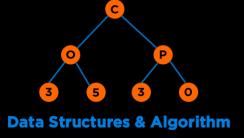
Algorithm Analysis



Agenda

- What is an Algorithm?
- Difference between a Program and an Algorithm
- Multiple Ways of Solving a Problem
- Benefits of Evaluating an Algorithm



- Approach 1 (Simulation: Timing)
- Approach 2 (Modeling: Counting)
- Approach 3 (Asymptotic Behavior: Order of Growth)





Algorithm

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Input



Output



Definite & Unambiguous

Algorithm vs Program

	Algorithm	Code or Program
Focus of a professional		
Form		
Dependence on H/W or OS		
Professional's Cognitive State		
Correctness/Performance		

Algorithm vs Program

	Algorithm	Code or Program
Focus of a professional	Design	Implementation
Form	Pseudocode	Programming Language
Dependence on H/W or OS	No	Yes
Professional's Cognitive State	Thinking	Doing
Correctness/Performance	Analysis	Testing





Problem: Determine if a sorted array contains any duplicates.

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Now that we know, that there are multiple ways to solve a problem, how do we evaluate which one is better?

Are all programs/algorithms equal in terms of performance?

Performance

In terms of what?

Performance

In terms of what?

- Time
- Space

Why do we care about algorithms?

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Knowing



Experiencing



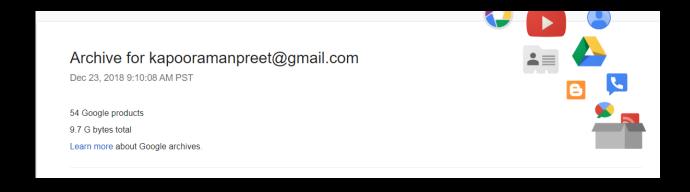
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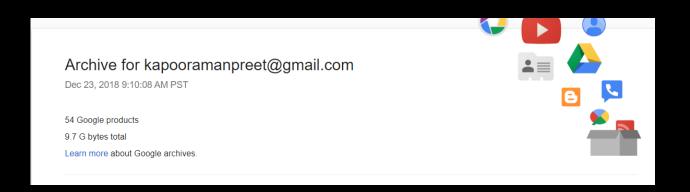
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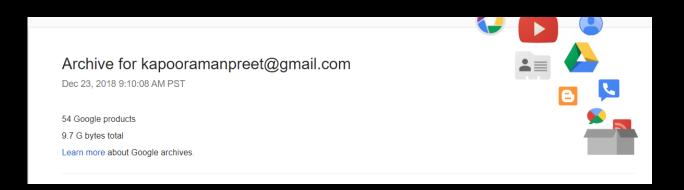




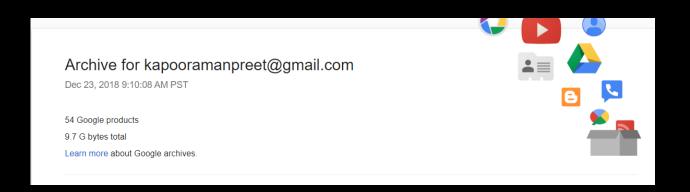
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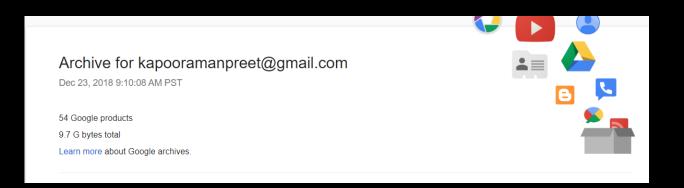
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 - Operation Speed: 0.5 ns
 - Linear Search: 11574 days or 31 years
 - Binary Search: 31s



In short, we care about performance ...

So, how do we measure performance?

Questions to ask when evaluating programs

- Time: How much time does this take?
- Space: How much space does this consume?
- Data: Are there any patterns in our data?



