

Implementing an ADT

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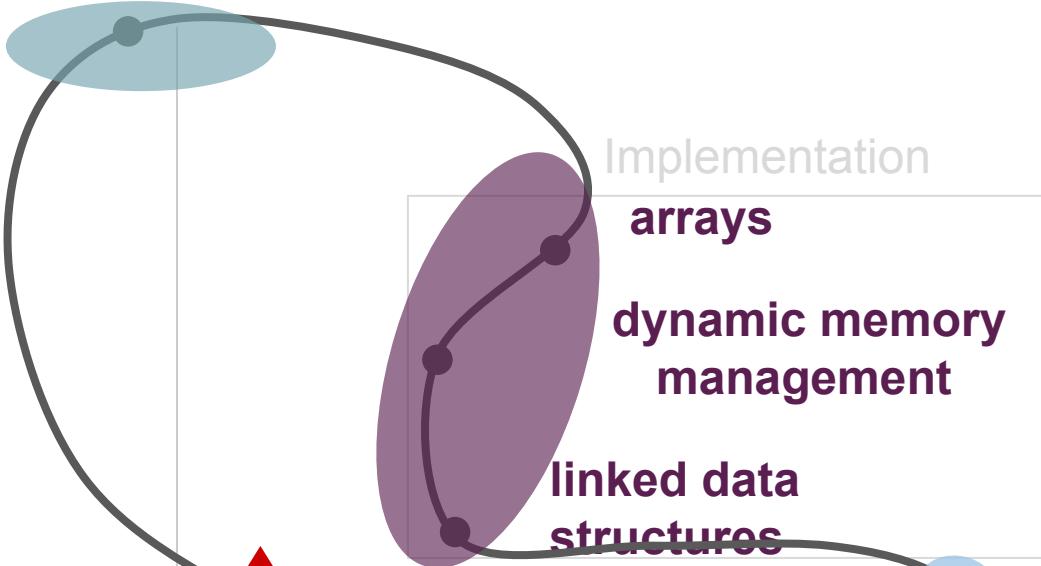
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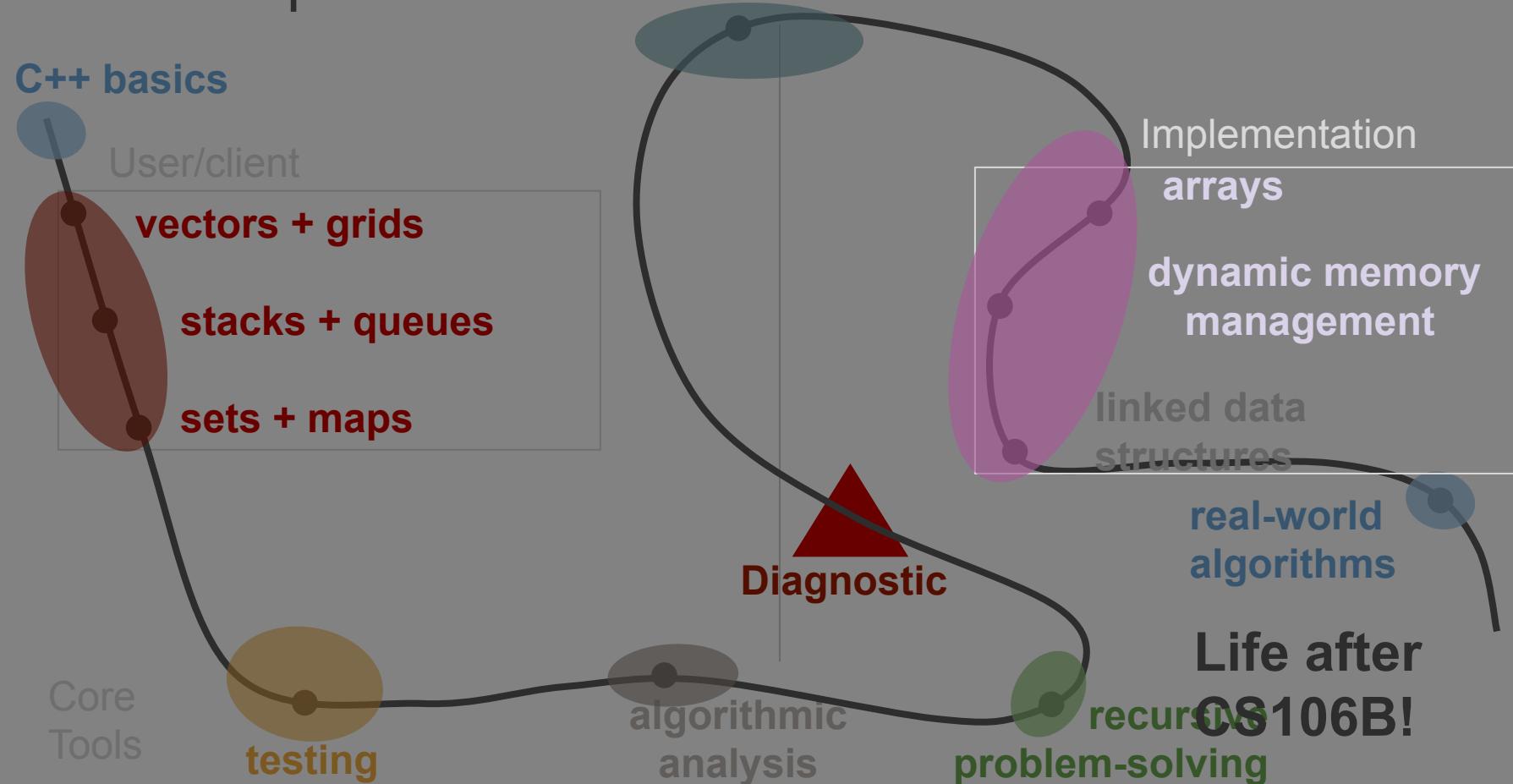
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Today's question

How can we use
fundamental data storage
capabilities in C++ to
implement an ADT class?

Today's topics

1. Review
2. Designing OurVector
3. Visualizing OurVector Operations
4. Implementing OurVector

Review

[arrays and dynamic memory management]

Acquiring and Using Storage Space

- Low-level storage space in C++ is acquired using **dynamic memory allocation**.
- Dynamic memory allocation normally has three steps:
 - You can, at runtime, ask for extra storage space, which C++ will give to you.
 - You can use that storage space however you'd like.
 - You have to explicitly tell the language when you're done using the memory.

Arrays

- Storage space on computers, which we often refer to as memory, is allocated in organized chunks called **arrays**
- An array is a contiguous chunk of space in the computer's memory, split into slots, each of which can contain one piece of information
 - Contiguous means that each slot is located directly next to the others. There are no "gaps."
 - All arrays have a specific type. Their type dictates what information can be held in each slot.
 - Each slot has an "index" by which we can refer to it.



Index:

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Dynamically Allocating Arrays

- First, declare a variable that will point at the newly-allocated array. If the array elements have type **T**, the pointer will have type **T***.
 - e.g. `int*`, `string*`, `Vector<double>*`
- Then, create a new array with the **new** keyword and assign the pointer to point to it.
- In two separate steps:

```
T* arr;  
arr = new T[size];
```

- Or, in the same line:

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Pointers

- A pointer is a brand new data type that becomes very prominent when working with dynamically allocated memory.
- Just like all other data types, pointers take up space in memory and can store specific values.
- The meaning of these values is what's important. **A pointer always stores a memory address**, which is like the specific coordinates of where a piece of memory exists on the computer.
- Thus, they quite literally "point" to another location on your computer.

Properties of Dynamically Allocating Arrays

- The array you get from `new[]` is **fixed-size**: it can neither grow nor shrink once it's created.
 - The programmer's version of "conservation of mass."
- The array you get from `new[]` has **no bounds-checking**. Walking off the beginning or end of an array triggers *undefined behavior*.
 - Literally anything can happen: you read back garbage, you crash your program, you let a hacker take over your computer, etc...
- The array you get from the `new[]` keyword comes from an area of memory called the **heap**.

Memory from the Stack vs. Heap

`Vector<string> varOnStack;`

- So far, all variables we've created get defined on the **stack**
- This is called static memory allocation
- Variables on the stack are stored directly to the memory and access to this memory is very fast
- We don't have to worry about memory management

`string* arr = new string[numValues];`

- We can now request memory from the **heap**
- This is called dynamic memory allocation
- We have more control over variables on the heap
- But this means that we also have to handle the memory we're using carefully and properly clean it up when done

Final Takeaways

- You can create arrays of a fixed size at runtime by using `new[]`.
- C++ arrays don't know their lengths and have no bounds-checking. With great power comes great responsibility.
- You are responsible for freeing any memory you explicitly allocate by calling `delete[]`. Otherwise, your program will have memory leaks.
- Once you've deleted the memory pointed at by a pointer, you have a dangling pointer and shouldn't read or write from it.

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- Notice that we access the elements of an array just like we access them in a Vector, with square brackets.
- **BUT arrays are not objects** – they don't have any functions associated with them.
- So, you can't do this:

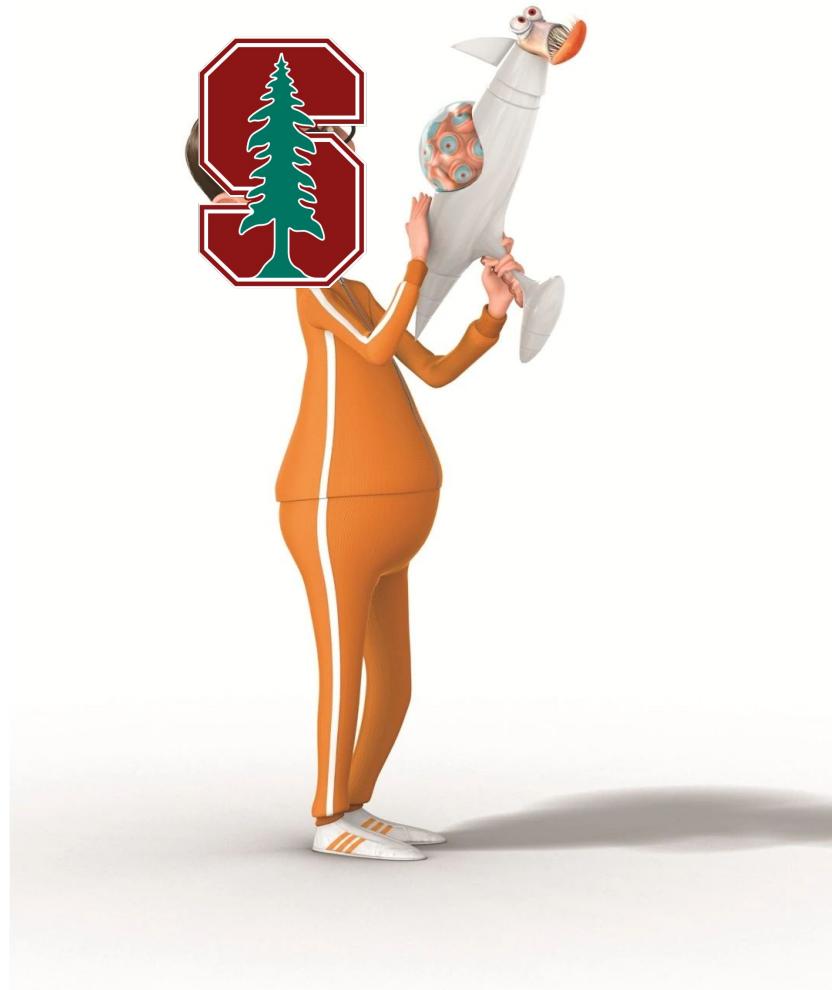
```
int* firstTen = new int[10];
int len = firstTen.length(); // ERROR! No functions!
firstTen.add(42); // ERROR! No functions!
firstTen[10] = 42; // ERROR! Buffer overflow!
```

Arrays vs. Vectors

- Arrays are a very necessary tool to use if we want to actually store information in a structured way in a program.
- Vectors are a great abstraction, providing helpful methods and a clean interface that other programmers can use to solve interesting problems.
- **Idea:** Let's use a dynamically allocated array as the underlying method of data storage for a Vector class. Best of both worlds!

Designing OurVector





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 - At first, OurVector will be limited to **storing a fixed number of elements**, but we will lift this restriction by the end of class. For now, if we run out space we'll just throw an error.

How do we design a class?

We must specify the 3 parts:

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Breakout Activity: OurVector class design

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Review: Constructors

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- The constructor is automatically called when the object is created.
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- The destructor must take responsibility for freeing any allocated memory currently in use by an instance of the class.
- In particular, this means calling the `delete []` operator on the elements array to officially give that memory back to the computer and avoid any memory leaks.
- The other member variables (`allocatedCapacity` and `numItems`) are both simple stack-allocated variables, so nothing special is needed to clean them up.

