



Data Structures

Lecture 8: Searching & Sorting

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Searching in Data Structure

- Searching in data structures involves finding the ***location of a specific element or value*** within a collection.
- It is a fundamental operation that can greatly influence data handling efficiency in applications like ***databases and search engines***.
- ***Searching Algorithms***
 - Linear Search
 - Binary Search
 - Ternary Search
 - Jump Search
 - Interpolation Search
 - Fibonacci Search
 - Exponential Search

Linear & Binary Search

- Search array for a key value
- **Linear search**
 - Compare each element of array with key value
 - Useful for small and unsorted arrays
 - Time Complexity is $O(n)$ & Space Complexity is: $O(1)$, No extra space is used.
- **Binary search**
 - Can only be used on sorted arrays
 - Compares middle element with key
 - If equal, match found
 - If $\text{key} < \text{middle}$, repeat search through the first half of the array
 - If $\text{key} > \text{middle}$, repeat search through the last half of the array
 - Time Complexity : $O(\log n)$
 - Space Complexity:
 - Iterative Version: $O(1)$
 - Recursive Version: $O(\log n)$ → due to recursion call stack

Binary Search

A=[5,7,8,10,13,15,20,25,37,45,50]

- N=11
- LeftIndex=0
- RightIndex=N-1
- ***MidIndex=(LeftIndex+RightIndex)/2***
- Repeat While LeftIndex<=RightIndex
 - If(SearchValue==A[MidIndex])
 - Return SearchValue
 - Else if(SearchValue>A[MidIndex])
 - LeftIndex=MidIndex+1
 - Else
 - RightIndex=MidIndex-1

- Find: 45
- Iterations Table

LeftIndex	RightIndex	MidIndex
0	10	5
6	10	8
9	10	9

- 45 found in 9 index
- Complexity: $O(\log n)$

Binary Search (Pseudocode)

