

Data Structures and Algorithms

(ESO207)

Lecture 1:

- An **overview** and **motivation** for the course
- some **concrete** examples.

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The website of the course

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ESO207: Data Structures and Algorithms

Prerequisite of this course

- A good command on Programming in C
 - Programs involving arrays
 - Recursion
 - Linked lists (**preferred**)
- **Fascination for solving Puzzles**

Salient features of the course

- **Every concept**
- **Solving each problem**

We shall re-invent in the class itself.

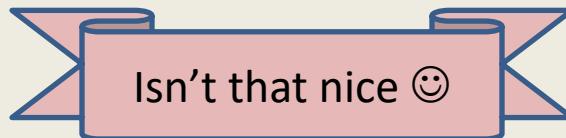
Through discussion **in the class**.

solution will emerge naturally if we ask

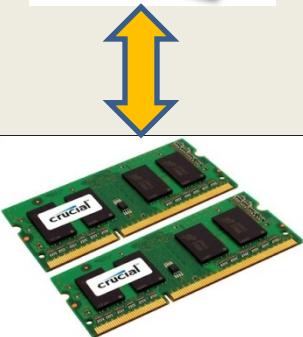
right set of questions

and then try to find their **answers**.

... so that finally it is a concept/solution derived by you
and not a concept from some scientist/book/teacher.



Let us open a desktop/laptop



A processor (CPU)

speed = few GHz

(a few **nanoseconds** to execute an instruction)

Internal memory (RAM)

size = a few GB (Stores a billion bytes/words)

speed = a few GHz(a few **nanoseconds** to read a byte/word)

External Memory (Hard Disk Drive)

size = a few tera bytes

speed : seek time = **milliseconds**

transfer rate= around **billion** bits per second

A simplifying assumption (for the rest of the lecture)

It takes around a few **nanoseconds** to execute an instruction.

(This assumption is well supported by the modern day computers)

EFFICIENT ALGORITHMS

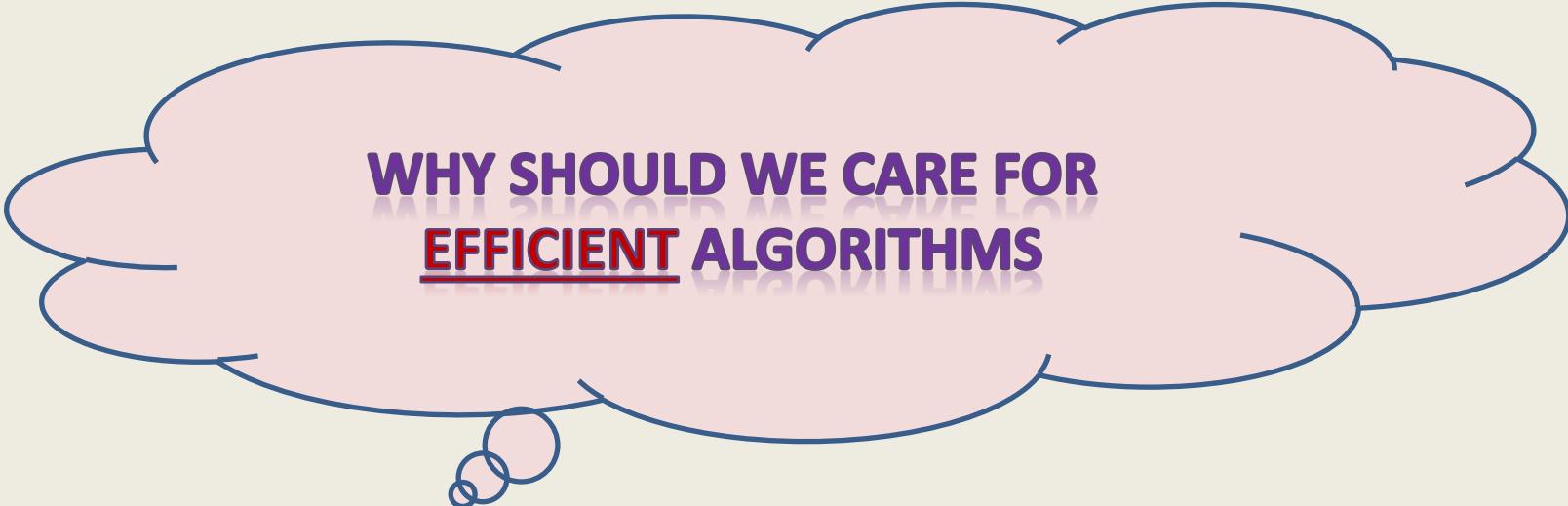
What is an algorithm ?

Definition:

A **finite sequence of well defined instructions**
required to solve a given computational problem.

A prime objective of the course:

Design of **efficient** algorithms



**WHY SHOULD WE CARE FOR
EFFICIENT ALGORITHMS**

WE HAVE PROCESSORS RUNNING AT GIGAHERTZ?

Revisiting problems from ESC101

Problem 1:

Fibonacci numbers

Fibonacci numbers

$$F(0) = 0;$$

$$F(1) = 1;$$

$$F(n) = F(n - 1) + F(n - 2) \text{ for all } n > 1;$$

$$F(n) \approx a \cdot b^n$$

An easy exercise : Using induction or otherwise, show that

$$F(n) > 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}}$$

Algorithms you must have implemented for computing $F(n)$:

- **Iterative**
- **recursive**

Iterative Algorithm for $F(n)$

IFib(n)

if $n=0$ **return** 0;

else if $n=1$ **return** 1;

else {

$a \leftarrow 0$; $b \leftarrow 1$;

For($i=2$ to n) **do**

 { $\text{temp} \leftarrow b$;

$b \leftarrow a+b$;

$a \leftarrow \text{temp}$;

 }

}

return b ;

Recursive algorithm for $F(n)$

Rfib(n)

```
{  if n=0 return 0;  
  else if n=1 return 1;  
    else return(Rfib(n-1) + Rfib(n-2))  
}
```

Homework 1

(compulsory)

Write a **C** program for the following problem:

Input: a number ***n***

n : **long long int** (64 bit integer).

Output: **F(*n*) mod 2014**

Time Taken	Largest <i>n</i> for Rfib	Largest <i>n</i> for IFib
1 minute		
10 minutes		
60 minutes		

Problem 2: Subset-sum problem

Input: An array **A** storing n numbers, and a number s

A	12	3	46	34	19	101	208	120	219	115	220
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Output: Determine if there is a subset of numbers from **A** whose sum is s .

The fastest existing algorithm till date : $2^{n/2}$ instructions

- Time for $n = 100$ At least **an year**
- Time for $n = 120$ At least **1000 years**
on the fastest existing computer.

Problem 3:

Sorting

Input: An array **A** storing **n** numbers.

Output: Sorted **A**

A fact:

A significant fraction of the code of all the software is for sorting or searching only.

To sort **10 million** numbers on the present day computers

- **Selection sort** will take at least a few hours.
- **Merge sort** will take only a few seconds.
- **Quick sort** will take **???** .

How to design efficient algorithm for a problem ?

Design of **algorithms** and **data structures** is also
an Art



Requires:

- **Creativity**
- **Hard work**
- **Practice**
- **Perseverance** (most important)

Summary of Algorithms

- There are many practically relevant problems for which there does not exist any efficient algorithm till date ☺. (How to deal with them ?)
- Efficient algorithms are important for theoretical as well as practical purposes.
- Algorithm design is an art which demands a lot of creativity, intuition, and perseverance.
- More and more applications in real life require efficient algorithms
 - Search engines like **Google** exploits many clever algorithms.

THE DATA STRUCTURES

An Example

Given: a telephone directory storing telephone no. of **hundred million** persons.

Aim: to answer a sequence of **queries** of the form

“what is the phone number of a given person ?”.

Solution 1 :

Keep the directory in an array.

do **sequential search** for each query.

Time per query: around **1/10th** of a **second**

Solution 2:

Keep the directory in an array, and **sort it** according to names,

do **binary search** for each query.

Time per query: less than **100 nanoseconds**

Aim of a data structure ?

To store/organize a given data in the memory of computer so that each subsequent operation (query/update) can be performed quickly ?

Range-Minima Problem

A Motivating example
to realize the importance of data structures

Range-Minima Problem

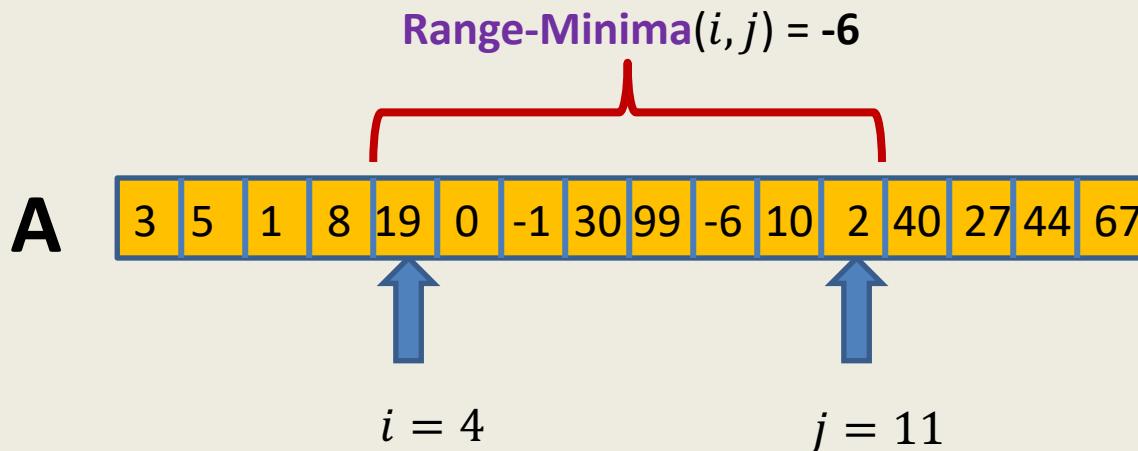
Given: an array **A** storing n numbers,

Aim: a data structure to answer a sequence of queries of the following type

Range-minima(i, j) : report the smallest element from $\mathbf{A}[i], \dots, \mathbf{A}[j]$

Let n = one million.

No. of queries = 10 millions



Range-Minima Problem

Applications:

- Computational geometry
- String matching
- As an efficient subroutine in a variety of algorithms

(we shall discuss these problems sometime in this course or the next level course CS345)

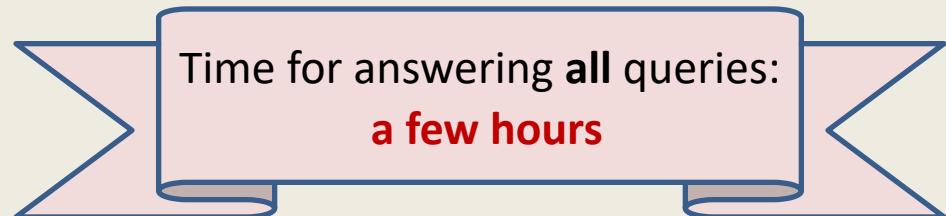
Range-Minima Problem

Solution 1:

Answer each query in a brute force manner using **A** itself.

Range-minima-trivial(*i,j*)

```
{   temp <- i+1;  
    min <- A[i];  
    While(temp <= j)  
    {   if (min > A[temp])  
        min <- A[temp];  
        temp <- temp+1;  
    }  
    return min  
}
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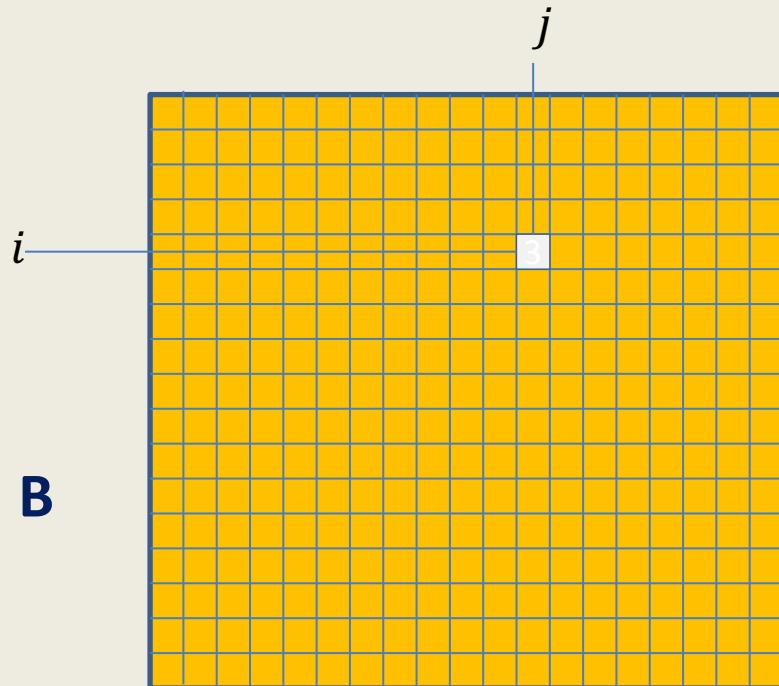


Time taken to answer a query: **few milliseconds**

Range-Minima Problem

Solution 2:

Compute and store answer for each possible query in a $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{B} .



$\mathbf{B}[i][j]$ stores the smallest element from $\mathbf{A}[i], \dots, \mathbf{A}[j]$

Space : roughly n^2 words.

**Solution 2 is
Theoretically efficient but
practically impossible**

Size of \mathbf{B} is too large to be kept in RAM. So we shall have to keep most of it in the Hard disk drive. Hence it will take a few milliseconds per query.

Range-Minima Problem

Question: Does there exist a data structure for Range-minima which is

- **Compact**
(nearly the same size as the input array A)
- **Can answer each query efficiently ?**
(a few **nanoseconds** per query)

Homework 2: Ponder over the above question.

(we shall solve it soon)

Data structures to be covered in this course

Elementary Data Structures

- Array
- List
- Stack
- Queue

Hierarchical Data Structures

- Binary Heap
- Binary Search Trees

Augmented Data Structures

Most fascinating and powerful data structures

- Look forward to working with all of you to make this course enjoyable.
- This course will be light in contents (no formulas)
But it will be very demanding too.
- In case of any difficulty during the course,
just drop me an email without any delay.
I shall be happy to help ☺

Data Structures and Algorithms

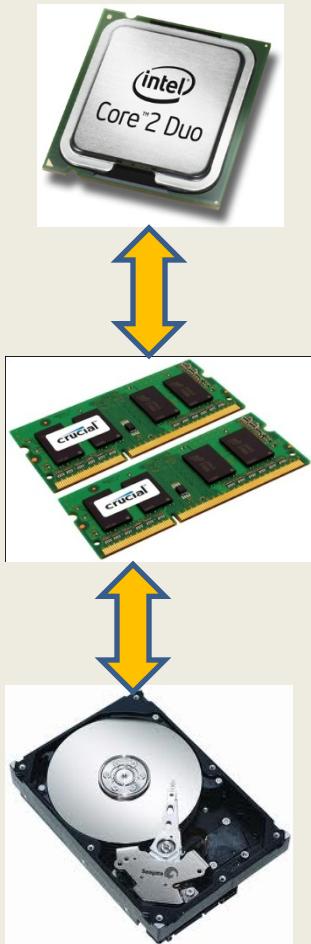
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Lecture 2:

- Model of computation
- Efficient algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$.

RECAP OF THE 1ST LECTURE

Current-state-of-the-art computer



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Motivation

- for Efficient algorithms
 - Subset sum problem
 - Sorting
- for Efficient Data Structures
 - Telephone Directory
 - Range Minima

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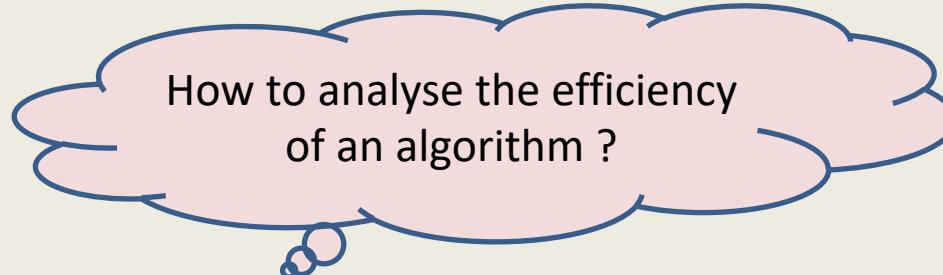
Time Taken	Largest <i>n</i> for Rfib	Largest <i>n</i> for IFib
1 minute	48	4.5×10^9
10 minutes	53	4.5×10^{10}
60 minutes	58	2.6×10^{11}

Processor: 2.7 GHz

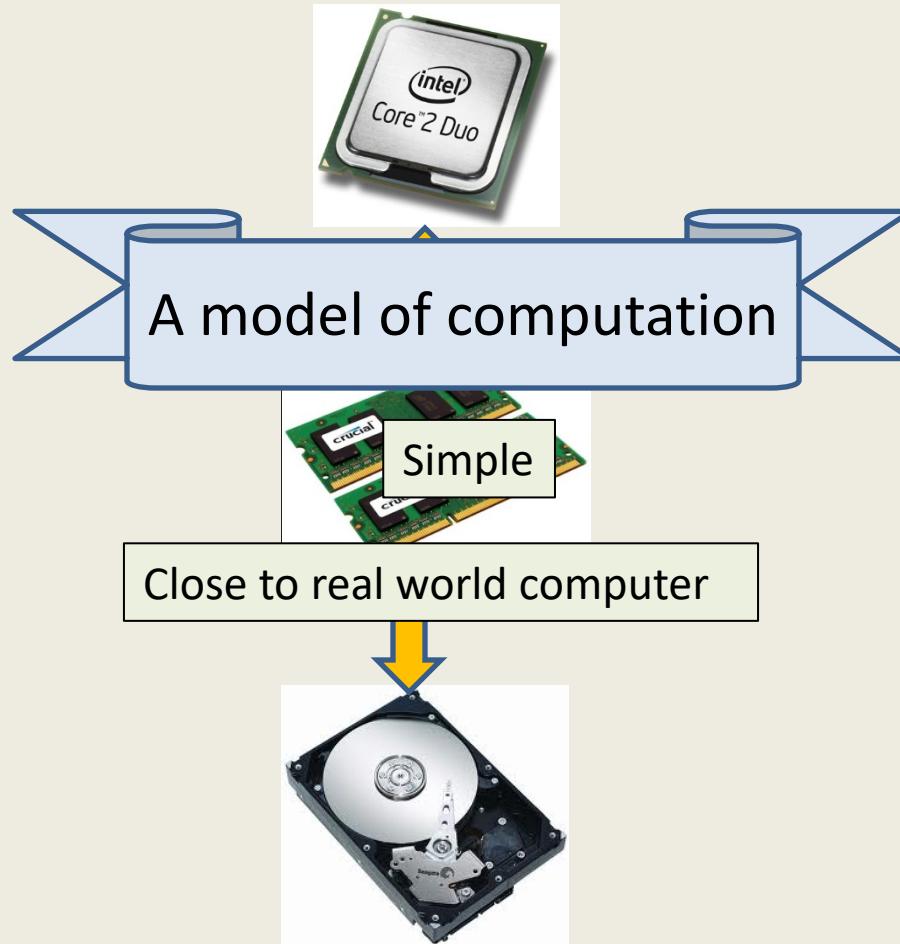
Here are the values obtained by executing the program on a typical computer.

Inferences from the Homework

- Inference for **RFib** algorithm
 - Too slow 😞
- Inference for **Ifib** algorithm :
 - Faster than **Rfib**
 - But not a solution for the problem 😞
- Efficiency of an algorithm does matter
- Time taken to solve a problem may vary depending upon the algorithm used



Current-state-of-the-art Computer

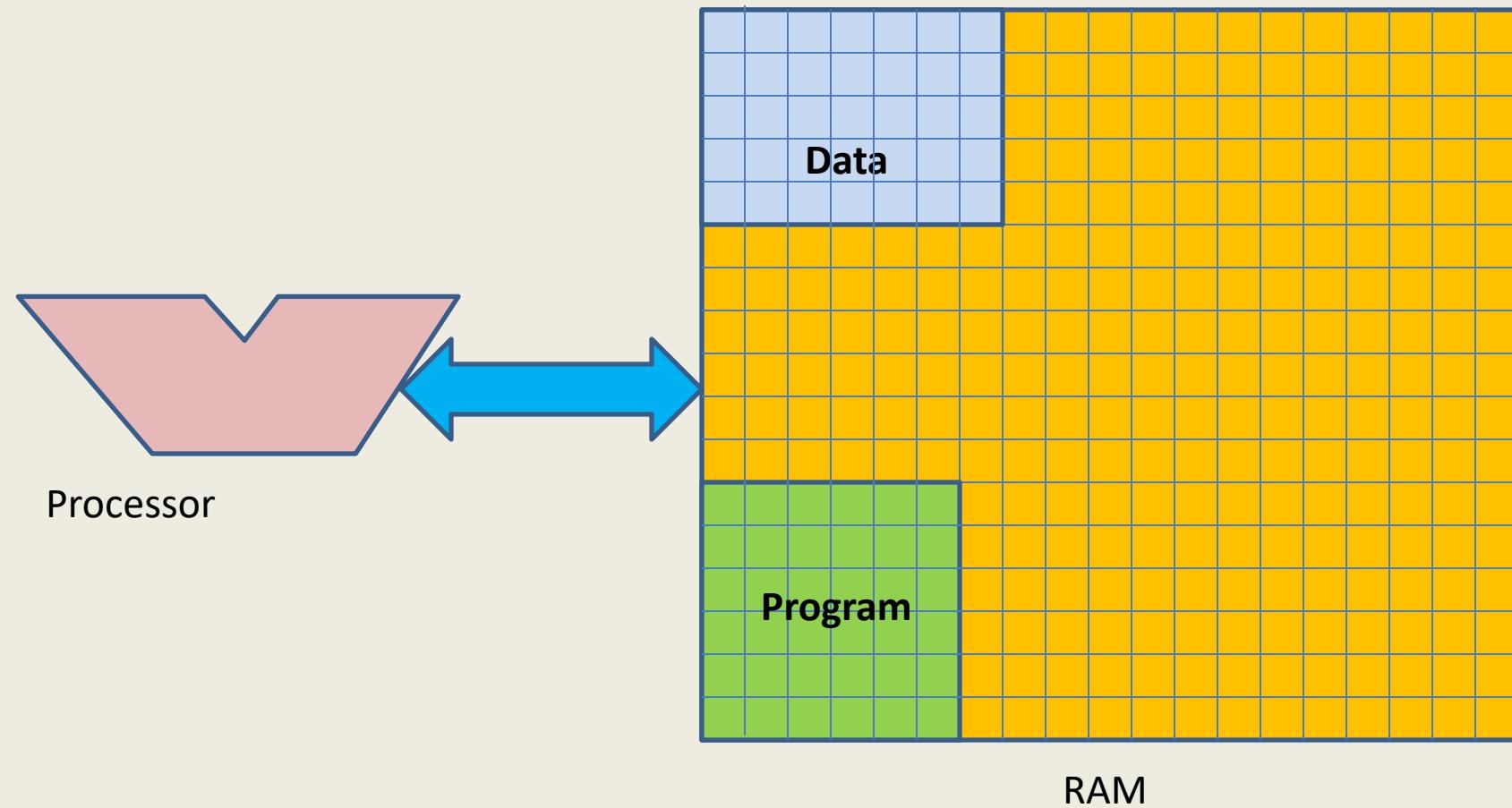


word RAM :

a model of computation

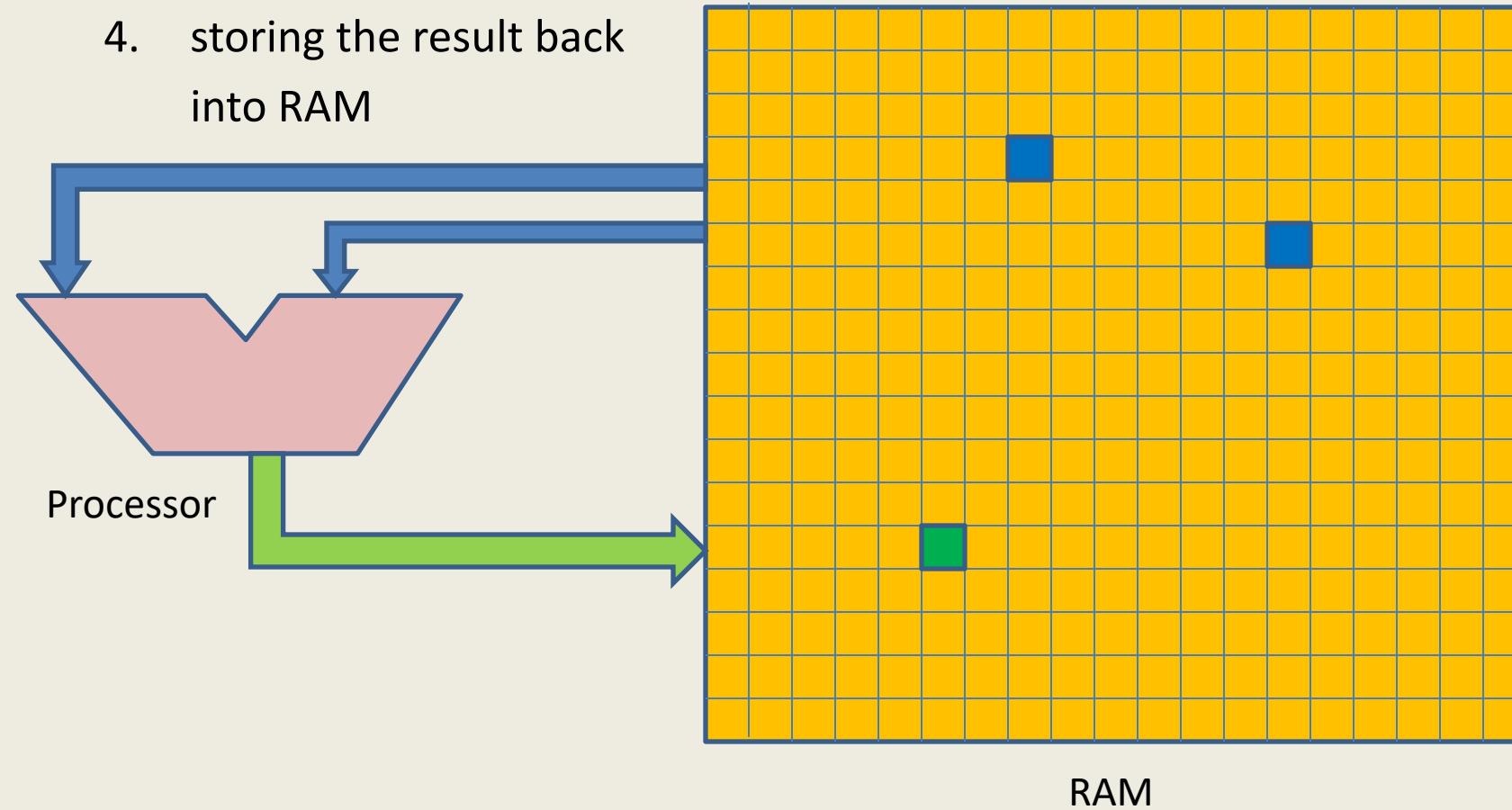
word RAM :

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How is an instruction executed?

1. Decoding instruction
2. fetching the operands
3. performing arithmetic/logical operation
4. storing the result back
into RAM



→ Each instruction takes a few cycles (click ticks) to get executed.

word RAM model of computation: Characteristics

- Word is the basic storage unit of RAM. Word is a collection of few bytes.
- Each input item (number, name) is stored in binary format.
- RAM can be viewed as a huge array of words.
- Any arbitrary location of RAM can be accessed in the same time irrespective of the location.
- Data as well as Program reside fully in RAM.
- Each arithmetic or logical operation (+,-,* ,/,or, xor,...) involving a constant number of words takes a constant number of cycles (steps) by the CPU.

Efficiency of an algorithm

Question: How to measure time taken by an algorithm ?

- Number of instructions taken in **word RAM** model.

What about the influence of so many other factors?

We shall judge the influence, if any, of these parameters through experiments.

Variation in the time of various instructions

Architecture : 32 versus 64

Due to Compiler
Operating system

Who knows, these factors might have little or negligible impact on most of algorithms. ☺

Homework 1 from Lecture 1

Computing $F(n) \bmod m$

Iterative Algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$

IFib(n, m)

if $n = 0$ return 0;

else if $n = 1$ return 1;

else { $a \leftarrow 0; b \leftarrow 1;$

 For($i = 2$ to n) do

 { $\text{temp} \leftarrow b;$

$b \leftarrow a + b \bmod m;$

$a \leftarrow \text{temp};$

 }

}

return b ;

Let us calculate the number of instructions executed by **IFib(n, m)**

Total number of instructions=

$$4+3(n-1)+1 \approx 3n$$

4 instructions

$n-1$ iterations

3 instructions per iteration

the final instruction

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Recursive algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$

RFib(n,m)

```
{   if  $n = 0$  return 0;  
    else if  $n = 1$  return 1;  
    else return((RFib( $n - 1,m$ ) + RFib( $n - 2,m$ ) ) mod  $m$ )  
}
```

Let $G(n)$ denote the number of instructions executed by $\text{RFib}(n,m)$

- $G(0) = 1;$
- $G(1) = 2;$
- For $n > 1$

$$G(n) = G(n - 1) + G(n - 2) + 4$$

Observation 1: $G(n) > F(n)$ for all n ;

$$\rightarrow G(n) > 2^{(n-2)/2} !!!$$

Algorithms for $F(n) \bmod m$

- # instructions by **Recursive** algorithm $\text{RFib}(n)$: $> 2^{\frac{n-2}{2}}$
(exponential in n)
- # instructions by **Iterative** algorithm $\text{IFib}(n)$: $3n$
(linear in n)



None of them works for entire range of **long long int** n and **int** m

Question: Can we compute $F(n) \bmod m$ quickly ?

How to compute $F(n) \bmod m$ quickly ?

... need some better insight ...

A warm-up example

How good are your programming skills ?

Compute $x^n \bmod m$

Problem: Given three integers x , n , and m , compute $x^n \bmod m$.

$$x^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ x \times x^{n-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Power(x, n, m)

```
If ( $n = 0$ ) return 1;  
else {  
    temp  $\leftarrow$  Power( $x, n - 1, m$ );  
    temp  $\leftarrow$  ( $temp \times x$ ) mod  $m$  ;  
    return temp;  
}
```

4 instructions
excluding the
Recursive call

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Power(x, n, m)



Power($x, n - 1, m$);



Power($x, n - 2, m$);



Power($x, 0, m$)

No. of instructions executed by **Power**(x, n, m) = $4n$

Compute $x^n \bmod m$

Problem: Given three integers x , n , and m , compute $x^n \bmod m$.

$$x^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ x^{n/2} \times x^{n/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ x^{n/2} \times x^{n/2} \times x & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Power(x, n, m)

If ($n = 0$) return 1;

else {

$temp \leftarrow \text{Power}(x, n/2, m);$

$temp \leftarrow (temp \times temp) \bmod m;$

if ($n \bmod 2 = 1$) $temp \leftarrow (temp \times x) \bmod m;$

return $temp$;

}

5 instructions
excluding the
Recursive call

Compute $x^n \bmod m$

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$\text{Power}(x, n, m)$



$\text{Power}(x, n/2, m)$



$\text{Power}(x, n/4, m)$



$\text{Power}(x, 0, m)$

No. of instructions executed by $\text{Power}(x, n, m) = 5 \log_2 n$

Efficient Algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$

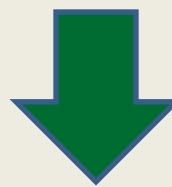
Idea 1

Question: Can we express $F(n)$ as a^n for some constant a ?

Unfortunately **no**.

Idea 2

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(n) \\ F(n-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & ? \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} F(n-1) \\ F(n-2) \end{pmatrix}$$



Unfolding the RHS of
this equation, we get ...

$$\begin{pmatrix} F(n) \\ F(n-1) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & n-1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A clever algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$

Clever-algo-Fib(n, m)

