

Lecture – Statements

Expression statement

- Syntax
exp;

Null statement

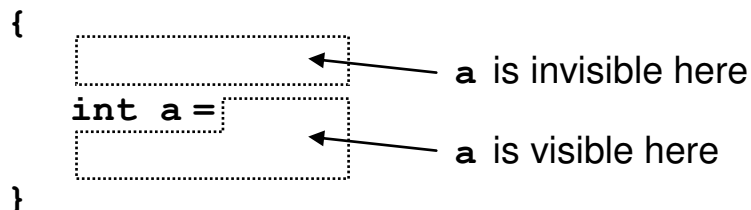
- Syntax
;
- Example

```
if (n<0) n=-n;  
if (n>=0) ; else n=-n;  
  
for (;;) ;  
while(1);  
while(true);
```

 } infinite loop

Block statement

- Syntax
{ *stmt/ decl* ... }
- A block statement delimits the scope of variables declared in it.



Example

| | |
|--|---|
| <pre>{ int a=2; ? { int a=a; } }</pre> | <pre>{ const int a=7; { int a[a]; } }</pre> |
|--|---|

Red arrows and question marks highlight potential issues with variable scope and self-referencing in the examples.

Conditional statements

- Syntax

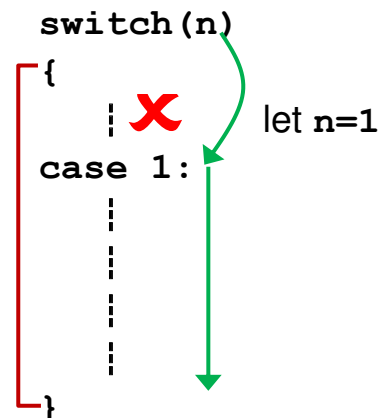
```
if (exp) stmt [else stmt]
switch (exp) stmt
```

- Example

```
if (n==0) s0;
else if (n==1) s1;
else if (n==2 || n==3) s23;
else s4;
```

is equivalent to

```
switch (n) {
case 0: s0;
        break;
case 1: s1;
        break;
case 2: case 3: s23;
        break;
default: s4;
}
```



- Notes on switch statement

- 1 The *stmt* is usually a block containing labeled statements:

```
case const_exp: stmt
default: stmt
```
- 2 The *exp* and *const_exp* must be of integral type.
The *const_exp* is evaluated during compilation.
- 3 The **case**'s and (at most one) **default** can only appear inside **switch** statements; they may appear in any order.
- 4 Four ways to leave a **switch** statement
① break ② return ③ goto ④ fall out of the stmt
- 5 Variables cannot be initialized inside a **switch** statement unless they are inside a block statement or visible only for the last case.

- Example

```
switch (n) case 0: do-something;
if (n==0) do-something;
```

- Example

```
unsigned fib(unsigned n)
{
    switch(n) {
    case 0: case 1: return n;
    default:
        unsigned s=0,r=1;
        for (int i=1;i<n;i++) { r=r+s; s=r-s; }
        return r;
    }
}

unsigned fib(unsigned n)
{
    switch(n) {
    default:
        unsigned s=0,r=1;    // error
        for (int i=1;i<n;i++) { r=r+s; s=r-s; }
        return r;
    case 0: case 1: return n;
    }
}
```

The declaration is **unfair**, because other cases can see **s** and **r**, but have no chance to initialize them.

Solutions

1 Let **default** be the last case

2 **default: unsigned s,r; s=0; r=0; ...**

3 **default: {**
 unsigned s=0,r=1;
 for (int i=1;i<n;i++) { r=r+s; s=r-s; }
 return r; }

N.B. The labels within inner blocks are still visible in the outer **switch** block.

Iteration statements

- Syntax

```
while (exp) stmt  
do stmt while (exp);  
for (exp1; exp2; exp3) stmt
```

- Example – Coin change

```
int cc(int n)  
{  
    int count=0;  
    for (int c50=0; c50<=n/50; c50++)  
        for (int c10=0; c10<=(n-50*c50)/10; c10++)  
            for (int c5=0; c5<=(n-50*c50-10*c10)/5; c5++)  
            {  
                int c1=n-50*c50-10*c10-5*c5;  
                printf("%5d%5d%5d%5d\n", c1, c5, c10, c50);  
                count++;  
            }  
    return count;  
}
```

