

executed until J reaches K. The next step, Step 5, inserts ITEM into the array in the space just created. Before the exit from the algorithm, the number N of elements in LA is increased by 1 to account for the new element.

 $2 \geq 3$ 

## Algorithm 4.2:

(Inserting into a Linear Array) INSERT(LA, N, K, ITEM)

Here LA is a linear array with N elements and K is a positive integer such that  $K \leq N$ . This algorithm inserts an element ITEM into the Kth position in LA.

1. [Initialize counter.] Set  $J = N$ .

2. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 while  $J \geq K$ .

3. [Move Jth element downward.] Set  $LA[J+1] := LA[J]$ .

4. [Decrease counter.] Set  $J := J - 1$ .

5. [End of Step 2 loop.]

6. [Insert element.] Set  $LA[K] := \text{ITEM}$ .

7. [Reset N.] Set  $N := N + 1$ .

8. Exit.

For

- total position

(For)

423  
(5)23

mean 5th value on LA[5] mean LA[6]

The following algorithm deletes the Kth element from a linear array LA and assigns it to a variable ITEM.

## Algorithm 4.3:

(Deleting from a Linear Array) DELETE(LA, N, K, ITEM)

Here LA is a linear array with N elements and K is a positive integer such that  $K \leq N$ . This algorithm deletes the Kth element from LA.

1. Set  $\text{ITEM} := LA[K]$ .

2. Repeat for  $J = K$  to  $N - 1$ :

3. [Move Jth element upward.] Set  $LA[J] := LA[J+1]$ .

4. [End of loop.]

5. [Reset the number N of elements in LA.] Set  $N := N - 1$ .

6. Exit.

normal movement

insertion

delete movement

deletion

normal movement

insertion

delete movement

deletion

Display value from array

ITEM = 2 Davis

2 to 7-1 → 2 to 6

LA[2] LA[3] LA[4] LA[5] LA[6]

2 11 3 7 2

7-1 = 6

Remark: We emphasize that if many deletions and insertions are to be made in a collection of data elements, then a linear array may not be the most efficient way of storing the data.

## 4.6 SORTING; BUBBLE SORT

- sort number (n-1) time comparing

Let A be a list of n numbers. Sorting A refers to the operation of rearranging the elements of A so they are in increasing order, i.e., so that

$$A[1] < A[2] < A[3] < \dots < A[N]$$

For example, suppose A originally is the list

8, 4, 19, 2, 7, 13, 5, 16

After sorting, A is the list

2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 16, 19

Sorting may seem to be a trivial task. Actually, sorting efficiently may be quite complicated. In fact, there are many, many different sorting algorithms; some of these algorithms are discussed in Chap. 9. Here we present and discuss a very simple sorting algorithm known as the bubble sort.

Remark: The above definition of sorting refers to arranging numerical data in increasing order; this restriction is only for notational convenience. Clearly, sorting may also mean arranging numerical

data in decreasing order or arranging nonnumerical data in alphabetical order. Accessing frequently a file of records, and sorting  $A$  refers to rearranging the records of  $A$  so that the given key are ordered.

### Bubble Sort

Suppose the list of numbers  $A[1], A[2], \dots, A[N]$  is in memory. The bubble sort algorithm as follows:

- Step 1. Compare  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  and arrange them in the desired order, so that  $A[1] \leq A[2]$ . Then compare  $A[2]$  and  $A[3]$  and arrange them so that  $A[2] \leq A[3]$ . Then compare  $A[3]$  and  $A[4]$  and arrange them so that  $A[3] \leq A[4]$ . Continue until we compare  $A[N-1]$  with  $A[N]$  and arrange them so that  $A[N-1] \leq A[N]$ .

Observe that Step 1 involves  $n-1$  comparisons. (During Step 1, the largest element is "bubbled" to the  $n$ th position or "sinks" to the  $n$ th position.) When Step 1 is completed,  $A[N]$  will contain the largest element.

- Step 2. Repeat Step 1 with one less comparison; that is, now we stop after we compare possibly rearrange  $A[N-2]$  and  $A[N-1]$ . (Step 2 involves  $N-2$  comparisons.) When Step 2 is completed, the second largest element will occupy  $A[N-1]$ .
- Step 3. Repeat Step 1 with two fewer comparisons; that is, we stop after we compare possibly rearrange  $A[N-3]$  and  $A[N-2]$ .