```
{       $A \leftarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix};$            ← 4 instructions  
       $B \leftarrow A^{n-1} \bmod m;$   
       $C \leftarrow B \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix};$            ← 6 instructions  
      return  $C[1];$  // the first element of vector  $C$  stores  $F(n) \bmod m$   
}
```

Question: How to compute $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1}$ efficiently ?

Answer :

Inspiration from Algorithm for $x^n \bmod m$

A clever algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$

Let A be a 2×2 matrix.

- If n is even,
$$A^n = A^{n/2} \times A^{n/2}$$
- If n is odd,
$$A^n = A^{n/2} \times A^{n/2} \times A$$

Question: How many instructions are required to multiply two 2×2 matrices ?

Answer: 12

Question: Number of instructions for computing $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1} \bmod m$?

Answer : $35 \log_2 (n - 1)$

Question: Number of instructions in **New-algo-Fib**(n, m)

Answer: $35 \log_2 (n - 1) + 11$

Three algorithms

Algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$	No. of Instructions
$\text{RFib}(n, m)$	$> 2^{(n-2)/2}$
$\text{IterFib}(n, m)$	$3n$
$\text{Clever_Algo_Fib}(n, m)$	$35 \log_2 (n - 1) + 11$

A red circle highlights the ' $>$ ' symbol in the first row's value, and a red line with a question mark extends from it to the right.

- Which algorithm is the best ?
- What is the exact base of the exponent in the running time of RFib ?
- Are we justified in ignoring the influence of so many other parameters ?
(Variation in the time of instructions/Architecture/Code optimization/...)
- How close to reality is the RAM model of computation ?

Find out yourself !

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Lecture 3:

- Time complexity, Big “O” notation
- Designing Efficient Algorithm
 - Maximum sum subarray Problem

Three algorithms

Algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$	No. Instructions in RAM model
$\text{RFib}(n, m)$	$> 2^{(n-2)/2}$
$\text{IterFib}(n, m)$	$3n$
$\text{Clever_Algo_Fib}(n, m)$	$35 \log_2 (n - 1) + 11$



- Which algorithm turned out to be the best experimentally ?

Lesson 1

from Assignment 1 ?

Time taken by algorithm
in real life

No. of instructions executed by
algorithm in **RAM** model

Proportional to

May be different for different input?

Dependence on input

Time complexity of an algorithm

Definition:

the **worst case** number of instructions executed

as a **function** of the **input size** (or a parameter defining the input size)

The number of **bits/bytes/words**

Examples to illustrate **input size**:

Problem	Input size
Computing $F(n) \bmod m$ for <u>any positive integers</u> n and m	$\log_2 n + \log_2 m$ bits
Whether an array storing j numbers (<u>each stored in a word</u>) is sorted ?	j words
Whether a $n \times m$ matrix of numbers (<u>each stored in a word</u>) contains “14” ?	nm words

Homework: What is the time complexity of **Rfib**, **IterFib**, **Clever-Algo-Fib** ?

Example:

Whether an array A storing j numbers (each stored in a word) is sorted ?

IsSorted(A)

```
{   i<-1;  
    flag<- true;  
    while(i < j and flag==true)  
    {  
        If (A[i]< A[i - 1])  flag<-false ;  
        i <- i + 1;  
    }  
    Return flag ;  
}
```

1 time

1 time

$j - 1$ times in the worst case

1 time

Time complexity = $2j + 1$

Example:

Time complexity of matrix multiplication

Matrix-mult($C[n, n], D[n, n]$)

```
{  for  $i = 0$  to  $n - 1$            ←  $n$  times
    {    for  $j = 0$  to  $n - 1$        ←  $n$  times
        {       $M[i, j] \leftarrow 0;$ 
            for  $k = 0$  to  $n - 1$ 
            {               $M[i, j] \leftarrow M[i, j] + C[i, k] * D[k, j];$    }  
          }  
        }  
    }  
Return  $M$ 
```

Each element of the matrices occupies one **word** of RAM.

Red annotations indicate time complexities:
- The outermost loops (i and j) are labeled with n times.
- The innermost loop (k) is labeled with $n + 1$ instructions.
- The final `Return M` statement is labeled with 1 time.
- A large curly brace at the bottom indicates the total time complexity of the entire function.

Time complexity = $n^3 + n^2 + 1$

Lesson 2 learnt from Assignment 1 ?

Algorithm for $F(n) \bmod m$	No. of Instructions
RFib(n, m)	$> 2^{(n-2)/2}$
IterFib(n, m)	$3n$
Clever_Algo_Fib(n, m)	$100 \log_2 (n - 1) + 1000$

Question: What would have been the outcome if

$$\text{No. of instructions of Clever_Algo_Fib}(n, m) = 100 \log_2 (n - 1) + 1000$$

Answer: Clever_Algo_Fib would still be the fastest algorithm for large value of n .

COMPARING EFFICIENCY OF ALGORITHMS

Comparing efficiency of two algorithms

Let **A** and **B** be two algorithms to solve a given problem.

Algorithm **A** has time complexity : $2 n^2 + 125$

Algorithm **B** has time complexity : $5 n^2 + 67 n + 400$

Question: Which algorithm is more efficient ?

Obviously **A** is more efficient than **B**

Comparing **efficiency** of two algorithms

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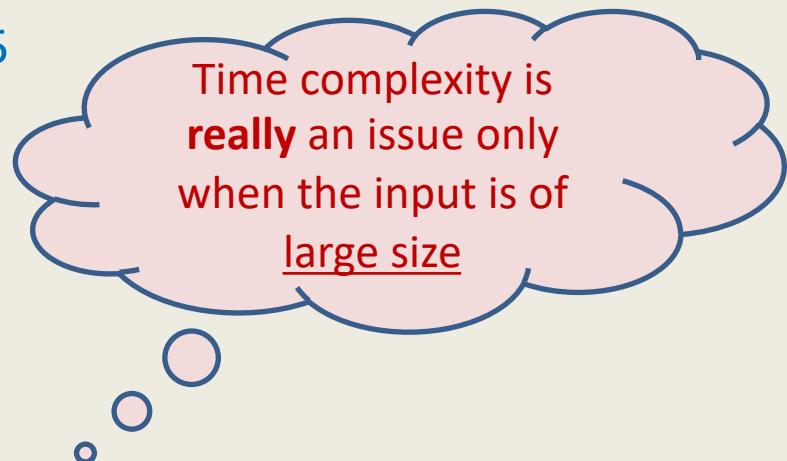
Algorithm **A** has time complexity : $2 n^2 + 125$

Algorithm **B** has time complexity : $50 n + 125$

Question: Which one would you prefer based on the efficiency criteria ?

Answer : **A** is more efficient than **B** for $n < 25$

B is more efficient than **A** for $n > 25$



Time complexity is
really an issue only
when the input is of
large size

Rule 1

Compare the **time complexities** of two algorithms for
asymptotically large value of input size only

Comparing efficiency of two algorithms

Algorithm **B** with time complexity $50n + 125$

is certainly more efficient than

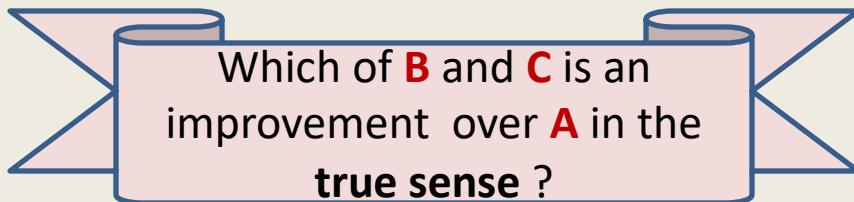
Algorithm **A** with time complexity : $2n^2 + 125$

A judgment question for you !

Algorithm **A** has time complexity $f(n) = 5n^2 + n + 1250$

Researchers have designed two new algorithms **B** and **C**

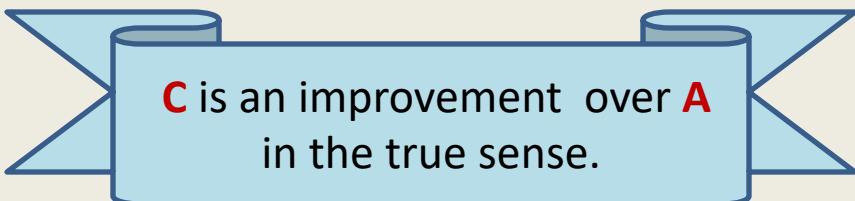
- Algorithm **B** has time complexity $g(n) = n^2 + 10$
- Algorithm **C** has time complexity $h(n) = 10n^{1.5} + 20n + 2000$



Which of **B** and **C** is an improvement over **A** in the true sense ?

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(n)}{f(n)} = 1/5$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(n)}{f(n)} = 0$$



C is an improvement over **A** in the true sense.

Rule 2

An algorithm **X** is superior to another algorithm **Y** if
the **ratio** of time complexity of **X** and time complexity of **Y**
approaches 0 for asymptotically large input size.

Some Observations

Algorithm **A** has time complexity $f(n) = 5n^2 + n + 1250$

Researchers have designed two new algorithms **B** and **C**

- Algorithm **B** has time complexity $g(n) = n^2 + 10$
- Algorithm **C** has time complexity $h(n) = 10n^{1.5} + 20n + 2000$

Algorithm **C** is the most efficient of all.

Observation 1:

multiplicative or additive **Constants** do not play any role.

Observation 2:

The highest order term governs the time complexity asymptotically.

ORDER NOTATIONS

A **mathematical way**
to capture the **intuitions** developed till now.
(reflect upon it yourself)

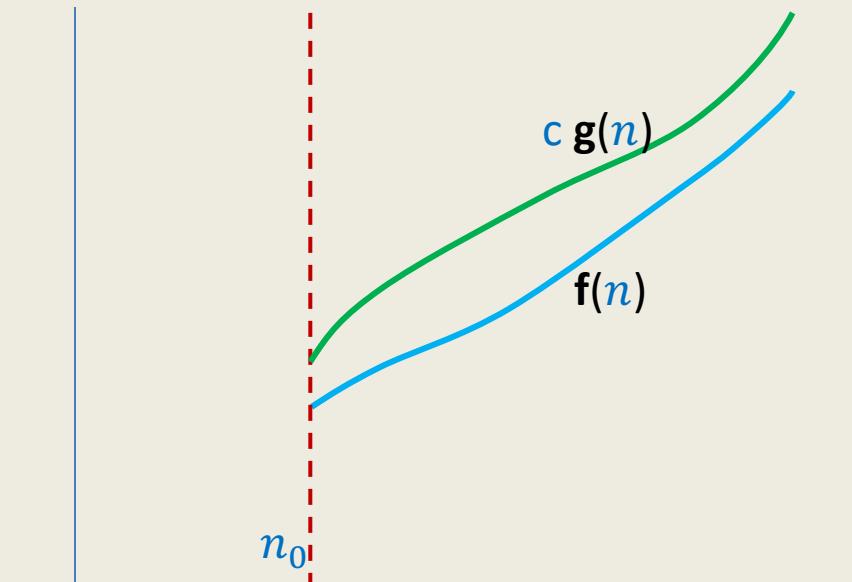
Order notation

Definition: Let $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ be any two increasing functions of n .

$f(n)$ is said to be of the order of $g(n)$

if there exist constants c and n_0 such that

$$f(n) \leq c g(n) \quad \text{for all } n > n_0$$



If $f(n)$ is of the order of $g(n)$,
we write $f(n) = O(g(n))$

Order notation : Examples

- $20 n^2 = \mathbf{O}(n^2)$
- ~~$100 n + 60 = \mathbf{O}(n^2)$~~ Loose
- $100 n + 60 = \mathbf{O}(n)$
- ~~$10 n^2 = \mathbf{O}(n^{2.5})$~~ Loose
- $2000 = \mathbf{O}(1)$

$$c = 20, n_0 = 1$$

$$c = 1, n_0 = 160$$

$$c = 160, n_0 = 1$$

While analyzing time complexity of an algorithm accurately, our aim should be to choose the $g(n)$ which is not **loose**. Later in the course, we shall refine & extend this notion suitably.

Simple observations:

- If $f(n) = \mathbf{O}(g(n))$ and $g(n) = \mathbf{O}(h(n))$, then

$$f(n) = \mathbf{O}(h(n))$$

- If $f(n) = \mathbf{O}(h(n))$ and $g(n) = \mathbf{O}(h(n))$, then $f(n) + g(n) = \mathbf{O}(h(n))$

These observations can be helpful for simplifying time complexity.

Prove these observation as **Homeworks**

A neat description of time complexity

- Algorithm **B** has time complexity $g(n) = n^2 + 10$
Hence $g(n) = O(n^2)$
- Algorithm **C** has time complexity $h(n) = 10n^{1.5} + 20n + 2000$
Hence $h(n) = O(n^{1.5})$
- Algorithm for multiplying two $n \times n$ matrices has time complexity
 $n^3 + n^2 + 1 = O(n^3)$

Homeworks:

- $g(n) = 2^n$, $f(n) = 3^n$. Is $f(n) = O(g(n))$? Give proof.
- What is the time complexity of **selection sort** on an array storing n elements?
- What is the time complexity of **Binary search** in a sorted array of n elements?

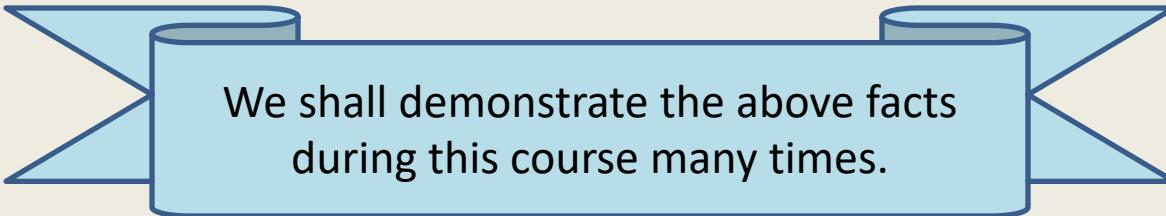
HOW TO DESIGN EFFICIENT ALGORITHM ?

(This sentence captures precisely the goal of theoretical computer science)

Designing an efficient algorithm

Facts from the world of algorithms:

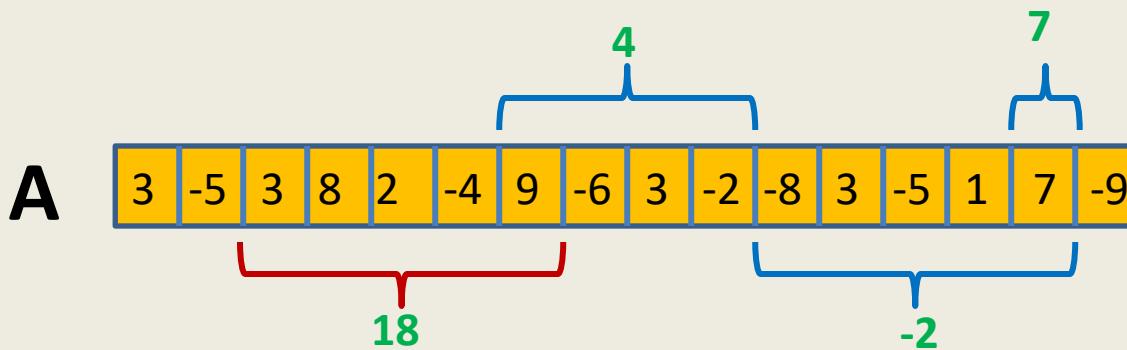
1. **No formula** for designing efficient algorithms.
2. Every new problem demands a **fresh** approach.
3. Designing an efficient algorithm or data structure requires
 1. Ability to make **key observations**.
 2. Ability to ask **right kind of questions**.
 3. A **positive attitude** and ...
 4. a lot of **perseverance**.



We shall demonstrate the above facts
during this course many times.

Max-sum subarray problem

Given an array **A** storing n numbers,
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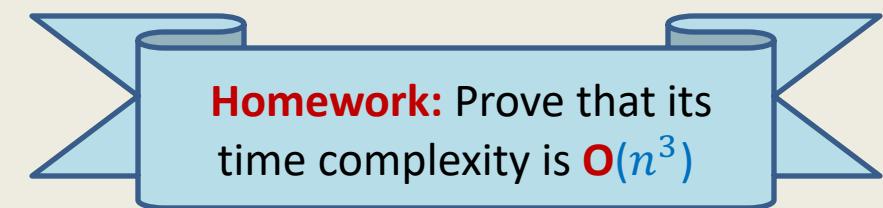


Max-sum subarray problem: A trivial algorithm

```
A_trivial_algo(A)
```

```
{ max ← A[0];  
  For i=0 to n-1  
    For j=i to n-1  
      {   temp ← compute_sum(A,i,j);  
          if max < temp then max ← temp;  
      }  
  return max;
```

```
}  
  
compute_sum(A, i,j)  
{ sum ← A[i];  
  For k=i+1 to j    sum ← sum+A[k];  
  return sum;  
}
```



Max-sum subarray problem:

Question: Can we design $O(n)$ time algorithm for Max-sum subarray problem ?

Answer: Yes.

Think over it with a fresh mind

We shall design it together in the next class...😊

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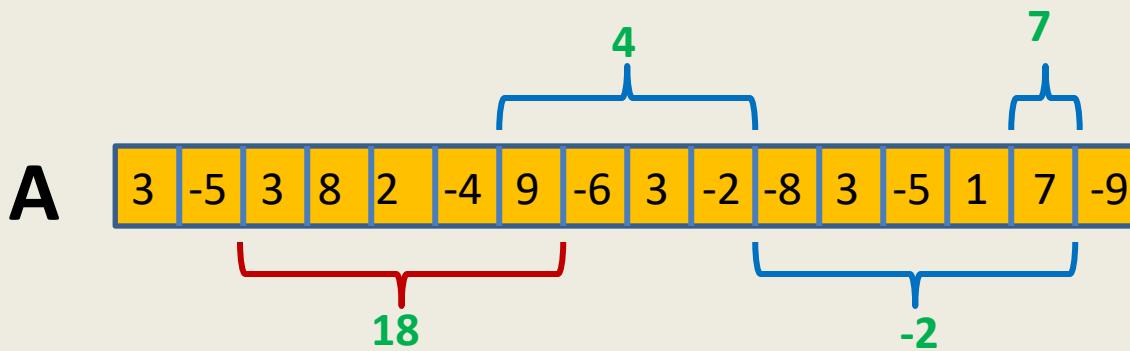
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Lecture 4:

- Design of $O(n)$ time algorithm for Maximum sum subarray
- Proof of correctness of an algorithm
- A new problem : Local Minima in a grid

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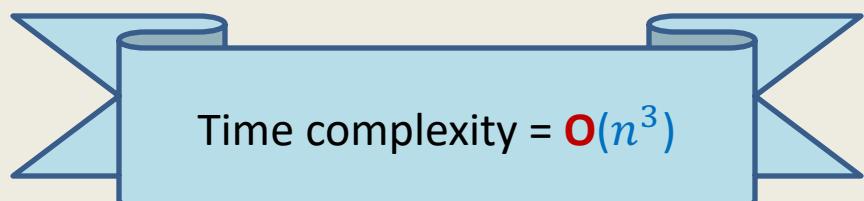
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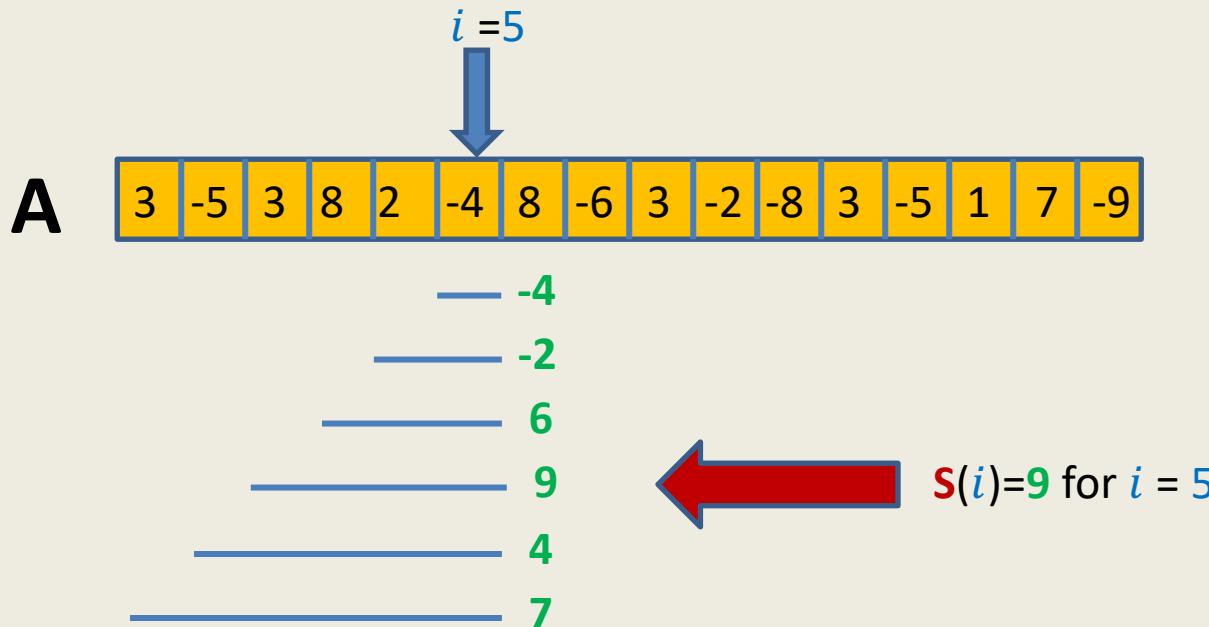


Time complexity = $O(n^3)$

DESIGNING AN $O(n)$ TIME ALGORITHM

Focusing on any particular index i

Let $S(i)$: the sum of the maximum-sum subarray ending at index i .



Observation:

In order to solve the problem, it suffices to compute $S(i)$ for each $0 \leq i < n$.

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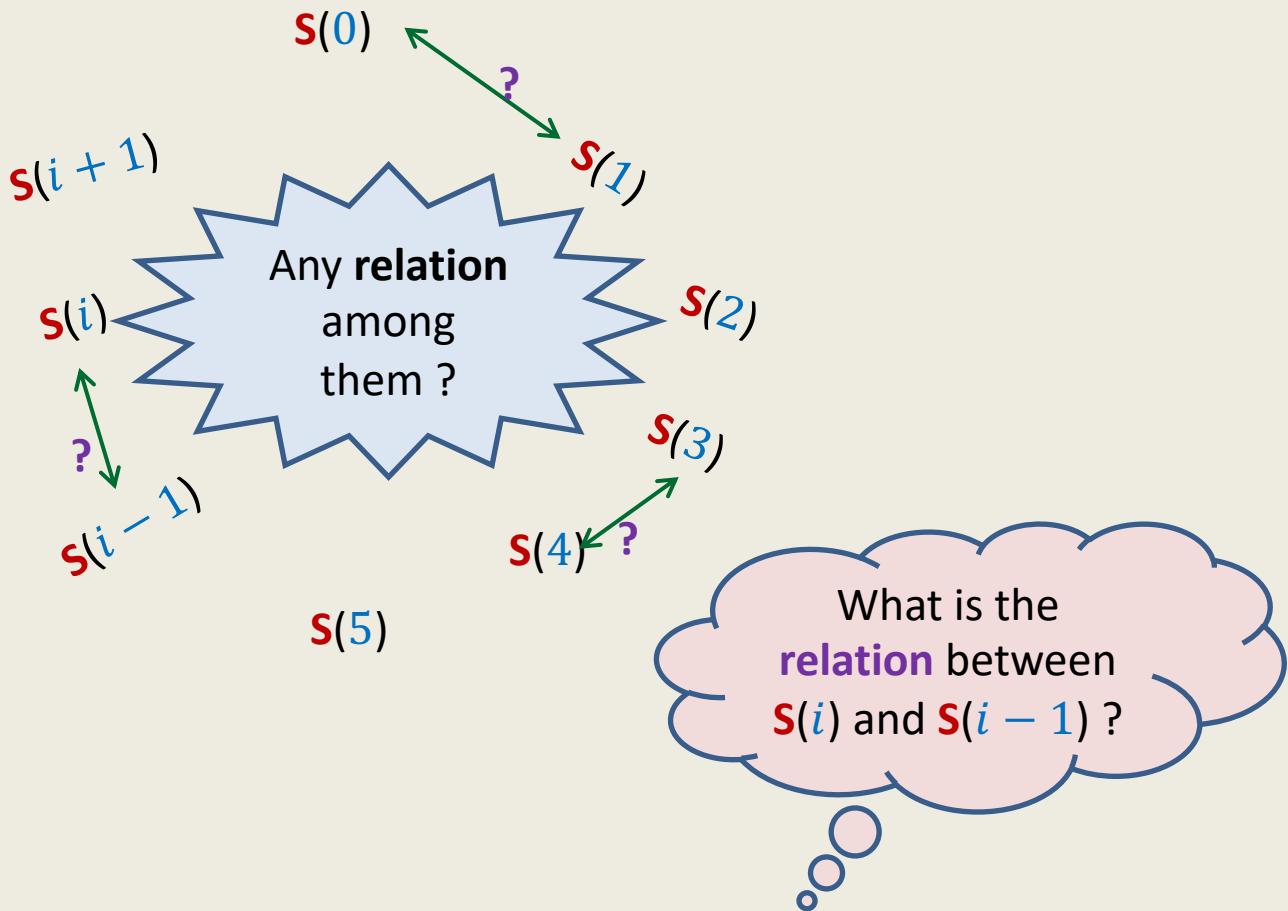
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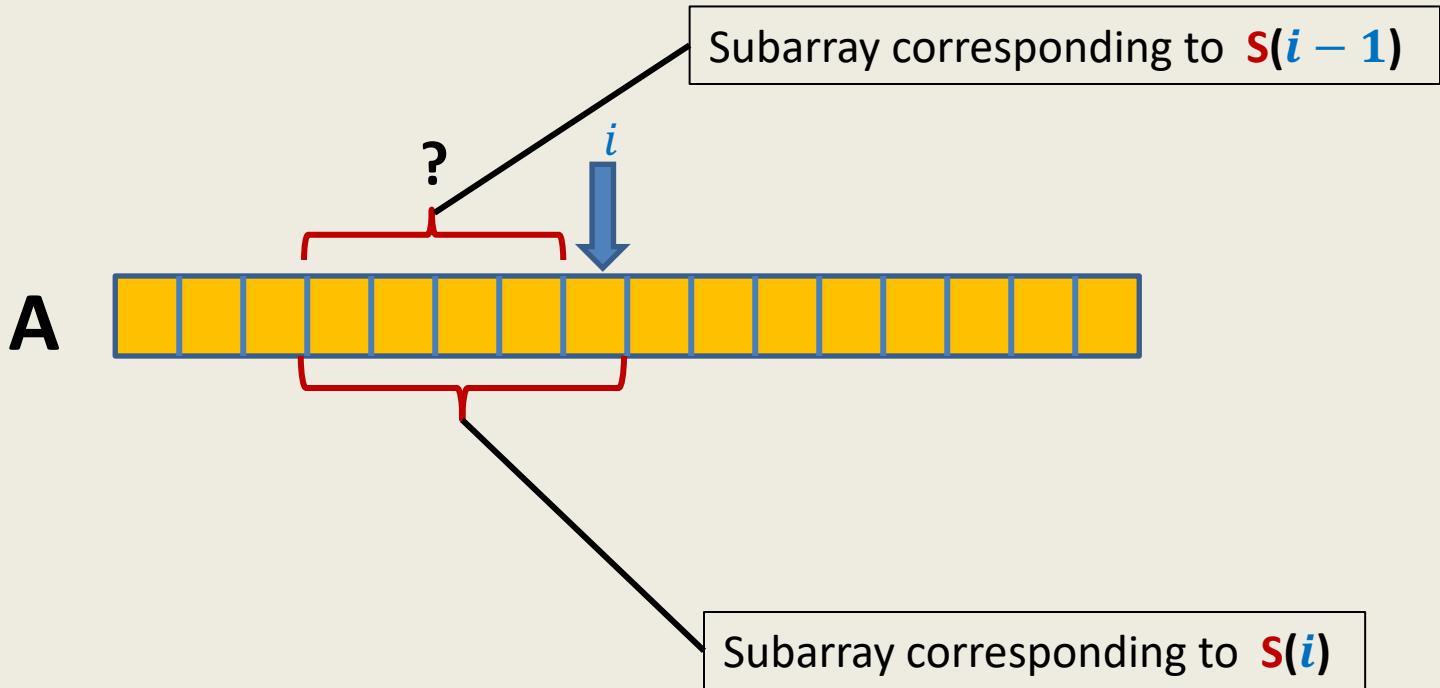
Question: If we wish to achieve $O(n)$ time to solve the problem, how quickly should we be able to compute $S(i)$ for a given index i ?

Answer: $O(1)$ time.

How to compute $S(i)$ in $O(1)$ time ?



Relation between $S(i)$ and $S(i - 1)$



Theorem 1:

If $S(i - 1) > 0$ then $S(i) = S(i - 1) + A[i]$
else $S(i) = A[i]$

An $O(n)$ time Algorithm for Max-sum subarray

Max-sum-subarray-algo($A[0 \dots n - 1]$)

```
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    for  $i = 1$  to  $n - 1$        $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   $n - 1$  repetitions  
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      else  $S[i] \leftarrow A[i]$  }  
  }  
  “Scan  $S$  to return the maximum entry”  $\overbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   $O(n)$  time  
}
```

Time complexity of the algorithm = $O(n)$

Homework:

- Refine the algorithm so that it uses only $O(1)$ extra space.

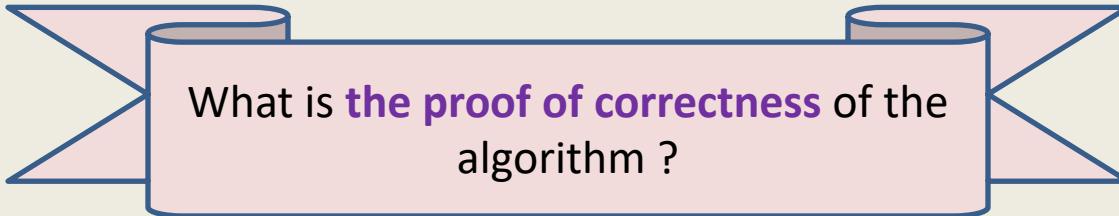
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What is the proof of correctness of the algorithm ?

What does correctness of an algorithm mean ?

For every possible **valid input**, the algorithm must output **correct** answer.

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What needs to be proved in order to establish the correctness of this algorithm ?

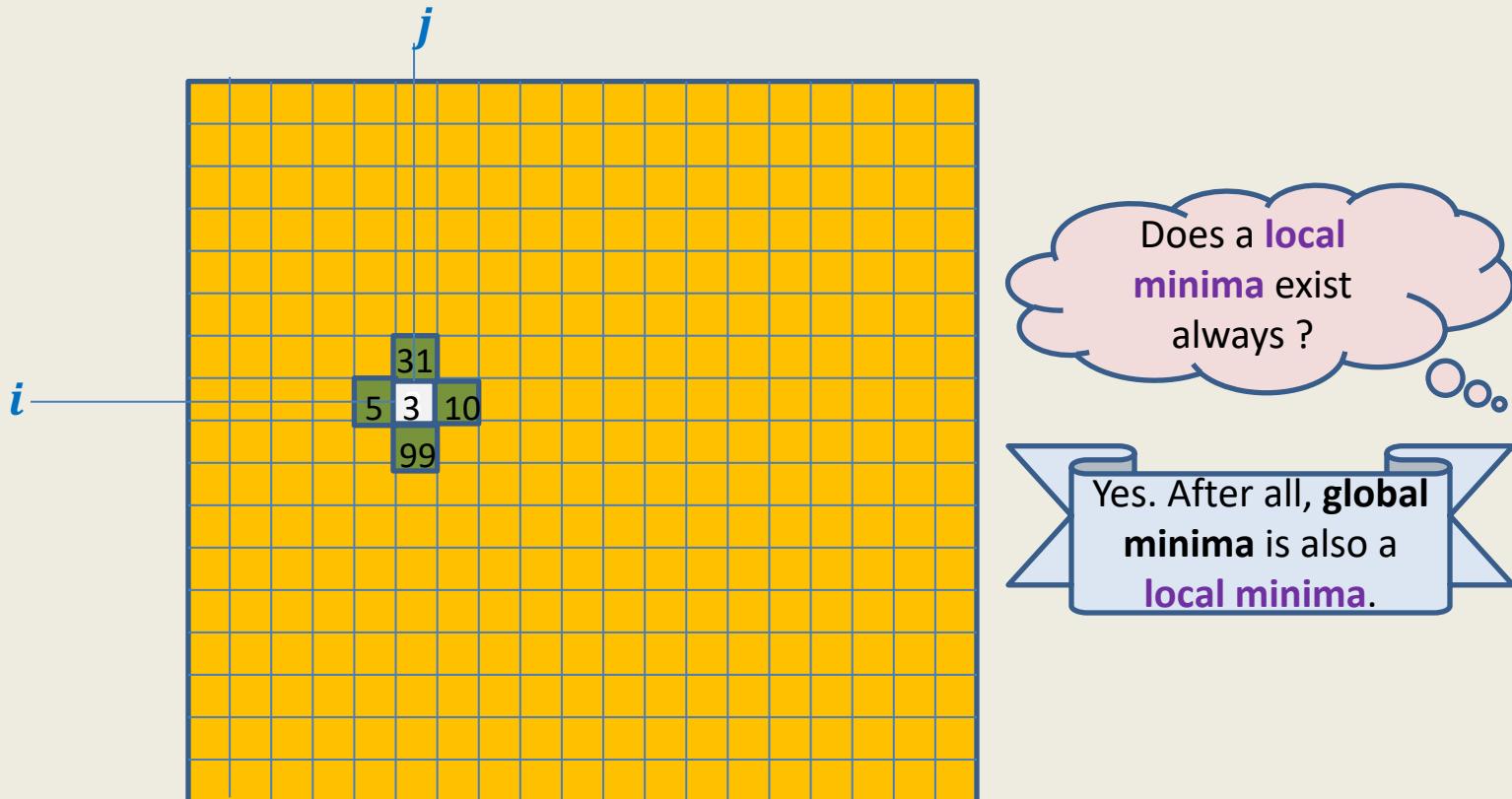
Ponder over this question before coming to the next class...

NEW PROBLEM:

LOCAL MINIMA IN A GRID

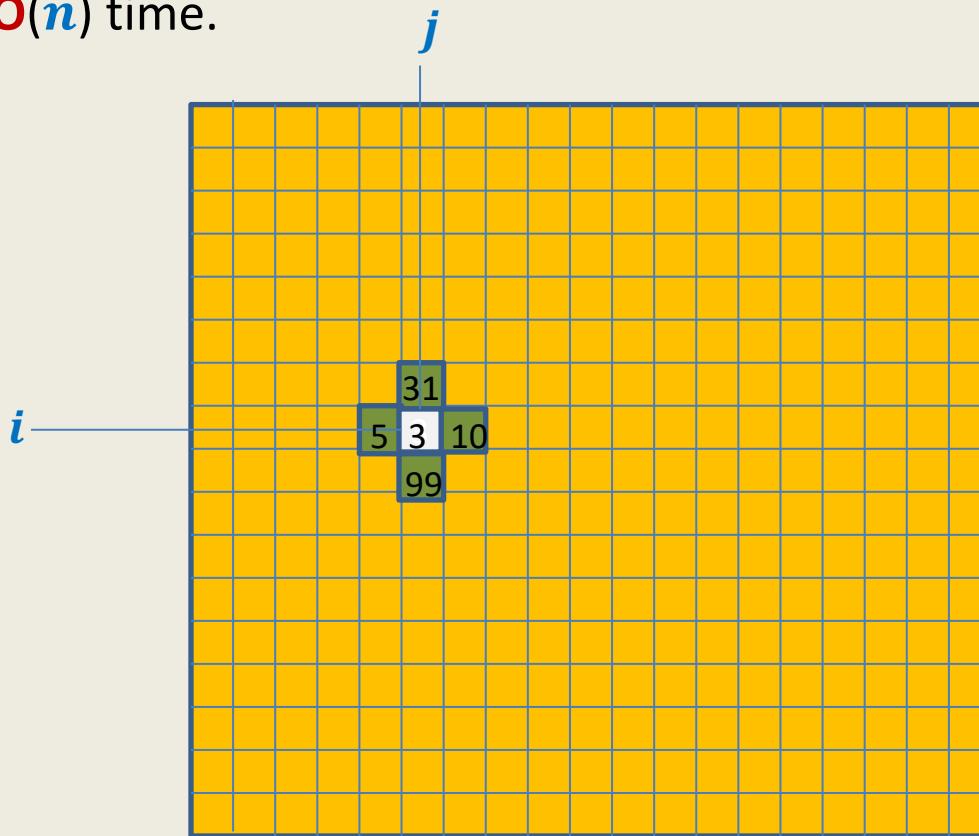
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Local minima in a grid

Problem: Given a $n \times n$ grid storing distinct numbers, output any local minima in $O(n)$ time.



Using common sense principles

- There are some simple but very fundamental principles which are not restricted/confined to a specific stream of science/philosophy.
- These principles, which we usually learn as common sense, can be used in so many diverse areas of human life.
- For the current problem of local minima, we shall use two such simple principles.

This should convince you that designing algorithm does not require any thing **magical** 😊!

Two simple principles

1. Respect every new idea even if it does not solve a problem finally.

2. Principle of simplification:

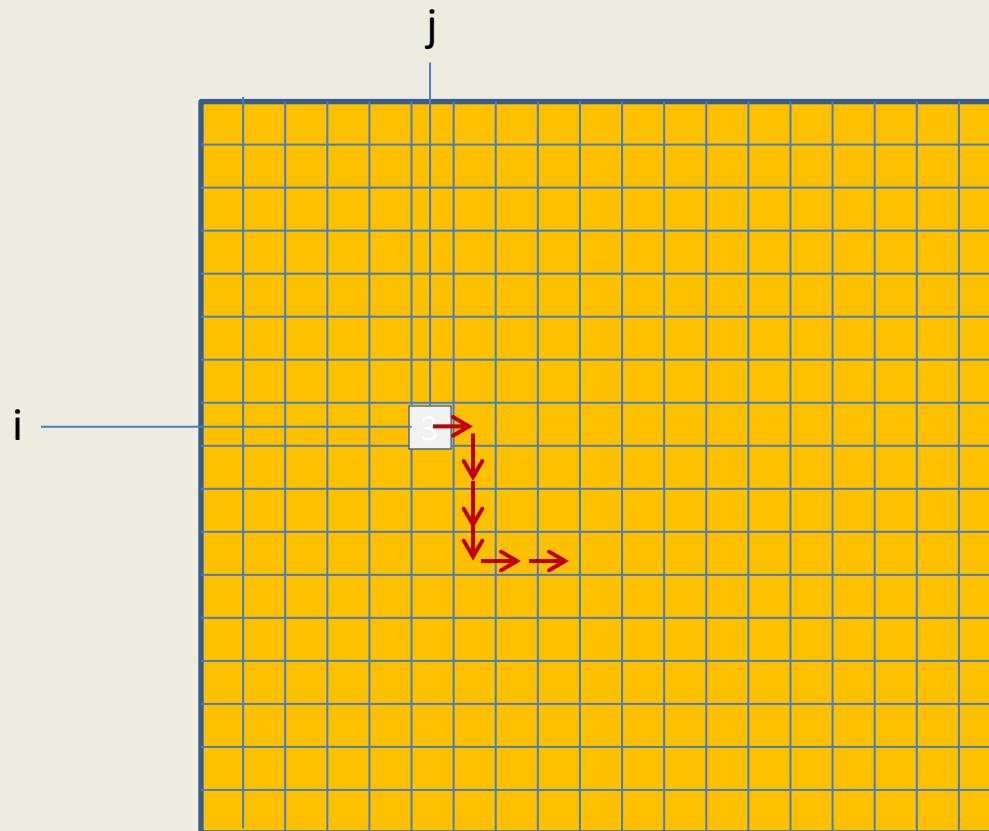
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→ Try to solve its simpler version, and then ...

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A new approach

Repeat : if current entry is not local minima, explore the neighbor storing smaller value.



A new approach

Explore()

