

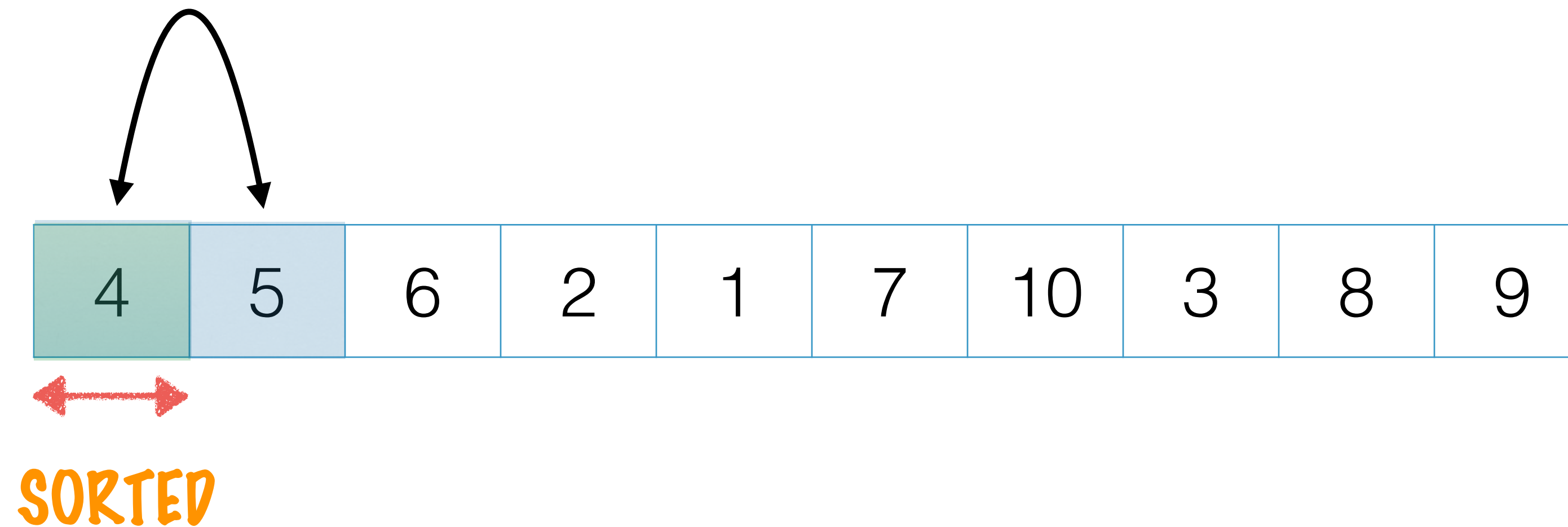
# INSERTION SORT

START WITH A SORTED  
SUB-LIST OF SIZE 1

INSERT THE NEXT  
ELEMENT INTO THE  
SORTED SUB-LIST AT THE  
RIGHT POSITION. NOW  
THE SORTED SUB-LIST  
