

Selection Sort

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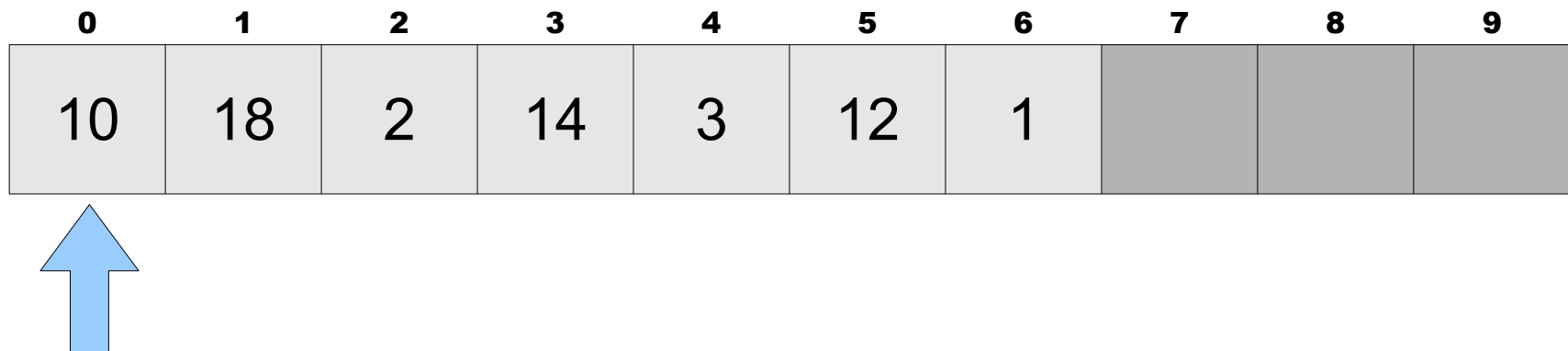
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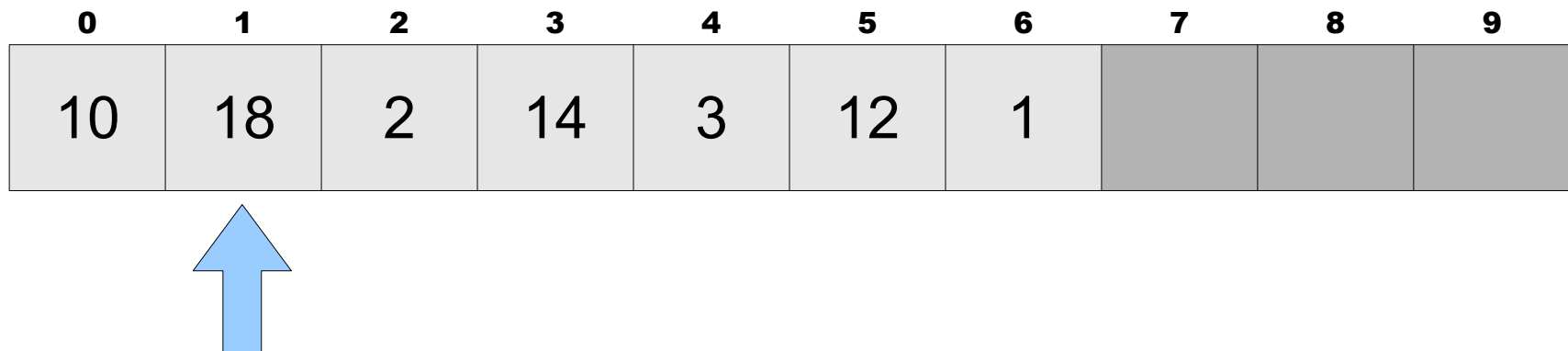
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Smallest element seen (so far): 10 (at index 0)