```
{   Let c be any entry to start with;  
    While(c is not a local minima)  
    {  
        c ← a neighbor of c storing smaller value  
    }  
    return c;  
}
```

Question: What is the proof of correctness of **Explore** ?

Answer:

- It suffices if we can prove that **While** loop eventually terminates.
- Indeed, the loop terminates since **we never visit a cell twice**.

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Worst case time complexity : $O(n^2)$



How to apply this principle ?

First principle:
Do not discard **Explore()**

Second principle:
Simplify the problem

Local minima in an array

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Theorem 2: A local minima in an array storing n distinct elements can be found in $O(\log n)$ time.

Homework:

- Design the algorithm stated in **Theorem 2**.
- Spend some time to extend this algorithm to grid with running time= $O(n)$.

Please come prepared in the next class 😊

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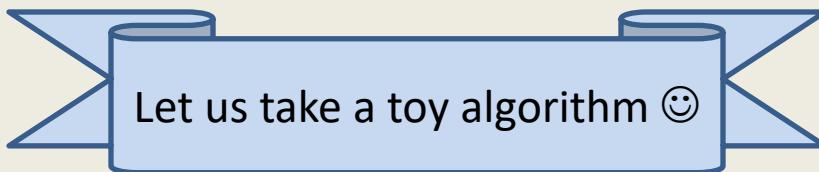
Lecture 5:

- More on **Proof of correctness** of an algorithm
- Design of $O(n)$ time algorithm for **Local Minima in a grid**

PROOF OF CORRECTNESS

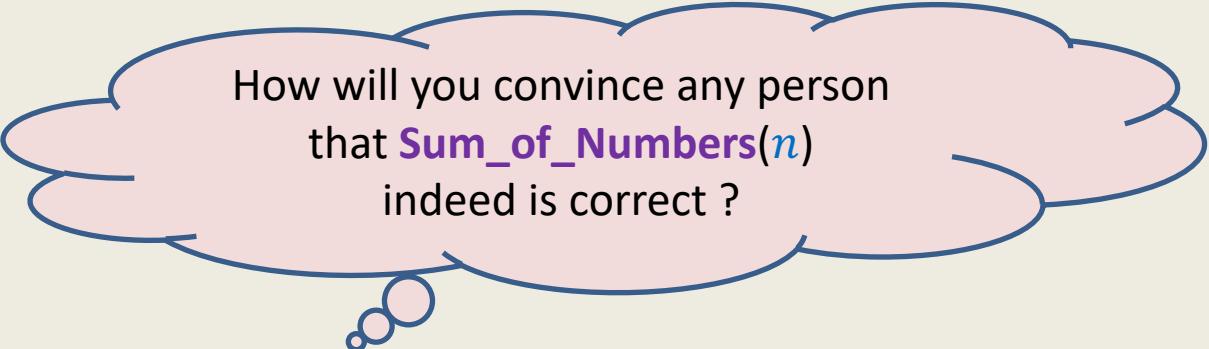
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For every possible **valid input**, the algorithm must output **correct** answer.



Algorithm for computing sum of numbers from 0 to n

```
Sum_of_Numbers( $n$ )
{
    Sum ← 0;
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
    {
        Sum ← Sum +  $i$ ;
    }
    return Sum;
}
```



How will you convince any person
that **Sum_of_Numbers(n)**
indeed is correct ?

Natural responses:

- It is obvious !
- Compile it and run it for some random values of n .
- Go over first few iterations explaining what happens to **Sum**.

How will you respond

if you have to do it for the following code ?

```
void dij(int n,int v,int cost[10][10],int dist[])
{
    int i,u,count,w,flag[10],min;
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        flag[i]=0,dist[i]=cost[v][i];
    count=2;
    while(count<=n)
    {
        min=99;
        for(w=1;w<=n;w++)
            if(dist[w]<min && !flag[w])
                min=dist[w],u=w;
        flag[u]=1;
        count++;
        for(w=1;w<=n;w++)
            if((dist[u]+cost[u][w]<dist[w]) && !flag[w])
                dist[w]=dist[u]+cost[u][w];
    }
}
```

Think for some time to realize

- the **non-triviality**
- the **Importance** of proof of correctness of an iterative algorithm.

In the following slide, we present an overview of the proof of correctness.

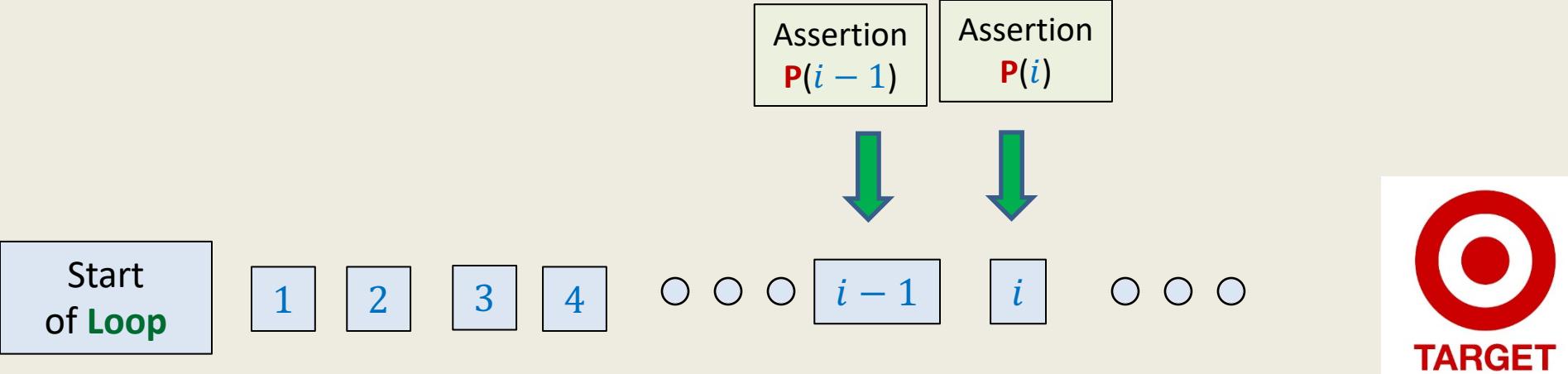
Interestingly, such a proof will be just

Expressing our intuition/insight of the algorithm in a **formal** way ☺.

Proof of correctness

For an **iterative algorithm**

Insight of the algorithm → **Theorem**



Prove $P(i)$ by

1. Assuming $P(i - 1)$
2. **Theorem**
3. Body of the **Loop**

Proof by induction

What would you expect
at the end of i th
iteration ?

The most difficult/creative part of proof : To come up with the right assertion $P(i)$

Algorithm for computing sum of numbers from 0 to n

```
{   Sum<-0;  
    for  $i$  = 1 to  $n$   
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```

Assertion $P(i)$: At the end of i th iteration **Sum** stores the sum of numbers from 0 to i .

Base case: $P(0)$ holds.

Assuming $P(i - 1)$, assertion $P(i)$ also holds.

$P(n)$ holds.

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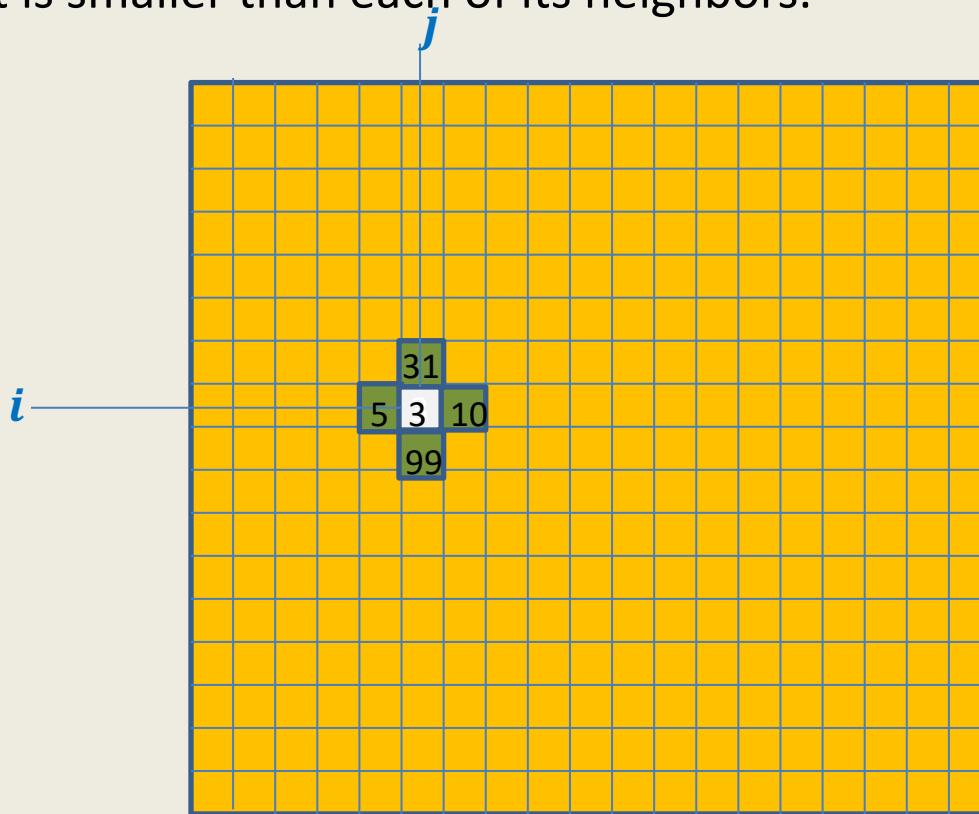
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Homework: Prove that $P(i)$ holds for all $i \leq n - 1$

LOCAL MINIMA IN A GRID

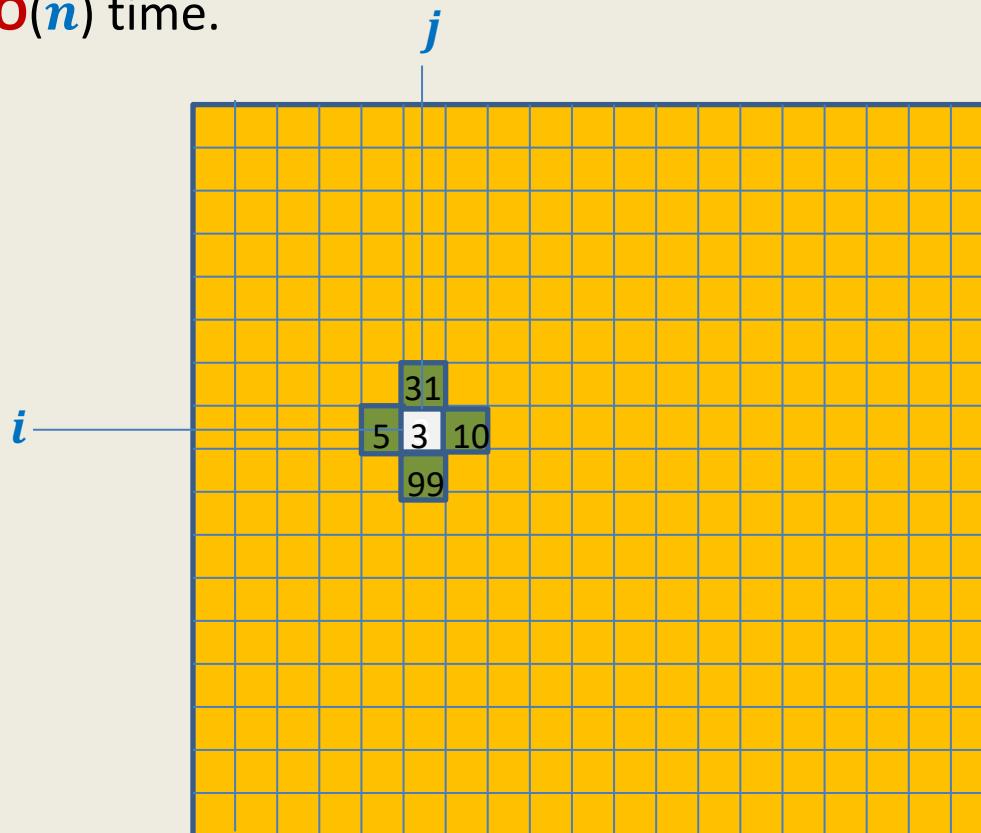
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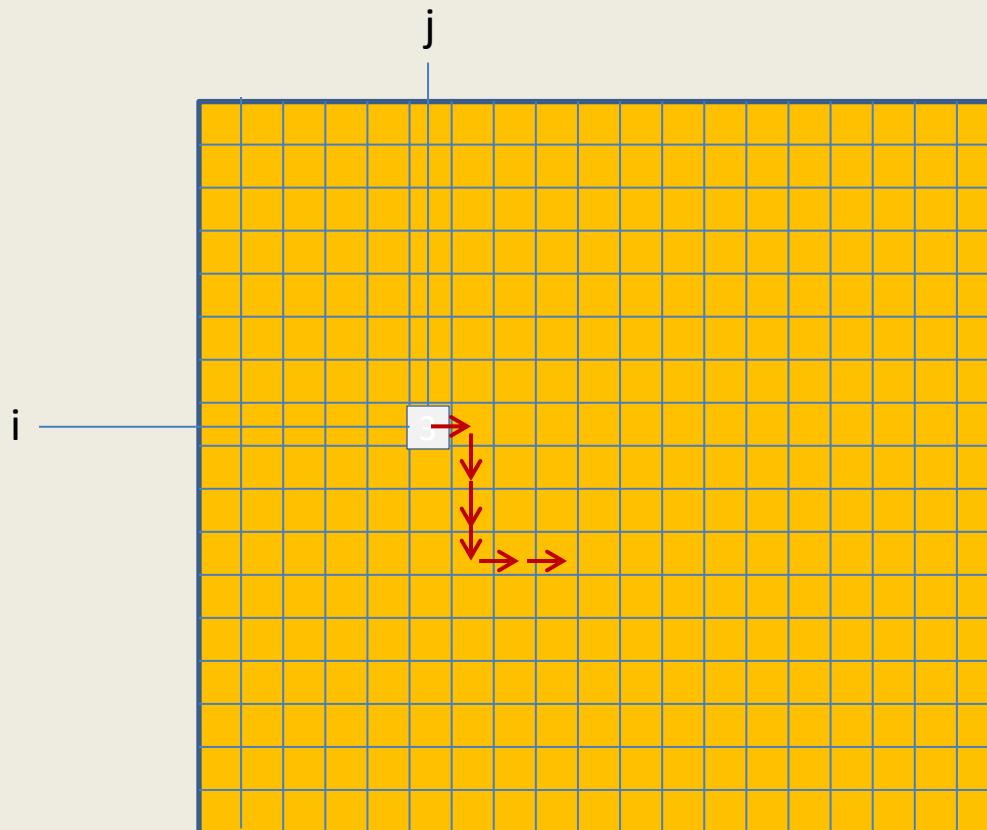
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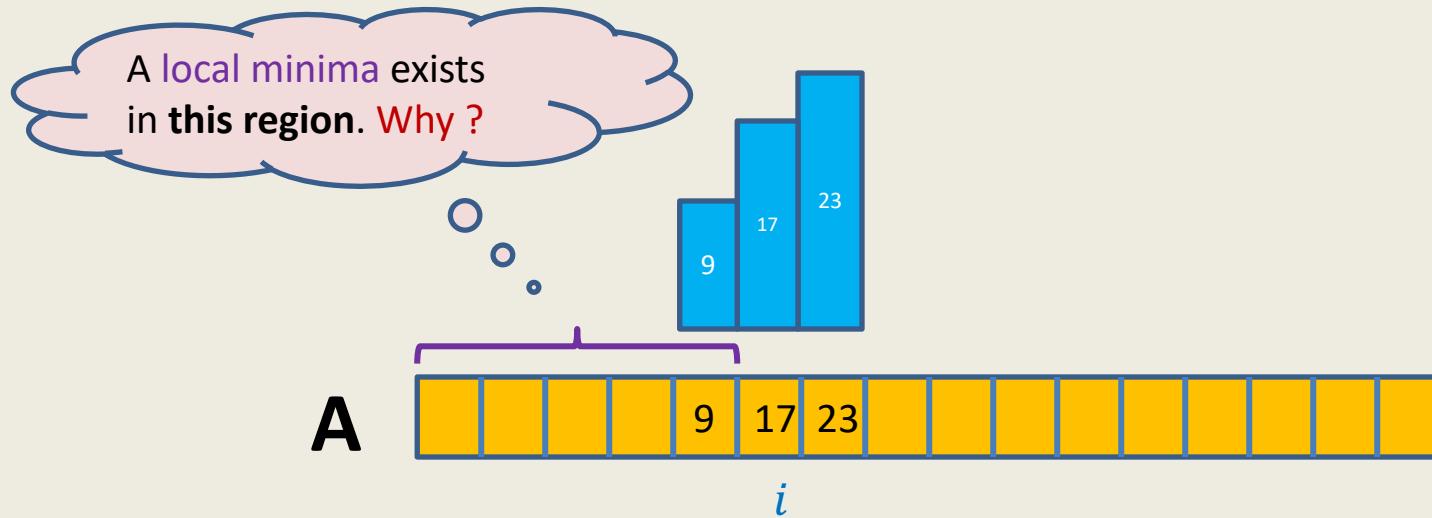
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Theorem: There is a local minima in $A[0, \dots, i - 1]$.

Proof: Suppose we execute **Explore()** from $A[i - 1]$.

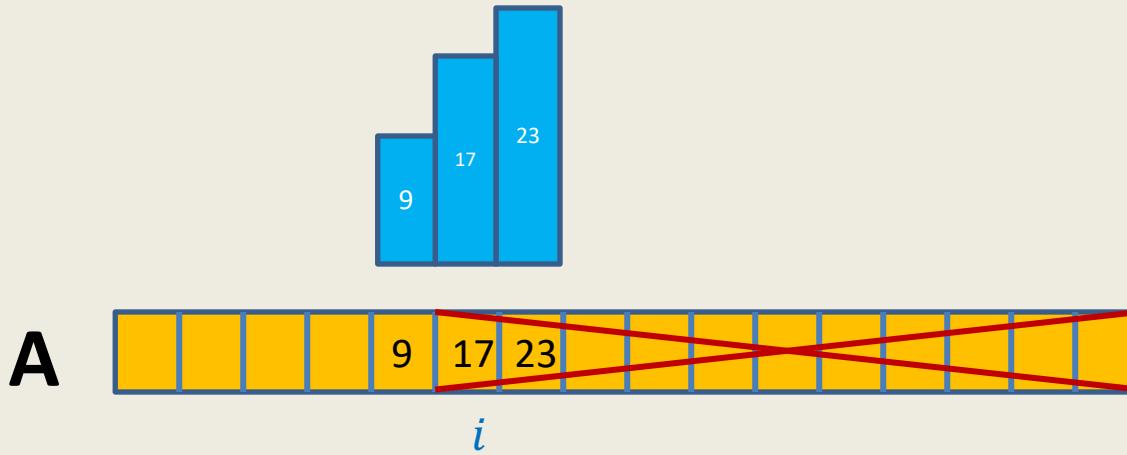
Explore(), if terminates, will return local minima.

It will terminate without ever entering $A[i, \dots, n - 1]$.

Hence there is a local minima in $A[0, \dots, i - 1]$.

Algorithmic proof

Local minima in an array



Theorem: There is a local minima in $A[0, \dots, i - 1]$.

- We can confine our search for local minima to only $A[0, \dots, i - 1]$.
- Our problem size has reduced.



Question: Which *i* should we select so as to reduce problem size significantly ?

Answer: *middle* point of array A.

Local minima in an array

(Similar to binary search)

```
int Local-minima-in-array(A) {  
    L ← 0;  
    R ← n - 1;  
    found ← FALSE;  
    while( not found ) {  
        mid ← (L + R)/2;  
        If (mid is a local minima)  
            found ← TRUE;  
        else if(A[mid + 1] < A[mid])  
            L ← mid + 1  
        else R ← mid - 1  
    }  
    return mid; }
```

How many iterations ?

$O(\log n)$

$O(1)$ time
in one iteration

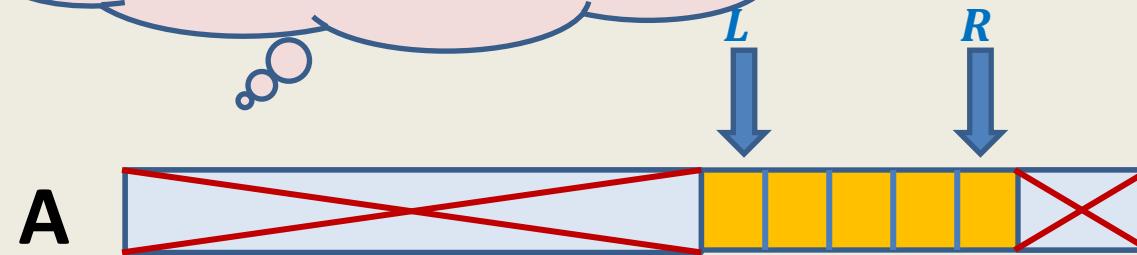
Proof of correctness ?

→ Running time of the algorithm = $O(\log n)$

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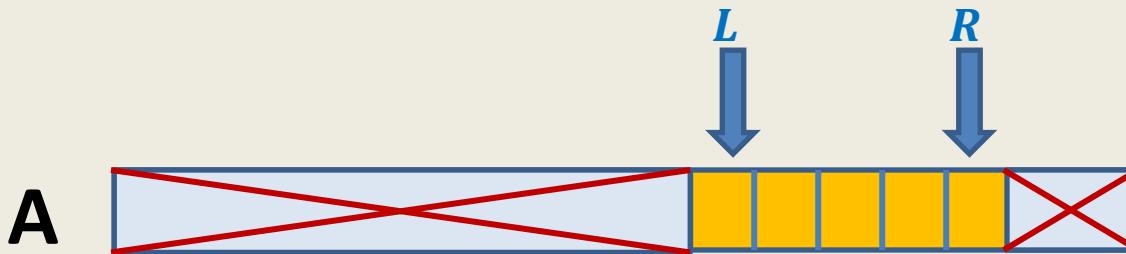
What can you say about the algorithm at the end of i th iteration.



P(i) : At the end of i th iteration,
“A local minima of array **A** exists in $\mathbf{A}[\mathbf{L}, \dots, \mathbf{R}]$.”

Local minima in an array

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=

“ $\mathbf{A}[L] < \mathbf{A}[L - 1]$ ” and “ $\mathbf{A}[R] < \mathbf{A}[R + 1]$ ”.

Homework:

- Make sincere attempts to prove the assertion $\mathbf{P}(i)$.
- How will you use it to prove that **Local-minima-in-array(A)** outputs a local minima ?

Local minima in an array

Theorem: A local minima in an array storing n distinct elements can be found in $O(\log n)$ time.

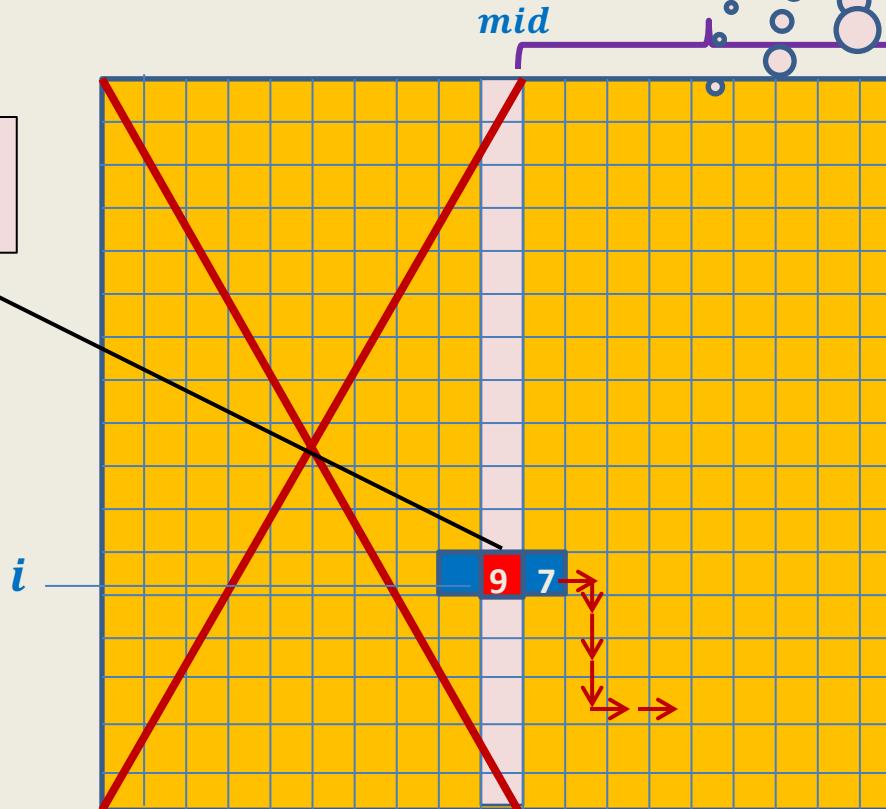
Local minima in a grid

(extending the solution from 1-D to 2-D)

Search for a local minima in the column $M[* , mid]$

Under what circumstances even this smallest element is not a local minima ?

Smallest element of the column



Execute **Explore()** from $M[i, mid + 1]$

Homework:

Use this idea to design an $O(n \log n)$ time algorithm for this problem.

... and do not forget to prove its correctness ☺.

Make sincere attempts to
answer all questions raised in this lecture.

