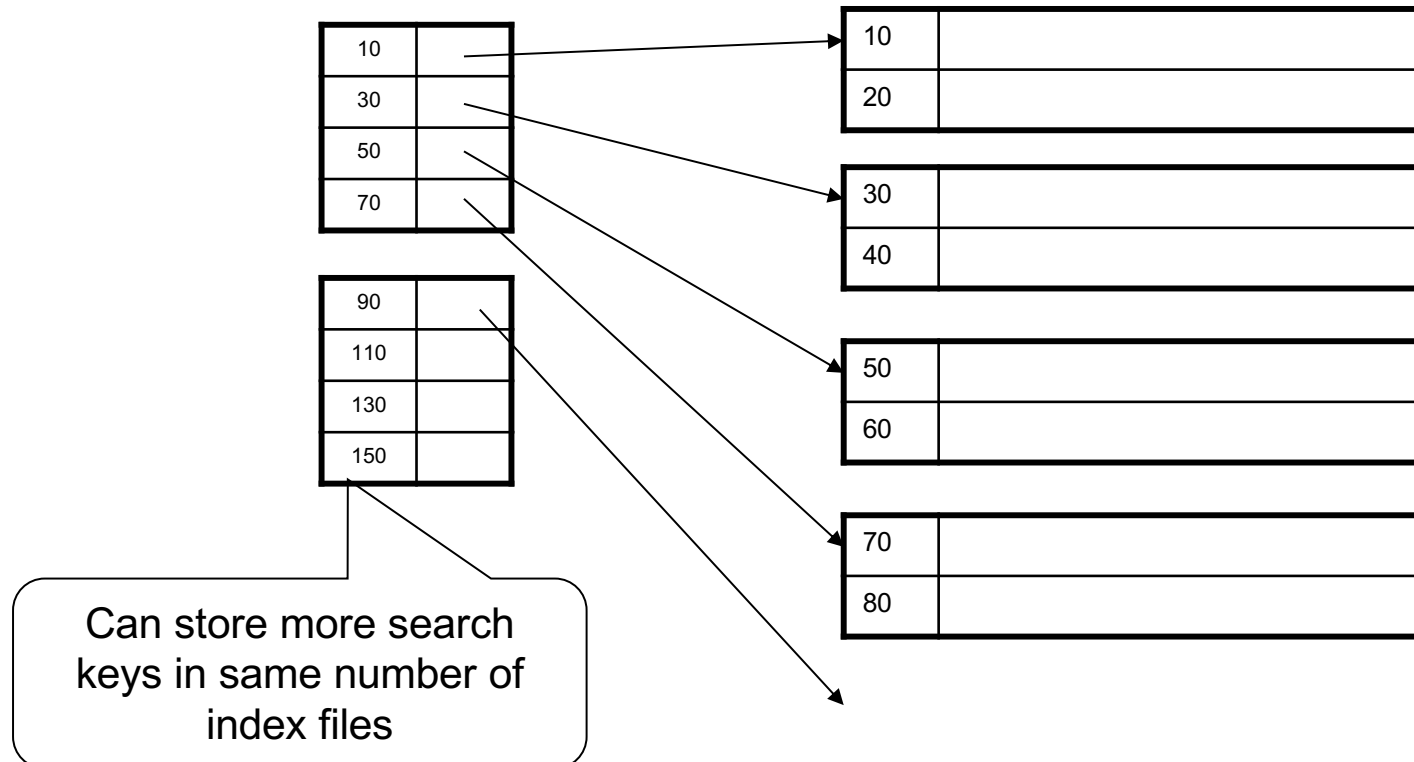
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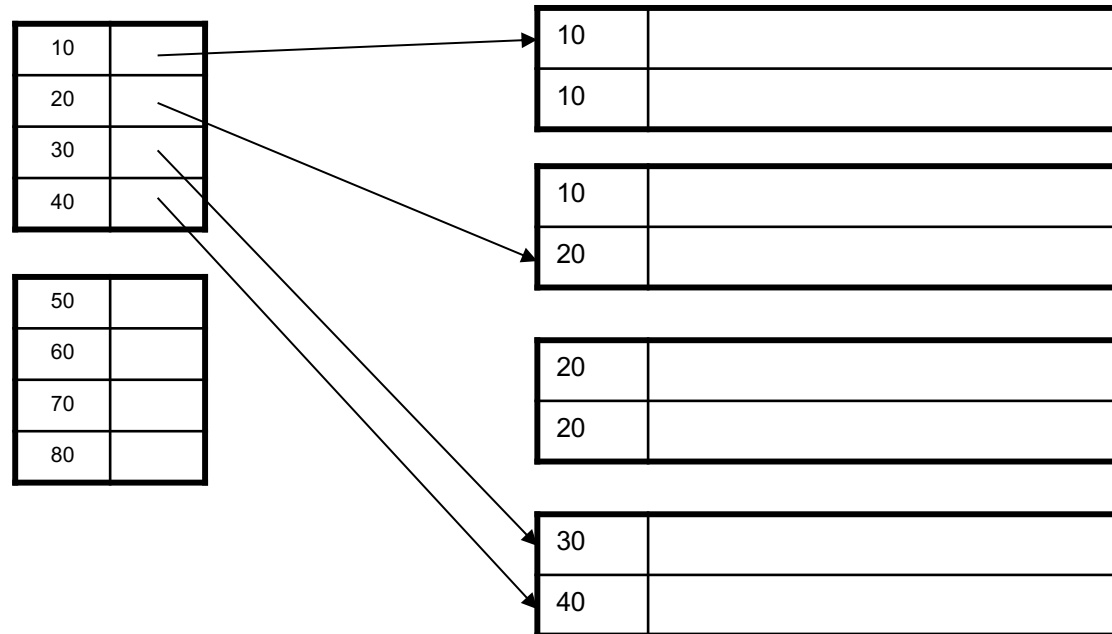
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Clustered Index with Duplicate Keys

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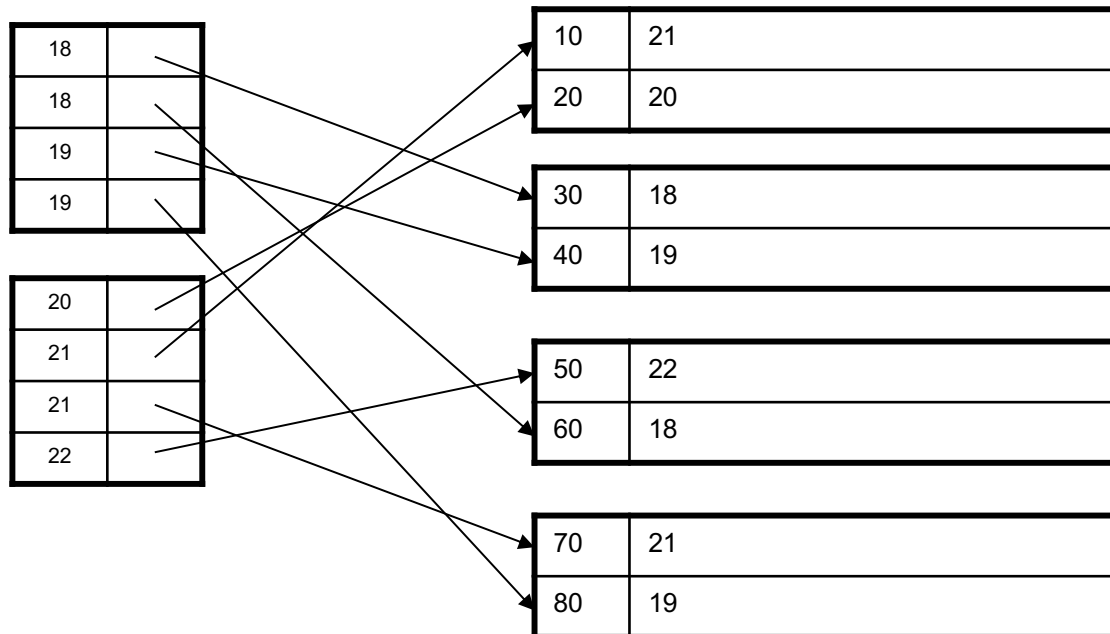


Clustered Index: Back to Example

- Assume entire index fits in main memory
- Find student where $sid=12345$
 - Index (dense or sparse) points directly to the page
 - Read only 1 page from disk
- Find all students where $age > 20$
 - Add a second index...

Secondary Indexes

- Do not determine placement of records in data files
- Always dense (why ?)



