

# Unit 3.1 Divide and Conquer

Algorithms

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## Divide and Conquer

- **Divide and Conquer** method:
  - Given an input set  $P$ , **Divide and conquer** approach splits the input into  $k$  distinct subsets,  $1 < k < n$ , yielding  $k$  subproblems.
  - These  $k$  subproblems are solved individually.
  - Then a method must be found that combines the subsolutions into a solution of the whole problem.

### Algorithm 3.1.1. Divide and conquer

```
// Divide and conquer algorithm.
// Input:  $P$ 
// Output: Solution of  $P$ .
1 Algorithm DandC( $P$ )
2 {
3     if Small( $P$ ) then return S( $P$ ); // Small size, solve immediately and return.
4     else {
5         divide  $P$  into smaller instances  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k, k > 1$ ;
6         // Apply DandC to each of these subproblems and combine for solution.
7         return Combine( DandC( $P_1$ ), DandC( $P_2$ ),  $\dots$ , DandC( $P_k$ ));
8     }
9 }
```

# Binary Search

- Given an array  $A$  with  $n$  elements sorted in nondecreasing order, the following algorithm determines if the element  $x$  is in  $A$  or not. If it is, return  $j$  such that  $A[j] = x$ , otherwise return 0.

## Algorithm 3.1.2. Binary Search

```
// Find if  $x$  is in nondecreasing array  $A[\ell : h]$ .  
// Input:  $A[\ell : h]$  and  $x$   
// Output:  $j$ ,  $\ell \leq j \leq h$ , such that  $A[j] = x$ , otherwise 0.  
1 Algorithm BinSrch( $A, \ell, h, x$ )  
2 {  
3     if ( $\ell = h$ ) then {  
4         if ( $x = A[\ell]$ ) then return  $\ell$ ;  
5         else return 0;  
6     } else {  
7          $mid := \lfloor (\ell + h)/2 \rfloor$ ;  
8         if ( $x = A[mid]$ ) then return  $mid$ ;  
9         else if ( $x < A[mid]$ ) then return BinSrch( $A, \ell, mid - 1, x$ );  
10        else return BinSrch( $A, mid + 1, h, x$ );  
11    }  
12 }
```

- $\text{BinSrch}(A, 1, n, x)$  is called in `main` function.

# Iterative Binary Search

- Iterative binary search.

## Algorithm 3.1.3. Iterative Binary Search

```
// Iterative binary search for  $x$  in nondecreasing array  $A[1 : n]$ .  
// Input:  $A, n$  and  $x$   
// Output:  $j$  such that  $A[j] = x$ , otherwise 0.  
1 Algorithm BinSearch( $A, n, x$ )  
2 {  
3      $low := 1$ ;  $high := n$ ; // initialize search range  
4     while ( $low \leq high$ ) do { // more to search?  
5          $mid := \lfloor (low + high)/2 \rfloor$ ; // center of search range  
6         if ( $x = A[mid]$ ) then return  $mid$ ; // if  $x$  is found, return.  
7         else if ( $x < A[mid]$ ) then  $high := mid - 1$ ; // reduce search range.  
8         else  $low := mid + 1$ ;  
9     }  
10    return 0; //  $x$  not found.  
11 }
```

- Two element comparisons per iteration, lines 6, 7.

# Binary Search Examples

- Example

$A = \{ -15, -6, 0, 7, 9, 23, 54, 82, 101, 112, 125, 131, 142, 151 \}$ .  
[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14]

Note that  $n = 14$  and  $A$  is sorted in nondecreasing order.

**BinSearch**( $A, 14, 151$ )

iter	low	high	mid
1	1	14	7
2	8	14	11
3	12	14	13
4	14	14	14
return 14			

**BinSearch**( $A, 14, 9$ )

iter	low	high	mid
1	1	14	7
2	1	6	3
3	4	6	5
return 5			

**BinSearch**( $A, 14, -14$ )

iter	low	high	mid
1	1	14	7
2	1	6	3
3	1	2	1
4	2	2	2
5	2	1	
return 0			

## Binary Search – Correctness

### Theorem 3.1.4.

Algorithm **BinSearch**( $A, n, x$ ) works correctly.

