

13.1 Bubble sort

Bubble sort is a sorting algorithm that iterates through a list, comparing and swapping adjacent elements if the second element is less than the first element. Bubble sort uses nested loops. Given a list with N elements, the outer i -loop iterates $N - 1$ times. Each iteration moves the i^{th} largest element into sorted position. The inner j -loop iterates through all adjacent pairs, comparing and swapping adjacent elements as needed, except for the last i pairs that are already in the correct position.

Because of the nested loops, bubble sort has a runtime of $O(N^2)$. Bubble sort is often considered impractical for real-world use because many faster sorting algorithms exist.

Figure 13.1.1: Bubble sort algorithm.

```
BubbleSort(numbers, numbersSize) {  
    for (i = 0; i < numbersSize - 1; i++) {  
        for (j = 0; j < numbersSize - i - 1; j++) {  
            if (numbers[j] > numbers[j+1]) {  
                temp = numbers[j]  
                numbers[j] = numbers[j + 1]  
                numbers[j + 1] = temp  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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13.1.1: Bubble sort.

- 1) Bubble sort uses a single loop to sort the list.
☐ True
☐ False
- 2) Bubble sort only swaps adjacent elements.
☐ True
☐ False
- 3) Bubble sort's best and worst runtime complexity is $O(N^2)$.
☐ True

 False

13.2 Quickselect

Quickselect is an algorithm that selects the k^{th} smallest element in a list. Ex: Running quickselect on the list (15, 73, 5, 88, 9) with $k = 0$, returns the smallest element in the list, or 5.

For a list with N elements, quickselect uses quicksort's partition function to partition the list into a low partition containing the X smallest elements and a high partition containing the $N-X$ largest elements. The k^{th} smallest element is in the low partition if k is \leq the last index in the low partition, and in the high partition otherwise. Quickselect is recursively called on the partition that contains the k^{th} element. When a partition of size 1 is encountered, quickselect has found the k^{th} smallest element.

Quickselect partially sorts the list when selecting the k^{th} smallest element.

The best case and average runtime complexity of quickselect are both $O(N)$. In the worst case, quickselect may sort the entire list, resulting in a runtime of $O(N^2)$.

Figure 13.2.1: Quickselect algorithm.

```
// Selects kth smallest element, where k is 0-based
Quickselect(numbers, first, last, k) {
    if (first >= last)
        return numbers[first]

    lowLastIndex = Partition(numbers, first, last)

    if (k <= lowLastIndex)
        return Quickselect(numbers, first, lowLastIndex, k)
    return Quickselect(numbers, lowLastIndex + 1, last, k)
}
```

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13.2.1: Quickselect.

- 1) Calling quickselect with argument k equal to 1 returns the smallest element in the list.

☐ True
☐ False

- 2) The following function produces the

same result as quickselect, albeit with a different runtime complexity.

```
Quickselect(numbers, first, last, k) {
    Quicksort(numbers, first, last)
    return numbers[k]
}
```

☐ True

☐ False

3) Given $k = 4$, if the quickselect call `Partition(numbers, 0, 10)` returns 4, then the element being selected is in the low partition.

☐ True

☐ False

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13.3 Bucket sort

Bucket sort is a numerical sorting algorithm that distributes numbers into buckets, sorts each bucket with an additional sorting algorithm, and then concatenates buckets together to build the sorted result. A **bucket** is a container for numerical values in a specific range. Ex: All numbers in the range 0 to 49 may be stored in a bucket representing this range. Bucket sort is designed for arrays with non-negative numbers.

Bucket sort first creates a list of buckets, each representing a range of numerical values.

Collectively, the buckets represent the range from 0 to the maximum value in the array. For N

buckets and a maximum value of M , each bucket represents $\frac{M+1}{N}$ values. Ex: For 10 buckets and a

maximum value of 49, each bucket represents a range of $\frac{49+1}{10} = 5$ values; the first bucket will hold values ranging from 0 to 4, the second bucket 5 to 9, and so on. Each array element is placed in the

appropriate bucket. The bucket index is calculated as $\left\lfloor number * \frac{N}{M+1} \right\rfloor$. Then, each bucket is sorted

with an additional sorting algorithm. Lastly, all buckets are concatenated together in order, and copied to the original array.

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Figure 13.3.1: Bucket sort algorithm.