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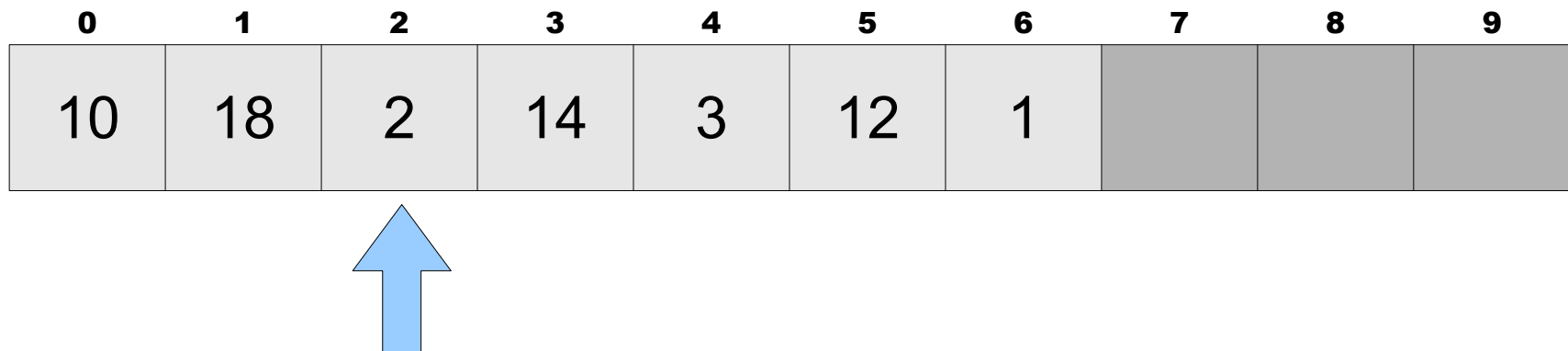
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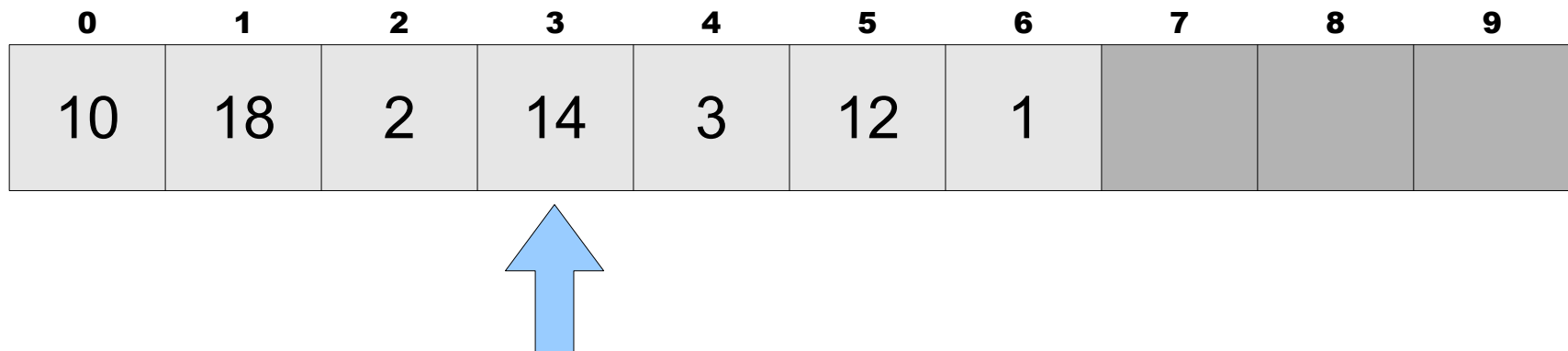
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Smallest element seen (so far): 2 (at index 2)

