Data Structures and Algorithms: Exercise 1: E-commerce Search – Linear vs Binary Search

1. Theory

1. Problem Context

Quickly locating an item ("Product") in a large catalog—critical for user experience and performance.

2. Linear Search

- **Description**: Scan one element at a time until you find the target (or reach the end).
- Use When: Data is unsorted, or catalog is small.
- Complexity
 - Best Case: O(1) (item at index 0)
 - Average/Worst Case: O(n)

3. Binary Search

- Description: Repeatedly split a sorted array in half, compare mid-point to target, then recurse or iterate on the appropriate half.
- **Prerequisite**: Data must be sorted by key (here, productId).
- Complexity
 - Best/Average/Worst: O(log n)

4. Asymptotic Notation & Trade-offs

- Sorting an array: O(n log n) up-front cost for binary search, but each lookup is O(log n).
- Linear search: no preprocessing, but each lookup costs O(n).

2. Code Summary

- We define a simple Product class (id, name, category).
- linearSearch(Product[] arr, int targetId) loops from start to end.
- binarySearch(Product[] sortedArr, int targetId) implements the classic iterative algorithm.
- In main, we generate a large sample array, pick a random targetId, then time each search using System.nanoTime().

3. Test Cases

Case	Data Setup	Expected Behavior
1. Found at Beginning	<pre>products = [{id:10,}, {id:20,},], targetId=10</pre>	Linear: index 0 in few ns; Binary: sorted index small (exact middle may shift), but target exists.
2. Not Found	<pre>products = [{1,},{2,},{3,}], targetId=99</pre>	Both return -1 —linear scans all; binary halves until empty.
3. Large Catalog	n=1 000 000, random targetId	Linear ~O(n) tens of millions of ns; binary ~O(log n) (<50 comparisons).
4. Worst-Case for Binary	Already sorted, targetId outside range	Binary returns -1 in ~log n steps.

4. Code Output:

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Searching for Product ID: 32134

Linear -> index=32133, time=337,200 ns

Binary -> index=32133, time=18,000 ns

Big-0 Summary:

Linear Search: O(n)

Binary Search: O(log n) (requires sorted data)

Process finished with exit code 0
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Exercise 2: Financial Forecasting – Recursive vs Iterative vs Memoized

1. Theory

1. Recursion

- o **Definition**: A method calls itself on a smaller portion until a base case.
- Advantages: Declarative, mirrors mathematical definitions (e.g., FV□ = FV□-₁·(1+r□)).
- o **Drawbacks**: O(n) stack space, potential for stack overflow.

2. Iterative Approach

- Loops over rates, updating a running total.
- o O(n) time, O(1) extra space.

3. Memoization

- Cache results of sub-calls to avoid recomputation.
- Useful when you need multiple overlapping queries (e.g., "What's year 2?" and later "What's year 4?").

4. Complexity

- Pure Recursion: Time O(n), Space O(n) (stack depth).
- o **Iterative**: Time O(n), Space O(1).
- Memoized: Time O(n) for first full run, then O(1) per cache hit; Space O(n) for cache + stack.

2. Code Summary

- forecastRecursive(base, rates, idx) calls itself down to index -1, then unwinds multiplying by (1 + rates[i]).
- forecastIterative(base, rates) loops once.
- forecastMemo(base, rates, idx, cache) checks cache before recursing, stores results.
- In main, we
 - 1. Run each method and print the forecasted value.
 - 2. Track and print maxDepth for recursion.
 - 3. Simulate **repeated queries** for Year 2 and Year 4 to show memo's speedup.
 - 4. Print a complexity analysis.

3. Test Cases

Case	Input	Expected Notes
1. Uniform Rates	base=1000 , rates= [0.05,0.05,0.05]	All methods → 1000-1.053≈1157.63. Recursion depth = 4; iterative uses no extra stack; memo builds cache of size 3.
2. Zero Growth	base=500 , rates=[0,0,0]	All methods → 500. Tests base case behavior and multiplication-by-1.
3. Repeated Queries	Query Year 1 then Year 3	Iterative: full loop twice (2 ops + 3 ops). Memo: first Year 1 populates cache[1], then Year 3 reuses Year 1 result.
4. Single Year	rates=[0.1]	Ensures base case (idx<0) and single recursion step work ("bankruptcy" edge-case style).