HAS 2 ELEMENTS

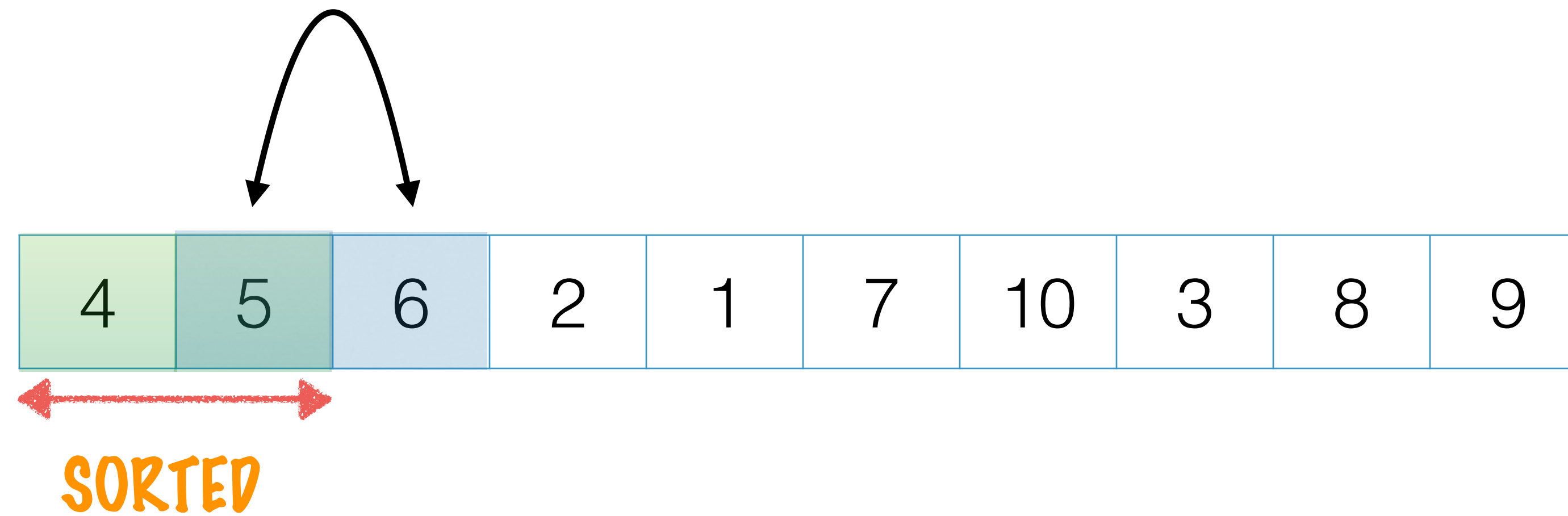
THIS CONTINUES TILL THE  
ENTIRE LIST IS SORTED.

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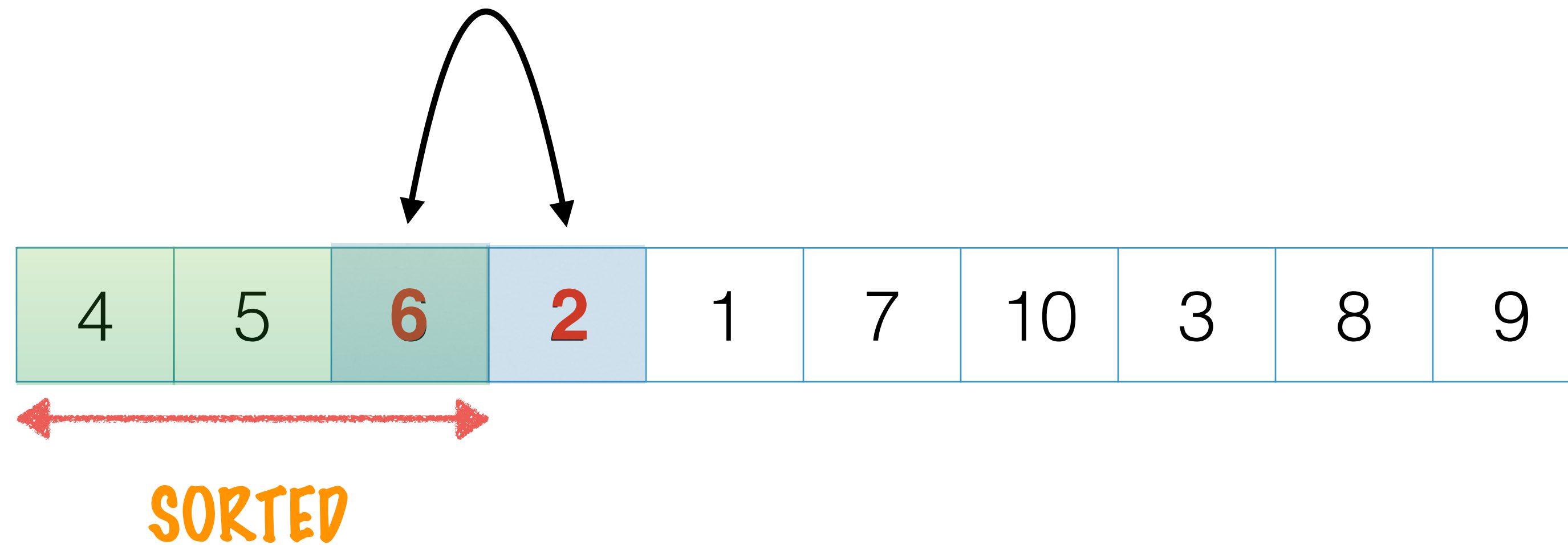


