

OPERATIONS ON AN ARRAY

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→ Following operations are supported by an array.

→ Traversal

→ Insertion

→ Deletion

→ Search

⇒ There can be many other operations one can perform on arrays as well! e.g. Sorting etc, Sorting desc. etc.

→ Traversal:

Visiting every element of an array once.

Why Traversal? → For use cases like:

→ Sorting all elements → using SCANF

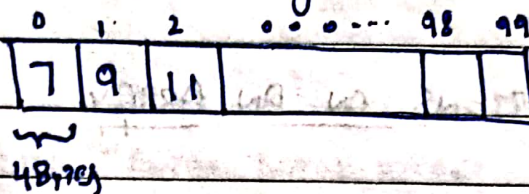
→ Printing all elements → using PRINTF

→ An important note about arrays:

→ If we create an array of length 100 using `a[100]` in C language, we need not use all the elements. It is possible for a program to use just 60 elements out of these 100.

↳ But we cannot go beyond 100 elements.

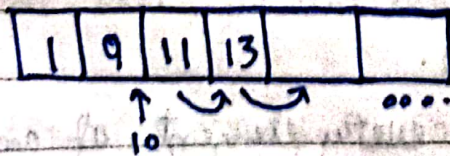
→ An array can easily be traversed using a for loop in C lang.



→ ~~as~~ Insertion:

An element can be inserted in an array at a specified position.

In order for this operation to be successful, the array should have enough capacity.

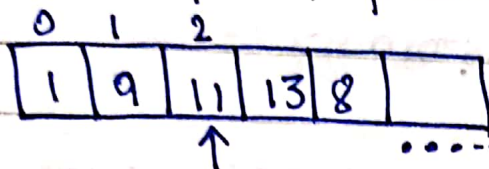


⇒ Elements need to be shifted to maintain relative order.

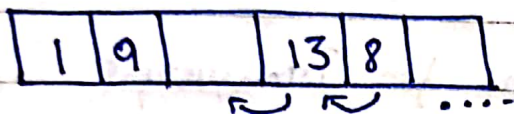
→ When no position is specified it's best to insert the element at the end.

→ Deletion :

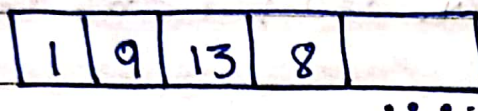
An element at specified position can be deleted creating a void which needs to be fixed by shifting all the elements to the left as follows:



→ Delete 11 at INDEX 2.



Shift the elements.

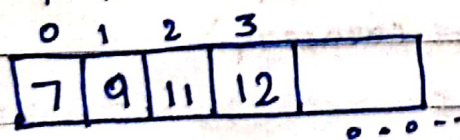


Deletion done!

→ We can also bring the last element of the array to fill the void if the relative ordering is not important.

→ Searching :

Searching can be done by traversing the array until the element to be searched is found.



→ SEARCH

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For sorted array time taken to search is much less than unsorted array!!

→ Sorting :

Sorting means arranging an array in order (asc or desc).

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UNSORTED ARRAY

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SORTED ARRAY