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 - Means: order in the index and order in the data differ
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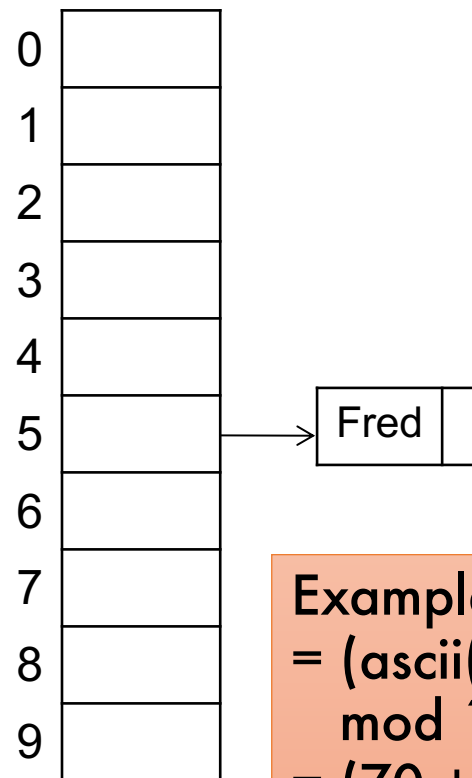
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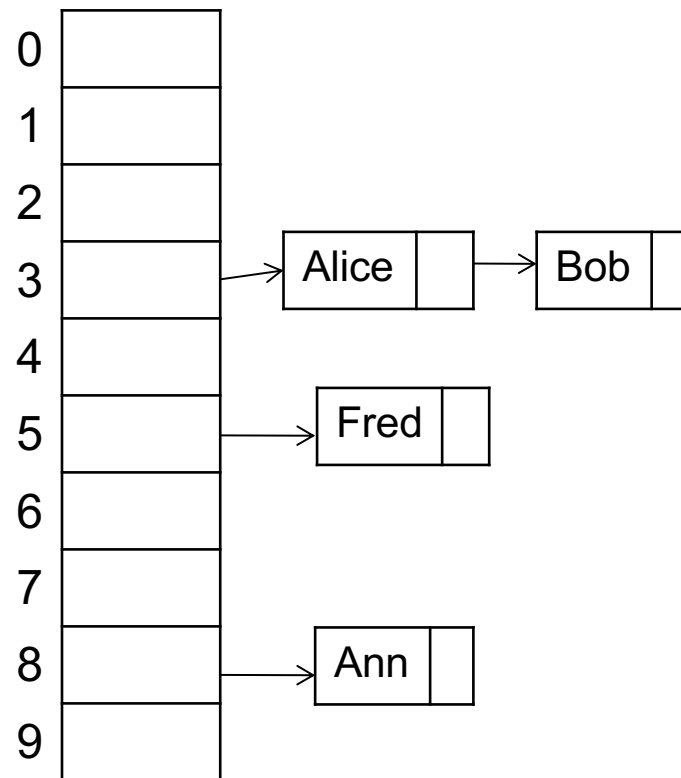
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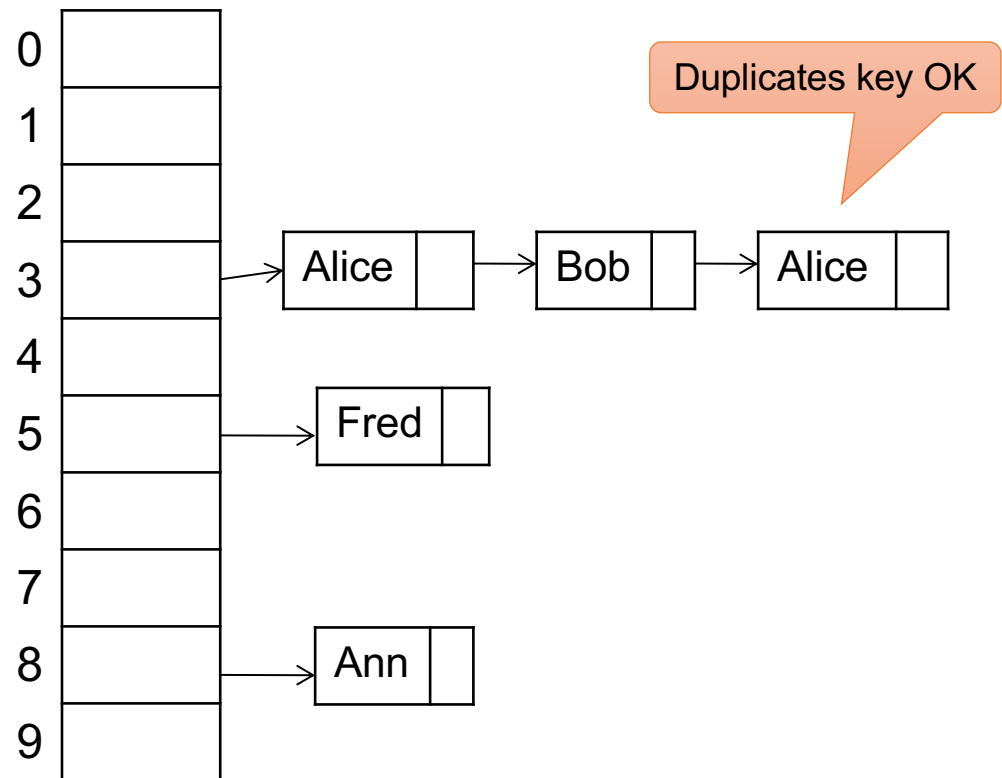
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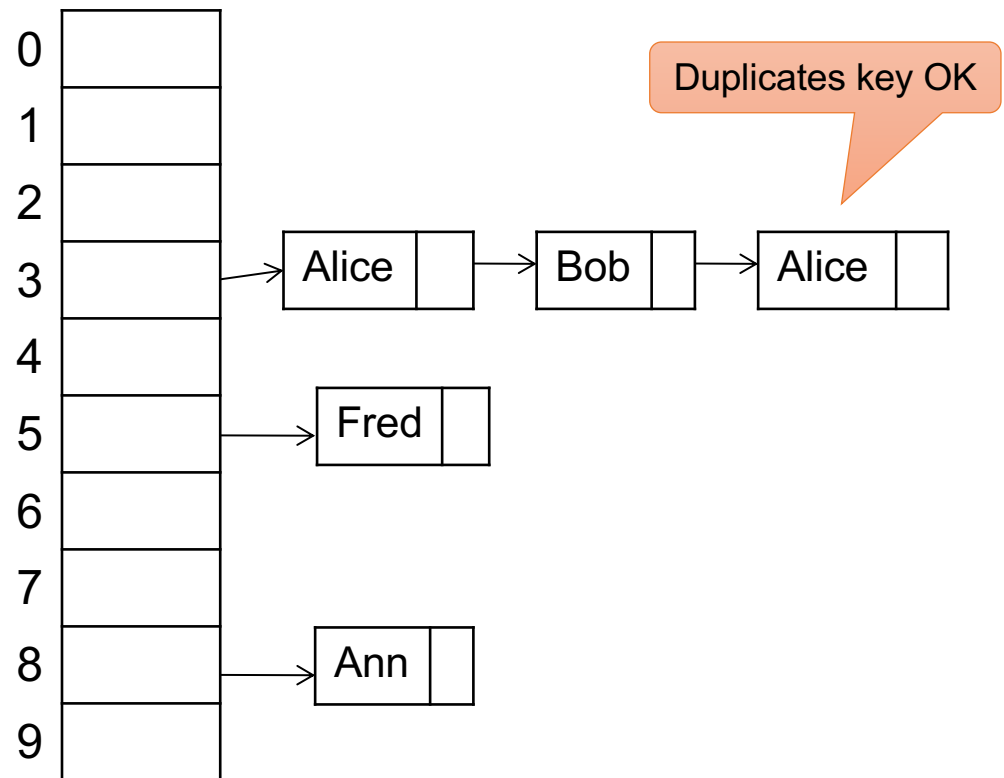
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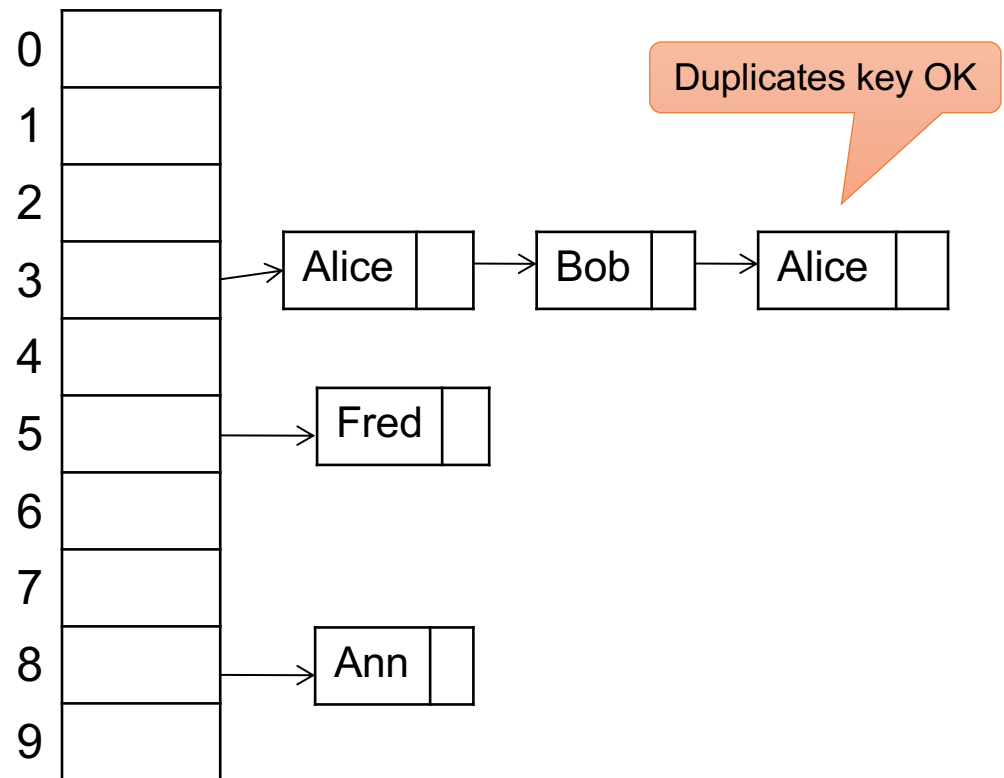
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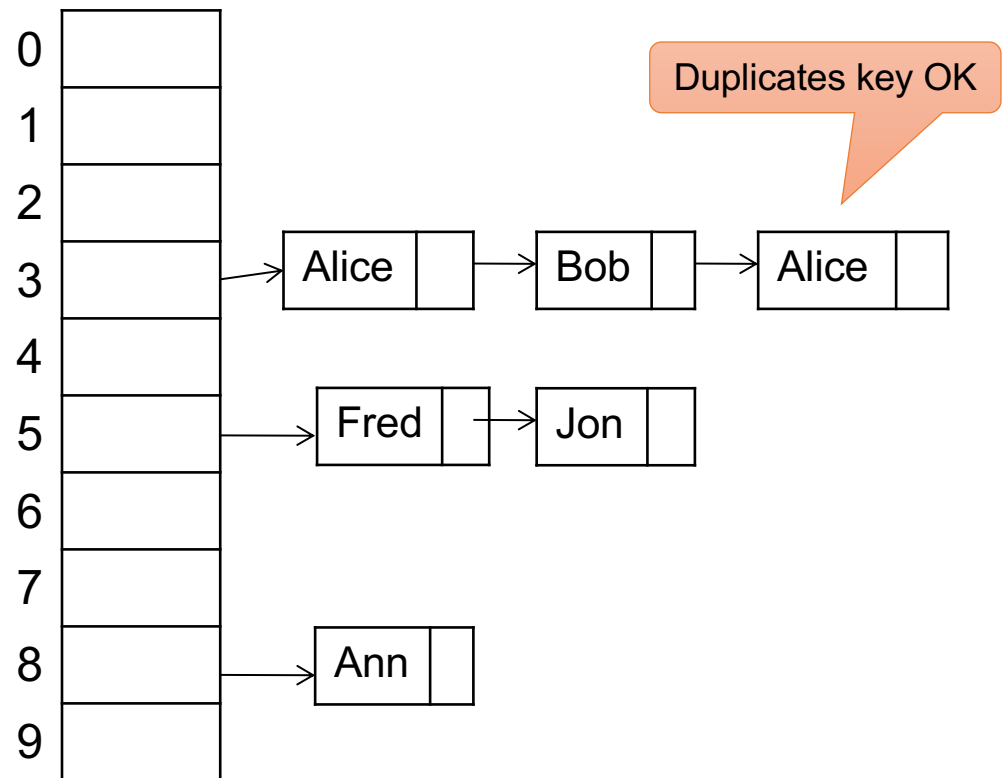
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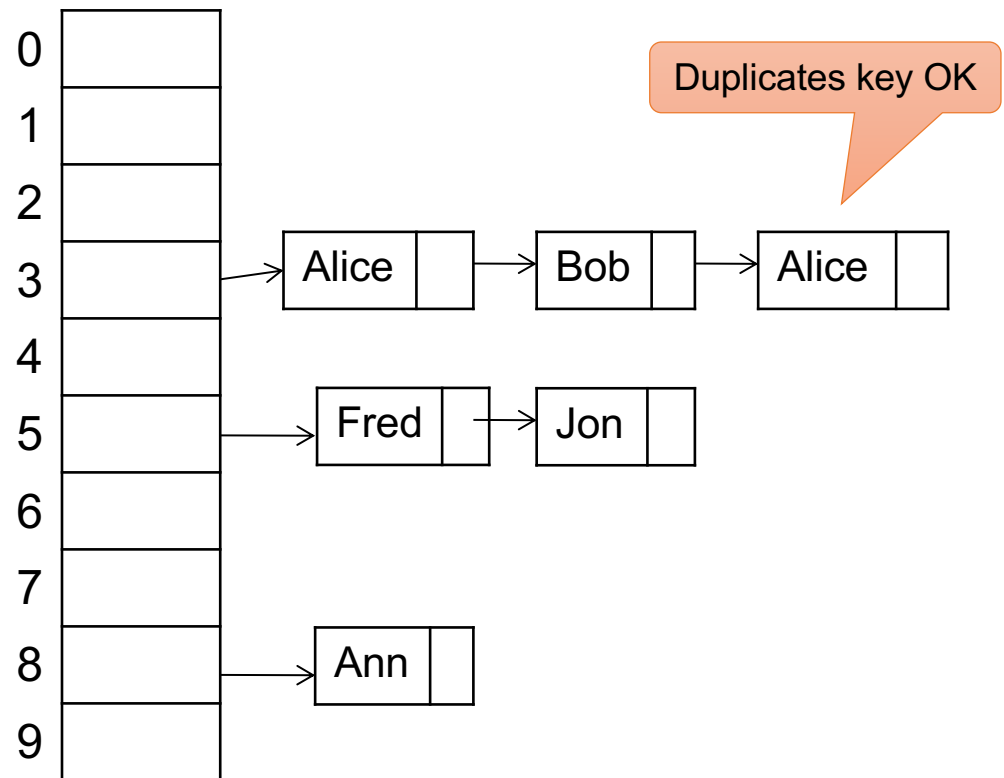
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delete(Ann) = ??

