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Data Structures 資料結構

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Algorithm

What is an Algorithm?

An ***algorithm*** is a finite set of instructions that accomplishes a particular task (problem) and satisfies the following criteria:

- Input
 - Zero/more quantities are externally supplied.
- Output
 - At least one quantity is produced.
- Definiteness
 - Each instruction is clear and unambiguous.
- Finiteness
 - Terminate after a finite number of steps.
- Effectiveness:
 - Every instruction must be basic and easy to be computed.

Representation of Algorithms

- Natural languages
 - English, ...etc.
- Graphic representation
 - Flowchart.
 - Feasible only if the algorithm is small and simple.
- Programming language
 - C++
 - Concise and effective!

Example: Binary Search

Problem statement: Assume we have $n \geq 1$ distinct integers that are **sorted** in array $A[0] \dots A[n - 1]$. Determine the existence of an integer x . If $x = A[j]$, return index j ; otherwise return -1 .

	$A[0]$	$A[1]$	$A[2]$	$A[3]$	$A[4]$	$A[5]$	$A[6]$	$A[7]$
A	1	3	5	8	9	17	32	50

Eg. For $x=9$, return index 4;

For $x=10$, return -1.

BS in Plain English




1. Let *left* and *right* denote the left and right ends of the list with initial value 0 and $n-1$.
2. Let $middle = (left + right) / 2$ be the middle position in the list
3. Compare $A[middle]$ with x and obtain three results:
 - a. $x < A[middle]$: x must be somewhere between 0 and $middle-1$. We set *right* to $middle-1$
 - b. $x == A[middle]$: We return *middle*
 - c. $x > A[middle]$: x must be somewhere between $middle+1$ and $n-1$. We set *left* to $middle+1$.
4. If x is not found and there are still integers to check, we recalculate *middle* and repeat the above comparison.

BS in Pseudo C++ Code

```
int BinarySearch(int *A, const int x, const int n)
{ int left=0, right=n-1;

  while (left <= right)
  { // more integers to check
    int middle = (left+right)/2;
    if (x < A[middle]) right = middle-1;
    else if (x > A[middle]) left = middle+1;
    else return middle;
  } // end of while
  return -1; // not found
}
```


Recursive Algorithm

- A powerful mechanism to make your algorithm or code more clear.
- Direct recursion :
 - Function calls itself directly.
 - E.g. `funcA`  `funcA`.
- Indirect recursion:
 - Function A calls other function B that invoke the function A itself.
 - E.g. `funcA`  `funcB`  `funcA`.

A Recursively Defined Problem

The binomial coefficient

$$C(n, m) = \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!}$$

can be computed by the recursive formula:

$$C(n, m) = C(n - 1, m) + C(n - 1, m - 1)$$

where $C(0,0) = C(n, n) = 1$

Principles for Feasible Recursive Algorithms

- **Termination conditions:**
 - The function should return a value or stop calling itself under certain conditions.
- **Decreased Parameters**
 - So that each call is one step closer to a termination condition.

There is a “While” statement

- Replace with if-else and recursion
- In Binary Search problem...

```
int BinarySearch(int *A, const int x, const int n)
{ int left=0, right=n-1;

  while (left <= right)
  {
    ...
  }
  return -1;
}
```

Recursive Binary Search

```
int BinarySearch(int *A, const int x, const int
                left, const int right )
{ // Search the A[left],...,A[right] for x
  if (left <= right) { // more integers to check
    int middle = (left+right)/2;
    if (x < A[middle])
      return BinarySearch(A, x, left, middle-1);
    else if (x > A[middle])
      return BinarySearch(A, x, middle+1, right);
    return middle;
  } // end of if
  return -1; // not found
}
```

Example

- Search for $x=9$ in array $A[0] \dots [7]$:

	A[0]	A[1]	A[2]	A[3]	A[4]	A[5]	A[6]	A[7]
A	1	3	5	8	9	17	32	50

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1st 3rd 2nd

- 1st call: `BinarySearch(A, 9, 0, 7)`
2nd call: `BinarySearch(A, 9, 4, 7)`
3rd call: `BinarySearch(A, 9, 4, 4)`
return index 4.