THE SORTED LIST STARTS  
WITH 1 ELEMENT, A LIST OF  
ONE ELEMENT IS ALWAYS  
SORTED

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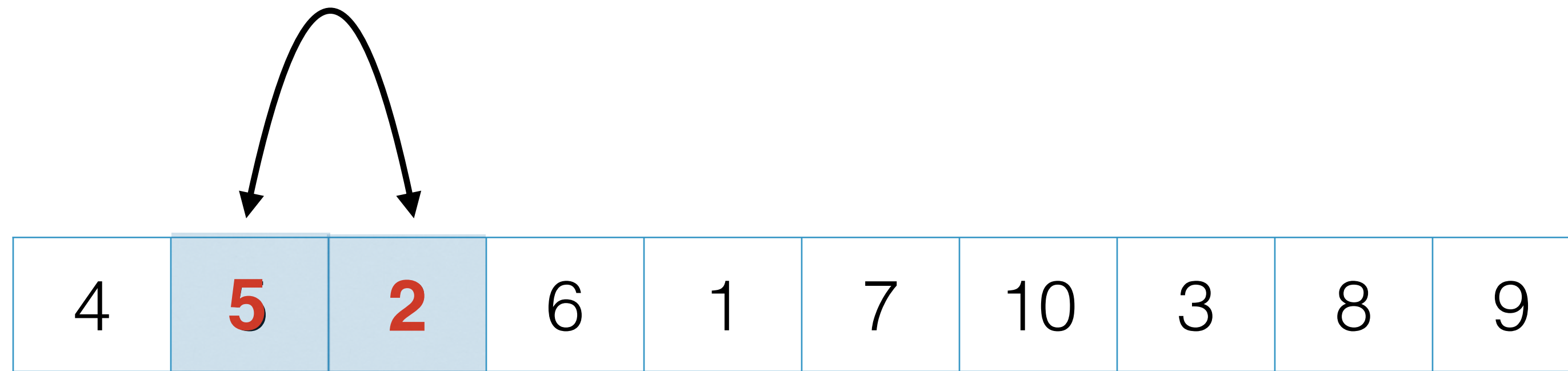