.....

.....

.....

- Step  $N-1$ . Compare  $A[1]$  with  $A[2]$  and arrange them so that  $A[1] \leq A[2]$ .

After  $n-1$  steps, the list will be sorted in increasing order.

The process of sequentially traversing through all or part of a list is frequently called a "pass," and each of the above steps is called a pass. Accordingly, the bubble sort algorithm requires  $n-1$  passes, where  $n$  is the number of input items.

#### EXAMPLE 4.7

Suppose the following numbers are stored in an array  $A$ :

32, 27, 51, 85, 66, 23, 13, 57

We apply the bubble sort to the array  $A$ . We discuss each pass separately.

Pass 1. We have the following comparisons:

- (a) Compare  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Since  $32 < 51$ , the list is not altered.
- (b) Compare  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . Since  $51 > 27$ , interchange 51 and 27 as follows:

32, 27, 51, 85, 66, 23, 13, 57

- (c) Compare  $A_3$  and  $A_4$ . Since  $51 < 85$ , the list is not altered.
- (d) Compare  $A_4$  and  $A_5$ . Since  $85 > 66$ , interchange 85 and 66 as follows:

32, 27, 51, 66, 85, 23, 13, 57

- (e) Compare  $A_5$  and  $A_6$ . Since  $85 > 23$ , interchange 85 and 23 as follows:

32, 27, 51, 66, 23, 85, 13, 57

- (f) Compare  $A_6$  and  $A_7$ . Since  $85 > 13$ , interchange 85 and 13 to yield:

32, 27, 51, 66, 23, 13, 85, 57

- (g) Compare  $A_7$  and  $A_8$ . Since  $85 > 57$ , interchange 85 and 57 to yield:

32, 27, 51, 66, 23, 13, 57, 85



Pass 6. (13, 23, 27, 33, 51, 57, 66, 85)

Pass 6 actually has two comparisons,  $A_1$  with  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  and  $A_4$ . The second comparison does not involve an interchange.

Pass 7. Finally,  $A_1$  is compared with  $A_2$ . Since  $13 < 23$ , no interchange takes place.

Since the list has 8 elements, it is sorted after the seventh pass. (Observe that in this example, the list was actually sorted after the sixth pass. This condition is discussed at the end of the section.)

We now formally state the bubble sort algorithm.

Algorithm 4.4:

(Bubble Sort) BUBBLE(DATA,  $N$ )

Here DATA is an array with  $N$  elements. This algorithm sorts the elements in DATA.

1. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 for  $K = 1$  to  $N-1$ .

2. Set  $PTR := 1$ . [Initializes pass pointer PTR.]

3. Repeat while  $PTR = N$  [Executes pass.]

(a) If  $DATA[PTR] > DATA[PTR + 1]$ , then:  
Interchange  $DATA[PTR]$  and  $DATA[PTR + 1]$ .  
[End of If structure.]

(b) Set  $PTR := PTR + 1$ .

[End of inner loop.]

[End of Step 1 outer loop.]

4. Exit.

$PTR$  (pass pointer)  
 $PTR$  (value)  
 $PTR+1$  (value)

(name of array/place) where at this keep)

32 > Data[1+1]  
2  
5

Observe that there is an inner loop which is controlled by the variable  $PTR$ , and the loop is contained in an outer loop which is controlled by an index  $K$ . Also observe that  $PTR$  is used as a subscript but  $K$  is not used as a subscript, but rather as a counter.

### Complexity of the Bubble Sort Algorithm

Traditionally, the time for a sorting algorithm is measured in terms of the number of comparisons. The number  $f(n)$  of comparisons in the bubble sort is easily computed. Specifically, there are  $n-1$  comparisons during the first pass, which places the largest element in the last position; there are  $n-2$  comparisons in the second step, which places the second largest element in the next-to-last position; and so on. Thus

$$f(n) = (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + O(n) = O(n^2)$$

In other words, the time required to execute the bubble sort algorithm is proportional to the number of input items.

