

DATA STRUCTURE AND ALGORITHM

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Overview

- Concept of sorting
- Types of sorting: internal and external
- Sorting algorithm: selection, insertion and bubble
- Divide and conquer algorithm : merge sorting

Objectives

- ▶ Understanding sorting algorithm
- ▶ To learn how to use sorting techniques

sorting

- Sorting refers to arranging data in a particular format. Sorting algorithm specifies the way to arrange data in a particular order. Most common orders are in numerical or lexicographical order.
- A sorting algorithm is just a series of orders or instructions. In this, an array is an input, on which the sorting algorithm performs operations to give out a sorted array.
- The importance of sorting lies in the fact that data searching can be optimized to a very high level, if data is stored in a sorted manner. Sorting is also used to represent data in more readable formats. Following are some of the examples of sorting in real-life scenarios –
 - **Telephone Directory** – The telephone directory stores the telephone numbers of people sorted by their names, so that the names can be searched easily.
 - **Dictionary** – The dictionary stores words in an alphabetical order so that searching of any word becomes easy.

Type of sorting

- There are two different categories in sorting:
 - **Internal sorting:** If the input data is such that it can be adjusted in the main memory at once, it is called internal sorting.
 - **External sorting:** If the input data is such that it cannot be adjusted in the memory entirely at once, it needs to be stored in a hard disk, floppy disk, or any other storage device. This is called external sorting.

Selection Sort

- The selection is a straightforward process of sorting values.
- In this method, to sort the data in ascending order, the 0th element is compared with all other elements.
- If the 0th element is found to be greater than the compared element, the two values get interchanged.
- In this way after the first iteration, the smallest element is placed at 0th position.
- The technique is repeated until the full array gets sorted.

