Solution Section 2.2 – Algorithms

Exercise

List all the steps used by the Algorithm 1 to find the maximum of the list

1, 8, 12, 9, 11, 2, 14, 5, 10, 4.

Solution

The ***for*** loop then begins, with i set equal from 2 to $n=10$ (number of the sequence).

The statement of the loop is executed since 2 < 10. This is an ***if*** … ***then*** statement.

max:= 1

for i := 2 to 10

if max $< a_i$ **then** $\max := a_i$

$a_i = a_2 = 8$, since 1 < 8, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 8$

$a_i = a_3 = 12$, since 8 < 12, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 12$

$a_i = a_4 = 9$, since 12 < 9 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 12$

$a_i = a_5 = 11$, since 12 < 11 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 12$

$a_i = a_6 = 2$, since 12 < 2 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 12$

$a_i = a_7 = 14$, since 12 < 14, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 14$

$a_i = a_8 = 5$, since 14 < 5 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 14$

$a_i = a_9 = 10$, since 14 < 10 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 14$

$a_i = a_{10} = 4$, since 14 < 4 ***is not true***, then $\boldsymbol{max} := 14$

Therefore ***max*** has the value $\boxed{14}$

Exercise

Devise an algorithm that finds the sum of all the integers in a list.

Solution

Procedure *sum* $\left\{a_1,\ a_2,\ \ldots,\ a_n : integers\right\}$

sum:= a_1

for i := 2 to n

$sum := sum + a_i$

return *sum*{ is the sum of all the elements in the list}

Exercise

Describe an algorithm that takes as an input a list of n integers and produces as output the largest difference obtained by subtracting an integer in the list from the one following it.

Solution

For i going from 1 through $n - 1$, compute the value of the $(i+1)^{st}$ element in the list minus the i^{st} element in the list. If this is larger than the answer, reset the answer to be this value.

Exercise

Describe an algorithm that takes as an input a list of n integers in non-decreasing order and produces the list of all values that occur more than once.

Solution

Procedure *negatives* $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n : integers\}$

$k := 0$

for $i := 1$ to n

  if $a_i < 0$ ***then*** $k := k + 1$

return k **{** the number of negative integers in the list}

Exercise

Describe an algorithm that takes as an input a list of n integers and finds the location of the last even integer in the list or returns 0 if there are no even integers in the list.

Solution

Procedure *last even loction* $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n : integers\}$

$k := 0$

for $i := 1$ to n

  if a_i *is even* ***then*** $k := i$

return k **{** *is the desired location* (*or* 0 *if there are no evens*)}

Exercise

Describe an algorithm that interchanges the values of the variables x and y, using only assignments. What is the minimum number of assignment statements needed to do this?

Solution

We cannot simply write $x := y$ followed by $y := x$.

$temp := x$
$x := y$
$y := temp$

Exercise

List all the steps used to search for 9 in the sequence 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11 using
a) a linear search *b*) a binary search

Solution

a) Note that n = 8 and x = 9.

procedure linear_search (x: integer; $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$: integers)

$i := 1$

while ($i \le 8$ and $\left(i \le 8 \ \ and \ \ 9 \ne a_i\right)$

$i := i + 1$

The ***while*** loop is executed as long as $i \le 8$ and the i^{st} element is not equal to 9.

$i = 1, \quad a_1 = 1; \quad 9 \ne 1$

$i = 2, \quad a_2 = 3; \quad 9 \ne 3$

$i = 3, \quad a_3 = 4; \quad 9 \ne 4$

$i = 4, \quad a_4 = 5; \quad 9 \ne 5$

$i = 5, \quad a_5 = 6; \quad 9 \ne 6$

$i = 6, \quad a_6 = 7; \quad 9 \ne 7$

$i = 7, \quad a_7 = 7; \quad 9 = 9$

Therefore the body of the loop is not executed (so i is still equal to 7), and control passes beyond the loop.

if $i \le n$ ***then*** *location* := i

else *location* := 0

The else clause is not executed. This completes the procedure, so location has the correct value, namely 7, which indicates the location of the element x in the list: 9 is the seventh element.

b) ***procedure*** linear_search (x: integer; $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$: increasing integers)

$i := 1$

$j := 8$

while $i < j$

The while step is executed, first $m = \frac{1+8}{2} = 4$

Then since x (= 9) is greater than $a_4 \left(= 5\right)$, the statement $i := m + 1$ is executed, so i has the value 5.

$i = 4+1 = 5, \quad m = \frac{5+8}{2} = 6 \quad x(=9) > a_6\ (=6)$

$i = 6+1 = 7, \quad m = \frac{7+8}{2} = 7 \quad x(=9) > a_7\ (=9)$ fails thus $j := m$, so $j := 7$

At this point $i \not< j$, the condition $x = a_i$ is true, location is set to 7, as it should be, and the algorithm is finished.

Exercise

Describe an algorithm that inserts an integer *x* in the appropriate position into the list $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$ of integers that are in increasing order.

Solution

procedure insert $\left(x, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n : \textit{integers}\right)$

$a_{n+1} := x+1$

$i := 1$

while $x > a_i$

$\quad i := i+1$ {***The loop ends when i is the index for x***}

for $j := 0$ ***to*** $n-i$ {***Shove the rest of the list to the right***}

$\qquad a_{n-j+1} := a_{n-j}$

$a_i := x$

{*x* has been inserted into the correct spot in the list, now of length *n* + 1}