Quiz

Write down the
recursive version
of Binomial
coefficient in

Recursive form

$$C(n, m) = C(n-1, m) + C(n-1, m-1)$$

Termination conditions

$$C(0, 0) = C(n, n) = 1$$



Criteria of a “Good” Program

- Does it do what you want to do?
- Does it work correctly?
- Any documentation about how to use it?
- Are functions created logically?
- Is the code readable?
- However, the above questions are **HARD** to achieve (at least when only DS is taught).
- So, we focus on the “**Performance**” of the program



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Performance Analysis and Measurement

Performance Evaluation

- Two aspects:
 - **Space Complexity**
 - How much memory space is used?
 - **Time Complexity**
 - How much execution time is needed?
- Two approaches:
 - **Performance Analysis**
 - machine independent
 - a prior estimate
 - **Performance Measurement**
 - machine dependent
 - a posterior measure

Uses Of Performance Analysis

- Determine practicality of algorithm
- Predict run time on large instance
- Compare algorithms with different complexity
 - e.g., $O(n)$ v.s. $O(n^2)$

Performance Analysis

- Space complexity : $S(P) = C + S_P(I)$
- C is a **fixed** part:
 - Independent of the size of input and output.
 - Space for instruction and static variables, fixed-size structured variables, constants.
- $S_P(I)$ is a **variable** part:
 - Depends on the specific problem instance.
 - Space of referenced variable and recursion stack space (**Instance Characteristics**).

Instance Characteristics (I)

- Commonly used characteristics (I) include the size of the **input** and **output** of the problem.
- We shall concentrate solely on estimating the 2nd part, $S_p(I)$.
- Ex 1. `sorting(A[], n)`
Then $I = \text{number of integers} = n$.
- Ex 2. Summation of 1 to n, i.e., $1+2+3+\dots+n$
Then $I = \text{value of } n = n$.

Space Complexity: Simple Function

```
float Abc(float a, b, c)
{
    return a+b+b*c+(a+b-c) / (a+b)+4.0;
}
```

- $I = a, b, c$
- C = space for the program + space for variables a, b, c , $Abc = \text{constant}$
- $S_{Abc}(I) = 0$
- $S(Abc) = C + S_{Abc}(I) = \text{constant}$

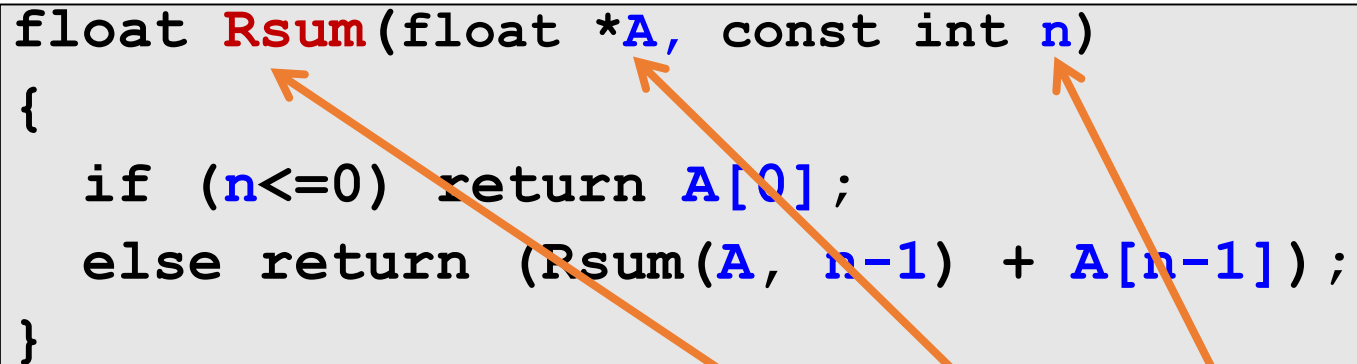
Space Complexity : Iterative Summation

```
float Sum(float *A, const int n)
{ float s = 0;
  for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
    s += A[i];
  return s;
}
```

- $I = n$ (number of elements to be summed)
- $C = \text{constant}$
- $S_{Sum}(I) = 0$ (A stores only the address of array)
- $S(Sum) = C + S_{Sum}(I) = \text{constant}$

Space Complexity : Recursive Summation

```
float Rsum(float *A, const int n)
{
    if (n <= 0) return A[0];
    else return (Rsum(A, n-1) + A[n-1]);
}
```



- $I = n$ (number of elements to be summed)
- $C = \text{constant}$
- Each recursive call “Rsum” requires $4(1 + 1 + 1) = 12$ bytes.
- Number of calls: $Rsum(A, n) \rightarrow Rsum(A, n - 1) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Rsum(A, 0) \Rightarrow n + 1$ calls
- $S(Rsum) = C + S_{Rsum}(n) = \text{const} + 12(n + 1)$

Time Complexity

$$T(P) = C + T_P(I)$$

- C is a **constant**:
 - Compile time.
- $T_P(I)$ is **variable**:
 - Execution time.