```
BucketSort(numbers, numbersSize, bucketCount) {
    if (numbersSize < 1)
        return

    buckets = Create list of bucketCount buckets

    // Find the maximum value
    maxValue = numbers[0]
    for (i = 1; i < numbersSize; i++) {
        if (numbers[i] > maxValue)
            maxValue = numbers[i]
    }

    // Put each number in a bucket
    for each (number in numbers) {
        index = floor(number * bucketCount / (maxValue + 1))
        Append number to buckets[index]
    }

    // Sort each bucket
    for each (bucket in buckets)
        Sort(bucket)

    // Combine all buckets back into numbers list
    result = Concatenate all buckets together
    Copy result to numbers
}
```

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13.3.1: Bucket sort.



Suppose BucketSort is called to sort the list (71, 22, 99, 7, 14), using 5 buckets.

1) 71 and 99 will be placed into the same bucket.



- ☐ True
☐ False

2) No bucket will have more than 1 number.



- ☐ True
☐ False

3) If 10 buckets were used instead of 5, no bucket would have more than 1 number.



- ☐ True
☐ False

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Bucket sort terminology

The term "bucket sort" is sometimes used to refer to a category of sorting algorithms, instead of a specific sorting algorithm. When used as a categorical term, bucket sort refers to a sorting algorithm that places numbers into buckets based on some common attribute, and then combines bucket contents to produce a sorted array.

13.4 List data structure

A common approach for implementing a linked list is using two data structures:

1. List data structure: A **list data structure** is a data structure containing the list's head and tail, and may also include additional information, such as the list's size.
2. List node data structure: The list node data structure maintains the data for each list element, including the element's data and pointers to the other list element.

A list data structure is not required to implement a linked list, but offers a convenient way to store the list's head and tail. When using a list data structure, functions that operate on a list can use a single parameter for the list's data structure to manage the list.

A linked list can also be implemented without using a list data structure, which minimally requires using separate list node pointer variables to keep track of the list's head.

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13.4.1: Linked lists can be stored with or without a list data structure.



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1. A linked list can be maintained without a list data structure, but a pointer to the head and tail of the list must be stored elsewhere, often as local variables.
2. A list data structure stores both the head and tail pointers in one object.

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13.4.2: Linked list data structure.

- 1) A linked list must have a list data structure.
- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- 2) A list data structure can have additional information besides the head and tail pointers.
- ☐ True
- ☐ False
- 3) A linked list has $O(n)$ space complexity, whether a list data structure is used or not.
- ☐ True
- ☐ False

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13.5 Circular lists

A **circular linked list** is a linked list where the tail node's next pointer points to the head of the list, instead of null. A circular linked list can be used to represent repeating processes. Ex: Ocean water evaporates, forms clouds, rains down on land, and flows through rivers back into the ocean. The head of a circular linked list is often referred to as the *start* node.

A traversal through a circular linked list is similar to traversal through a standard linked list, but must terminate after reaching the head node a second time, as opposed to terminating when reaching null.

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13.5.1: Circular list structure and traversal.

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1. In a circular linked list, the tail node's next pointer points to the head node.

2. In a circular doubly-linked list, the head node's previous pointer points to the tail node.
3. Instead of stopping when the "current" pointer is null, traversal through a circular list stops when current comes back to the head node.

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- 1) Only a doubly-linked list can be circular.
☐ True
☐ False
- 2) In a circular doubly-linked list with at least 2 nodes, where does the head node's previous pointer point to?
☐ List head
☐ List tail
☐ null
- 3) In a circular linked list with at least 2 nodes, where does the tail node's next pointer point to?
☐ List head
☐ List tail
☐ null
- 4) In a circular linked list with 1 node, the tail node's next pointer points to the tail.
☐ True
☐ False
- 5) The following code can be used to traverse a circular, doubly-linked list in reverse order.

```
CircularListTraverseReverse(tail) {  
  if (tail is not null) {  
    current = tail  
    do {  
      visit current  
      current = current->previous  
    } while (current != tail)  
  }  
}
```

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☒ True

☐ False

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