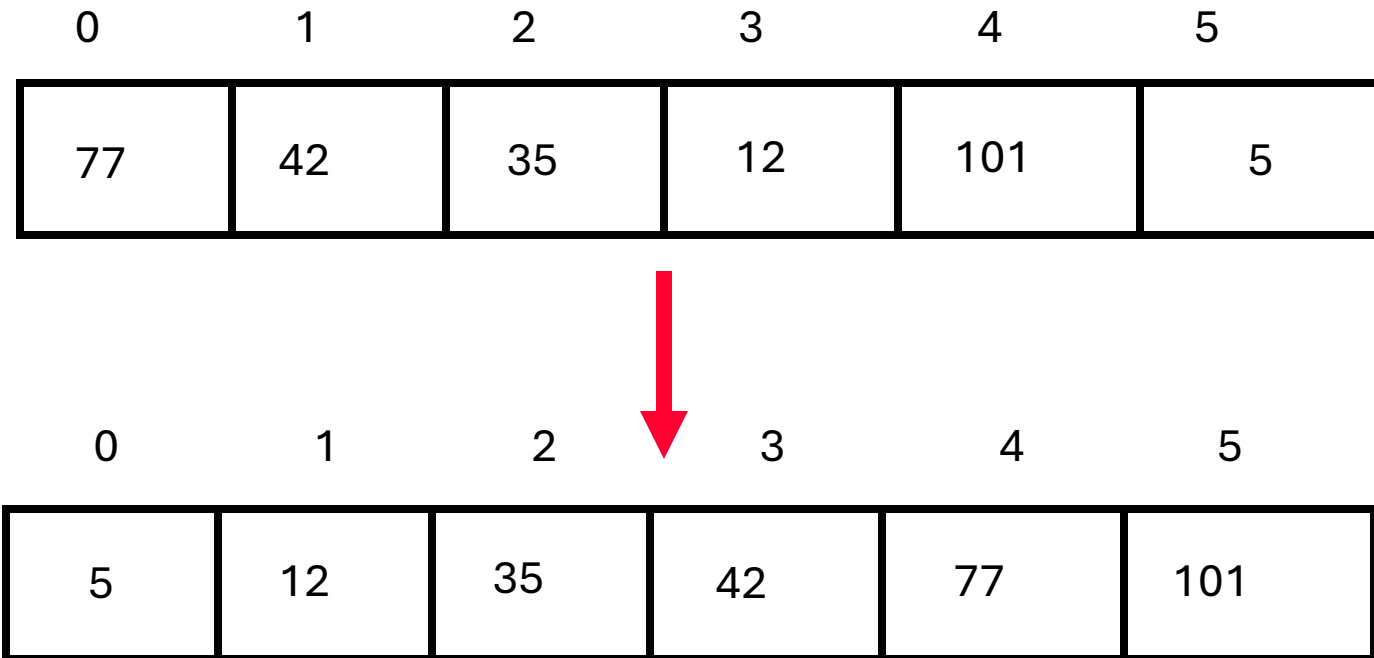
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BinarySearch(A, n, x):  
    low ← 0  
    high ← n - 1  
    while low ≤ high do  
        mid ← (low + high) / 2  
        if A[mid] = x then  
            return mid  
        else if A[mid] < x then  
            low ← mid + 1  
        else  
            high ← mid - 1  
    return -1
```

Sorting

- Sorting in data structures is the process of ***arranging a collection of elements*** in a specific order.
- This order can be numerical (ascending or descending), alphabetical, chronological, or based on any other defined criterion.
- The primary goal of sorting is to organize data in a way that facilitates more efficient ***searching, retrieval, and manipulation***.

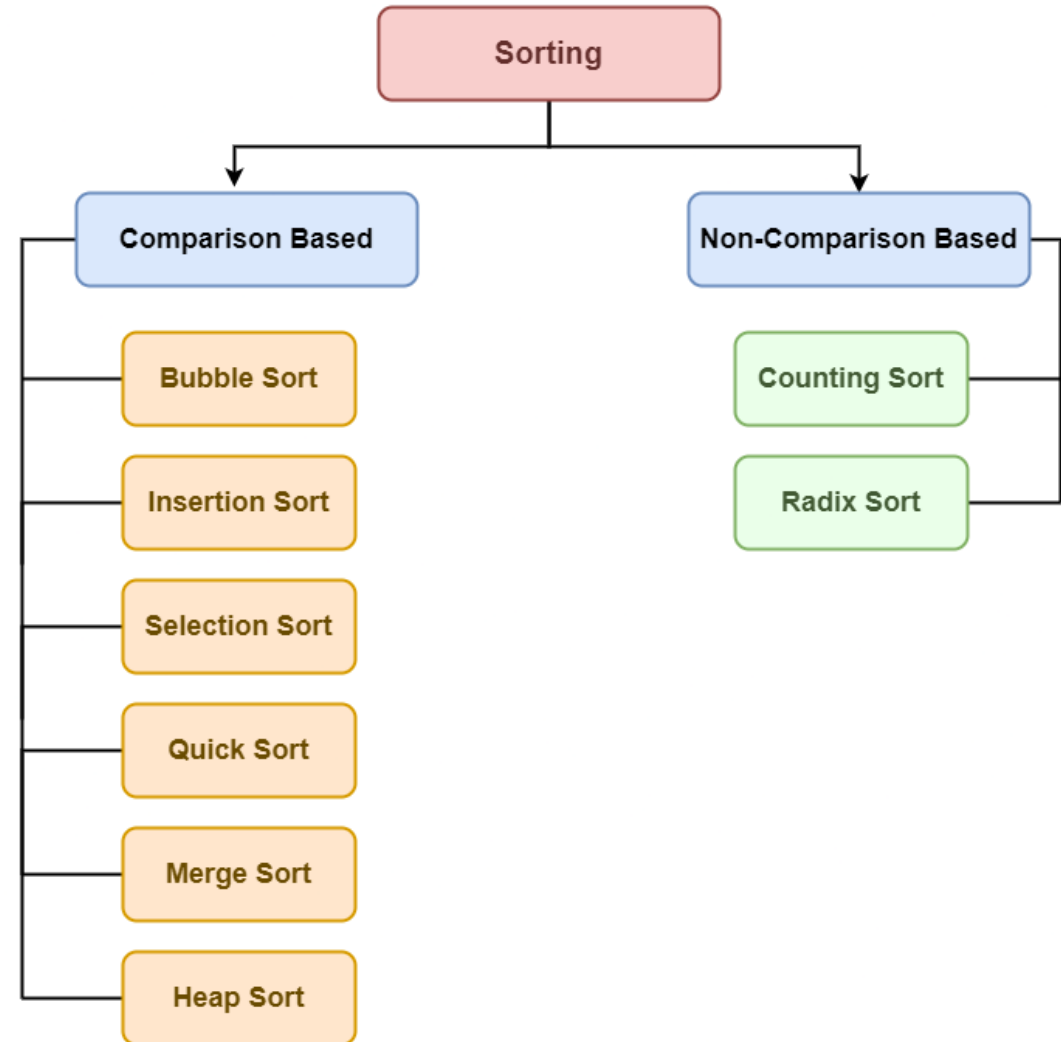
Sorting

- **Sorting takes an unordered collection and makes it an ordered one.**



Sorting Algorithms

- Bubble Sort