THE SIZE OF THE SORTED LIST IS  
SLOWLY INCREASING, IT NOW HAS 3  
ELEMENTS

# INSERTION SORT

4	5	2	6	1	7	10	3	8	9
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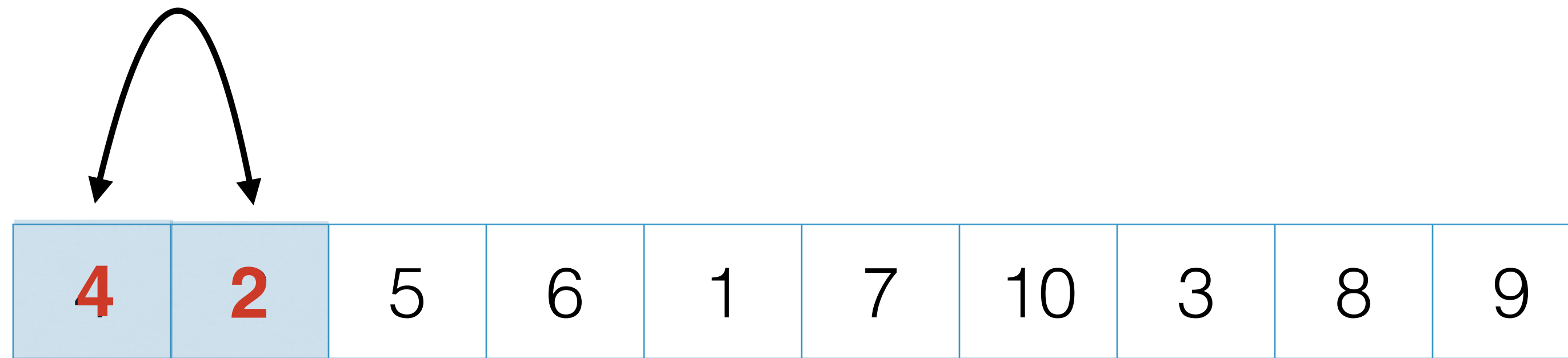
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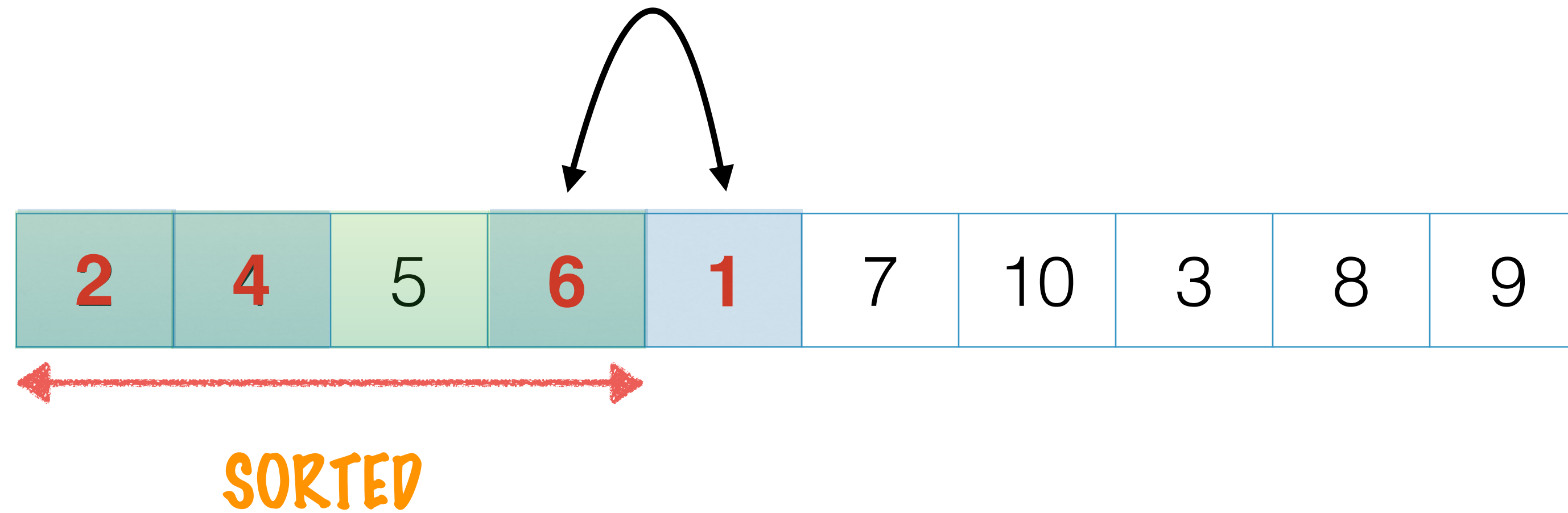
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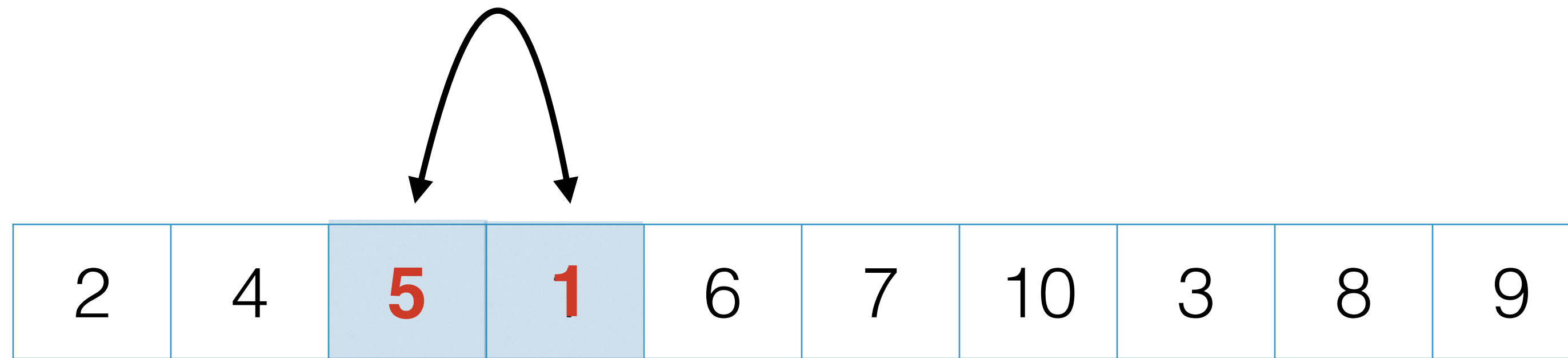