Performance Analysis

- How to evaluate $T_p(I)$?
 - Count every Add, Sub, Multiply, ... etc.
 - Practically infeasible because each instruction takes different running time at different machine.
- Use “**program step**” to estimate $T_p(I)$
 - “program step” = a statement whose execution time is *independent* of instance characteristics(I).

$abc = a + b + b * c$; \rightarrow one program step

$a = 2$; \rightarrow one program step

Time Complexity : Iterative Summation

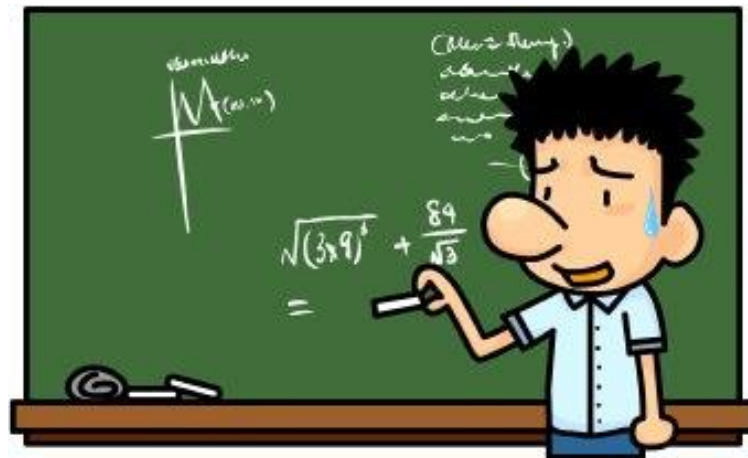
- $I = n$ (number of elements to be summed)
- $T_{Sum}(I) = 1 + n + 1 + n + 1 = 2n + 3$
- $T(Sum) = C + T_{Sum}(n) = \text{const} + (2n + 3)$

```
float Sum(float *A, const int n)
{ float s = 0;           // 1 step
  for(int i=0; i<n; i++)  // n+1 steps
    s += A[i];           // n steps
  return s;              // 1 step
}
```

Time Complexity : Recursive Summation

```
float Rsum(float *A, const int n)
{
    if (n <= 0)                                // 1 step
        return A[0];                          // 1 step
    else return (Rsum(A, n-1) + A[n-1]);        // 1 step
}
```

- $I = n$ (number of elements for summation)
- $T_{\text{Rsum}}(n) = ?$



Time Complexity : Recursive Summation

```
float Rsum(float *A, const int n)
{
    if (n<=0) // 1 step
        return A[0]; // 1 step
    else return (Rsum(A, n-1) + A[n-1]); // 1 step
}
```

- $I = n$ (number of elements for summation)
- $T_{Rsum}(0) = 2$
- $$\begin{aligned} T_{Rsum}(n) &= 2 + T_{Rsum}(n-1) \\ &= 2 + (2 + T_{Rsum}(n-2)) \\ &= \dots \\ &= 2n + T_{Rsum}(0) = 2n + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Time Complexity : Matrix Addition

```
void Add(int **a, int **b, int **c, int m, int n)
{
    for(int i=0; i<m; i++)        // m+1 steps
        for(int j=0; j<n; j++)    // m*(n+1) steps
            c[i][j] = a[i][j]+b[i][j]; // m*n steps
}
```

- $I = m(\text{rows}), n(\text{columns})$
- $T_{Add}(I) = (m + 1) + m(n + 1) + mn$
 $= 2mn + 2m + 1$
- $T(Add) = C + T_{Add}(I)$
 $= const + (2mn + 2m + 1)$

Observation on Step Counts

- In the previous examples :
 $T_{Sum}(n) = 2n + 3$ steps
 $T_{Rsum}(n) = 2n + 2$ steps
- So, **Rsum** is faster than **Sum**?
 - **No!**
 - ∴ The execution time of each step is different.
- **“Growth Rate”** is more critical
 - *“How the execution time changes in the instance characteristics?”*