**Remark:** Some programmers use a bubble sort algorithm that contains a 1-bit variable (a logical variable FLAG) to signal when no interchange takes place during a pass. If FLAG is 1 after any pass, then the list is already sorted and there is no need to continue. This may cut the number of passes. However, when using such a flag, one must initialize, change and test the FLAG during each pass. **Hence the use of the flag is efficient only when the list originally is not sorted.**

#### 4.7 SEARCHING; LINEAR SEARCH

Let DATA be a collection of data elements in memory, and suppose a specific item ITEM and its location LOC are given. Searching refers to the operation of finding the location LOC of ITEM, or printing some message that ITEM does not appear there. The search is said to be successful if ITEM does appear in DATA and unsuccessful otherwise.

Frequently, one may want to add the element ITEM to DATA after an unsuccessful search for ITEM in DATA. One then uses a search and insertion algorithm, rather than simply inserting ITEM in DATA. Such search and insertion algorithms are discussed in the problem sections.

There are many different searching algorithms. The algorithm that one chooses generally depends on the way the information in DATA is organized. Searching is discussed in detail in Chapter 5. This section discusses a simple algorithm called linear search, and the next section discusses the well-known algorithm called binary search.

**The complexity of searching algorithms is measured in terms of the number  $f(n)$  of comparisons required to find ITEM in DATA where DATA contains  $n$  elements. We shall show that linear search is a linear time algorithm, but that binary search is a much more efficient algorithm, proportional to  $\log_2 n$ . On the other hand, we also discuss the drawback of relying only on the binary search algorithm.**

##### Linear Search

Suppose DATA is a linear array with  $n$  elements. Given no other information about DATA, the most intuitive way to search for a given ITEM in DATA is to compare ITEM with each element of DATA one by one. That is, first we test whether  $\text{DATA}[1] = \text{ITEM}$ , and then we test whether  $\text{DATA}[2] = \text{ITEM}$ , and so on. **This method, which traverses DATA sequentially to locate ITEM, is called linear search or sequential search.**

To simplify the matter, we first assign ITEM to  $\text{DATA}[N+1]$ , the position following the last element of DATA. Then the outcome

$$\text{LOC} = N + 1$$

where LOC denotes the location where ITEM first occurs in DATA, signifies the search was unsuccessful. The purpose of this initial assignment is to avoid repeatedly testing whether we have reached the end of the array DATA. This way, the search must eventually "succeed."

A formal presentation of linear search is shown in Algorithm 4.5.

Observe that Step 1 guarantees that the loop in Step 3 must terminate. (Without Step 1, the Repeat statement in Step 3 must be replaced by the following statement: Repeat while LOC  $\leq$  N and  $\text{DATA}[\text{LOC}] \neq \text{ITEM}$ ;

Repeat while LOC  $\leq$  N and  $\text{DATA}[\text{LOC}] \neq \text{ITEM}$ ;

On the other hand, in order to use Step 1, one must guarantee that there is an unused memory location.



comparisons. Thus, in the worst case, ...

The running time of the **average case** uses the probability. (See Sec. 2.1.) Suppose  $p_k$  is the probability that ITEM appears in  $DATA[k]$ , and suppose  $q$  is the probability that ITEM does not appear in  $DATA$ . (Then  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n + q = 1$ .) Since the algorithm uses comparisons when ITEM appears in  $DATA[k]$ , the average number of comparisons is given by

In particular, <sup>(item does appear)</sup> suppose  $q$  is very small and ITEM appears with equal probability in each element of  $DATA$ . Then  $q \approx 0$  and each  $p_i = 1/n$ . Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{n} + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \dots + n \cdot \frac{1}{n} + (n+1) \cdot 0 = (1 + 2 + \dots + n) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{n+1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

That is, in this special case, the average number of comparisons required to find the location of ITEM is approximately equal to half the number of elements in the array.

#### 4.8 BINARY SEARCH

Suppose  $DATA$  is an array which is sorted in increasing numerical order or, equivalently, alphabetically. Then there is an extremely efficient searching algorithm, called **binary search**, which can be used to find the location  $LOC$  of a given ITEM of information in  $DATA$ . Before formally discussing the algorithm, we indicate the general idea of this algorithm by means of an idealized version of a familiar everyday example.

Suppose one wants to find the location of some name in a telephone directory (or some word in a dictionary). Obviously, one does not perform a linear search. Rather, one opens the directory in the middle to determine which half contains the name being sought. Then one opens that half in the middle to determine which quarter of the directory contains the name. Then one opens that quarter in the middle to determine which eighth of the directory contains the name. And so on. Eventually, one finds the location of the name, since one is reducing (very quickly) the number of possible locations for the directory.