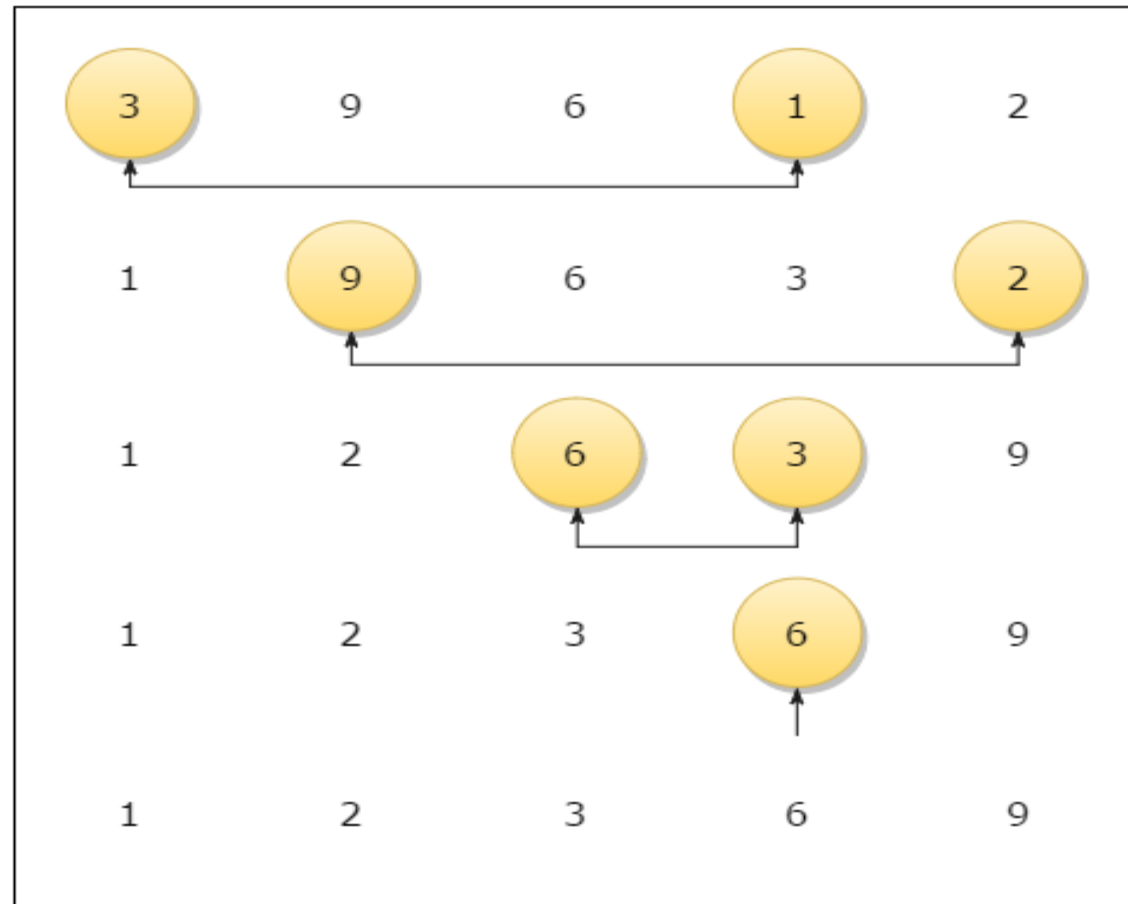


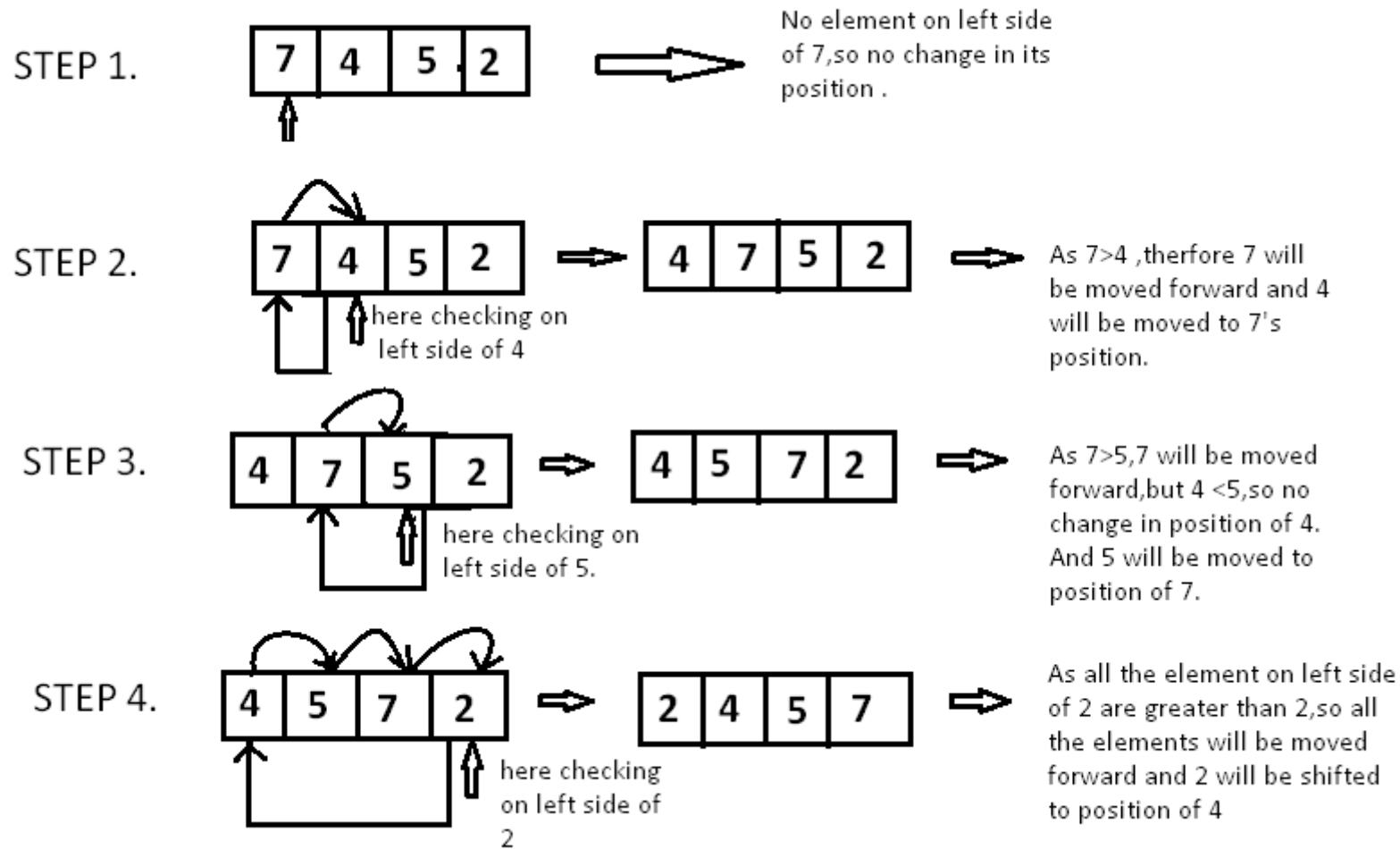
Fig. Selection Sort Technique

Insertion Sort

- Insertion sort is a simple sorting algorithm that works similar to the way you sort playing cards in your hands.
- The array is virtually split into a sorted and an unsorted part.
- Values from the unsorted part are picked and placed at the correct position in the sorted part.

Algorithm:

1. If it is the first element, it is already sorted. return 1;
2. Pick next element
3. Compare with all elements in the sorted sub-list
4. Shift all the elements in the sorted sub-list that is greater than the value to be sorted
5. Insert the value
6. Repeat until list is sorted







Bubble Sort

- Bubble sort is a simple sorting algorithm.
- This sorting algorithm is comparison-based algorithm in which each pair of adjacent elements is compared and the elements are swapped if they are not in order.
- This algorithm is not suitable for large data sets as its average and worst case complexity are of $O(n^2)$ where n is the number of items.

Algorithm :

1. First iteration(compare and swap)
 - Starting from the first index, compare the first and the second elements.
 - If the first element is greater than the second element, they are swapped.
 - Now, compare the second and the third elements. Swap them if they are not in order.
 - The above process goes on until the last element.