Program Growth Rate

- In the **Sum** program, $T_{Sum}(n) = 2n + 3$ means when n is tenfold ($10X$), the execution time $T_{Sum}(n)$ is tenfold ($10X$).
- We say that **Sum** program runs in **linear** time.
- $T_{Rsum}(n) = 2n + 2$ also runs in **linear** time.
- We say $T_{Sum}(n)$ and $T_{Rsum}(n)$ have the same growth rate, and are equal in time complexity!

Asymptotic Notation

- To make meaningful (but inexact) statements about the time and space complexities of a program.
 - Predict the growth rate.
- Two programs with time complexity
 - P1: $c_1n^2 + c_2n$
 - P2: c_3n
 - Which one runs faster?

Asymptotic Notation

- Scenario 1: $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = 2$, and $c_3 = 100$
 - $P1(n^2 + 2n) \leq P2(100n)$ for $n \leq 98$.
- Scenario 2: $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = 2$, and $c_3 = 1000$
 - $P1(n^2 + 2n) \leq P2(1000n)$ for $n \leq 998$.
- No matter what values c_1 , c_2 and c_3 are, there will be an n beyond which $c_1n^2 + c_2n > c_3n$
- Therefore, we should compare the complexity for a **sufficiently large value** of n

Notation: Big-O (O)

- Definition:
 $f(n) = O(g(n))$ iff there exist c , $n_0 > 0$ such that $f(n) \leq cg(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.
- Ex1. $3n + 2 = O(n)$
 - $3n + 2 \leq 4n$ for all $n \geq 2$
- Ex2. $100n + 6 = O(n)$
 - $100n + 6 \leq 101n$ for all $n \geq 6$
- Ex3. $10n^2 + 4n + 2 = O(n^2)$
 - $10n^2 + 4n + 2 \leq 11n^2$ for all $n \geq 5$

The ***upper bound*** or ***worst-case running time***

Notation: Omega (Ω)

- Definition: $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ iff there exist $c, n_0 > 0$ such that $f(n) \geq cg(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.
- Ex1. $3n + 2 = \Omega(n)$
 - since $3n + 2 \geq 3n$ for all $n \geq 1$
- Ex2. $100n + 6 = \Omega(n)$
 - since $100n + 6 \geq 100n$ for all $n \geq 1$
- Ex3. $10n^2 + 4n + 2 = \Omega(n^2)$
 - since $10n^2 + 4n + 2 \geq n^2$ for all $n \geq 1$

The **lower bound** or **best-case running time**

Notation: Theta (Θ)

- Definition: $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ iff $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$.
- Ex1. $3n + 2 = \Theta(n)$
- Ex2. $100n + 6 = \Theta(n)$
- Ex3. $10n^2 + 4n + 2 = \Theta(n^2)$

The **tight bound** or **average-case running time**

Theorem 1.2

If $f(n) = a_m n^m + \dots + a_1 n + a_0$, $a_m > 0$,
then $f(n) = O(n^m)$.

- $3n + 2 = O(n)$
- $100n + 6 = O(n)$
- $10n^2 + 4n + 2 = O(n^2)$
- $6n^4 + 1000n^3 + n^2 = O(n^4)$
- **Leading constants** and **lower-order terms** do not matter.

Theorem 1.2 Proof

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= a_m n^m + \dots + a_1 n + a_0 \\ &\leq |a_m| n^m + \dots + |a_1| n + |a_0| \\ &\leq n^m (|a_m| + \dots + |a_1| + |a_0|) \\ &\leq n^m c \text{ for } n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } f(n) = O(n^m)$$

Quiz

- $n^2 - 10n - 6 = O(?)$
- $n + \log n = O(?)$
- $n + n \log n = O(?)$
- $n^2 + \log n = O(?)$
- $2^n + n^{10000} = O(?)$
- $n^4 + 1000 n^3 + n^2 = O(n^4)$, True or false?
- $n^4 + 1000 n^3 + n^2 = O(n^5)$, True or false?