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- $\text{insert}(k, v)$ = inserts a key k with value v
 - Duplicate k 's may be OK or may not be OK
- $\text{find}(k)$ = returns the value v associated to k ,
or the list of all values associated to k
- $\text{delete}(k)$

Discussion of Hash Tables

- Hash function:
 - Should distribute values uniformly
 - Never write your own! (why is $x \bmod 10$ bad?)
Use a standard library function
 - Best: concatenate with fixed, random seed (in class)
- Hash table:
 - Size of table: large enough to avoid collisions
 - Typically: size of table \approx size of data
 - Why not make it small? Why not make it big?
 - Problem: hash table allocated statically, at creation
 - Book describes solutions to increase size dynamically

Hash-Based Index

Good for point queries but not range queries

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20	20

30	18
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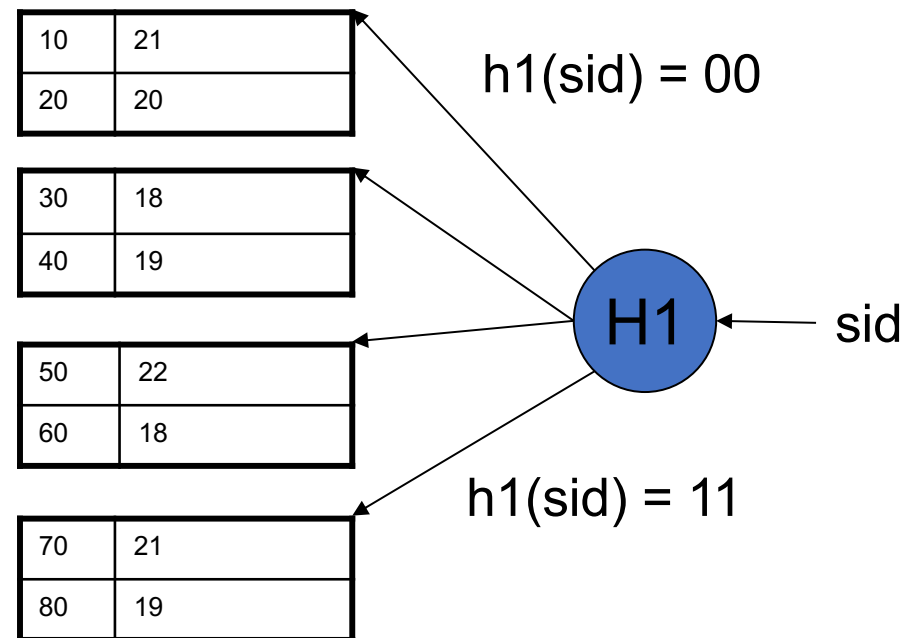
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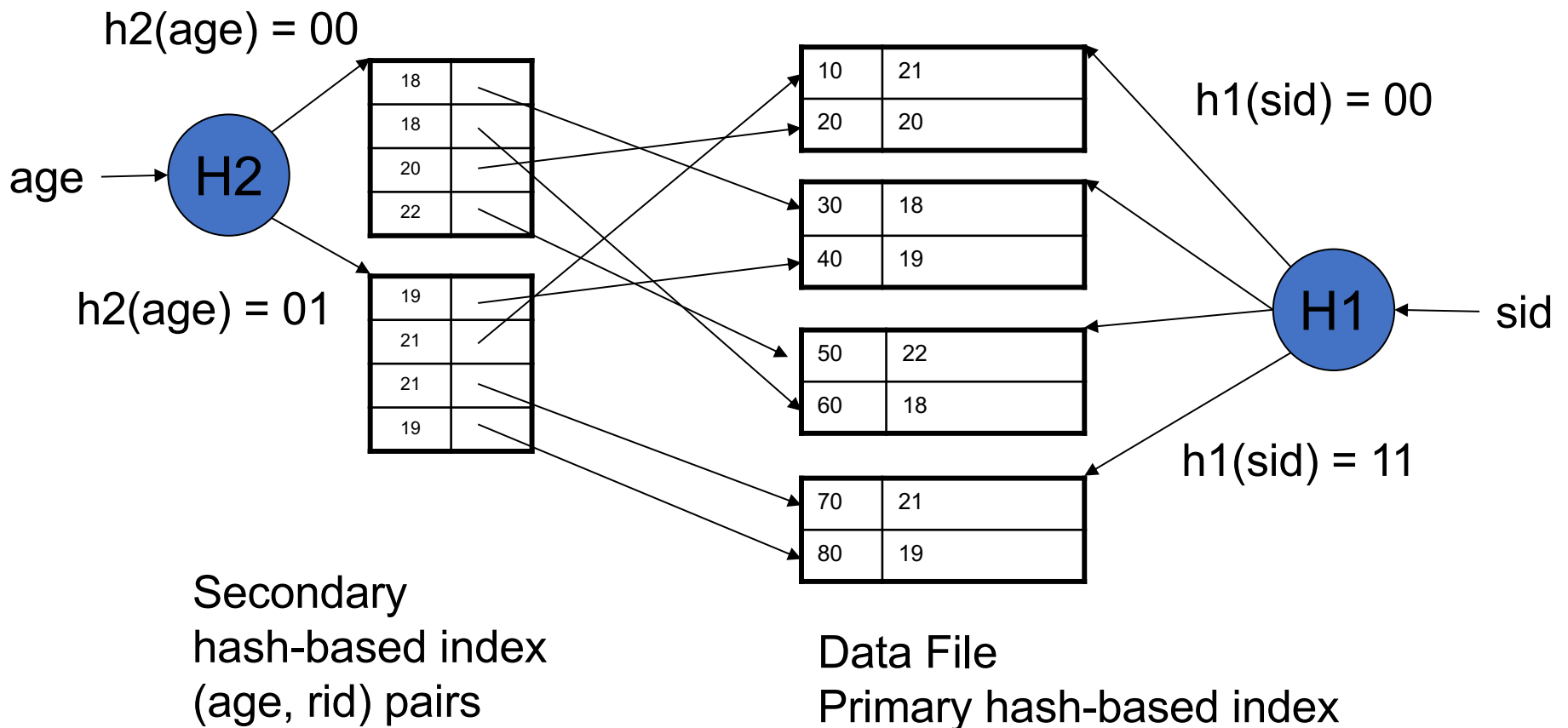


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Making Indexes

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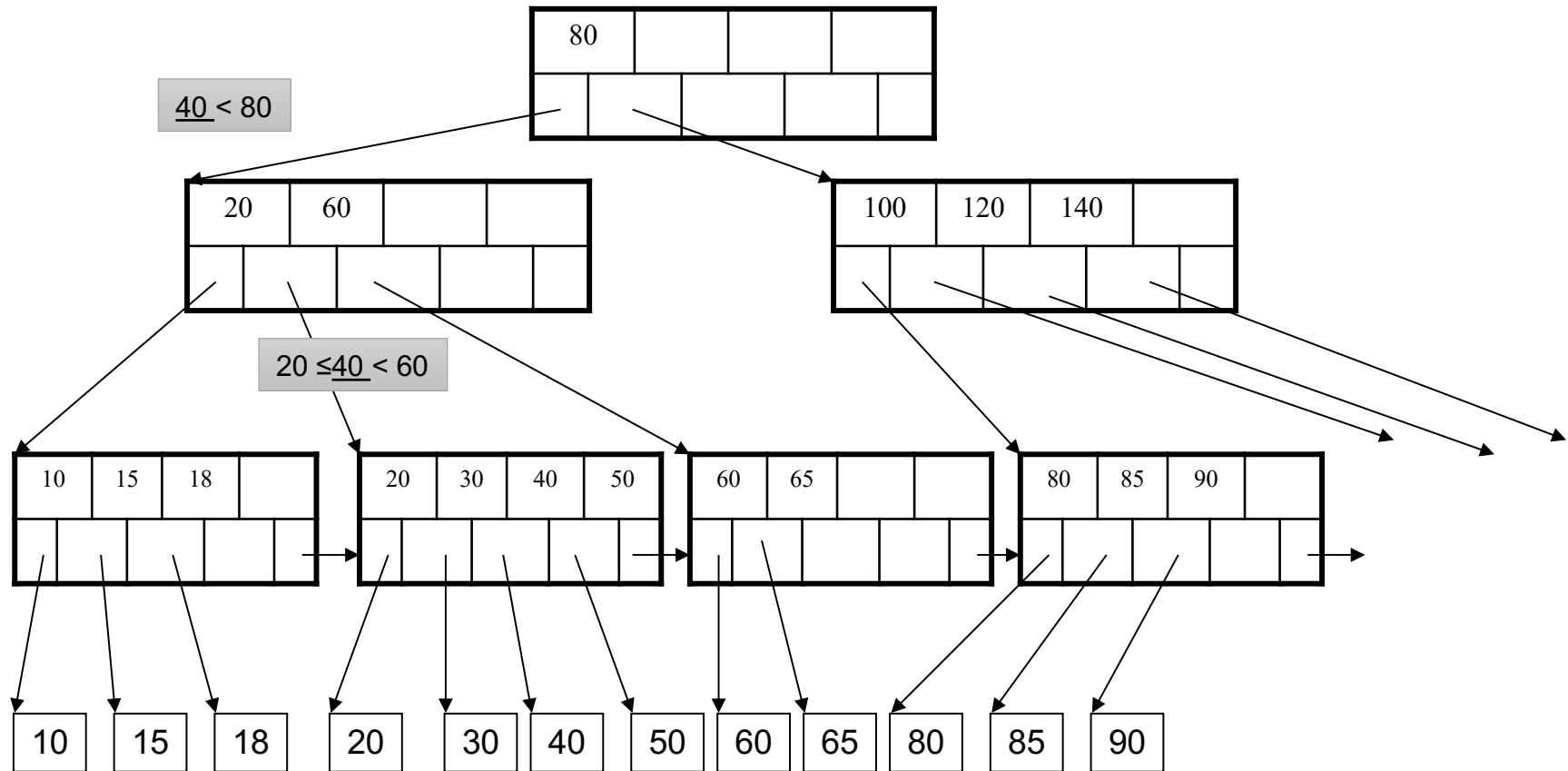
B+ Trees

- **Search trees (quick review in class)**
- **Idea in B Trees**
 - Make 1 node = 1 page (= 1 block)
 - Maximize number of children per node
- **Idea in B+ Trees**
 - Keys are stored on the leaves (not internal nodes)
 - Leaves are linked in a list, for range queries

B+ Tree Example

$d = 2$

Find the key 40



B+ Trees Properties

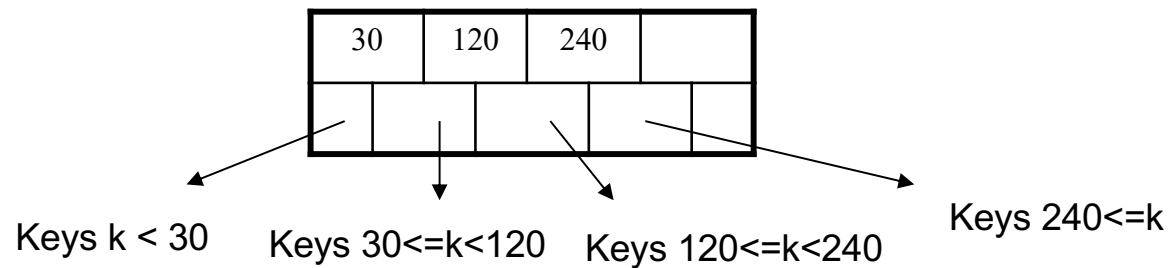
- For each node except the root, maintain 50% occupancy of keys
- Insert and delete must rebalance to maintain constraints

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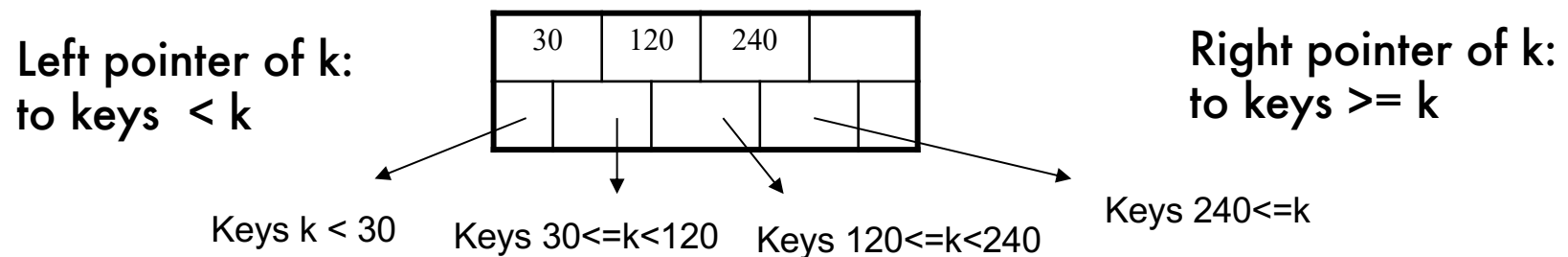
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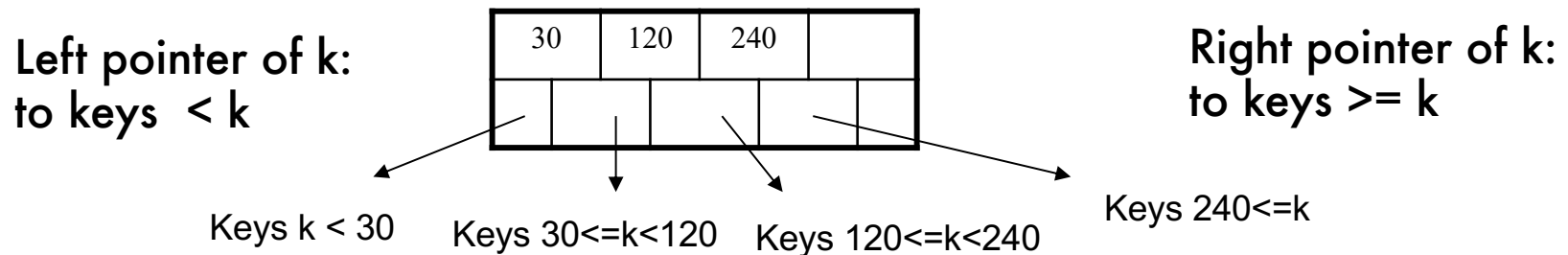
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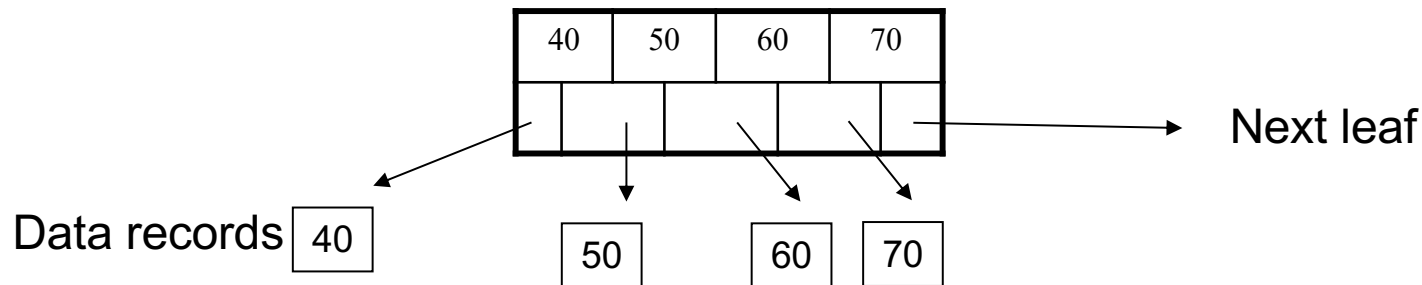