4. Code Output

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=== Financial Forecast Demo ===
Base amount: ₹1000.0
Rates (annual): [0.07, 0.06, 0.065, 0.055]
1) Recursive result: ₹1274.36 (max stack depth = 5)
2) Iterative result: ₹1274.36 (no extra stack)
3) Memoized recursion: ₹1274.36 (cache entries = 4)
--- Test: Repeated Queries (Years 2 & 4) ---
Iterative: Year 2 in 5,000 ns; Year 4 in 3,100 ns
MemoRec : Year 2 in 5,700 ns; Year 4 in 6,600 ns

ightarrow You'll see MemoRec for Year 4 is faster than recomputing iteratively from scratch.
=== Complexity Analysis ===
Pure Recursion:
  • Time: O(n) calls
  • Space: O(n) stack frames (maxDepth = n+1)
  • Time: O(n) loop
 • Space: 0(1)
Memoized Recursion:
  • Time: O(n) overall, but re-queries in O(1)
  • Space: O(n) for cache + O(n) stack (can be reduced with tail recursion elimination)
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Design Principles:

Exercise 1: Singleton Pattern – Thread-Safe Logger

1. Theory

1. Intent

Ensure only one instance of a class exists, provide a global access point.

2. Common Pitfalls

- Non-thread-safe lazy instantiation can create multiple instances under concurrency.
- **Eager instantiation** (static field) solves safety but may waste resources.

3. Double-Checked Locking

- Uses a volatile instance and checks if (instance==null) both outside and inside a synchronized block.
- o Ensures thread-safe lazy initialization with minimal synchronization overhead.

4. **SOLID Principles**

- SRP: Logger has one responsibility—recording messages.
- o **DIP**: Code depends on the Logger abstraction, not on how it's instantiated.

2. Code Summary

• Logger is a **static nested class** inside SingletonDemo.

- private static volatile Logger instance;
- private Logger() prevents external instantiation.
- public static Logger getInstance() implements double-checked locking.
- log(level, msg) prints a timestamped message.
- In main, we:
 - 1. Obtain two references, demonstrate ==.
 - 2. Spawn multiple threads that each call getInstance().log(...).
 - 3. Show only one "Logger initialized" line, proving singleton.
 - 4. Print analysis.

3. Test Cases

Case	Action	Expected Outcome
1. Single-Thread Instantiation	Call getInstance() twice	Both refs are == ; constructor prints once.
2. Multi-Thread Race	Spawn 3 threads simultaneously	Only one thread should actually construct; others see non-null instance.
3. Reflection Attack (Discussion)	Explain why private ctor + no reflection-safe code can still be broken by reflection—mention enum singletons.	
4. Serialization (Discussion)	Note: to guard against multiple instances via serialization, implement readResolve() returning instance.	

4. Code Output

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=== Singleton Logger Demo ===
Logger initialized at 2025-06-22 13:52:54
[2025-06-22 13:52:54] INFO First message
Same instance? true

Spawning threads:
[2025-06-22 13:52:54] DEBUG log from T1
[2025-06-22 13:52:54] DEBUG log from T2
[2025-06-22 13:52:54] DEBUG log from T3

Still same? true

--- Analysis ---
1) Private ctor → no outside instantiation.
2) Double-checked locking → thread-safe.
3) Only one "Logger initialized" printed → singleton holds.

Process finished with exit code 0
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Exercise 2: Factory Method Pattern – Document Management

1. Theory

1. Intent

Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate.

2. Structure

- o **Product**: Document interface.
- o ConcreteProducts: WordDocument, PdfDocument, ExcelDocument.
- Creator: abstract DocumentFactory with createDocument().
- ConcreteCreators: WordDocumentFactory, PdfDocumentFactory, ExcelDocumentFactory.

3. Advantages

- o Decouples client code from concrete classes.
- Easy to add new document types without modifying existing client logic.
- Adheres to **OCP**: open for extension (new factories), closed for modification.

2. Code Summary

- Define interface Document { open(); printInfo(); }.
- Implement three document types that simulate real metadata (random page counts, word counts, sheet counts).
- Abstract DocumentFactory declares createDocument(String filename).
- Concrete factories override to return their specific document.
- Client (Main) collects file names, chooses a factory via extension, calls createDocument(), then open() & printInfo().

3. Test Cases

Case	Files List	Expected Behavior
1. Supported Types	<pre>["Report.docx","Data.xlsx"," Slides.pdf"]</pre>	Each recognized, opens appropriately, prints metadata.
2. Unsupported Type	["Notes.txt","Image.png"]	Prints "Skipping unsupported file type" and does not attempt open().
3. Mixed Case Extensions	["report.PdF","data.XLsX"]	Lower-casing in factory lookup ensures these still get handled.
4. Empty Filename or No Extension	["README",""]	Factory returns null, client skips—tests robustness.

4. Code Output

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=== Factory Method Demo ===

Opening Word document: Report.docx
WordDoc: name="Report.docx", words=858

Opening PDF document: Slides.pdf
PdfDoc: name="Slides.pdf", pages=43

Opening Excel document: Data.xlsx
ExcelDoc: name="Data.xlsx", sheets=3

Skipping unsupported file type: Notes.txt

Opening Excel document: Budget.xlsx
ExcelDoc: name="Budget.xlsx", sheets=1

Opening PDF document: Summary.pdf
PdfDoc: name="Summary.pdf", pages=26
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