The binary search algorithm applied to our array  $DATA$  works as follows. During each stage of our algorithm, **our search for ITEM is reduced to a segment of elements of  $DATA$ :**

$DATA[BEG], DATA[BEG + 1], DATA[BEG + 2], \dots, DATA[END]$

Note that the variables  $BEG$  and  $END$  denote, respectively, the beginning and end locations of the segment under consideration. The algorithm compares ITEM with the middle element  $DATA[MID]$  of the segment, where  $MID$  is obtained by

$$MID = \text{INT}((BEG + END)/2)$$

(We use  $\text{INT}(A)$  for the integer value of  $A$ .) If  $DATA[MID] = \text{ITEM}$ , then the search is successful; we set  $LOC := MID$ . Otherwise a new segment of  $DATA$  is obtained as follows:

(a) If  $\text{ITEM} < DATA[MID]$ , then ITEM can appear only in the left half of the segment.

$DATA[BEG], DATA[BEG + 1], \dots, DATA[MID - 1]$

So we reset  $END := MID - 1$  and begin searching again.

- (b) If  $ITEM > DATA[MID]$ , then  $ITEM$  can appear only in the right half of the segment:  $DATA[MID + 1], DATA[MID + 2], \dots, DATA[END]$ .

So we reset  $BEG := MID + 1$  and begin searching again.

Initially, we begin with the entire array  $DATA$ ; i.e., we begin with  $BEG = 1$  and  $END = n$ , or, more generally, with  $BEG = LB$  and  $END = UB$ .

If  $ITEM$  is not in  $DATA$ , then eventually we obtain

$$END < BEG$$

This condition signals that the search is unsuccessful, and in such a case we assign  $LOC := NULL$ . Here  $NULL$  is a value that lies outside the set of indices of  $DATA$ . (In most cases, we can choose  $NULL = 0$ .)

We state the binary search algorithm formally.

Algorithm 4.6: (Binary Search)  $BINARY(DATA, LB, UB, ITEM, LOC)$

Here  $DATA$  is a sorted array with lower bound  $LB$  and upper bound  $UB$ , and  $ITEM$  is a given item of information. The variables  $BEG$ ,  $END$  and  $MID$  denote, respectively, the beginning, end and middle locations of a segment of elements of  $DATA$ . This algorithm finds the location  $LOC$  of  $ITEM$  in  $DATA$  or sets  $LOC = NULL$ .

1. [Initialize segment variables.]
2. Set  $BEG := LB$ ,  $END := UB$  and  $MID = \text{INT}((BEG + END)/2)$ .
3. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 while  $BEG \leq END$  and  $DATA[MID] \neq ITEM$ .
4. If  $ITEM < DATA[MID]$ , then:
  - Set  $END := MID - 1$ .
  - Else:
    - Set  $BEG := MID + 1$ .
  - [End of If structure.]
5. Set  $MID := \text{INT}((BEG + END)/2)$ .
- [End of Step 2 loop.]
6. If  $DATA[MID] = ITEM$ , then:
  - Set  $LOC := MID$ .
  - Else:
    - Set  $LOC := NULL$ .
  - [End of If structure.]
7. Exit.

**Remark:** Whenever  $ITEM$  does not appear in  $DATA$ , the algorithm eventually arrives at the stage that  $BEG = END = MID$ . Then the next step yields  $END < BEG$ , and control transfers to Step 5 of the algorithm. This occurs in part (b) of the next example.

#### EXAMPLE 4.9

Let  $DATA$  be the following sorted 13-element array:

$DATA: 1, 22, 30, 33, 40, 44, 55, 60, 66, 77, 80, 88, 99$

We apply the binary search to  $DATA$  for different values of  $ITEM$ .

- (a) Suppose  $ITEM = 40$ . The search for  $ITEM$  in the array  $DATA$  is pictured in Fig. 4-6, where the values of  $DATA[BEG]$  and  $DATA[END]$  in each stage of the algorithm are indicated by circles and the value of

first index

last index



## AN APPLICATION OF STACKS

Let  $A$  be a list of  $n$  data items. "Sorting  $A$ " refers to the operation of rearranging the elements of  $A$  so that they are in some logical order, such as numerically ordered when  $A$  contains numerical data, or alphabetically ordered when  $A$  contains character data. The subject of sorting, including various sorting algorithms, is treated mainly in Chap. 9. This section gives only one sorting algorithm, called **quicksort**, in order to illustrate an application of stacks.