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Lecture 6:

- Design of $O(n)$ time algorithm for Local Minima in a grid
- Data structure gem: Range minima Problem

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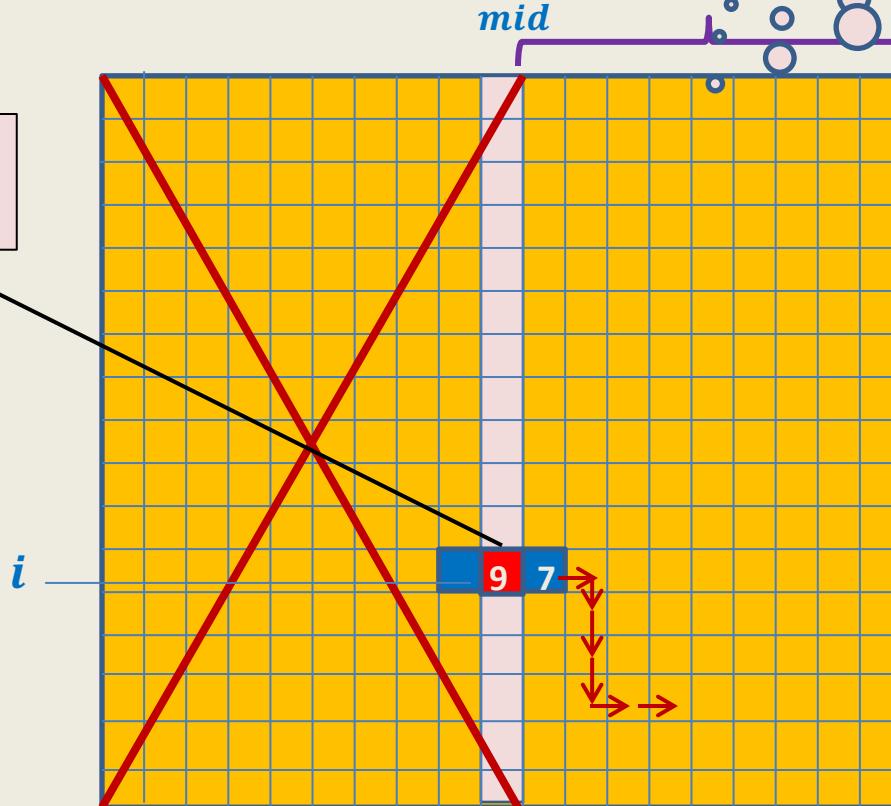
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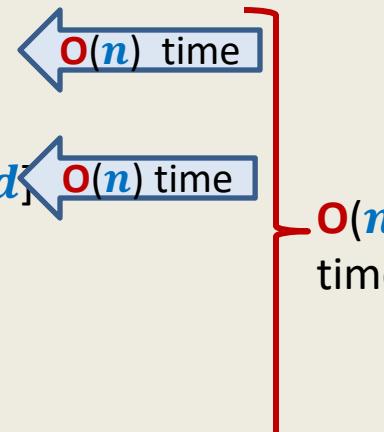
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Local minima in a grid

Int Local-minima-in-grid(M) // returns the column containing a local minima

```
{      L  $\leftarrow 0$ ;  
      R  $\leftarrow n - 1$ ;  
      found  $\leftarrow \text{FALSE}$ ;  
      while(not found)  
      {      mid  $\leftarrow (L + R)/2$ ;  
          If ( $M[* , mid]$  has a local minima) found  $\leftarrow \text{TRUE}$ ;  
          else {  
              let  $M[k, mid]$  be the smallest element in  $M[* , mid]$ ;  
              if( $M[k, mid + 1] < M[k, mid]$ ) L  $\leftarrow mid + 1$  ;  
              else R  $\leftarrow mid - 1$   
          }  
      }  
      return mid;  
}
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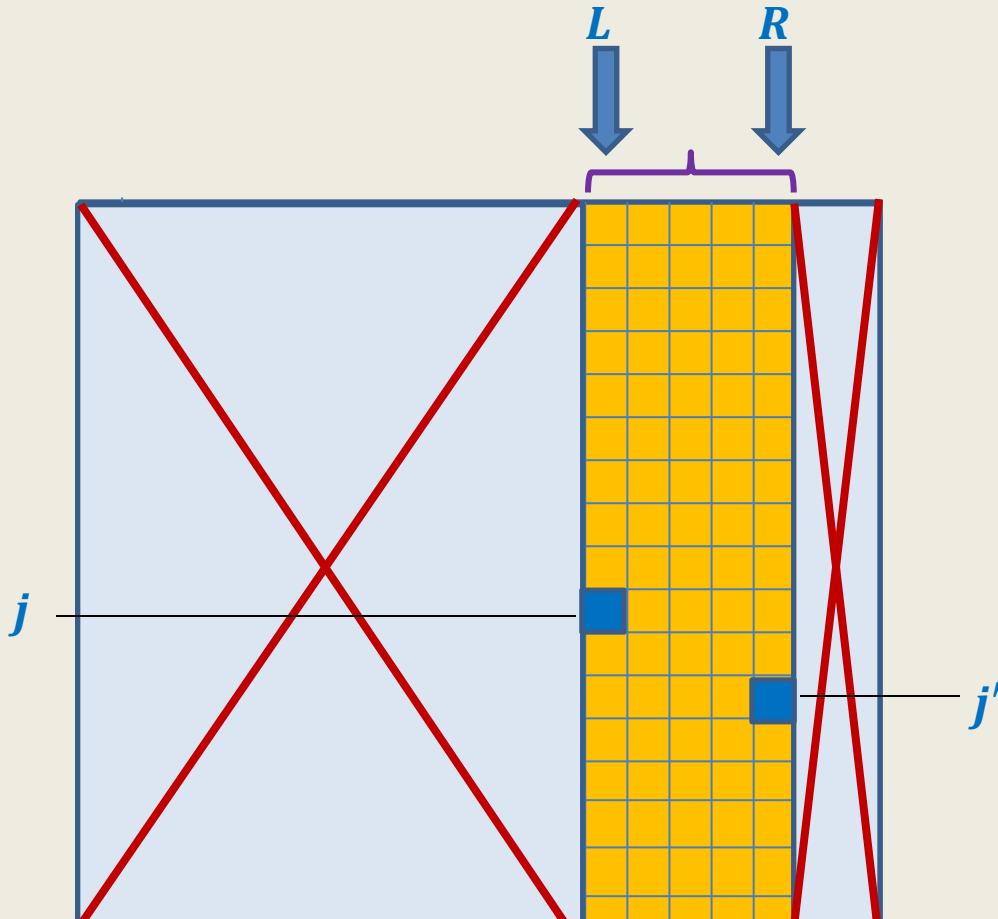


→ Running time of the algorithm = $O(n \log n)$

Proof of correctness ?

Local minima in a grid

(Proof of Correctness)



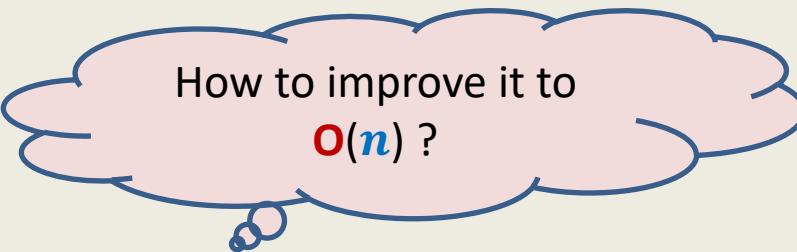
$\mathbf{P}(i) :$

"A local minima of grid \mathbf{M} exists in $\mathbf{M}[L, \dots, R]$."

$\exists j$ such that $\mathbf{M}[j, L] < \mathbf{M}[\ast, L - 1]$ " and $\exists j'$ such that $\mathbf{M}[j', R] < \mathbf{M}[\ast, R + 1]$ "

Local minima in a grid

Theorem: A local minima in an $n \times n$ grid storing distinct elements can be found in $O(n \log n)$ time.



How to improve it to
 $O(n)$?

Local minima in a grid in $O(n)$ time

Let us carefully look at the calculations of the running time of the current algo.

$$cn + cn + cn + \dots \quad (\log n \text{ terms}) \quad \dots + cn = O(n \log n)$$

What about the following series

$$c\frac{n}{2} + c\frac{n}{4} + c\frac{n}{8} + \dots \quad (\log n \text{ terms}) \quad \dots + cn = ?$$

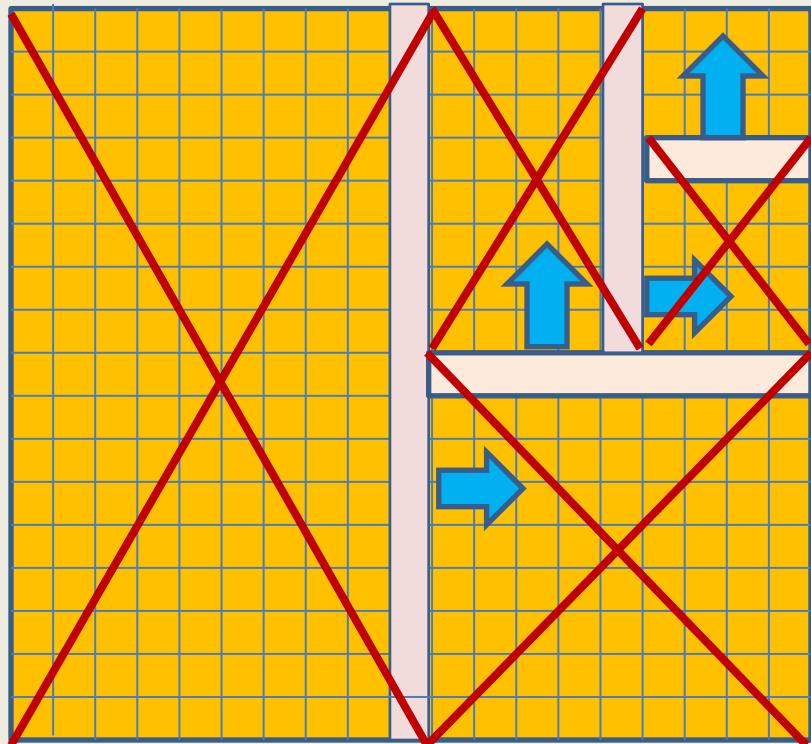
It is $2cn = O(n)$.



Get an !DEA from this series to modify our current algorithm

Local minima in a grid in $O(n)$ time

Bisect alternatively along rows and column



INCORRECT

Exercise: Think of a counterexample!

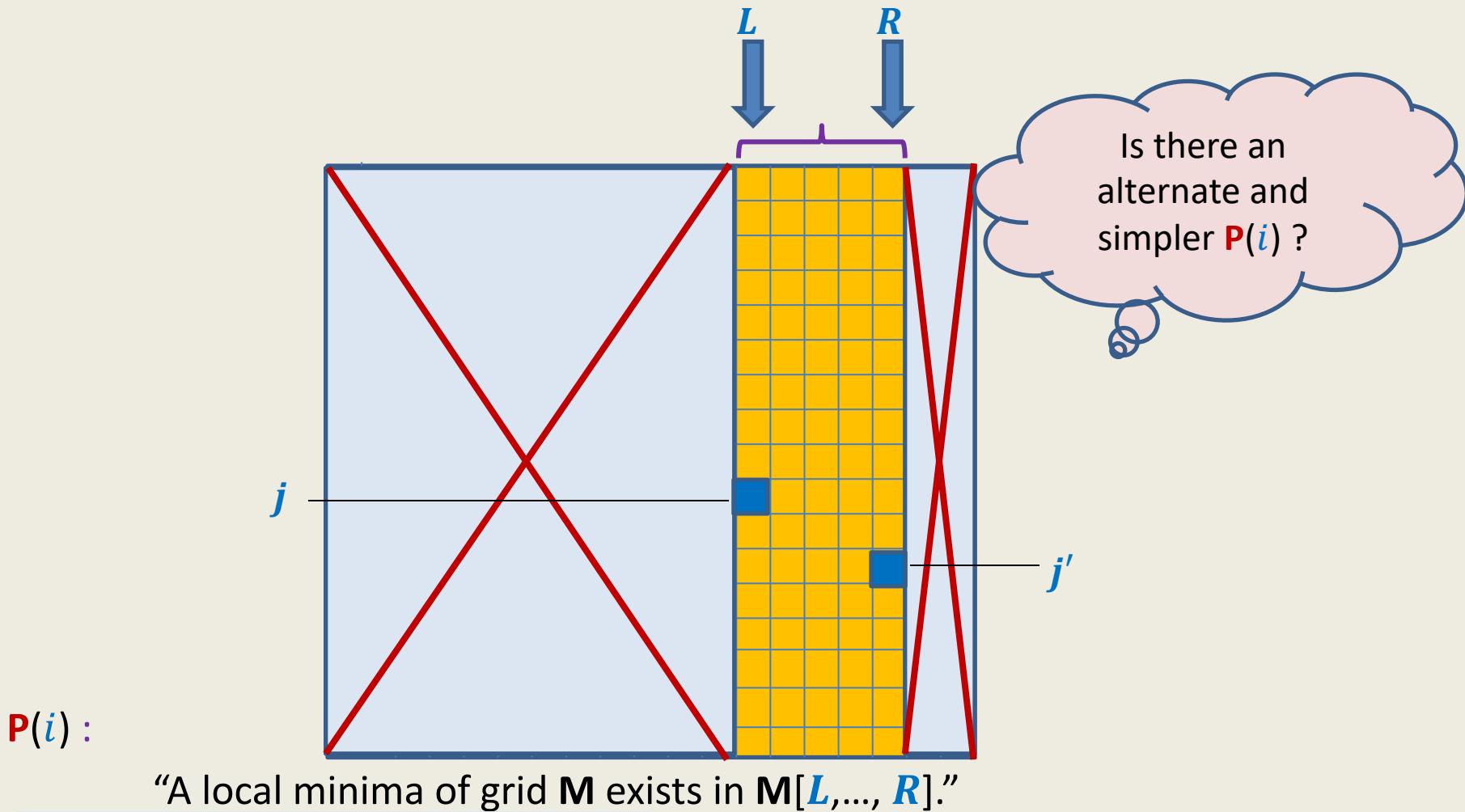
Lessons learnt

- No hand-waving works for iterative algorithms ☺
- We must be sure about
 - What is $P(i)$
 - Proof of $P(i)$.

Let us revisit the ($n \log n$) algorithm

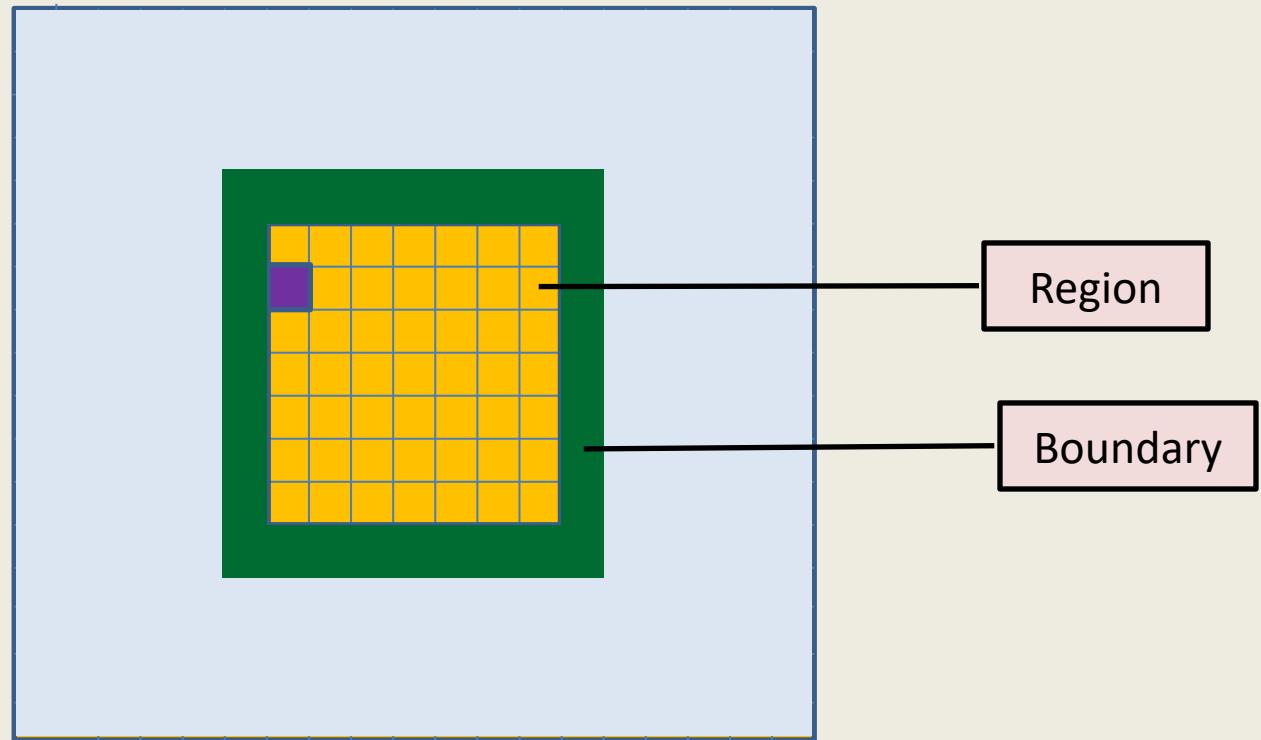
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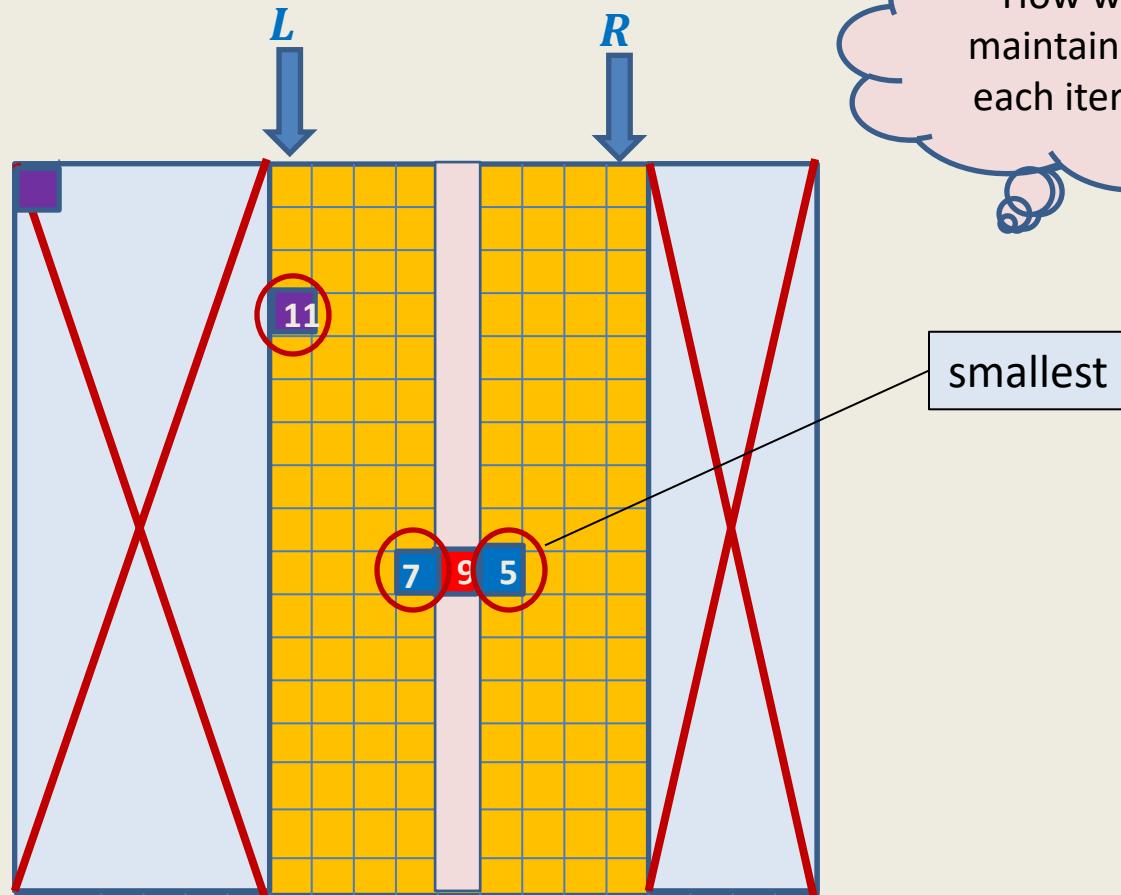
At any stage, what guarantees the existence of local minima in the region ?



- At each stage, our algorithm may maintain a cell in the region whose value is smaller than all elements lying at the **boundary** of the **region** ?
(Note the boundary lies outside the region)

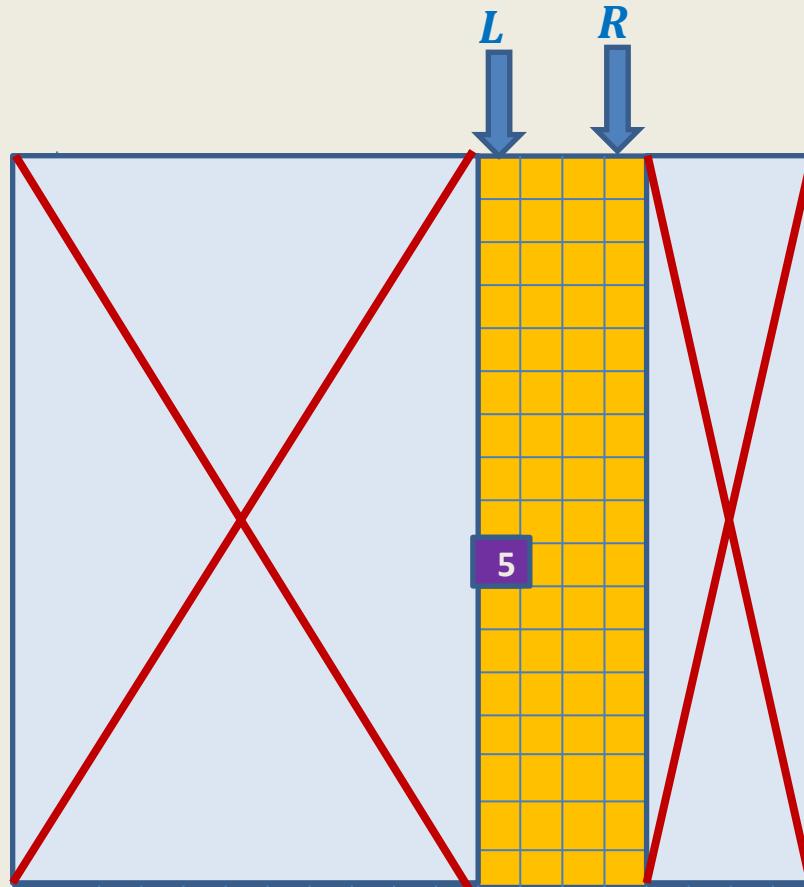
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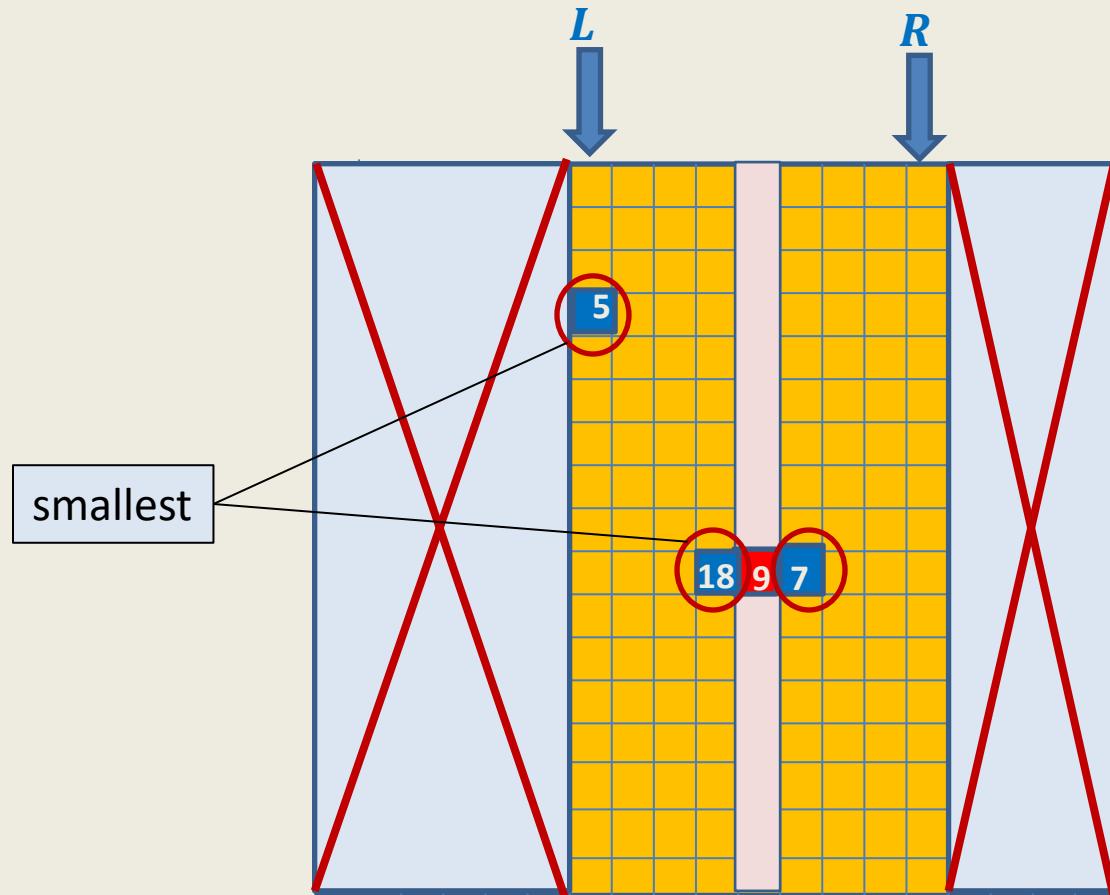
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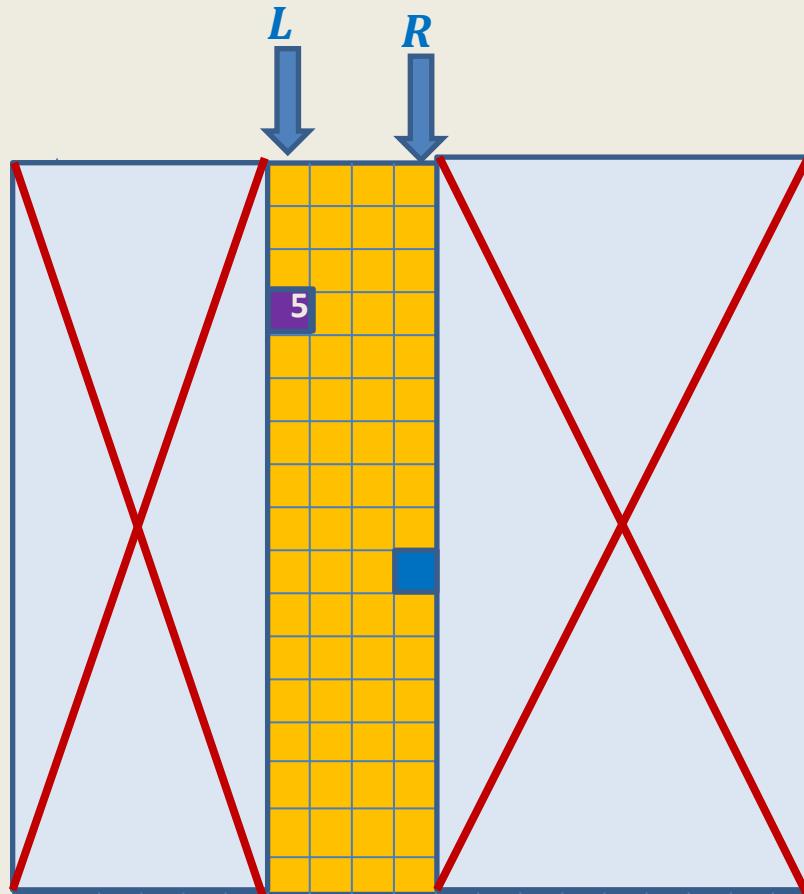
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Local minima in a grid

Alternate $O(n \log n)$ algorithm



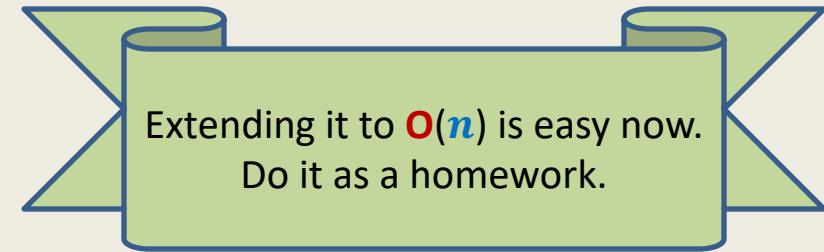
- A neat pseudocode of this algorithm is given on the following slide.

Local minima in a grid

Alternate $O(n \log n)$ algorithm

Int Local-minima-in-grid(M) // returns the column containing a local minima

```
{   L ← 0;  
    R ←  $n - 1$ ;  
    found ← FALSE;  
    C ← (0,0);  
    while(not found)  
    {      mid ← (L + R)/2;  
        If ( $M[* , mid]$  has a local minima)   found ← TRUE;  
        else {  
            let  $M[k, mid]$  be the smallest element in  $M[* , mid]$   
            C' ← ( $k, mid - 1$ );  
            C'' ← ( $k, mid + 1$ );  
            Cmin ← the cell containing the minimum value among {C, C', C''};  
            If (column of Cmin is present in (mid + 1, R))   L ← mid + 1;  
            else R ← mid - 1;  
            C ← Cmin ;  
        }  
    }  
    return mid;  
}
```



Homework: Prove the correctness of this algorithm.

Theorem:

Given an $n \times n$ grid storing n^2 distinct elements, a local minima can be found in $O(n)$ time.

Question:

On which algorithm paradigm, was this algorithm based on ?

- Greedy
- Divide and Conquer
- Dynamic Programming

Proof of correctness of algorithms

Worked out examples:

- **GCD**
- **Binary Search**

GCD

```
GCD(a,b)    // a ≥ b
{
    while (b <> 0)
    {
        t ← b;
        b ← a mod b ;
        a ← t
    }
    return a;
}
```

Lemma (Euclid):

If $n \geq m > 0$, then

$$\gcd(n,m) = \gcd(m, n \bmod m)$$

Proof of correctness of GCD(a,b) :

Let a_i : the value of variable a after i th iteration.

b_i : the value of variable b after i th iteration.

Assertion $P(i)$: $\gcd(a_i, b_i) = \gcd(a, b)$

Theorem : $P(i)$ holds for each iteration $i \geq 0$.

Proof: (By induction on i).

Base case: ($i = 0$) hold trivially.

Induction step:

(Assume $P(j)$ holds, show that $P(j + 1)$ holds too)

$P(j) \rightarrow$

$$\gcd(a_j, b_j) = \gcd(a, b). \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$(j + 1)$ iteration \rightarrow

$$a_{j+1} = b_j \text{ and } b_{j+1} = a_j \bmod b_j \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

Using Euclid's Lemma and (2),

$$\gcd(a_j, b_j) = \gcd(a_{j+1}, b_{j+1}) \quad \dots \quad (3).$$

Using (1) and (3), assertion $P(j + 1)$ holds too.

Binary Search

```
Binary-Search(A[0...n - 1], x)
```

```
L < 0;
```

```
R < n - 1;
```

```
Found < false;
```

```
While ( L ≤ R and Found = false )
```

```
{   mid < (L+R)/2;
```

```
  If (A[mid] = x) Found < true;
```

```
  else if (A[mid] < x) L < mid + 1 ;
```

```
  else R < mid - 1
```

```
}
```

```
if Found return true;
```

```
else return false;
```

Observation: If the code returns **true**, then indeed **output** is correct.

So all we need to prove is that whenever code returns **false**, then indeed **x** is not present in **A[]**.

This is because **Found** is set to **true** only when **x** is indeed found.

Binary Search

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Binary-Search(A[0...n - 1], x)
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Found  $\leftarrow$  false;
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While ( L  $\leq$  R and Found = false )
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  If (A[mid] = x) Found  $\leftarrow$  true;
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  else R  $\leftarrow$  mid - 1
```

```
}
```

```
if Found return true;
```

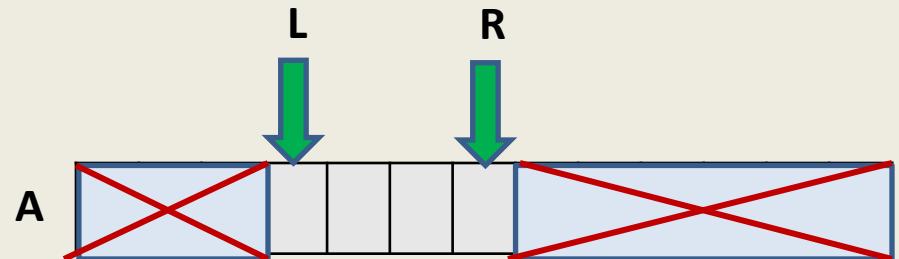
```
else return false;
```

Assertion $P(i)$:

$x \notin \{ A[0], \dots, A[L-1] \}$

and

$x \notin \{ A[R+1], \dots, A[n-1] \}$



Range-Minima Problem

A Motivating example
to realize the importance of data structures

Range-Minima Problem

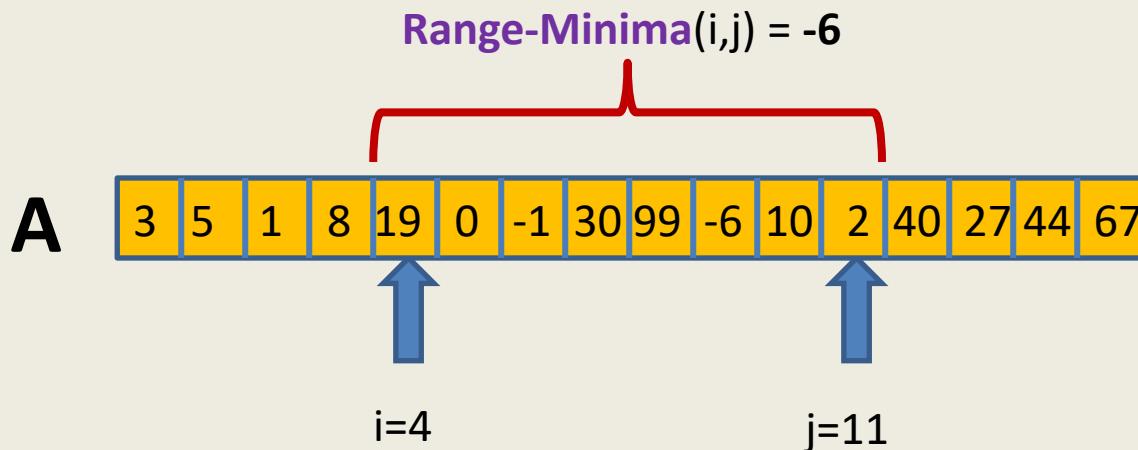
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Aim: a data structure to answer a sequence of queries of the following type

Range-minima(i,j) : report the smallest element from $A[i], \dots, A[j]$

Let **A** store one **million** numbers

Let the number of queries be **10 millions**



Range-Minima Problem

Question: Does there exist a data structure which is

- **Compact**
($O(n \log n)$ size)
- **Can answer each query efficiently ?**
($O(1)$ time)

Homework : Ponder over the above question.

(we shall solve it in the next class)

Data Structures and Algorithms

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Lecture 7:

- **Data structure for Range-minima problem**
Compact and fast

Data structures

AIM:

To organize a data in the memory
so that any query can be answered efficiently.

Example:

Data: A set S of n numbers

Query: “Is a number x present in S ?”

A trivial solution: sequential search

$O(n)$ time per query

A Data structure solution:

- Sort S

$O(n \log n)$ time to build sorted array.

- Use **binary search** for answering query

$O(\log n)$ time per query

Data structures

AIM:

To organize a data in the memory
so that any query can be answered efficiently.

Important assumption:

No. of queries to be answered will be many.

