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- WELCOME! WE WILL LEARN TOGETHER.
- SYLLABUS
- COURSE WEB PAGES: https://smartsite.ucdavis.edu
  - → General Course Materials
  - → Announcements, Questions & Answers
- TEACHING ASSISTANTS:
  - → Responsible for issues concerning written homework, programming projects, exams, grading
- PROGRAMMING:
  - → Must run on Kemper Hall computers!
- UNIX/EDITOR/DEBUGGER LABS: TAs organize

QUESTIONS?

- NOTE: 1) Work on assignments continually!
  2) Ask TAs for answers to general questions! Answers on course web pages

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- READ CH. 1 & 2

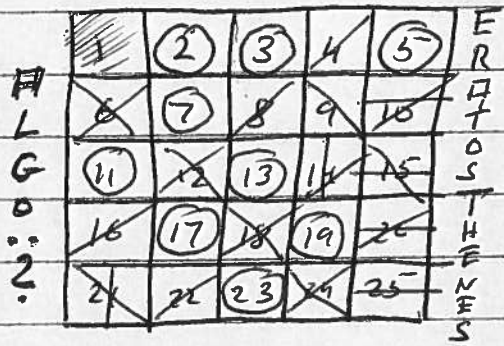
CHAPTER 1 READ

PROBLEM

STRATEGY TO SOLVE IT

"ALGORITHM"
= FORMAL SOLUTION METHOD

IN: {1, ..., 25}



OUT: {PRIME NUMBERS}

"PSEUDO-CODE" = ALGO WRITTEN AS COMBIN. OF (ENGLISH) LANG. & PROGRAMMING LANG.

SOURCE CODE ("C")
= ALGO WRITTEN IN PROGRAMMING LANG.

COMPILATION

OBJECT CODE
= CODE "UNDERSTOOD" BY COMPUTER

"GIVEN"

LIBRARIES OF MORE SOURCE CODE

LINKING

EXECUTABLE PROG.

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ALGO: "FORMAL DESCRIPTION OF STEP-BY-STEP PROBLEM SOLUTION"

DEF.

(i) **UNAMBIGUOUS**
→ All possible cases considered

(ii) **EFFECTIVE / EXECUTABLE**
→ All individual steps of algo can effectively be executed (on a computer)

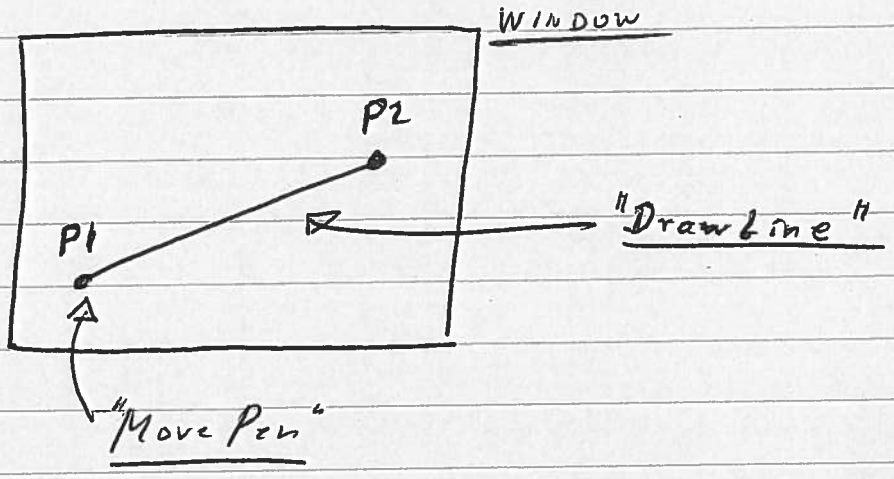
(iii) **TERMINATION** ("must finish")

OVERVIEW

- **SIMPLE STATEMENTS** — **if**, **for**, **while**, ...
- **FUNCTIONS / PROCEDURES**

  E.g.: radius → area of circle
  2 pts → drawing of line
  string → no. of its characters

- **LIBRARY** → **GRAPHICS LIB.!** :)



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INTERFACE

→ Graphics Lib. "graphics.h"
⇒ Def. of all AVAILABLE graphics fcts.