To avoid recomputing the upper bound of each loop, do this:

```
for (int c50=0, m50=n/50; c50<=m50; c50++)  
    for (int c10=0, n10=n-50*c50, m10=n10/10; c10<=m10; c10++)  
        for (int c5=0, n5=n10-10*c10, m5=n5/5; c5<=m5; c5++)  
        {  
            int c1=n5-5*c5; ...  
        }
```

To avoid computing the money left by multiplication, do this:

```
for (int c50=0, n50=n, m50=n50/50; c50<=m50; c50++, n50-=50)  
    for (int c10=0, n10=n50, m10=n10/10; c10<=m10; c10++, n10-=10)  
        for (int c5=0, n5=n10, m5=n5/5; c5<=m5; c5++, n5-=5)  
        {  
            int c1=n5; ...  
        }
```

- Example (Cont'd)

Now that the money left is known, we may finally write

```
for (int c50=0,n50=n;n50>=0;c50++,n50-=50)
for (int c10=0,n10=n50;n10>=0;c10++,n10-=10)
for (int c5=0,n5=n10;n5>=0;c5++,n5-=5)
{
    int c1=n5; ...
}
```

Jump statements

- Syntax

`return [exp];`

`break;`

`continue;`

`goto label;`

where *label* is the label of a labeled statement:

label: stmt

The syntax of *label* is the same as that of identifiers.

- A **continue** statement causes the next iteration of the innermost enclosing loop to begin.

- Example

```
void primegen(int n)
{
    for (int k=2;k<=n;k++) {
        if (!prime(k)) continue;
        printf("%d ",k);
    }
}
```

- Example (Cont'd)

```
void primegen(int n)
{
    int k=2;
loop:                                // if + goto = loop
    if (k>n) goto exit;
    if (prime(k)) printf("%d ",k);
    k++;
    goto loop;
exit:;
}
```

Remarks

- 1 Labels are in a different name space.
- 2 The scope of a label covers the entire function.

```
void primegen(int n)
{
    int k=2;
n: if (k>n) goto k;
    if (!prime(k)) {
        primegen: k++; goto n;
    }
    printf("%d ",k);
    goto primegen;
k:;
}
```

Remarks

- 1 Gotos considered harmful.
- 2 Structured programming
Programming without gotos or with reliable use of gotos.

Examples

Example 1 – Echo

Version A

```
void echo(void)
{
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!=EOF) putchar(ch);
}
```

Remarks

- 1 `int getchar(void);`
returns a value of type `int` so as to accommodate to `EOF`.
- 2 `int putchar(int);`
returns the character written, e.g.
`printf("%d",puchchar(256+'a'));` `// a97`

Alternatively, we may treat the `eoln` (end-of-line) character as a marker marking the end of data in a line, rather than as a datum by itself.

```
void echoline(void)
{
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!='\n') putchar(ch);
    printf("\n");
}
```

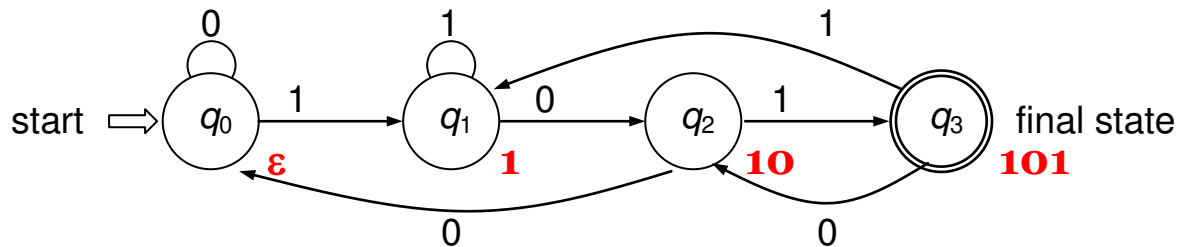
```
void echo(void)
{
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!=EOF) {
        ungetc(ch,stdin); echoline();
    }
}
```

Remarks: `getchar() = getc(stdin);`
`putchar(ch) = putc(ch,stdout)`

Example 2 – Deterministic Finite (state) Automaton

Problem : Determine if a binary string ends with 101

Transition diagram of a DFA



Let M be this DFA, then

$L(M)$

= the language accepted by M

= $\{ x \mid x \text{ is a binary string such that } M \text{ halts at state } q_3 \text{ after reading } x \}$

= the set of all binary strings ending with 101

Formal languages and automata

A study of computability via computation models such as DFA, etc.

For example, the problem

Given an integer $n \geq 0$, is $n \% 8 = 5$?

is computable, as the finite automaton M solves it:

Let x be the binary representation of n , then

$n \% 8 = 5 \Leftrightarrow x \text{ ends with } 101 \Leftrightarrow x \in L(M)$

Data representation

How to represent "states"?