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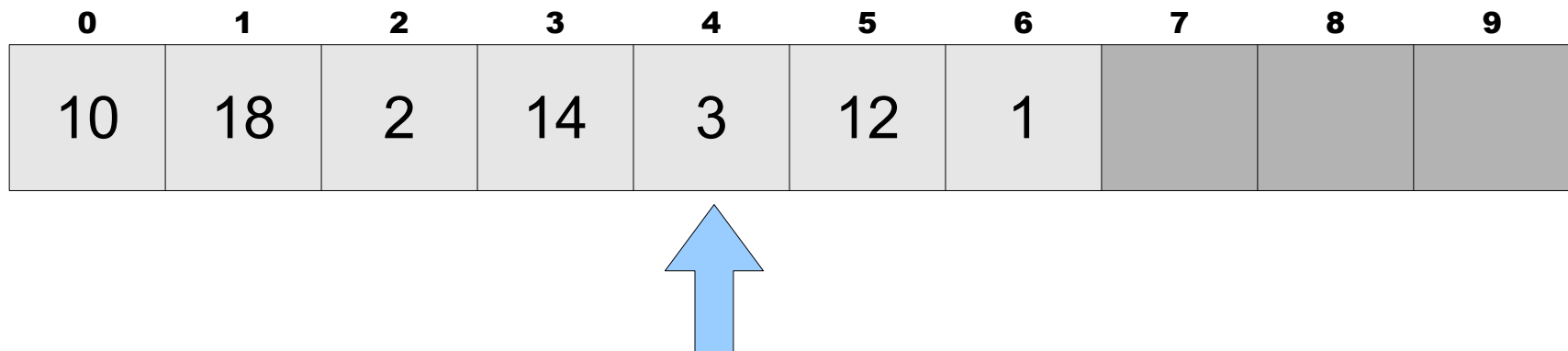
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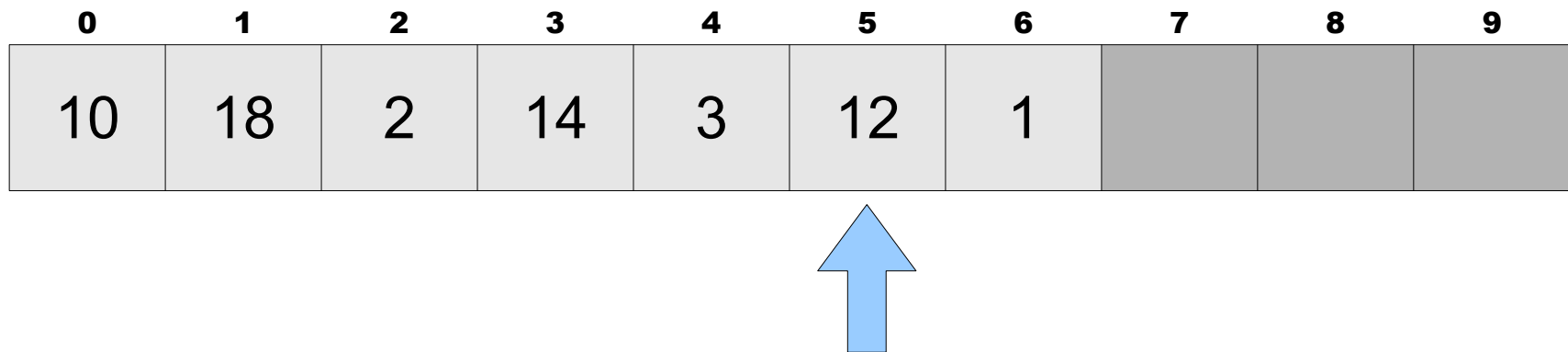
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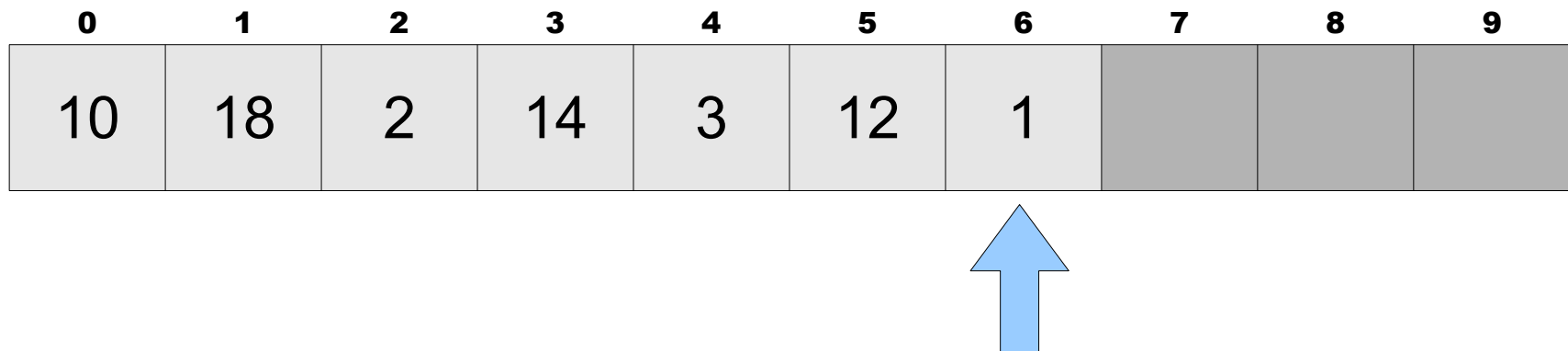
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Smallest element seen (so far): 1 (at index 6)

