



# Search Algorithms

Course: Algorithms



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This lecture covers different search algorithms for searching an element in a given collection of elements. We provide illustrations and the complexity analysis of several search algorithms. We also discuss the criteria for choosing a better search algorithm for the problem in hand

# Recap: Sorting Algorithms

- Suggest a simple algorithm for Sorting n elements
  - Correctness: First Test whether will the algorithm work for a small set of the input? Then apply on a bigger set
  - Choice of the Data Structures:
    - Choose a suitable data structure
  - Perform complexity analysis
    - How much space and running time required in the worst case?
  - Adaptability:
    - Is the solution adaptable with the growing size of the input n?
- How to get the tight bound of the sorting algorithm in terms of the running time?

#### Recap: Sorting Algorithms

- choosing a suitable sorting algorithm for a given problem??
  - How do you choose a specific sorting algorithm for any given problem?
  - Why do you choose that specific algorithm for that specific problem
- Examples:
  - Only a few items Insertion Sort
  - Items are mostly sorted already Insertion Sort
  - Concerned about worst-case scenarios Heap Sort
  - Interested in a good average-case Quicksort
  - Items are drawn from a dense universe Bucket Sort

#### **Choosing Right Sorting Algo**

- Size (Volume) of the Data:
  - How much data are you expecting to sort?
  - look for an algorithm with a very low time complexity
  - Nature of the Data: Partly sorted or Random?
    - Can affect the time complexity
    - Time complexity is not the same as running time
- Running Time of the algorithm:
  - Time complexity is not the same as running time
  - time complexity describes how the performance of an algorithm varies as the size of the data set increases
  - An algorithm does one pass → O(n) linear in n
  - An algorithm does two passes → O(n) still linear in n
- So the asymptotic time complexity and the running time of an algorithm are different

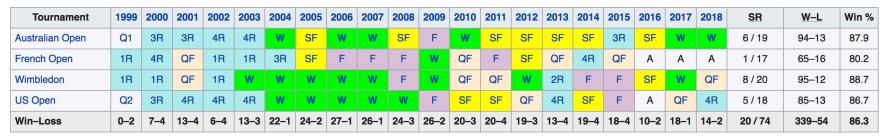
# Searching for Info

Look at the following table:



1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Q1	3R	3R	4R	4R	w	SF	W	W	SF	F	W	SF	SF	SF	SF	3R	SF	W	W
1R	4R	QF	1R	1R	3R	SF	F	F	F	W	QF	F	SF	QF	4R	QF	Α	Α	Α
1R	1R	QF	1R	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	QF	QF	W	2R	F	F	SF	W	QF
Q2	3R	4R	4R	4R	W	W	W	W	W	F	SF	SF	QF	4R	SF	F	Α	QF	4R

Any more Details??



- What these tables are taking about??
  - Any Guessing or Search for information