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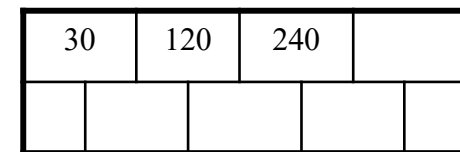


- Each leaf has $d \leq m \leq 2d$ keys:



B+ Tree Design

- How large d ? Make one node fit on one block
- Example:
 - Key size = 4 bytes
 - Pointer size = 8 bytes
 - Block size = 4096 bytes
- $2d \times 4 + (2d+1) \times 8 \leq 4096$
- $d = 170$



(e.g. $d = 2$)

B+ Trees in Practice

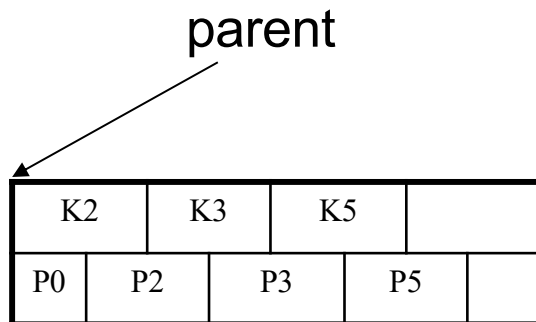
- **Typical order: $d=100$. Typical fill-factor: 66%.**
 - average node fanout (children) = $200 * 0.66 = 133$
- **Typical capacities**
 - Height 4: $133^4 = 312,900,700$ records
 - Height 3: $133^3 = 2,352,637$ records
- **Can often hold top levels in buffer pool**
 - Level 1 = 1 page = 8 Kbytes
 - Level 2 = 133 pages = 1 Mbyte
 - Level 3 = 17,689 pages = 133 Mbytes

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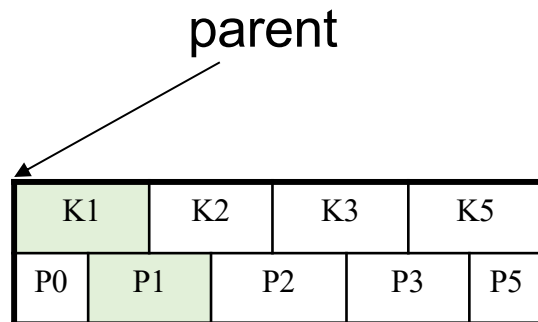


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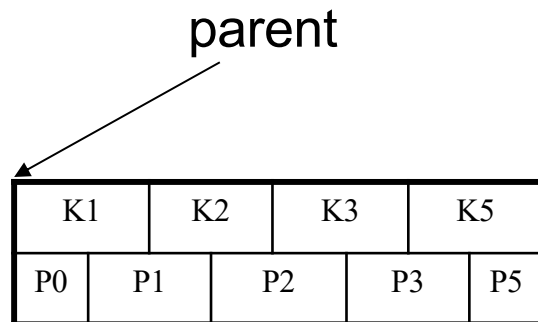


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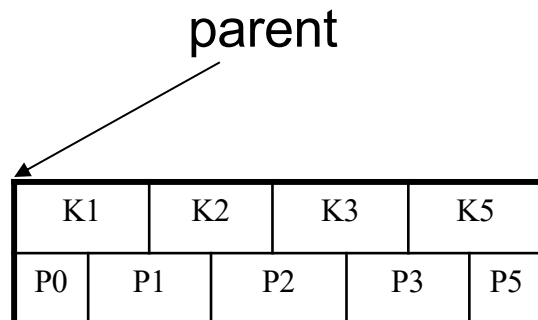


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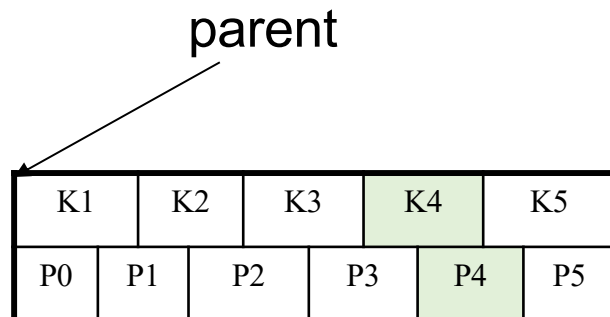


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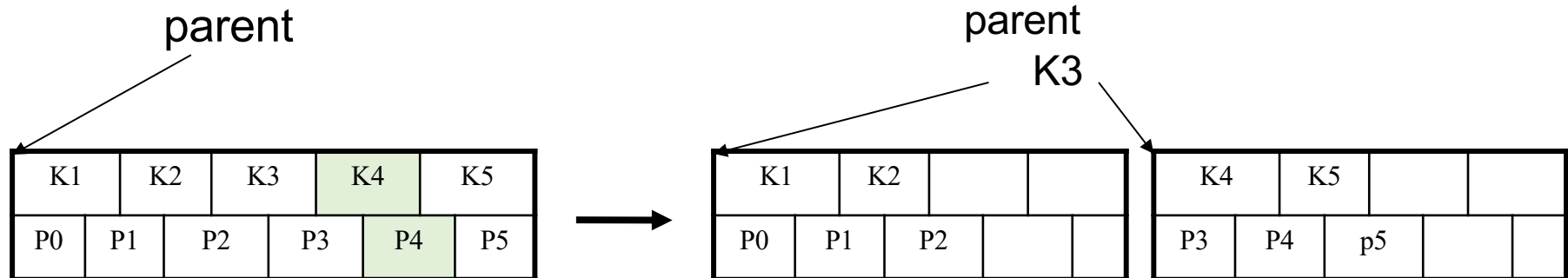


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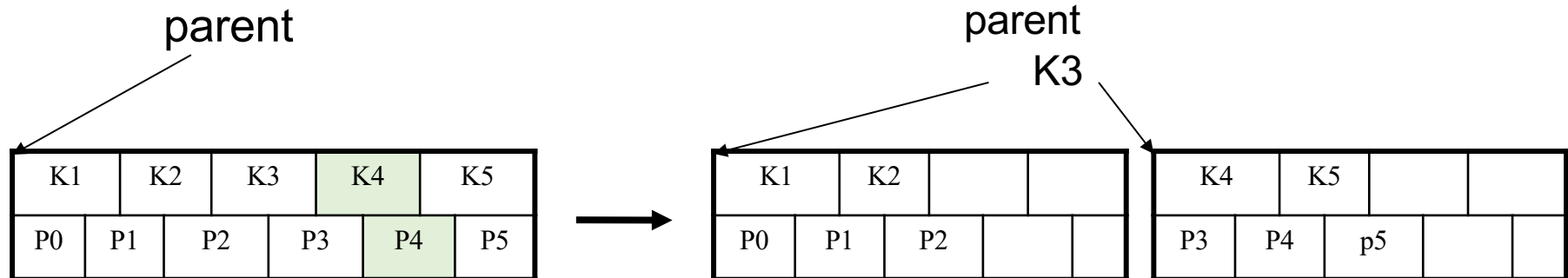


Insertion in a B+ Tree

Insert (K, P)

- Find leaf where K belongs, insert
- If no overflow ($2d$ keys or less), halt
- If overflow ($2d+1$ keys), split node, insert in parent:

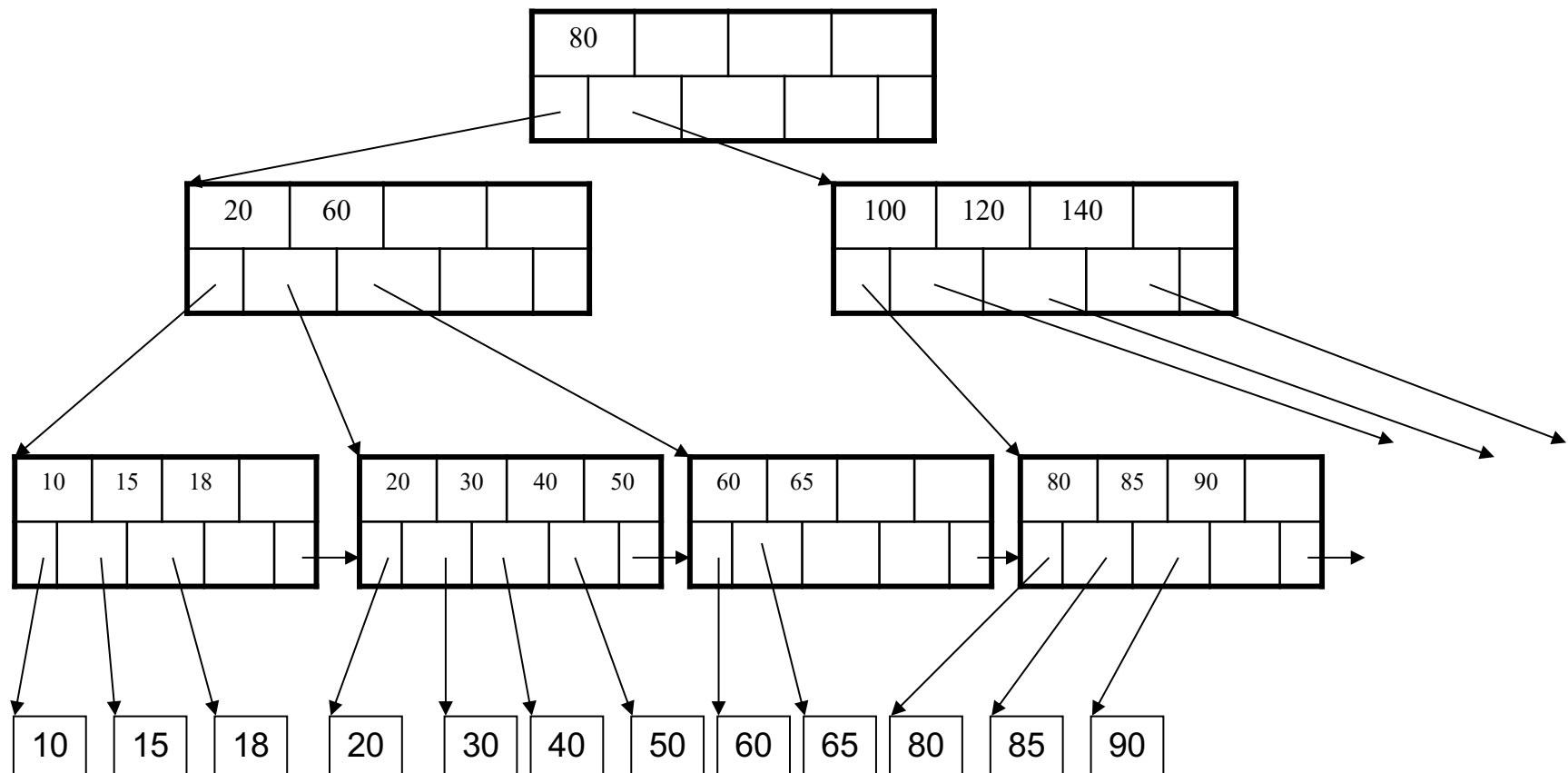
Insert k4



- If leaf, also keep K3 in right node
- When root splits, new root has 1 key only