→ Math Lib. math.h
⇒ Def. of AVAILABLE math. fcts.

STRINGS

→ E.g.: COMPILER: IN = Source File in C
⇒ PARSER: parses all text input ...
⇒ ERROR detection ...

MODULAR DEVELOPMENT

E.g.:

"SIMULATE AIR FLOW AROUND AIR CRAFT"

COMPLEX PROBLEM

→ Geometry / CAD:
Geometry + GUI Libraries

→ Numerical Methods:
math. libraries for ...

→ Visualization:
graphics / vis. / GUI libraries

"DECOMPOSITION"

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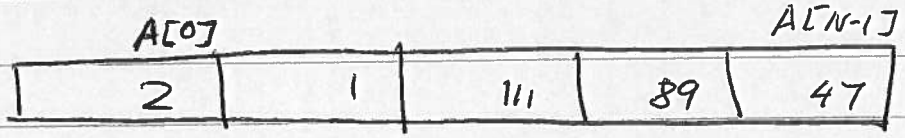
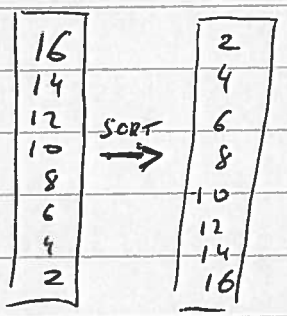
ARRAYS



→ array of integers

→ use index to access element

SORTING & SEARCHING



SEARCH: FIND (10):

2
4
6
8 ← 8 < (10)
10
12 ← 12 > (10)
14
16

∃ 10 = (10) ✓

⇒ SEARCHING IN UNSORTED / SORTED LISTS

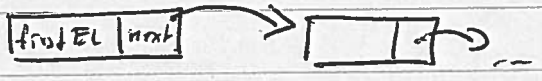
POINTERS

address	name	nextAdr
0	ROCA	NIL
1	GUSF	4
2	MART	0
3	LEVI	2
4	HAMA	3

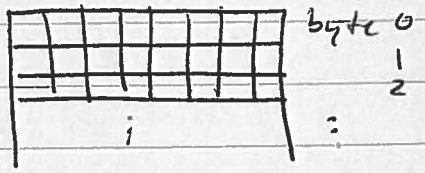
First

firstAdr

"Linked List"



• Memory



FILES / RECORDS / DATA BASE

one record →

lastName	firstName	SSN	ann Sal	...
...	...			

• RECURSION

"Reduce a complex problem to a simpler one"

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b = 0 \\ a + (a \cdot (b-1)), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Ex: $3 \cdot 2$ (a) (b)

$= 3 + (3 \cdot 1)$

$= 3 + (3 + (3 \cdot 0))$

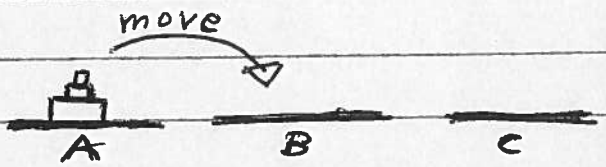
$= 3 + (3 + 0)$

$= 3 + 3$

$= 6$

Reduce (.) to just '+' and '-'

→ Tower of Hanoi:

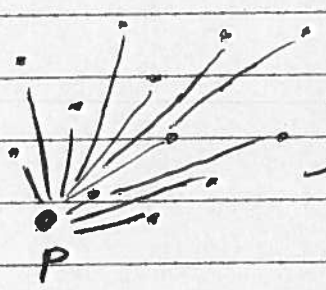


??? Explain!

"Move tower from A to B"

• COMPLEXITY

e.g., determine point closest to P



"Check distances to all N pts"

⇒ Linear complexity "$O(N)$"

or: WHICH POINT PAIR (p_i, p_j) HAS MINIMAL DISTANCE?

⇒ $O(N^2)$???

BEST METHOD ?