#### Grand Slam tournament finals: 30 (20 titles, 10 runner-ups)

Result +	Year +	Tournament +	Surface +	Opponent +	Score
Win	2003	Wimbledon	Grass	Mark Philippoussis	7-6 <sup>(7-5)</sup> , 6-2, 7-6 <sup>(7-3)</sup>
Win	2004	Australian Open	Hard	Marat Safin	7–6 <sup>(7–3)</sup> , 6–4, 6–2
Win	2004	Wimbledon (2)	Grass	Andy Roddick	4–6, 7–5, 7–6 <sup>(7–3)</sup> , 6–4
Win	2004	US Open	Hard	Lleyton Hewitt	6–0, 7–6 <sup>(7–3)</sup> , 6–0
Win	2005	Wimbledon (3)	Grass	Andy Roddick	6–2, 7–6 <sup>(7–2)</sup> , 6–4
Win	2005	US Open (2)	Hard	Andre Agassi	6–3, 2–6, 7–6 <sup>(7–1)</sup> , 6–1
Win	2006	Australian Open (2)	Hard	Marcos Baghdatis	5-7, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2
Loss	2006	French Open	Clay	Rafael Nadal	6-1, 1-6, 4-6, 6-7 <sup>(4-7)</sup>
Win	2006	Wimbledon (4)	Grass	Rafael Nadal	6-0, 7-6 <sup>(7-5)</sup> , 6-7 <sup>(2-7)</sup> , 6-3
Win	2006	US Open (3)	Hard	Andy Roddick	6–2, 4–6, 7–5, 6–1
Win	2007	Australian Open (3)	Hard	Fernando González	7–6 <sup>(7–2)</sup> , 6–4, 6–4
Loss	2007	French Open	Clay	Rafael Nadal	3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6
Win	2007	Wimbledon (5)	Grass	Rafael Nadal	7-6 <sup>(9-7)</sup> , 4-6, 7-6 <sup>(7-3)</sup> , 2-6, 6-2
Win	2007	US Open (4)	Hard	Novak Djokovic	7–6 <sup>(7–4)</sup> , 7–6 <sup>(7–2)</sup> , 6–4
Loss	2008	French Open	Clay	Rafael Nadal	1-6, 3-6, 0-6
Loss	2008	Wimbledon	Grass	Rafael Nadal	4-6, 4-6, 7-6 <sup>(7-5)</sup> , 7-6 <sup>(10-8)</sup> , 7-9
Win	2008	US Open (5)	Hard	Andy Murray	6–2, 7–5, 6–2
Loss	2009	Australian Open	Hard	Rafael Nadal	5-7, 6-3, 6-7 <sup>(3-7)</sup> , 6-3, 2-6
Win	2009	French Open	Clay	Robin Söderling	6–1, 7–6 <sup>(7–1)</sup> , 6–4
Win	2009	Wimbledon (6)	Grass	Andy Roddick	5–7, 7–6 <sup>(8–6)</sup> , 7–6 <sup>(7–5)</sup> , 3–6, 16–14
Loss	2009	US Open	Hard	Juan Martín del Potro	6-3, 6-7 <sup>(5-7)</sup> , 6-4, 6-7 <sup>(4-7)</sup> , 2-6
Win	2010	Australian Open (4)	Hard	Andy Murray	6–3, 6–4, 7–6 <sup>(13–11)</sup>
Loss	2011	French Open	Clay	Rafael Nadal	5–7, 6–7 <sup>(3–7)</sup> , 7–5, 1–6
Win	2012	Wimbledon (7)	Grass	Andy Murray	4–6, 7–5, 6–3, 6–4
Loss	2014	Wimbledon	Grass	Novak Djokovic	7–6 <sup>(9–7)</sup> , 4–6, 6–7 <sup>(4–7)</sup> , 7–5, 4–6
Loss	2015	Wimbledon	Grass	Novak Djokovic	6-7 <sup>(1-7)</sup> , 7-6 <sup>(12-10)</sup> , 4-6, 3-6
Loss	2015	US Open	Hard	Novak Djokovic	4–6, 7–5, 4–6, 4–6
Win	2017	Australian Open (5)	Hard	Rafael Nadal	6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3
Win	2017	Wimbledon (8)	Grass	Marin Čilić	6–3, 6–1, 6–4
Win	2018	Australian Open (6)	Hard	Marin Čilić	6–2, 6–7 <sup>(5–7)</sup> , 6–3, 3–6, 6–1

#### Information

Swiss Tennis Star:Roger Federer



- How many Grand Slams won by him? ANS: 20
- What are they? Can you Guess?
  - 4 different grand slams (AO: 6; W: 8; RG: 1; US: 5)
  - Completed Career Grand Slam?
    - Yes / No
- How many ATP Masters won by him?
  - What are they?
- Let us search for information

#### M3: Searching Algorithms

- In this module, we focus on developing efficient search algorithms:
  - Overview of Search algorithms
  - Sequential Search
  - Binary Search
  - Hash based Search
  - Binary Tree Search
  - Scalable Searching Algorithms
  - Efficient approaches in Searching
  - Take Home assignments

# M3: Searching Algorithms

- Given: A collection C of elements
- Existence:
  - Does C contain a target element x?
- Response:
  - Yes (exists in the collection) / No (does not exist)
- Need for Search Algorithms??
- How to devise algorithms that could give the answer with less response time??

# Searching – An Overview

- Given: A collection C of elements
- Task: Search for the element x

#### Existence:

- Does C contain a target element x?
- Response: Yes (exists) / No (does not exist)

#### Retrieval:

- Give your roll number and get all details?
- Search anything in Google Scalable searches

#### Associate Look up:

Information Associated with the key x

#### **Two Variations**

- In this lecture, we will focus on two search algorithms:
- Sequential Search
  - Linear Search algorithm
- Binary Search Algorithm
  - Tree based search algorithm
- Complexity analysis

# Algorithm - 1

Procedure **Search**(C, x)

```
Input: Collection C and an element x
Output: true (exists) or false (does not exist)
begin
   for i = 0 to n-1 do
       if C[i] = x then
           return true
   endfor
   return false
end
```