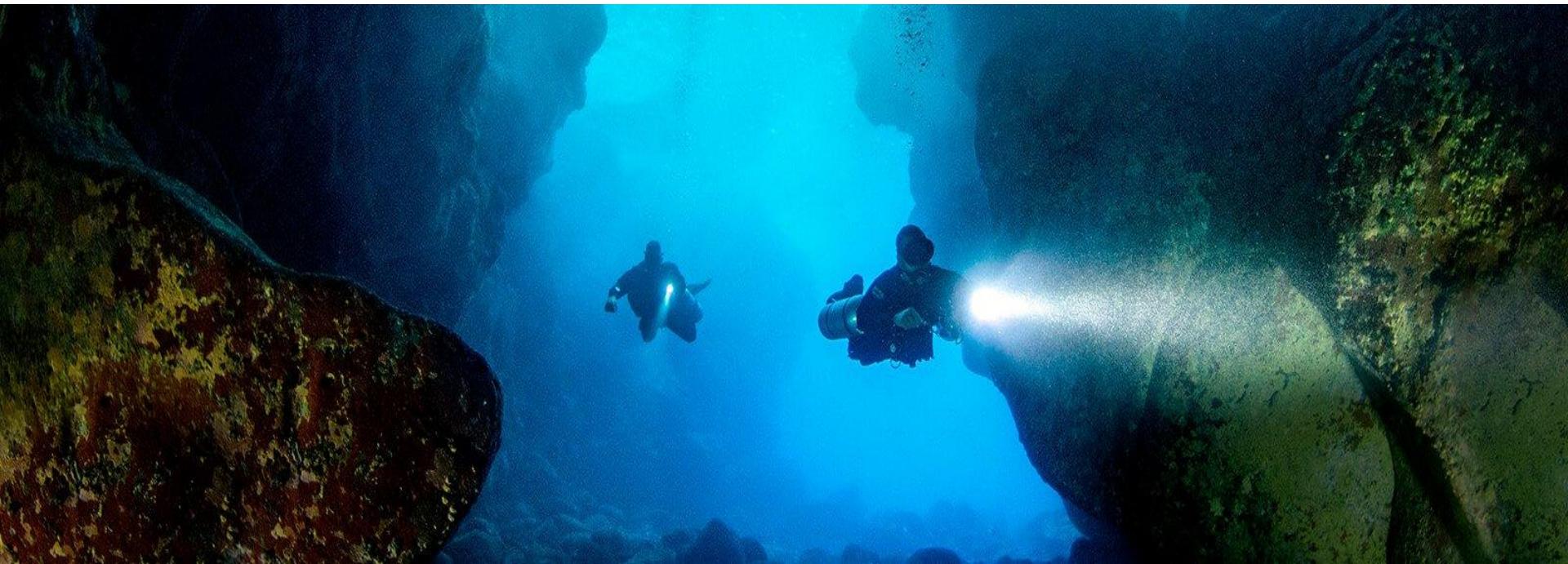
Let's See the Code!

(Part 1)

Member Variables, Constructor, and Destructor

Summary

- Member variables define the key data storage components of a class implementation.
- The constructor is the special method that gets called when a new instance of a class is declared. In this method, we initialize all of our member variables to the appropriate values, including allocating any necessary memory.
- The destructor is a special method that gets called when an instance of a class goes out of scope and thus is destroyed. In this method, we most often are responsible for freeing any dynamically allocated memory used by the instance.



Announcements

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- Assignment 4 was released yesterday and will be due next Tuesday, July 27 at 11:59pm PDT.
 - This assignment might be the most difficult one to debug. We **strongly** recommend going to LaIR!
- The Assignment 4 YEAH session will be **Wednesday at 11:30 am PT**. The Zoom info is posted on the course website.



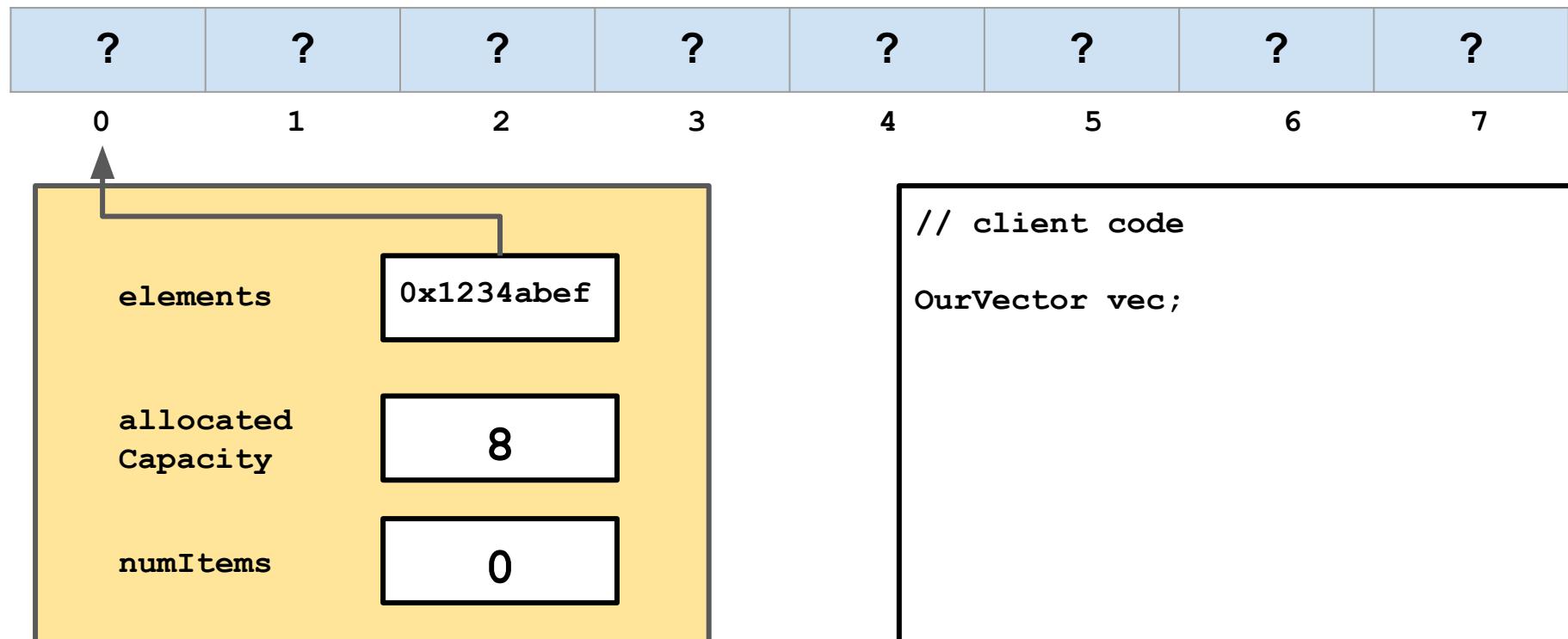
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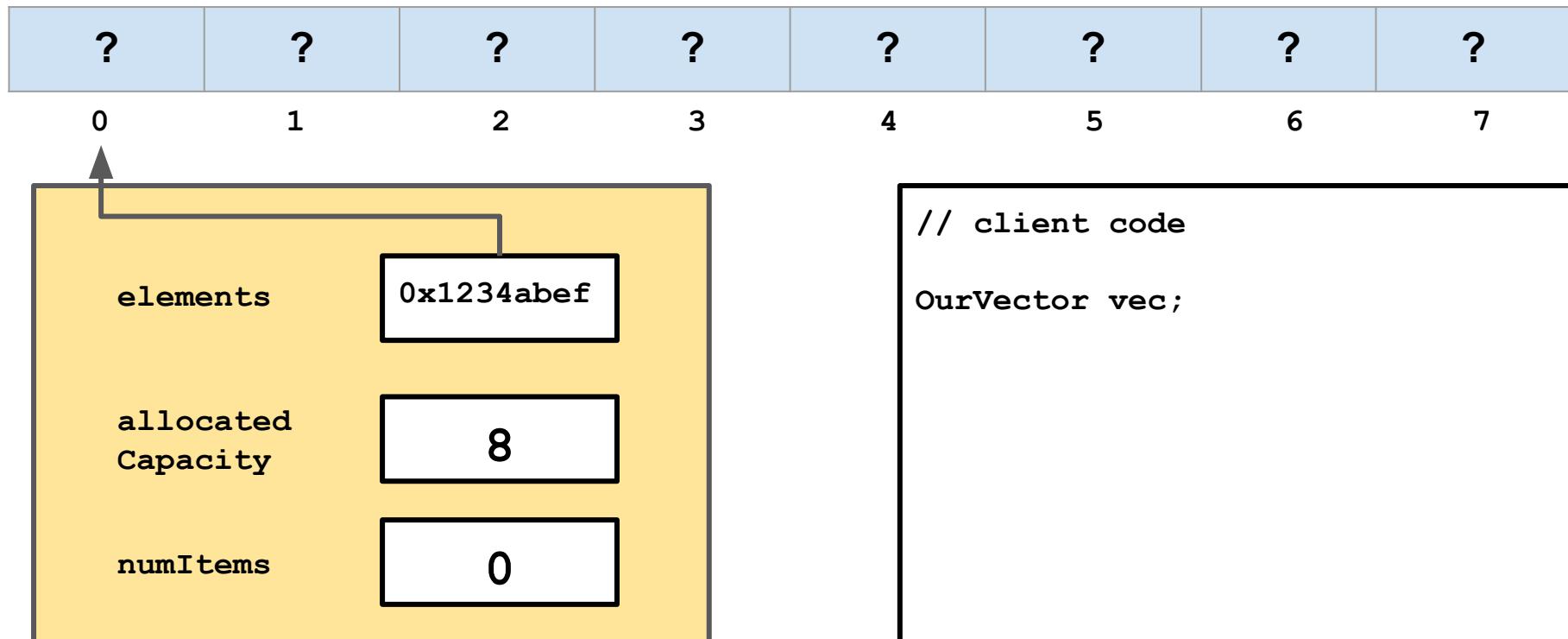
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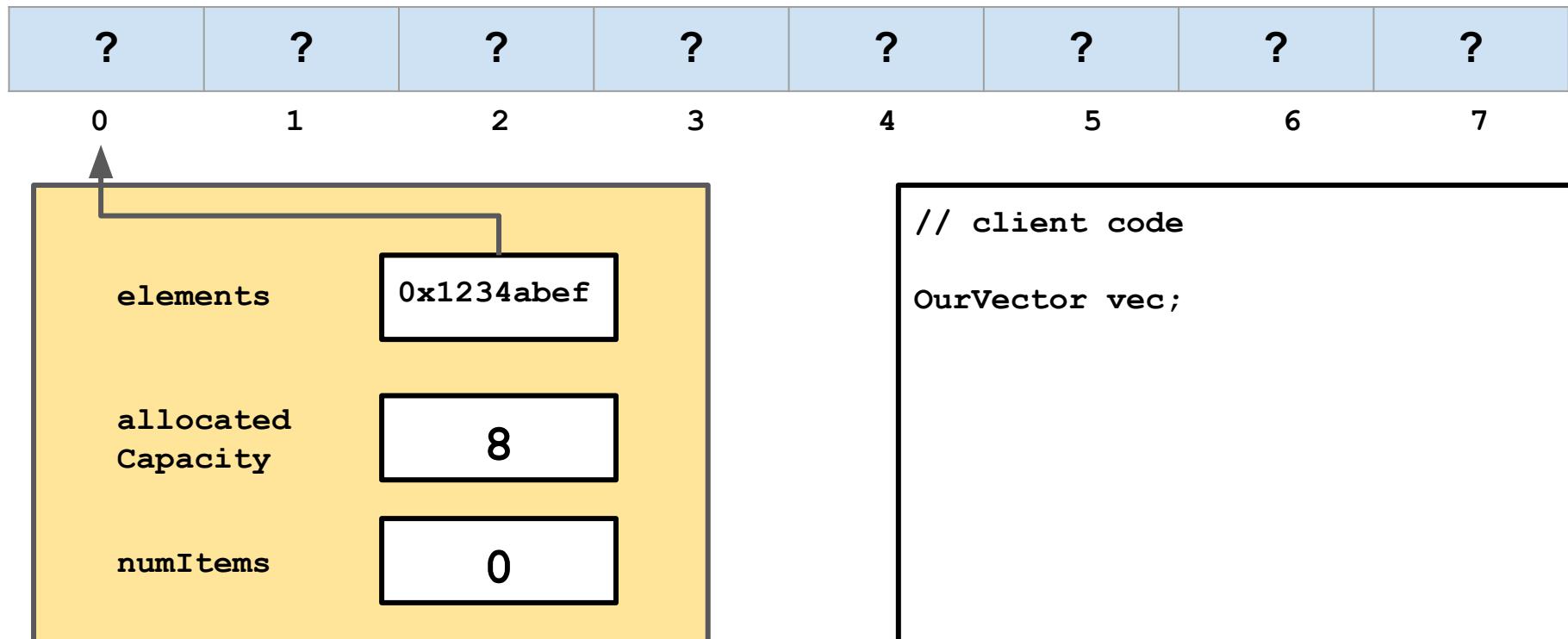
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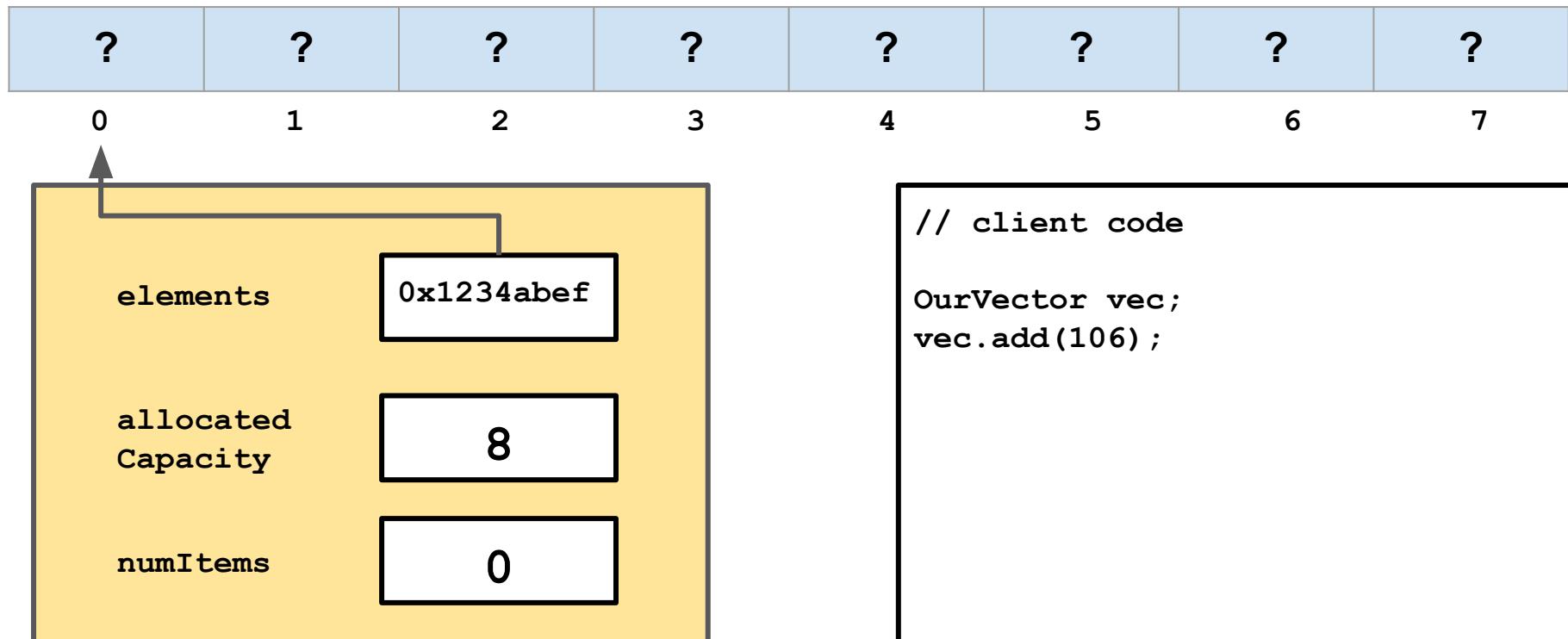
The `add()` operation

- The `add()` operation is responsible for taking a specified element and adding it to the first open spot at the end of the vector.