Code #1

```
Code #2
```

```
01 auto t1 = Clock::now();
02 for(int i=0; i<1000; i++);
03 auto t2 = Clock::now();
04 Print t2-t1</pre>
```

```
01 auto t1 = Clock::now();
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03 auto t2 = Clock::now();
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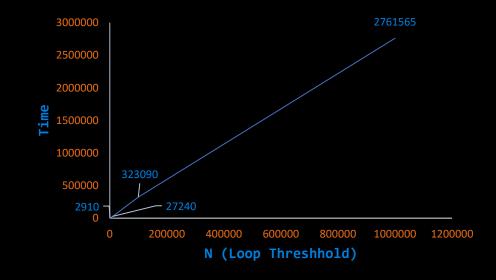
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Code #2

```
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02 for(int i=0; i<1000000; i++);
03 auto t2 = Clock::now();
04 Print t2-t1</pre>
```

Output

```
Delta t2-t1 (1000): 2910 nanoseconds
Delta t2-t1 (10000): 27240 nanoseconds
Delta t2-t1 (100000): 323090 nanoseconds
Delta t2-t1 (1000000): 2761565 nanoseconds
```



Pros	Cons

Pros	Cons
Easy to measure	Results vary across machines
Easy to interpret	Compiler dependent
	Results vary across implementations
	Not predictable for small inputs
	No clear relationship between input and time



Count the number of operations

Count the number of operations

Operation	Symbolic count
<pre>int sum=0;</pre>	
int i=0;	
i <n;< td=""><td></td></n;<>	
i++	
sum += i;	
print sum	
T(n)	

Count the number of operations

Operation	Symbolic count
<pre>int sum=0;</pre>	1
int i=0;	1
i <n;< td=""><td>0n = n+1</td></n;<>	0n = n+1
i++	n
sum += i;	n
print sum	1
T(n)	3n+4

Pros	Cons

Pros	Cons
Independent of computer	All operations are equal
Input dependence is captured in model (Scaling)	Tedious to compute
	Results vary across implementations
	Doesn't tell you actual time

Questions

Approach 2 (Modeling: Counting)

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Can we eliminate the complexity or get rid of extraneous variables?

Approach 3 (Asymptotic Behavior: Order of Growth)



Which variables should we eliminate?

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i++	n
sum += i;	n
print sum	1
T(n)	3n+4

Growth of Functions

Time, y = T(n)

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n	
0	

	1	log n	n	n log n	n²	n³	2 ⁿ	n!
1								
10								
100								
1000								
10000								
100000								
1000000								
1000000								
10000000								

Growth of Functions

Time, y = T(n)

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	1	log n	n	n log n	n²	n³	2 ⁿ	n!
1	1							
10	1							
100	1							
1000	1							
10000	1							
100000	1							
1000000	1							
10000000	1							
10000000	1							

nputs: n

Growth of Functions

Time, y = T(n)

	1	log n	n	n log n	n²	n³	2 ⁿ	n!
1	1	0						
10	1	3						
100	1	7						
1000	1	10						
10000	1	13						
100000	1	17						
1000000	1	20						
10000000	1	23						
10000000	1	27						

Growth of Functions

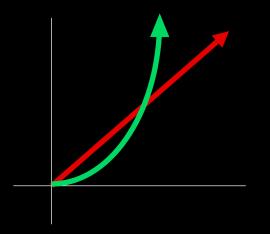
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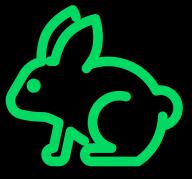
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1	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1
10	1	3	10	30	100	1000	1024	3628800
100	1	7	100	700	10000	1000000	1.26765E+30	9.3326E+157
1000	1	10	1000	10000	1000000	1000000000	1.0715E+301	#NUM!
10000	1	13	10000	130000	10000000	1E+12	#NUM!	#NUM!
100000	1	17	100000	170000	1000000000	1E+15	#NUM!	#NUM!
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Order of Growth gets Faster or Functions rise faster

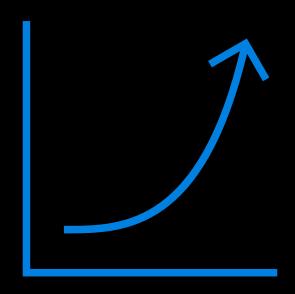
Eliminate functions that grow slower





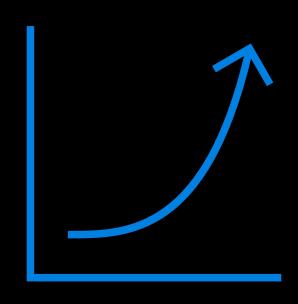


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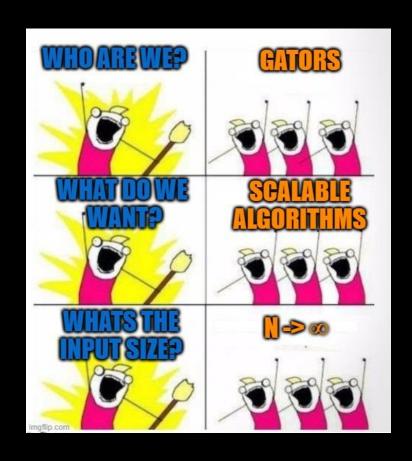


Very Large N

Approach 3 (Asymptotic Behavior: Order of Growth)



Very Large N



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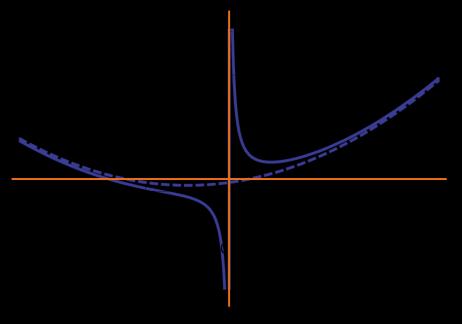
Notations for Algorithm Complexity

Time - Number of Operations:

- Big-O: Upper Bound
- Big- Ω : Lower Bound
- Big-⊕: Upper + Lower Bound

Asymptotic Bounding

- Line that approaches a curve but never meets
- Analysis of tail behavior
- N -> Infinity



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Big O (Visualize)

$T(n) \in O(f(n))$

- If there exists two positive constants, n_o and c, such that T(n) ≤ c.f(n) for all n ≥ n_o
- f(n) is an upper bound on performance
- T(n) will grow no faster than constant times f(n)
- Use tighter upper bound

Big Ω

$T(n) \in \Omega(g(n))$

- If there exists two positive constants, n_o and c, such that T(n) ≥ c.g(n) for all n ≥ n_o
- g(n) is a lower bound on growth rate of T(n)
- T(n) will grow no slower than constant times g(n)
- Use tighter lower bound

Big ⊕

