**Algorithms**

**Linear Search**

It is a straightforward algorithm that checks every element in the list or array until it finds the target value. If the element is found, the algorithm returns its index. If the list doesn’t contain the element, it indicates that as well. This method doesn’t require the list to be sorted and is very intuitive. However, its simplicity comes at the cost of efficiency, especially with large datasets, as it has time complexity of O(n).

**Binary Search**

It is a divide-and-conquer search algorithm that finds the position of a target value within a sorted array. Binary search compares the target value to the middle element of the array, if they are not equal, the half in which the target is eliminated, and the search continues on the remaining half until the target is found or the search space is empty.

This method requires the array to be sorted beforehand and has a time complexity of O(log n).

**Bubble Sort**

It is one of the simplest sorting algorithms that works by repeatedly stepping through the list to be sorted, comparing each pair of adjacent items, and swapping them if they are in the wrong order. The pass through the list is repeated until no swaps are needed, which means the list is sorted. The algorithm gets its name because smaller elements bubble to the top of the list (beginning) with each iteration.

Despite its simplicity, bubble sort is not suitable for large datasets as its average and worst-case complexity are both O(n2)

**Selection Sort**

It is a straightforward sorting algorithm the list into two parts, sorted and unsorted. It repeatedly selects the smallest (or largest, depending on sorting order) element from the unsorted segment and moves it to the end of the sorted segment. Though not efficient on large lists compared to more advanced algorithms like Quick Sort, Merge Sort, or Heap Sort, its simplicity makes it easy to understand and implement. The algorithms have a time complexity of O(n2 ).

Here's the step-by-step process:

1. Start with the entire list as the unsorted section.
2. Find the smallest element in the unsorted section of the list.
3. Swap this smallest element with the first element of the unsorted section.
4. Shrink the unsorted section of the list by one from the left, and if any element is left unsorted, repeat from step2.

The name selection sort comes from this process of selecting the next smallest (or largest) element from the unsorted section of the list and then swapping it into place. This selection process is repeated until the entire list is sorted.

The selection sort algorithm has a time complexity of O(n2) in all cases, this makes it inefficient for larger lists compared to more advanced sorting algorithms like merger sort or quicksort.

**Insertion Sort**

It is a simple and efficient comparison-based sorting algorithm. It builds the final sorted array (or list) one item at a time. The algorithm iterates through the input elements and removes one element in each iteration, finds the location it belongs to in the already sorted section of the array, and inserts it there. This process repeats until no unsorted elements remain.

The algorithm is efficient for small data sets and even larger datasets where the data is mostly sorted. It is stable, adaptive, and has an average and worst-case complexity of O(n2).

**Why is more efficient:**

* Fewer Swaps: Insertion sort generally performs fewer swaps compared to bubble sort, especially if the elements are nearly sorted. Each insertion operation can move an element directly to its position, whereas bubble sort swaps adjacent elements, which can be less efficient.
* Adaptive: Insertion sort is adaptive, meaning its efficiency increases if the input is partially or nearly sorted. It can achieve linear time complexity on an almost sorted list.
* Better Best Case: The best-case time complexity of insertion sort is O(n), which is significantly better than the best case of bubble sort, which is also O(n2) in its traditional implementation.