

Dynamic Storage Exercise

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```
int i;  
while (std::cin >> i) ...
```

reads inputs as long as there are more available.

Write a code snippet which reads inputs as described above, and which then stores these inputs in an array. For this exercise you are not allowed to use the Standard Library (i.e. **no** `std::vector`).

To achieve this you will have to use `new []` and `delete []`.

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- And the code...

```
int n = 1; // current array size
int k = 0; // number of elements read so far

// dynamically allocate array
int* a = new int[n]; // this time, n is NOT a constant

// read into the array
while (std::cin >> a[k]) {
    if (++k == n) {
        // next element wouldn't fit; replace the array a by
        // a new one of twice the size
        int* b = new int[n*=2]; // get pointer to new array
        for (int i=0; i<k; ++i) // copy old array to new one
            b[i] = a[i];
        delete[] a; // delete old array
        a = b; // let a point to new array
    }
}

...

delete[] a; // don't forget to delete after use
```

New Range - How Much Larger?

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- "Much" larger?
 - Pro: ranges less often full → copy less often
 - Con: larger memory consumption

- Important: Larger by a **factor**, not by a **constant**...
 - $\text{length}_n = \text{length}_o * 2$
 - $\text{length}_n = \text{length}_o + 2$

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Factor 2 is an arbitrary, but good choice.

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- Vectors can grow!

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- This works as discussed before!

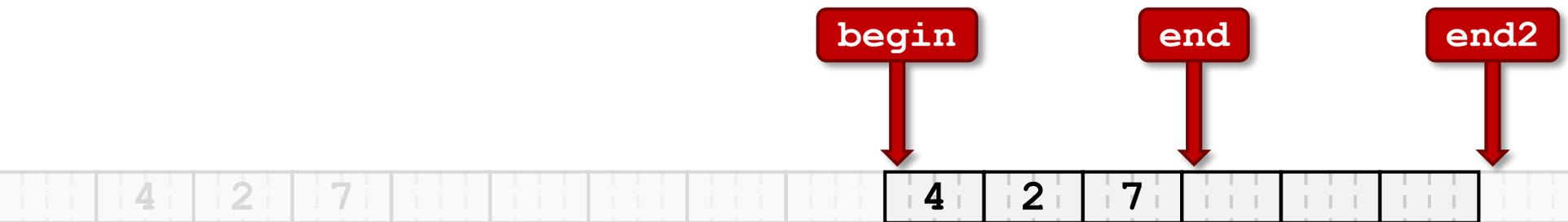
Dynamic Storage in Vectors

- Vectors store 3 pointers:

begin: begin of memory

end: end of *user-accessible* part

end2: end of allocated part



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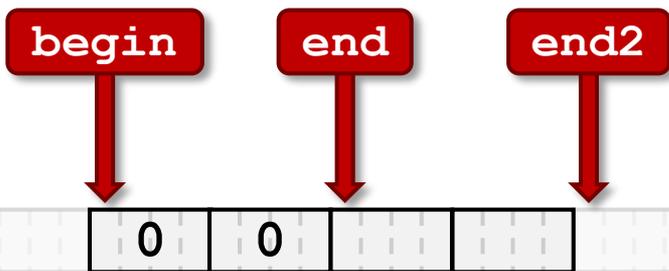
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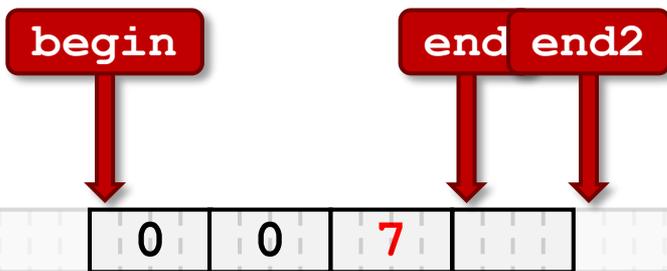
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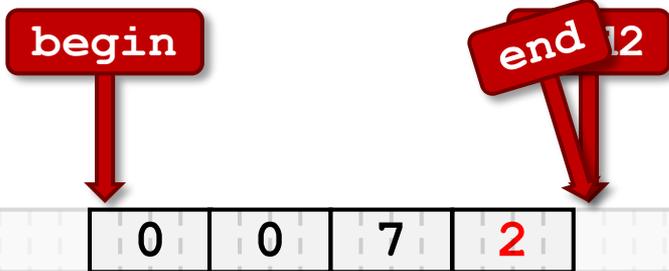
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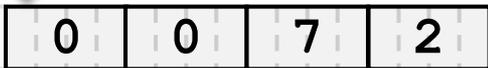
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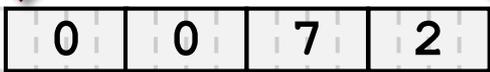