- Selection Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Merge Sort
- Quick Sort
- Heap Sort
- *Counting Sort*
- *Radix Sort*
- *Bucket Sort*



Bubble Sort: "Bubbling Up" the Largest Element

- **Traverse a collection of elements**
 - Move from the front to the end
 - “Bubble” the **largest value** to the end using **pair-wise comparisons and swapping**

1	2	3	4	5	6
77	42	35	12	101	5

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Largest value correctly placed

Bubble Sort (Simulation)

01
Step

Placing the 1st largest element at its correct position

i=0

5	6	1	3
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i=1

5	6	1	3
---	---	---	---

 ↖ Swap ↗

i=2

5	1	6	3
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 ↖ Swap ↗

5	1	3	6
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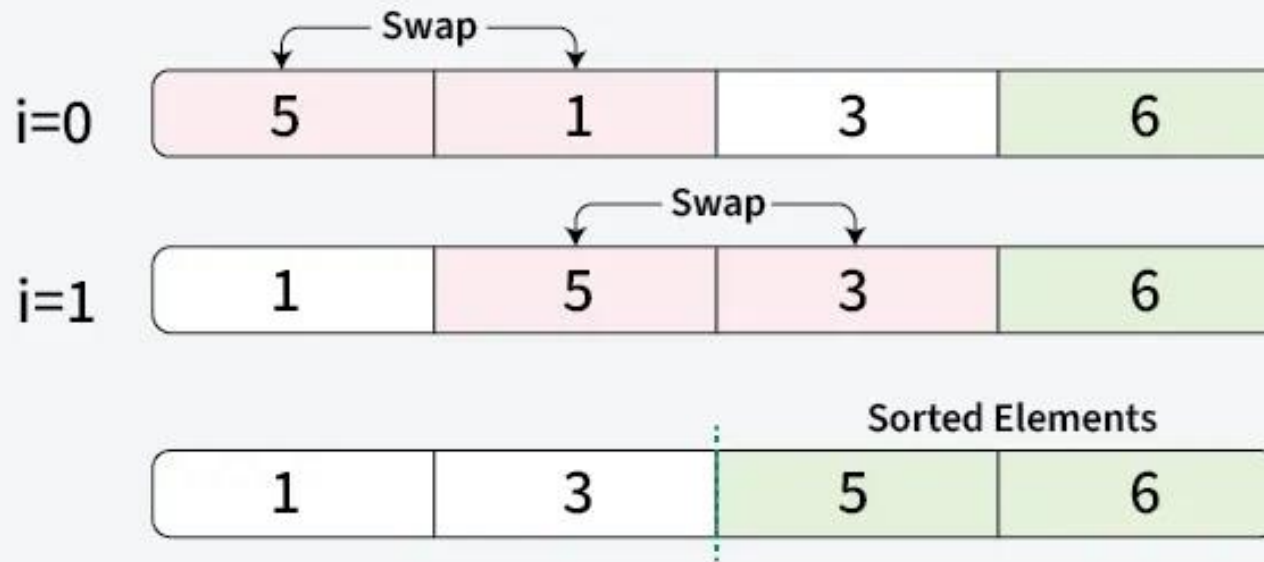
 Sorted Element

Bubble sort

Bubble Sort (Simulation)

02
Step

Placing 2nd largest element at its correct position