1 As labels (Version 1)

```
q0: switch ...;
```

2 As integers

```
const int q0=0, q1=1, q2=2, q3=3;
```

```
int q=q0;
```

Drawback: The states are integers, rather than new objects.

Cf.

```
#define q0 0
```

Drawback: Macros aren't subject to the scope rules.

Example 2 (Cont'd)

3 As enumerators (Versions 2 & 3)

```
enum state {q0,q1,q2,q3} q=q0;
```

Cf.

```
typedef int state;
```

Drawback: `state` isn't a new type.

4 As functions (See next lecture)

Version 1

```
void dfa(void)
```

```
{  
q0: switch (getchar()) {  
    case '0' : goto q0;  
    case '1' : goto q1;  
    case '\n': printf("Rejected\n"); return;  
}  
q1: switch (getchar()) {  
    case '0' : goto q2;  
    case '1' : goto q1;  
    case '\n': printf("Rejected\n"); return;  
}  
q2: switch (getchar()) {  
    case '0' : goto q0;  
    case '1' : goto q3;  
    case '\n': printf("Rejected\n"); return;  
}  
q3: switch (getchar()) {  
    case '0' : goto q2;  
    case '1' : goto q1;  
    case '\n': printf("Accepted\n"); return;  
}  
}
```

N.B.

The statement labeled `q0` must be the 1st statement. The remaining three labeled statements may be permuted.

Example 2 (Cont'd)

```
int main(void)
{
    printf("Enter a binary string: ");
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!=EOF) {
        ungetc(ch,stdin);
        void dfa(void); dfa();
        printf("Enter a binary string: ");
    }
}
```

Version 2

```
void dfa(void)
{
    enum state {q0,q1,q2,q3} q=q0; ①
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!='\n')
        switch (q) {
            case q0: q=ch=='0'? q0: q1; break;
            case q1: q=ch=='0'? q2: q1; break;
            case q2: q=ch=='0'? q0: q3; break;
            case q3: q=ch=='0'? q2: q1; break;
        }
    if (q==q3) printf("Accepted\n");
    else printf("Rejected\n");
}
① enum state {q0,q1,q2,q3};
    enum state q=q0;
```

Version 3

| | 0 | 1 | Transition table |
|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| q_0 | q_0 | q_1 | |
| q_1 | q_2 | q_1 | |
| q_2 | q_0 | q_3 | |
| q_3 | q_2 | q_1 | |

Example 2 (Cont'd)

```
void dfa(void)
{
    enum state {q0,q1,q2,q3} q=q0;
    enum state trans[4][2]
        ={{q0,q1},{q2,q1},{q0,q3},{q2,q1}};
    int ch;
    while ((ch=getchar())!='\n')
        q=trans[q][ch-'0'];
    if (q==q3) printf("Accepted\n");
    else printf("Rejected\n");
}
```

On enumeration types

- 1 An enumeration type is a set of enumerators.

```
enum [type] {enumerator, ...} [var, ...];
```

Cf.

```
struct [type] {Tx; ...} [var, ...];
```

```
union [type] {Tx; ...} [var, ...];
```

- 2 Integral types are built-in enumeration types.

```
enum bool {false,true};
```

```
enum char {...,'a','b','c',...};
```

```
enum int {INT_MIN,...,-1,0,1,...,INT_MAX};
```

- 3 Each enumerator is assigned an integer value.

```
enum color {red,green,blue};           // 0,1,2
```

```
enum color {red=2,green,blue=2};       // 2,3,2
```

- 4 In C, `sizeof(enum color)=sizeof(int)`

In C++, it is undefined.

- 5 In C, enumerators and integers may be mixed up.

```
enum color {red,green,blue};
```

```
enum weekend {sat,sun};
```

```
enum color c=red;           // 0
```

```
enum weekend d=sun;         // 1
```

```
int x=c+d; // legal in C++
```

```
c=x;           // in C++: c=(color)x;
```

```
d=c;           // in C++: d=(weekend)x;
```

enum → int

int → enum

enum → enum

Example 2 (Cont'd)

- 6 In C++, when a user-defined type name is used, the keywords **enum**, **struct**, **union**, etc, may be absent, e.g.

```
state q;
```

In C, they must be present. However, they may be removed as follows:

```
typedef enum {q0,q1,q2,q3} state;
```

or

```
enum state {q0,q1,q2,q3};
```

```
typedef enum state state;
```

On array initialization

```
int a[3]={1,2,3};
```

```
int a[3]={1,2,3,4}; // error
```

```
int a[3]={1}; // ok, the trailing elements are 0.
```

```
int a[]={1,2,3}; // ok, array size=3
```

On two-dimensional arrays

In C/C++, a two-dimensional array is indeed a one-dimensional array whose elements themselves are one-dimensional arrays.