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Space full
Now:
copy range

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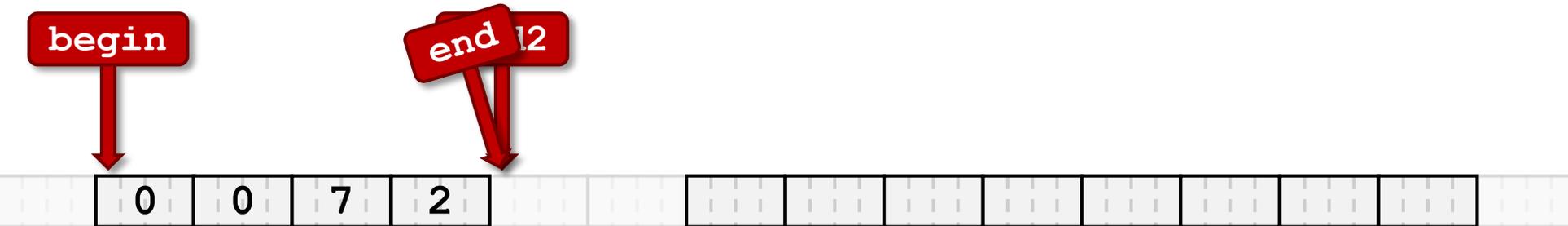
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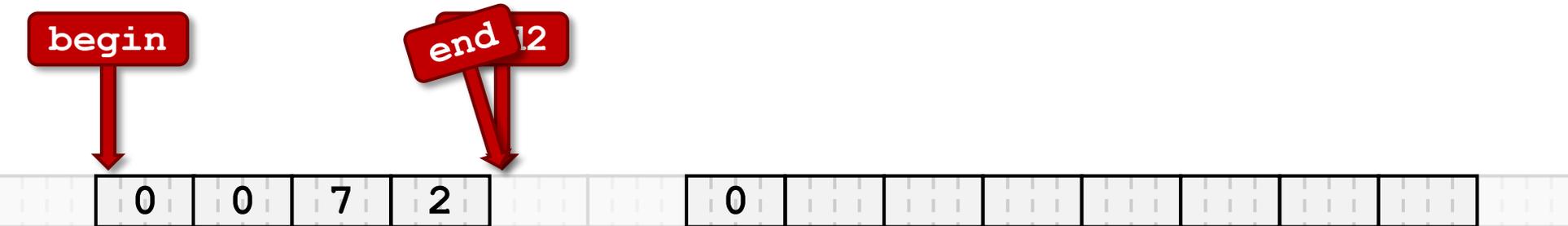
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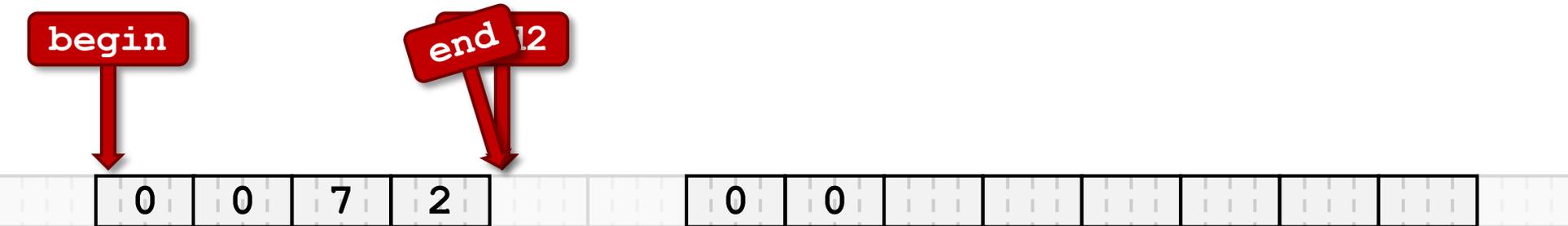
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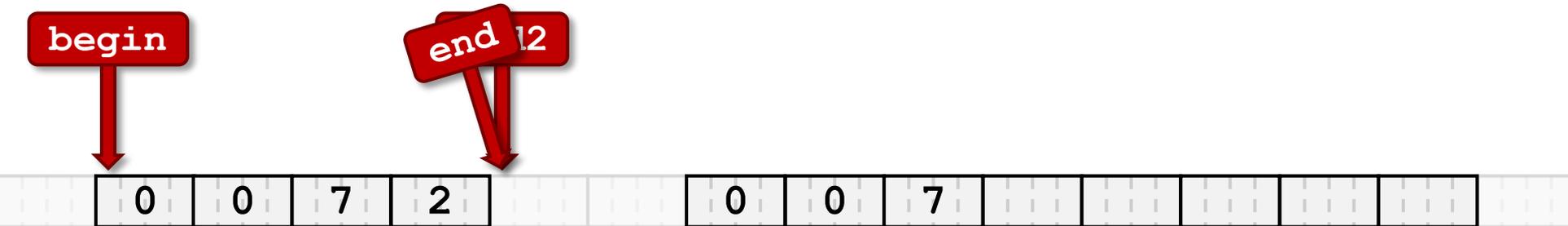
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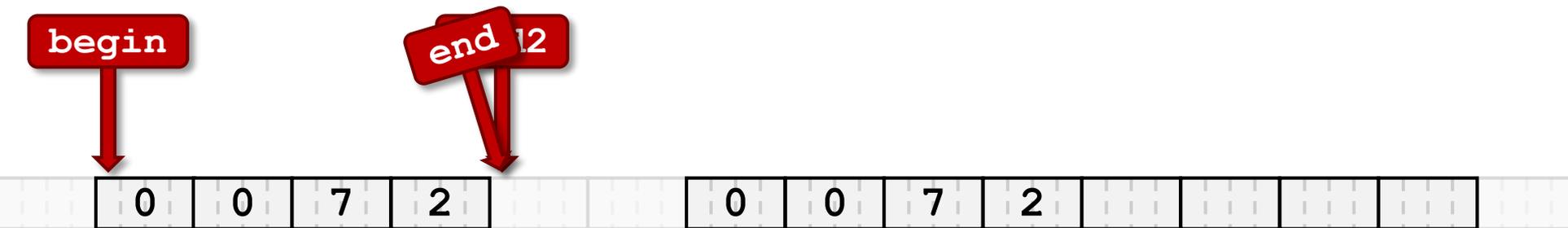
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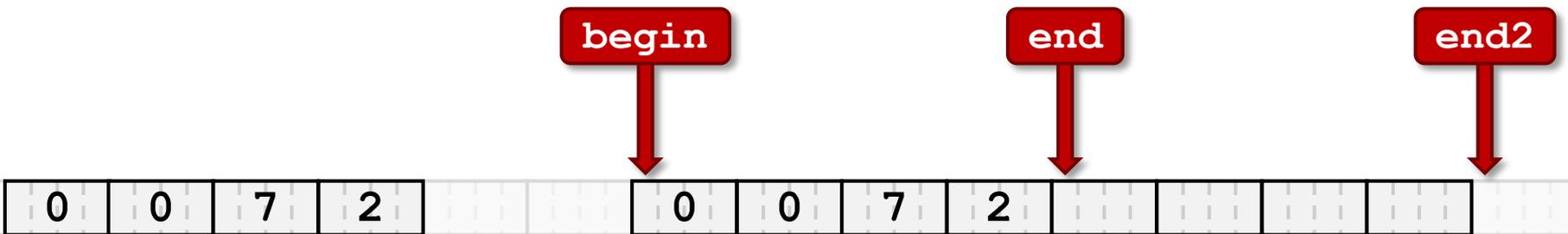
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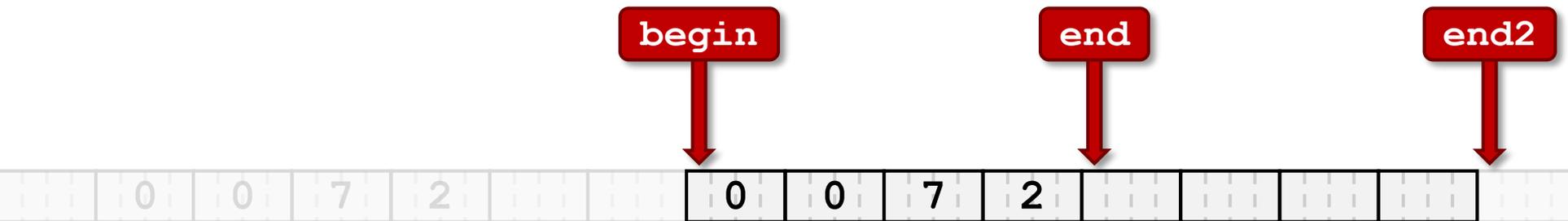
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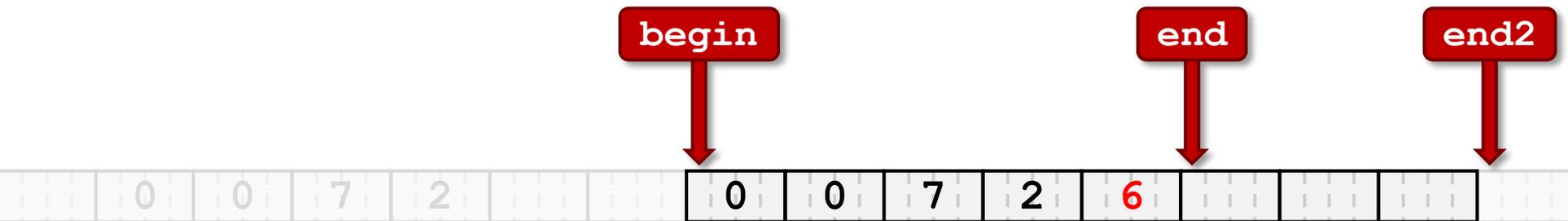
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- Exercise sheet 12: implement your own vector type.
- Important:
 - **In constructor** Set initial range
 - **In copy-constructor** Don't copy just pointers;
i.e. copy the ranges behind them
 - **In operator=** Like copy-constructor, in addition:
 - i) prevent self-assignments
 - ii) don't forget to delete old range