**Proof.** Assuming all comparison operations are properly defined, and initially,  $low = 1$ ,  $high = n$ ,  $A[1] \leq A[2] \leq \dots \leq A[n]$ . If  $n = 0$ , then the **while** loop is not entered and 0 is returned. Otherwise,  $low \leq mid \leq high$ . If  $x = A[mid]$  then the algorithm terminated successfully. Otherwise, the range is narrowed to either  $[low : mid - 1]$  or  $[mid + 1 : high]$ . Note that if  $low > mid - 1$  or  $mid + 1 > high$  then the algorithm terminates and returns 0, which is also a correct result. Since  $n$  is finite, the **while** loop can be executed at most  $(\lg n + 1)$  times. Therefore, the algorithm always terminates and returns the right answer.  $\square$

- To fully test **BinSearch** algorithm:
  - To test all successful searches,  $x \in A[i]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
–  $n$  cases,
  - To test all unsuccessful cases,  $x \notin A[i]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$   
–  $n + 1$  cases,
  - Totally  $2n + 1$  cases.

# Binary Search – Complexities

- The space complexity of `BinSearch`( $A, n, x$ ) is  $(n + 4)$ 
  - $n$  for array  $A$ , and then  $low$ ,  $high$ ,  $mid$  and  $x$  take 4 spaces.

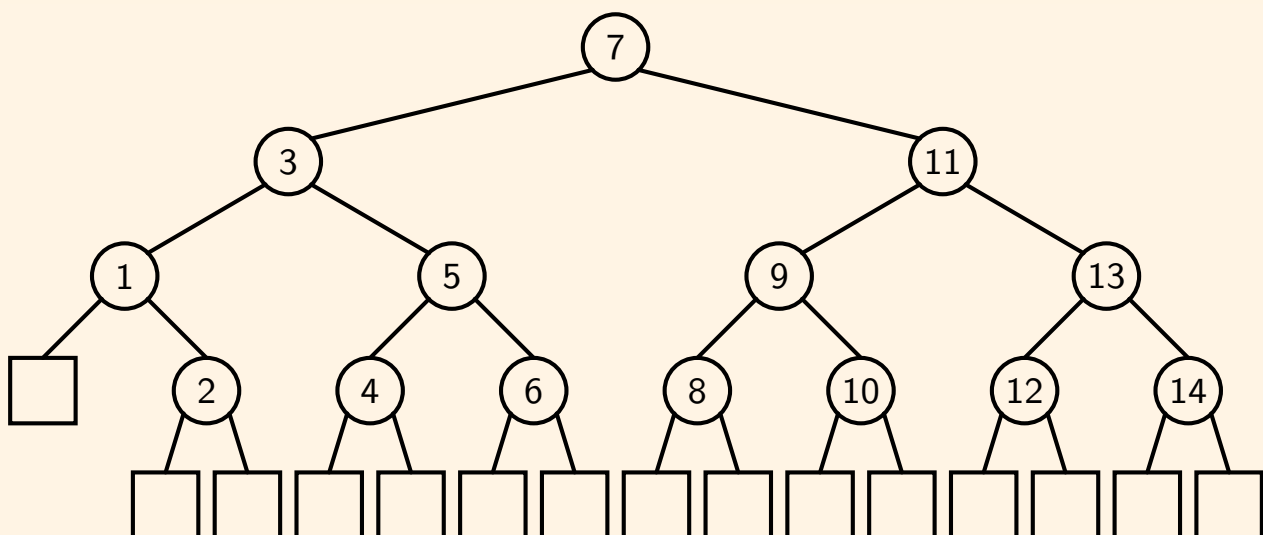
- The number of comparisons for each element of  $A$

	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]
$a = \{$	-15,	-6,	0,	7,	9,	23,	54,	82,	101,	112,	125,	131,	142,	151
$\}$														
Comp.,	5	7	3	7	5	7	1	7	5	7	3	7	5	7