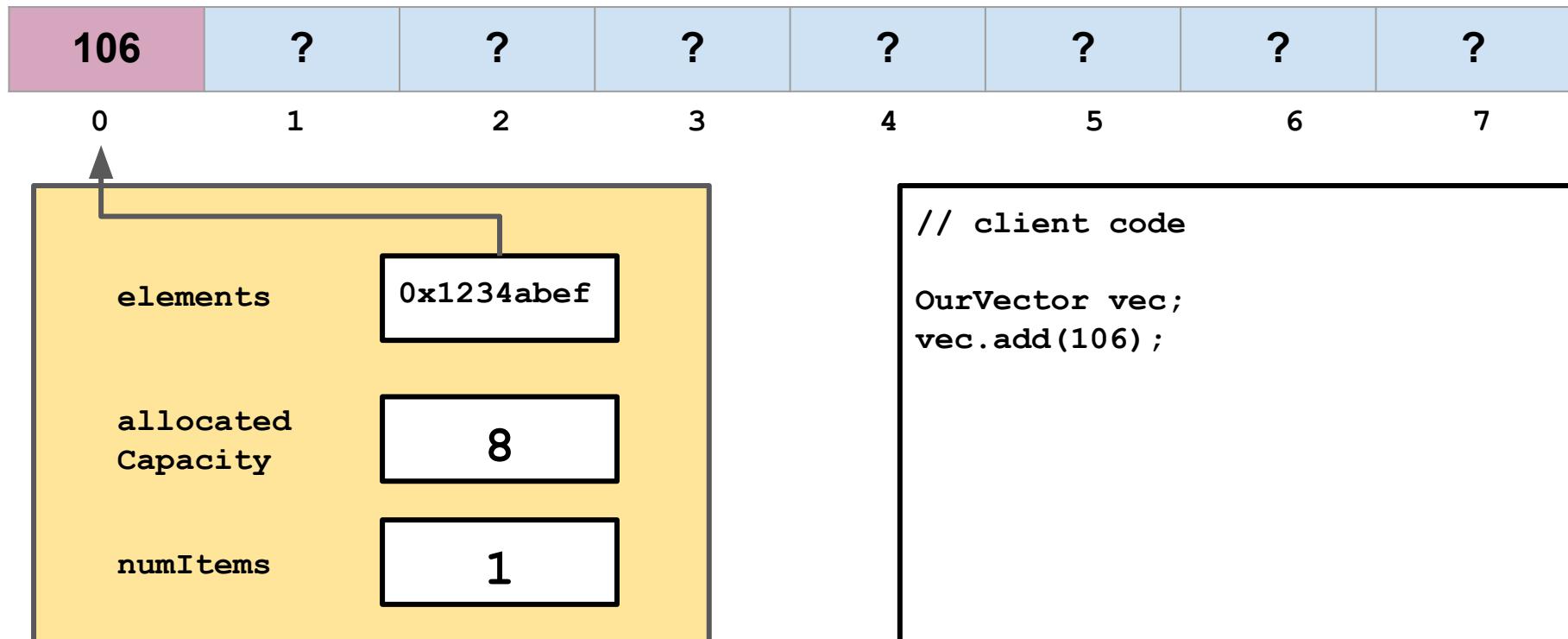
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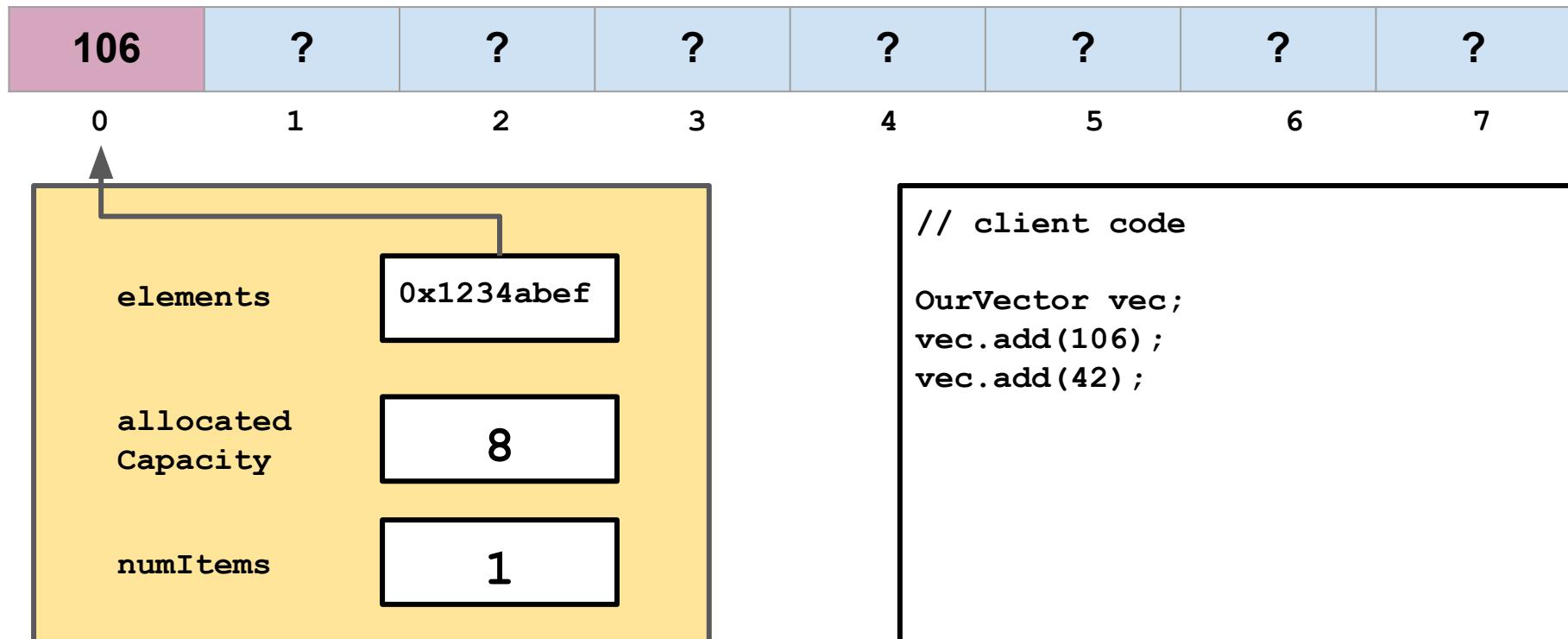
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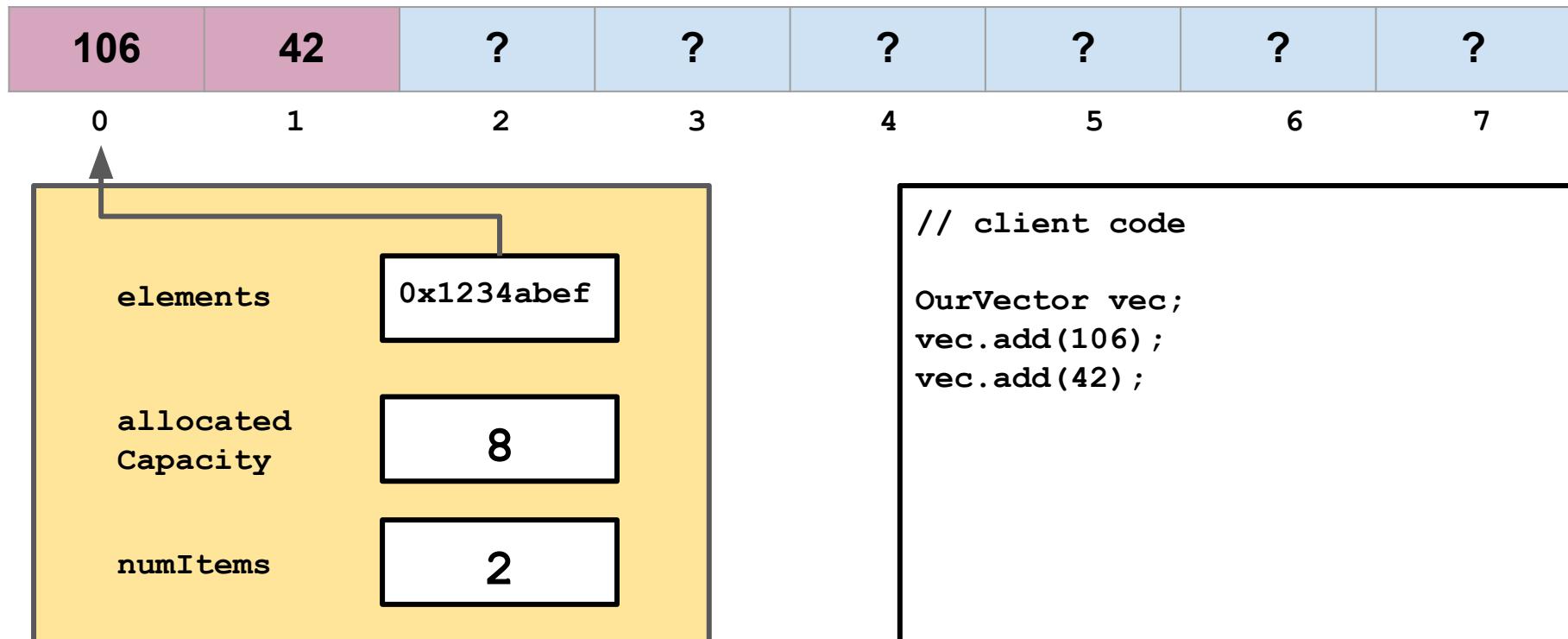
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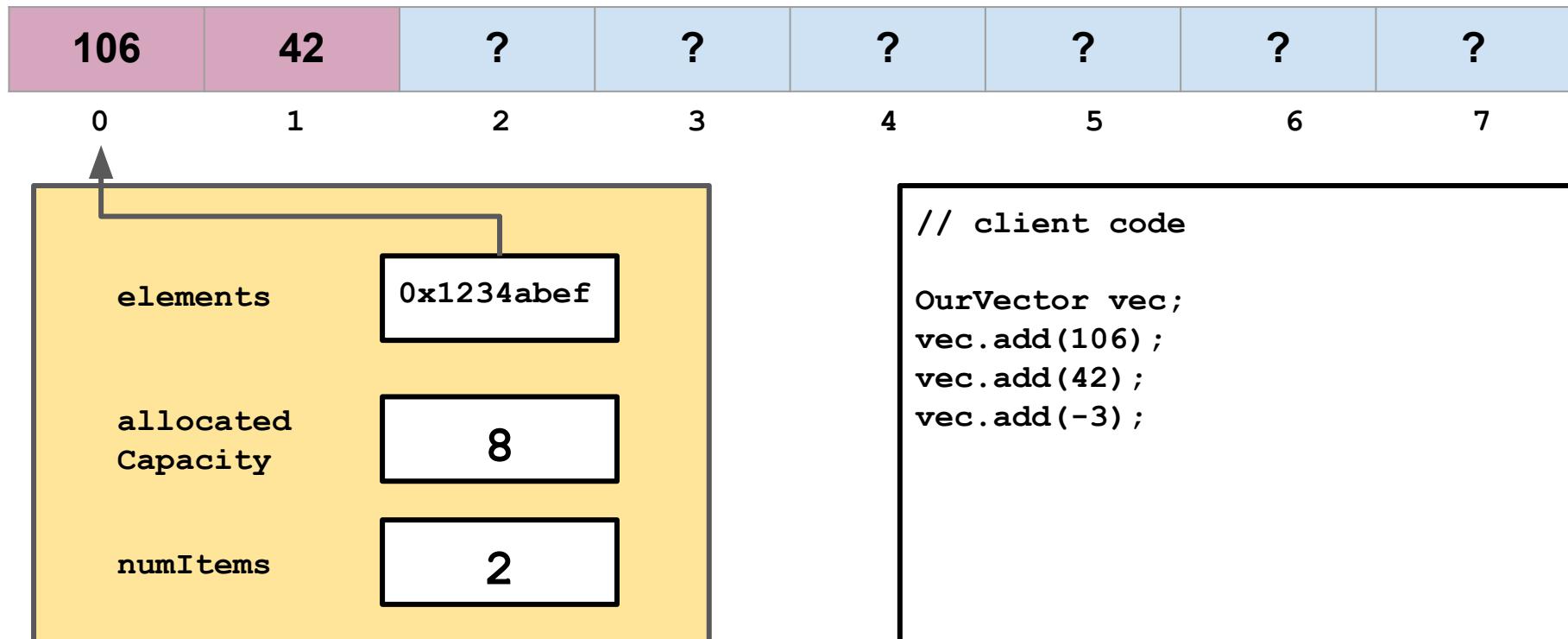
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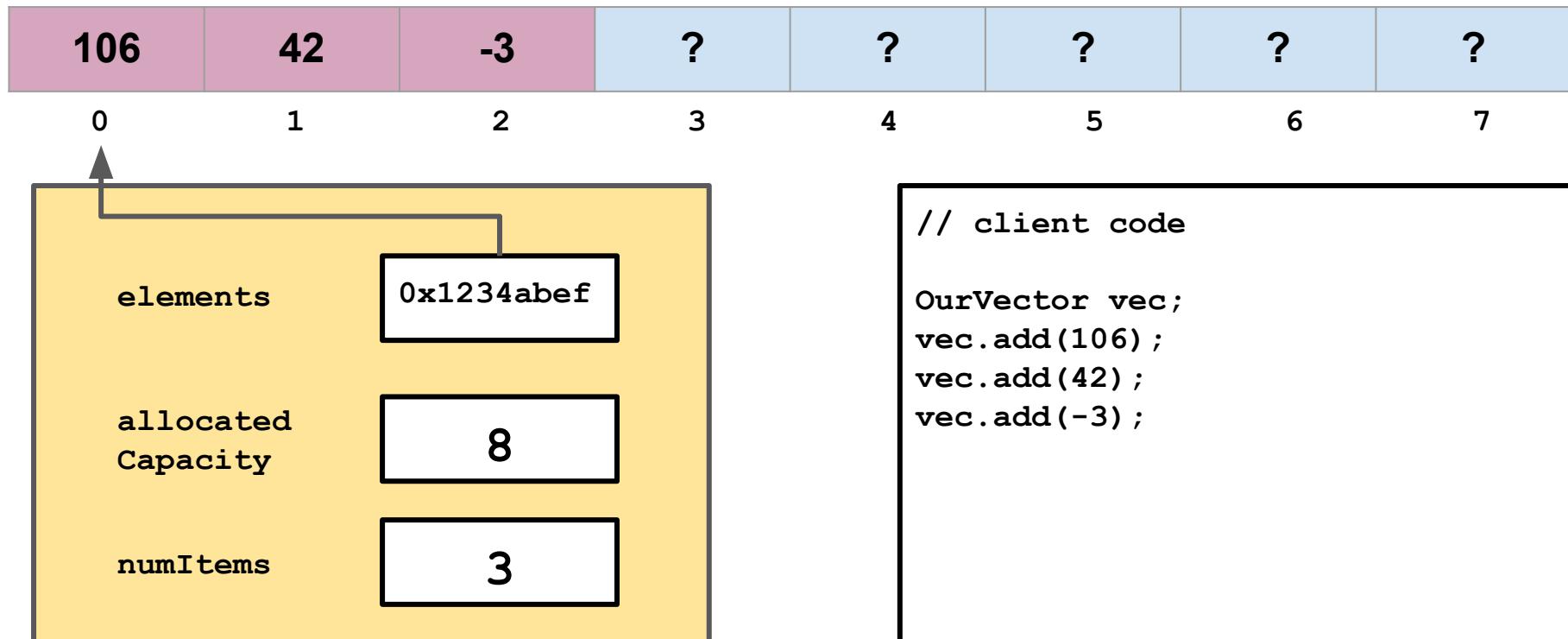
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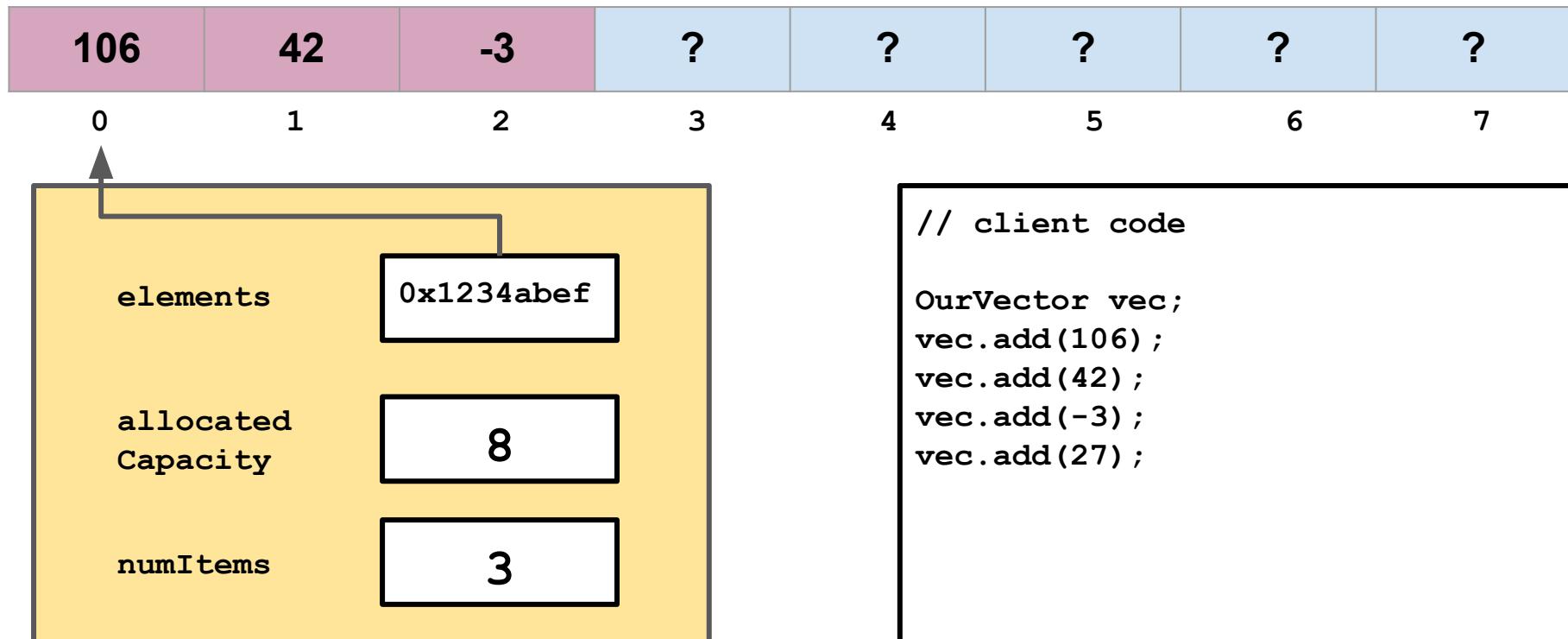
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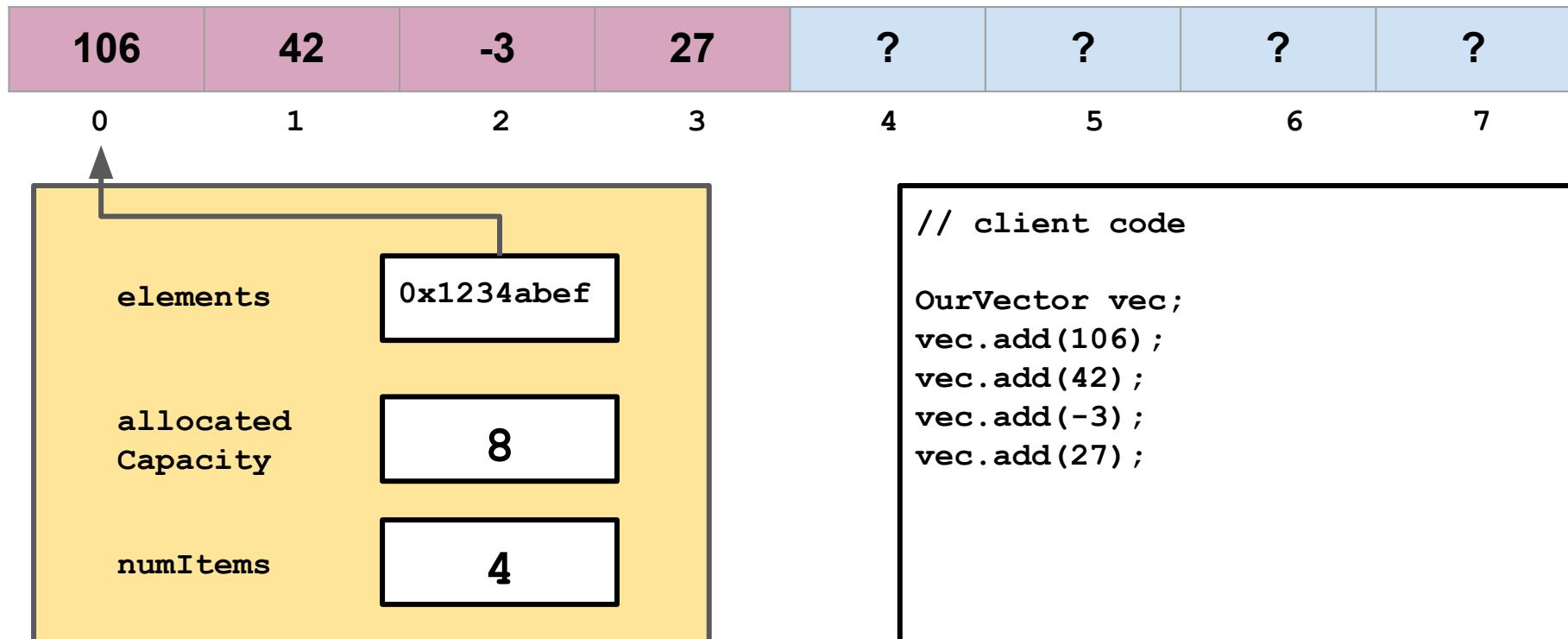
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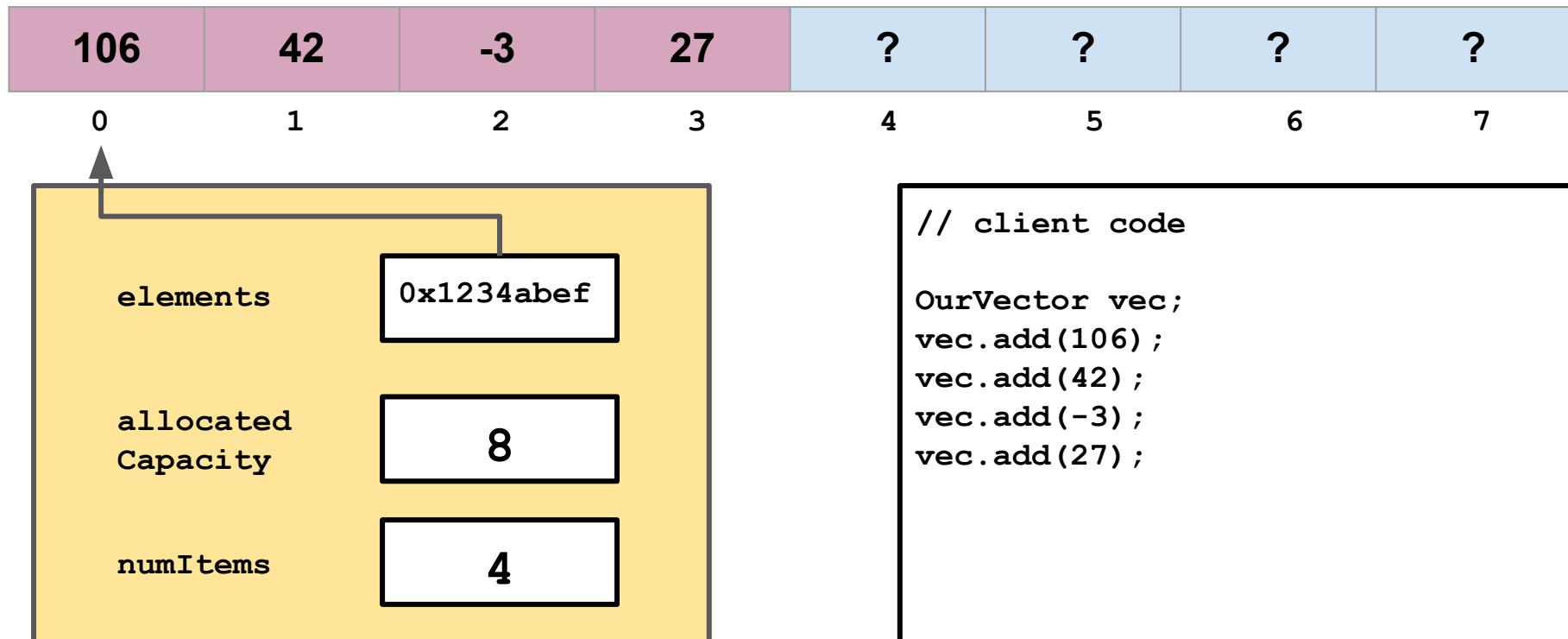


