Searching and Sorting Algorithms

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Today Objectives

- ► Introduce searching and sorting algorithms
- Describe how to perform case analysis for searching and sorting algorithms.
- ▶ Describe the efficiency of sorting and searching algorithms.

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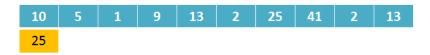


- Searching is a common task in computer programming.
- ► Searching is the process of looking for a specific element in a database.

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Context

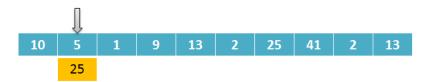
- In this class, we will study searching algorithms and perform demos for numerical arrays.
- Many algorithms and data structures are devoted to searching but, we will study only two approaches: linear search and binary search.



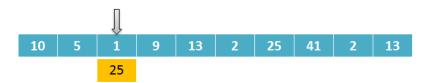
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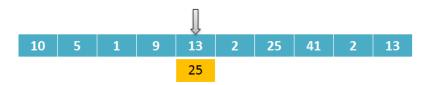
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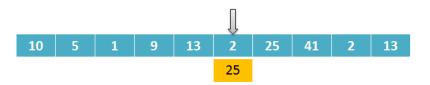
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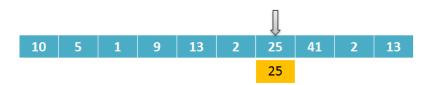
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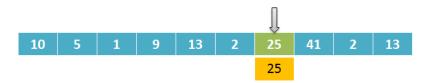
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 - return RecurSearch(value, remainder of the list)

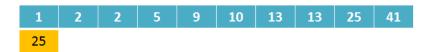
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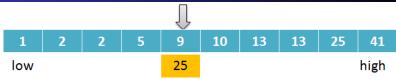
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3    else
4
5    if (a[1] == x) return 1;
6    else
7    return search(remain(a,1),x);
8 }
```

- ▶ In the worst scenario, we have to search all the elements in the array. If there are *n* elements in the array, we need *n* operations.
- ▶ In the best scenario search, we need only one operation to find the key element. The first element in the array matches the key.
- ▶ In average, we need $\frac{n}{2}$ operations (if middle of the array)to finish the searching process.

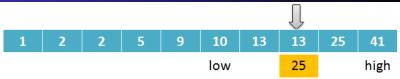
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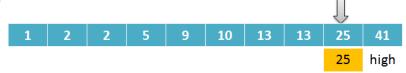
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int bsearch(int a[], int sz, int x){
      int low = 0, high = sz -1;
3
      while(low <= high) {</pre>
        int mid = (low+high)/2;
5
        if(x < a[mid])
6
          high = mid - 1;
        else if (x > a[mid])
8
          low = mid + 1:
        else
10
          return a[mid];
11
12
      return -1:
13
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- \rightarrow Sorting algorithms for indexing or grouping elements are needed.

Applications of Searching Algorithms

- ► It's easy to search or sort a number/a string of characters, but how about images, videos, documents, web?
- ▶ How to find customers with the same behaviors?
 - Content-based Information Retrieval CBIR: e.g. Google image (Reverse image search)
 - Complex structures i.e. graph or tree for indexing and searching

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- Numbers are said to be in ascending order when they are arranged from the smallest to the largest number. Example: 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 23.
- ▶ Descending order indicates that numbers are arranged from the largest to the smallest number. Example: 23, 21, 15, 13, 8, 5, 3, 2.

Sorting

- Sorting data is one of the most important computing applications. For complex data such as image, voice, video, text, document, sorting this data requires advance algorithms.
- ► In this lecture, we explore the simplest known sorting algorithms for numbers:
 - ▶ Elementary sorting: Selection Sort, Insertion Sort, Bubble Sort.
 - Advance sorting: Quick Sort, Merge Sort.

Visualize sorting algorithms:

- http://math.hws.edu/eck/js/sorting/xSortLab.html
- https://www.toptal.com/developers/sorting-algorithms

Elementary Sorting

Problematics

Given an array of n elements denoted by $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_{n-1}$, the objective is to sort this sequence in **ascending order** such as:

$$a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{n-1}$$
.

In this lecture, we focus on sorting arrays in ascending order in our samples.

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- ▶ **Memory consumption**: it concerns a program consuming computer resources. Cheap memory usage is preferred.

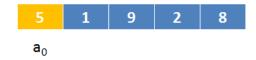
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 - continue to proceed with all elements in the unsorted sublist.

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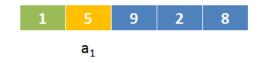
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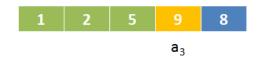
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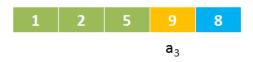
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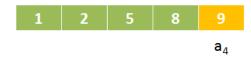
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3
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5
            for (j = i+1; j < n; j++) {
                if (a[i] < a[min])
6
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8
            swap(&a[min], &a[j]);
9
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Complexity

Count operations inside the loop

- ► first iteration makes n-1 comparisons, second does n-2, and so on
- one swap per iteration

Total operations:

$$n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + ... + 2 + 1 = n (n-1) / 2$$

Thus the complexity of Selection Sort is $O(n^2)$

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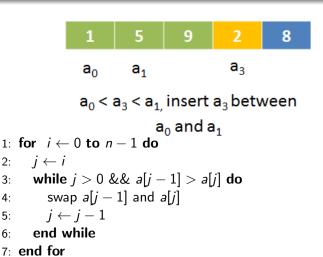
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$$a_2 < a_4 < a_{3,i}$$
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4
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- ▶ first iteration does 1 comparisons, second does \leq 2, third \leq 3 and so on
- ▶ last iteration optentially follows with n-1 comparisons

Total operations:

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Thus the complexity of Insertion Sort is $O(n^2)$. However what are the complexities for the best and the worst?

Principle

Bubble Sort algorithm proceeds by:

- compare each pair of adjacent elements and swaps them if they are in the wrong order.
- pass through the list and repeat until no swaps are needed.

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```
repeat
      \mathsf{swapped} \leftarrow \mathsf{false}
2:
      for i \leftarrow 1 to n-1 do
3:
         if a[i - 1] > a[i] then
4:
            swap(a[i-1], a[i])
5:
            swapped \leftarrow true
6:
         end if
7:
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9: until swapped = false
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$$a_2 > a_3$$
, swap a_2 and a_3

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 $a_3 > a_4$, swap a_3 and a_4

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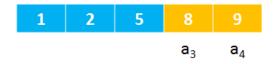


$a_2 < a_3$, no swap requires

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no further swap is needed