**Quicksort is an algorithm of the divide-and-conquer type.** That is, the problem of sorting a set is reduced to the problem of sorting two smaller sets. We illustrate this "reduction step" by means of a specific example.

Suppose  $A$  is the following list of 12 numbers:

33, 11, 55, 77, 90, 40, 60, 99, 22, 88, 66

*compare element with right side*

The reduction step of the quicksort algorithm finds the final position of one of the numbers; in this illustration, we use the first number (44). This is accomplished as follows. Beginning with the last number, 66, scan the list from right to left, comparing each number with 44 and stopping at the first number less than 44. The number is 22. Interchange 44 and 22 to obtain the list

22, 33, 11, 55, 77, 90, 40, 60, 99, 44, 88, 66

(Observe that the numbers 88 and 66 to the right of 44 are each greater than 44.) Beginning with 22, next scan the list in the opposite direction, from left to right, comparing each number with 44 and stopping at the first number greater than 44. The number is 55. Interchange 44 and 55 to obtain the list

22, 33, 11, 44, 77, 90, 40, 60, 99, 55, 88, 66

(Observe that the numbers 22, 33 and 11 to the left of 44 are each less than 44.) Beginning this time with 55, now scan the list in the original direction, from right to left, until meeting the first number less than 44. It is 40. Interchange 44 and 40 to obtain the list

22, 33, 11, 40, 77, 90, 44, 60, 99, 55, 88, 66

*find largest* *find smallest*

(Again, the numbers to the right of 44 are each greater than 44.) Beginning with 40, scan the list from left to right. The first number greater than 44 is 77. Interchange 44 and 77 to obtain the list

22, 33, 11, 40, 44, 90, 77, 60, 99, 55, 88, 66

(Again, the numbers to the left of 44 are each less than 44.) Beginning with 77, scan the list from right to left seeking a number less than 44. We do not meet such a number before meeting 44. This means all numbers have been scanned and compared with 44. Furthermore, all numbers less than 44 now form the sublist of numbers to the left of 44, and all numbers greater than 44 now form the sublist of numbers to the right of 44, as shown below:

22, 33, 11, 40, 44, 90, 77, 60, 99, 55, 88, 66

First sublist                      Second sublist

Thus 44 is correctly placed in its final position, and the task of sorting the original list  $A$  has now been reduced to the task of sorting each of the above sublists.

The above reduction step is repeated with each sublist containing 2 or more elements. Since we can process only one sublist at a time, we must be able to keep track of some sublists for future processing. This is accomplished by using two stacks, called **LOWER** and **UPPER**, to temporarily "hold" such

22, 33, 11, 40  
11, 33, 22, 40

sublists. That is, the addresses of the first and last elements of each sublist, called its boundary values, are pushed onto the stacks LOWER and UPPER, respectively; and the reduction step is applied to a sublist only after its boundary values are removed from the stacks. The following example illustrates the way the stacks LOWER and UPPER are used.

**EXAMPLE 6.7**

Consider the above list A with  $n = 12$  elements. The algorithm begins by pushing the boundary values 1 and 12 of A onto the stacks to yield

LOWER: 1      UPPER: 12

In order to apply the reduction step, the algorithm first removes the top values 1 and 12 from the stacks, leaving

LOWER: (empty)      UPPER: (empty)

and then applies the reduction step to the corresponding list A[1], A[2], ..., A[12]. The reduction step, as executed above, finally places the first element, 44, in A[5]. Accordingly, the algorithm pushes the boundary values 1 and 4 of the first sublist and the boundary values 6 and 12 of the second sublist onto the stacks to yield

LOWER: (1, 4)      UPPER: (6, 12)      both

In order to apply the reduction step again, the algorithm removes the top values, 6 and 12, from the stacks, leaving

LOWER: 1      UPPER: 4

and then applies the reduction step to the corresponding sublist A[6], A[7], ..., A[12]. The reduction step changes this list as in Fig. 6-9. Observe that the second sublist has only one element. Accordingly, the algorithm pushes only the boundary values 6 and 10 of the first sublist onto the stacks to yield

LOWER: 1, 6      UPPER: 4, 10

And so on. The algorithm ends when the stacks do not contain any sublist to be processed by the reduction step.