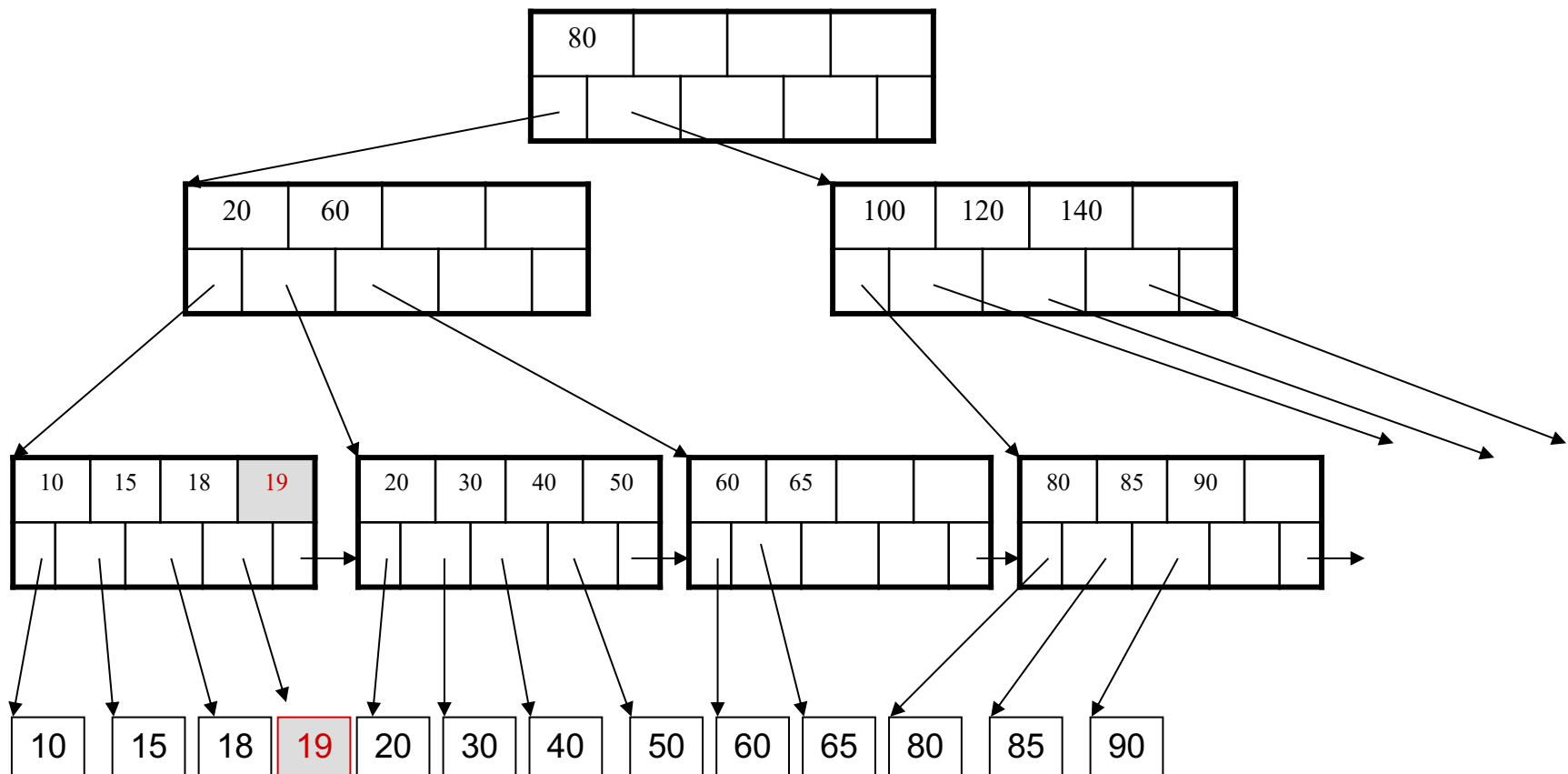
Insertion in a B+ Tree

Insert K=19



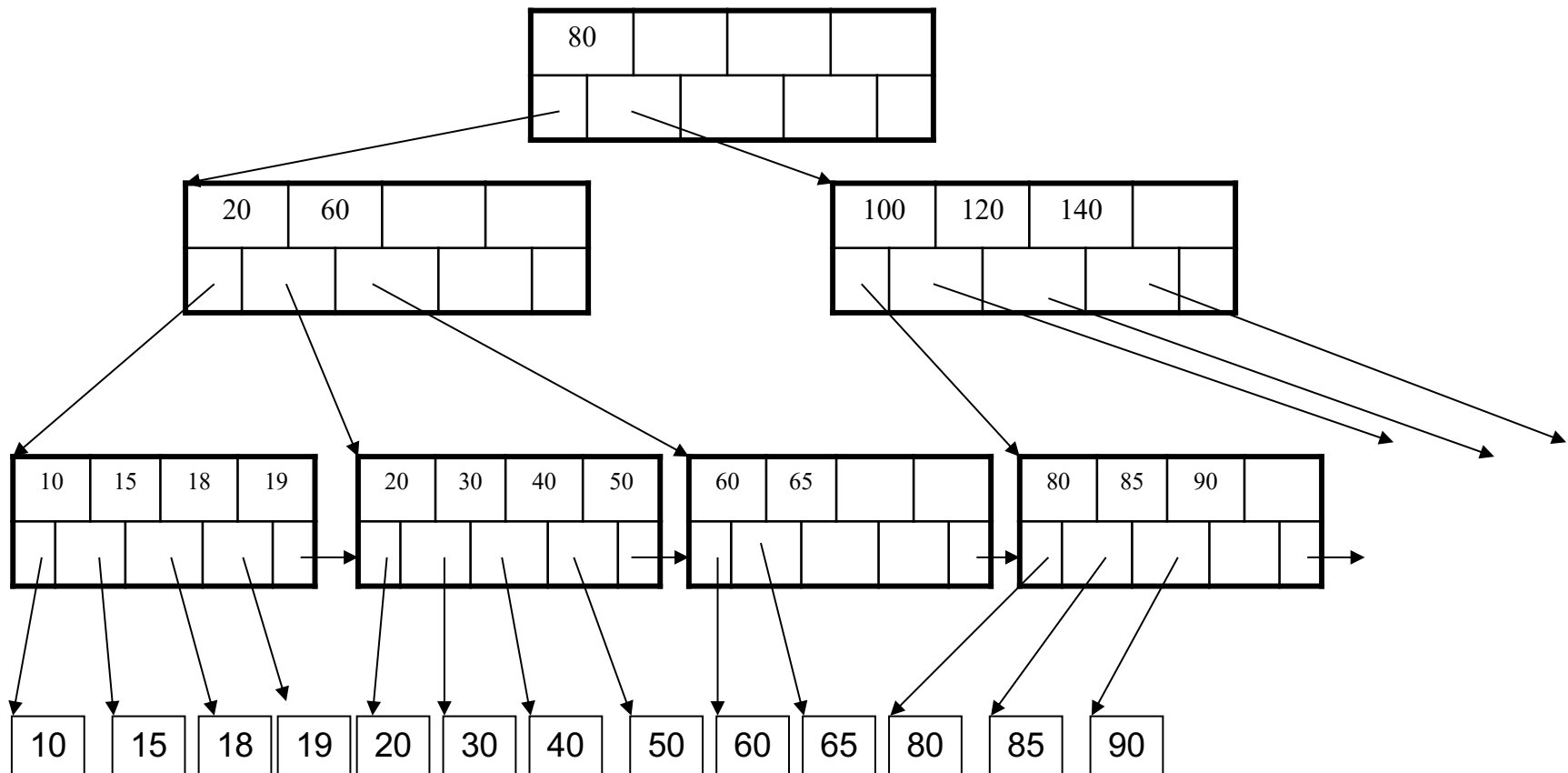
Insertion in a B+ Tree

After insertion



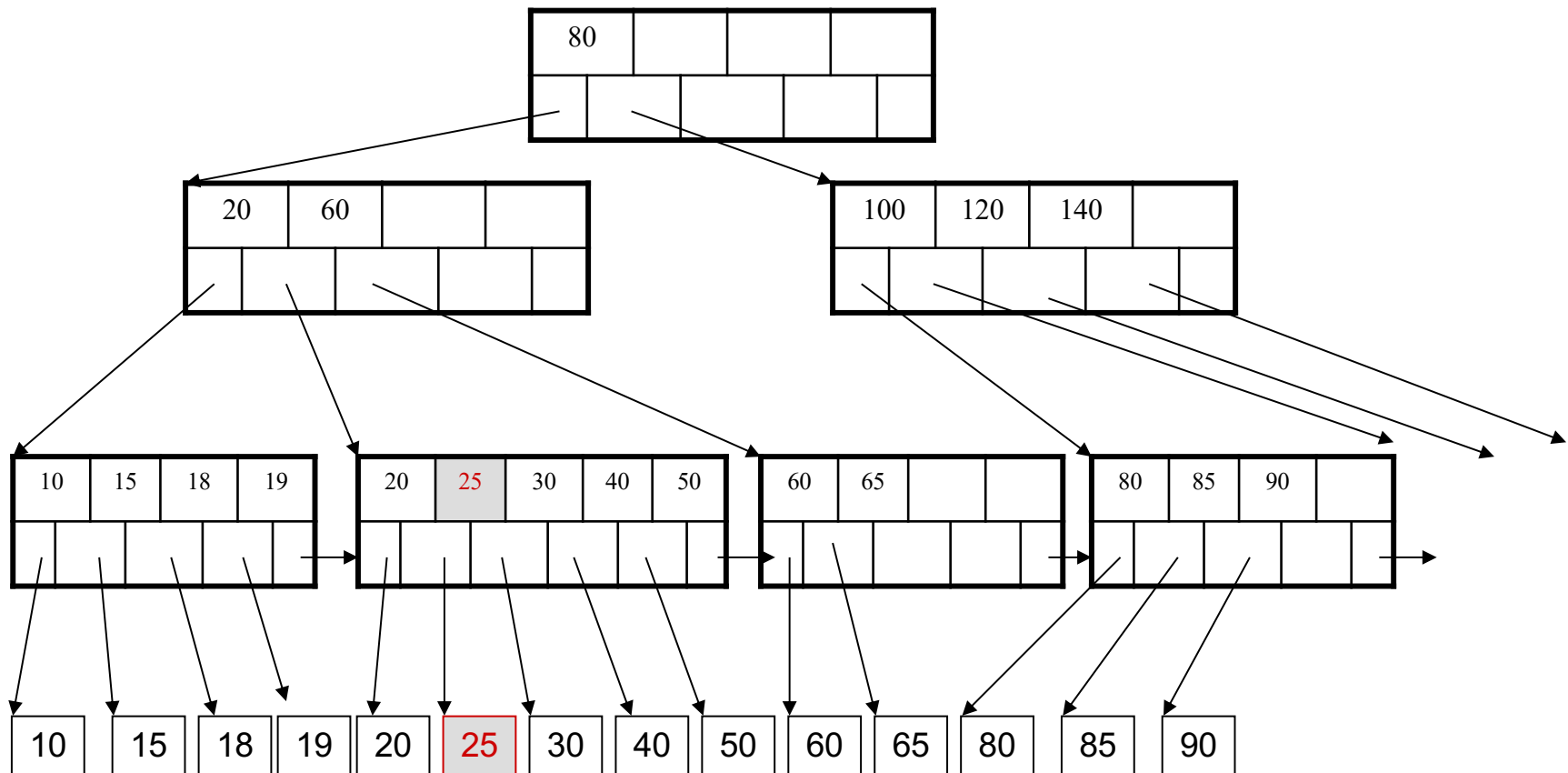
Insertion in a B+ Tree

Now insert 25



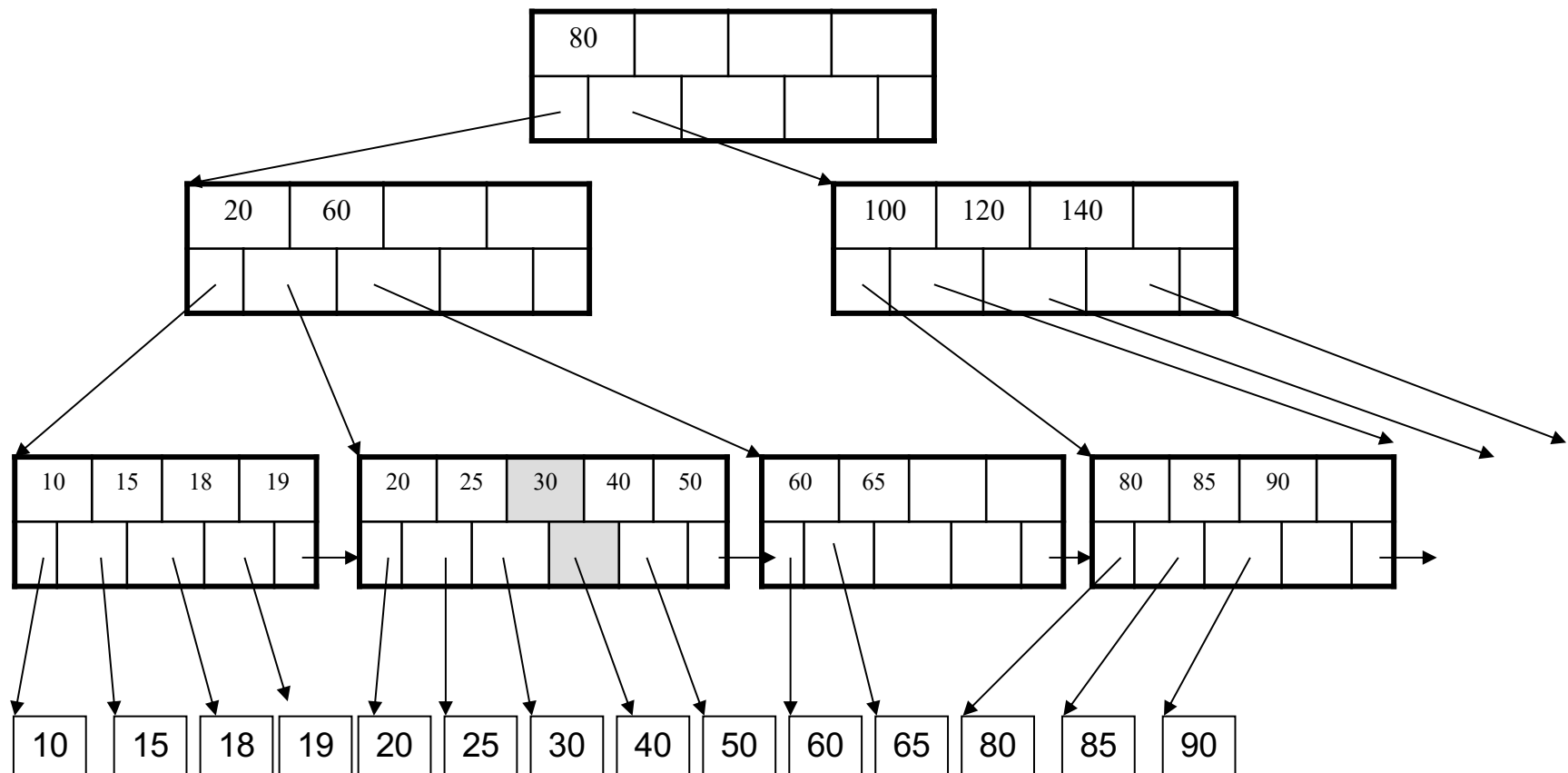
Insertion in a B+ Tree

After insertion



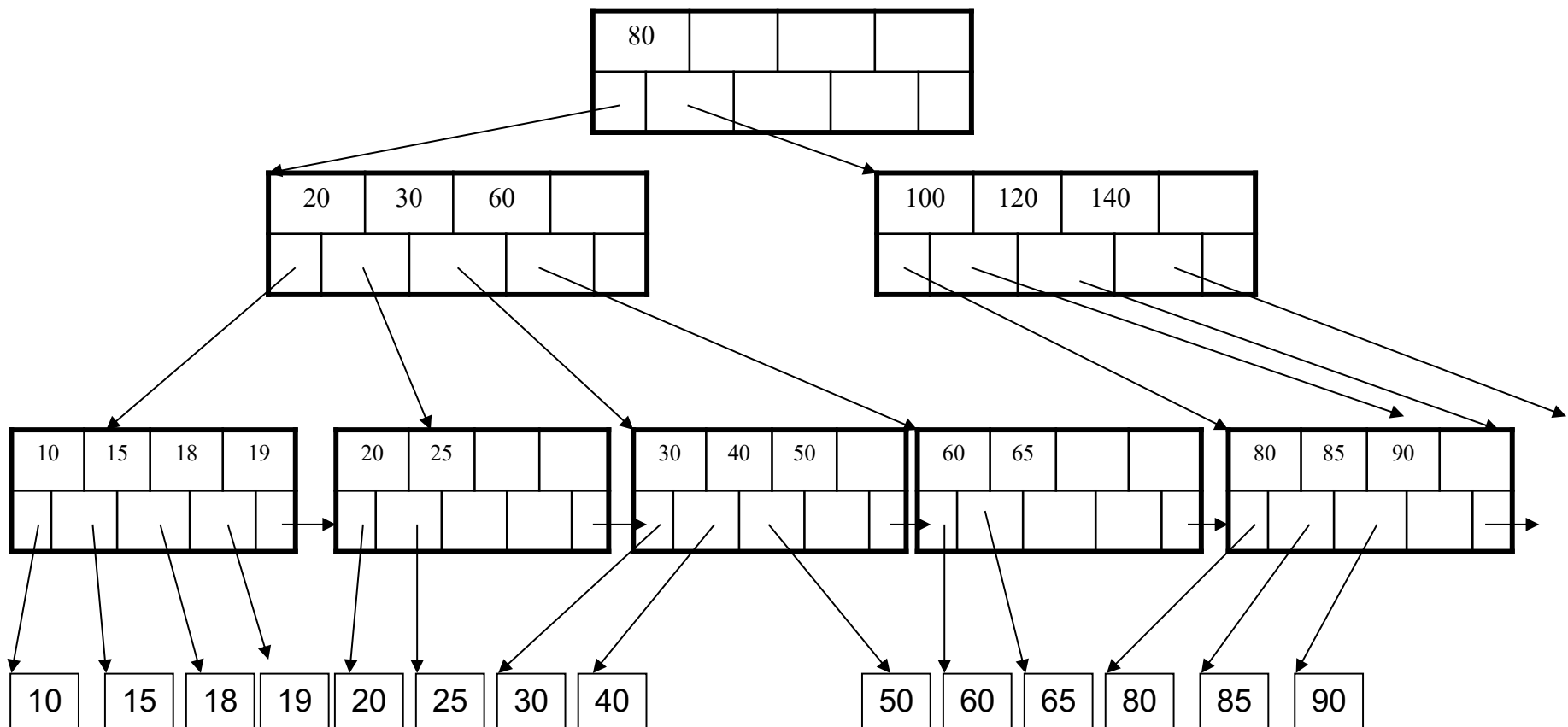
Insertion in a B+ Tree

But now have to split !