```
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```
C/C++ Code
   int bubble(int a[], int n) {
            int swapped = 1;
3
            while (swapped == 1)
                     swapped = 0;
5
                     for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
6
                             if (a[i-1] > a[i]){
                                      swap(&a[i-1],&a[i])
8
                                      swapped = 1;
9
10
11
            return 0:
12
```

Complexity

Count operations inside the loop

- ▶ first iteration does n-1 comparisons and n-1 swaps,
- second does n-2 comparisons and n-2 swaps,
- ▶ (n-1)th iteration does one comparison and one swap.

Total operations:

$$2(n-1+n-2+n-3+...+2+1) = n (n-1)$$

Thus the complexity of Bubble Sort is $O(n^2)$.

Conclusion

- ▶ Selection Sort, Insertion Sort, and Bubble Sort have a complexity of $O(n^2)$ in the worst case where the array is in descending order. The best case is that the array is already sorted in the right order.
- ➤ Since the complexity is too high; sorting algorithms are sensitive to the size of array *n*. If *n* is too big, the cost is very expensive.
- ➤ Sorting algorithms have to be improved to accelerate running time.

Efficient Sorting

The previous algorithms have a high complexity $O(n^2)$; many efficient sorting algorithms are proposed while improving the running cost (average complexity O(nlogn)).

The most common are:

- Merge Sort
- Quick Sort

Efficient Sorting

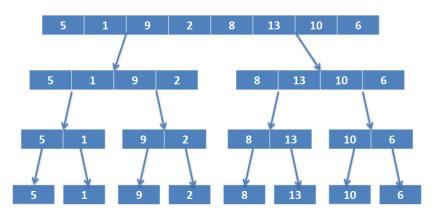
The most common strategy is to use **Recursive** and **Divide and Conquer** algorithms

- Divide: If the input size is too large to deal with straightforwardly, divide the data into two or more disjoint subsets.
- ► Recur: Use divide and conquer to solve the subproblems associated with the data subsets.
- ► Conquer: Take the solutions to the sub-problems and "merge" these solutions into a solution for the original problem.

Principle

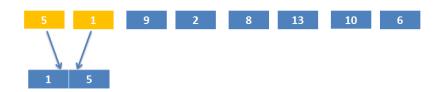
Merge sort is a divide and conquer algorithm which can proceed by:

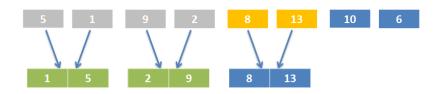
- **Divide**: divide the unsorted array into *n* sub-arrays.
- ► Conquer: each sub-array contains one element and an array of one element is considered sorted.
- ► **Recur**: merge sub-arrays repeatedly to produce new sorted sub-array until only one sub-array remains.
- the last sub-array will be the sorted array.



Divide the unsorted array into 1-element sub-arrays.



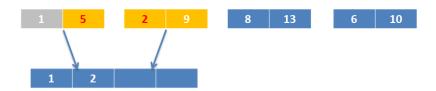


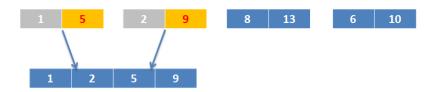


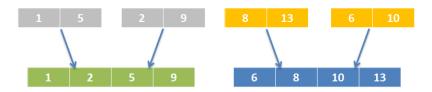




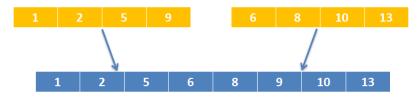














Merge Soft algorithm can be written as follows :

