

Find maximum and minimum of an array using minimum number of comparisons

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

struct pair
{
    int min;
    int max;
};

struct pair getMinMax(int *arr, int size)
{
    struct pair minmax;
    int index;

    if(size % 2 == 0)
    {
        if(arr[0] > arr[1])
        {
            minmax.max = arr[0];
            minmax.min = arr[1];
        }
        else
        {
            minmax.min = arr[0];
            minmax.max = arr[1];
        }
        index = 2;
    }
    else
    {
        minmax.min = arr[0];
        minmax.max = arr[0];
        index = 1;
    }

    while( index < size-1 )
    {
        if (arr[index] > arr[index + 1])
        {
            if(arr[index] > minmax.max)
                minmax.max = arr[index];
            if(arr[index+1] < minmax.min)
                minmax.min = arr[index + 1];
        }
        else
        {
            if (arr[index + 1] > minmax.max)
                minmax.max = arr[index + 1];
            if (arr[index] < minmax.min)
                minmax.min = arr[index];
        }
    }
}
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        }
        index += 2;
    }
    return minmax;
}

int main()
{
    int *arr, size, X;
    printf("Enter size of an array\n");
    scanf("%d", &size);
    //allocate memory for array
    arr = (int *)malloc(size * sizeof(int));

    printf("Enter Array elements ");
    for(int index = 0; index < size; index++)
        scanf("%d", &arr[index]);

    struct pair minmax = getMinMax(arr, size);

    printf("Maximum element is %d and Minimum element is %d",
        minmax.max, minmax.min);
    return 0;
}

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Time Complexity:  $O(n)$

Space Complexity:  $O(1)$

Total Number of comparisons:

If  $n$  is odd:  $3 \cdot (n - 1) / 2$ ;

If  $n$  is even: 1 Initial comparison for initializing min and max  
 and  $3 \cdot (n - 1) / 2$  comparisons for rest of the elements  
 $= 1 + 3 \cdot (n - 1) / 2 = 3n/2 - 2$