

7. DELETE ELEMENT AT POSITION IN AN ARRAY

APPROACH:

Suppose we have size = 5 and

And indices: $a[0] = 1, a[1] = 2, a[2] = 3, a[3] = 4$ and $a[4] = 5$.

And we want to delete element at index: 2 i. e. $a[2]$.

Then we go through a process of Shifting to Left:

$a[2] = a[3] \rightarrow$ elem: 3 at $a[3]$ copied to $a[2]$

$a[3] = a[4] \rightarrow$ elem: 4 at $a[4]$ copied to $a[3]$

And $a[0], a[1]$ will be remain untouched.

Then we decrement the size:

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

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

and $a[3] = 5$.

Thus when there is: 5 elements , loop will run 2 times and if it starts from $a[i]$ then i starts from pos = 2[index to be deleted] [lower bound of for loop] and it will go from 2, 3 i. e. $i < 5 - 1$ [upper bound of for loop i. e. size - 1].

PROGRAM:

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for (int i = pos ; 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

1. Best Case: —

When , $Pos = Size - 1$, say $size = 5$ and $pos = 4$, then:

for($i = 4$; $i < 4 - 1 = 3$ i.e. 2 ; $i++$) is false , hence :

loop fails to run .

i.e ., last element to be deleted hence just size gets adjusted, hence : $\Omega(1)$.

2. Worst Case:

When we have to delete 1st element i.e. $a[0]$, it runs from

0, 1, 2, 3, ..., $n - 2$ or 1 to $n - 1$ i.e. $n - 1$ shift.

i.e. 1 unit of time at first shift + 1 unit of time at second

shift + 1 unit of time at third shift + ... $n - 1$ times = $n - 1$.

Hence , $O(n - 1) = O(n)$.

3. Average Case:

→ deletion for $a[0] = 0$ to $n - 2 = n - 1$ shift.

→ deletion for $a[1] = 1$ to $n - 2 = n - 2$ shift.

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→ deletion for $a[n - 2] = n - 2$ to $n - 2 = 1$ shift

→ deletion for $a[n - 1] =$ 0 shift

$$i.e. 0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n - 2 + n - 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i$$

$$= a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i$$

$$= 0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

And probability of deleting each element is

$$\text{equally likely} = \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right)$$

Applying Big Theta we get:

$$\approx \Theta \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx \Theta \left(\frac{n}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx \Theta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) - \Theta \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx \Theta \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \times \Theta(n)$$

$$\approx \Theta(n)$$