The `insert()` and `remove()` operations

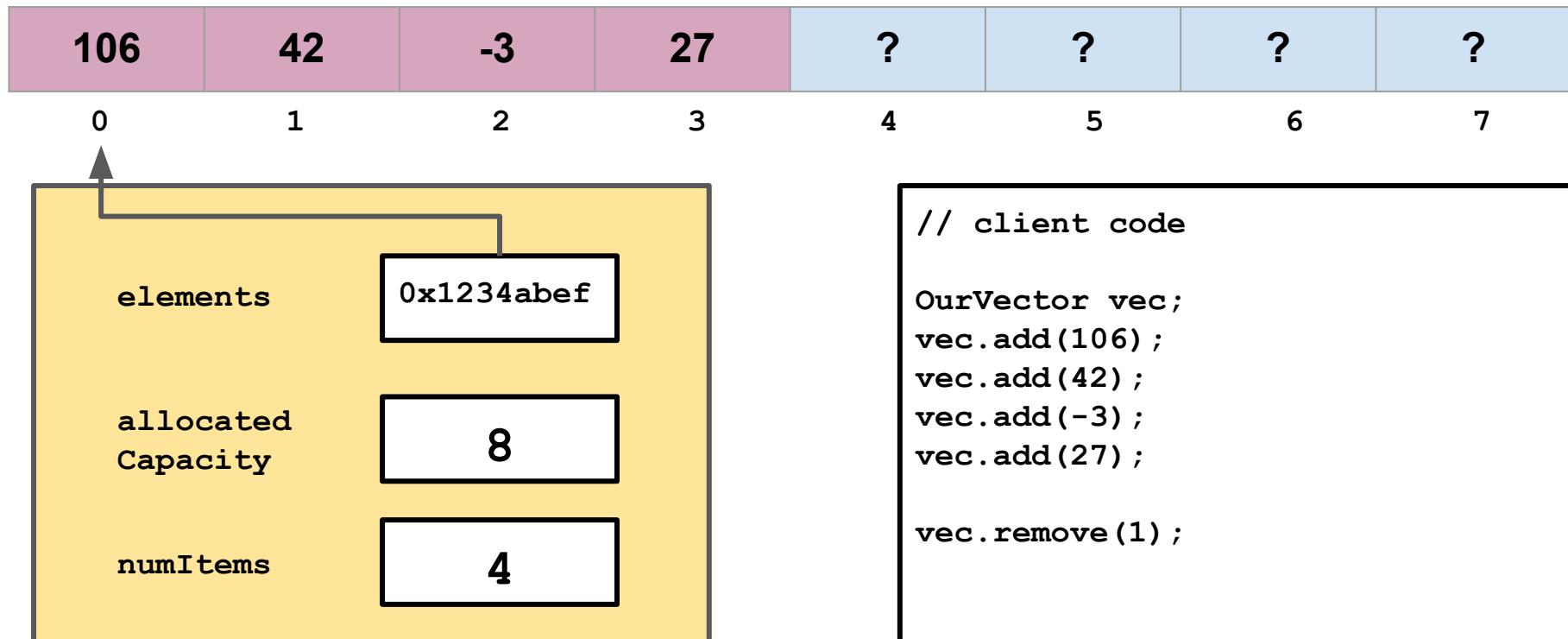
- The `insert()` operation is similar to `add()`, but allows the client to specify which index they want the value to be inserted at.
- The `remove()` operation allows the client to specify an index at which to remove an element, and then removes the value at that index.