Parameters of Efficiency

- Query time
- Space
- Preprocessing time

RANGE-MINIMA Problem

Range-Minima Problem

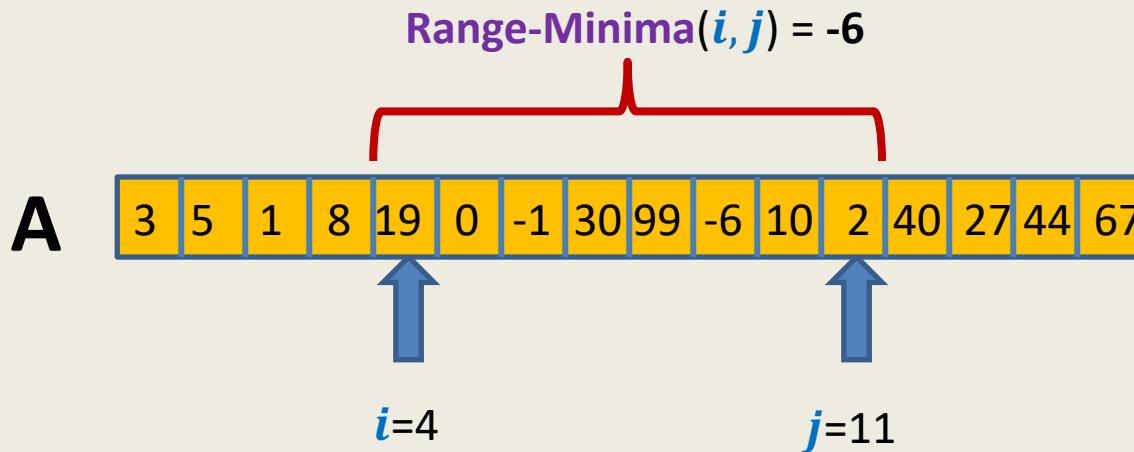
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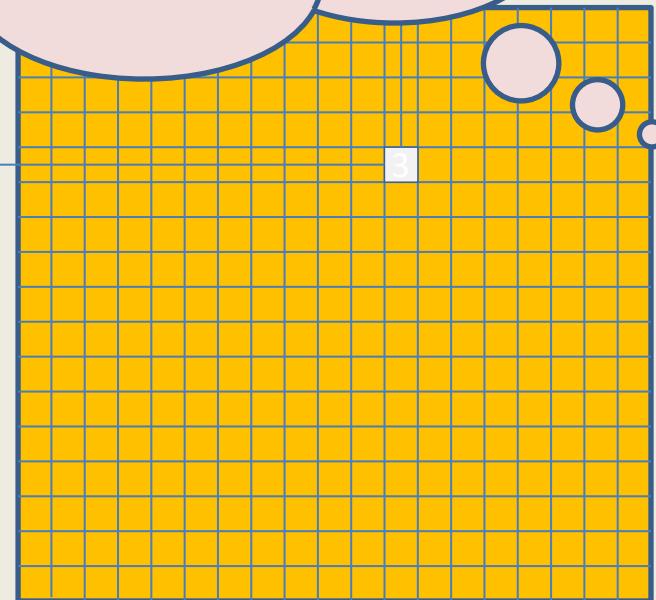
Range-Minima Problem

Solution 1 (brute force)

Range-minima-trivial(i, j)

```
{  temp <-  $i + 1$ ;  
  min <- A[ $i$ ];  
  While(temp <=  $j$ )  
  {    if (min > A[temp])  
        min <- A[temp];  
        temp <- temp+1;  
  }  
  return min  
}
```

Size of **B** is **too large** to be kept in RAM.
So we shall have to keep most of it in
the **Hard disk drive**.
Hence it will take a few **milliseconds per query**.



Time complexity for one query: $O(n)$
(a few **hours** for 10 million queries)



Space : $O(n^2)$

Impractical

Range-Minima Problem

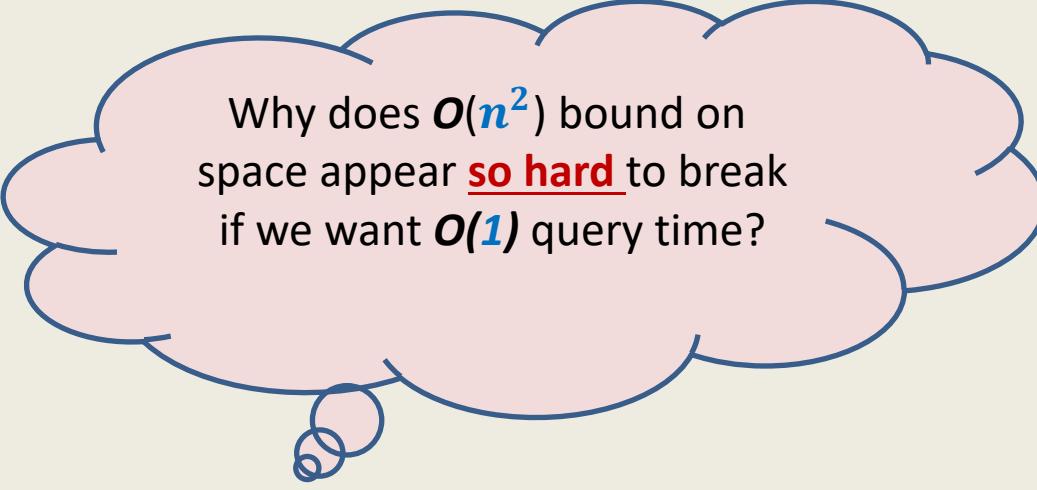
Query:

Report_min(A, i,j) : report smallest element from $\{A[i], \dots, A[j]\}$



Aim :

- **compact** data structure
- O(1) Query time for any $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.



Why does $O(n^2)$ bound on space appear so hard to break if we want $O(1)$ query time?

... Because of artificial hurdles

Artificial hurdle

If we want to answer each query in $O(1)$ time,

→ we must store its answer explicitly.

→ Since there are around $O(n^2)$ queries,
so $O(n^2)$ space is needed.

Spend some time to find the origin of this hurdle....

Artificial hurdle



... If we fix the first parameter i for all queries, we need $O(n)$ space.

True Fact



for all i , we need $O(n^2)$ space.

A wrong inference

because it assumes that data structure for an index i will work in total isolation of others.

Collaboration (team effort) works in real life



Why not try
collaboration for the
given problem ?

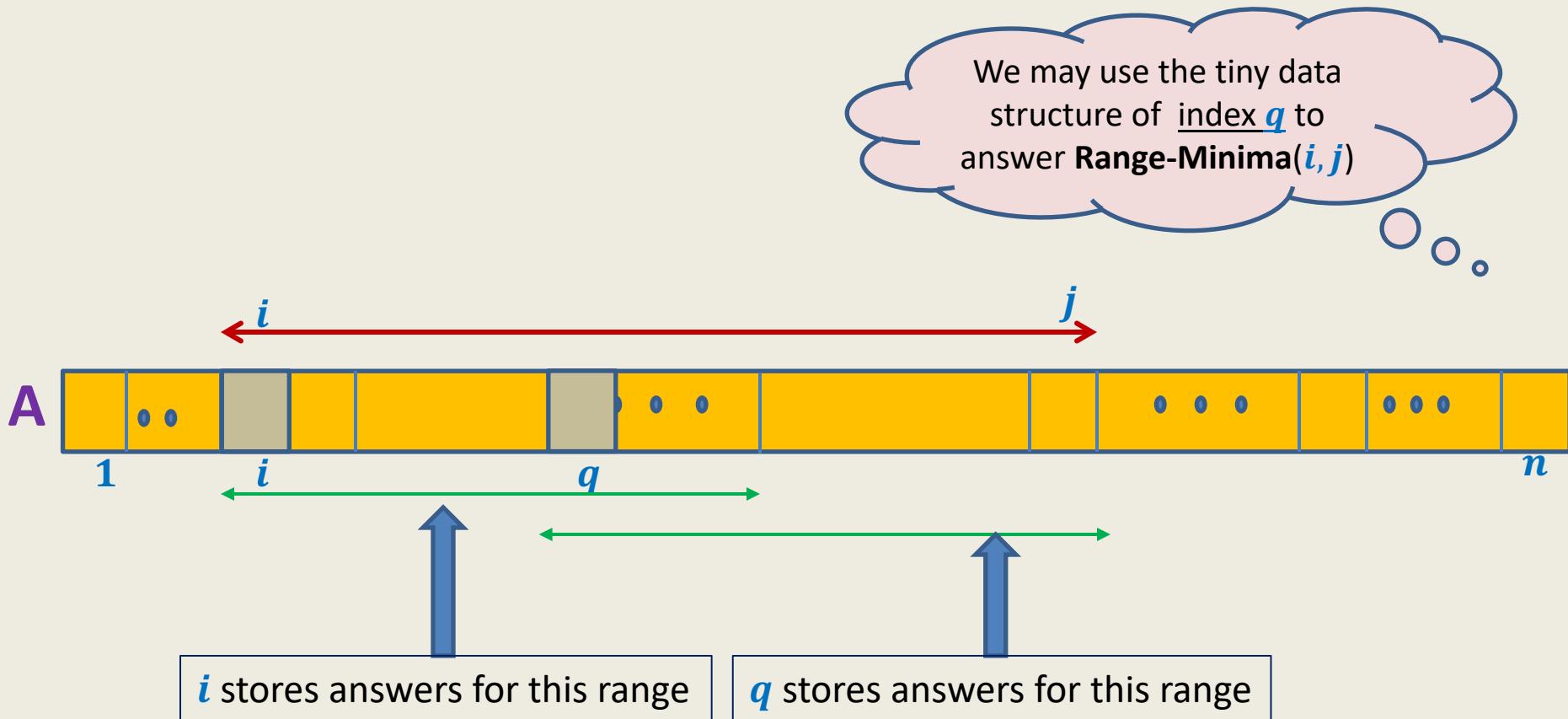
Range-minima problem: Breaking the $O(n^2)$ barrier using collaboration

An Overview:

- Keep n tiny data structures:
Each index i stores minimum only for a few $j > i$.
- For a query **Range-minima(i, j)**,
if the answer is not stored in the tiny data structure of i ,
look up tiny data structure of some index q (chosen carefully).

**HOW DOES COLLABORATION WORK
IN THIS PROBLEM ?**

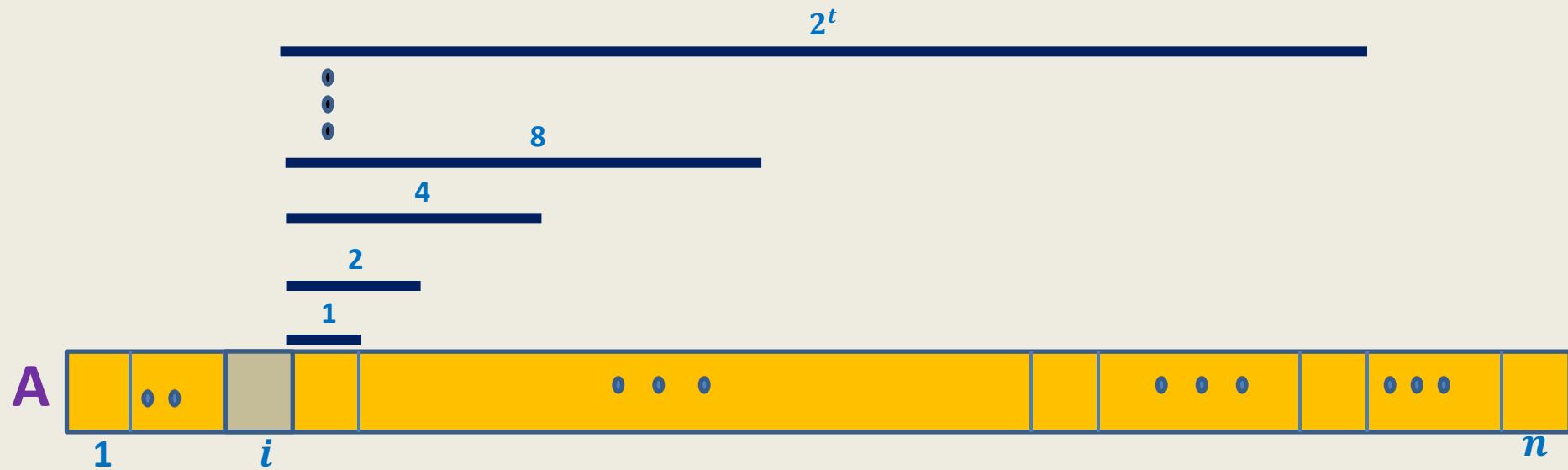
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DETAILS OF TINY DATA STRUCTURES

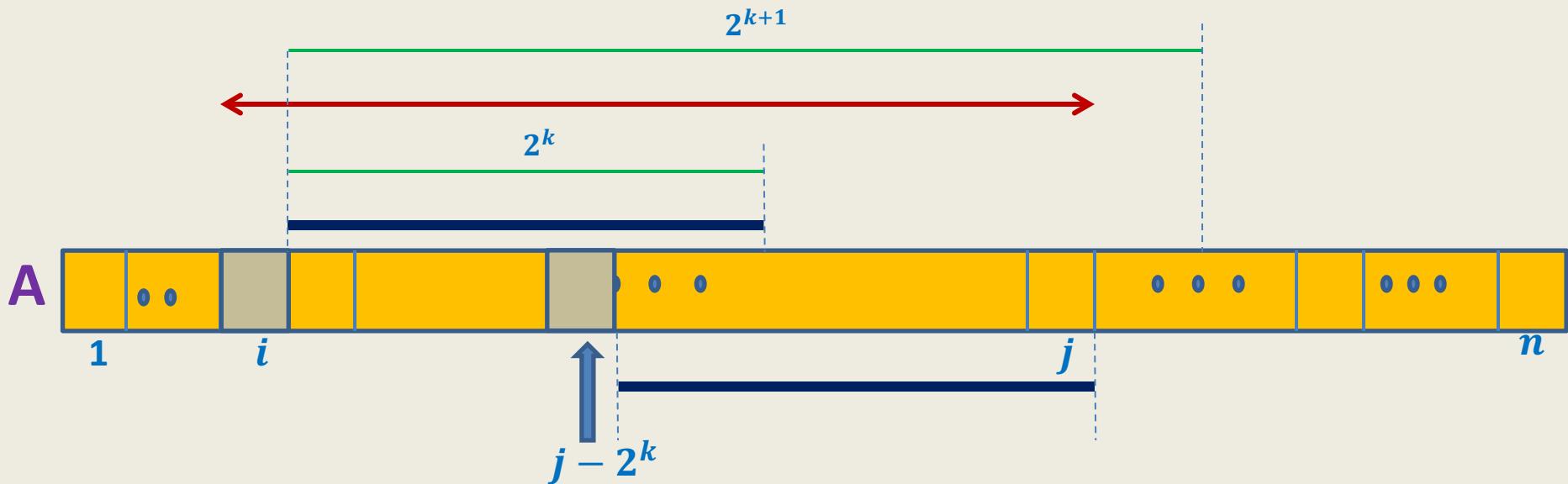
Range-minima problem :

Details of tiny data structure stored at each i



Tiny data structure of Index i stores minimum element for $\{A[i], \dots, A[i + 2^k]\}$ for each $k \leq \log_2 n$

Answering Range-minima query for index i : Collaboration works



We shall use two additional arrays

Definition :

Power-of-2[m] : the greatest number of the form 2^k such that $2^k \leq m$.

Examples: Power-of-2[5] = 4,

Power-of-2[19]= 16,

Power-of-2[32]=32.

Definition :

Log[m] : the greatest integer k such that $2^k \leq m$.

Examples: Log[5] = 2,

Log[19]= 4,

Log[32]=5.

Homework: Design $O(n)$ time algorithm to compute arrays **Power-of-2[]** and **Log[]** of size n .

FINAL SOLUTION FOR RANGE MINIMA PROBLEM

Range-Minima Problem:

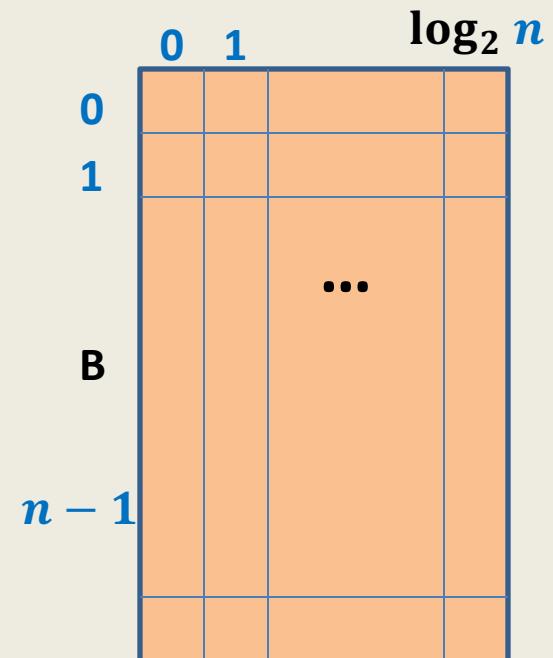
Data structure with $O(n \log n)$ space and $O(1)$ query time

Data Structure:

- $n \times \log n$ matrix \mathbf{B} where $\mathbf{B}[i][k]$ stores minimum of $\{\mathbf{A}[i], \mathbf{A}[i+1], \dots, \mathbf{A}[i+2^k]\}$
- Array **Power-of-2[]**
- Array **Log[]**

Range-minima-(i, j)

```
{   L ← j - i;  
    t ← Power-of-2[L];  
    k ← Log[L];  
    If (t = L) return B[i][k];  
    else      return min( B[i][k] , B[j - t][k] );  
}
```



Theorem:

There is a data structure for range-minima problem that takes
 $O(n \log n)$ space and **$O(1)$ query time.**

Preprocessing time:

$O(n^2 \log n)$: Trivial

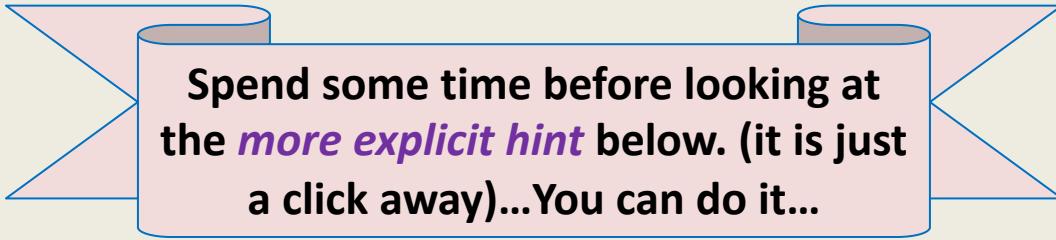
$O(n \log n)$: Doable with **little hints**

Homework:

Design an $O(n \log n)$ time algorithm

to build the $n \times \log n$ matrix \mathbf{B} used in data structure of Range-Minima problem.

Hint: (Inspiration from iterative algorithm for Fibonacci numbers).



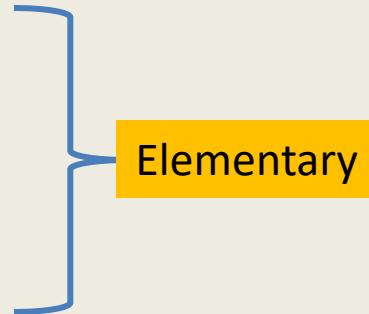
Spend some time before looking at
the *more explicit hint* below. (it is just
a click away)... You can do it...

To compute $\mathbf{B}[i][k]$, you need to know only two entries from column **.

Data structures

(To be discussed in the course)

- Arrays
- Linked Lists
- Stacks
- Queues



Tree Data Structures:

- Binary heap
- Binary Search Trees
- Augmented Data structures

Data Structures for integers:

- Hash Tables
- Searching in $O(\log \log n)$ time (if time permits)

Data Structures and Algorithms

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Lecture 8:

Data structures:

- **Modeling** versus **Implementation**
- Abstract data type “**List**” and its implementation

Data Structure

Definition:

A collection of data elements *arranged* and *connected* in a way
that can facilitate efficient executions
of a (potentially long) sequence of operations.

Two steps process for designing a Data Structure

Step 1: Mathematical Modeling

A **Formal** description of the possible operations of a data structure.

Operations can be classified into two categories:

Query Operations: Retrieving some information from the data structure

Update operations: Making a change in the data structure

Outcome of Mathematical Modeling: an **Abstract Data Type**

Step 2: Implementation

Explore the ways of organizing the data that facilitates performing each operation efficiently using the exist

Since we don't specify here the way how each operation of the data structure will be implemented

MODELING OF LIST

OUTCOME WILL BE:
ABSTRACT DATA TYPE “LIST”

Mathematical Modeling of a List

- List of Roll numbers passing a course.
- List of Criminal cases pending in High Court.
- List of Rooms reserved in a hotel.
- List of Students getting award in IITK convocation 2018.

What is common in all these examples ?

Inference: List is a sequence of elements.

$L: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$



*i*th element of list L

Query Operations on a List

- **IsEmpty(L)**: determine if L is an empty list.
- **Search(x,L)**: determine if x appears in list L.
- **Successor(p,L)**:

The type of this parameter
will depend on the implementation

return the element of list L which succeeds/follows the element at location p.

Example:

If L is $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$ and p is location of element a_i ,
then Successor(p,L) returns a_{i+1} .

- **Predecessor(p,L)**:
Return the element of list L which precedes (appears before) the element at
location p.

Other possible operations:

- **First(L)**: return the first element of list L.
- **Enumerate(L)**: Enumerate/print all elements of list L in the order they appear.

Update Operations on a List

- **CreateEmptyList(L)**: Create an empty list.
- **Insert(x,p,L)**: Insert x at a given location p in list L .

Example: If L is $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$ and p is location of element a_i , then after **Insert(x,p,L)**, L becomes

$$a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, x, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$$

- **Delete(p,L)**: Delete element at location p in L

Example: If L is $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$ and p is location of element a_i , then after **Delete(p,L)**, L becomes

$$a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$$

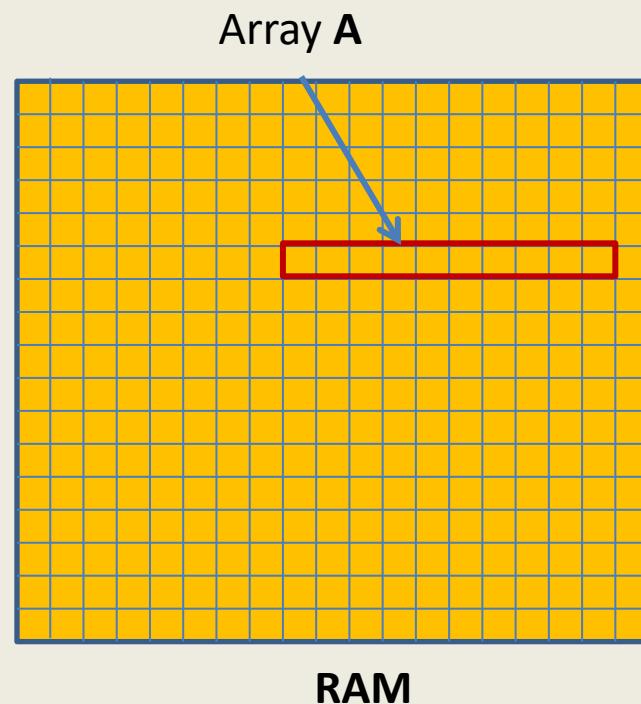
- **MakeListEmpty(L)**: Make the List L empty.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ABSTRACT DATA TYPE “LIST”

Array based Implementation

Taught in a Computer Hardware course.

- RAM allows $O(1)$ time to access any memory location.
- Array is a contiguous chunk of memory kept in RAM.
- For an array $A[]$ storing n words, the address of element $A[i] =$ “start address of array A ” + i



Array based Implementation

- Store the elements of List in array **A** such that $A[i]$ denotes $(i + 1)$ th element of the list at each stage (since index starts from 0).
(Assumption: The maximum size of list is known in advance.)
- Keep an integer variable **Length** to denote the number of elements in the list at each stage.

Example: If at any moment of time List is **3,5,1,8,0,2,40,27,44,67**, then the array **A** looks like:



Question: How to describe location of an element of the list ?

Answer: by the corresponding array index. Location of 5th element of List is 4₁₀

Time Complexity of each List operation using Array based implementation



Arrays are very **rigid**

Operation	Time Complexity per operation
IsEmpty(L)	O(1)
Search(x,L)	O(n)
Successor(<i>i</i> ,L)	O(1)
Predecessor(<i>i</i> ,L)	O(1)
CreateEmptyList(L)	O(1)
Insert(x, <i>i</i> ,L)	O(n)
Delete(<i>i</i> ,L)	O(n)
MakeListEmpty(L)	O(1)

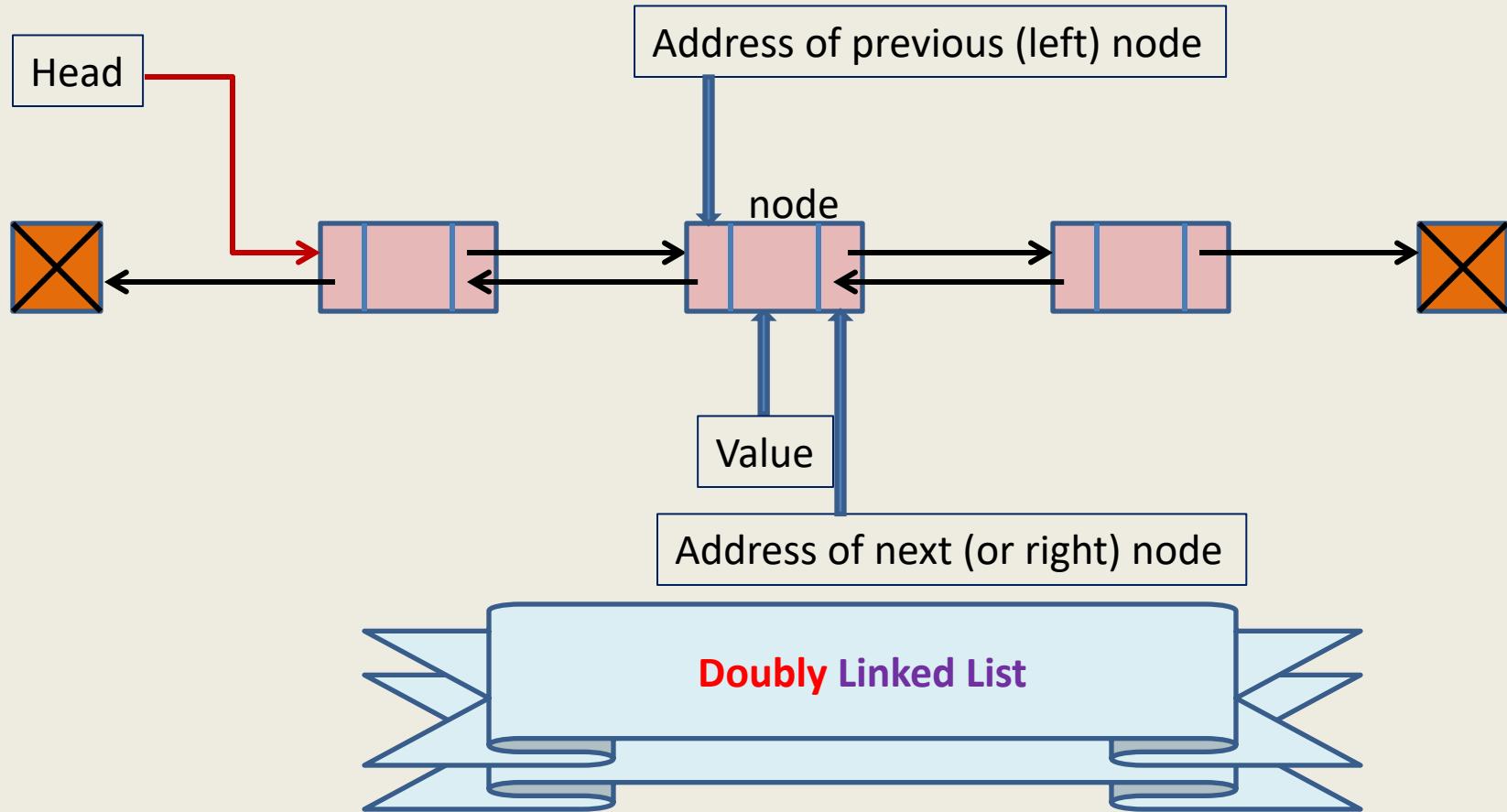
n: number of elements in list at present

All elements from A[*i*] to A[*n* - 1] have to be shifted to the **right** by one place.

All elements from A[*i* + 1] to A[*n* - 1] have to be shifted to the **left** by one place.

operation with matching complexity.

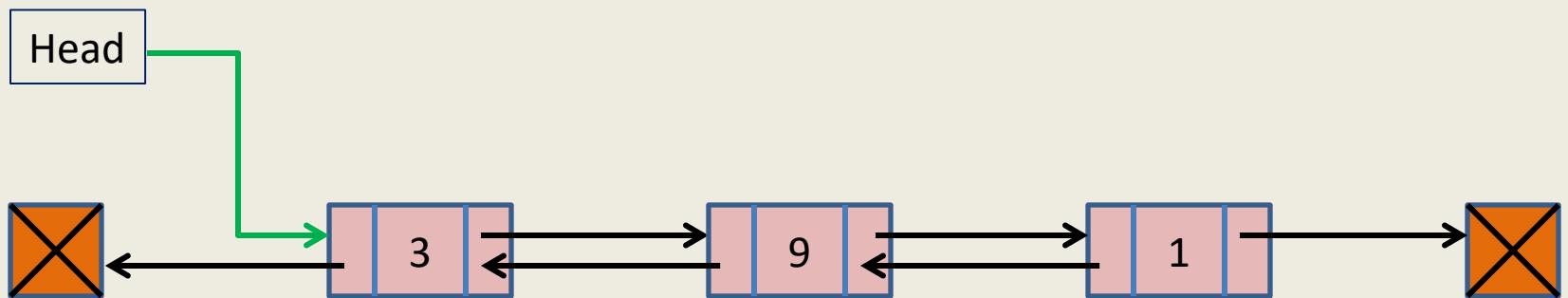
Link based Implementation:



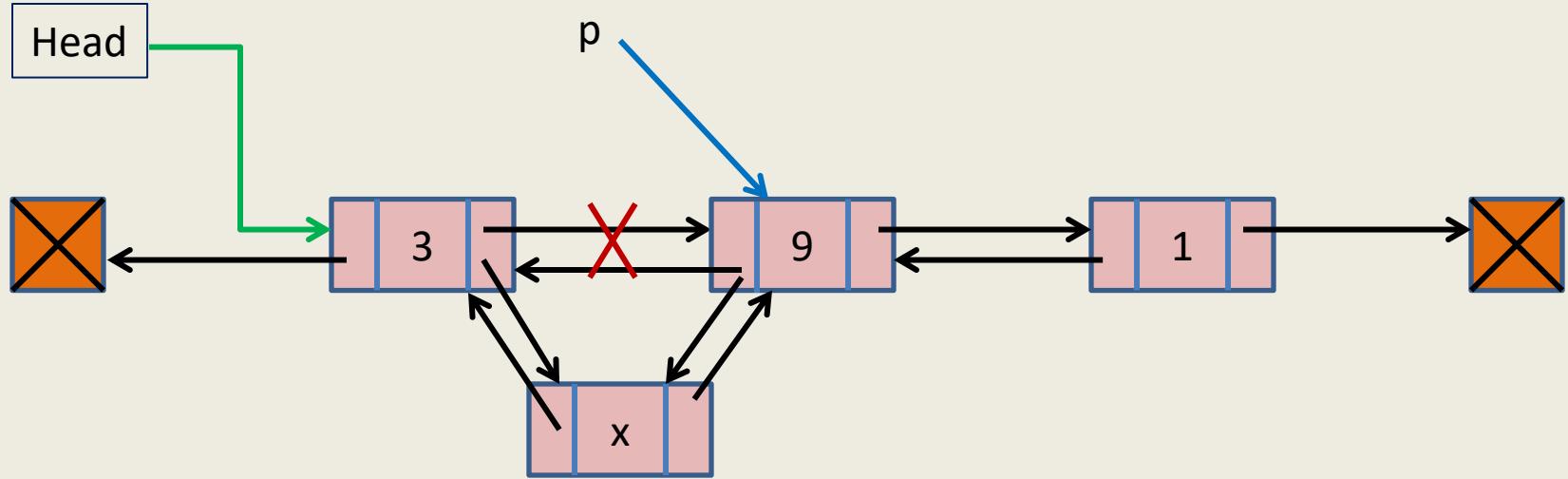
Doubly Linked List based Implementation

- Keep a doubly linked list where elements appear in the order we follow while traversing the list.
- The location of an element : the address of the node containing it.