- Thus, for **successful search**
  - Best case: 1 comparison
  - Worst case: 7 comparisons
  - Average case:  $\frac{76}{14} = 5.43$  comparisons

## Binary Search – Unsuccessful Search

- For **unsuccessful search**
  - $x < A[1]$ : 5 comparisons.
  - All other cases: 7 comparisons.
  - Best case: 5 comparisons.
  - Worst case: 7 comparisons.
  - Average case:  $\frac{5 + 7 * 14}{15} = \frac{103}{15} = 6.87$ .
- The binary decision tree for 14-element array searching



# Binary Search – Number of Comparisons

## Theorem 3.1.5.

If  $n$  is in the range  $[2^{k-1}, 2^k)$ , then `BinSearch`( $A, n, x$ ) makes at most  $2 \cdot k - 1$  element comparisons for a successful search and exactly  $2k + 1$  comparisons for an unsuccessful search. In other words, the time for a successful search is  $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$  and for an unsuccessful search is  $\Theta(\lg n)$ .

**Proof.** Consider the binary decision tree describing the comparisons of the `BinSearch`( $A, n, x$ ) algorithm. All successful searches end at a circular node whereas all unsuccessful searches end at a square node. If  $2^{k-1} \leq n < 2^k$ , then all circular nodes are at levels  $1, 2, \dots, k$  whereas all square nodes are at levels  $k$  and  $k+1$ . The number of comparisons needed to terminate a circular node at level  $i$  is  $i$  whereas the number of comparisons needed to terminate at a square node at level  $i$  is  $2 \cdot i - 1$ . Thus, the theorem follows.  $\square$

- The above theorem is the worst case time complexity of `BinSearch` algorithm.

# Binary Search – Time Complexity

- Let  $T(n)$  be the time complexity of searching an array of  $n$  elements.
- Assuming that the element comparison time dominates the searching time, then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ T(n/2) + 2, & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

- If  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k = \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(2^k/2) + 2 = T(2^{k-1}) + 2 \\ &= (T(2^{k-2}) + 2) + 2 \\ &= T(2^{k-2}) + 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= T(1) + k \cdot 2 \\ &= 2 \cdot k + 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot \lg n + 1 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1.1}$$

- Thus, the time complexity of binary search is  $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ .
  - For successful search it can terminate early, hence  $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ .
  - For unsuccessful search,  $\Theta(\lg n)$ .
- If  $n \neq 2^k$  for any integer  $k$ , then take  $k = \lceil \lg n \rceil$ .

# Binary Search – Average-case Time Complexity

- Let  $t(h)$ ,  $1 \leq h \leq n$ , be the search time for element  $A[h]$ , then the average successful searching time is

$$\begin{aligned} T_{A,S}(n) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{h=1}^n t(h) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{h=1}^n \mathcal{O}(\lg n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot n \cdot \mathcal{O}(\lg n) = \mathcal{O}(\lg n) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.2)$$

- Let  $A[i] < h_i < A[i+1]$ ,  $1 < i < n$  and  $h_0 < A[1]$ ,  $h_n > A[n]$  then the average unsuccessful searching time is

$$\begin{aligned} T_{A,U}(n) &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=0}^n t(h_i) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=0}^n \Theta(\lg n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} (n+1) \Theta(\lg n) = \Theta(\lg n) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.3)$$

	Successful search	Unsuccessful search
Best case	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\lg n)$
Average case	$\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$	$\Theta(\lg n)$
Worst case	$\Theta(\lg n)$	$\Theta(\lg n)$

## Binary Search – Improved

- In the algorithm `BinSearch`( $A, n, x$ ), two element comparisons are needed for each iteration.
- The following algorithm reduces the number of element comparisons to 1 per iteration – the complexity does not change.

