

# **DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS**



**CS 4120/5120  
PSEUDOCODE CONVENTIONS**

# AGENDA

- Pseudocode conventions
- Practice
- Breakout session

# PSEUDOCODE CONVENTIONS

## SYNTAX

- No semicolon 
- Indentation to indicate block structure 

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INSERTION-SORT(A)
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2  key = A[j] ↵
3  // Insert A[j] into the sorted sequence
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4  i = j - 1 ↵
5  while i > 0 and A[i] > key ↵
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## KEYWORDS

- Conditional statement
  - **if .. else**
  - **if .. elseif**
- Keywords for loop
  - **for**
  - **while**
  - **repeat-until,**
- Loop counters
  - **to, downto, by**

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## THE EQUAL “=” SIGN

- The equal sign “=”
  - Following **if** means **testing** two statements
  - **Not** following **if** means an **assignment**
- Multiple assignments allowed
  - $i = j = k$  is equivalent to
  - $j = k$  followed by  $i = j$


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## SCOPE OF VARIABLES

- Variables are **local** except when there is explicit indication.
- Loop counter *retains its value* after exiting the loop

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## ARRAYS

- $A[i]$  indicates the  $i$ -th element in array  $A$ .
- $A[i..j]$  (or sometimes  $A[i \dots j]$ ) indicates subarray of  $A$  consisting elements from  $A[i]$  to  $A[j]$ .
- **Array indices begin with 1.**
  - 1st element  $A[1]$
  - $n$ -th element  $A[n]$

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## COMPOUND DATA

- Compound data are organized into **objects**.
  - Composed of **attributes**
- Variables representing an array or object are treated as a **pointer**.
- Sometimes, a pointer refers to no object has value **NIL**.

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## RETURN

- The **return** statement can take more than one value back to the calling procedure.

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## SHORT CIRCUITING “AND” AND “OR”

- The Boolean operators “and” and “or” are **short circuiting**.
  - Statement  $x$  and  $y$ 
    - $y$  will be evaluated only if  $x$  evaluates to TRUE
  - Statement  $x$  or  $y$ 
    - $y$  will be evaluated only if  $x$  evaluated to FALSE

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## WRITE PSEUDOCODE

- Problem
  - Input: An array  $A$  of  $n$  distinct numbers.
  - Output: the largest number, or the *max*, and the smallest number, or the *min* of  $A$ .

### Solution 1

Step 1: Sort  $A$  in increasing order.

Step 2: Output the first and last number in the sorted list as the *min* and *max* of the sequence.

### Solution 1

*MAX-MIN-SORT*( $A$ )

- 1 Sort array  $A$  into increasing order
- 2 **return**  $A[n], A[1]$

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### Solution 2

Step 1: Scan array  $A$  to compute the *max*.

Step 2: Scan array  $A$  to compute the *min*.

### Solution 2

*MAX-MIN-FIND*( $A$ )

```
1  return FIND-MAX( $A$ ), FIND-MIN( $A$ )
```

*FIND-MAX*( $A$ )

```
1  max =  $A[1]$ 
2  for  $i = 2$  to  $n$ 
3      if  $A[i] > \text{max}$ 
4          max =  $A[i]$ 
5  return max
```

*FIND-MIN*( $A$ )

```
1  min =  $A[1]$ 
2  for  $i = 2$  to  $n$ 
3      if  $A[i] < \text{min}$ 
4          min =  $A[i]$ 
5  return min
```

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### Solution 3

Step 1: Initialize temporary variables  
 $curr\_min = curr\_max = A[1]$ , assuming the starting index is 1.

Step 2: For each array element  $A[i]$ , where  $i \geq 2$ , do the following.

- if  $A[i] > curr\_max$ ,  $curr\_max = A[i]$
- else if  $A[i] < curr\_min$ ,  $curr\_min = A[i]$

### Solution 3

*MAX-MIN-SCAN*( $A$ )

```
1  curr_min = curr_max = A[1]
2  for i = 2 to n
3      if A[i] < curr_min
4          curr_min = A[i]
5      elseif A[i] > curr_max
6          curr_max = A[i]
7  return curr_max, curr_min
```

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### Solution 4

Step 1: Initialize two empty arrays, *SMALL* and *LARGE*.

**INITIAL**

Step 2: Compare pairs of numbers in array  $A$ .

- For each pair, store the smaller number in *SMALL*, the larger number in *LARGE*.
- If  $n$  is odd, compare the last number with the 2nd to the last number.

**PAIR-WISE  
CHECK**

Step 3: Initialize  $curr\_min = SMALL[1]$ ,  $curr\_max = LARGE[1]$ .

Step 4: For all numbers in *SMALL*, if  $SMALL[i] < curr\_min$ ,  $curr\_min = SMALL[i]$ .

**FIND**

Step 5: For all numbers in *LARGE*, if  $LARGE[i] > curr\_max$ ,  $curr\_max = LARGE[i]$ .

- Problem
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#### Solution 4

*MAX-MIN-DIVIDE*( $A$ )

```

1  let SMALL[1 ..  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ ] be an array
2  let LARGE[1 ..  $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ ] be an array
3  (LARGE, SMALL) = DIVIDE ( $A$ , LARGE, SMALL)
4  return FIND-MAX(LARGE), FIND-MIN(SMALL)
```

INITIAL

PAIR-WISE  
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*DIVIDE*( $A$ , *LARGE*, *SMALL*)

```

1   $n = A.length$ 
2   $j = 1$ 
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  by 2
5      if  $n \% 2 = 0$  //  $n$  is even
6          if  $A[i] < A[i + 1]$ 
7              SMALL[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
8              LARGE[ $j$ ] =  $A[i + 1]$ 
9          else SMALL[ $j$ ] =  $A[i + 1]$ 
10             LARGE[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
11     else //  $n$  is odd
12         if  $i = n$ 
13             if  $A[i] < A[i - 1]$ 
14                 SMALL[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
15             else LARGE[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
16         else
17             if  $A[i] < A[i + 1]$ 
18                 SMALL[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
19                 LARGE[ $j$ ] =  $A[i + 1]$ 
20             else SMALL[ $j$ ] =  $A[i + 1]$ 
21                 LARGE[ $j$ ] =  $A[i]$ 
22          $j++$ 
22  return LARGE, SMALL
```

# EXPRESSING ALGORITHMS

## ENGLISH + MATH + COMPLEXITY

- Example
  - Input: An array  $A$  of  $n$  distinct numbers.
  - Output: the largest number, or the *max*, and the smallest number, or the *min* of  $A$ .
  - Objective: Design an algorithm that uses as few comparisons as possible.
- Take notes of the four solutions, participate in your breakout room to determine the number of comparisons in terms of  $n$ . (10 ~ 15 minutes)
  - Hint: you may determine the number of comparisons in the worst-case scenario.
  - Hint: you may consider using  $\lceil \quad \rceil$  or  $\lfloor \quad \rfloor$  operator.



# **NEXT UP**

# **ANALYZING ALGORITHMS**