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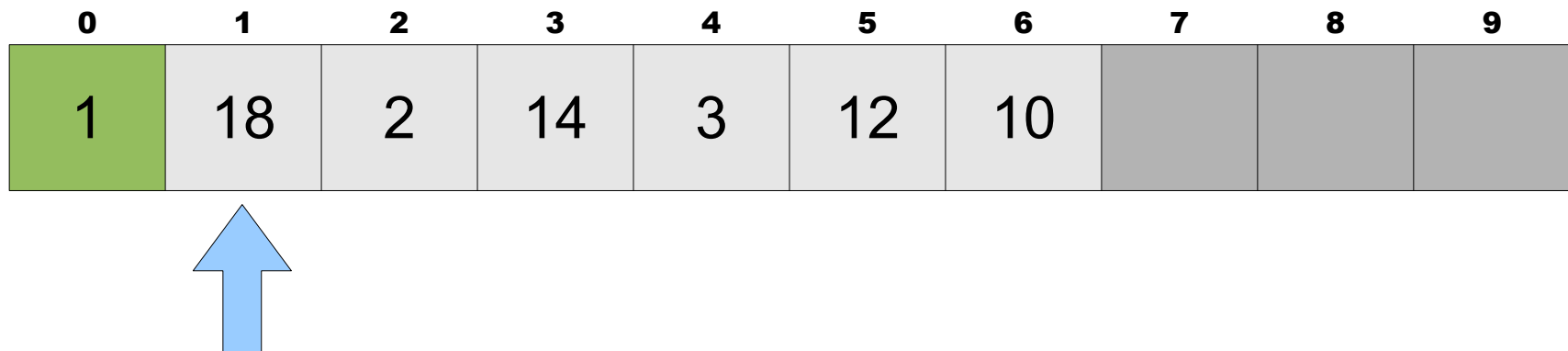
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Now repeat the process for the remaining **unsorted portion** of the vector.

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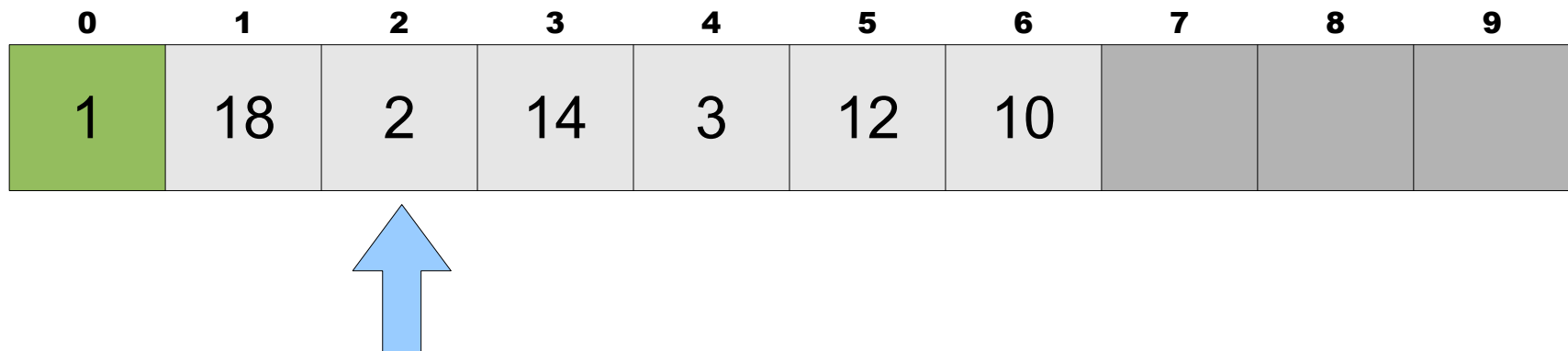
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Smallest element seen (so far): 18 (at index 1)

Selection Sort

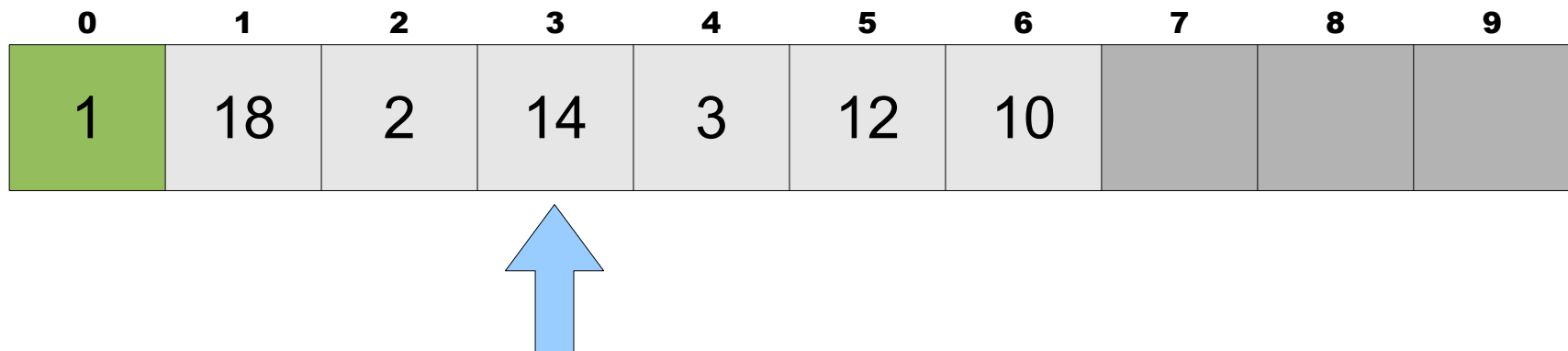
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Smallest element seen (so far): 2 (at index 2)