### Algorithm 3.1.6. Binary search with 1 comparison/iteration

```
// Improved binary search for  $x$  in nondecreasing array  $A[1 : n]$ .
// Input:  $A$ ,  $n$  and  $x$ 
// Output:  $j$  such that  $A[j] = x$ , otherwise 0.
1 Algorithm BinSearch1( $A, n, x$ )
2 {
3      $low := 1$ ;  $high := n + 1$ ; // initialize range, note  $high$  is out of range.
4     while ( $low < high - 1$ ) do { // iterate until one element left
5          $mid := \lfloor (low + high) / 2 \rfloor$ ;
6         if ( $x < A[mid]$ ) then  $high := mid$ ; // compare to  $mid$  only
7         else  $low := mid$ ;
8     }
9     if ( $x = A[low]$ ) then return  $low$ ; // only one element left
10    else return 0;
11 }
```



# Improved Binary Search – Time Complexity

- The time complexity for this improved search is then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1, \\ T(n/2) + 1, & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

- If  $n = 2^k$ ,  $k = \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(2^k/2) + 1 \\ &= (T(2^{k-2}) + 1) + 1 \\ &= T(2^{k-2}) + 2 \\ &= T(1) + k \\ &= k + 1 \\ &= \lg n + 1 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1.4}$$

- The complexity remains as  $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ .
- But the execution time can be shorter.

## Finding the Maximum and Minimum

- Given a set of  $n$  elements, find the maximum and the minimum.
- The following algorithm is a straightforward implementation to solve the problem.

### Algorithm 3.1.7. Find maximum and minimum

```
// Find max and min of array  $A[1 : n]$ .  
// Input: array  $A$ , int  $n$   
// Output: max, min.  
1 Algorithm SMaxMin( $A, n, max, min$ )  
2 {  
3      $max := min := A[1]$ ; // Initialize to a valid candidate.  
4     for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do { // Iterate for all elements.  
5         if ( $A[i] > max$ ) then  $max := A[i]$ ;  
6         if ( $A[i] < min$ ) then  $min := A[i]$ ;  
7     }  
8 }
```

- The space complexity is  $(n + 4)$ .
- The time complexity, in terms of number of comparisons, is
  - Best case:  $2(n - 1)$ .
  - Average case:  $2(n - 1)$ .
  - Worst case:  $2(n - 1)$ .

# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Improved

- The preceding algorithm can be improved as

## Algorithm 3.1.8. Find maximum and minimum

```
// Find max and min of array  $A[1 : n]$ .  
// Input: array  $A$ , int  $n$   
// Output: max, min.  
1 Algorithm SMaxMin1( $A, n, max, min$ )  
2 {  
3      $max := min := A[1]$ ; // Initialize to a valid candidate.  
4     for  $i := 2$  to  $n$  do { // Iterate for all elements.  
5         if ( $A[i] > max$ ) then  $max := A[i]$ ;  
6         else if ( $A[i] < min$ ) then  $min := A[i]$ ;  
7     }  
8 }
```

- The space complexity is still  $(n + 4)$ .
- The time complexity, in terms of number of comparisons, is
  - Best case:  $n - 1$ , if  $A$  is increasing order.
  - Worst case:  $2(n - 1)$ , if  $A$  is in decreasing order.

# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Divide and Conquer

- Using Divide and Conquer approach, we have the following algorithm

## Algorithm 3.1.9. Find maximum and minimum

```
// Find max and min of array  $A[\ell : h]$ .  
// Input: array  $A$ , int  $\ell, h$   
// Output: max, min.  
1 Algorithm MaxMin( $A, \ell, h, max, min$ )  
2 {  
3     if ( $\ell = h$ ) then  $max := min := A[\ell]$ ; // Only one element.  
4     else if ( $\ell = h - 1$ ) then { // Two elements in the range.  
5         if ( $A[\ell] < A[h]$ ) then {  
6              $max := A[h]$ ;  $min := A[\ell]$ ;  
7         }  
8         else {  
9              $max := A[\ell]$ ;  $min := A[h]$ ;  
10        }  
11    }  
12    else { // Divide and conquer.  
13         $mid := \lfloor (\ell + h) / 2 \rfloor$ ;  
14         $MaxMin(A, \ell, mid, max, min)$ ;  
15         $MaxMin(A, mid + 1, h, max1, min1)$ ;  
16        if ( $max < max1$ )  $max := max1$ ;  
17        if ( $min > min1$ )  $min := min1$ ;  
18    }  
19 }
```

