

# Lab02-Sorting and Searching

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1. **Cocktail Sort.** Consider the pseudo code of a sorting algorithm shown in Alg. 1, which is called *Cocktail Sort*, then answer the following questions.

- (a) What is the minimum number of element comparisons performed by the algorithm? When is this minimum achieved?
- (b) What is the maximum number of element comparisons performed by the algorithm? When is this maximum achieved?
- (c) Express the running time of the algorithm in terms of the  $O$  notation.
- (d) Can the running time of the algorithm be expressed in terms of the  $\Theta$  notation? Explain.

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**Alg. 1:** CocktailSort( $a[\cdot], n$ )

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**Input:** an array  $a$ , the length of array  $n$

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1 for  $i = 0; i < n - 1; i++$  do
2    $bFlag \leftarrow true$ ;
3   for  $j = i; j < n - i - 1; j++$  do
4     if  $a[j] > a[j + 1]$  then
5       swap( $a[j], a[j + 1]$ );
6        $bFlag \leftarrow false$ ;
7   if  $bFlag$  then
8     break;
9    $bFlag \leftarrow true$ ;
10  for  $j = n - i - 1; j > i; j--$  do
11    if  $a[j] < a[j - 1]$  then
12      swap( $a[j], a[j - 1]$ );
13       $bFlag \leftarrow false$ ;
14  if  $bFlag$  then
15    break;
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2. **In-Place.** In place means an algorithm requires  $O(1)$  additional memory, including the stack space used in recursive calls. Frankly speaking, even for a same algorithm, different implementation methods bring different in-place characteristics. Taking *Binary Search* as an example, we give two kinds of implementation pseudo codes shown in Alg. 2 and Alg. 3. Please analyze whether they are in place.

Next, please give one similar example regarding other algorithms you know to illustrate such phenomenon.

3. **Master Theorem.**

**Definition 1** (Matrix Multiplication). The product of two  $n \times n$  matrices  $X$  and  $Y$  is a third  $n \times n$  matrix  $Z = XY$ , with  $(i, j)$ th entry

$$Z_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n X_{ik} Y_{kj}.$$

$Z_{ij}$  is the dot product of the  $i$ th row of  $X$  with  $j$ th column of  $Y$ . The preceding formula implies an  $O(n^3)$  algorithm for matrix multiplication.

| Alg. 2: BinSearch( $a[\cdot]$ , $x$ , $low$ , $high$ )   | Alg. 3: BinSearch( $a[\cdot]$ , $x$ , $low$ , $high$ )  |
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| <b>Input</b> : a sorted array $a$ of $n$ elements,<br>an integer $x$ , first index $low$ ,<br>last index $high$<br><b>Output</b> : first index of key $x$ in $a$ , $-1$ if<br>not found  | <b>input</b> : a sorted array $a$ of $n$<br>elements, an integer $x$ , first<br>index $low$ , last index $high$<br><b>output</b> : first index of key $x$ in $a$ , $-1$<br>if not found   |
| <pre> 1 <b>if</b> <math>high &lt; low</math> <b>then</b> 2     <b>return</b> <math>-1</math>; 3 <math>mid \leftarrow low + ((high - low)/2)</math>; 4 <b>if</b> <math>a[mid] &gt; x</math> <b>then</b> 5     <math>mid \leftarrow \text{BinSearch}(a, x, low, mid - 1)</math>; 6 <b>else if</b> <math>a[mid] &lt; x</math> <b>then</b> 7     <math>mid \leftarrow \text{BinSearch}(a, x, mid + 1, high)</math>; 8 <b>else</b> 9     <b>return</b> <math>mid</math>; </pre> | <pre> 1 <b>while</b> <math>low \leq high</math> <b>do</b> 2     <math>mid \leftarrow low + ((high - low)/2)</math>; 3     <b>if</b> <math>a[mid] &gt; x</math> <b>then</b> 4       <math>high \leftarrow mid - 1</math>; 5     <b>else if</b> <math>a[mid] &lt; x</math> <b>then</b> 6       <math>low \leftarrow mid + 1</math>; 7     <b>else</b> 8       <b>return</b> <math>mid</math>; 9 <b>return</b> <math>-1</math>; </pre> |

In 1969, the German mathematician Volker Strassen announced a significantly more efficient algorithm, based upon divide-and-conquer. Matrix Multiplication can be performed blockwise. To see what this means, carve  $X$  into four  $\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2}$  blocks, and also  $Y$ :

$$X = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right), \quad Y = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} E & F \\ \hline G & H \end{array} \right).$$

Then their product can be expressed in terms of these blocks and is exactly as if the blocks were single elements.

$$XY = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} A & B \\ \hline C & D \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c|c} E & F \\ \hline G & H \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} AE + BG & AF + BH \\ \hline CE + DG & CF + DH \end{array} \right).$$

To compute the size- $n$  product  $XY$ , recursively compute eight size- $\frac{n}{2}$  products  $AE$ ,  $BG$ ,  $AF$ ,  $BH$ ,  $CE$ ,  $DG$ ,  $CF$ ,  $DH$  and then do a few additions.

- Write down the recurrence function of the above method and compute its running time by Master Theorem.
- The efficiency can be further improved. It turns out  $XY$  can be computed from just seven  $\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2}$  subproblems.

$$XY = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6 & P_1 + P_2 \\ \hline P_3 + P_4 & P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7 \end{array} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= A(F - H), & P_2 &= (A + B)H, & P_3 &= (C + D)E, & P_4 &= D(G - E), \\ P_5 &= (A + D)(E + H), & P_6 &= (B - D)(G + H), & P_7 &= (A - C)(E + H). \end{aligned}$$

Write the corresponding recurrence function and compute the new running time.