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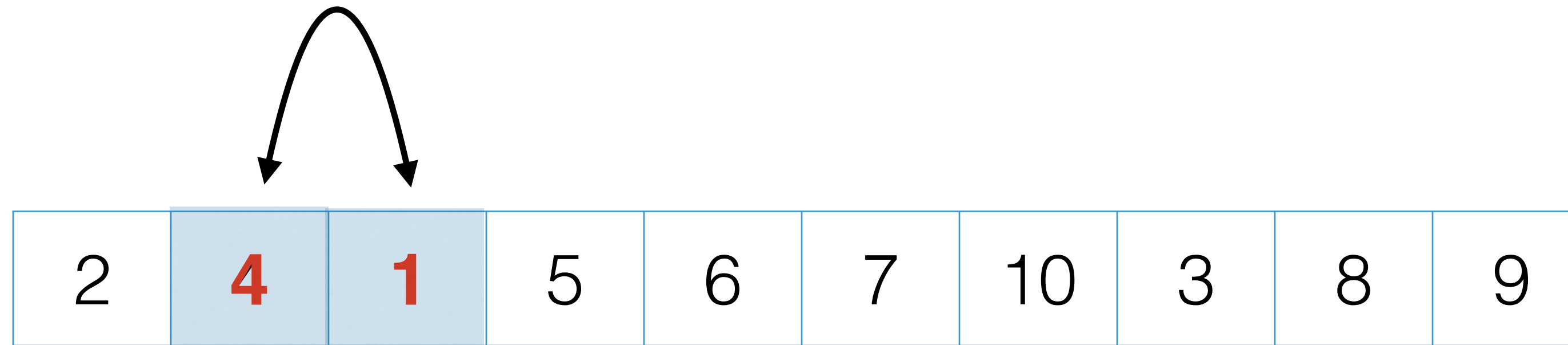
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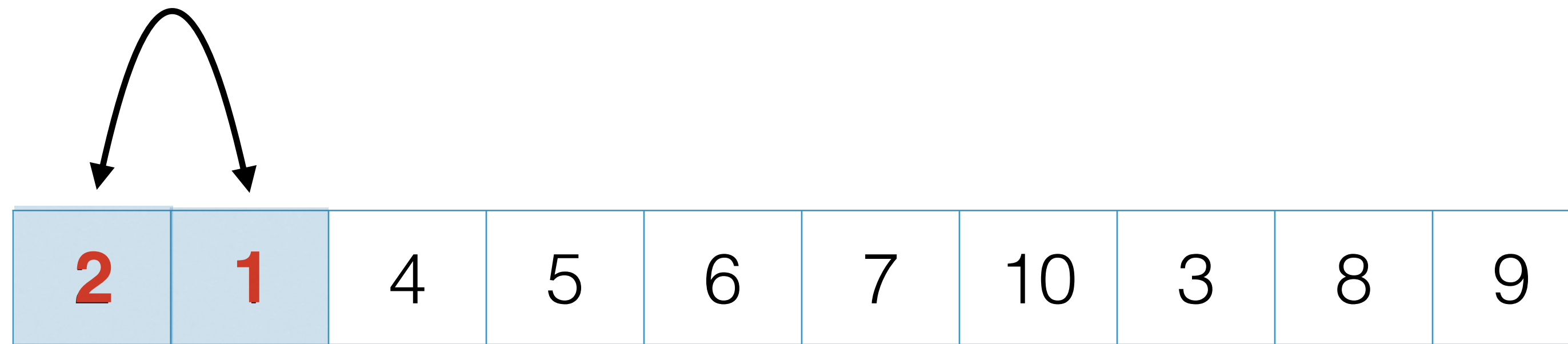
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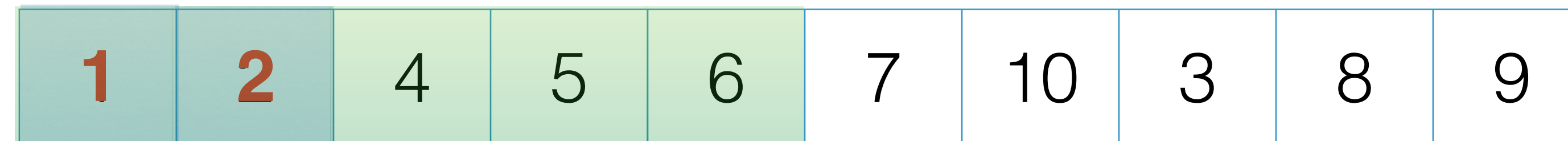
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SORTED