Example: List **3,9,1** appears as

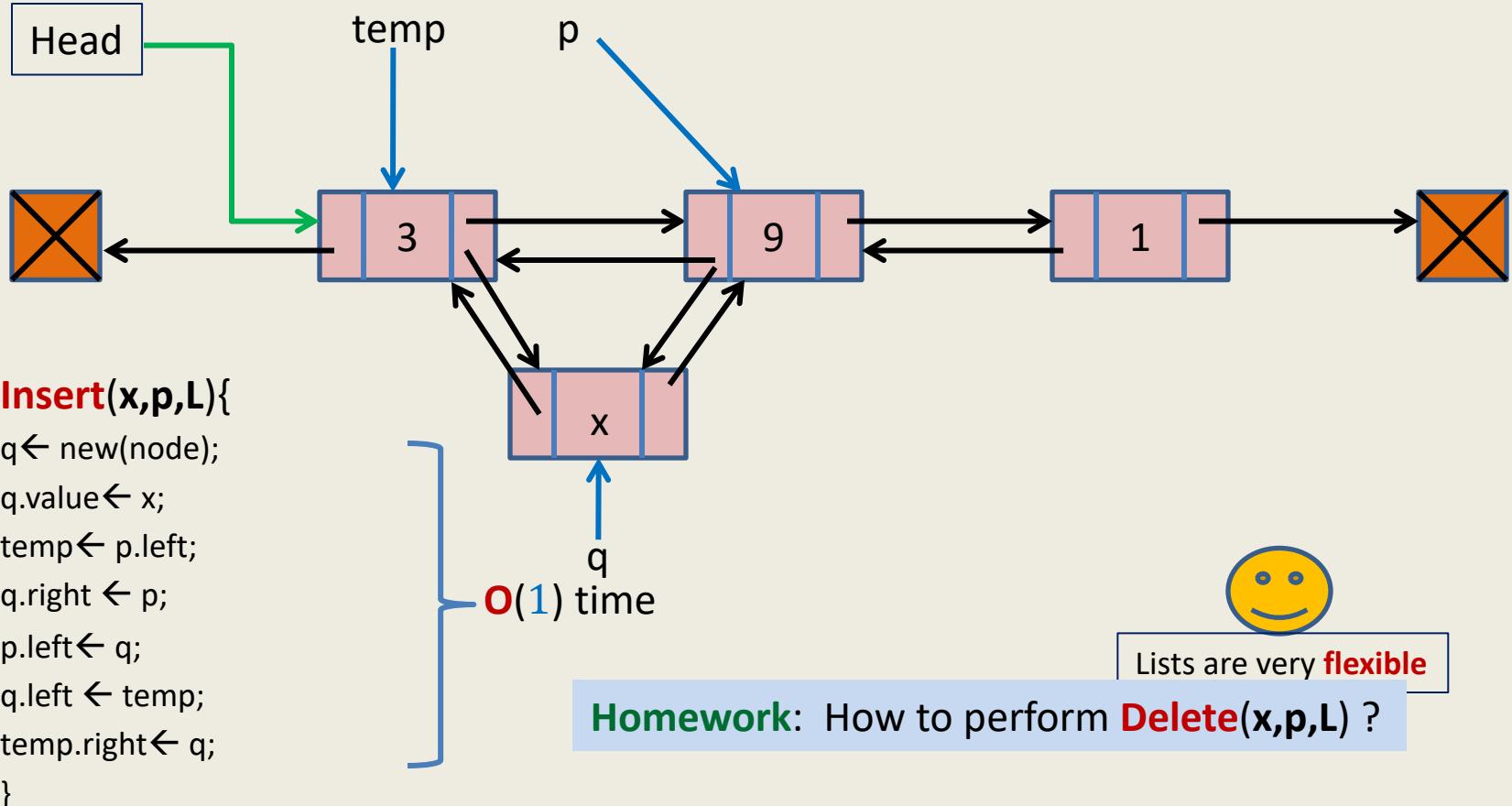


How to perform **Insert(x,p,L)** ?



How is it done actually ?

How to perform **Insert(x,p,L)** ?



A Common Mistake

Often students interpret the parameter p in $\text{Insert}(x,p,L)$ with the integer signifying the order (1^{st} , 2^{nd} , ...) at which element x is to be inserted in list L .

Based on this interpretation, they think that $\text{Insert}(x,p,L)$ will require scanning the list and hence will take time of the order of p and not $O(1)$.

Here is my advice:

Please refer to the **modeling** of the list for exact interpretation of p .

The implementation in the lecture is for that modeling and indeed takes $O(1)$ time.

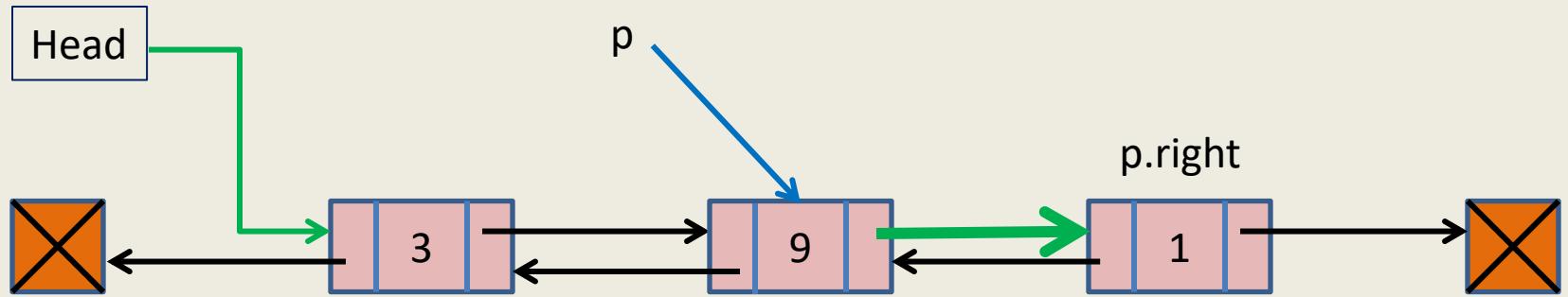
However, if you wish to model list *differently* such that the parameter p is an integer parameter as defined above, then you are right.

Lesson learnt:

Implementation of a data structure

depends upon its mathematical modeling (interpretation of various operations).

How to perform **successor(p,L)** ?



Successor(p,L){

```
q← p.right;  
return q.value;  
}
```

Time Complexity of each List operation using Doubly Linked List based implementation

Operation	Time Complexity per operation
IsEmpty(L)	$O(1)$
Search(x,L)	$O(n)$
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Insert(x,p,L)	$O(1)$
Delete(p,L)	$O(1)$
MakeListEmpty(L)	$O(1)$

It takes $O(1)$ time if we implement it by setting the **head** pointer of list to NULL. However, if one has to **free** the memory used by the list, then it will require traversal of the entire list and hence $O(n)$ time. You might learn more about it in Operating System course.

Homework: Write C Function for each operation with matching complexity.

Doubly Linked List based implementation versus array based implementation of “List”

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A CONCRETE PROBLEM

Problem

Maintain a telephone directory

Operations:

- Search the phone # of a person with name x
- Insert a new record (name, phone #,...)

Array based solution	Linked list based solution
$\text{Log } n$	$O(n)$
$O(n)$	$O(1)$

Yes. Keep the array sorted according to the **names** and do Binary search for x .

Can we achieve **the best of the two data structure simultaneously ?**

We shall together invent such a **novel data structure** in the next class

Data Structures and Algorithms

(ESO207)

Lecture 9:
Inventing a new Data Structure with

- Flexibility of **lists** for updates
- Efficiency of **arrays** for search

Important Notice

There are basically two ways of introducing a new/innovative solution of a problem.

1. One way is to just explain it without giving any clue as to how the person who invented the concept came up with this solution.
2. Another way is to start from scratch and take a journey of the route which the inventor might have followed to arrive at the solution.

This journey goes through various hurdles and questions, each hinting towards a better insight into the problem if we have patience and open mind.

Which of these two ways is better ?

I believe that the second way is better and more effective.

The current lecture is based on this way. The data structure we shall **invent** is called **a Binary Search Tree**. This is the most fundamental and versatile data structure. We shall realize this fact many times during the course ...

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Arrays are very **rigid**

Problem

Maintain a telephone directory

Operations:

- Search the phone # of a person with ID no. ID no. \times
- Insert a new record (ID no., phone #,...)

Array based solution	Linked list based solution
$\text{Log } n$	$O(n)$
$O(n)$	$\text{Log } n$



Can we achieve **the best of** the two data structure simultaneously ?

We shall together invent such a **novel data structure** today

Inventing a new data structure



Lists are flexible, so let us try modifying the linked list structure to achieve fast **search** time.

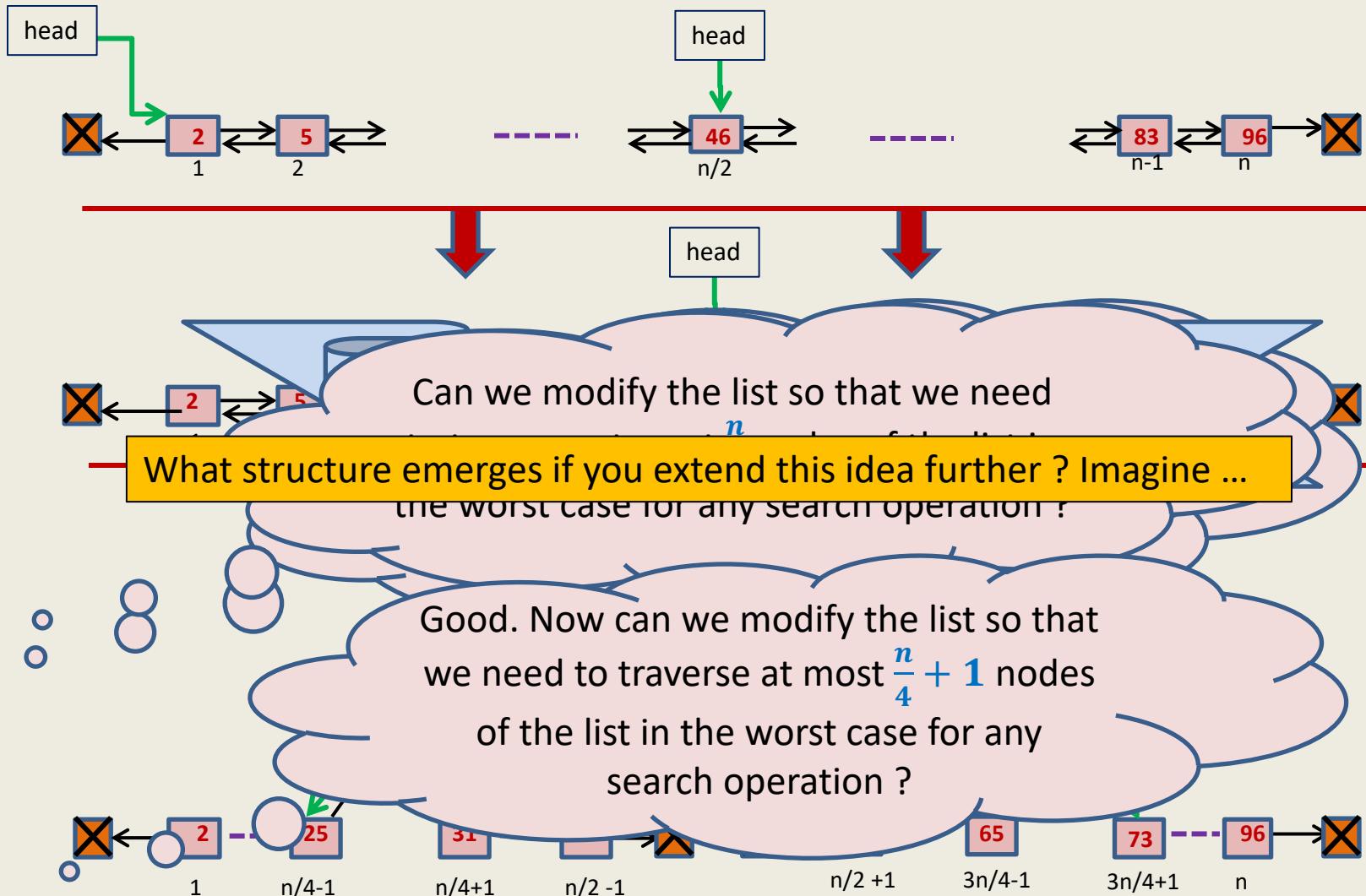
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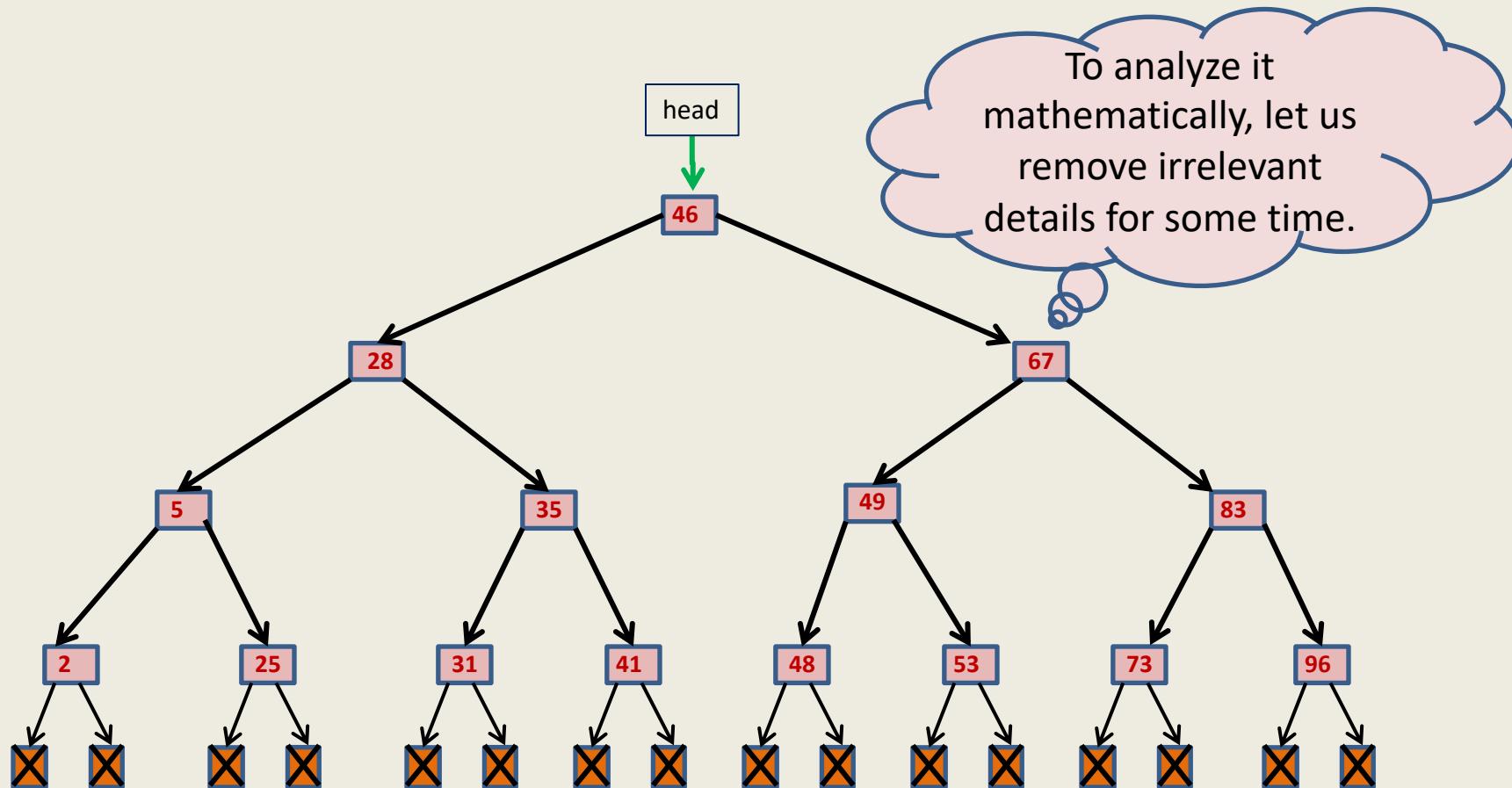
Lists



Restructuring doubly linked list

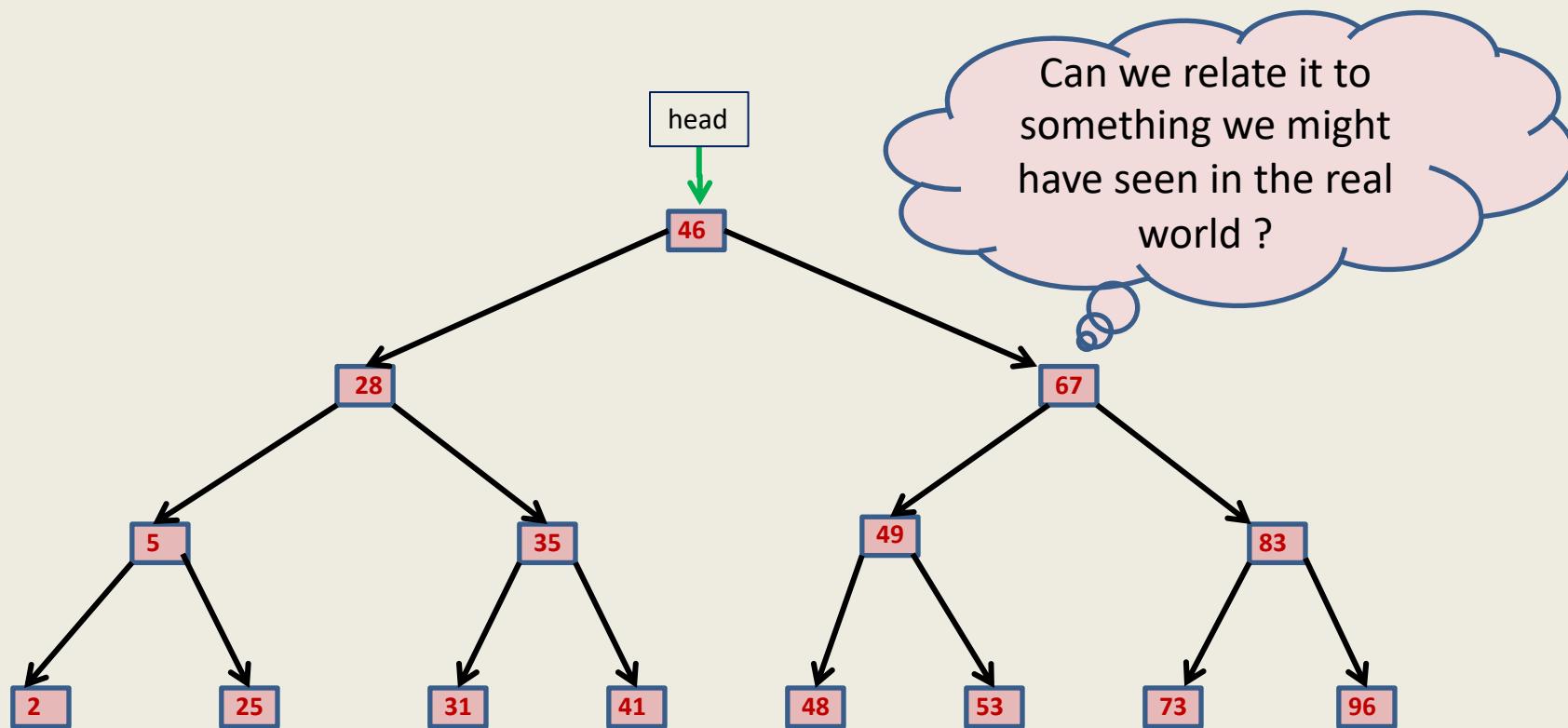


A new data structure emerges



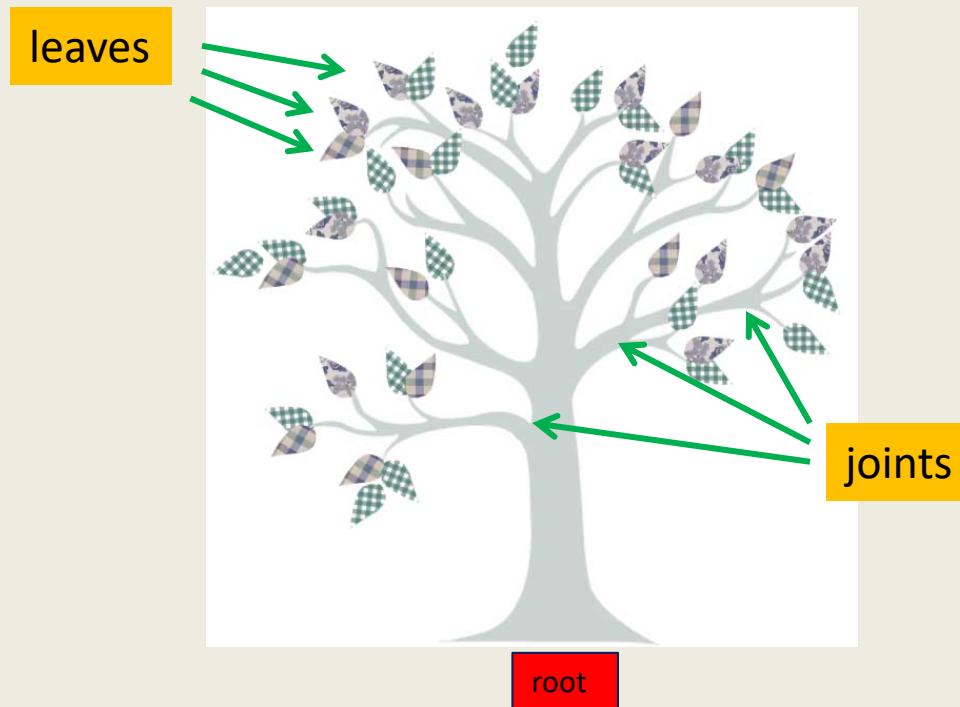
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mathematically, let us
remove irrelevant
details for some time.

A new data structure emerges



Can we relate it to something we might have seen in the real world ?

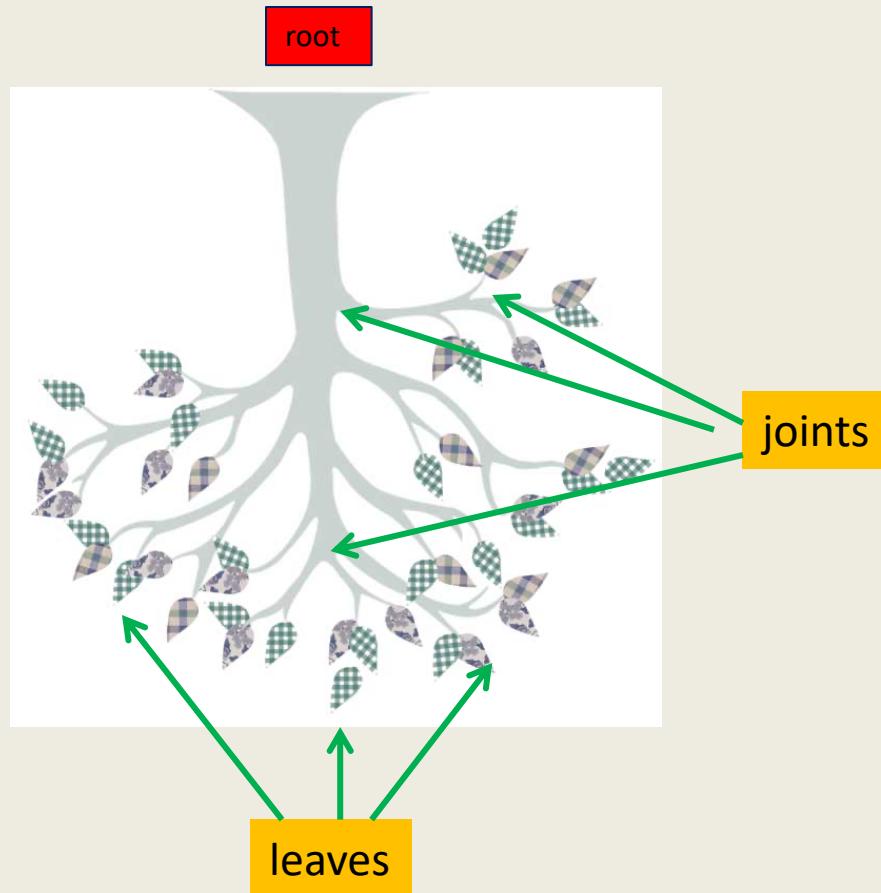
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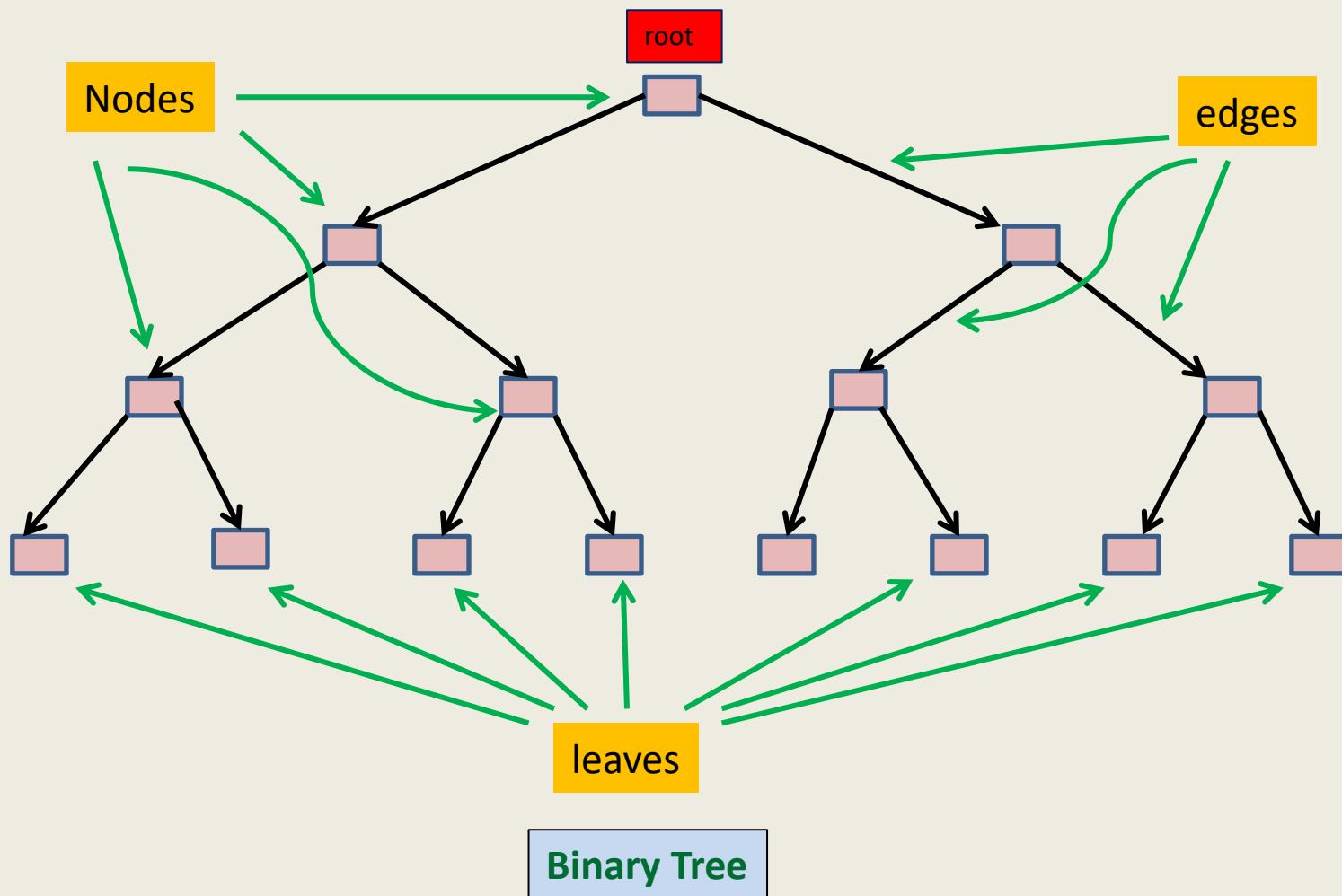
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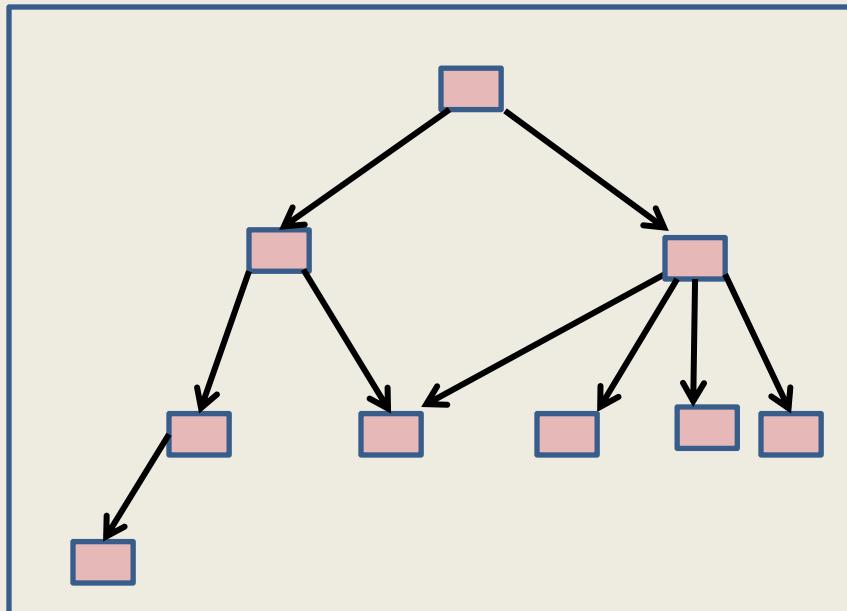
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Binary Tree: A mathematical model

Definition: A collection of nodes is said to form a **binary tree** if

1. There is exactly one node with no incoming edge.
This node is called the **root** of the tree.
2. Every node other than root node has **exactly one** incoming edge.
3. Each node has **at most two** outgoing edges.

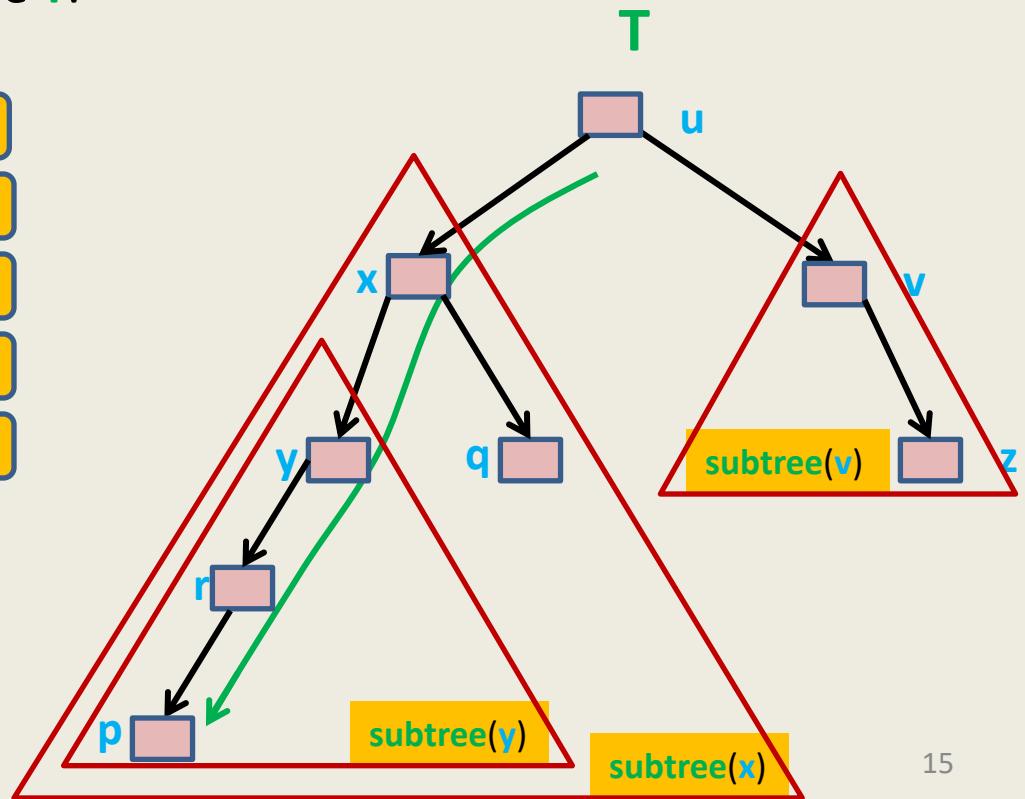


Which of these
are **not** **binary**
trees ?

Binary Tree: some terminologies

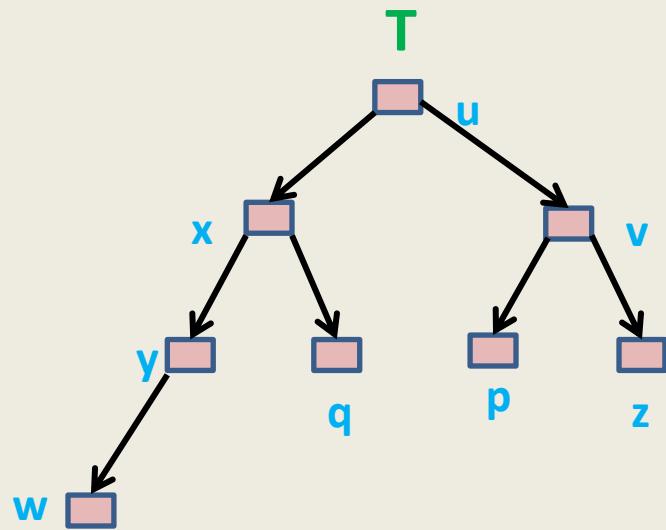
- If there is an edge from node u to node v ,
then u is called **parent** of v , and v is called **child** of u .
- The **Height** of a Binary tree T is the maximum number of edges from the root to any leaf node in the tree T .