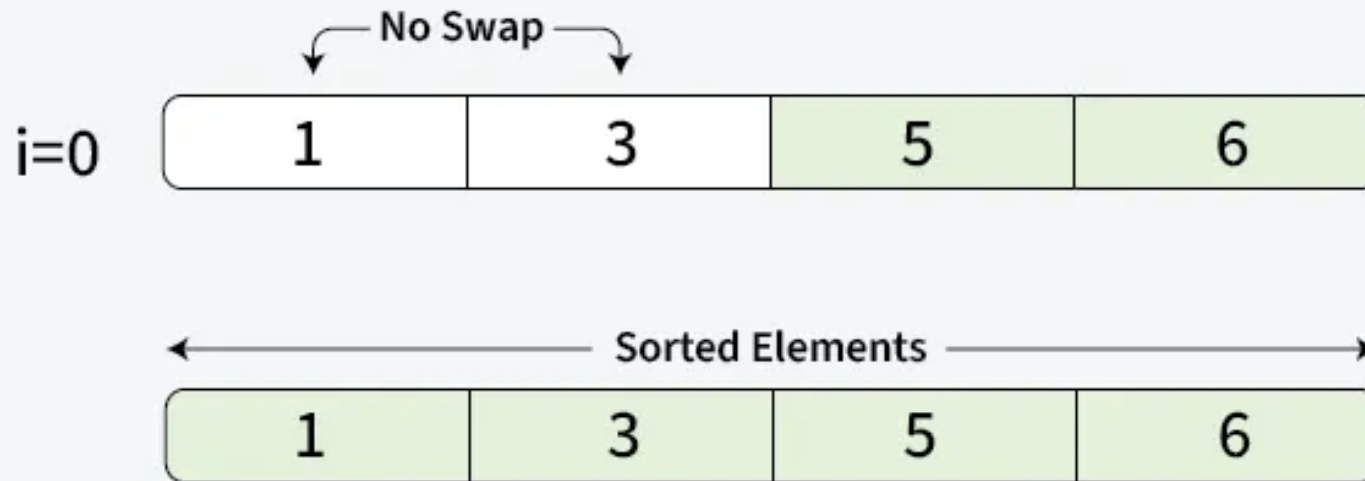


Bubble sort

Bubble Sort (Simulation)

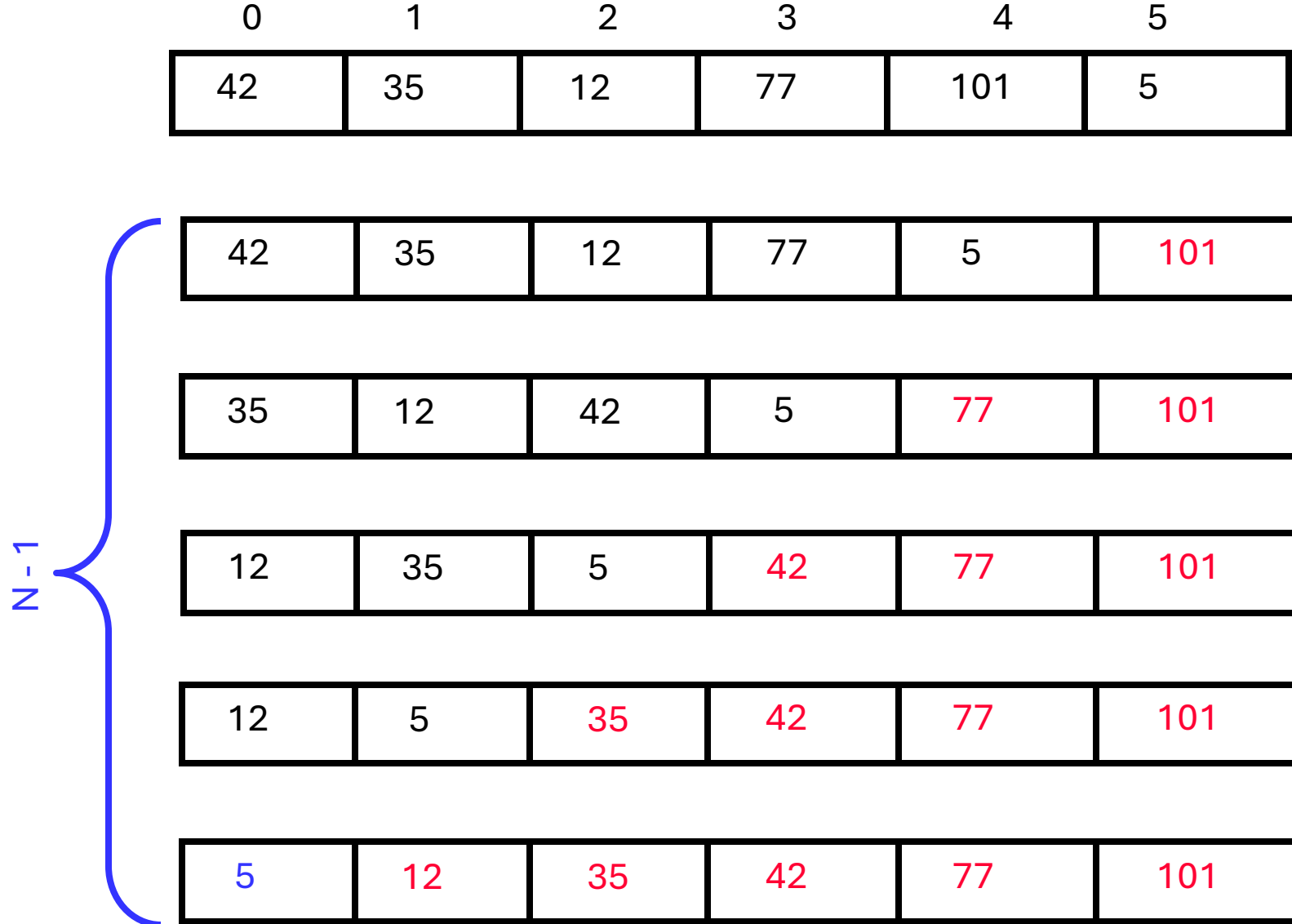
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Step

Placing 3rd largest element at its correct position



Bubble sort

“Bubbling” All the Elements



Reducing the Number of Comparisons

1	2	3	4	5	6
77	42	35	12	101	5
42	35	12	77	5	101
35	12	42	5	77	101
12	35	5	42	77	101
12	5	35	42	77	101

Complexity

- Worst case: array is in **reverse order**.
- Number of Iterations: $N-1$
- Number of comparisons in each pass:
 - 1st pass $\rightarrow n-1$ comparisons
 - 2nd pass $\rightarrow n-2$ comparisons
 - ...
 - Last pass $\rightarrow 1$ comparison
- Total comparisons = $(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = n(n-1)/2$
- **Worst-case time complexity:** $O(n^2)$

Pseudocode

Algorithm BubbleSort(A, n)

Input: Array A of size n

Output: Sorted array A in ascending order