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a[0][0] | a[0][1] | a[1][0] | a[1][1] | a[2][0] | a[2][1] |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| a[0] | | a[1] | | a[2] | |

Two-dimensional arrays may be initialized as follows:

```
int a[3][2]={{1,2},{3,4},{5,6}};
```

```
int a[3][2]={1,2,3,4,5,6};
```

In either case, the 1st dimension may be absent, i.e. `int a[][2]`; but the 2nd dimension must be present, i.e. `int a[3][]` is illegal. (This will be explained later on.)

Note:

```
int a[3][2]={{1},{2},{3}}; // {{1,0},{2,0},{3,0}}
```

```
int a[3][2]={1,2,3}; // {{1,2},{3,0},{0,0}}
```

Example 3 – Sorting and searching

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

const int sz=20;           // global
int a[sz];                 // global

void in(int n)              // main → in in → time
{                            // in: n; out: a out: t
    time_t t;               ①
    srand(time(&t));         ② // time(&t); srand(t);
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++)    // srand(time(0));
        a[i]=rand()%100;    ③
}

void out(int n)              // main → out
{                            // in: n, a
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++)
        printf("%d ",a[i]);
    printf("\n");
}

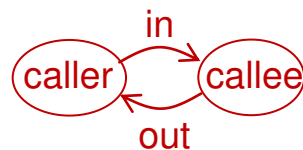
int main(void)              // main → ?sort
{                            // in: n; inout: a
    int n=sz;               // or any number ≤ sz
    in(n);
    printf("Before sorting ...\n"); out(n);
    ?sort(n);
    printf("After sorting ...\n"); out(n);
}
```

- ① `time_t` is an implementation-dependent arithmetic type representing times, say
`typedef long time_t;`
- ② `time_t time(time_t*);`
`time(&t)` usually returns the number of seconds elapsed since 1970/1/1 00:00:00; the value is also assigned to `t`.
`time(0)` only returns that value.

Example 3 (Cont'd)

- ② **void srand(unsigned) ;**
Set the seed to the given unsigned integer; the initial seed is 1.
- ③ **int rand(void) ;**
Generate an integer uniformly at random in the range
 $0 \leq \text{rand}() \leq \text{RAND_MAX}$
 $32767 \leq \text{RAND_MAX}$

On communication between caller and callee



There are two ways for a caller and a callee to communicate with each other:

- 1 through global variables, when the target is fixed
In this case, the communication may be one- or two-way,
e.g. the one- or two-way global array **a** in this example
- 2 through parameters, when the target is fixed or varied
In this case, the communication depends on parameter-passing methods:
 - 2.1 Call-by-value is one-way
E.g. the one-way parameter **n** in this example
 - 2.2 Call-by-reference may be one or two-way.
To be discussed later.

Q: Which is better when the target is fixed?

A: Global variables are better, as it takes time and space to pass and access parameters.

Example 3 (Cont'd)

Pseudo-random number generators (PRNGs)

A pseudo-random number generator generates arithmetically a sequence of numbers

$$X_0 \ X_1 \ X_2 \ \dots \ X_n \ X_{n+1} \ \dots$$

Being generated by a *deterministic* algorithm, these numbers are not truly random – they only approximate randomness.

For example, periodicity is an inherent nonrandomness feature of a pseudo-random number generator.

Linear congruential generators (LCGs)

$$x_{n+1} = (ax_n + b) \bmod c \quad a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ are suitably-chosen constants}$$

Most common PRNGs implemented in standard libraries are LCGs. LCGs are best-known, easy-to-implement, and fast generators; but, they have severe defects, e.g. the lower order bits are much less random than the higher order bits.

VC++ implementation