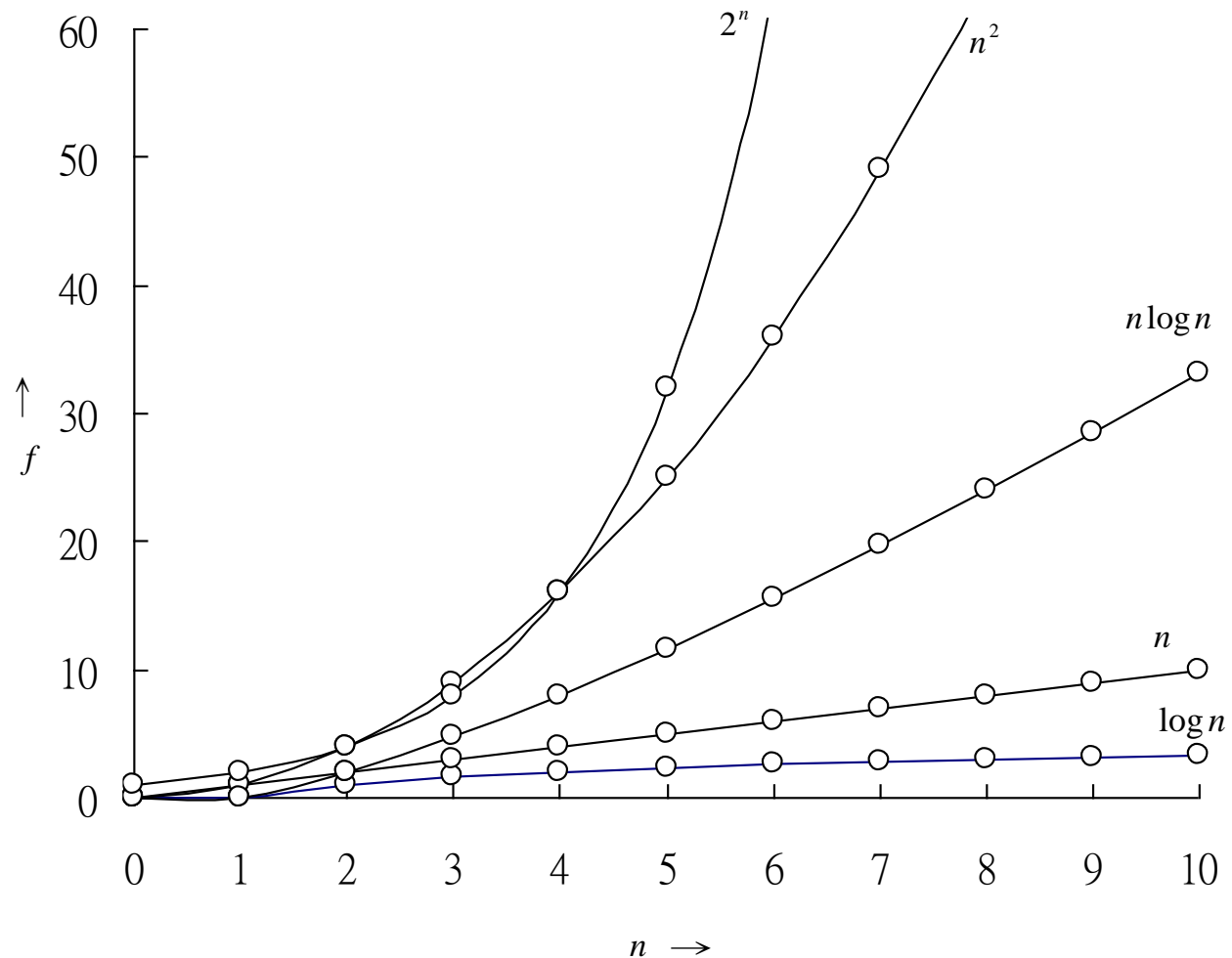
Naming Common Functions

Complexity	Naming
$O(1)$	Constant time
$O(\log n)$	Logarithmic time
$O(n \log n)$	$O(\log n) \leq . \leq O(n^2)$
$O(n^2)$	Quadratic time
$O(n^3)$	Cubic time
$O(n^{100})$	Polynomial time
$O(2^n)$	Exponential time

When n is large enough, the **latter terms** take **more time** than the **former ones**.