2. Remaining iteration(same process)

Bubble sort example

Initial	<table><tr><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>6</td></tr></table>	5	3	8	4	6	Initial Unsorted array
5	3	8	4	6			
Step 1	<table><tr><td>5</td><td>3</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>6</td></tr></table> 	5	3	8	4	6	Compare 1 st and 2 nd (Swap)
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Step 2	<table><tr><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>6</td></tr></table> 	3	5	8	4	6	Compare 2 nd and 3 rd (Do not Swap)
3	5	8	4	6			
Step 3	<table><tr><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>6</td></tr></table> 	3	5	8	4	6	Compare 3 rd and 4 th (Swap)
3	5	8	4	6			
Step 4	<table><tr><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>8</td><td>6</td></tr></table> 	3	5	4	8	6	Compare 4 th and 5 th (Swap)
3	5	4	8	6			
Step 5	<table><tr><td>3</td><td>5</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>8</td></tr></table>	3	5	4	6	8	Repeat Step 1-5 until no more swaps required
3	5	4	6	8			

Divide And Conquer Algorithm : Merge Sorting

- A **divide and conquer algorithm** is a strategy of solving a large problem by:
 - breaking the problem into smaller sub-problems
 - solving the sub-problems, and
 - combining them to get the desired output.
- ▶ The divide-and-conquer technique is the basis of efficient algorithms for many problems, such as sorting (e.g., quicksort, merge sort)