```
T(n) \in \Theta(g(n))
```

- If T(n) = O(g(n)) and $T(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
- $c_1.g(n) \le T(n) \le c_2.g(n)$ for all $n \ge n_0$
- g(n) is a tight upper and lower bound on the growth rate of T(n)

Big Θ vs Big Ω vs Big Ω

	Informal meaning:	Family	Family Members, T(n)
Big Theta ⊕(f(N))	Order of growth is f(N).	⊕(N²)	N ² /12 2N ² N ² + 11N
Big O O(f(N))	Order of growth is less than or equal to f(N).	O(N ²)	N ² /2 N ² + 1 Ig(N)
Big Ω Ω (f(N))			

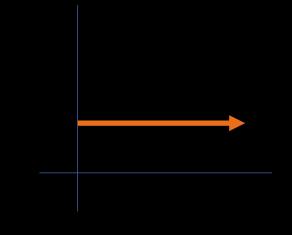
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Constant Growth Rate, O(1)

If processing time is independent of the number of inputs n, the algorithm grows at a constant rate

```
01 int sum(int n)
02 {
03     int sum = 0;
04     sum += n;
05     return sum;
06 }
07
```

n	y = f(c)
1	3
10	3
100	3
1000	3
10000	3
100000	3
1000000	3
10000000	3
10000000	3



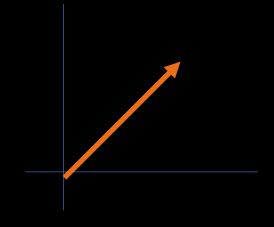
$$T(n) = 3, T(n) \in O(1)$$

Linear Growth Rate

If processing time increases in proportion to the number of inputs n, the algorithm grows at a linear rate

```
01 int sum(int n)
02 {
03     int sum = 0;
04     for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
05         sum += i+1;
06     return sum;
07 }</pre>
```

n	y = f(n)
1	1
10	10
100	100
1000	1000
10000	10000
100000	100000
1000000	1000000
1000000	1000000
10000000	10000000



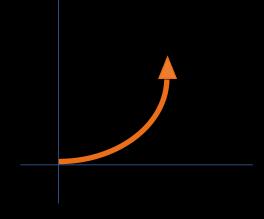
$$T(n) = 3n + 4$$
, $T(n) \in O(n)$, $c=4$, $n_0>4$

Quadratic Growth Rate

If processing time increases in proportion to the square of input size n, the algorithm grows at a quadratic rate

