HDSE 222

Data Structures and Algorithms Practice P1 – Array As data structure

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Java - Arrays

Declaring an array
 int[] arr; // reference
 arr = new int[100]; // make array
 Or
 int[] arr = new int[100];

Arrays have a "length" field to find the length of the array. int arrLength = arr.length;

It is the total number of bytes allocated for the array and not the number of elements that you may have put in it!

Java – Initializing and Accessing array elements

- Java integer array elements are automatically initialized to zero at declaration.
- Also it is possible to assign values at initialization.

```
int[] arr2 = {2, 5, 4, 3, 23, 43, 55, 33};
```

- Insertion: Assign a value to an array element arr[55] = 23;
- Access the content of an array element.

```
int temp = arr[40];
```

Array class

- Create a class to define the size and methods for your array
- Number of elements are kept in a separate variable for better operation.

```
class MyArray {
   private double[] a; // ref to array a
   private int nElems; // number of data items

public MyArray(int max){ // constructor
        a = new double[max]; // create the array
        nElems = 0; // no items yet
   }
}
```

Inserting elements to the array class

• Elements are inserted by using a special method rather than using direct assignment.

```
public void insert(double value) // put element into array
{
    a[nElems] = value; // insert it
    nElems++; // increment size
}
```

Array traverse

• Access and display the array elements exactly once!

Search for an element

- Since the number of elements are known the search is only performed for the number of elements in the array, not for the entire length of the array.
- Searching element by element sequentially or linearly

```
public boolean find(double searchKey) { // find specified value
   int j;
   for (j = 0; j < nElems; j++) // for each element,
        if (a[j] == searchKey) // found item?
        break; // exit loop before end
   if (j == nElems) // gone to end?
        return false; // yes, can't find it
   else
        return true; // no, found it
} // end find()</pre>
```

Deleting an Array element

Search for the element first and if found, then shift the latter elements one position higher.

```
public boolean delete(double value) {
    int j;
    for (j = 0; j < nElems; j++) // look for it</pre>
        if (value == a[j])
            break:
    if (j == nElems) // can't find it
        return false;
    else // found it
        for (int k = j; k < nElems; k++) // move higher ones down</pre>
            a[k] = a[k + 1];
        nElems--; // decrement size
        return true;
} // end delete()
```

Array Application class

Create an application class to use the array class class MyArrayApp { public static void main(String[] args) { int maxSize = 100; // array size MyArray arr; // reference to array arr = new MyArray(maxSize); // create the array arr.insert(77); // insert 10 items arr.insert(99); arr.insert(44); arr.insert(55);

Calling the methods in the Array Application class

• After inserting some elements to the array try calling the other methods used.

```
arr.display(); // display items
int searchKey = 35; // search for item
if (arr.find(searchKey))
    System.out.println("Found " + searchKey);
else.
    System.out.println("Can't find " + searchKey);
arr.delete(00); // delete 3 items
arr.delete(55);
arr.delete(99);
arr.display(); // display items again
```