$\text{parent}(y)$	=	x
$\text{parent}(v)$	=	u
$\text{children}(y)$	=	{r}
$\text{children}(x)$	=	{y,q}
$\text{height}(T)$	=	4



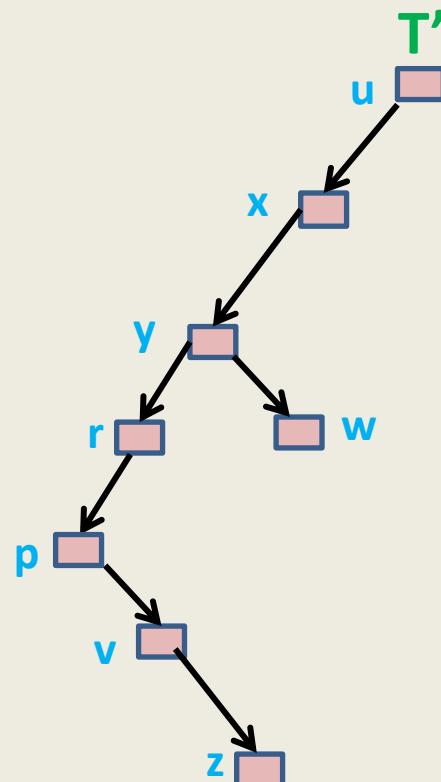
Varieties of Binary trees

We call it **Perfectly balanced**

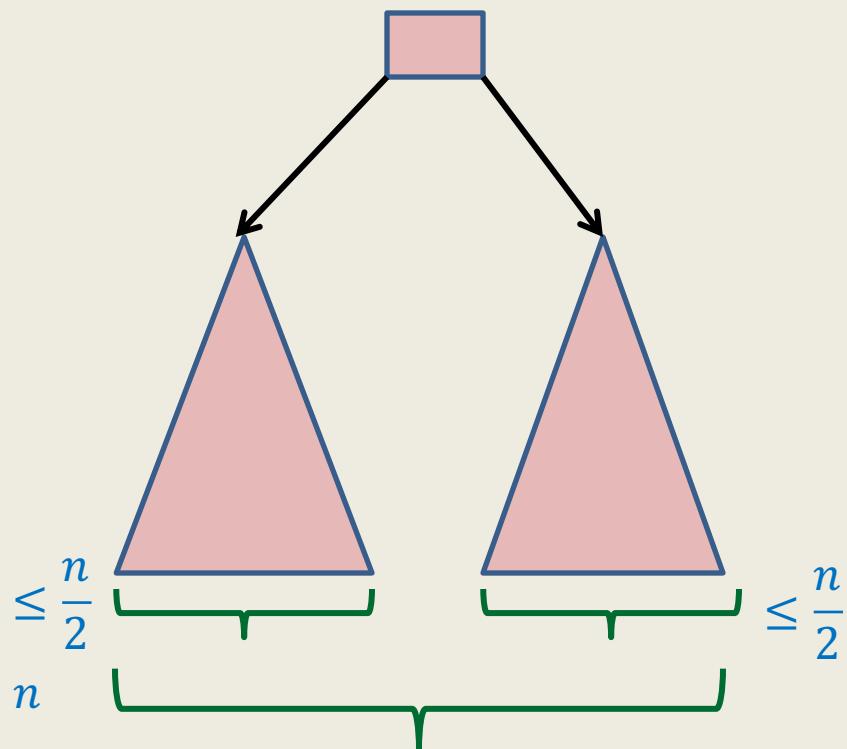


For every node, the number of nodes in the **subtrees of its two children** differ at **atmost** by 1.

skewed



Height of a perfectly balanced Binary tree

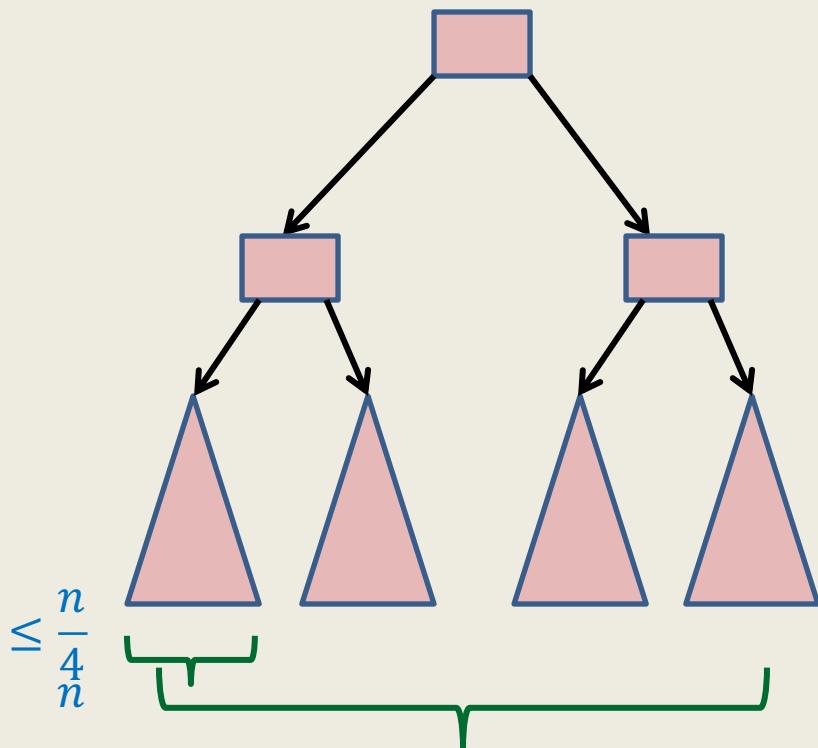


$H(n)$: Height of a perfectly balanced binary tree on n nodes.

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Height of a perfectly balanced Binary tree

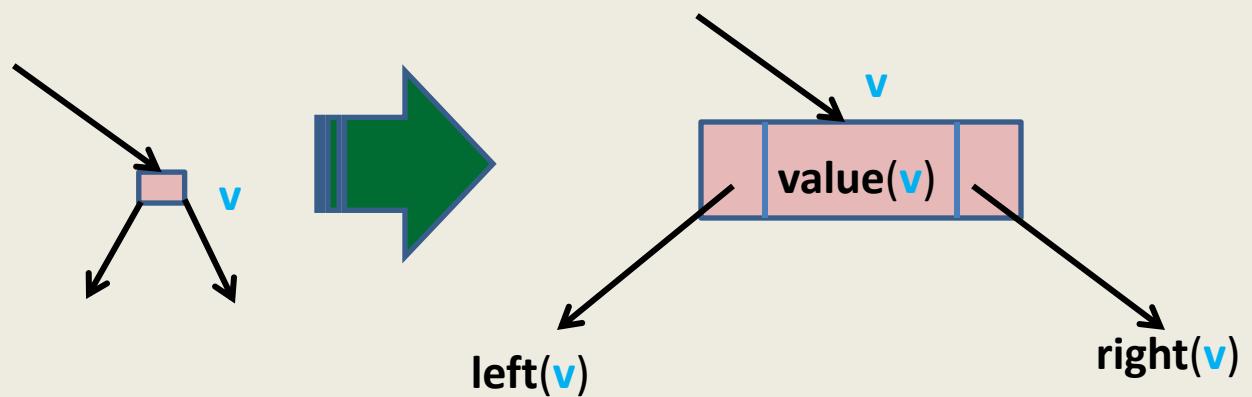


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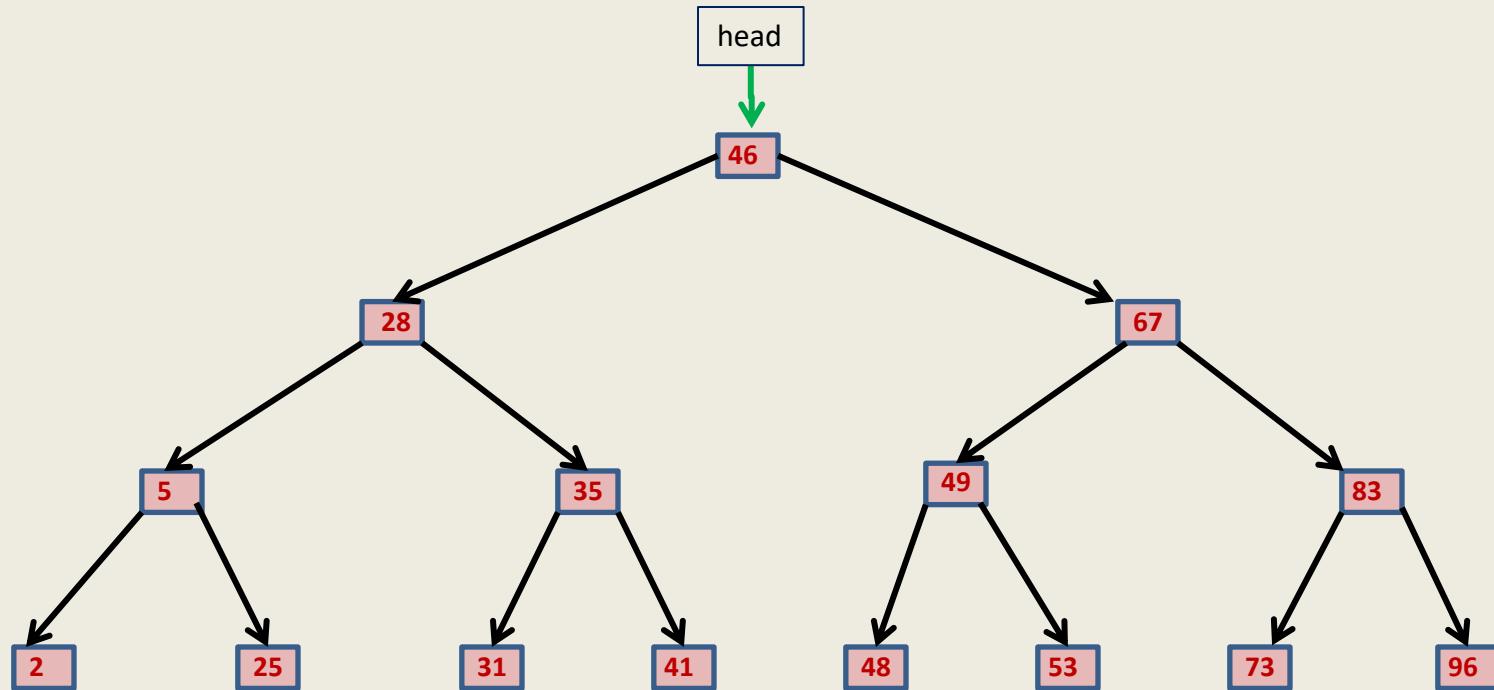
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Implementing a Binary tree



Binary Search Tree (BST)



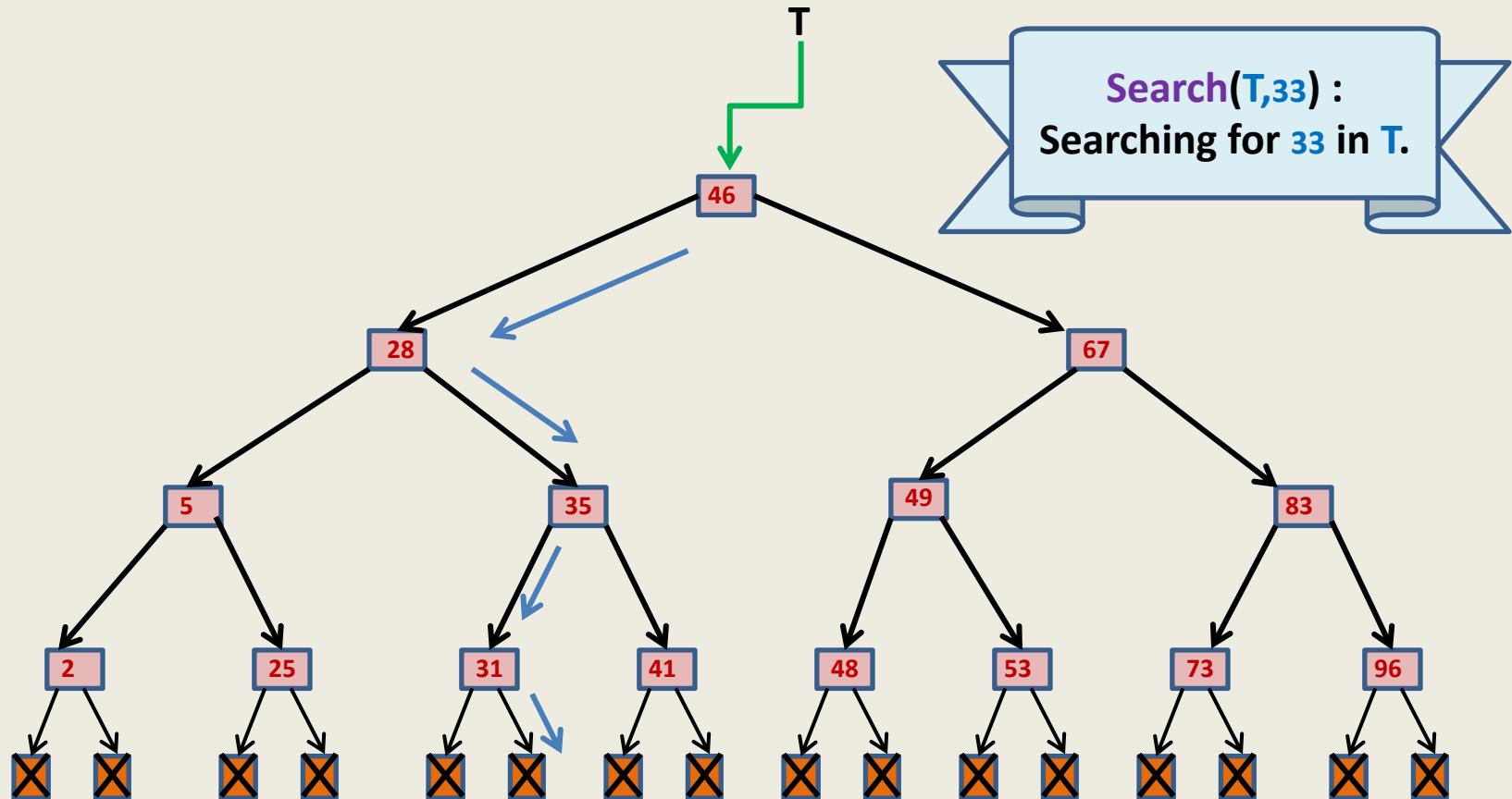
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if for each node v in T

- If $\text{left}(v) \neq \text{NULL}$, then $\text{value}(v) > \text{value}$ of every node in $\text{subtree}(\text{left}(v))$.
- If $\text{right}(v) \neq \text{NULL}$, then $\text{value}(v) < \text{value}$ of every node in $\text{subtree}(\text{right}(v))$.

Search(T, x)

Searching in a Binary Search Tree



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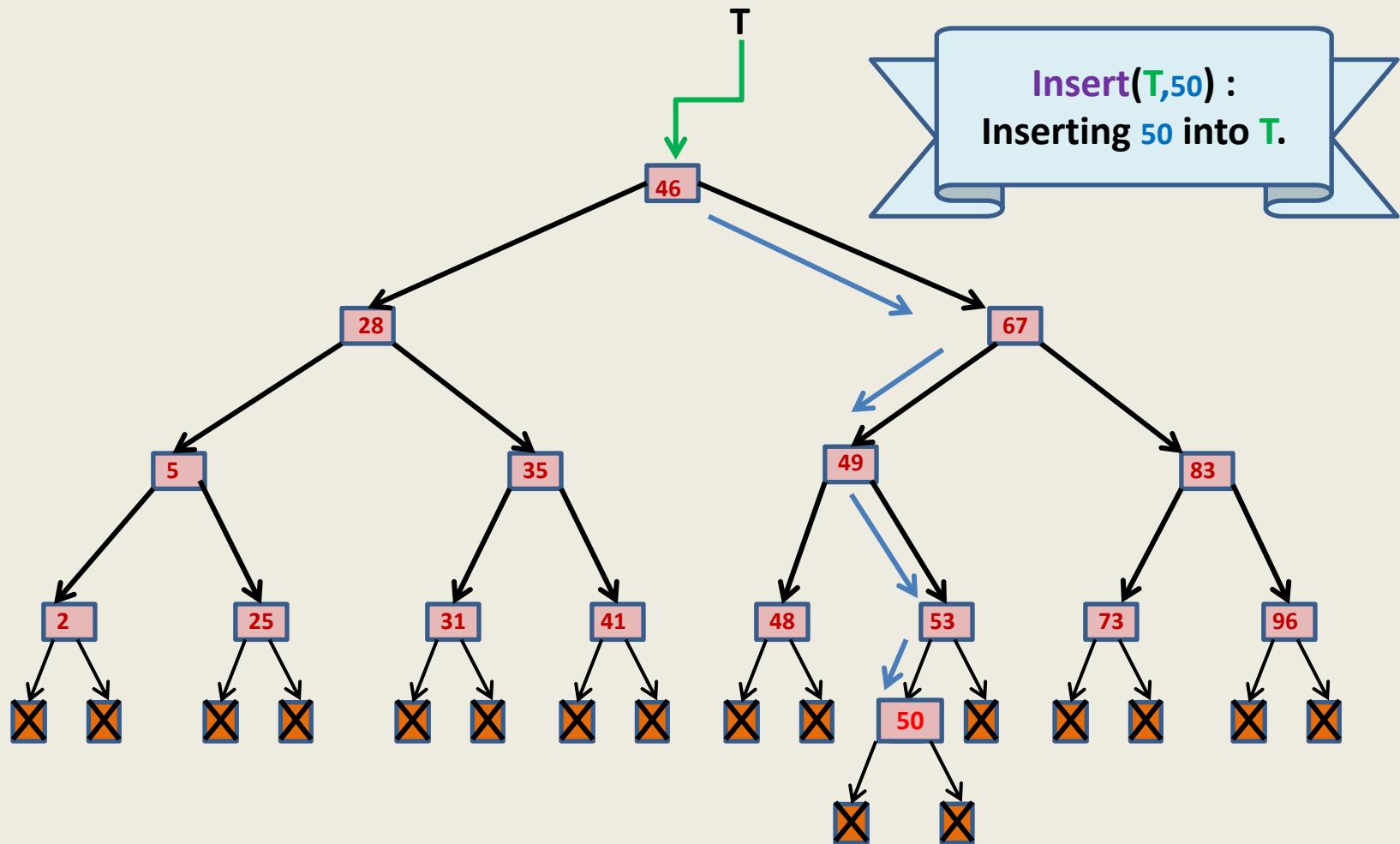
Searching in a Binary Search Tree

Search(T, x)

```
{    p  $\leftarrow T$ ;  
    Found  $\leftarrow \text{FALSE}$ ;  
    while( Found = FALSE & p  $\neq \text{NULL}$  )  
    {        if( value(p) = x ) Found  $\leftarrow \text{TRUE}$  ;  
            else if ( value(p) < x ) p  $\leftarrow \text{right}(p)$  ;  
            else p  $\leftarrow \text{left}(p)$  ;  
    }  
    return p;  
}
```

Insert(T, x)

Insertion in a Binary Search Tree



A question

Time complexity of

Search(T, x) and **Insert(T, x)** in a Binary Search Tree $T = O(\text{Height}(T))$

Homeworks

1. Write pseudocode for $\text{Insert}(T, x)$ operation similar to the pseudocode we wrote for $\text{Search}(T, x)$.
2. Design an algorithm for the following problem:

Given a sorted array A storing n elements,
build a “perfectly balanced” BST storing all elements of A
in $O(n)$ time.

Homework 3

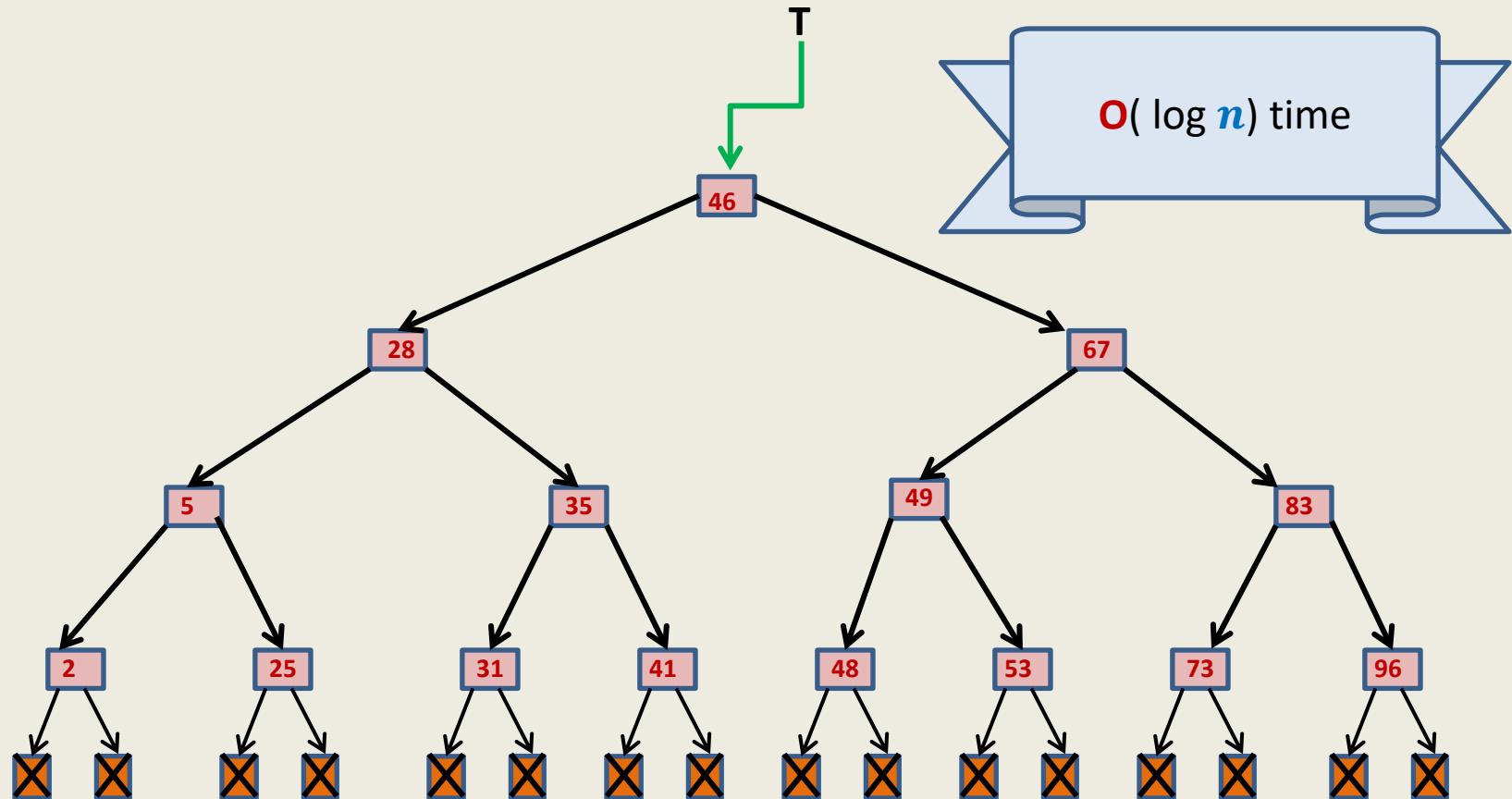
What does the following algorithm accomplish ?

Traversal(T)

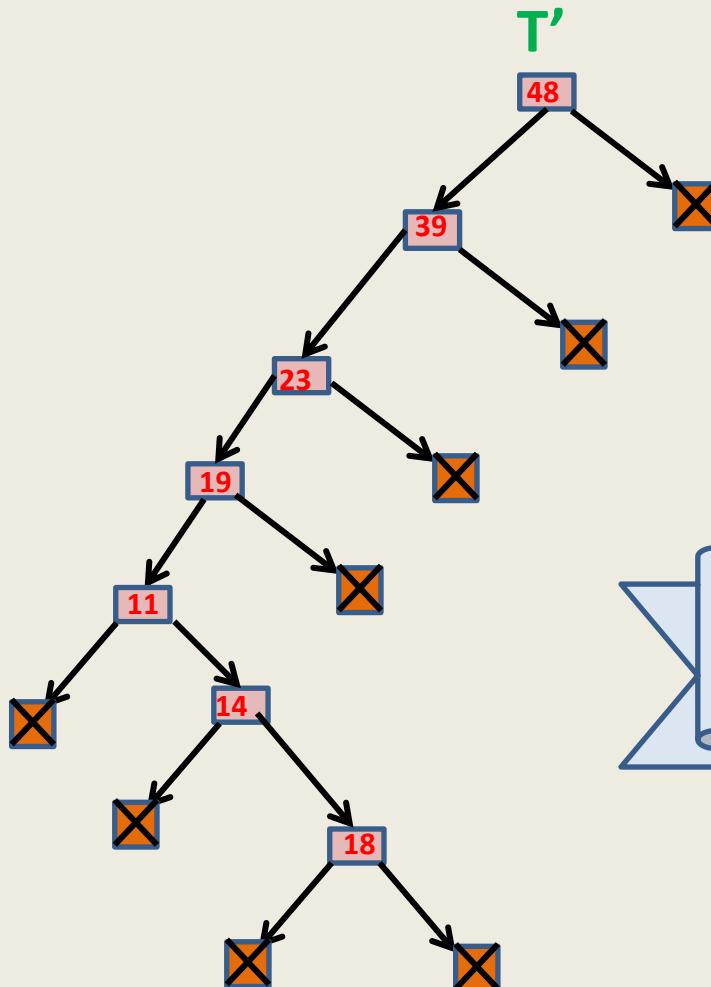
```
{    p ← T;  
    if(p=NULL) return;  
    else{    if(left(p) <> NULL)    Traversal(left(p));  
            print(value(p));  
            if(right(p) <> NULL)    Traversal(right(p));  
    }  
}
```

Ponder over this algorithm for a few minutes to know what it is doing. You might like to try it out on some example of BST.

Time complexity of any search and any single insertion in a perfectly balanced Binary Search Tree on n nodes



Time complexity of any search and any single insertion in a skewed Binary Search Tree on n nodes



$O(n)$ time ! \ominus

Our Original Problem

Maintain a telephone directory

Operations:

- Search the phone # of a person with ID no. x
- Insert a new record (ID no., phone #,...)

Array based solution	Linked list based solution
$\text{Log } n$	$O(n)$
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Solution : We may keep perfectly balanced BST.

Hurdle: What if we insert records in increasing order of ID ?

→ BST will be skewed 😞

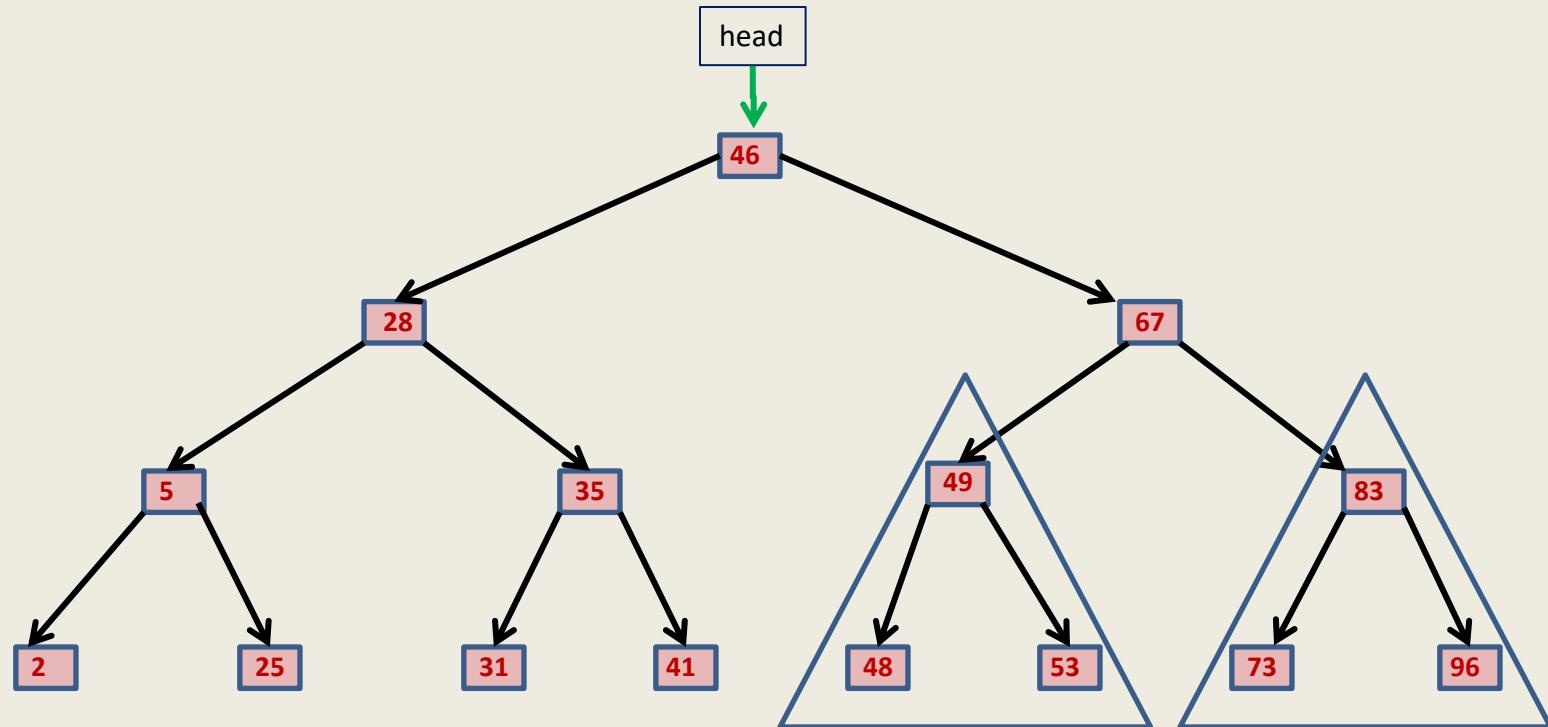
Data Structures and Algorithms

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Lecture 10:

- Exploring nearly balanced BST for the directory problem
- Stack: a new data structure

Binary Search Tree (BST)



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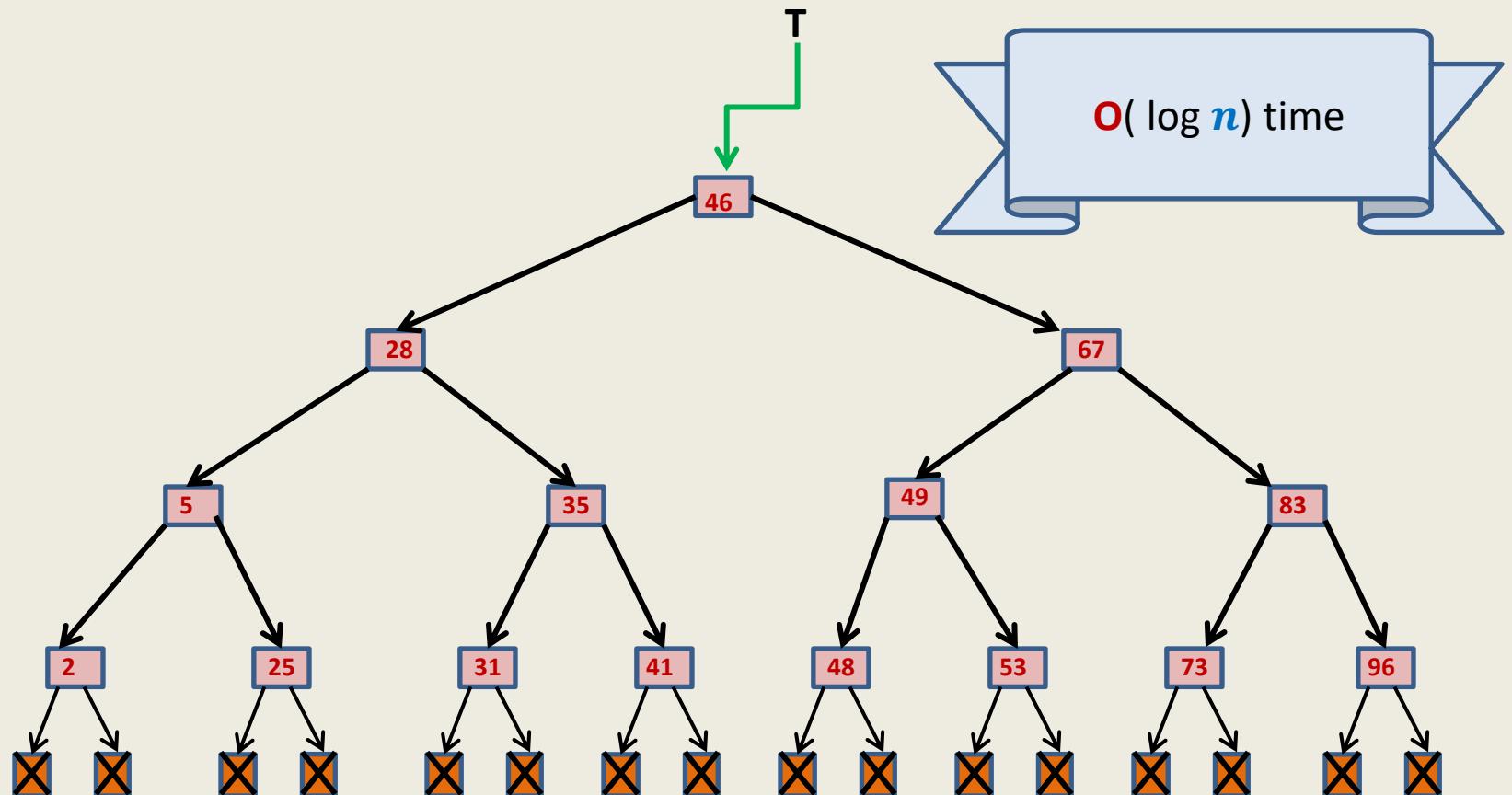
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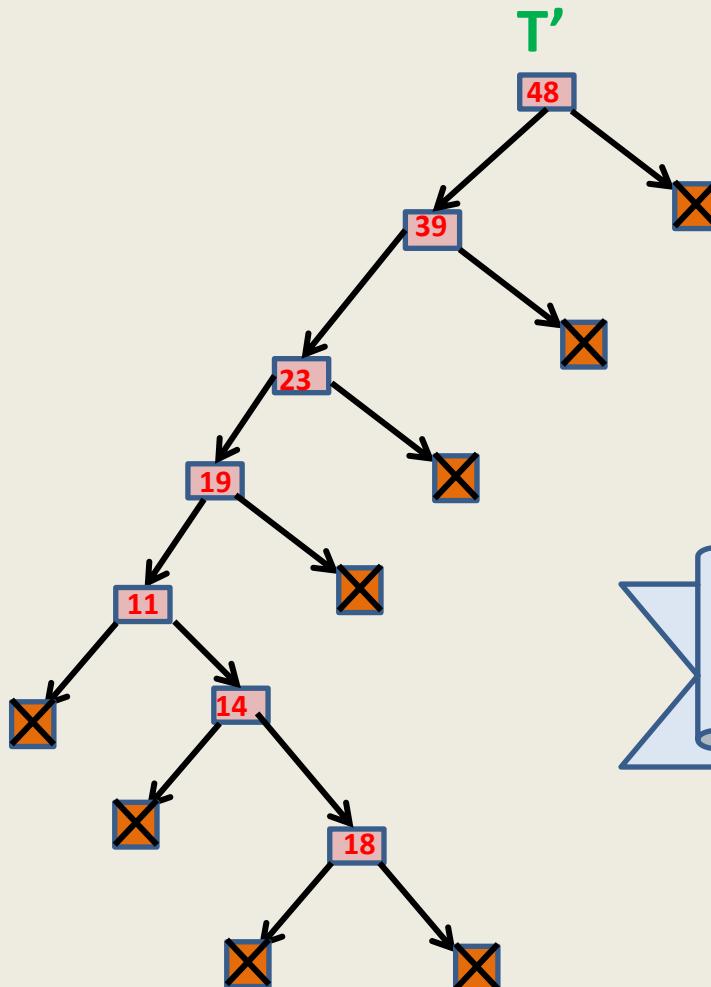
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Our Original Problem

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Operations:

- Search the phone # of a person with ID no. ID
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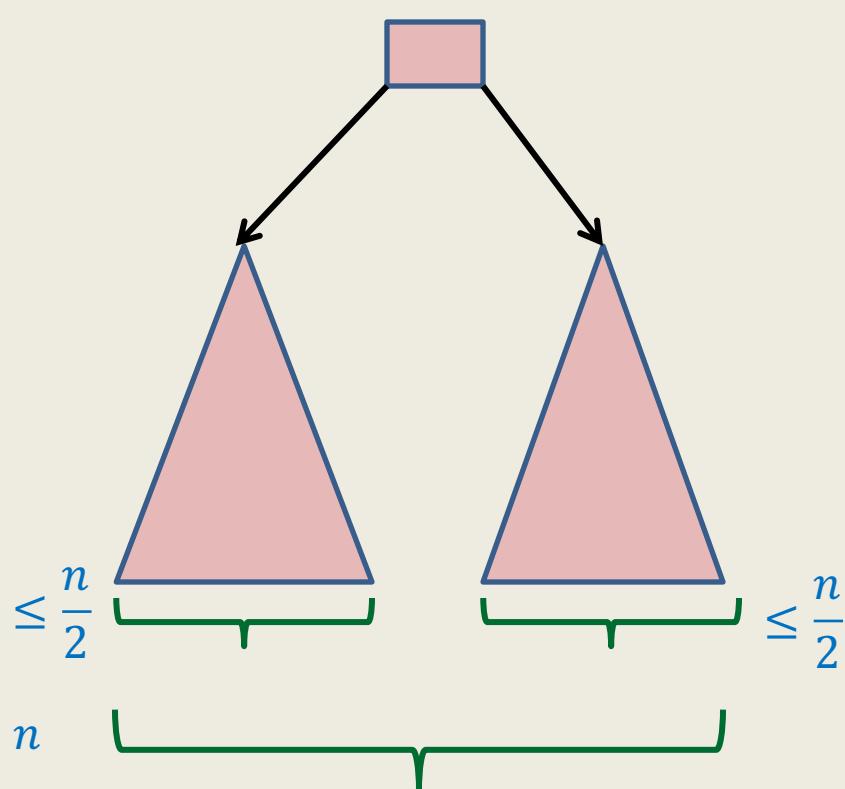
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BST data structure that we invented looks very elegant,
let us try to find a way to overcome the hurdle.