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Plot of Common Function Values



Execution Time Comparison

		f (n)						
	n	n	$n \log_2 n$	n^2	n^3	n^4	n^{10}	2^n
	10	.01 μs	.03 μs	.1 μs	1 μs	10 μs	10s	1 μs
	20	.02 μs	.09 μs	.4 μs	8 μs	160 μs	2.84h	1ms
	30	.03 μs	.15 μs	.9 μs	27 μs	810 μs	6.83d	1s
	40	.04 μs	.21 μs	1.6 μs	64 μs	2.56ms	121d	18m
	50	.05 μs	.28 μs	2.5 μs	125 μs	6.25ms	3.1y	13d
	100	.10 μs	.66 μs	10 μs	1ms	100ms	3171y	4×10^{13} y
	10^3	1 μs	9.96 μs	1 ms	1s	16.67m	3.17×10^{13} y	32×10^{283} y
	10^4	10 μs	130 μs	100 ms	16.67m	115.7d	3.17×10^{23} y	...
	10^5	100 μs	1.66 ms	10s	11.57d	3171y	3.17×10^{33} y	...
	10^6	1ms	19.92ms	16.67m	31.71y	3.17×10^7 y	3.17×10^{43} y	...

μ s = microsecond = 10^{-6} second; ms = milliseconds = 10^{-3} seconds
s = seconds; m = minutes; h = hours; d = days; y = years;

Compute Execution Time in Big-O

- Two approaches to compute the time complexity of a program in big-O
- Approach 1:
Step 1: Compute the total step-count.
Step 2: Take big-O using theorem 1.2.
- Approach 2:
Step 1: Take big-O on each step.
Step 2: Sum up the big-O of all steps.

Rule of Sum

- If $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$, and $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$, then $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(\max(g_1(n), g_2(n)))$.
 - Ex. $f_1(n) = O(n)$, $f_2(n) = O(n^2)$
Then $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(n^2)$.
 - Ex. $f_1(n) = O(n)$, $f_2(n) = O(n)$
Then $f_1(n) + f_2(n) = O(n)$.
- Good for computing the time complexity of a sequential program.

Rule of Product

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {           // O(n)
    for (j=0; j<n; j++)         // O(n)
        sum := sum + 1;        // O(1)
}
```

$$f(n) = O(n \cdot n \cdot 1) = O(n^2).$$

- If $f_1(n) = O(g_1(n))$, and $f_2(n) = O(g_2(n))$, then $f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) = O(g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$.
 - Ex. $f_1(n) = O(n)$, $f_2(n) = O(n)$
Then $f_1(n) \cdot f_2(n) = O(n^2)$.
- Applicable to **nested loops**.

Complexity of Binary Search

```
int BinarySearch(int *A, const int x, const int n)
{ int left=0, right=n-1;

  while (left <= right) —————→ O(?)
  { // more integers to check
    int middle = (left+right)/2; —————→ O(1)

    if (x < A[middle]) right = middle-1; —————→ O(1)

    else if (x > A[middle]) left = middle+1; —————→ O(1)

    else return middle; —————→ O(1)
  } // end of while
  return -1; // not found
}
```

Complexity of Binary Search

- Analysis of the while loop:
 - Iteration 1: n values to be searched
 - Iteration 2: $n/2$ left for searching
 - Iteration 3: $n/4$ left for searching
 - ...
 - Iteration $k+1$: $n/(2^k)$ left for searching

When $n/(2^k) = 1$, searching **must** finish.
i.e. $n = 2^k \Rightarrow k = \log_2 n$
- Hence, **worst-case exe time** of binary search is $O(\log_2 n)$.

Performance Measurement

- Obtain **actual space and time** requirement when running a program.
- How to do time measurement in code?
 - Method 1: Use **clock()**, measured in **clock ticks**
 - Method 2: Use **time()**, measured in **seconds**
- To time a **short program**, it is necessary to **repeat it many times**, and then take the **average**.

Performance Measurement

Method 1: Use clock(), measured in clock ticks

```
#include <time.h>

void main()
{
    clock_t start = clock();
    // main body of program comes here!
    clock_t stop = clock();
    double duration = ((double) (stop-start))
                      / CLOCKS_PER_SEC;
}
```

Performance Measurement

Method 2: Use time(), measured in seconds

```
#include <time.h>

void main()
{
    time_t start = time(NULL);

    // main body of program comes here!

    time_t stop = time(NULL);

    double duration = (double) difftime(stop, start);
}
```