

# Recitation 11

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17. Analyze the worst-case time complexity of the algorithm you devised in Exercise 29 of Section 3.1 for locating a mode in a list of nondecreasing integers.

Algo. for Exe 29.

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29. procedure find a mode( $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : nondecreasing
    integers)
    modecount := 0
    i := 1
    while i ≤ n
    begin
        value :=  $a_i$ 
        count := 1
        while i ≤ n and  $a_i = \text{value}$ 
        begin
            count := count + 1
            i := i + 1
        end
        if count > modecount then
        begin
            modecount := count
            mode := value
        end
    end
    end
    {mode is the first value occurring most often}
    
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Solution:  $O(n)$ .

Let's look at an example:

1 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 3 4

step 1:  $i=1$ , value =  $a_1 = 1$   
 count = 2  
 $i=2$   
 modecount = 2  
 mode = 1  
 $i=2$  ( $a_2 = \text{value}$ )  
 count = 3  
 $i=3$   
 modecount = 3  
 mode = 1  
 $i=3$  ( $a_3 = \text{value}$ )  
 count = 4

$i=4$   $a_4 \neq 1$  then we go back to out loop.

value =  $a_4 = 2$

count = 2

$i=5$

$i=5$ . ( $a_5 = \text{value}$ )

count = 3

$i=6$

$i=6$   $a_6 \neq 2$ . back to out loop

value = 3.

count = 2

$i=7$ .

$i=7$  ( $a_7 = 3$ )

count = 3

$i=8$

$i=8$  ( $a_8 = 3$ )

count = 4

$i=9$   $i=9$

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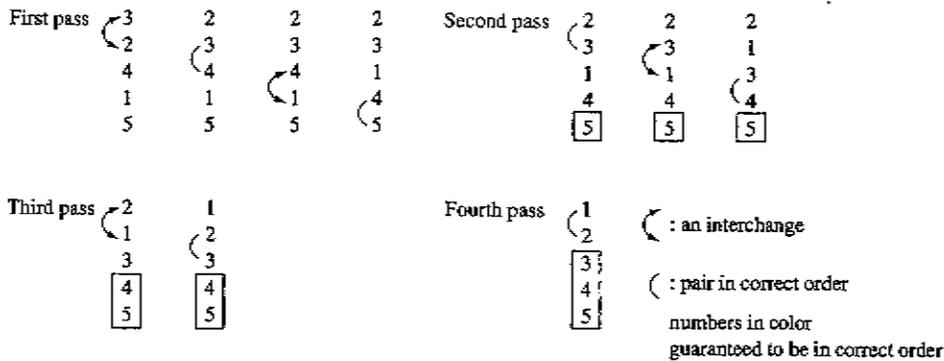
Example 5:

What is the worst-case complexity of the bubble sort in terms of the number of comparisons made?

**ALGORITHM 4 The Bubble Sort.**

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procedure bubblesort( $a_1, \dots, a_n$  : real numbers with  $n \geq 2$ )
for  $i := 1$  to  $n - 1$ 
    for  $j := 1$  to  $n - i$ 
        if  $a_j > a_{j+1}$  then interchange  $a_j$  and  $a_{j+1}$ 
    { $a_1, \dots, a_n$  is in increasing order}
  
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**FIGURE 1** The Steps of a Bubble Sort.

*Solution:* The bubble sort (described in Example 4 in Section 3.1) sorts a list by performing a sequence of passes through the list. During each pass the bubble sort successively compares adjacent elements, interchanging them if necessary. When the  $i$ th pass begins, the  $i - 1$  largest elements are guaranteed to be in the correct positions. During this pass,  $n - i$  comparisons are used. Consequently, the total number of comparisons used by the bubble sort to order a list of  $n$  elements is

$$(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

using a summation formula that we will prove in Section 4.1. Note that the bubble sort always uses this many comparisons, because it continues even if the list becomes completely sorted at some intermediate step. Consequently, the bubble sort uses  $(n - 1)n/2$  comparisons, so it has  $\Theta(n^2)$  worst-case complexity in terms of the number of comparisons used. ◀

Pr. 99. Ex 3: Suppose that an element is known to be among the first 4 elements in a list of  $n$  elements. Would a linear search or binary search locate this element more rapidly?