```
1. for i = 0 to n-1 do
2.     flag = 0
3.     for j = 0 to n-i-2 do
4.         if A[j] > A[j+1] then
5.             // Swap A[j] and A[j+1]
6.             temp = A[j]
7.             A[j] = A[j+1]
8.             A[j+1] = temp
9.             flag = 1
10.        end if
11.    end for
12.    // If no elements were swapped, array is already sorted
13.    if (!flag then
14.        break
15.    end if
16. end for
17. return A
```

Exercises

- Write a C program to find whether a given number exists in an array of **N** integers using **linear search**. Print the index if found, else print “Not found.”
- Modify the linear search program to count how many times a given number appears in the array.
- You have a list of student roll numbers. Write a program to check if a new student’s roll number already exists in the list using linear search.
- Given a sorted array of **N** integers, write a program to search for a number using **binary search**. Print its index if found.
- Modify the binary search program to find the first occurrence of a repeated element in a sorted array.
- Write a binary search program that also counts how many comparisons are performed during the search.
- Write a program to sort an array of **N** integers in **ascending order** using **bubble sort**.
- Modify the bubble sort program to sort the array in **descending order**.
- Write a program for bubble sort to count the number of swaps needed to sort the array.
- You have a list of students with roll numbers and scores. You have to find the student with the highest score and display their roll number and score.

References

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Thank You