# Algorithm - 2

Procedure **Search**(C, x)

```
Input: Collection C and an element x
Output: true (exists) or false (does not exist)
begin
    iter = c.start()
    while (iter != C.end()) do
        curr = iter.next
        if curr = x then
            return true
    endwhile
    return false
end
```

# Algorithm - 2

Procedure **Search**(C, x)

```
Input: Collection C and an element x
Output: true (exists) or false (does not exist)
begin
    iter = c.start()
    while (iter != C.end()) do
        curr = iter.next
        if curr = x then
            return true
    endwhile
    return false
end
```

#### **Linear Search - Facts**

- For smaller collection, it is simple and efficient
- Can apply simple variations to traverse the collection organized in lists.
- Type of elements in the collection C
  - Does the collection require to follow any ordering?
  - If the given collection is sorted then what additional benefits you could get?
  - Can you reduce the worst case complexity?
    - At least in terms of the running time of the algorithm
    - Can you do any refinement during the implementation?

# **Linear Search - Analysis**

- Input size: n elements in the collection C and x has to be search for
- Best Case:
  - O(1)
- Average Case:
  - O(n)
- Worst Case:
  - O(n)
- Data Structures:
  - Arrays, Linked Lists
  - Priority Queues ??

# **Binary Search**

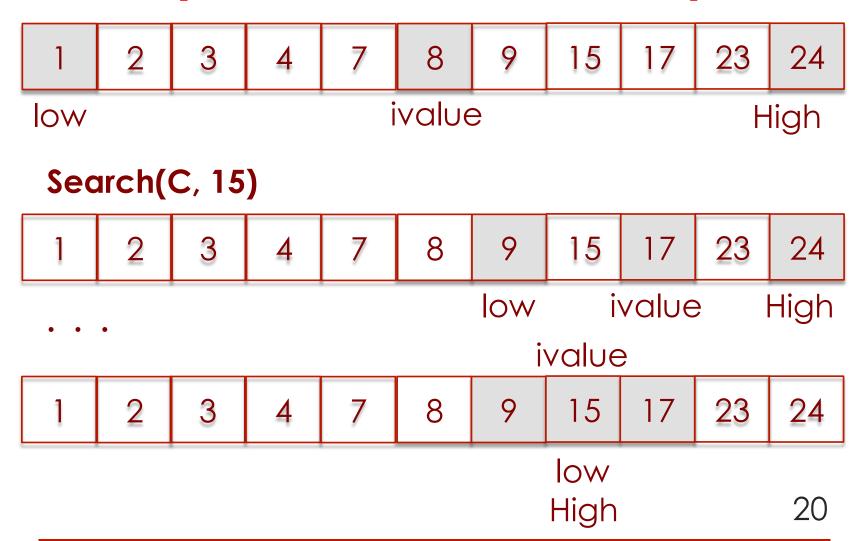
- Elements are arranged in a tree like structure
  - Based on Divide and conquer approach
  - Elements have to be organized according to the given partial order
  - Example:
    - Look at Phone Contacts
    - Yellow Pages (Telephone Directory)

#### **Binary Search**

Procedure binarySearch(C, x)

```
begin
    low = 0
    high = n-1;
    while (low ≤ high) do
         ivalue = (low + high) / 2
         if (x = C[ivalue]) then
              return true
         else
              if (x < C[ivalue]) then
                  high = ivalue - 1
              else low = ivalue + 1
    endwhile
    return false
end
```

# Binary Search – An Example



#### **Binary Search - Facts**

- Small amount of complexity for large gains
- Complexity can increase when collection is not stored in memory
- If the collection is kept in the secondary storage like disk or external drives, it may worsen the running time
  - Mhàss
    - File I/O operations
    - Cost needed to search an element will be dominated by the cost to access the storage.

#### **Binary Search - Analysis**

- Input size: n elements in the collection C and x has to be search for
- Best Case:
  - O(1)
- Average Case:
  - O(log n)
- Worst Case:
  - O(log n)
- Data Structures:
  - Arrays

# Help among Yourselves?

- Perspective Students (having CGPA above 8.5 and above)
- Promising Students (having CGPA above 6.5 and less than 8.5)
- Needy Students (having CGPA less than 6.5)
  - Can the above group help these students? (Your work will also be rewarded)
- You may grow a culture of collaborative learning by helping the needy students

#### **Assistance**

- You may post your questions to me at any time
- You may meet me in person on available time or with an appointment
- TA s would assist you to clear your doubts.
- You may leave me an email any time (email is the best way to reach me faster)

#### Thanks ...

