

## APPENDIX C — SAMPLE SEARCH AND SORT ALGORITHMS

### Sequential Search

The Sequential Search Algorithm below finds the index of a value in an array of integers as follows:

1. Traverse `elements` until `target` is located, or the end of `elements` is reached.
2. If `target` is located, return the index of `target` in `elements`;  
Otherwise return `-1`.

```
/**
 * Finds the index of a value in an array of integers.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be searched.
 * @param target the item to be found in elements.
 * @return an index of target in elements if found; -1 otherwise.
 */
public static int sequentialSearch(int[] elements, int target)
{
    for (int j = 0; j < elements.length; j++)
    {
        if (elements[j] == target)
        {
            return j;
        }
    }

    return -1;
}
```

## Binary Search

The Binary Search Algorithm below finds the index of a value in an array of integers sorted in ascending order as follows:

1. Set `left` and `right` to the minimum and maximum indexes of `elements` respectively.
2. Loop until `target` is found, or `target` is determined not to be in `elements` by doing the following for each iteration:
  - a. Set `middle` to the index of the middle item in `elements[left] ... elements[right]` inclusive.
  - b. If `target` would have to be in `elements[left] ... elements[middle - 1]` inclusive, then set `right` to the maximum index for that range.
  - c. Otherwise, if `target` would have to be in `elements[middle + 1] ... elements[right]` inclusive, then set `left` to the minimum index for that range.
  - d. Otherwise, return `middle` because `target == elements[middle]`.
3. Return `-1` if `target` is not contained in `elements`.

```

/**
 * Find the index of a value in an array of integers sorted in ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be searched.
 *      Precondition: items in elements are sorted in ascending order.
 * @param target the item to be found in elements.
 * @return an index of target in elements if target found;
 *      -1 otherwise.
 */
public static int binarySearch(int[] elements, int target)
{
    int left = 0;
    int right = elements.length - 1;
    while (left <= right)
    {
        int middle = (left + right) / 2;
        if (target < elements[middle])
        {
            right = middle - 1;
        }
        else if (target > elements[middle])
        {
            left = middle + 1;
        }
        else
        {
            return middle;
        }
    }
    return -1;
}

```

## Selection Sort

The Selection Sort Algorithm below sorts an array of integers into ascending order as follows:

1. Loop from  $j = 0$  to  $j = \text{elements.length} - 2$ , inclusive, completing  $\text{elements.length} - 1$  passes.
2. In each pass, swap the item at index  $j$  with the minimum item in the rest of the array ( $\text{elements}[j+1]$  through  $\text{elements}[\text{elements.length}-1]$ ).

At the end of each pass, items in  $\text{elements}[0]$  through  $\text{elements}[j]$  are in ascending order and each item in this sorted portion is at its final position in the array

```
/**
 * Sort an array of integers into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be sorted.
 *
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and items in elements
 *                  are sorted in ascending order.
 */
public static void selectionSort(int[] elements)
{
    for (int j = 0; j < elements.length - 1; j++)
    {
        int minIndex = j;
        for (int k = j + 1; k < elements.length; k++)
        {
            if (elements[k] < elements[minIndex])
            {
                minIndex = k;
            }
        }

        int temp = elements[j];
        elements[j] = elements[minIndex];
        elements[minIndex] = temp;
    }
}
```

## Insertion Sort

The Insertion Sort Algorithm below sorts an array of integers into ascending order as follows:

1. Loop from  $j = 1$  to  $j = \text{elements.length}-1$  inclusive, completing  $\text{elements.length}-1$  passes.
2. In each pass, move the item at index  $j$  to its proper position in  $\text{elements}[0]$  to  $\text{elements}[j]$ :
  - a. Copy item at index  $j$  to  $\text{temp}$ , creating a “vacant” element at index  $j$  (denoted by  $\text{possibleIndex}$ ).
  - b. Loop until the proper position to maintain ascending order is found for  $\text{temp}$ .
  - c. In each inner loop iteration, move the “vacant” element one position lower in the array.
3. Copy  $\text{temp}$  into the identified correct position (at  $\text{possibleIndex}$ ).