tracing OurVector operations

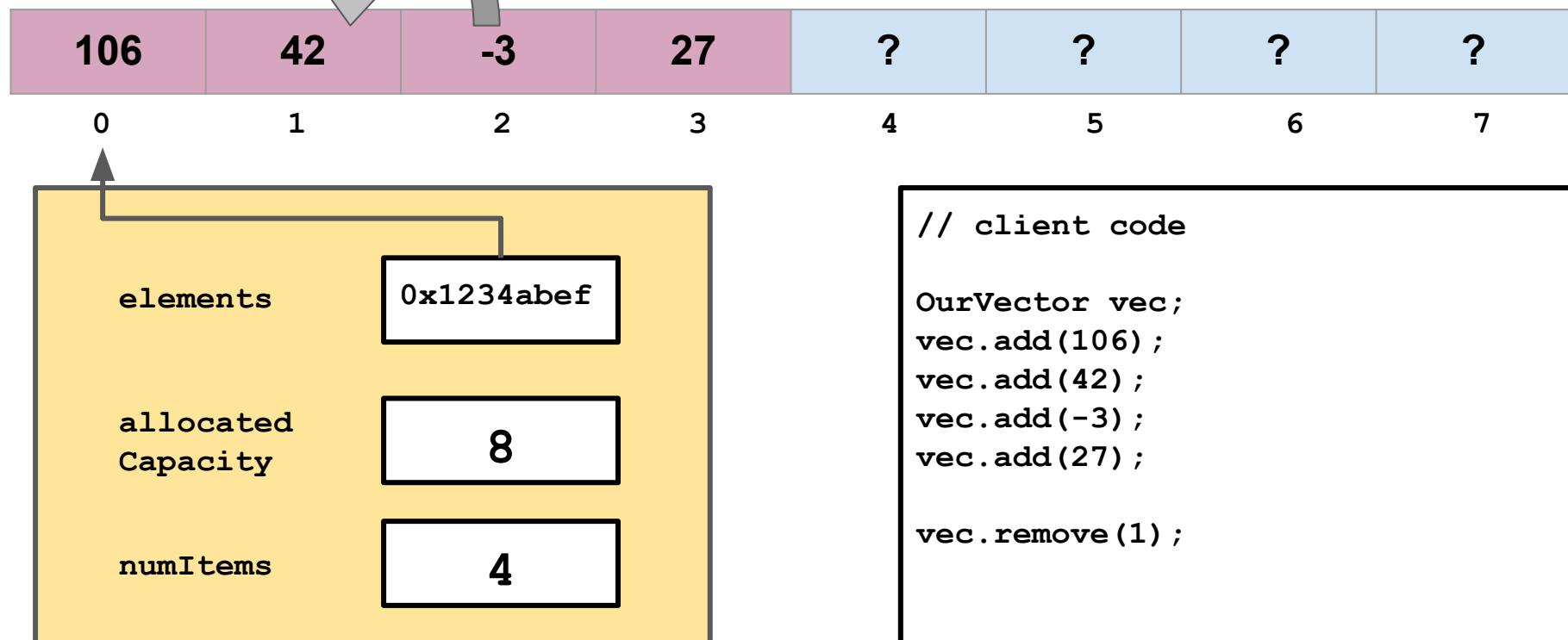
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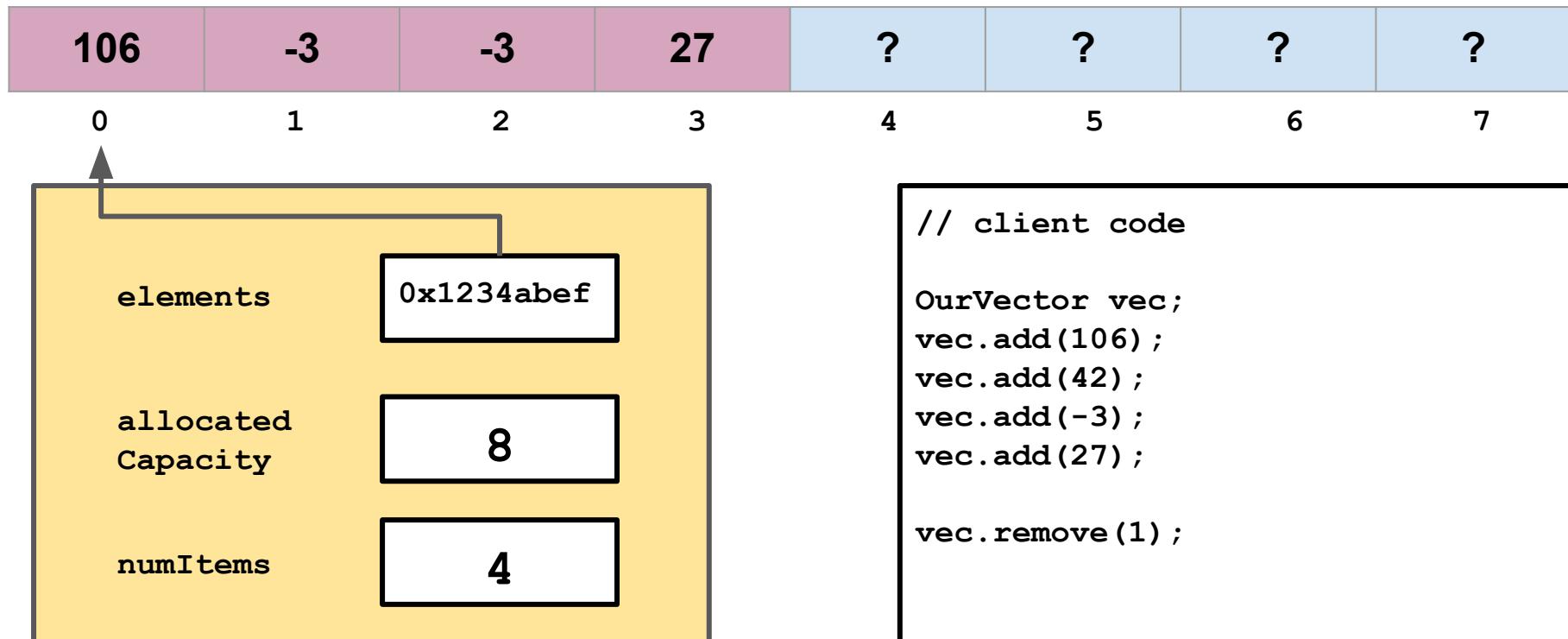
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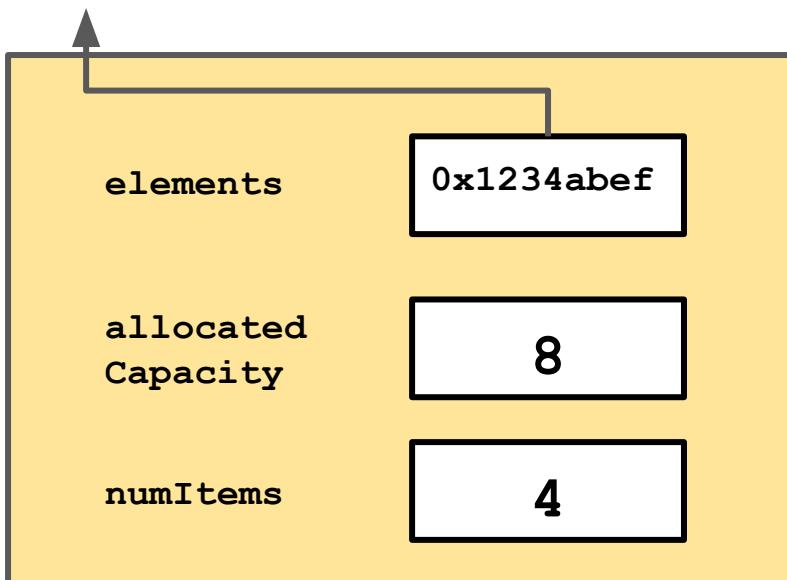
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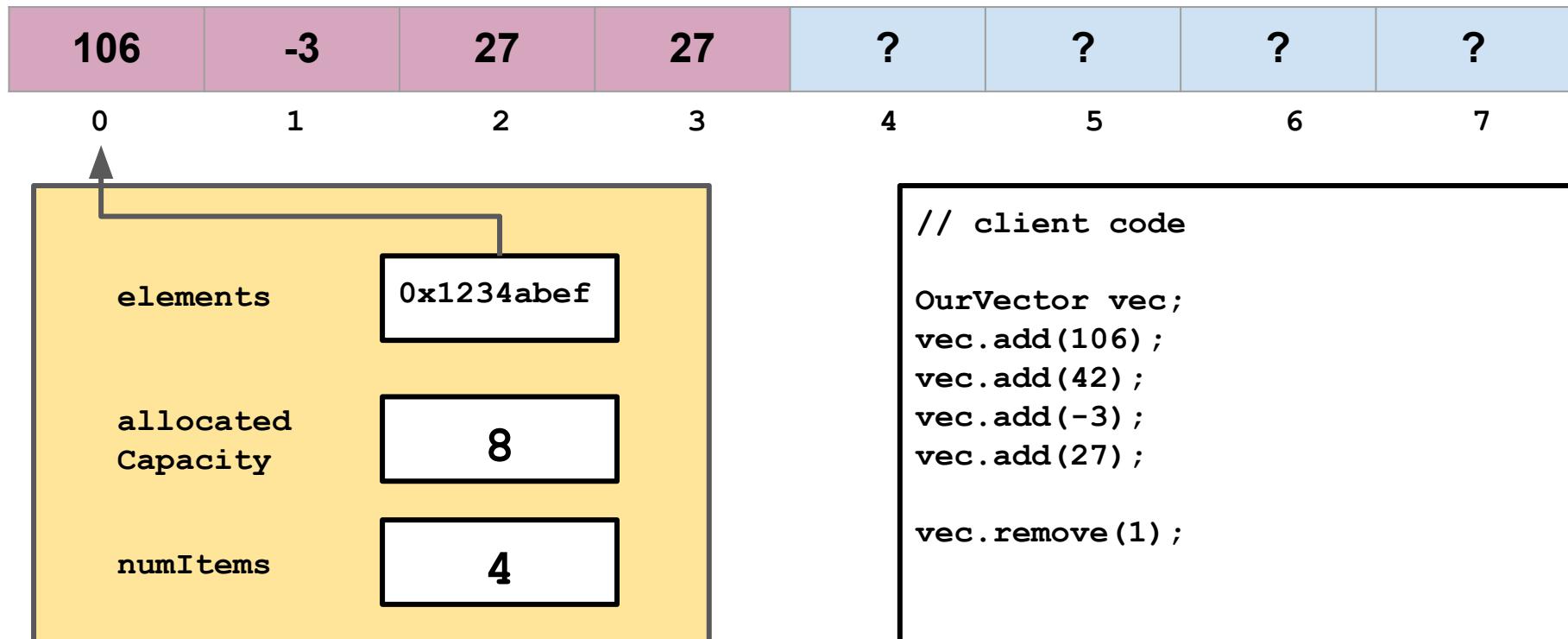