Insertion in a B+ Tree

After the split



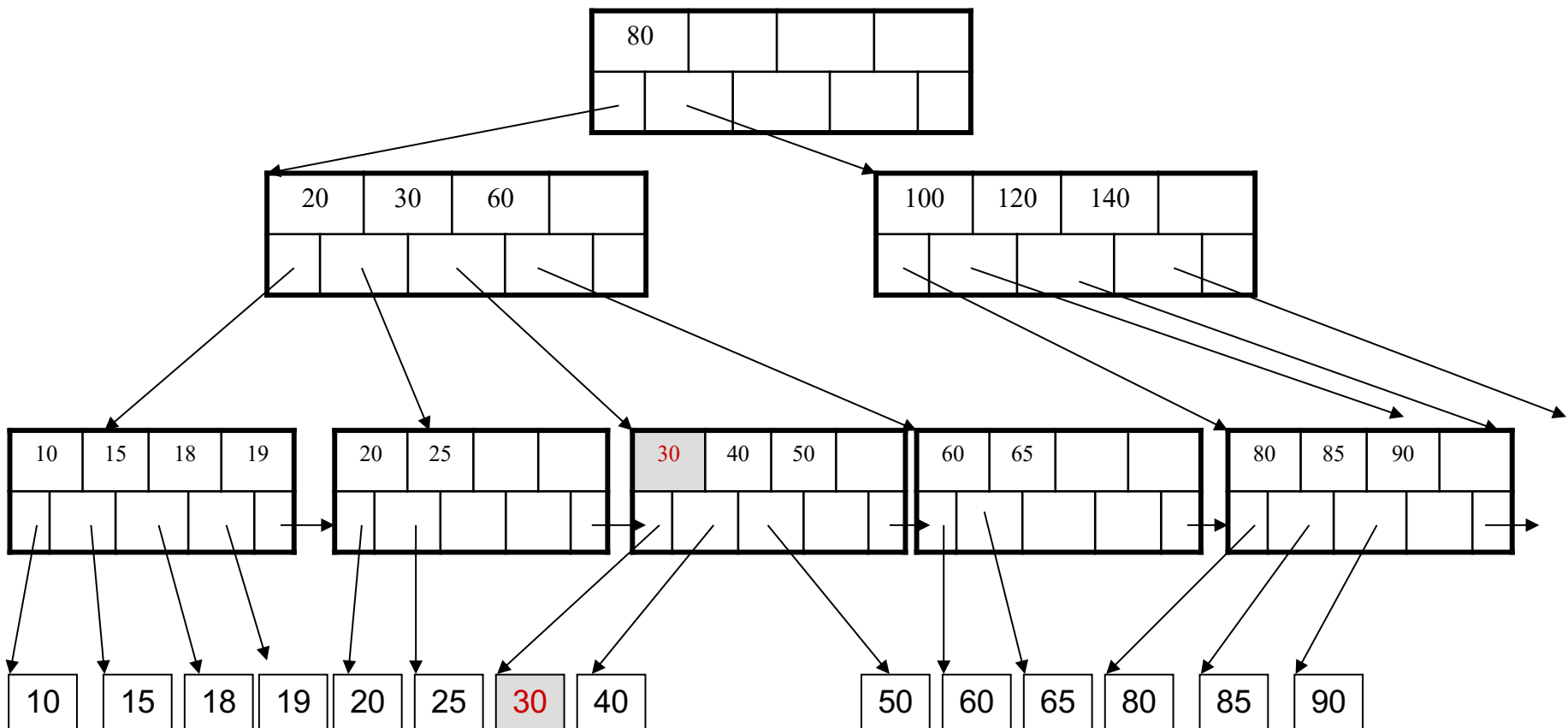
Deletion in a B+ Tree

Delete (K, P)

- Find leaf where K belongs, delete
- Check for capacity
- If leaf below capacity, search adjacent nodes (left first, then right) for extra tuples and rotate them to new leaf
- If adjacent nodes 50% full, merge with on adjacent node
This removes a key/child from parent;
repeat algorithm on parent node