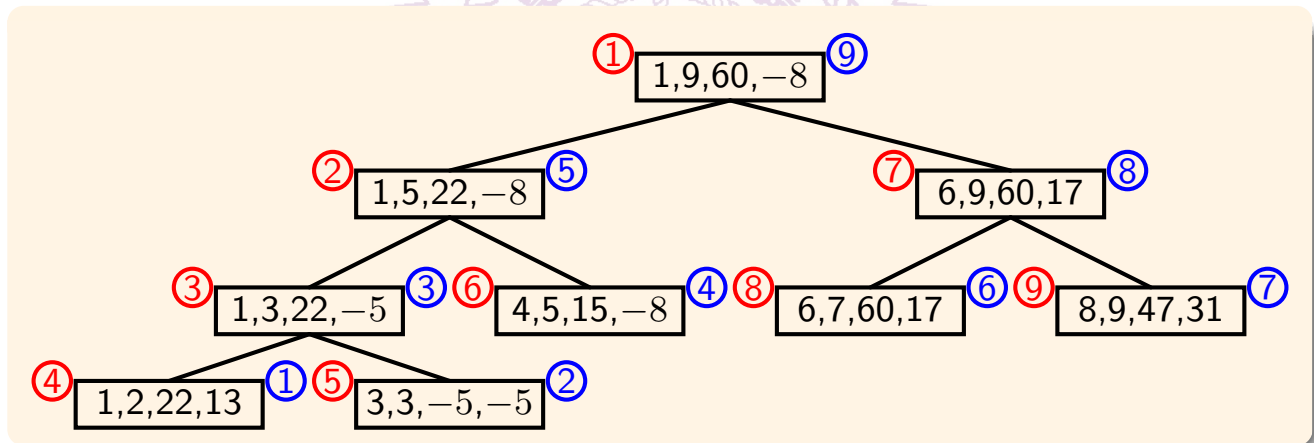


# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Example

- Example

$A = \{ 22, 13, -5, -8, 15, 60, 17, 31, 47 \}$   
 $\quad \quad [1] \quad [2] \quad [3] \quad [4] \quad [5] \quad [6] \quad [7] \quad [8] \quad [9]$

- The calling tree of  $\text{MaxMin}(A, 1, 9, \text{max}, \text{min})$



- Red color is the calling sequence.
- Blue color is the returning sequence.

# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Complexity

- To find the complexity of the recursive  $\text{MaxMin}$  algorithm, let  $T(n)$  be the number of element comparisons.
- The recurrence relation is

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 2 & n > 2 \\ 1 & n = 2 \\ 0 & n = 1 \end{cases} \quad (3.1.5)$$

- If  $n = 2^k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + 2 \\ &= 2(2T(n/4) + 2) + 2 \\ &= 4T(n/4) + 4 + 2 \\ &= 8T(n/8) + 8 + 4 + 2 \\ &= 2^{k-1}T(2) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} 2^i \\ &= 2^{k-1} + 2^k - 2 \\ &= 3n/2 - 2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.6)$$

- This is the best-case, average-case and worst-case complexity.

# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Analysis

- The worst-case time complexity of the recursive version of **MaxMin** algorithm (Algorithm 3.1.9) is 25% better than the straightforward implementation (Algorithm 3.1.8)
- However, Algorithm (3.1.9) has larger space complexity,  $\Theta(\lfloor \lg n \rfloor \times 6)$ , in addition to the space needed for the array.
  - The number of recursions is  $\lfloor \lg n \rfloor$ .
  - The variables for each recursive function call:  $i, j, max, min, max1$ , and  $min1$ .
- In Algorithm (3.1.9), there are two **integer** comparisons
  - Lines 3 ( $\ell = h$ ) and 4 ( $\ell = h - 1$ ).
- Let's consider the time complexity if these comparisons are not negligible.
- These integer comparisons can be reduced in number as the following algorithm

## Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Reduced Integer Comparison

### Algorithm 3.1.10. Find maximum and minimum

```
// Find max and min of array  $A[\ell : h]$ .
// Input: array  $A$ , int  $\ell, h$ 
// Output: max, min.
1 Algorithm MaxMin1( $A, \ell, h, max, min$ )
2 {
3     if ( $\ell \geq h - 1$ ) then { // One or two elements in the range.
4         if ( $A[\ell] < A[h]$ ) then {
5              $max := A[h]; min := A[\ell];$ 
6         }
7         else {
8              $max := A[\ell]; min := A[h];$ 
9         }
10    }
11    else { // Otherwise, divide and conquer.
12         $mid := \lfloor (\ell + h) / 2 \rfloor$ ;
13        MaxMin( $A, \ell, mid, max, min$ );
14        MaxMin( $A, mid + 1, h, max1, min1$ );
15        if ( $max < max1$ )  $max := max1$ ;
16        if ( $min > min1$ )  $min := min1$ ;
17    }
18 }
```

# Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Complexity

- Let  $C(n)$  be the number of comparisons, including integer comparisons, for the **MaxMin1** algorithm, then

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} 2C(n/2) + 3 & n > 2 \\ 2 & n = 2 \end{cases} \quad (3.1.7)$$

and assume  $n = 2^k$  then

$$\begin{aligned} C(n) &= 2C(n/2) + 3 \\ &= 4C(n/4) + 6 + 3 \\ &= 2^{k-1}C(2) + 3 \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} 2^i \\ &= 2^k + 3 \times 2^{k-1} - 3 \\ &= 5n/2 - 3 \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.8)$$

- This is the best-case, average-case and worst-case complexity.
- Note for the straightforward implementation, Algorithm (3.1.8), the worst-case complexity, including integer comparison, is  $3(n - 1)$ .

## Finding the Maximum and Minimum – Comparisons

- Comparing the straightforward implementation, Algorithm (3.1.8), and the divide and conquer approach, Algorithm (3.1.10)
- Divide and conquer approach is effective if the key comparison,  $A[i] > A[j]$ , is dominating.
- But, when the key comparison is on the same order as the integer comparison then the straightforward implementation may be more effective.
  - Due to the recursion overhead.
- Design and analysis of computer algorithms needs to be carried out for specific problem instance.
- Divide-and-conquer approach often results in recursive implementation.
  - Space complexity can be larger.
- The following algorithm finds Maximum and Minimum with  $3\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  comparisons.
  - If  $n$  is even, it needs  $3(n - 2)/2 + 1 = 3n/2 - 2$  comparisons.
  - If  $n$  is odd, it needs  $3(n - 1)/2$  comparisons.