```
bool find(int n[][], int t)
01
02
      int i, j;
03
04
      for(i=0; i < n.size; i++)
05
        for(j=0; j < n.size; j++)
            if (x[i][j] == t)
06
07
               return true;
80
        return false;
09
```

n	$y = f(n^2)$
1	1
10	100
100	10000
1000	1000000
10000	10000000
100000	1000000000
1000000	1E+12
1000000	1E+14
10000000	1E+16



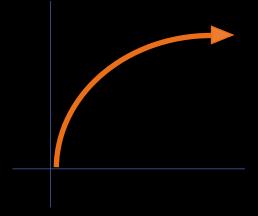
$$T(n) = n^2 + 3n + 5$$
, $T(n) \in O(n^2)$, $c=?$, $n_0>?$

Logarithmic Growth Rate

If processing time increases in proportion to the log n, the algorithm grows at a logarithmic rate

```
01 int sum(int n)
02 {
03     int sum = 0;
04     for (int i=1; i<=n; i*=2)
05         sum += i;
06     return sum;
07 }</pre>
```

n	$y = f(\log_2 n)$
1	0
10	3
100	7
1000	10
10000	13
100000	17
100000	20
10000000	23
10000000	27



Different Growth Rates

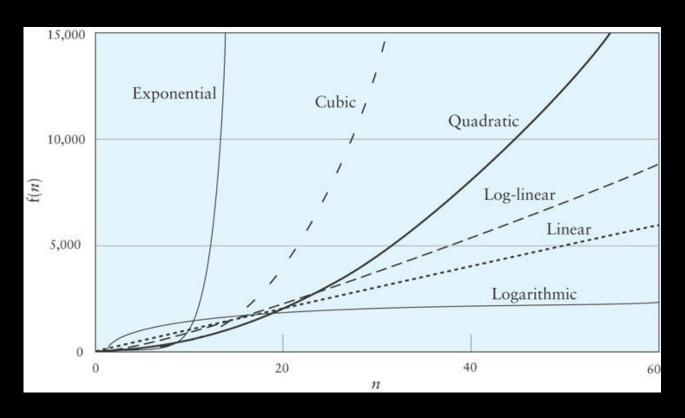
Time

		O(1)	O(log n)	O(n)	O(n log n)	O(n²)	O(n³)	O(2 ⁿ)	O(n!)
1		1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1
10		1	3	10	10	100	1000	1024	3628800
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10000	00	1	17	100000	500000	1000000000	1E+15	#NUM!	#NUM!
10000	000	1	20	1000000	600000	1E+12	1E+18	#NUM!	#NUM!
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100000	0000	1	27	10000000	80000000	1E+16	1E+24	#NUM!	#NUM!

Order of Growth gets Faster, Complexity increases

Constant < Logarithmic < Linear < Loglinear < Polynomial < Exponential < Factorial

Different Growth Rates



http://bigocheatsheet.com/

Tips for Asymptotic Analysis (Big 0)

Tip #1: Addition (Independence)

$$T(n, m) = O(n+m)$$

Tip #2: Drop Constant Multipliers

```
01 void func1(int n)
02 {
03     for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
04          cout<<i;
05
06     for (int j=0; j<n; j++)
07          cout<<j;
08 }
09</pre>
```

$$T(n) = O(n+n) = O(2n)$$
 ~ $O(n)$

Tip #3: Different Input Variables

$$T(n, l) = O(n+l)$$

Describe what the variable is, Always! Example: O(s) where s is the size or length of a string

Tip #4a: Drop Lower Order Terms with Similar Growth Rates

```
01 void func1(int n, int m)
02 {
03    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
04         cout<<i;
05
06    for (int j=1; j<=n; j*=2)
07         cout<<j;
08 }
09</pre>
```

```
T(n) = O(n + \log_2 n)
\sim O(n)^*
```

*Both variables are n and grow at the same rate.

Tip #4b: Drop Lower Order Terms with Similar Growth Rates

```
01 void func1(int n, int m)
02 {
03     for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
04          cout<<i;
05
06     for (int j=1; j<=m; j*=2)
07          cout<<j;
08 }
09</pre>
```

```
T(n, m) = O(n + log_2 m)
~ O(n)^*
```

*Assuming n and m are growing at the same rate.

If you are **given** in the question that n and m are growing at the same rate or if you **assume** they are growing at the same rate, then simplifying is fine

Tip #4c: Do not drop Lower Order Terms with different Growth Rates