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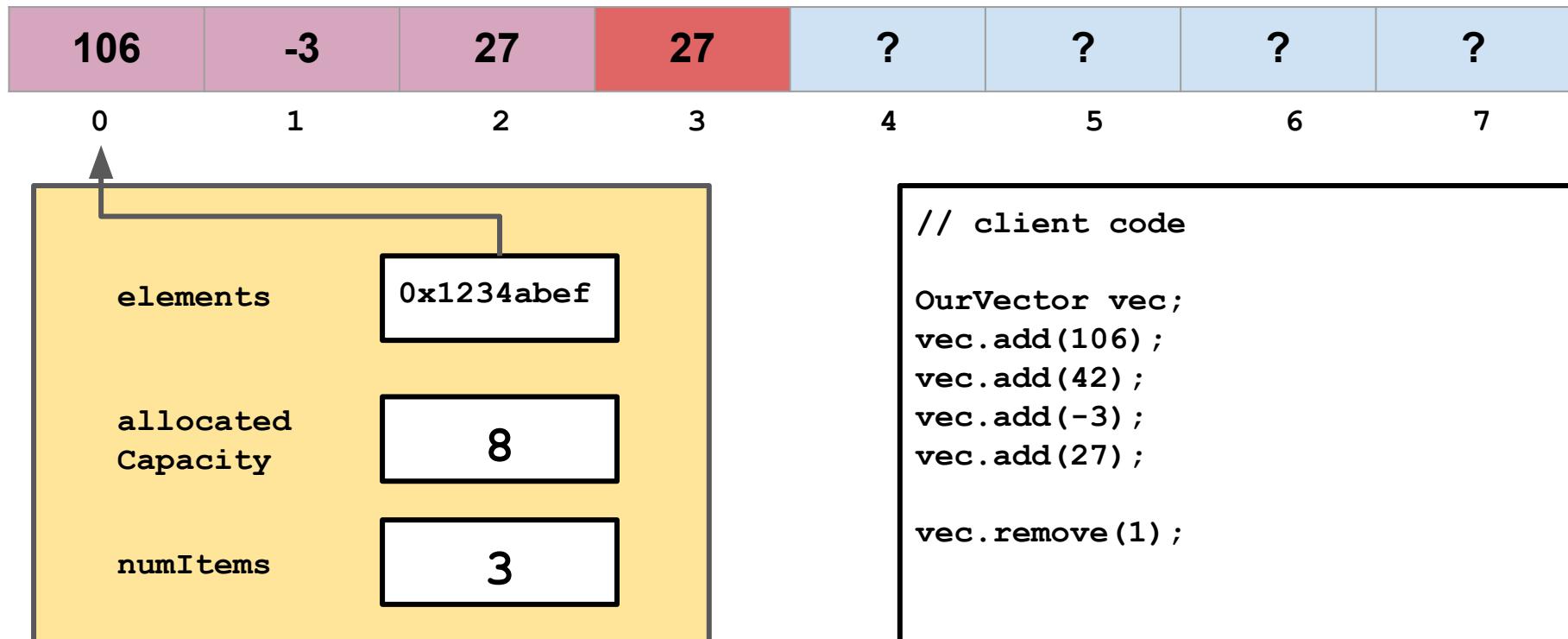
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vec.add(42);
vec.add(-3);
vec.add(27);