```
mergeSort (a, p, r)
```

- 1: if (p > r) then
- 2: $q \leftarrow (p+r)/2$;
- 3: mergeSort (a, p, q)
- 4: mergeSort (a, q+1, r)
- 5: merge (a, p, q, r)
- 6: end if

where the merge is a function allowing to combination of sub-arrays.

Q. How much memory does mergesort require?

A. Too much!

- ► Original input array = n.
- Auxiliary array for merging = n.
- Local variables: constant.
- Function call stack: log n
- ightharpoonup Total = $2n + \log n$.

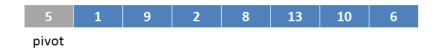
Q: How much memory do other sorting algorithms require? A: n+k variable declaration for selection sort, insertion sort, and selection sort.

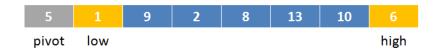
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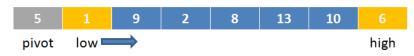
Quick sort can be considered as a divide and conquer algorithm which can proceed by:

- Select an element randomly, called a pivot, from the array.
- ▶ Conquer: arrange the array so that all elements with values less than the pivot come before the pivot (lower part), while all elements with values greater than the pivot come after it (higher part).
- ▶ **Divide**: the array is now divided into lower and higher parts.
- ► **Recur**: apply recursively and separately the above steps to these two parts.

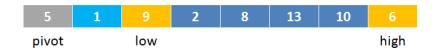


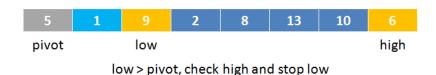


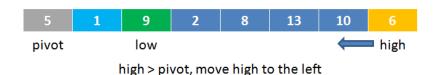


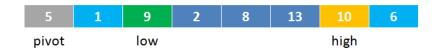


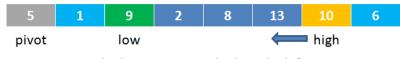
low < pivot, move low index to the right











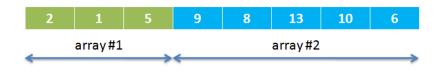
high > pivot, move high to the left











- ▶ At the end of this step, we have two new arrays to be sorted.
- ► Each array will be sorted using Quick Sort algorithm.
- ► The base case for recusive calls is where each array has one element or two elements.

```
Quick Soft algorithm can be written as following: quickSort (a, low, high)
```

- 1: if (low < high) then
- 2: $p \leftarrow partition(a, low, high)$
- 3: quicksort(a, low, p 1)
- 4: quicksort(a, p + 1, high)
- 5: end if

```
partition (a, low, high)
 1: pivot ← a[high]
 2: i \leftarrow lo w
 3: for j \leftarrow low to high -1 do
     if a[j] \ge pivot then
   swap (a[i],a[j])
 5:
    i := i + 1
 6:
    end if
 7:
 8: end for
 9: swap (a[i],a[j])
10: return i
```

Conclusion

Complexity Comparison						
	Algorithm	Best	Average	Worst	Space	
	Quick Sort	O(nlogn)	O(nlogn)	$O(n^2)$	O(logn)	-
	Merge Sort	O(nlogn)	O(nlogn)	O(nlogn)	O(n)	
	Bubble Sort	O(n)	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	O(1)	
	Insertion Sort	O(n)	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	O(1)	
	Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	O(1)	
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