At the end of each pass, items at  $\text{elements}[0]$  through  $\text{elements}[j]$  are in ascending order.

```
/**
 * Sort an array of integers into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be sorted.
 *
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and items in elements
 *                  are sorted in ascending order.
 */
public static void insertionSort(int[] elements)
{
    for (int j = 1; j < elements.length; j++)
    {
        int temp = elements[j];
        int possibleIndex = j;
        while (possibleIndex > 0 && temp < elements[possibleIndex - 1])
        {
            elements[possibleIndex] = elements[possibleIndex - 1];
            possibleIndex--;
        }
        elements[possibleIndex] = temp;
    }
}
```

## Merge Sort

The Merge Sort Algorithm below sorts an array of integers into ascending order as follows:

### **mergeSort**

This top-level method creates the necessary temporary array and calls the `mergeSortHelper` recursive helper method.

### **mergeSortHelper**

This recursive helper method uses the Merge Sort Algorithm to sort `elements[from] ... elements[to]` inclusive into ascending order:

1. If there is more than one item in this range,
  - a. divide the items into two adjacent parts, and
  - b. call `mergeSortHelper` to recursively sort each part, and
  - c. call the `merge` helper method to merge the two parts into sorted order.
2. Otherwise, exit because these items are sorted.

### **merge**

This helper method merges two adjacent array parts, each of which has been sorted into ascending order, into one array part that is sorted into ascending order:

1. As long as both array parts have at least one item that hasn't been copied, compare the first un-copied item in each part and copy the minimal item to the next position in `temp`.
2. Copy any remaining items of the first part to `temp`.
3. Copy any remaining items of the second part to `temp`.
4. Copy the items from `temp[from] ... temp[to]` inclusive to the respective locations in `elements`.

```
/**
 * Sort an array of integers into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be sorted.
 *
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and items in elements
 *                  are sorted in ascending order.
 */
public static void mergeSort(int[] elements)
{
    int n = elements.length;
    int[] temp = new int[n];
    mergeSortHelper(elements, 0, n - 1, temp);
}
```

```

/**
 * Sorts elements[from] ... elements[to] inclusive into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the items to be sorted.
 * @param from the beginning index of the items in elements to be sorted.
 * @param to the ending index of the items in elements to be sorted.
 * @param temp a temporary array to use during the merge process.
 *
 * Precondition:
 * (elements.length == 0 or
 *  0 <= from <= to <= elements.length) and
 *  elements.length == temp.length
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and the items in elements
 * [from] ... <= elements[to] are sorted in ascending order.
 */
private static void mergeSortHelper(int[] elements,
                                     int from, int to, int[] temp)
{
    if (from < to)
    {
        int middle = (from + to) / 2;
        mergeSortHelper(elements, from, middle, temp);
        mergeSortHelper(elements, middle + 1, to, temp);
        merge(elements, from, middle, to, temp);
    }
}

```

```

/**
 * Merges two adjacent array parts, each of which has been sorted into ascending
 * order, into one array part that is sorted into ascending order.
 *
 * @param elements an array containing the parts to be merged.
 * @param from the beginning index in elements of the first part.
 * @param mid the ending index in elements of the first part.
 *           mid+1 is the beginning index in elements of the second part.
 * @param to the ending index in elements of the second part.
 * @param temp a temporary array to use during the merge process.
 *
 * Precondition: 0 <= from <= mid <= to <= elements.length and
 *   elements[from] ... <= elements[mid] are sorted in ascending order and
 *   elements[mid + 1] ... <= elements[to] are sorted in ascending order and
 *   elements.length == temp.length
 * Postcondition: elements contains its original items and
 *   elements[from] ... <= elements[to] are sorted in ascending order and
 *   elements[0] ... elements[from - 1] are in original order and
 *   elements[to + 1] ... elements[elements.length - 1] are in original order.
 */
private static void merge(int[] elements,
                          int from, int mid, int to, int[] temp)
{
    int i = from;
    int j = mid + 1;
    int k = from;

    while (i <= mid && j <= to)
    {
        if (elements[i] < elements[j])
        {
            temp[k] = elements[i];
            i++;
        }
        else
        {
            temp[k] = elements[j];
            j++;
        }
        k++;
    }
}

```



```

while (i <= mid)
{
    temp[k] = elements[i];
    i++;
    k++;
}

while (j <= to)
{
    temp[k] = elements[j];
    j++;
    k++;
}

for (k = from; k <= to; k++)
{
    elements[k] = temp[k];
}
}

```