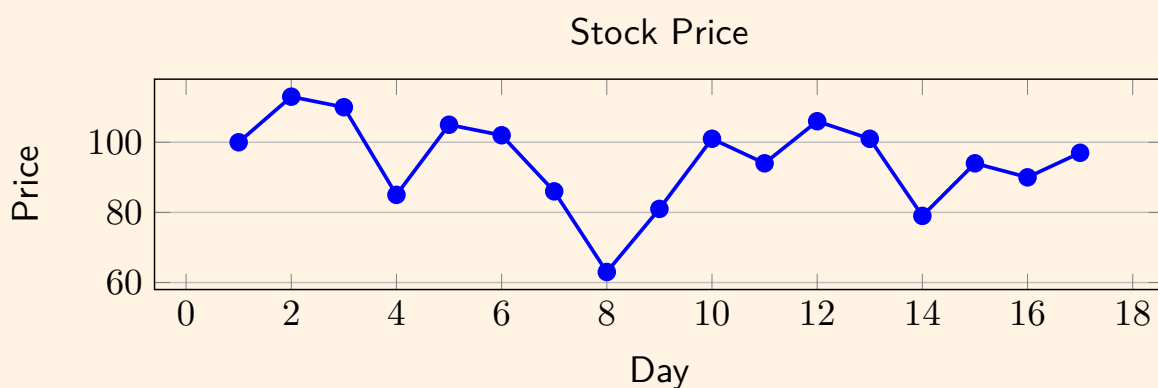
## Algorithm 3.1.11. Iterative maximum and minimum

```

// Find max and min of array A[1 : n].
// Input: array A, int n
// Output: max, min.
1 Algorithm MaxMin_I(A, n, max, min)
2 {
3     if (n mod 2 = 0) then { // n is even.
4         if (A[1] > A[2]) then {
5             max := A[1]; min := A[2];
6         } else {
7             min := A[1]; max := A[2];
8         }
9         i := 3;
10    } else { // n is odd.
11        min := A[1]; max := A[1]; i := 2;
12    }
13    while (i < n) do { // 3 comparisons for 2 elements.
14        if (A[i] > A[i + 1]) { // J is the larger one.
15            J := A[i]; j := A[i + 1]; // j is the smaller one.
16        } else {
17            j := A[i]; J := A[i + 1];
18        }
19        if (j < min) min := j; // compare j to min.
20        if (J > max) max := J; // compare J to max.
21        i := i + 2;
22    }
23 }
    
```

## Maximum Subarray Problem

- Suppose the stock price of a company is known for a period of time. What is the maximum profit one can obtain for a single buy and sell transaction?



- The stock price data can be transformed into daily price change information as shown below. Then the problem is to find the range of the subarray with the **maximum contiguous sum**.

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Price Change	100	113	110	85	105	102	86	63	81
	0	13	-3	-25	20	-3	-16	-23	18
Day	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Price	101	94	106	101	79	94	90	97	
Change	20	-7	12	-5	-22	15	-4	7	

# Maximum Subarray Problem, II

- Maximum subarray problem:

- Input: an array of size  $n$ ,  $A[n]$ .
- Output: range,  $low$  and  $high$ , such that

$$\sum_{i=low}^{high} A[i] = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k \leq n} \sum_{i=j}^k A[i]. \quad (3.1.9)$$

- Note that for the buying day for the stock is actually  $low - 1$ .

- Brute-force approach

- To try out all possible ranges,  $1 \leq j \leq k \leq n$ .
- Total number of possibilities:  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .
- Thus, the computational complexity of brute-force approach is  $\Omega(n^2)$ .
- Since the summation operation needs to be carried out, the actual complexity should be  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

## Maximum Subarray Problem – Brute-Force Approach

### Algorithm 3.1.12. Maximum Subarray – Brute-Force Approach

```
// Find low and high to maximize  $\sum A[i]$ ,  $low \leq i \leq high$ .
// Input:  $A[1 : n]$ , int  $n$ 
// Output:  $1 \leq low, high \leq n$  and  $max$ .
1 Algorithm MaxSubArrayBF( $A, n, low, high$ )
2 {
3      $max := 0$ ; // Initialize
4      $low := 1$ ;
5      $high := n$ ;
6     for  $j := 1$  to  $n$  do { // Try all possible ranges:  $A[j : k]$ .
7         for  $k := j$  to  $n$  do {
8              $sum := 0$ ;
9             for  $i := j$  to  $k$  do { // Summation for  $A[j : k]$ 
10                  $sum := sum + A[i]$ ;
11             }
12             if ( $sum > max$ ) then { // Record the maximum value and range.
13                  $max := sum$ ;
14                  $low := j$ ;
15                  $high := k$ ;
16             }
17         }
18     }
19     return  $max$ ;
20 }
```

