

Training I

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1. Concept Review C++

C++ variables Type Pointer

int, char, float, double, bool, long long

Logic Flow

if else ~~&&~~, ||

Loop

while, for

I/O

scanf, cin, printf, cout, getline(cin, s)

Array

int arr[10]; vector<int> arr_vector[10];

int arr[100][10]; vector<int> edges[10];

Creates a 100x10 array

Pointer example (Pointer arithmetics)

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int var[3] = {10, 100, 200};
```

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int *ptr = var;
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Why not ~~*~~ before var?

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for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
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    cout << *ptr << endl;
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    ptr++;
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}
```

Because array itself is a mem address, and when you do arr[0] you dereference it.

$p[6] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$\text{int } *q = (\text{int } *) (p+1);$

$*q == 2$

$p+X \Leftrightarrow (\text{int } *) ((\text{char } *) p + \text{sizeof}(*p) * X)$

cast to pointer This is a pointer to second slot of type, but it's not necessary array p . here, because $(p+1)$ is a pointer itself, here it's just specifying point type is int .

All right Cool, but why should I give a damn?

Struct:

struct Node {

int data;
node * next;

};

Node	
int	node*
data	next

Mergesort

1. Split

2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8

2 3 1 4 6 7 5 8

2. Merge

2 3 1 4 6 7 5 8

2 3 1 4 6 7 5 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

(Normally, you wouldn't just want to sort)

Search

lower-bound (begin, end)
upper-bound (begin, end)

1. assume arr is already sorted
2. return an iterator (pointer) to the array
3. you have to use pointer arithmetic
4. Dereference * to see the pointer's content

Generalized binary search

An important use for binary search is to find the position where the value of a function changes.

x	0	1	...	K-1	K	K+1	...
ok(x)	F	F		F	T	T	

```
int x = -1;  
for (int b = 2, b >= 1; b /= 2) {  
    while (!ok(x+b)) x += b;  
}  
int R = x + 1;
```

Tricks for sort

1. Sort pairs is more often than sorting single values
tuples
2. With sorting tuples, you can do LOTS of things.

Generalized binary search

Usual way: check middle element of active region
if target terminates
else
update active region

Alternative way:

Make jumps and slow the speed
when getting closer to target
element

EX. Finding maximum value:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &< f(x+1) \text{ for } x < k \text{ and} \\ f(x) &> f(x+1) \text{ for } x \geq k \end{aligned}$$

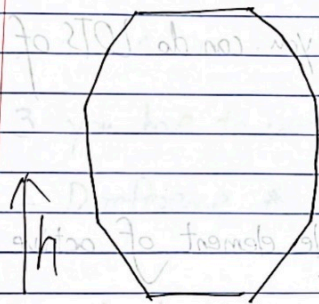
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int x = -1;
for (int b = 8, b >= 1; b /= 2) R = x + 1
    while (f(x+b) < f(x+b+1)) x += b;
```

(Normally, you wouldn't just want to find)

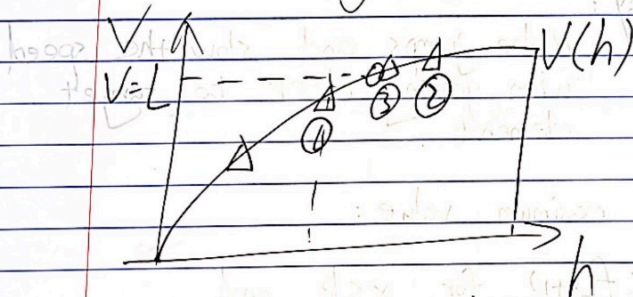
Aquarium Example

Main Takeaway:

Generalize bisearch techniques in other scenarios



In this case the volume of a geometric object grows monotonously, thus we can use bisearch to find the CHANGE POINT



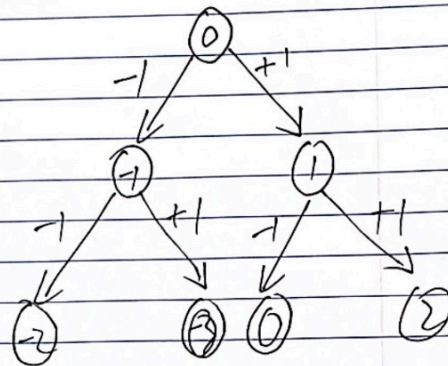
Inverse Problem: $V^{-1}(L)$ Find point h_1 such that $V(h_1) = L$

Leetcode Problem

1. BFS + Sorting

Move left
Move up

2. Tuple (Leftness,
upness,
val)



3. Sort (TupleList)

4. Print

Root is 0, -1 go left

+1 go right

Using BFS to make sure that
nodes are marked with magnitude
from left to right.