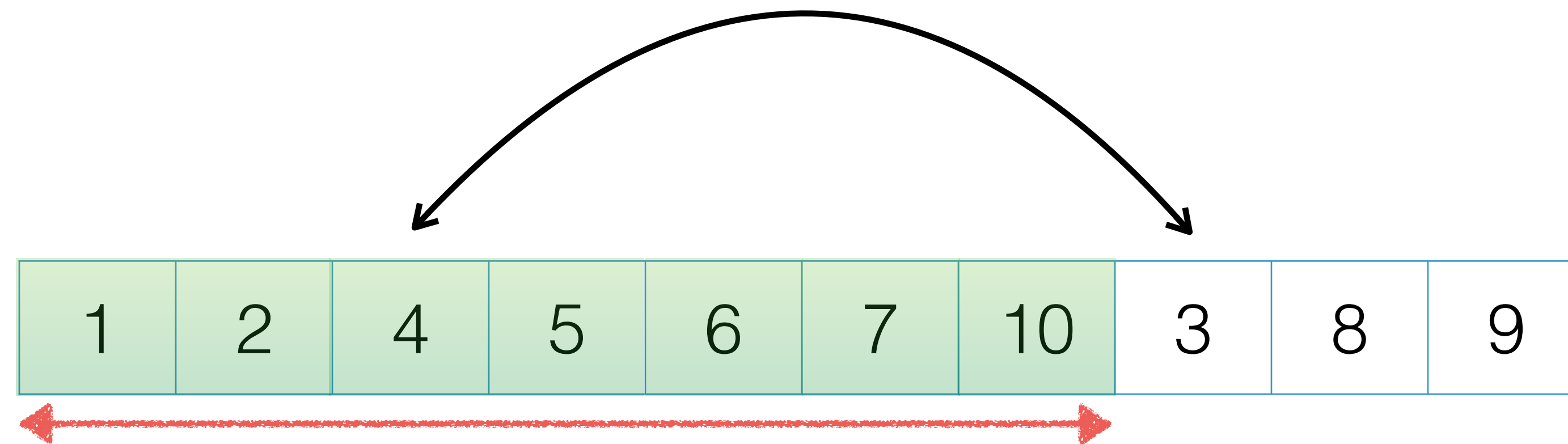
# INSERTION SORT

1	2	4	5	6	7	10	3	8	9
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