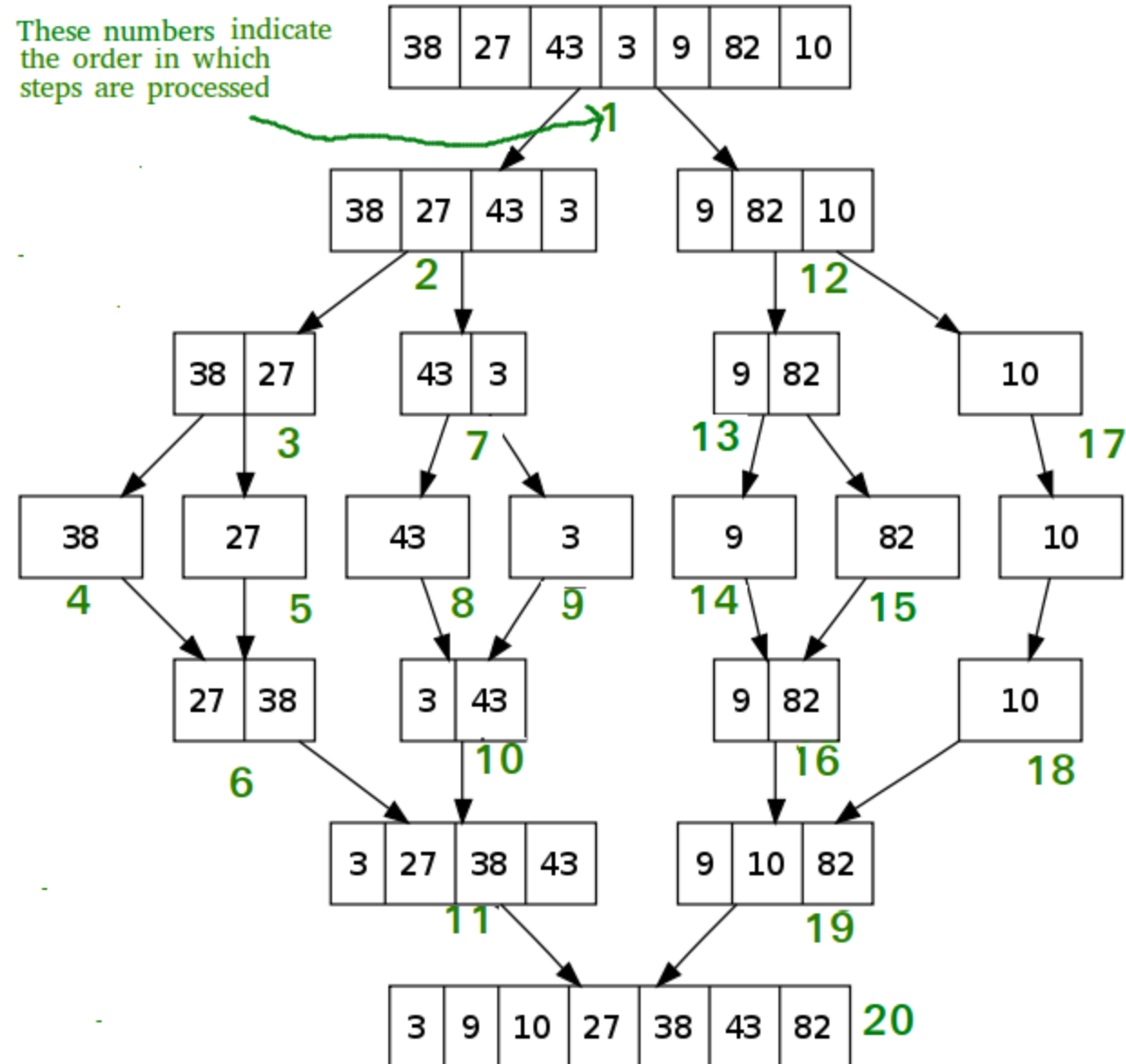
Merge Sorting

- Merge sort is a sorting technique based on divide and conquer technique. With worst-case time complexity being $O(n \log n)$, it is one of the most respected algorithms.
- Merge sort first divides the array into equal halves and then combines them in a sorted manner

Algorithm

- Divide the unsorted list into sub-lists, each containing element.
- Take adjacent pairs of two singleton lists and **merge** them to form a list of 2 elements. N. will now convert into lists of size 2.
- Repeat the process till a single **sorted** list of obtained

These numbers indicate the order in which steps are processed



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