```
01 void func1(int n, int m)
02 {
03    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
04         cout<<i;
05
06    for (int j=1; j<=m; j*=2)
07         cout<<j;
08 }
09</pre>
```

```
T(n, m) = O(n + log_2 m)^*
```

*Assuming no relationship is given between n and m.

Enter Data

Best Case	Average Case	Worst Case
Lowest cost	Average cost for all n	Highest cost

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- Average/Best/Worst case measure actual costs at a specific input instance.
- You can define a specific order of instance but cannot propose variability in input size.
 - In general, calculating best case time complexity under the assumption that the data structure has a small size, example: when an array has size 1 or the tree is empty should be avoided. The complexity is calculated without thinking about the size of input. But it is perfectly fine to think about the properties of input or data structure such as data is sorted, height will always be proportional to log n for a balanced tree, etc.
 - Asymptotic analysis assumes n is very large. Whether it be big O, theta, or omega, it always refers to the case of very large n. The best / average / worst cases arise in different structural cases, exclusive of size.
- Growth Rate measures change in costs.

Recommended Readings

- https://dev.to/sherryummen/asymptotic-notations-b-oot-big-o-bigomega-big-theta-49e7
- Chapter 8.10 OpenDSA: Common Misunderstanding
- https://cs.stackexchange.com/questions/23068/how-do-o-and-%CE%A9-relate-to-worst-and-best-case
- https://qr.ae/pNyFxo
- https://cs.stackexchange.com/questions/23593/is-there-a-systembehind-the-magic-of-algorithm-analysis
- https://stackoverflow.com/questions/25593619/why-small-thetaasymtotic-notation-doesnt-exists/54542603

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Mentimeter

```
An algorithm's total run time is given by the expression, T(n, p) = 10n + p. What is the representation of this program's execution time in Big 0?
```

$$O(n+p)$$

Mentimeter

0(1)

Mentimeter

```
for(int i = n; i > 0; i /= 2)
    for(int j = 1; j < i; j++)
        sum += 1;</pre>
```

O(n)

Mentimeter

```
// This is A
for(int i=1; i<n; i*=2);
// This is B
for(int i=1; i<n; i*=3);</pre>
```

They both take same time in terms of Big O

Mentimeter

```
// This is A
for(int i=1; i<n; i*=2);
// This is B
for(int i=1; i<n; i*=3);</pre>
```

B will be faster in terms of execution time/simulation

Useful series

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
$$\cdots$$
 + n = n.(n+1)/2
1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \cdots + 2^k = 2^{k+1} - 1
n + n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + \cdots + 1 = 2n - 1

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Logarithmic growth

for(i = n;
$$i >= 1$$
; $i /= 2$)

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Linear Search

```
#include <iostream>
      #include <string>
2.
       std::string linearSearch(const std::string arr[], int size, std::string t)
4.
5.
           for(int i = 0; i < size; i++)
6.
               if(arr[i].compare(t) == 0)
7.
                   return std::string("found at index = ") + std::to string(i);
8.
9.
           return std::string("not found");
10.
11.
12.
       int main()
13.
14.
           std::string arr[] = {"hello", "world", "cop3530", "cop3502"};
           std::string target = "curious";
15.
16.
           int size = sizeof(arr) / sizeof(arr[0]);
           std::cout << (linearSearch(arr, size, target));</pre>
17.
18.
           return 0;
19.
```

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11.
12.
        int main()
13.
                                                                                            Size of array = size
            std::string arr[] = {"hello", "world", "cop3530", "cop3502", ...};
14.
                                                                                             Max size of any string = s
            std::string target = "curious"; -
15.
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        #include <string>
        std::string linearSearch(const std::string arr[], int size, std::string t)
4.
                                                                                         → linear and dependent on size
            for(int i = 0; i < size; i++)
                                                                                         → linear and dependent on t
               if(arr[i].compare(t) == 0)
                   return std::string("found at index = ") + std::to string(i);
                                                                                          constant
8.
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10.
                                                                                         → constant
11.
12.
        int main()
13.
                                                                                         Size of array = size
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14.
                                                                                         Max size of any string = s
            std::string target = "curious"; -
15.
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This program will yield an equation,

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This function T(size, t) will be an element of O(size.t), O(size.t.t), O(size.size.t), ... and several other functions.

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In this program, the time complexity of the code is

- 0(size.t)
- $\Omega(\text{size.t})$
- Θ(size.t)

A few corrects/clarifications