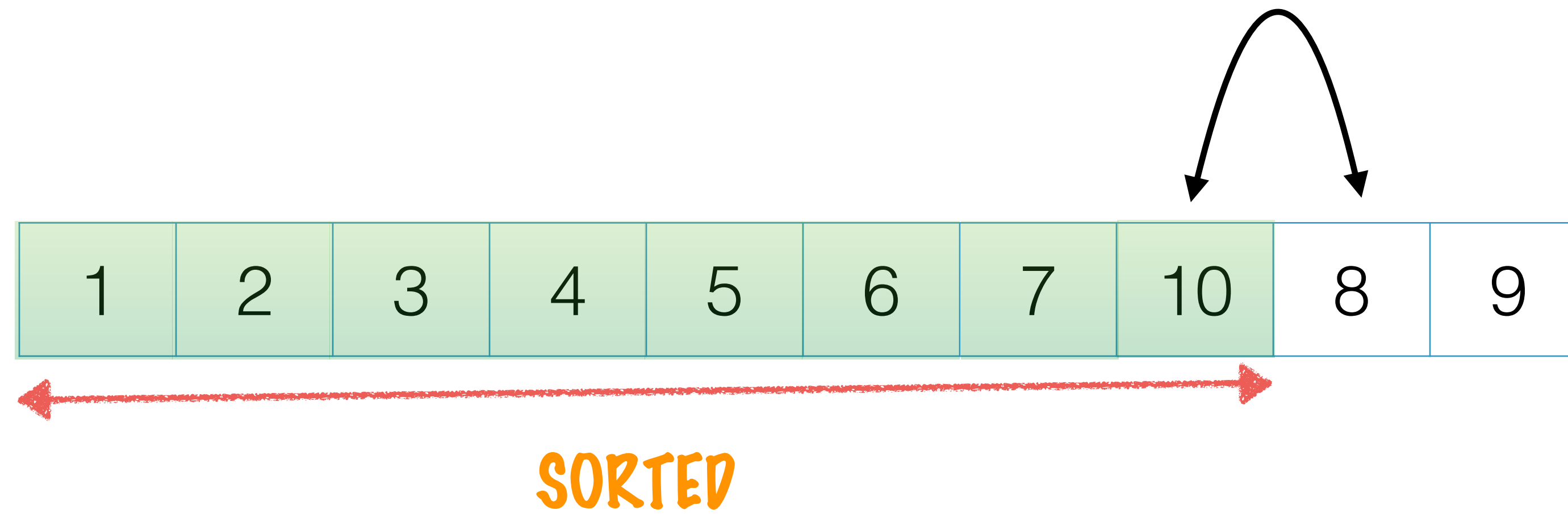
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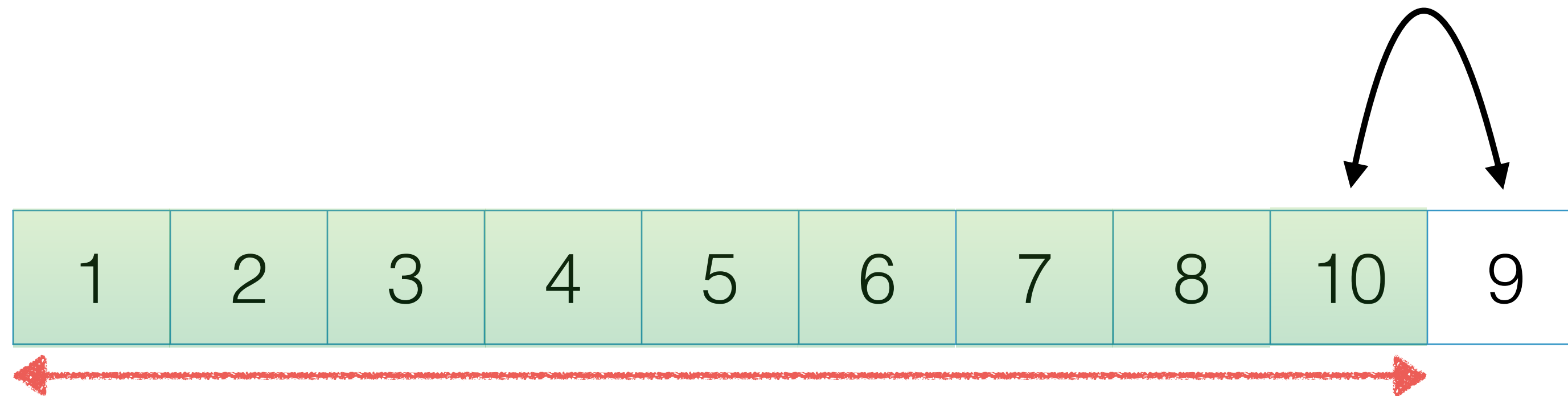