- Let us try to find a way of achieving **Log n** search time.
- Perfectly balanced BST achieve **Log n** search time.
- But the definition of **Perfectly balanced BST** looks **too restrictive.**
- Let us investigate : How crucial is **perfect balance** of a BST ?

How crucial is perfect balance of a BST ?

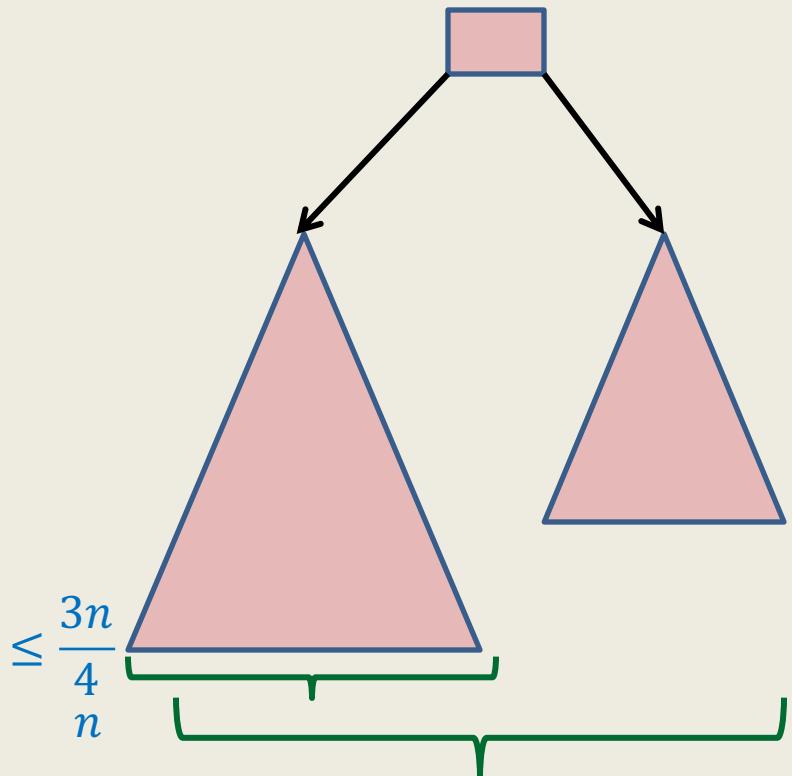


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Let us change this recurrence slightly.

How crucial is perfect balance of a BST ?



Lesson learnt :
We may as well work with nearly balanced BST

$$H(1) = 0$$

$$H(n) \leq 1 + H\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right)$$

$$\leq 1 + 1 + H\left(\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 n\right)$$

$$\leq 1 + 1 + \dots + H\left(\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^i n\right)$$

$$\leq \log_{4/3} n$$

What lesson did you get
from this recurrence ?
Think for a while before
going further ...

Nearly balanced Binary Search Tree

Terminology:

size of a binary tree is the number of nodes present in it.

Definition: A binary search tree **T** is said to be nearly balanced at node **v**, if

$$\text{size}(\text{left}(v)) \leq \frac{3}{4} \text{ size}(v)$$

and

$$\text{size}(\text{right}(v)) \leq \frac{3}{4} \text{ size}(v)$$

Definition: A binary search tree **T** is said to be nearly balanced if

it is nearly balanced at each node.

Nearly balanced Binary Search Tree

Think of ways of using **nearly balanced BST** for solving our dictionary problem.

You might find the following **observations/tools** helpful :

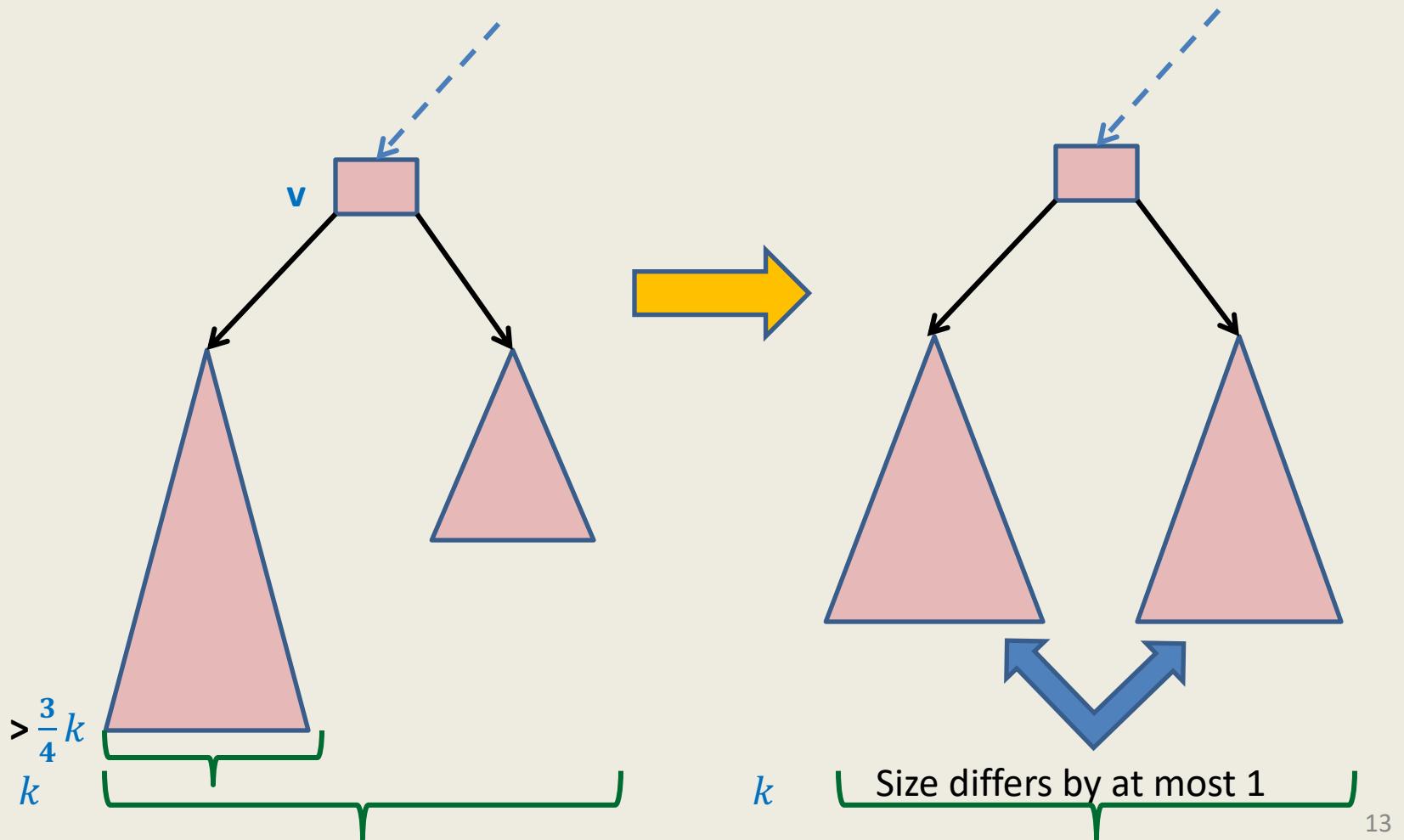
- If a node **v** is **perfectly balanced**, it requires many insertions till **v** ceases to remain **nearly balanced**.
- Any arbitrary **BST** of size **n** can be converted into a **perfectly balanced BST** in **O(n)** time.

Solving our dictionary problem

Preserving $O(\log n)$ height after each operation

- Each node v in T maintains an additional field $\text{size}(v)$ which is the number of nodes in the $\text{subtree}(v)$.
- Keep $\text{Search}(T, x)$ operation unchanged.
- Modify $\text{Insert}(T, x)$ operation as follows:
 - Carry out normal insert and update the size fields of nodes traversed.
 - If BST T ceases to be **nearly balanced** at any node v , transform $\text{subtree}(v)$ into **perfectly balanced** BST.

“Perfectly Balancing” subtree at a node v



What can we say about this data structure ?

It is elegant and reasonably simple to implement.

Yes, there will be huge computation for *some* insertion operations.

But the number of such operations will be rare.

So, at least intuitively, the data structure appears to be efficient.

Indeed, this data structure achieve the following goals:

- For any arbitrary sequence of n operations, total time will be $O(n \log n)$.
- Worst case search time: $O(\log n)$

How can we justify these claims ?

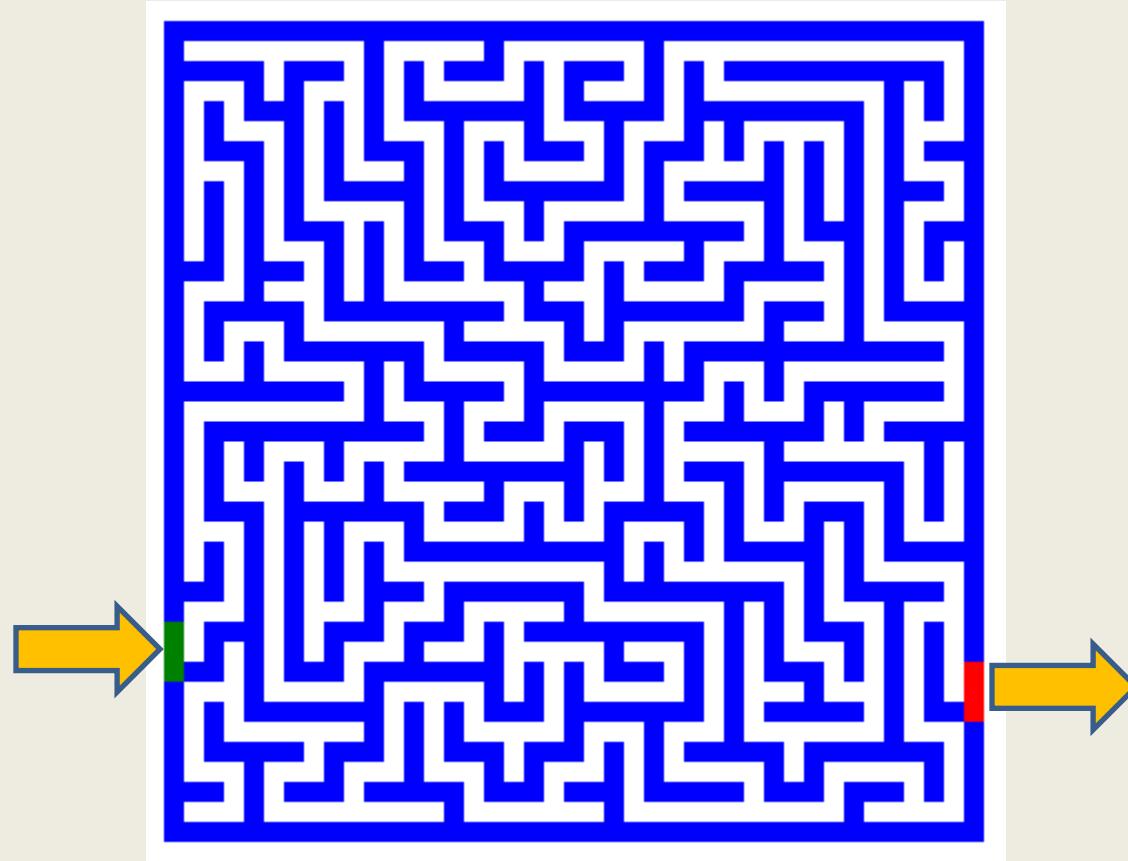
Keep thinking till we do it in a few weeks 😊.

Stack: a data structure

A few **motivating examples**

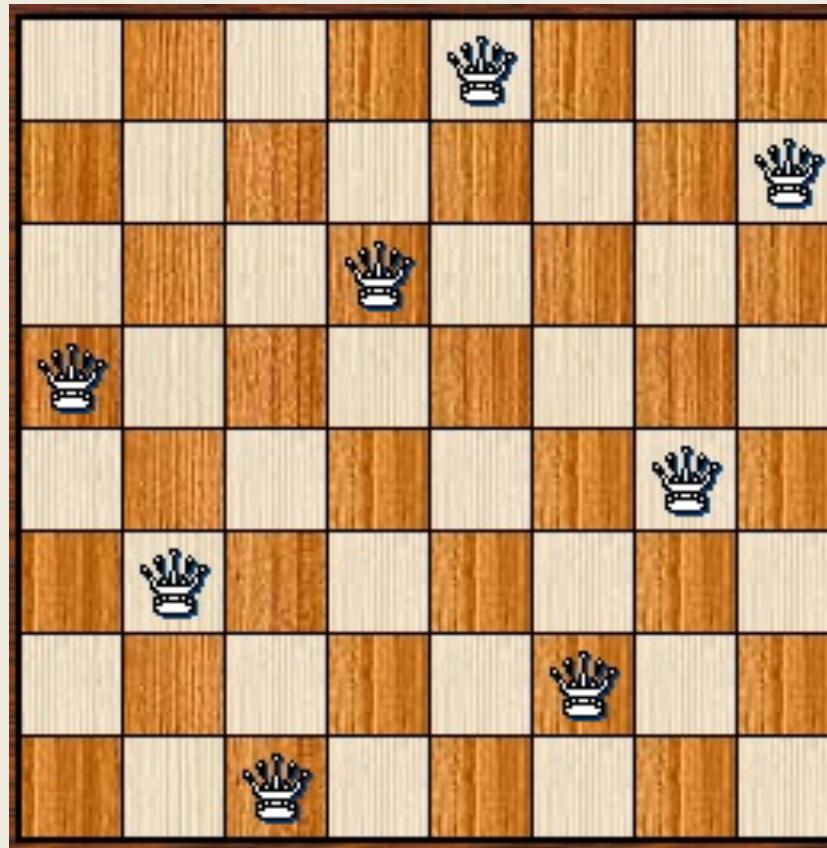
Finding path in a maze

Problem : How to design an algorithm for finding a path in a maze ?



8-Queens Problem

Problem: How to place **8 queens on a chess board**
so that no two of them attack each other ?



Expression Evaluation

- $x = 3 + 4 * (5 - 6 * (8 + 9^2) + 3)$

Problem:

Can you write a program to evaluate any arithmetic expression ?

Stack: a data structure

Stack

Data Structure Stack:

- Mathematical Modeling of Stack
- Implementation of Stack

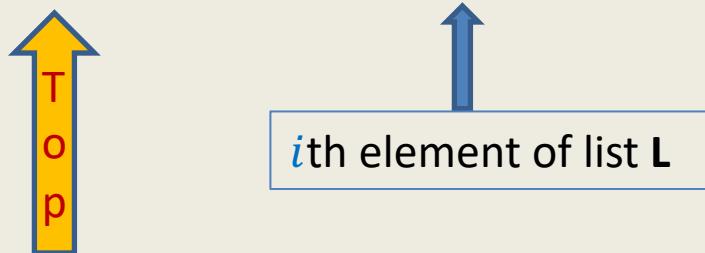
will be left as an exercise

Revisiting List

List is modeled as a sequence of elements.

we can **insert/delete/query** element at any arbitrary position in the list.

$L : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n$

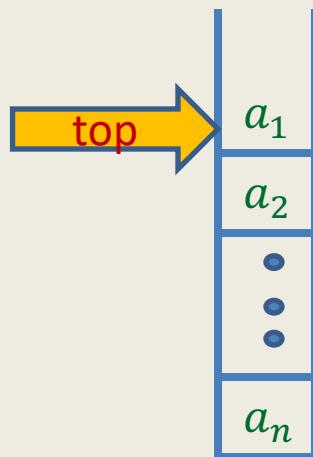


What if we **restrict** all these operations to take place only at one end of the list ?

Stack: a new data structure

A special kind of list

where all operations (insertion, deletion, query) take place at one end only, called the **top**.



Operations on a Stack

Query Operations

- **IsEmpty(S)**: determine if S is an empty stack
- **Top(S)**: returns the element at the top of the stack

Example: If S is a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , then **Top(S)** returns a_1 .

Update Operations

- **CreateEmptyStack(S)**: Create an empty stack
- **Push(x,S)**: push x at the top of the stack S

Example: If S is a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , then after **Push(x,S)**, stack S becomes

x, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

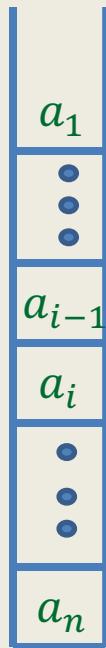
- **Pop(S)**: Delete element from top of the stack S

Example: If S is a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , then after **Pop(S)**, stack S becomes

a_2, \dots, a_n

An Important point about stack

How to access i th element from the top ?



- To access i th element, we must pop (hence delete) **one by one** the top $i - 1$ elements from the stack.

A puzzling question/confusion

- Why do we restrict the functionality of a list ?
- What will be the use of such restriction ?

How to evaluate an arithmetic expression

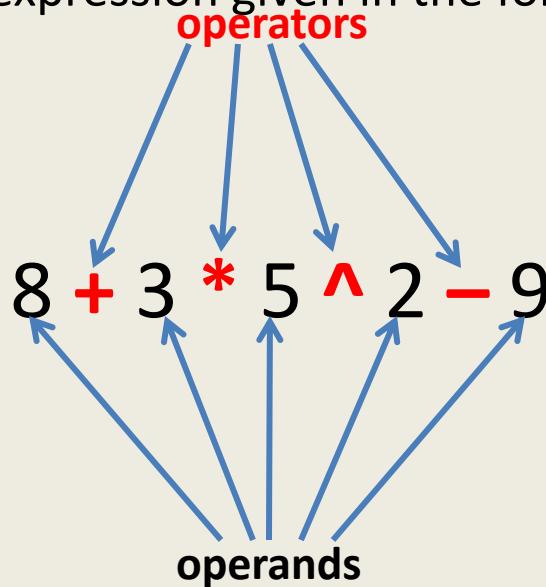
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Question: How does a computer/calculator evaluate an arithmetic expression given in the form of a string of symbols ?

$$8 + 3 * 5 ^ 2 - 9$$

Evaluation of an arithmetic expression

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First it splits the string into **tokens** which are operators or operands (numbers). This is not difficult. But how does it evaluate it finally ???

Precedence of operators

Precedence: “priority” among different operators

- Operator $+$ has same precedence as $-$.
- Operator $*$ (as well as $/$) has higher precedence than $+$.
- Operator $*$ has same precedence as $/$.
- Operator \wedge has higher precedence than $*$ and $/$.

Associativity of operators

What is 2^3^2 ?

What is $3-4-2$?

What is $4/2/2$?

Associativity:

“How to group operators of same type ?”

$A \bullet B \bullet C = ??$

$$(A \bullet B) \bullet C \quad \text{or} \quad A \bullet (B \bullet C)$$



Left associative



Right associative

A trivial way to evaluate an arithmetic expression

8 + 3 * 5² - 9

- First perform all \wedge operations.
- Then perform all $*$ and $/$ operations.
- Then perform all $+$ and $-$ operations.

Disadvantages:

1. An ugly and case analysis based algorithm
2. Multiple scans of the expression (one for each operator).
3. What about expressions involving parentheses: $3+4*(5-6/(8+9^2)+33)$
4. What about associativity of the operators:
 - $2^3^2 = 512$ and not 64
 - $16/4/2 = 2$ and not 8.

Overview of our solution

- 1. Focusing on a simpler version of the problem:**
 1. Expressions without parentheses
 2. Every operator is left associative
- 2. Solving the simpler version**
- 3. Transforming the solution of simpler version to generic**

Step 1

Focusing on a simpler version of the problem

Incorporating precedence of operators through priority number

Operator	Priority
+ , -	1
* , /	2
^	3

Insight into the problem

Let o_i : the operator at position i in the expression.

Aim: To determine an order in which to execute the operators

$$8 + 3 * 5 \wedge 2 - 9 * 67$$

Position of an operator does matter

Question: Under what conditions can we execute operator o_i immediately?

Answer: if

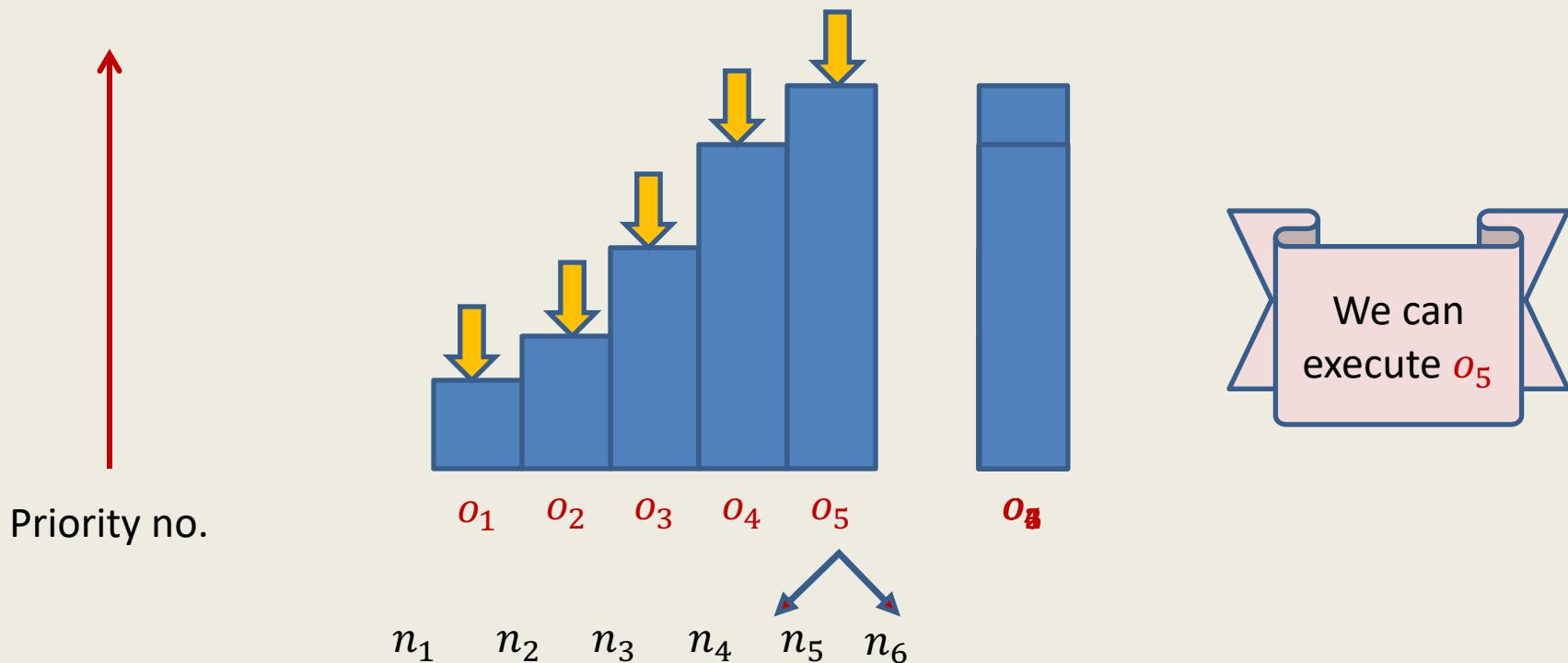
- $\text{priority}(o_i) > \text{priority}(o_{i-1})$
- $\text{priority}(o_i) \geq \text{priority}(o_{i+1})$

Give reasons for \geq
instead of $>$

Question:

How to evaluate expression in a single scan ?

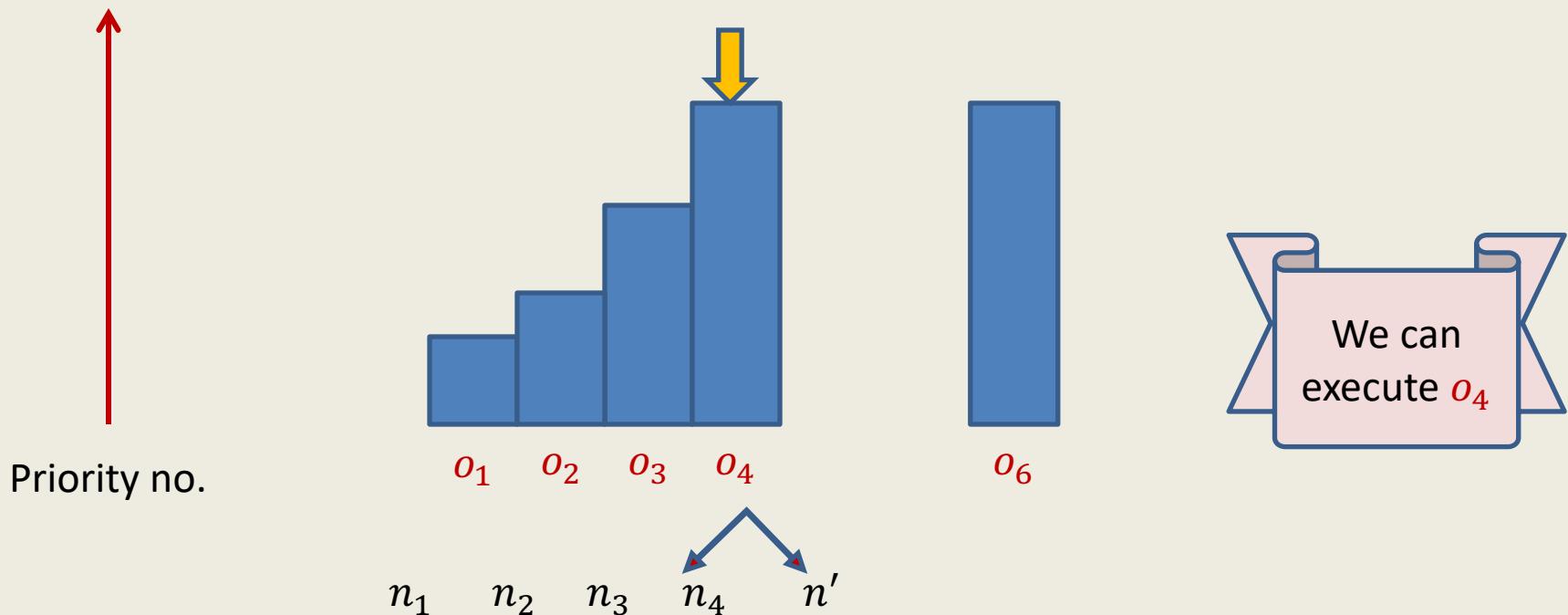
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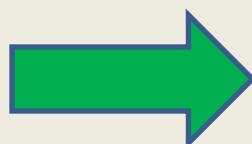
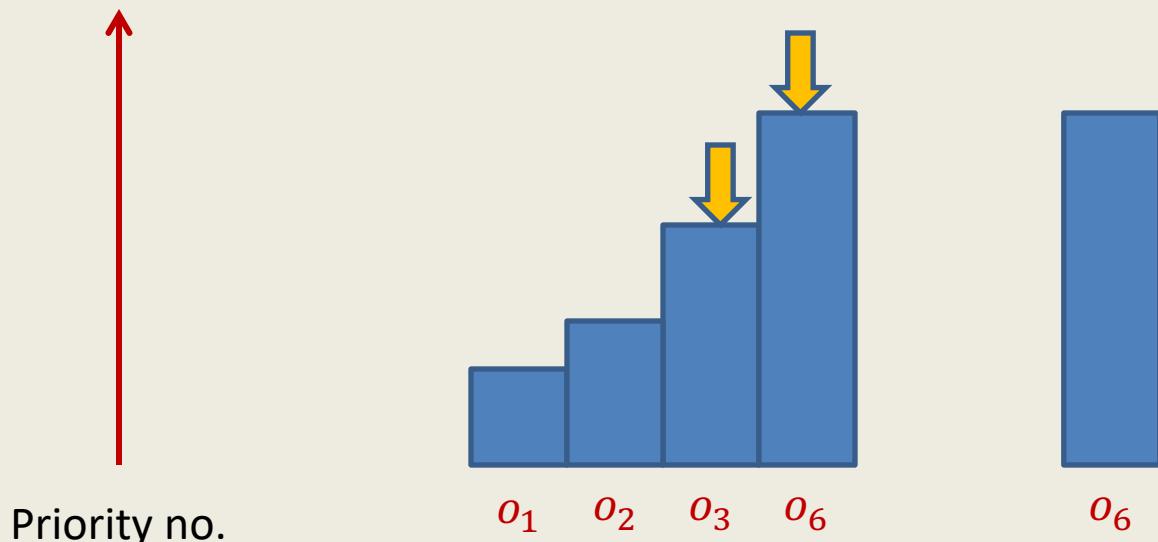
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Question:

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Homework:

Spend sometime to design an algorithm for evaluation of arithmetic expression based on the insight we developed in the last slides.

(*hint:* use 2 stacks.)