```
■ Linear Search for strings is \Theta(size.t)
```

```
n + n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + \cdots + 1 = 2n - 1
```

```
for(i = 0; i < n; i %= p) => O(p)
{ }
```

Binary Search

Binary Search

```
int binarySearch(int arr[], int size, int target)
1.
2.
3.
           int start = 0, mid, end = size-1;
           while(start <= end)</pre>
               mid = (start + end)/2;
               if(arr[mid] == target)
                   return mid;
8.
               else if(target > arr[mid])
9.
                   start = mid + 1;
10.
11.
               else
                   end = mid - 1;
12.
13.
14.
           return -1;
15.
```

Peak Finding

o Input:

- You are given an array of numbers
- The data is randomly sorted

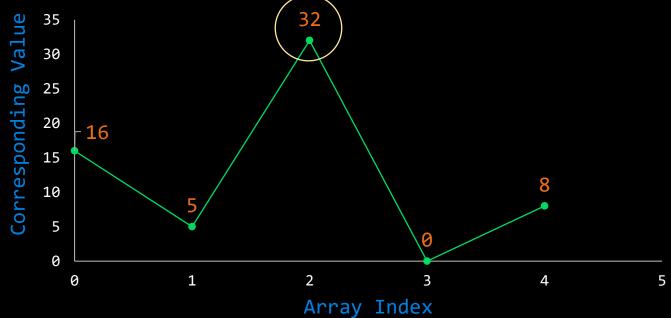
Output:

- A Peak value
- Peak is a number such that it is greater than or equal to both of its adjacent elements
- In case of the boundary values, a peak must be greater or equal to the one adjacent element.

16 5 32 0 8



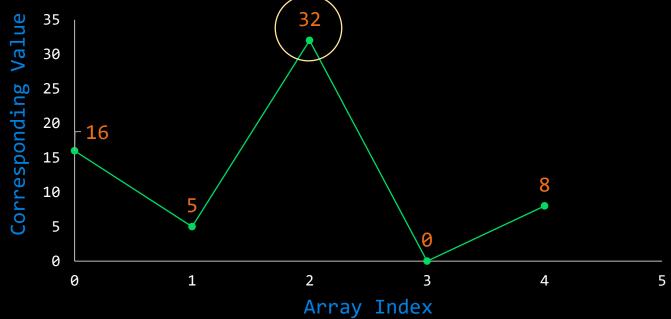
2D Representation of the Problem



Case 1: Central Element larger than both adjacent elements:



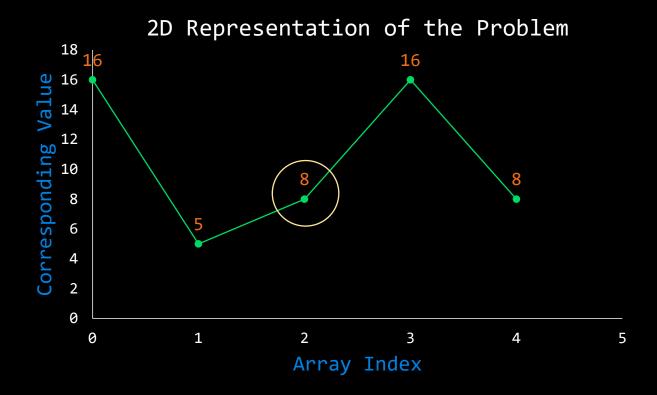