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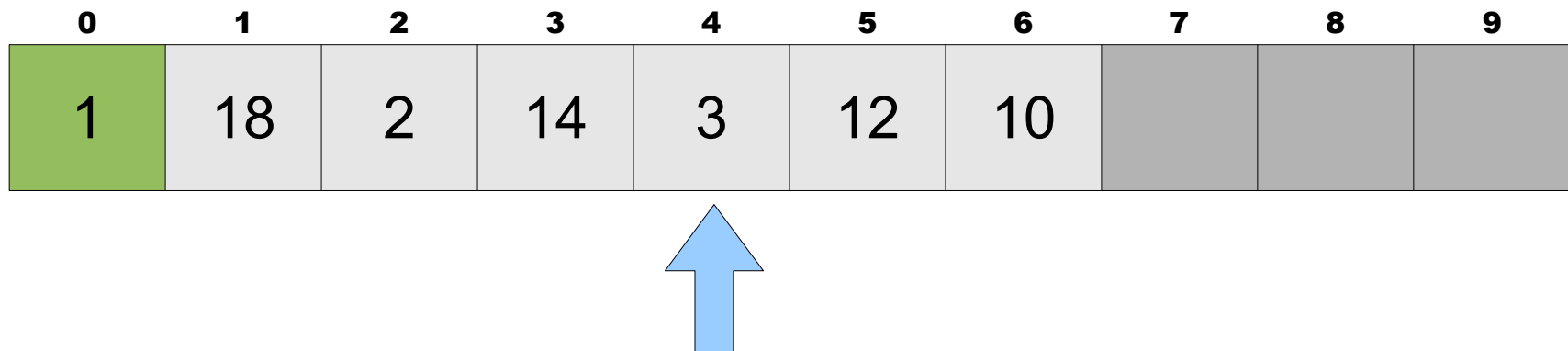
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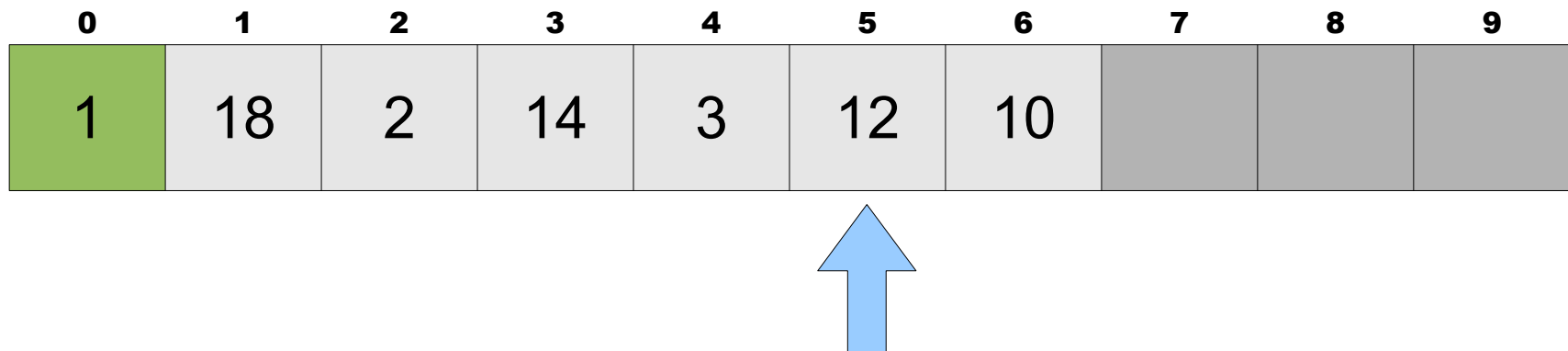
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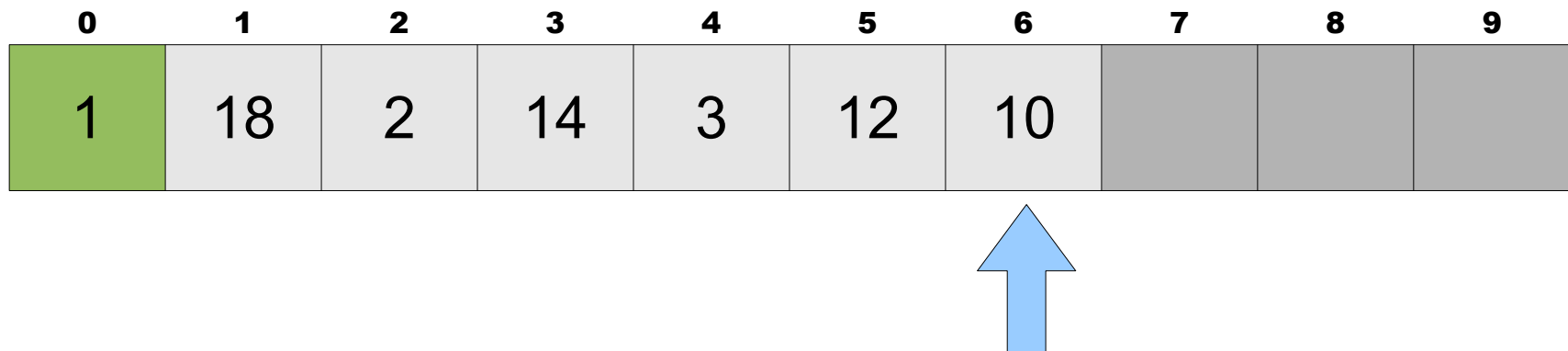
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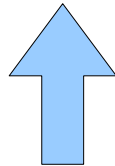
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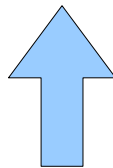
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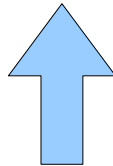
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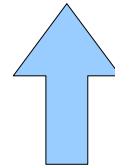
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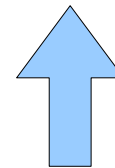
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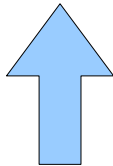
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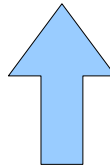
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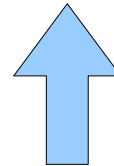
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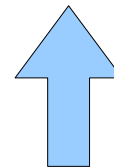
