

05.2. Week 5 Lec 2

October 10, 2024

Recursion

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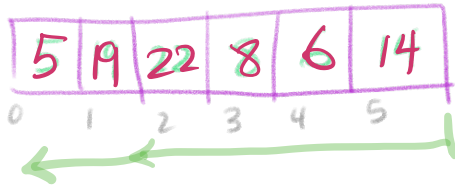


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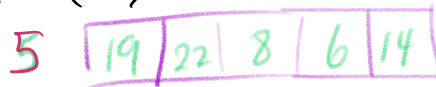
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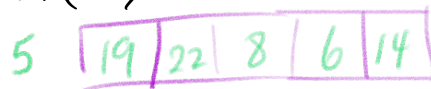


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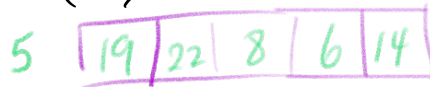


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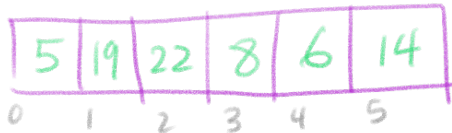


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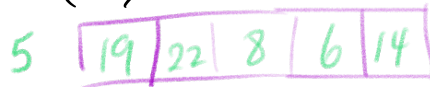


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We could have done this work using a loop within a loop:

for all i from 4 down to 0:

// sort the tail end of the array

// from i to 4

if $i == 4$ return

else

swap the i th element to the right in the sorted array $arr[i+1 \dots 4]$ until it is in its rightful place.

end for

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An algorithm to find a key in a sorted list

The problem (generally) to find a given value is called the search problem.

Specifically, our problem is to find a given value in a sorted array.

2	7	11	15	19	26	53	100
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 = SZ - 1

```
int locate (int key); // prototype for locate
// returns the index i into the global array
// arr such that arr[i] == key..
// If it does not exist in the array,
// returns SZ, where SZ == the array size
```


One algorithm that solves the problem
is Linear Search

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 = sz - 1

locate (val) // arr is sorted.

{

for (int j = 0; j < sz; j++)
{

if (arr[j] == val)

{
return j;

}
else if (arr[j] > val)

{
return sz;

}

return j;

}

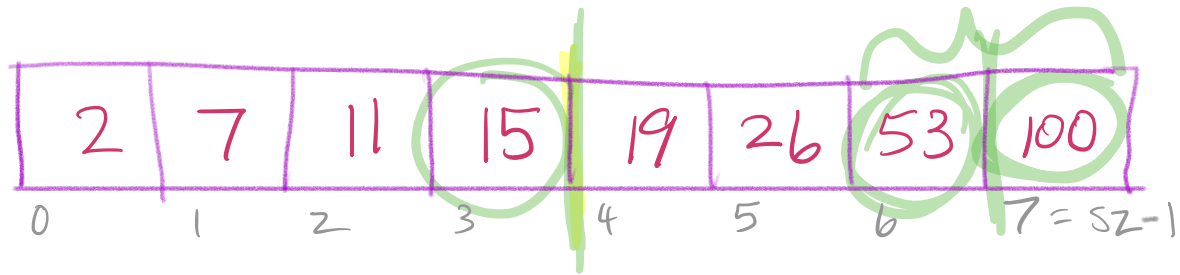
What is the expected number of comparisons to find the correct key, if it is in the array?

half the array size (for sorted arrays)

How many comparisons if it is NOT in the array?

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Can we do better (ie be more efficient)?



pseudo code :

start with the full range = $0 \dots SZ-1$

$m = \lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \rfloor$ is the middle

compare val with $arr[m]$:

- if $val < arr[m]$:

look in $arr[l \dots m-1]$

- if $val > arr[m]$:

look in $arr[m+1 \dots r]$

- if $val == arr[m]$: return

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how do you detect when to stop?

This algorithm is called Binary Search and it runs much faster than Linear Search.

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Why is it 120?

Because that is how many times you have to **divide** a range in half till you get down to a range of just 1 element, if you started with 1,000,000.

$$\log_2 1000000 \text{ is } \approx 120$$

Binary search

```
int binarySearch(int arr[], int low, int high, int val)
```

```
if (high >= low)
```

```
    int mid = (low + high) / 2
```

```
    if (arr[mid] == val)
```

```
        return mid
```

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    if (arr[mid] < val)
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  // array is SZ elements.
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    int mid = (low + high) / 2 ;
  }
  if (arr[mid] == val)
  {
    return mid ;
  }
  if (arr[mid] < val)
  {
    return binarySearch(arr, mid+1, high, val);
  }
  return binarySearch(arr, low, mid-1, val);
}
```


How to pass in arrays as parameters:

```
void function (float arr[], int size)
```

you can also calculate the number of elements:

$$\frac{\text{sizeof(arr)}}{\text{sizeof(float)}}$$

bytes
in arr

bytes in a float

Note: can't use `arr.size()` for a C-type array.
(can use it for list containers like vectors — but we haven't covered those yet.)