```
#define RAND_MAX 32767
unsigned x=1;
void srand(unsigned s) { x=s; }
int rand(void)
{
    x=214013*x+2531011;    // 0 ≤ x < 232 (mod 232)
    return (x>>16) & 0x7FFF; // 0 ≤ rand() < 215
}
```

Observations

- 1 **srand** and **rand** communicates through the global variable **x**.
- 2 The computation makes use of modular arithmetic of unsigned integers.
- 3 The 16 less-random lower order bits are discarded.

Note in particular the cycles:

Last bit 0101...

Last 2 bits 03210321....

Example 3 (Cont'd)

Concluding remarks

- 1 In case `rand()` is implemented as an LCG, do not rely on the lower order bits alone.

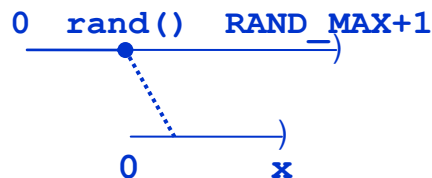
For example, how to express the result of casting a dice?

`1+rand()%6` // no

`1+randi(6)` // ok, $0 \leq \text{randi}(6) < 6$ (see below)

// PRNG for floating-point random numbers in the range $[0, x)$

```
double randd(double x)
{
    return rand() / (RAND_MAX+1.0) * x;
}
```



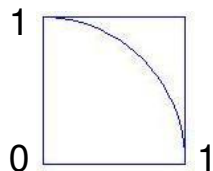
// PRNG for integral random numbers in the range $[0, n)$

```
int randi(int n)
{
    return randd(n);
}
```

- 2 If a large amount of random numbers is needed, use a better PRNG, e.g. Mersenne Twister.

Example – Monte-Carlo simulation

Estimation of π by shooting darts randomly at the figure below:



Let throws = # of darts thrown

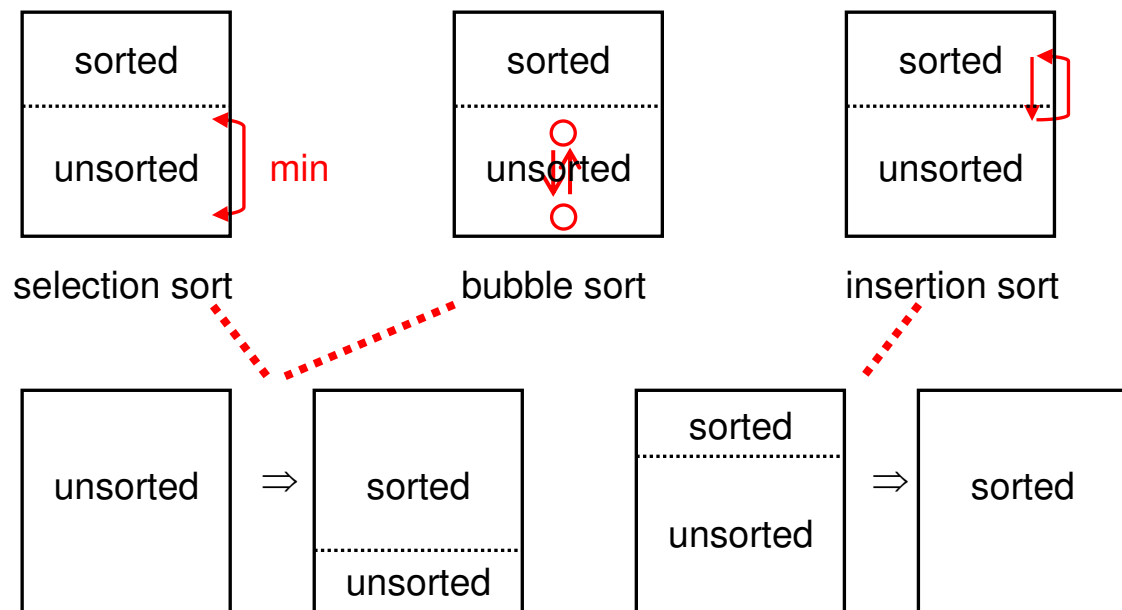
hits = # of darts that hit the quadrant

Then,

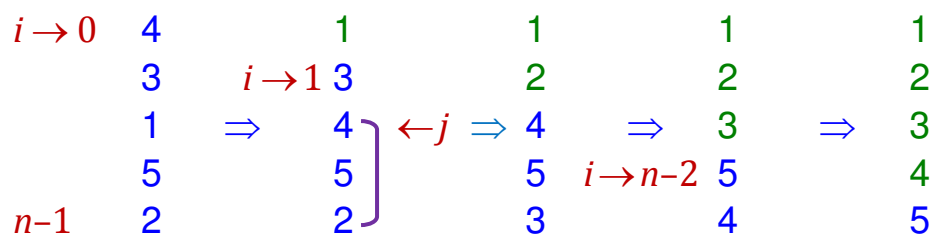
$\text{hits}/\text{throws} \rightarrow \pi/4$ as $\text{throws} \rightarrow \infty$

Example 3 (Cont'd)

On sorting algorithms



Selection sort – $O(n^2)$



