

Solutions for Introduction to Algorithms 2022, 4th edition.  
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**1.1.1 Describe your own real-world example that requires sorting. Describe one that requires finding the shortest distance between two points.**

Sorting product tables by various parameters: date, price, etc. AABB collisions needs to know shortest distance between two points in rectangle-circle case.

**1.1.2 Other than speed, what other measures of efficiency might you need to consider in a real-world setting?**

Memory.

**1.1.3 Select a data structure that you have seen, and discuss its strengths and limitations.**

Hash table. Operations `Search`, `Delete` and `Insert` take  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  time on average. However, database can degrade if it goes through a large number of collisions.

#### **1.1.4 How are the shortest-path and traveling-salesperson problems given above similar? How are they different?**

Both problems regard path finding with minimum cost.

They are different in few things:

- TSP is NP-complete while SPP is known P-complex
- UPSOLVE