

# Motivations of Data Structures and Algorithms

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# What We Have Done

- algorithm  $\sim$  programming recipe
- algorithm: input (problem/data), output (correctness), definiteness (instruction), finiteness (efficiency), effectiveness (computability)
- sequential search algorithm for getMinIndex: loop through array to find the minimum one

# Correctness Proof of Algorithm

## C Version

```
/*return index to
min. element
in arr[0]...arr[len-1]*/
int getMinIndex
(int arr[], int len){
    int i;
    int m=0;
    for(i=0;i<len;i++){
        if (arr[m] > arr[i]){
            m = i;
        }
    }
    return m;
}
```

## Theorem

*getMinIndex returns  $m$  such that  $\underline{arr[m]}$  is the smallest among  $arr[0], arr[1], \dots, arr[len-1]$ .*

$\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, len-1\}, arr[m] \leq arr[i]$

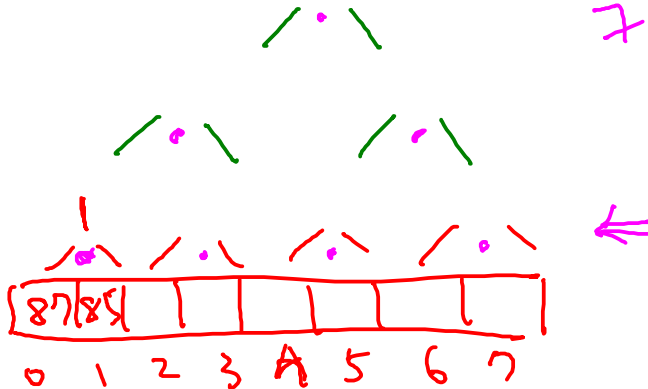
## Lemma (loop invariance)

*After the  $i$ -th iteration of the **for** loop,  $\underline{arr[m]}$  is always the smallest among  $arr[0], arr[1], \dots, arr[i]$ .*

- true when  $i=0$ ?
- true when  $i=k \implies$  true when  $i=k+1$ ?

e.g. mathematical induction proves the loop invariance lemma (and hence theorem)—discrete math helps!

# Efficiency of Algorithm



knockout tournament for `getMinIndex`: not much faster overall,  
but possibly faster if done in parallel

## Expressing Algorithms with Pseudo Code

# Pseudo Code for getMinIndex

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```

## Pseudo Code Version

GET-MIN-INDEX(A)

```

1  m = 1
2  for i = 2 to A.length
3      // update if i-th element smaller
4      if A[m] > A[i]
5          m = i
6  return m

```

pseudo code: “spoken language” of programming

# Bad Pseudo Code: Too Detailed

## Unnecessarily Detailed

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

```
1   $m = 1$ 
2  for  $i = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
3      // update if  $i$ -th element smaller
4       $Am = A[m]$ 
5       $Ai = A[i]$ 
6      if  $Am > Ai$ 
7           $m = i$ 
8      else
9           $m = m$ 
10 return  $m$ 
```

## Concise

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

```
1   $m = 1$ 
2  for  $i = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
3      // update if  $i$ -th element smaller
4      if  $A[m] > A[i]$ 
5           $m = i$ 
6  return  $m$ 
```

goal of pseudo code: communicate efficiently

# Bad Pseudo Code: Too Mysterious

## Unnecessarily Mysterious

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

```
1  $x = 1$ 
2 for  $xx = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
3     // update if  $xx$ -th element smaller
4     if  $A[x] > A[xx]$ 
5          $xx = x$ 
6 return  $aa$ 
```

## Clear

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

```
1  $m = 1$  // store current min. index
2 for  $i = 2$  to  $A.length$ 
3     // update if  $i$ -th element smaller
4     if  $A[m] > A[i]$ 
5          $m = i$ 
6 return  $m$ 
```

goal of pseudo code: communicate correctly



# Bad Pseudo Code: Too Abstract

## Unnecessarily Abstract

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

- 1 run a loop through  $A$   
that updates  $m$  in every iteration
- 2 **return**  $m$

## Concrete

GET-MIN-INDEX( $A$ )

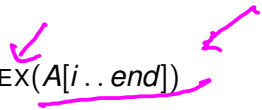
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- 2 **for**  $i = 2$  **to**  $A.length$
- 3     // update if  $i$ -th element smaller
- 4     **if**  $A[m] > A[i]$
- 5          $m = i$
- 6 **return**  $m$

goal of pseudo code: communicate effectively

# Good Pseudo Code of Selection-Sort

SELECTION-SORT( $A$ )


```
1  for  $i = 1$  to  $A.length$ 
2       $s = \text{GET-MIN-INDEX}(A[i..end])$ 
3       $\text{SWAP}(A[i], A[s])$ 
4  return  $A$ , which has been sorted in place
```



no “formal definition” and depends on the speaker/listener  
(follow textbook if you really need a “definition”)

# Introduction of Data Structures

# What is Data Structure?



scheme of organizing data  
within computer

# How to Organize 400 Exam Sheets?

different use cases  
⇒ different organization scheme (data structure)

# Good Algorithm Needs Proper Data Structure

*if having data structure such that `getMinIndex` faster,  
     $\implies$  `SelSort` also faster (we will see)*

algorithm :: data structure  $\sim$  recipe :: kitchen structure

# Good Data Structure Needs Proper Accessing Algorithms: `get`, `insert`

rule of thumb for speed: often-`get`  $\Leftrightarrow$  “nearby”

# Good Data Structure Needs Proper Maintenance

Algorithms: construct, update, remove

hidden “cost” of data structure: maintenance effort



Why Data Structures and Algorithms?

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network  
.... Storage  
bandwidth



computation

use storage/computation resources properly  $\implies$  good program

# Proper Use: Tradeoff of Different Factors

understand tradeoff  $\Rightarrow$  good program

# Different Tradeoff on Different Platforms

important to learn other CS subjects

Programming  $\neq$  Coding

programming :: building house  $\sim$  coding :: construction work

# C Programming versus DSA

test  
modualize  
tradeoff (theory/practice)

moving from coding to designing