```
void ssort(int n)
{
    for (int i=0; i<n-1; i++) {
        int m=i;
        for (int j=i+1; j<n; j++)
            if (a[j]<a[m]) m=j;
        int c=a[i]; a[i]=a[m]; a[m]=c;
    }
}
```

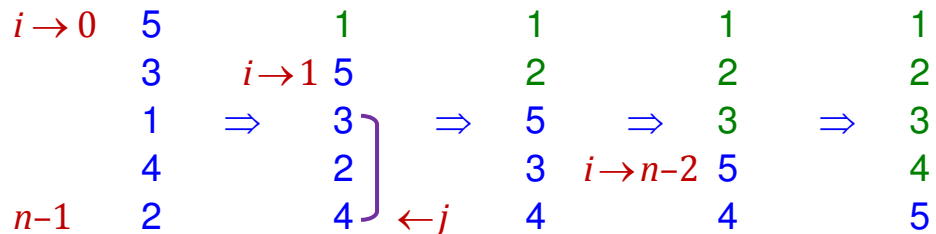
N.B. It takes $n - 1$ comparisons to find the minimum of n elements.
Thus, the total number of comparisons taken by selection sort is

$$\sum_{k=2}^n (k - 1) = n(n - 1)/2 = O(n^2)$$

Example 3 (Cont'd)

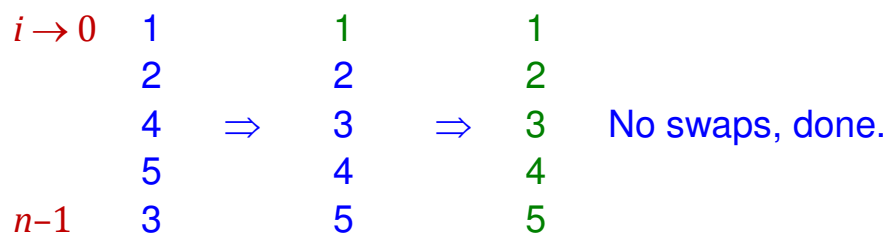
Bubble sort

Version 1 – $O(n^2)$, since $\sum_{k=2}^n (k-1) = n(n-1)/2 = O(n^2)$



```
void bsort(int n)
{
    for (int i=0; i<n-1; i++)
        for (int j=n-1; j>i; j--)
            if (a[j-1]>a[j]) {
                int z=a[j]; a[j]=a[j-1]; a[j-1]=z;
            }
}
```

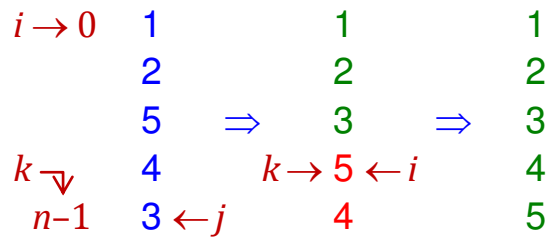
Version 2 – $O(n^2)$ in the worst case, e.g. 5 4 3 2 1