Solution:

First let's look at the two algorithms:

**ALGORITHM 2 The Linear Search Algorithm.**

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procedure linear search( $x$ : integer,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : distinct integers)
 $i := 1$ 
while ( $i \leq n$  and  $x \neq a_i$ )
     $i := i + 1$ 
if  $i \leq n$  then location :=  $i$ 
else location := 0
{location is the subscript of the term that equals  $x$ , or is 0 if  $x$  is not found}
  
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**ALGORITHM 3 The Binary Search Algorithm.**

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procedure binary search ( $x$ : integer,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ : increasing integers)
 $i := 1$  { $i$  is left endpoint of search interval}
 $j := n$  { $j$  is right endpoint of search interval}
while  $i < j$ 
begin
     $m := \lfloor (i + j) / 2 \rfloor$ 
    if  $x > a_m$  then  $i := m + 1$ 
    else  $j := m$ 
end
if  $x = a_i$  then location :=  $i$ 
else location := 0
{location is the subscript of the term equal to  $x$ , or 0 if  $x$  is not found}
  
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Example: 1 2 9 10 15 17 19 ( $x=9$ )

Linear search:  $i=1$   $x \neq a_1$   
 $i=2$   $x \neq a_2$   
 $i=3$   $x = a_3$  location = 3  $\therefore$  total 3 steps.

Binary search:  $i=1, j=7, m=4, \because 9 < a_4 \Rightarrow j=4$   
 $i=1, j=4, m=2, \because 9 > a_2 \Rightarrow i=3$   
 $i=3, j=4, m=3, \because 9 = a_3 \Rightarrow \text{location} = 3$

Then, back to our problems.

Let's first look at Linear search algorithm:

If  $x$  is the first element, we need 1 comparison to locate

$x$  is the 2<sup>nd</sup> element, we need 2 comparisons to locate

$x$  is the 3<sup>rd</sup> element, we need 3 comparisons to locate

$x$  is the 4<sup>th</sup> element, we need 4 comparisons to locate

so on average, we need  $\frac{1+2+3+4}{4} = 2.5$  comparisons.

Now, let's look at Binary search algorithm:

If  $x$  is the first element: we need compare  $x$  and  $a_{16}$   
and compare  $x$  and  $a_1$   
then, we need 2 comparisons.

If  $x$  is the 2<sup>nd</sup> element, we need to compare:

$\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_{16} \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_8 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_4 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_2 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$

So, 8 comparisons in total.

If  $x$  is the 3<sup>rd</sup> element, we need to compare:

$\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_{16} \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_8 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_4 \\ X \text{ and } 1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_2 \\ X \text{ and } a_3 \end{cases}$

So, 8 comparisons in total.

If  $x$  is the 4<sup>th</sup> element, we need to compare.

$\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_{16} \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_8 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_4 \\ X \text{ and } a_1 \end{cases}$   $\begin{cases} X \text{ and } a_2 \\ X \text{ and } a_3 \end{cases}$   
 $X \text{ and } a_4$

So, 9 comparisons in total.

so, on average: we need  $\frac{2+8+8+9}{4} = 4.5$  comparisons.

Thus, Linear search is more rapidly.

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53. Use the greedy algorithm to make change using quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, for

a) 51 cents.

solution: 2 quarters.

• 1 penny

b) 69 cents:

solution: 2 quarters

1 dime

1 nickel

4 pennies

c) 76 cents

solution: 3 quarters.

1 penny

d) 60 cents

solution: 2 quarters

1 dime.

Pr. 9. A Palindrome is a string that reads the same forward and backward. Describe an algorithm for determining whether a string of  $n$  characters is a palindrome.

Solution:

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procedure palindrome check ( $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  : string)
  answer := true
  for  $i := 1$  to  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ 
    if  $a_i \neq a_{n+1-i}$  then answer = false
  end.
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answer is true iff string is a palindrome.

Pr. 35. Use the bubble sort to sort 3, 1, 5, 7, 4, showing the lists obtained at each step.

Solution: at the end of the first pass: 1, 3, 5, 4, 7

second : 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

third : 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

forth : 1, 3, 4, 5, 7

37. Adapt the bubble sort ~~algorithm~~ algorithm so that it stops when no interchanges are required.

Solution:

procedure better bubblesort ( $a_1, \dots, a_n$ : integers)

$i := 1$ ; done = false

while ( $i < n$  and done = false)

begin

done = true

for  $j = 1$  to  $n - i$

if  $a_j > a_{j+1}$  then

begin

interchange  $a_j$  and  $a_{j+1}$

done = false

end.

$i = i + 1$

end.

input: ( $a_1, \dots, a_n$ ) a set of integers

output:  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  is in increasing order.