

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**

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

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

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

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

And probability of deleting each element is

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:

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

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

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

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

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

$$\approx \Theta(n)$$