```
void bsort(int n)
{
    for (int i=0; i<n-1; i++) {
        bool swapped=false;
        for (int j=n-1; j>i; j--)
            if (a[j-1]>a[j]) {
                int z=a[j]; a[j]=a[j-1]; a[j-1]=z;
                swapped=true;
            }
        if (!swapped) break;
    }
}
```

Example 3 (Cont'd)

Version 3 – $O(n^2)$ in the worst case, e.g. 5 4 3 2 1



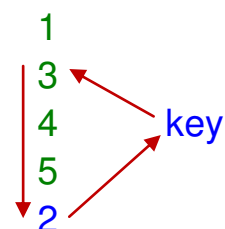
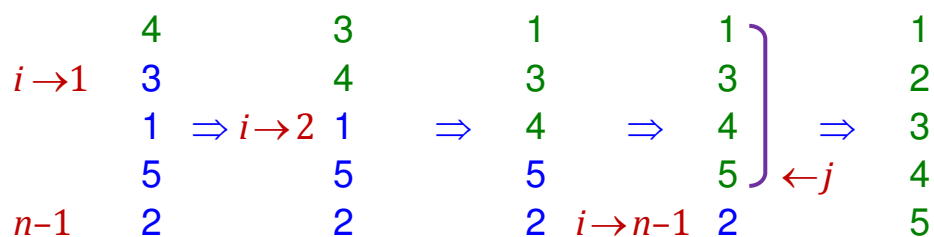
```
void bsort(int n)
{
    for (int i=0; i<n-1; i++) {
        int k=n-1; // Any value  $\geq n-1$  will do.
        for (int j=n-1; j>i; j--)
            if (a[j-1]>a[j]) {
                int z=a[j]; a[j]=a[j-1]; a[j-1]=z;
                k=j;
            }
        i=k;
    }
}
```

Insertion sort – $O(n^2)$ in the worst case

Version 1 – Sequential search

$O(n^2)$ comparisons in the worst case, e.g. 5 4 3 2 1

$O(n^2)$ data movements in the worst case, e.g. 5 4 3 2 1



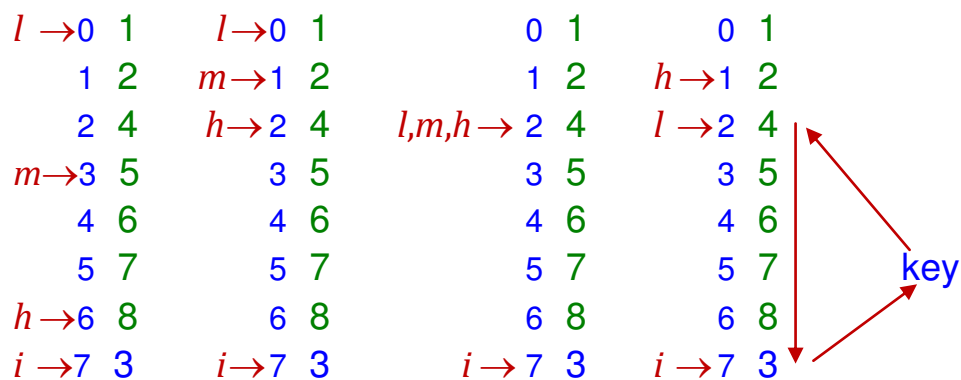
Example 3 (Cont'd)

```
void isort(int n)
{
    for (int i=1;i<=n-1;i++) {
        int j,key=a[i];
        for (j=i-1;j>=0;j--)
            if (a[j]>key) a[j+1]=a[j]; else break;
        a[j+1]=key;
    }
}
```

Version 2 – Binary search

$O(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \log i) = O(\log(n-1)!) = O(n \log n)$ comparisons

$O(n^2)$ data movements in the worst case



```
void isort(int n)
{
    for (int i=1;i<=n-1;i++) {
        int l=0,h=i-1;
        while (l<=h) {
            int m=(l+h)/2;
            if (a[i]<a[m]) h=m-1;
            else l=m+1;
        }
        int key=a[i];
        for (int j=i-1;j>=l;j--) a[j+1]=a[j];
        a[l+1]=key;
    }
}
```

Example 3 (Cont'd)

Shell sort

6
5
4
3
2
1

 1
2
3
4
5
6

 ⇒ Insertion sort takes 15 comparisons with sequential search.

6
5
4
3
2
1

 2-step insertion ⇒ 4
3
6
5

 6 comparisons

 2
1
4
3
6
5

 1-step insertion ⇒ 1
2
3
4
5
6

 7 comparisons

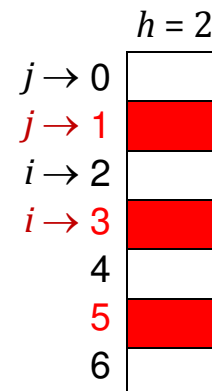
// h -step insertion sort; $h = 1$ for insertion sort

void h_isort(int n,int h)

```

{
    for (int i=h;i<=n-1;i++) {
        int j,key=a[i];
        for (j=i-h;j>=0;j-=h)
            if (a[j]>key) a[j+h]=a[j];
            else break;
        a[j+h]=key;
    }
}

```



// $h = 2^k - 1$, $k = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor, \dots, 2, 1$; e.g. $n = 31 \Rightarrow h = 15, 7, 3, 1$

void shellsort(int n)