2D Representation of the Problem



Case 1: Central Element larger than both adjacent elements: Peak

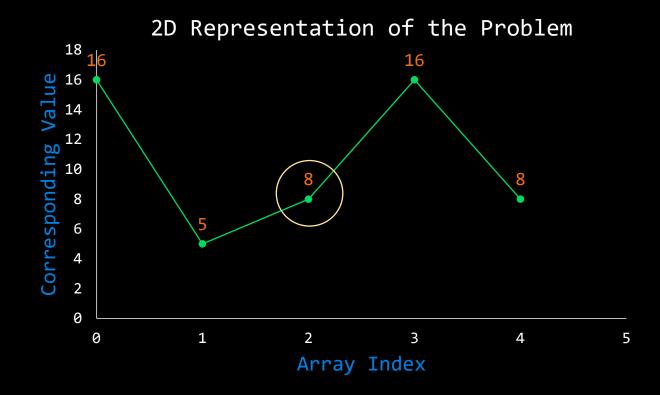
	16	5	8	16	8
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Case 2: Central Element larger than left element and smaller than right element:

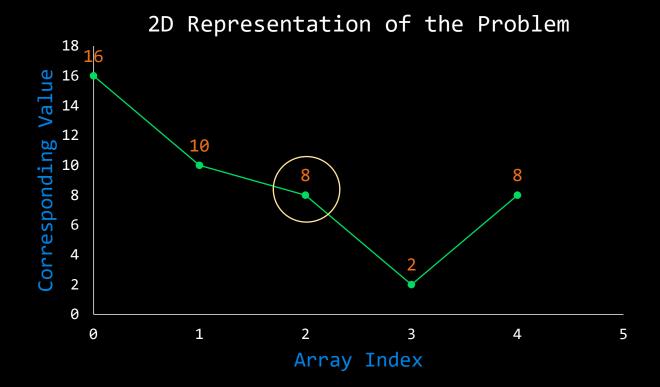




Case 2: Central Element larger than left element and smaller than right element: Keep going right

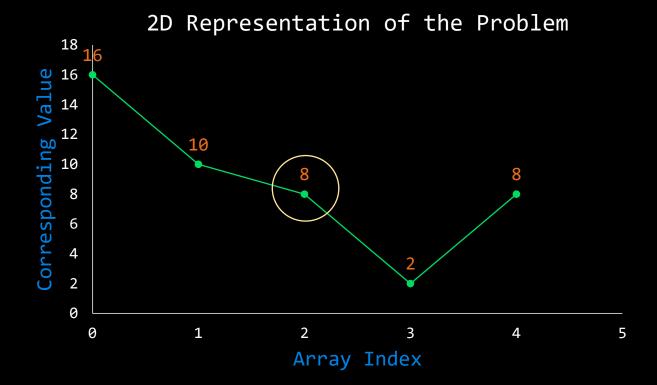
16	10	8	2	8
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Case 3: Central Element larger than right element and smaller than left element:

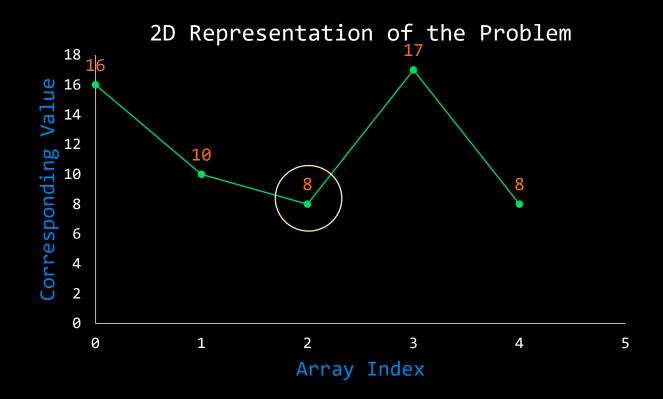




Case 3: Central Element larger than right element and smaller than left element: Keep going left

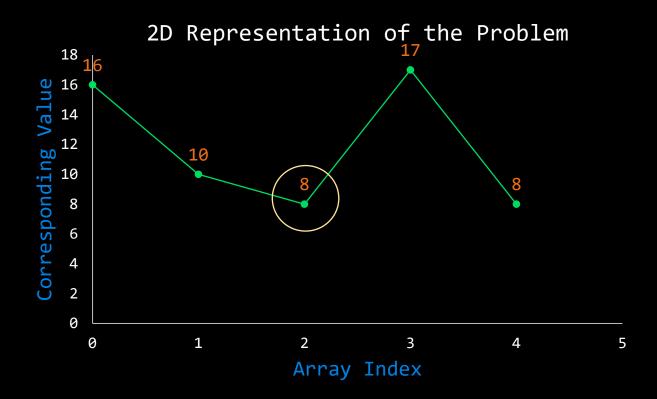
16	10	8	17	8
	_			_





Case 4: Central Element smaller than both adjacent elements:





Case 4: Central Element smaller than both adjacent elements: Pick any side and keep going

Peak Finding

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Time Complexity:

O(log n) using the divide and conquer approach over O(n) using brute force algorithms

Questions