

7. DELETE ELEMENT AT POSITION IN AN ARRAY

APPROACH:

Suppose we have size = 5 and

And indices: $a[0]$, $a[1]$, $a[2]$, $a[3]$ and $a[4]$.

And we want to delete element at index: 2

Which means we have to delete index : 2 too.

Then we go through a process of Swapping:

$a[2 - 1 = 1] = a[2 + 1 = 3] \rightarrow \text{elem: } 3$

$a[3 - 1 = 2] = a[3 + 1 = 4] \rightarrow \text{elem: } 4$

$a[4 - 1 = 3] = a[4 + 1 = 5] \rightarrow \text{elem: } 5$

And $a[0]$ will be remain untouched.

Then we decrement the size:

size = size - 1 , now size is 4, traversal will

take place from $a[0] = 1$, $a[1] = 3$, $a[2] = 4$,

and $a[3] = 5$.

PROGRAM:

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for (int i = pos-1 ; i <size-1; i++)
{
    a[i] = a[i + 1];
}
size=size-1;
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TIME COMPLEXITY OF DELETE ELEMENT AT POSITION IN AN ARRAY

As, loop goes from position – 1 to size – 1 i. e.

*1 to n times = $O(n)$ and size decreased is: size – 1
= $O(1)$, hence total: $O(n) + O(1) = O(n)$.*