vec.remove(1);
```

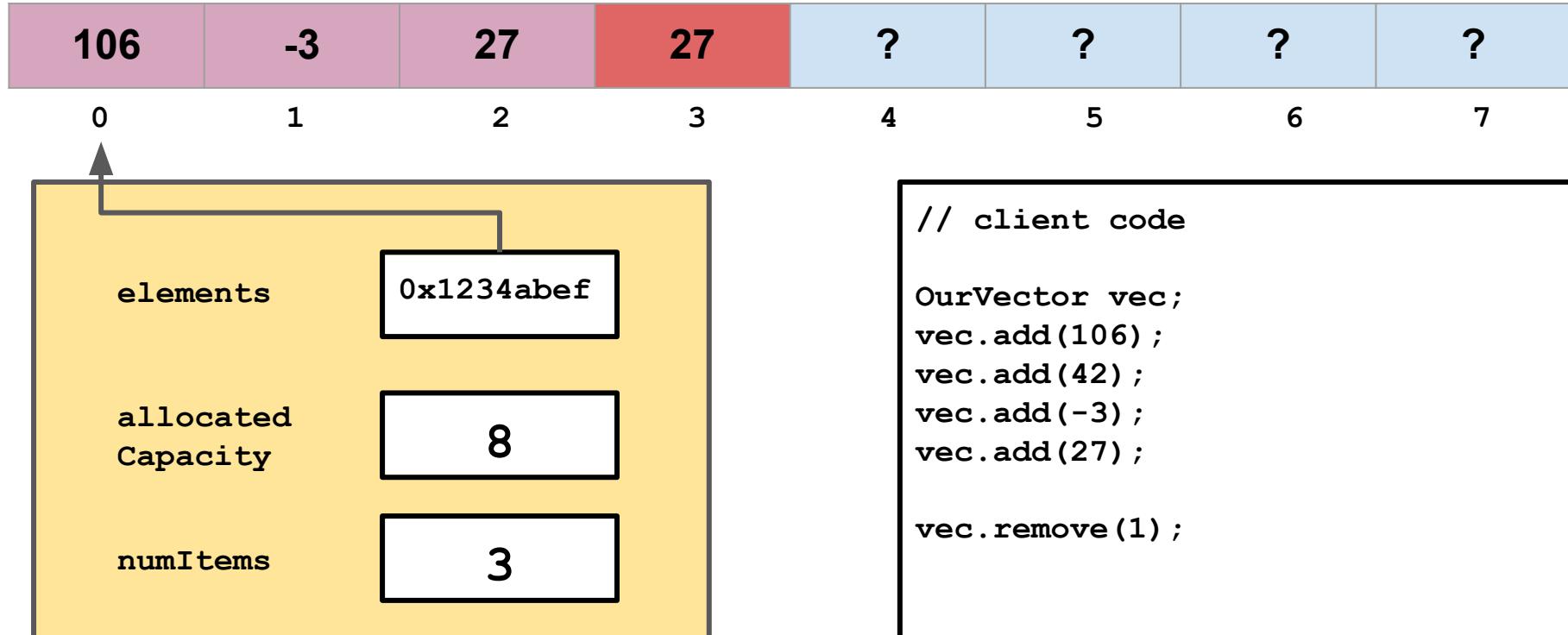
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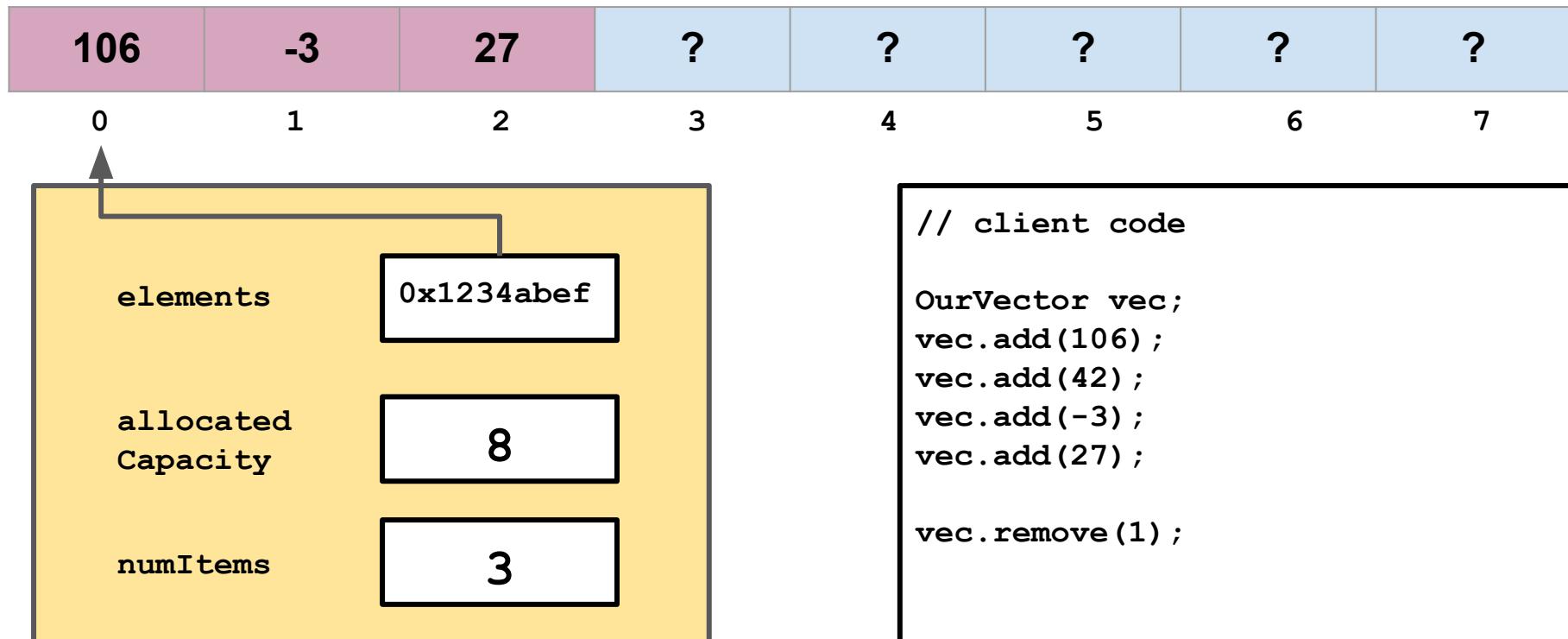
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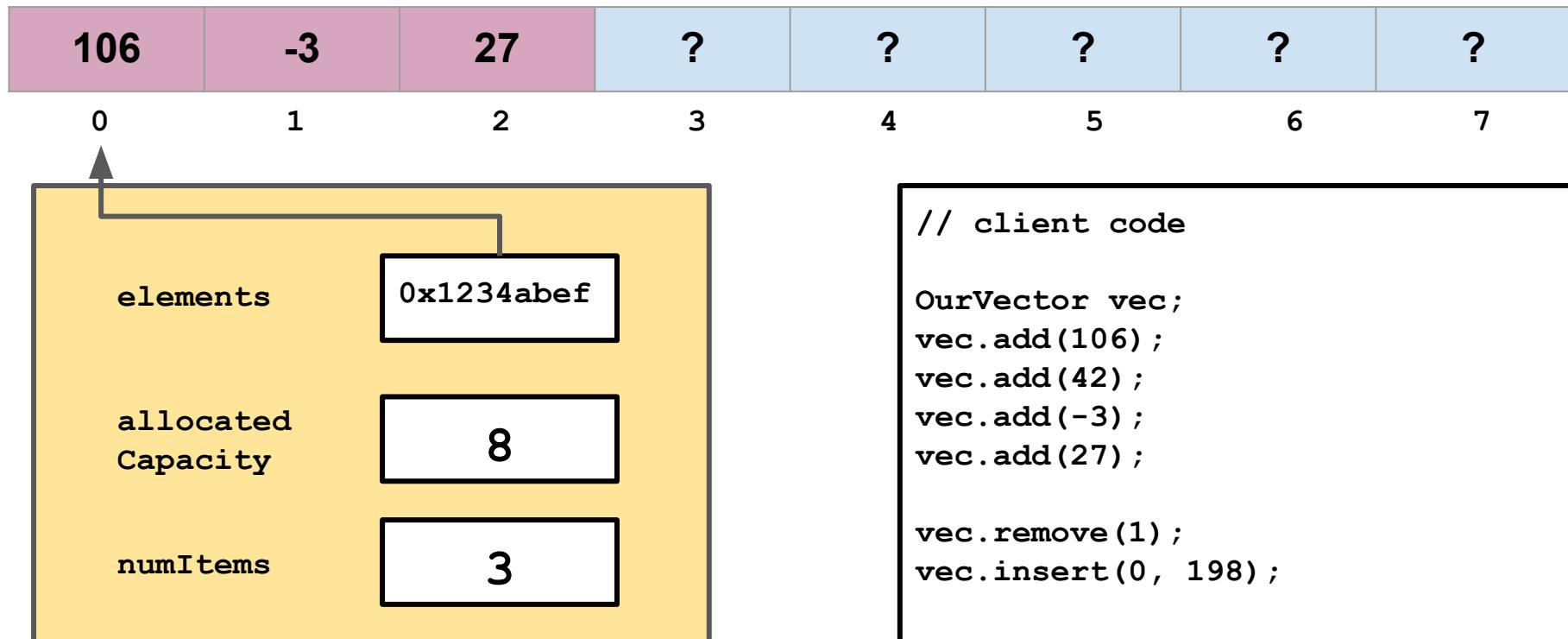




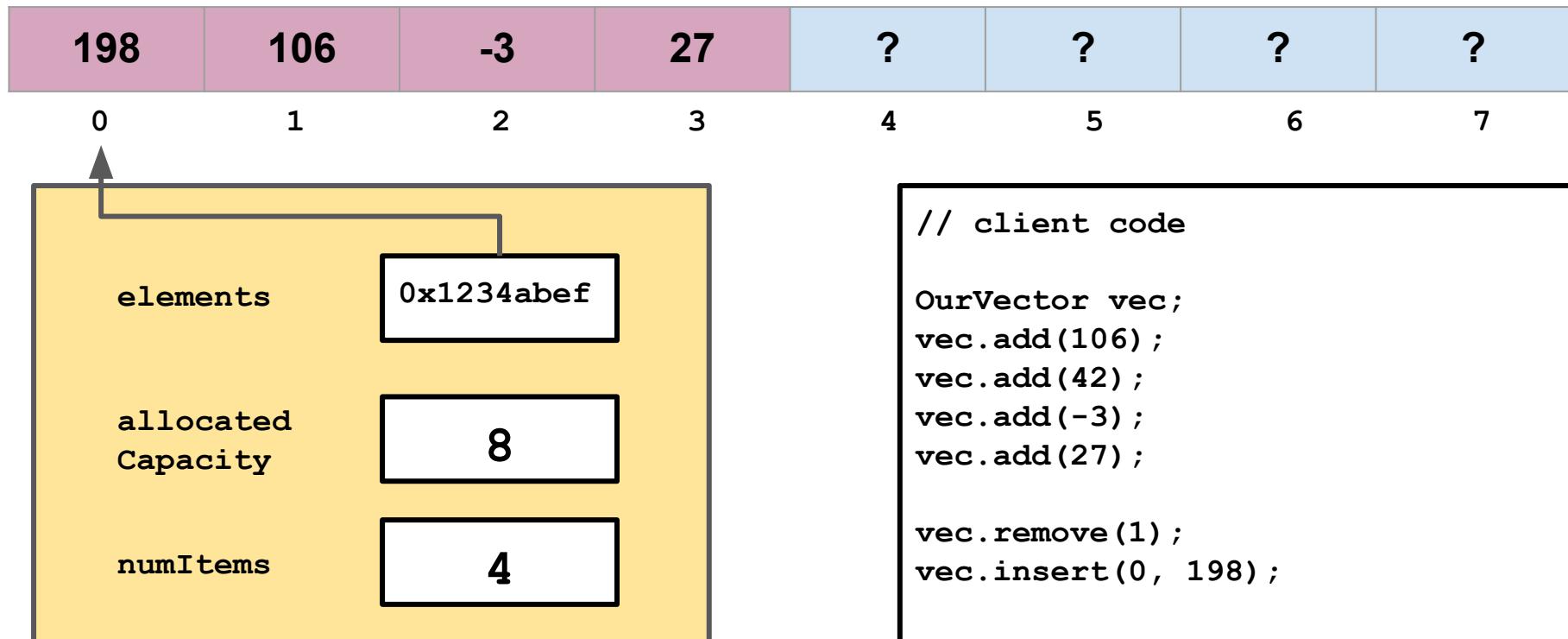
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The `get()` / `size()` / `isEmpty()` operations

- The remaining operations that we have left to implement should be relatively straightforward, given the member variables we have.
- The `get()` method can just return the array element at the specified index.
- The `size()` method can just return the value of the `numItems` member variable.
- The `isEmpty()` method can compare `numItems` to 0 and return the appropriate result.

Implementing OurVector

Let's see the Code!

(Part 2)

`add()`, `remove()`, `insert()`,
`get()`, `size()`, `isEmpty()`

Summary

- Using an array for storing data involves shifting elements around – this kind of code is ripe for off-by-one errors!
- With good member variable member choices, most public methods are relatively straightforward to implement.
- We've now gained an appreciation for *why* insertion/removal on Vectors is an "expensive" $O(n)$ operation.

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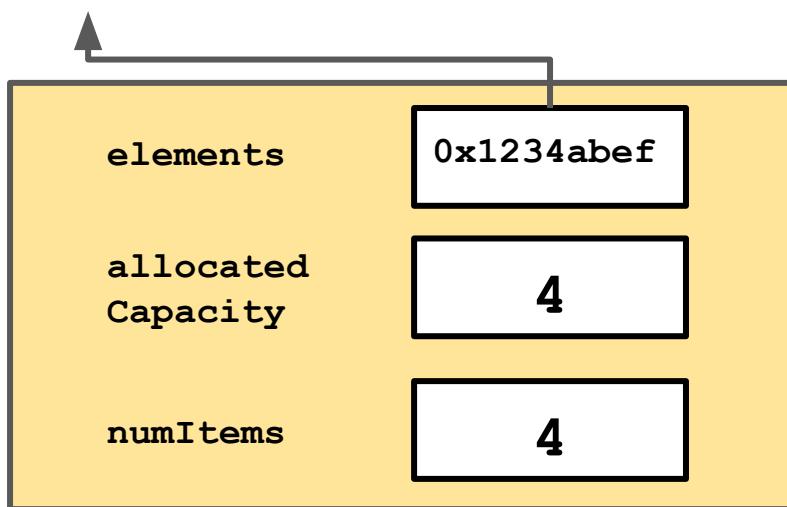
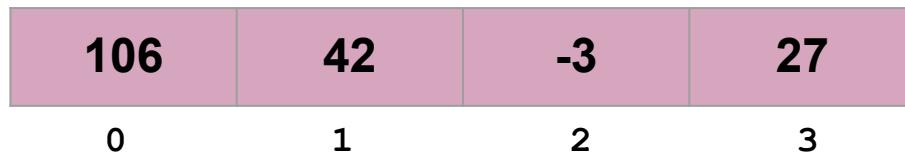
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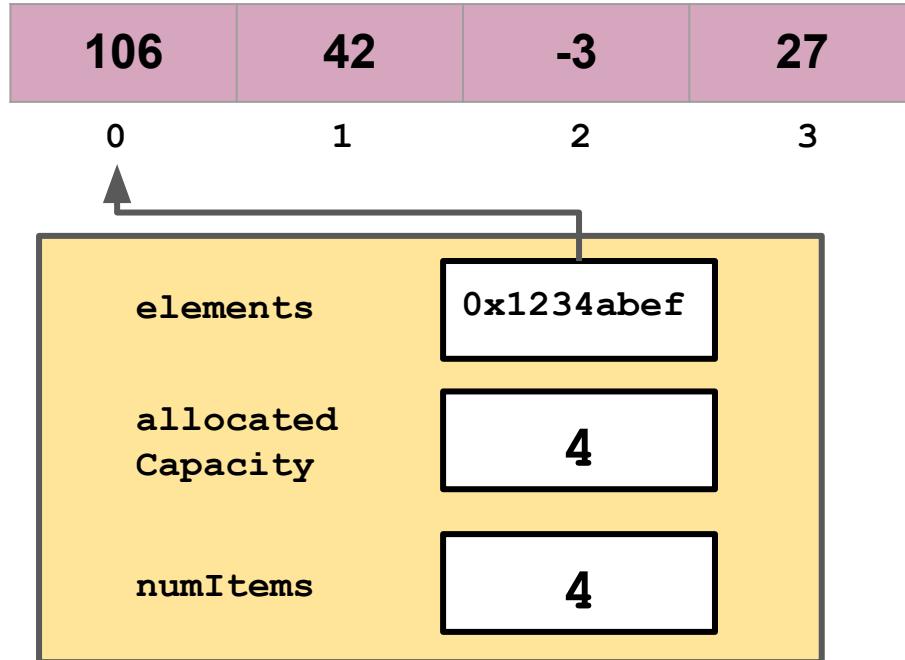
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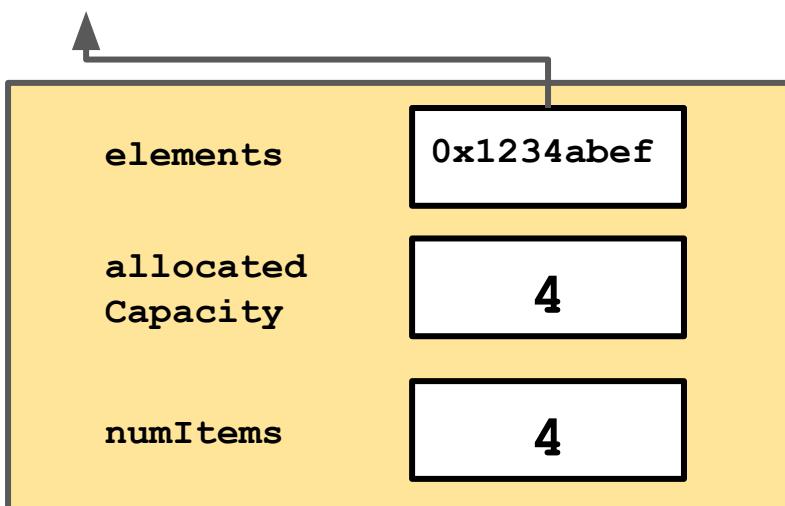




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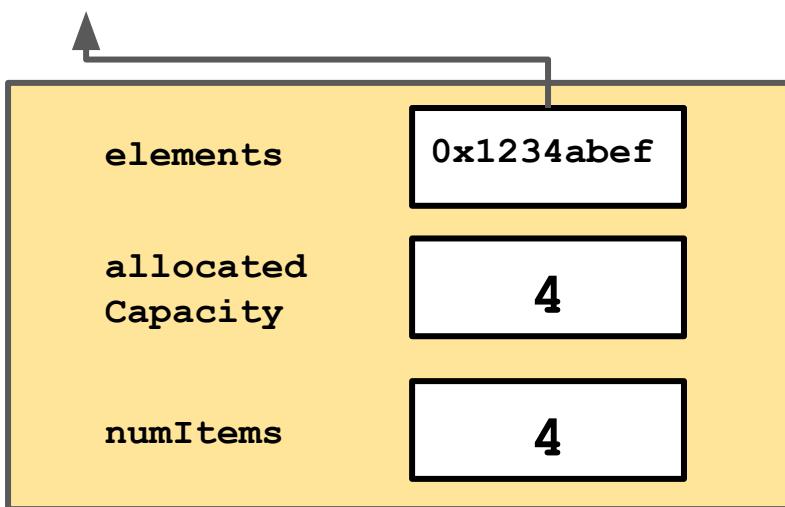