A[6],	A[7],	A[8],	A[9],	A[10],	A[11],	A[12],
(90)	77,	60,	99,	55,	88,	(66)
(66)	77,	60,	(99)	(55)	88,	(90)
66,	77,	60,	(90)	55,	(88)	99
66,	77,	60,	88,	55,	(90)	99
First sublist					Second sublist	

Fig. 6-9

The formal statement of our quicksort algorithm follows (on page 175). For notational convenience and pedagogical considerations, the algorithm is divided into two parts. The first part gives a procedure, called QUICK, which executes the above reduction step of the algorithm, and the second part uses QUICK to sort the entire list.

Observe that Step 2(c) (iii) is unnecessary. It has been added to emphasize the symmetry between Step 2 and Step 3. The procedure does not assume the elements of A are distinct. Otherwise, the condition  $LOC \neq RIGHT$  in Step 2(a) and the condition  $LEFT \neq LOC$  in Step 3(a) could be omitted.

The second part of the algorithm follows (on page 175). As noted above, LOWER and UPPER are stacks on which the boundary values of the sublists are stored. (As usual, we use  $NULL = 0$ .)



**Procedure 6.5: QUICK(A, N, BEG, END, LOC)**  
 Here A is an array with N elements. Parameters BEG and END contain the boundary values of the sublist of A to which this procedure applies. LOC keeps track of the position of the first element A[BEG] of the sublist during the procedure. The local variables LEFT and RIGHT will contain the boundary values of the list of elements that have not been scanned.

1. [Initialize.] Set  $LEFT := BEG$ ,  $RIGHT := END$  and  $LOC := BEG$ .
2. [Scan from right to left.]
  - (a) Repeat while  $A[LOC] \leq A[RIGHT]$  and  $LOC \neq RIGHT$ :  
 $RIGHT := RIGHT - 1$ .
  - [End of loop.]
  - (b) If  $LOC = RIGHT$ , then: Return.
  - (c) If  $A[LOC] > A[RIGHT]$ , then:
    - (i) [Interchange  $A[LOC]$  and  $A[RIGHT]$ .]  
 $TEMP := A[LOC]$ ,  $A[LOC] := A[RIGHT]$ ,  
 $A[RIGHT] := TEMP$ .
    - (ii) Set  $LOC := RIGHT$ .
    - (iii) Go to Step 3.
  - [End of If structure.]
3. [Scan from left to right.]
  - (a) Repeat while  $A[LEFT] \leq A[LOC]$  and  $LEFT \neq LOC$ :  
 $LEFT := LEFT + 1$ .
  - [End of loop.]
  - (b) If  $LOC = LEFT$ , then: Return.
  - (c) If  $A[LEFT] > A[LOC]$ , then:
    - (i) [Interchange  $A[LEFT]$  and  $A[LOC]$ .]  
 $TEMP := A[LOC]$ ,  $A[LOC] := A[LEFT]$ ,  
 $A[LEFT] := TEMP$ .
    - (ii) Set  $LOC := LEFT$ .
    - (iii) Go to Step 2.
  - [End of If structure.]

**Algorithm 6.6: (Quicksort)** This algorithm sorts an array A with N elements.

1. [Initialize.]  $TOP := NULL$ .
2. [Push boundary values of A onto stacks when A has 2 or more elements.]  
 If  $N > 1$ , then:  $TOP := TOP + 1$ ,  $LOWER[1] := 1$ ,  $UPPER[1] := N$ .
3. Repeat Steps 4 to 7 while  $TOP \neq NULL$ .
4. [Pop sublist from stacks.]  
 Set  $BEG := LOWER[1]$ ,  $END := UPPER[1]$ ,  
 $TOP := TOP - 1$ .
5. Call QUICK(A, N, BEG, END, LOC). [Procedure 6.5.]
6. [Push left sublist onto stacks when it has 2 or more elements.]  
 If  $BEG < LOC - 1$ , then:  
 $TOP := TOP + 1$ ,  $LOWER[1] := BEG$ ,  
 $UPPER[1] := LOC - 1$ .  
 [End of If structure.]
7. [Push right sublist onto stacks when it has 2 or more elements.]  
 If  $LOC + 1 < END$ , then:  
 $TOP := TOP + 1$ ,  $LOWER[1] := LOC + 1$ ,  
 $UPPER[1] := END$ .  
 [End of If structure.]  
 [End of Step 3 loop.]
8. Exit.