```

{
    for (int k=log((double)n)/log(2.0);k>=1;k--)
        h_isort(n, (1<<k)-1);
}

```

With these increments, it takes a time in $O(n^{1.5})$ in the worst case. It can be made to run in $O(n \log^2 n)$ with a better gap sequence.

Example 4 – Permutation generation

Generate the permutations of $1, 2, \dots, n$ in lexicographic order (i.e. dictionary order).


Permutation generation algorithm

- 1 Starting with the smallest permutation $1, 2, \dots, n$
- 2 Repeat
 - find the next larger permutation
 - until the largest permutation $n, \dots, 2, 1$ is generated.

For example,

$1\ 2\ 3 \rightarrow 1\ 3\ 2 \rightarrow 2\ 1\ 3 \rightarrow 2\ 3\ 1 \rightarrow 3\ 1\ 2 \rightarrow 3\ 2\ 1$

How to find the next larger permutation?

- 1 Scan the current permutation from right to left
 - 1.1 It is in increasing order, e.g. $7\ 6\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1$
We are done – it is already the largest permutation.
 - 1.2 If not, locate the 1st number x that is out of increasing order
e.g. $3\ 6\ 2\ 7\ 5\ 4\ 1$
- 2 Scan from right to left again to find the 1st number $y > x$
e.g. $3\ 6\ 2\ 7\ 5\ 4\ 1$
 - 2.1 Swap x and y , e.g. $3\ 6\ 4\ 7\ 5\ 2\ 1$
 - 2.2 Sort the numbers to the right of y into increasing order
e.g. $3\ 6\ 4\ 1\ 2\ 5\ 7$
Instead of sorting, this step may be done by swapping:
 $3\ 6\ 4\ 7\ 5\ 2\ 1$ 

Example 4 (Cont'd)

```
int a[10];          // at most 10 objects to permute
```

```
bool nlp(int n)
```

```
{
    int i;
    for (i=n-1;i>0;i--)
        if (a[i-1]<a[i]) break;
    if (i==0) return false;
    int j=n-1;
    while (a[j]<=a[i-1]) j--;
    int z=a[i-1]; a[i-1]=a[j]; a[j]=z;
    j=n-1;
    while (i<j) {
        z=a[i]; a[i]=a[j]; a[j]=z;
        i++; j--;
    }
    return true;
}
```

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----|---|-----|-------|
| | | | i | | j | |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | ↓ | | ↓ | $n-1$ |
| 3 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|-----|---|---|-------|
| | | | i | | | j |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | ↓ | | | $n-1$ |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 |

```
void out(int n)
```

```
{
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++) printf("%d ",a[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

```
void perm(int n)
```

```
{
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++) a[i]=i+1;    // 1,2,...,n
    do out(n); while (nlp(n));
}
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
    perm(3); perm(5);
}
```

Example 5 – Combination generation

Generate all the k -combinations out of $1, 2, \dots, n$ in lexicographic order, where $k \leq n$.

Combination generation algorithm

- 1 Starting with the smallest combination $1, 2, \dots, k$
- 2 Repeat
 - find the next larger combination
 - until the largest combination $n - k + 1, \dots, n - 1, n$ is generated.

For example, let $n = 5$ and $k = 3$

1 2 3
→ 1 2 4 → 1 2 5 → 1 3 4 → 1 3 5 → 1 4 5
→ 2 3 4 → 2 3 5 → 2 4 5
→ 3 4 5

How to find the next larger combination?

Scan the current combination from right to left

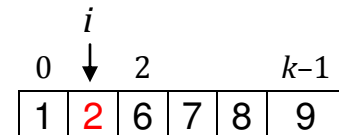
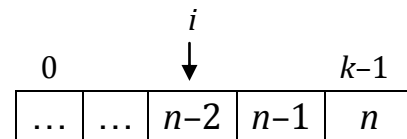
- 1 Every element attains its maximum value
e.g. 4 5 6 7 8 9 (6-combination out of 9)
We are done – it is already the largest combination.
- 2 If not, locate the rightmost element that has not yet attained its maximum value, e.g. 1 2 6 7 8 9
 - 2.1 Increment it by one, e.g. 1 3 6 7 8 9
 - 2.2 Reset all positions to its right to the lowest values possible, e.g. 1 3 4 5 6 7

Example 5 (Cont'd)

```
int a[10];    // at most 10-combinations
```

```
bool nlc(int n,int k)
```

```
{
    int i;
    for (i=k-1;i>=0;i--)
        if (a[i]!=n-((k-1)-i))
            break;
    if (i<0) return false;
    a[i]++;
    while (i<k-1) {
        a[i+1]=a[i]+1; i++;
    }
    return true;
}
```



```
    while (i<k-1) {
        a[i+1]=a[i]+1; i++;    // × a[++i]=a[i]+1;
    }
    return true;
```

```
void out(int n)
```

```
{
    for (int i=0;i<n;i++) printf("%d ",a[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

```
void comb(int n,int k)
```

```
{
    for (int i=0;i<k;i++) a[i]=i+1;    // 1, 2, ..., k
    do out(k); while (nlc(n,k));
}
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
    comb(6,3); comb(11,10);
}
```