**SORTED**

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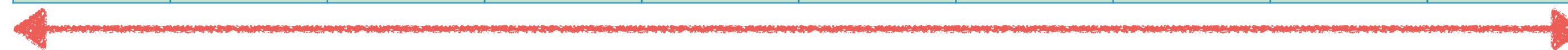
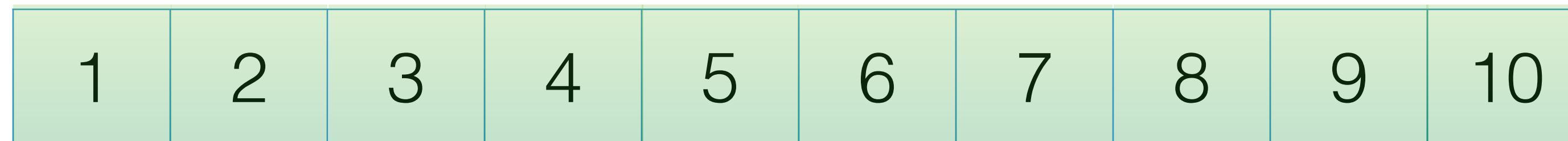


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SORTED

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**SORTED**

**THE LIST IS NOW  
FULLY SORTED!**

**BY INSERTING INTO A SORTED  
SUB-LIST AT EVERY STEP THE  
SUB-LIST SOON GROWS TO BE  
THE ENTIRE LIST**

# INSERTION SORT - CODE

GO UP TO THE SECOND  
TO LAST ELEMENT

```
public static void insertionSort(int[] listToSort) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < listToSort.length - 1; i++) {  
        for (int j = i + 1; j > 0; j--) {  
            if (listToSort[j] < listToSort[j - 1]) {  
                swap(listToSort, j, j - 1);  
            } else {  
                break;  
            }  
        }  
        print(listToSort);  
    }  
}
```

BUBBLE THE ELEMENT  
OUTSIDE THE SORTED SUB-  
LIST TO THE RIGHT  
POSITION

CONSIDER  
EVERYTHING UPTIL  
THE  $i$ th ELEMENT  
SORTED

IF NO SWAP WAS PERFORMED  
THE ELEMENT HAS BEEN MOVED  
TO THE RIGHT POSITION SO  
BREAK OUT OF THE LOOP

THIS SORT FIRST ASSUMES A SORTED LIST OF SIZE 1 AND INSERTS ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS IN THE RIGHT POSITION

IN THE WORST CASE (IF THE LIST IS ORIGINALLY SORTED IN DESCENDING ORDER) "N" ELEMENTS ARE CHECKED AND SWAPPED FOR EVERY SELECTED ELEMENT TO GET TO THE RIGHT POSITION

CHECKING "N" ELEMENTS FOR EACH OF "N" SELECTED ELEMENTS

**THE COMPLEXITY OF INSERTION SORT IS  $O(N^2)$**

IT IS A STABLE SORT - AS ENTITIES BUBBLE TO THE CORRECT POSITION IN THE SUBLIST THAT IS SORTED. THE LIST THE ORIGINAL ORDER OF ENTITIES ARE MAINTAINED FOR EQUAL ELEMENTS

IT TAKES  $O(1)$  EXTRA SPACE, IT SORTS IN PLACE

IT MAKES  $O(N^2)$  COMPARISONS AND  $O(N^2)$  SWAPS

THIS IS SIMILAR TO BUBBLE SORT, IT  
IS ADAPTIVE IN THAT NEARLY  
SORTED LISTS COMPLETE VERY  
QUICKLY

IT HAS VERY LOW OVERHEAD AND IS  
TRADITIONALLY THE SORT OF CHOICE WHEN  
USED WITH FASTER ALGORITHMS WHICH  
FOLLOW THE DIVIDE AND CONQUER  
APPROACH



# INSERTION SORT VS BUBBLE SORT

1. BUBBLE SORT REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL PASS OVER ALL ELEMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THE LIST IS FULLY SORTED
2. BUBBLE SORT HAS TO DO  $N$  COMPARISONS AT EVERY STEP. INSERTION SORT CAN STOP COMPARISON ELEMENTS WHEN THE RIGHT POSITION IN THE SORTED LIST IS FOUND
3. BUBBLE SORT PERFORMS POORLY WITH MODERN HARDWARE BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF WRITES AND SWAPS THAT IT PERFORMS. RESULTS IN CACHE MISSES SO HAS GREATER OVERHEAD THAN INSERTION SORT