# Maximum Subarray Problem – Divide and Conquer

## Algorithm 3.1.13. Maximum Subarray – Divide-and-Conquer Approach

```
// Find low and high to maximize  $\sum A[i]$ ,  $begin \leq low \leq i \leq high \leq end$ .
// Input: A, int  $begin \leq end$ 
// Output:  $begin \leq low, high \leq end$  and max.
1 Algorithm MaxSubArray(A, begin, end, low, high)
2 {
3     if (begin = end) then { // termination condition.
4         low := begin; high := end;
5         return A[begin];
6     }
7     mid :=  $\lfloor (begin + end)/2 \rfloor$ ;
8     lsum := MaxSubArray(A, begin, mid, llow, lhigh); // left region
9     rsum := MaxSubArray(A, mid + 1, end, rlow, rhigh); // right region
10    xsum := MaxSubArrayXB(A, begin, mid, end, xlow, xhigh); // cross boundary
11    if (lsum >= rsum and lsum >= xsum) then { // lsum is the largest
12        low := llow; high := lhigh;
13        return lsum;
14    }
15    else if (rsum >= lsum and rsum >= xsum) then { // rsum is the largest
16        low := rlow; high := rhigh;
17        return rsum;
18    }
19    low := xlow; high := xhigh;
20    return xsum; // cross-boundary is the largest
21 }
```

## Maximum Subarray Problem – Cross Boundary

### Algorithm 3.1.14. Maximum Subarray – Cross Boundary

```
// Find low and high to maximize  $\sum A[i]$ ,  $begin \leq low \leq mid \leq high \leq end$ .
// Input: A, int  $begin \leq mid \leq end$ 
// Output:  $low \leq mid \leq high$  and max.
1 Algorithm MaxSubArrayXB(A, begin, mid, end, low, high)
2 {
3     lsum := 0; // Initialize for lower half.
4     low := mid;
5     sum := 0;
6     for i := mid to begin step -1 do { // find low to maximize  $\sum A[low : mid]$ 
7         sum := sum + A[i]; // continue to add
8         if (sum > lsum) then { // record if larger.
9             lsum := sum;
10            low := i;
11        }
12    }
13    rsum := 0; // Initialize for higher half.
14    high := mid + 1;
15    sum := 0;
16    for i := mid + 1 to end do { // find end to maximize  $\sum A[mid + 1 : high]$ 
17        sum := sum + A[i]; // Continue to add.
18        if (sum > rsum) then { // Record if larger.
19            rsum := sum;
20            high := i;
21        }
22    }
23    return lsum + rsum; // Overall sum.
24 }
```



# Maximum Subarray Problem – Complexity

- The number of comparisons for divide-and-conquer algorithm, [MaxSubArray](#), is dominated by

$$T(n) = 2 \cdot T(n/2) + T_{XB}(n). \quad (3.1.10)$$

where  $T_{XB}$  is the number of comparisons of the algorithm [MaxSubArrayXB](#).

- And,

$$T_{XB}(n) = n. \quad (3.1.11)$$

- Thus, assuming  $n = 2^k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2 \cdot T(n/2) + n \\ &= 2(2 \cdot T(n/2^2) + n/2) + n \\ &= 2^2 \cdot T(n/2^2) + 2n \\ &= \dots \\ &= 2^k \cdot T(n/2^k) + k \cdot n \\ &= n + n \cdot \lg n \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.12)$$

- The computational complexity of the divide-and-conquer [MaxSubArray](#) is  $\Theta(n \cdot \lg n)$ .

## Summary

- Divide and conquer
- Binary search
  - Recursive algorithm
    - Recursion:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$
  - Iterative algorithm
  - Correctness
  - Complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$
  - Improved algorithm
- Finding maximum and minimum
  - Straightforward implementation
  - Straightforward implementation, improved
  - Divide and conquer approach
    - Recursion:  $T(n) = 2T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 2$
  - Complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(n)$
  - Algorithm with reduced integer comparisons
  - Comparisons of different algorithms
- Maximum subarray problem
  - Brute-force approach
  - Divide-and-conquer approach
    - Recursion:  $T(n) = 2T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + n$
  - Computational complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot \lg n)$