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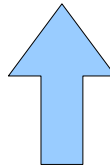
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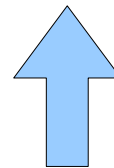
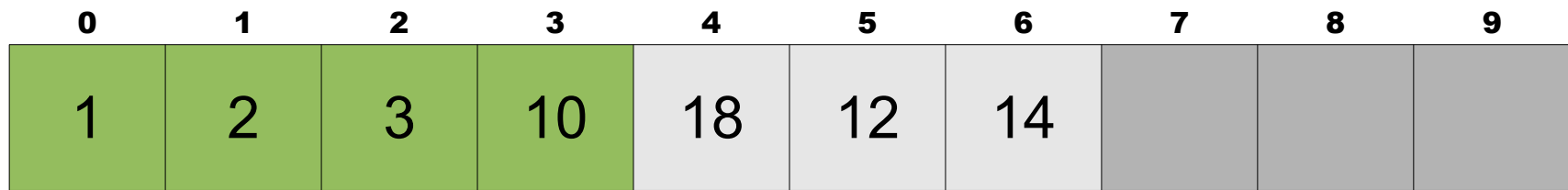


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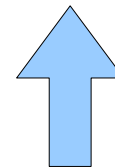
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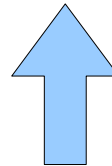
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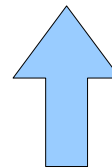
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1. What's the **worst-case** Big-Oh runtime?
2. What's the **best-case** Big-Oh runtime?
3. Show the vector after **each pass** of Selection Sort.

Selection Sort

(let's code it up)

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void selectionSort(Vector<int>& v)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < v.size() - 1; i++)
    {
        int minIndex = i;

        for (int j = i + 1; j < v.size(); j++)
        {
            if (v[j] < v[minIndex])
            {
                minIndex = j;
            }

            swap(v, i, minIndex);
        }
    }
}
```