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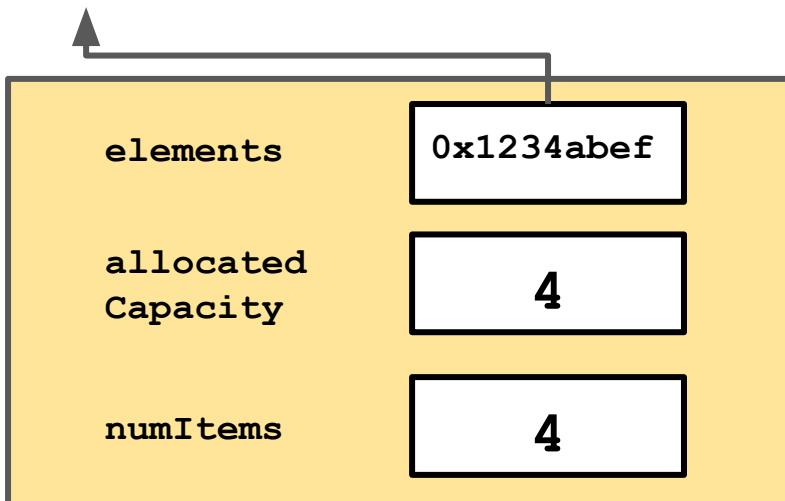
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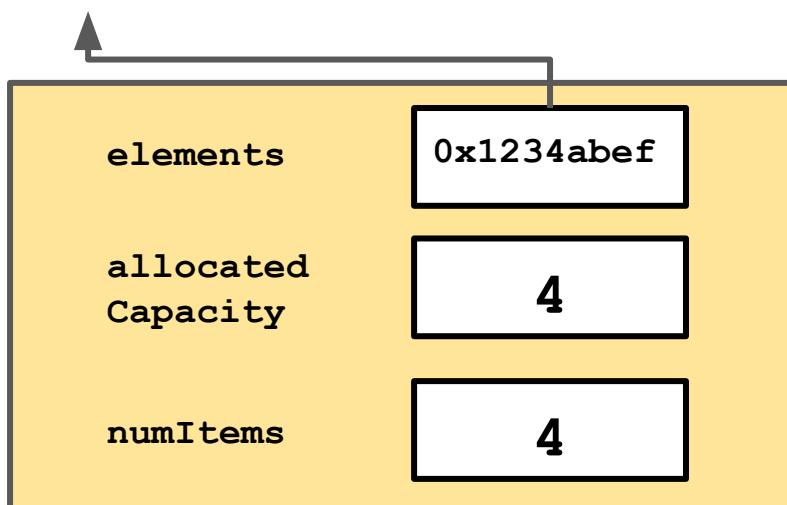
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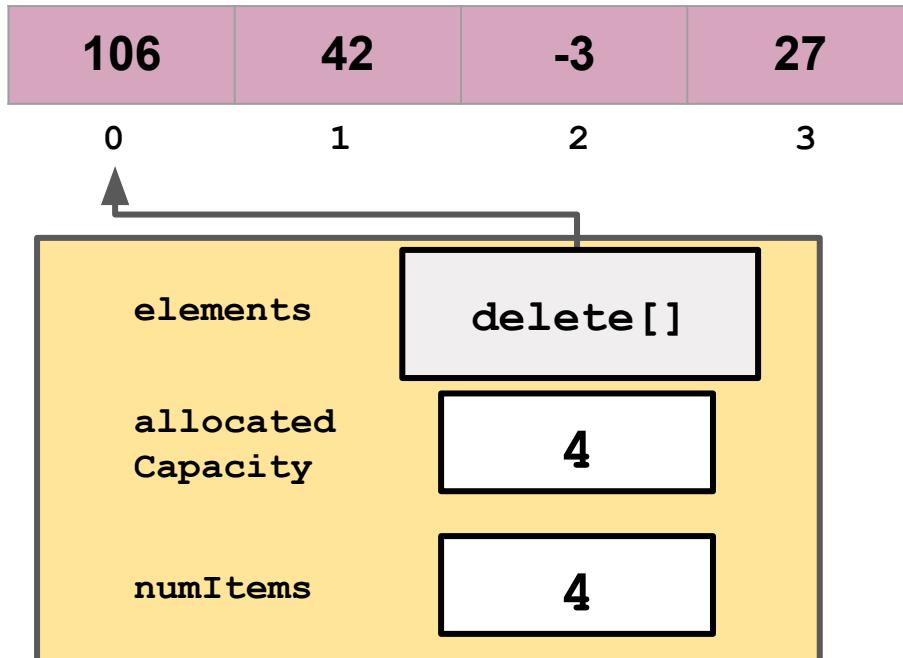
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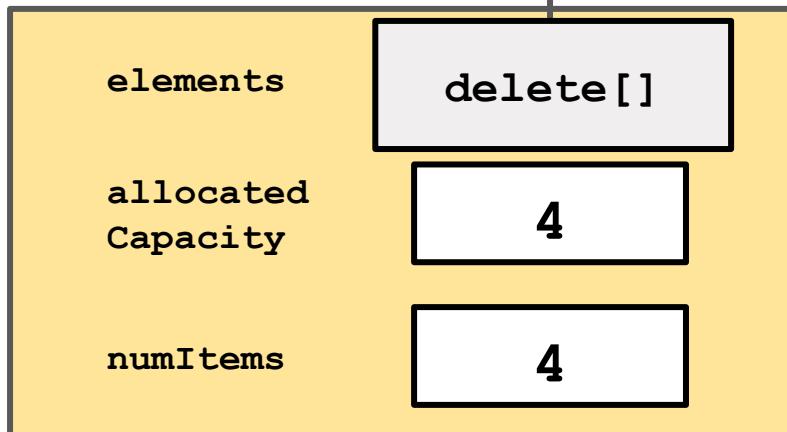
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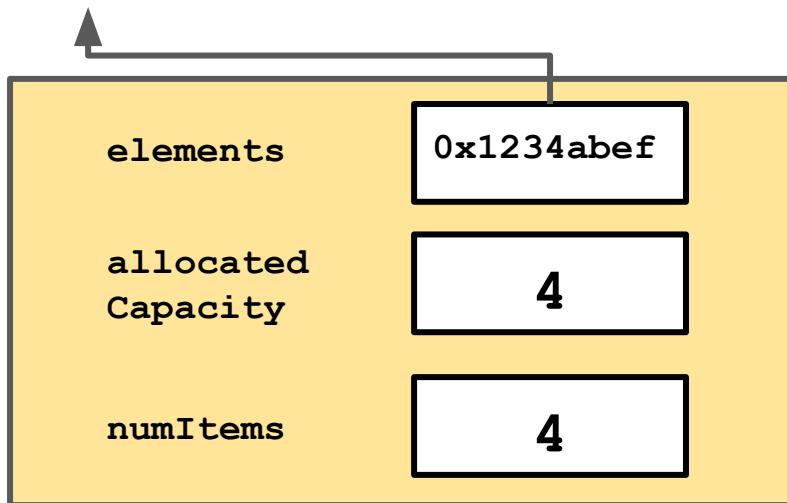
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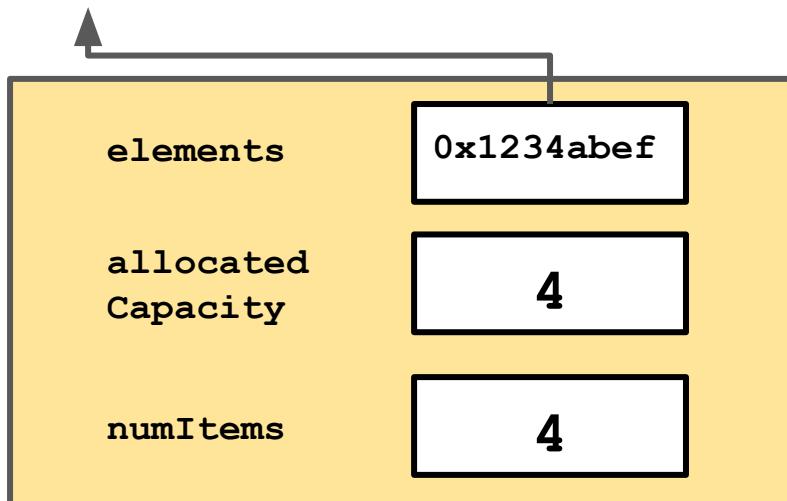
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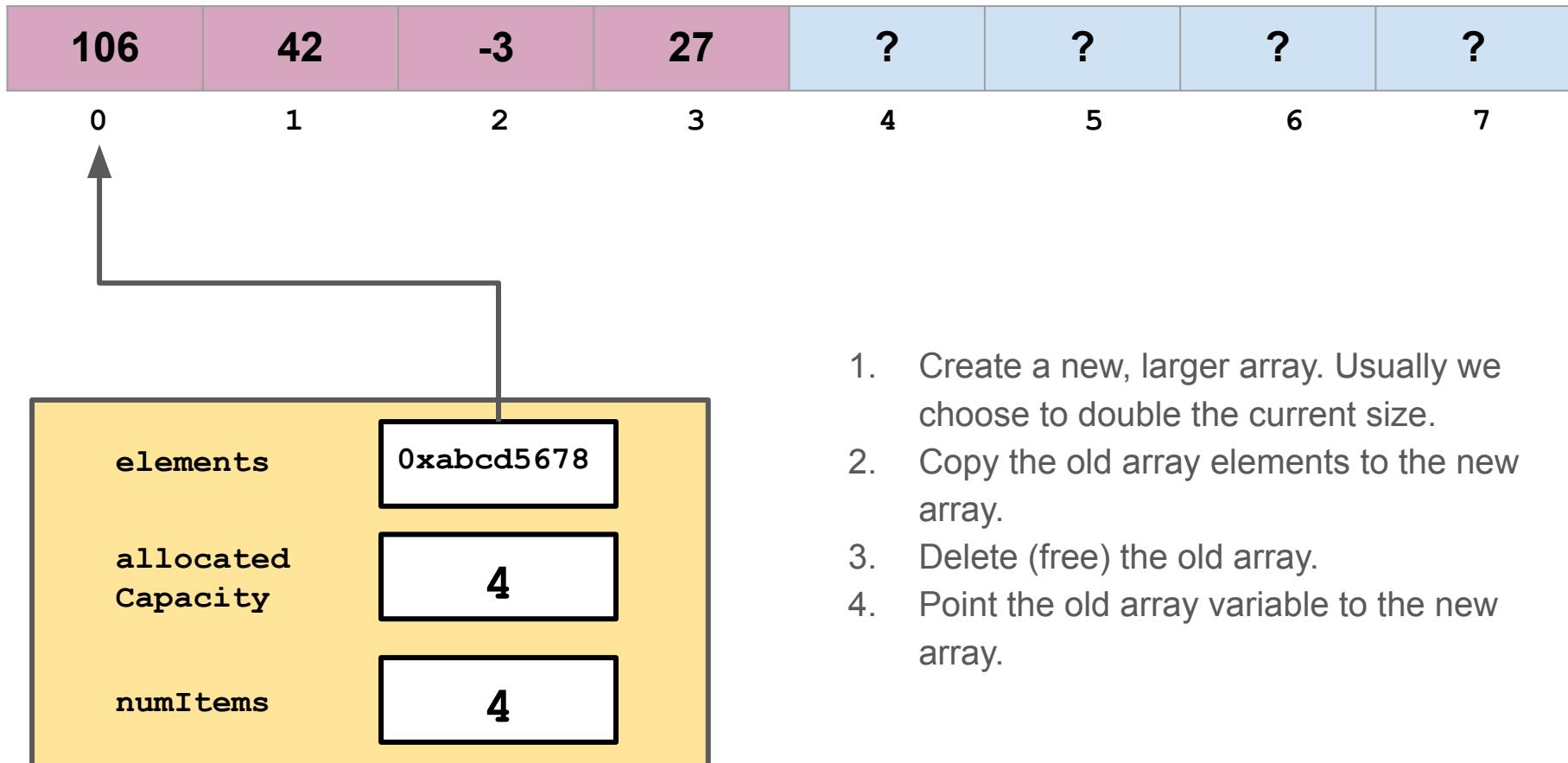


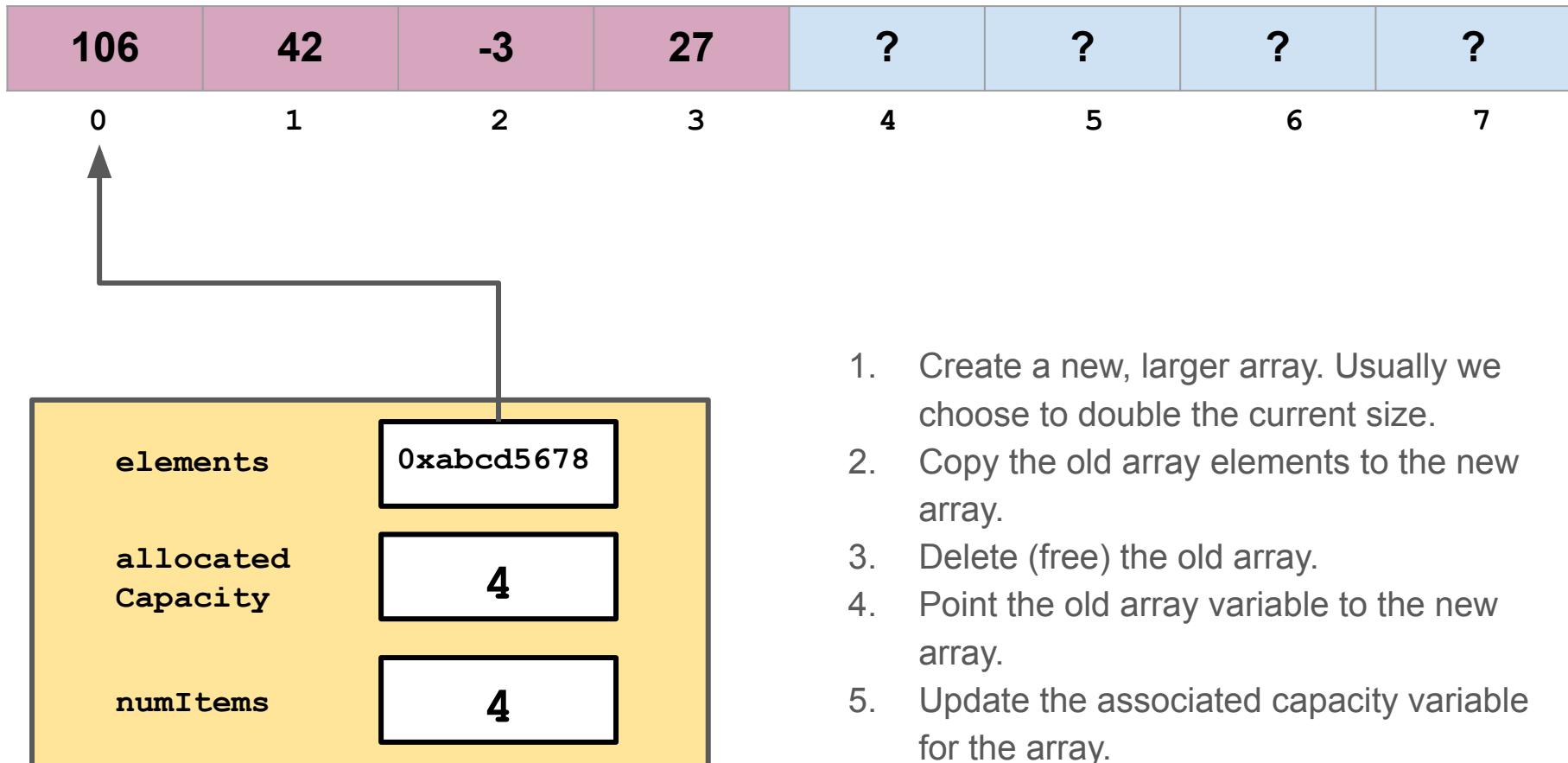
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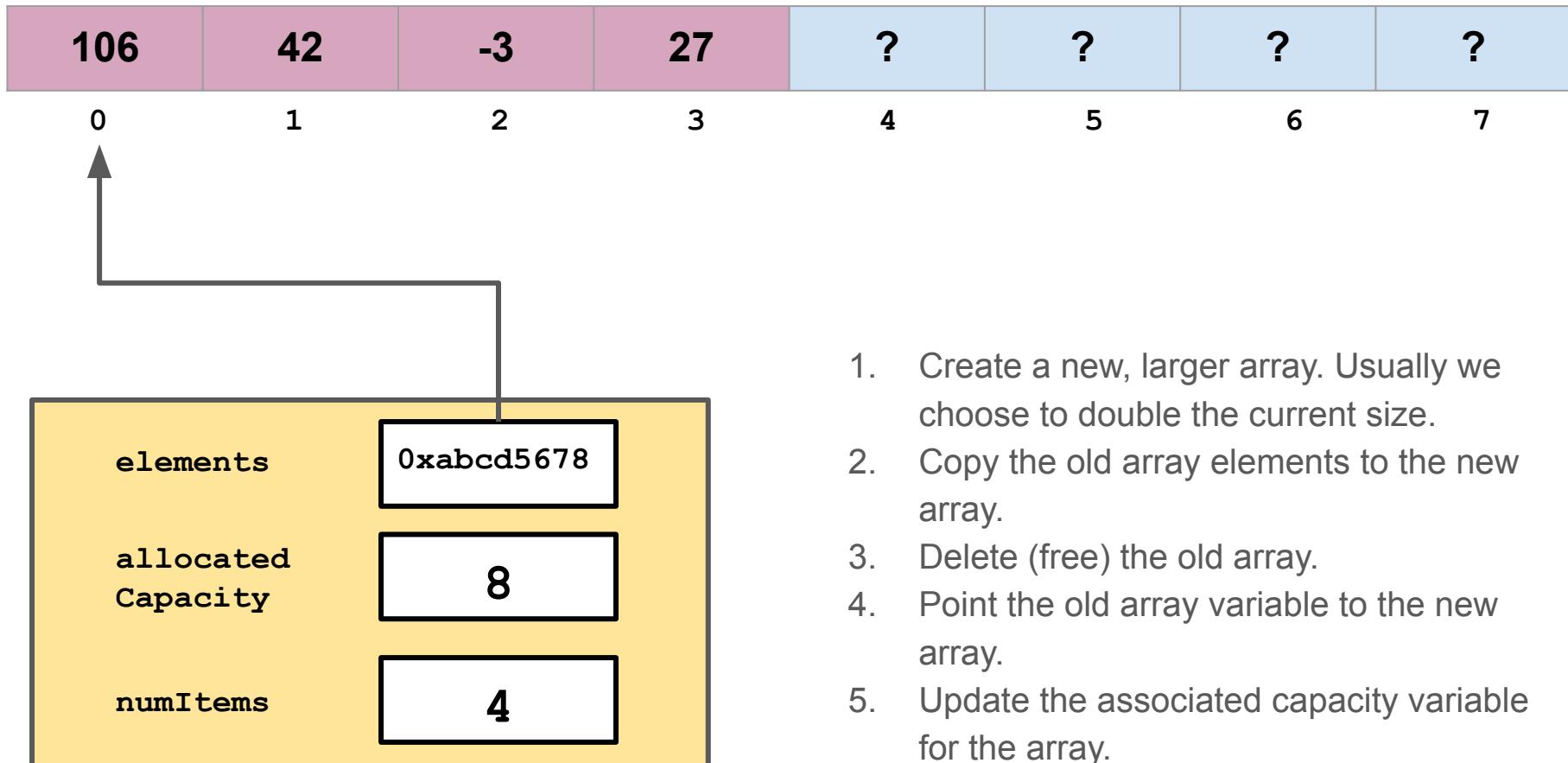
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Summary

Implementing ADT Classes

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- Most ADT classes will need to store their data in an underlying array. The organizational patterns of data in that array may vary, so it is important to illustrate and visualize the contents and any operations that may be done.
- The paradigm of "growable" arrays allows for fast and flexible containers with dynamic resizing capabilities that enable storage of large amounts of data.

expand()

a private helper function

What's next?



Roadmap

C++ basics

User/client

vectors + grids

stacks + queues

sets + maps

Core Tools

testing

Object-Oriented Programming



Implementation

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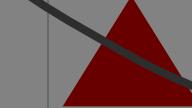
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