Week 1 - Algorithms_DataStructures - Hands-On Exercises

Exercise 2: E-commerce Platform Search Function

1. Big O Notation:

Big-O Notation is a way to express the **upper bound** of an algorithm's time or space complexity.

- It provides a way to describe how the **runtime** or **space requirements** of an algorithm grow as the input size increases.
- Allows programmers to compare different algorithms and choose the most efficient one for a specific problem.
- Helps in understanding the scalability of algorithms and predicting how they will perform as the input size grows.
- Enables developers to optimize code and improve overall performance.

Best, Average and Worst cases:

*Best case is the function which performs the minimum number of steps on input data of n elements.

*Worst case is the function which performs the maximum number of steps on input data of size n.

*Average case is the function which performs an average number of steps on input data of n elements.

2.CODE:

Java Files: Product.java, SearchDemo.java

Product.java

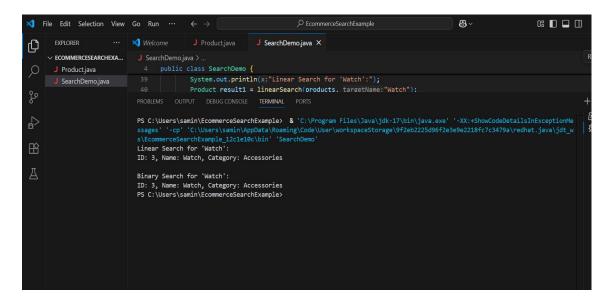
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public class Product {
  int productId;
  String productName;
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String category;
  public Product(int id, String name, String category) {
    this.productId = id;
    this.productName = name;
    this.category = category;
  }
  public String toString() {
    return "ID: " + productId + ", Name: " + productName + ", Category: " + category;
  }
}
SearchDemo.java
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.Comparator;
public class SearchDemo {
  public static Product linearSearch(Product[] products, String targetName) {
    for (Product product : products) {
      if (product.productName.equalsIgnoreCase(targetName)) {
         return product;
      }
    }
    return null;
  }
```

```
public static Product binarySearch(Product[] products, String targetName) {
    int left = 0;
    int right = products.length - 1;
    while (left <= right) {
      int mid = (left + right) / 2;
      int cmp = products[mid].productName.compareTolgnoreCase(targetName);
      if (cmp == 0) return products[mid];
      else if (cmp < 0) left = mid + 1;
      else right = mid - 1;
    }
    return null;
  }
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Product[] products = {
      new Product(1, "Laptop", "Electronics"),
      new Product(2, "Shoes", "Footwear"),
      new Product(3, "Watch", "Accessories"),
      new Product(4, "Phone", "Electronics"),
      new Product(5, "T-Shirt", "Apparel")
    };
    System.out.println("Linear Search for 'Watch':");
    Product result1 = linearSearch(products, "Watch");
    System.out.println(result1 != null ? result1 : "Product not found");
    Arrays.sort(products, Comparator.comparing(p ->
p.productName.toLowerCase()));
```

```
System.out.println("\nBinary Search for 'Watch':");
Product result2 = binarySearch(products, "Watch");
System.out.println(result2 != null ? result2 : "Product not found");
}
```

OUTPUT:



3.ANALYSIS:

Time complexity:

Algorithm	Time complexity
Binary Search	O(n)
Linear Search	O(log n)

=>Binary search is better for this platform because it's faster than linear search when the product list is sorted.

Exercise 7: Financial Forecasting

Recursion:

- \rightarrow Recursion is when a function calls itself to solve a smaller part of the problem.
- \rightarrow It simplifies code for problems like repeated calculations.

CODE:

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Java Files: Forecast.java, Main.java
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Forecast.java

```
public class Forecast {
  public static double futureValueRecursive(double presentValue, double rate, int
years) {
    if (years == 0) {
      return presentValue;
    }
    return futureValueRecursive(presentValue, rate, years - 1) * (1 + rate);
  }
}
```

Main.java

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    double presentValue = 1000;
    double rate = 0.05;
```

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int years = 10;

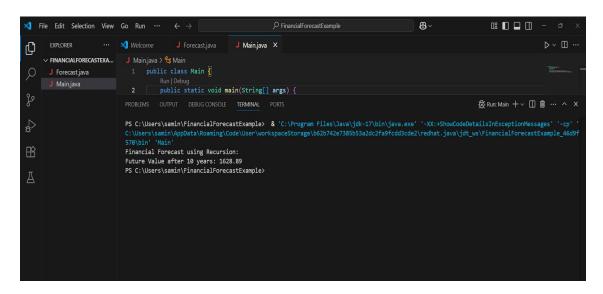
System.out.println("Financial Forecast using Recursion:");

double future = Forecast.futureValueRecursive(presentValue, rate, years);

System.out.printf("Future Value after %d years: %.2f%n", years, future);

}
```

OUTPUT:



3.ANALYSIS:

>> Time complexity:

Recursive version- O(n)