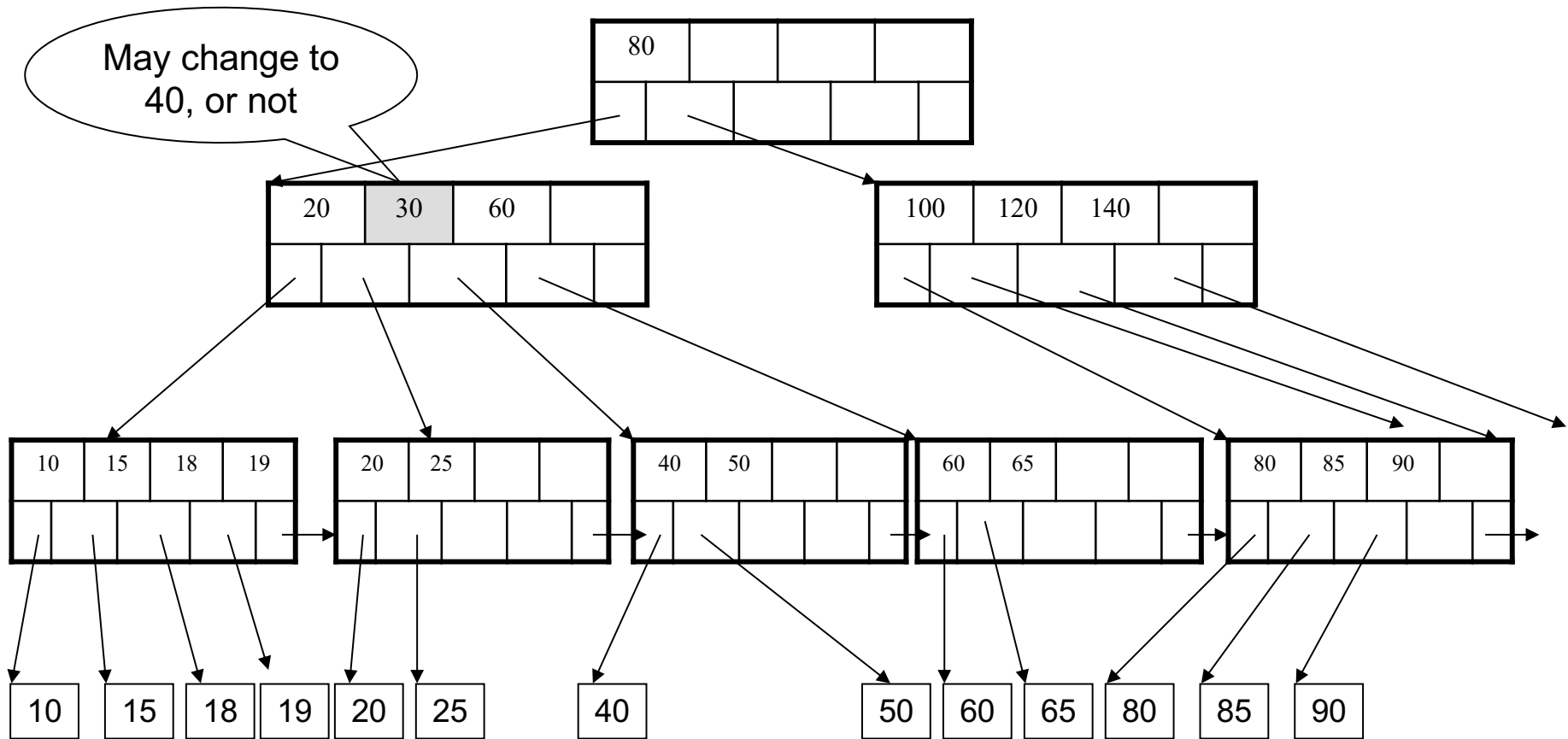
Deletion from a B+ Tree

Delete 30



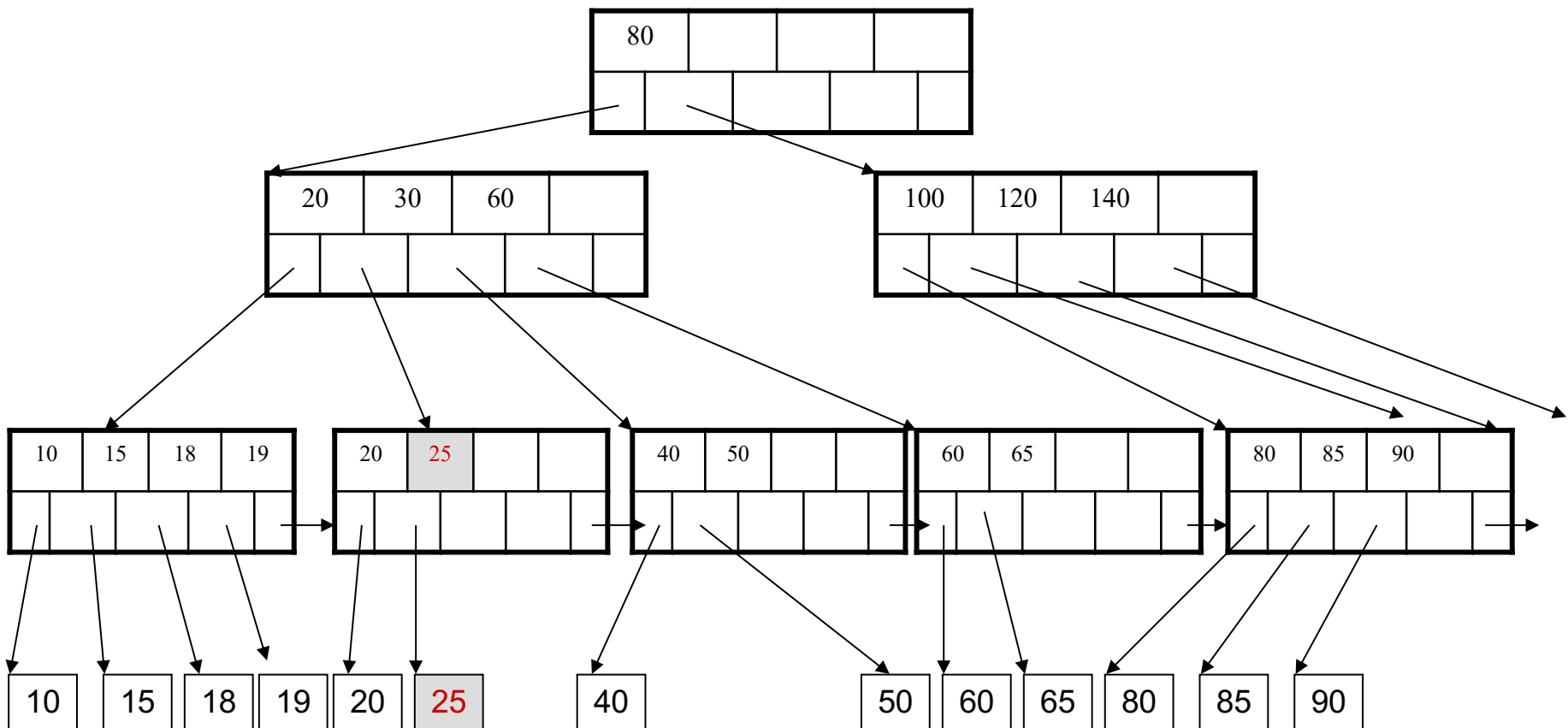
Deletion from a B+ Tree

After deleting 30



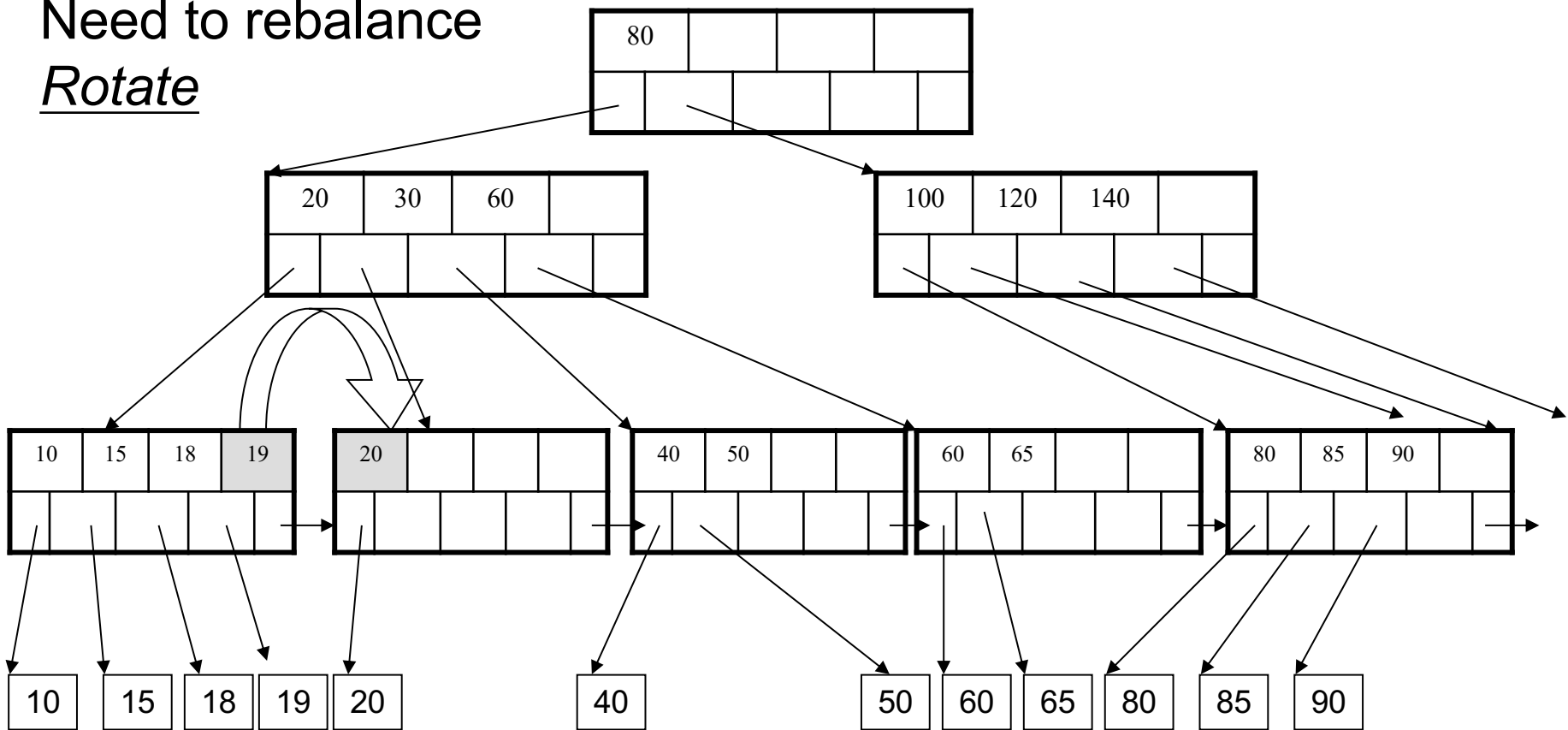
Deletion from a B+ Tree

Now delete 25



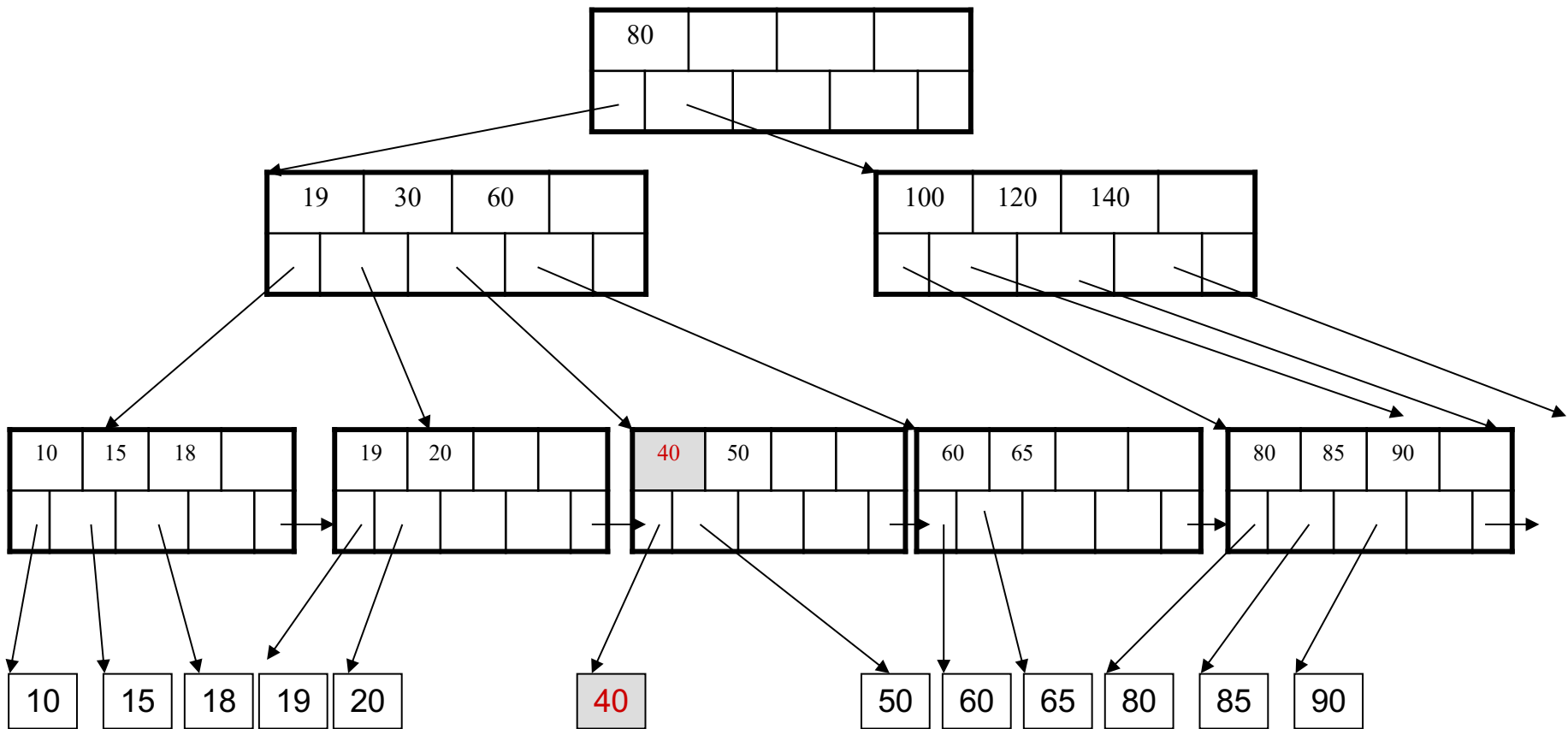
Deletion from a B+ Tree

After deleting 25
Need to rebalance
Rotate



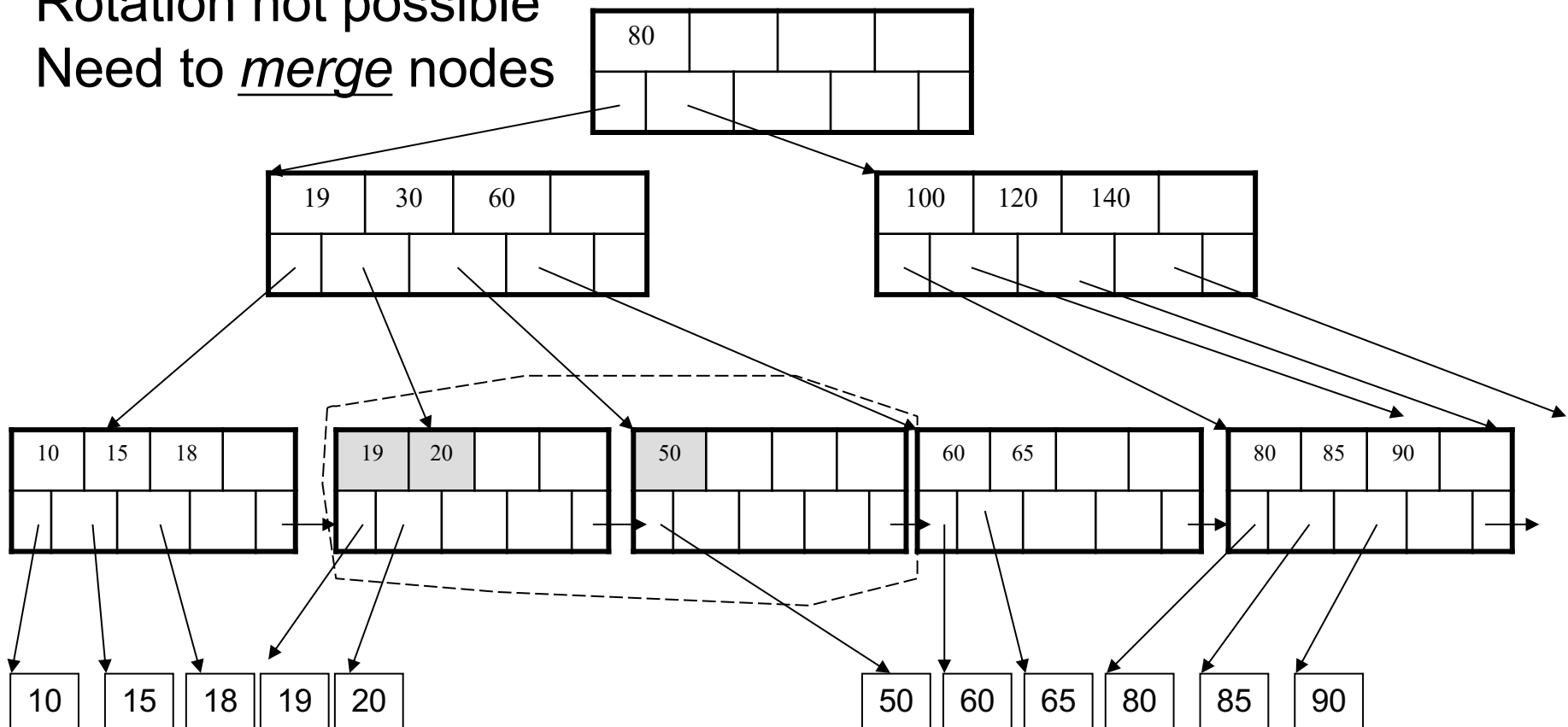
Deletion from a B+ Tree

Now delete 40



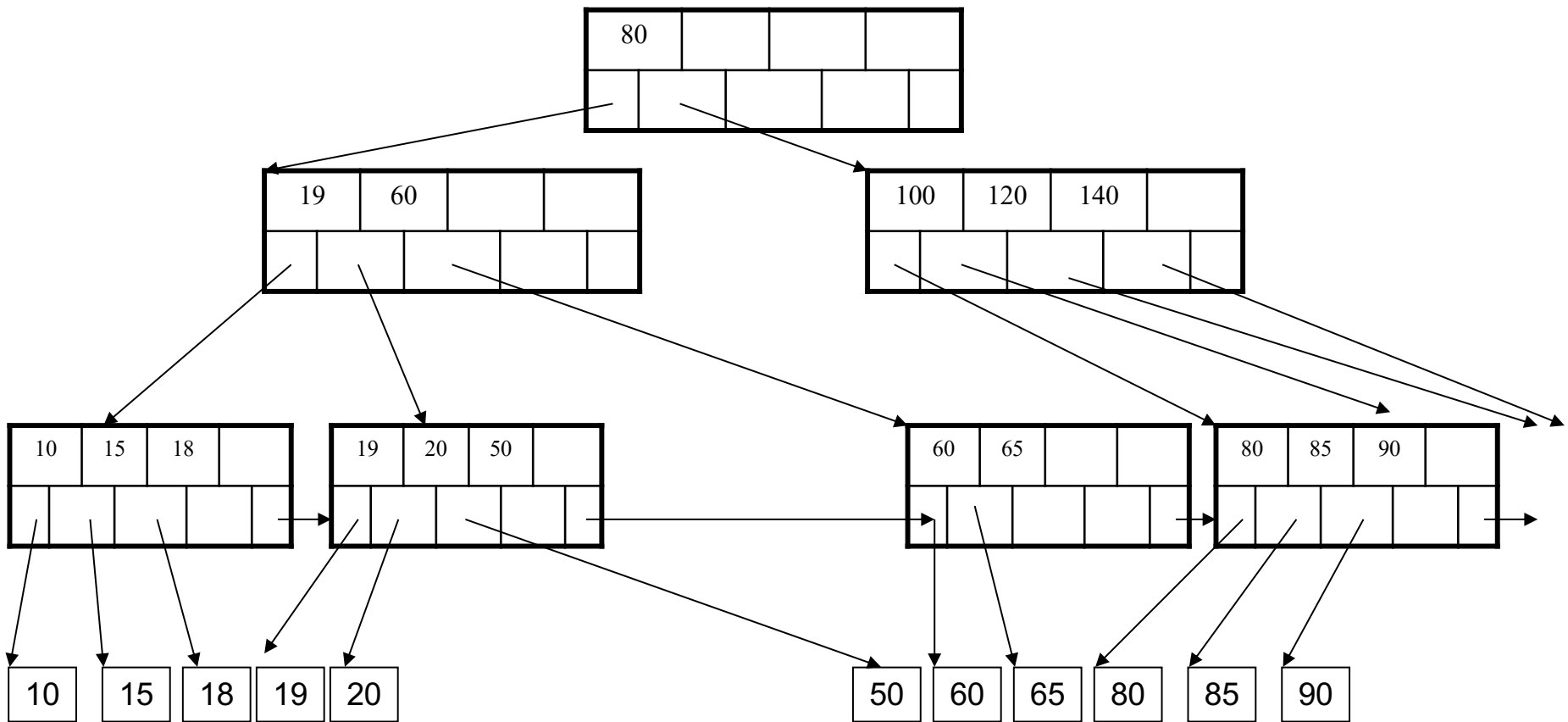
Deletion from a B+ Tree

After deleting 40
Rotation not possible
Need to merge nodes

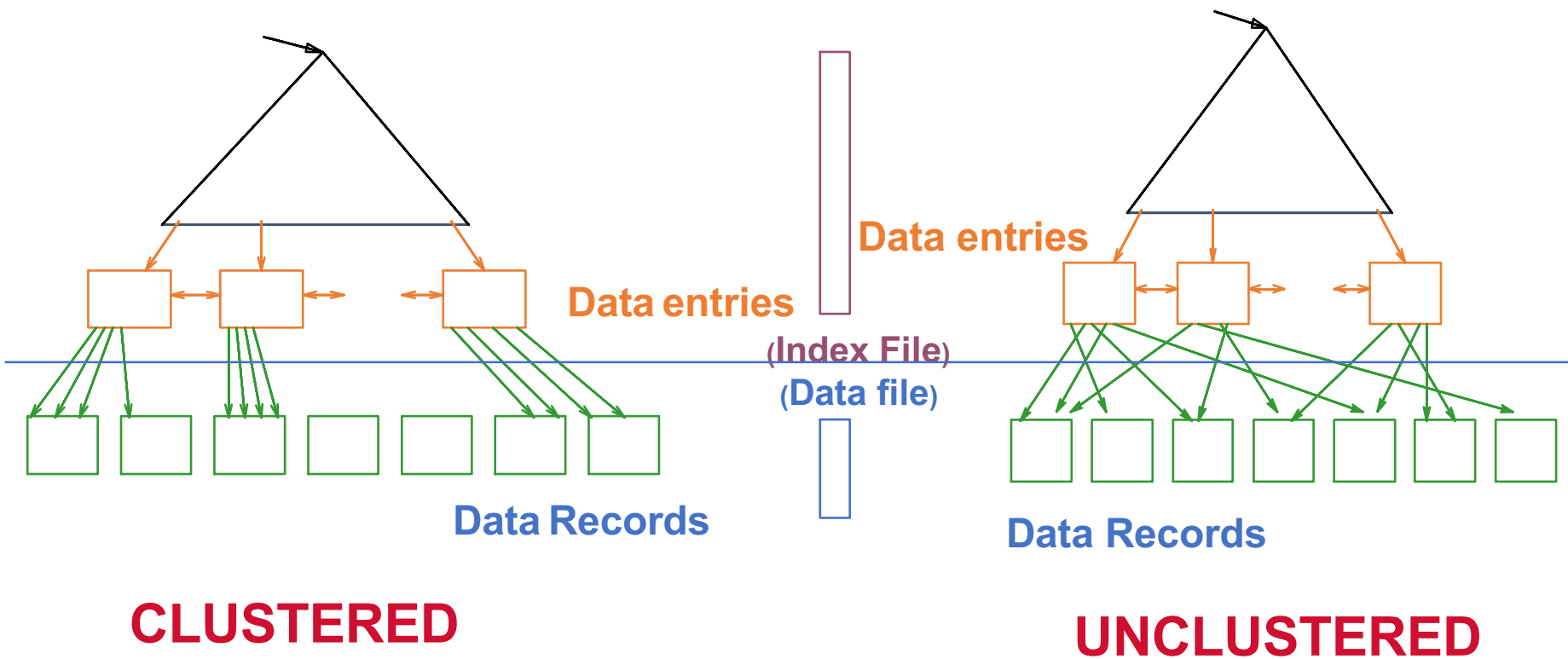


Deletion from a B+ Tree

Final tree



Clustered v.s. Unclustered B+ Trees



Note: can also store data records directly as data entries

Searching a B+ Tree

- **Exact key values:**
 - Start at the root
 - Proceed down, to the leaf
- **Range queries:**
 - Find lowest bound as above
 - Then sequential traversal
- **Less effective for multi-range**
 - Can only use one B+ tree, ignore the other(s)
 - Called access path selection

```
Select name  
From Student  
Where age = 25
```

```
Select name  
From Student  
Where 20 <= age  
and age <= 30
```

```
Select name  
From Student  
Where age = 25  
and GPA = 3.5
```

Summary on B+ Trees

- **Default index structure on most DBMSs**
- **Many improvements/optimizations**
 - Prefix compression:
"Johannes", "John", "Johnson", "Jon", ...
store only suffices, to save space
 - Allow fill capacity to decrease slightly below 50% to avoid cascading splits and merges
 - Optimizations for transactions: tree-locking protocol instead of Strict 2PL
- **For multi-dimensional queries, need R-trees:**
 - E.g. age = 25 and GPA > 3.5
 - R-trees are more difficult to search and rebalance