

Merging, Sorting & Searching

Many Computer applications need these activities. Sorting alone has been set to account for more than 30% of all Computer time spend.

Sorting & Merging provide us means of organising information to facilitate the retrieval of specific data.

Searching methods are design to take the advantage of organisation of information and their by reduce the amount of effort to either locate a particular atom present in set or not.

Sorting algorithm arrange atoms in a set according to predefined ordering relation.

The two most common type of data are String Information and Numeric Information.

The ordering relation is either in ascending order or in descending order as shown in eg:-

{ 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 19 }
 { a, abacus, bablou, baby Cap }

Sorting algorithm usually falls first in two classes.

1) The simpler and Least Sufficient-ated algorithm are characterised by fact that they required of the order of n^2 ~~Comparing~~ Comparisons (order of n^2) to sort n items.

The advance sorting algorithm takes order of $(n \log_2 n)$ Comparisons to sort n items.

A Comparison of sorting algorithm Complexities

n	n^2	$n \log_2 n$	$n^2 / n \log_2 n$
10	100	33.2	3.01
100	10,000	664.4	15.05
1000	10,00,000	9,996.0	100.34

From the above table it clear that as n become larger the advance method establish their Supariity over the simpler method.

* Binary Search -

Problem - given an element x and a set of data that is in strictly in ascending numerical order. find whether or not x is present in the set

development -

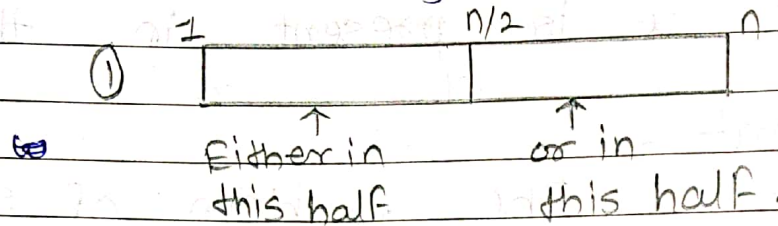
The problem of searching & order list such as dictionary or telephone directory occurs frequently in computing in such situation we probably open the directory at a page some where more than $\frac{2}{3}$ rd of the way through depending on the character to be search.

We would then glance at the name at top of the page we had open & decided from this whether or not we had gone too far. We apply the same strategy again and again till we get the exact search.

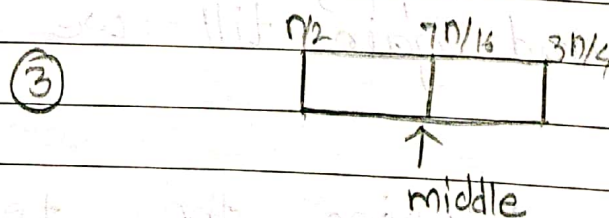
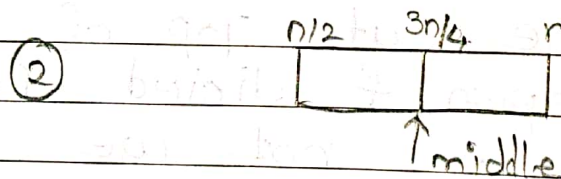
Applying the technical procedure the above process is the way of binary search.

It is easy to see that in all cases the value in the set that we are

Sorting is either in the first half of the least list or the second half of the list or it may be at the middle value in the set, as shown in figure,



We can establish by the relevant half by comparing the value sort with value in the middle of set, this single test will eliminate half of the values in the set from further consideration. Now, we have only half the size of original problem as shown below



$$\frac{n/2 + 3n/4}{2} = \frac{7n}{16}$$

We apply strategy again & again till we get the exact search. The halving strategy that we have been considering is one of the most widely used in method in Computing Science, commonly known as divide & conquer strategy. & searching method is called binary search.

The general strategy for binary search is repeatedly do

1) examine middle value of the remaining data and on the basis of this comparing the element the half of the remaining set - until the value is found.

Algorithm description

1) Establish an array $a[1, \dots, n]$ and value that to be search say x .

2) assign the upper and lower variables to the array limits

eg:- (Lower := 0, Upper := n)

3) While Lower < upper do

a) Compute the middle position of array

by $(\text{upper} + \text{lower}) / 2$
 $\text{middle} := (\text{upper} + \text{lower}) / 2$

b) IF the value sought
is greater than middle value
then adjust the lower limit
else adjust the upper limit

4) IF the array element at lower
position is equal to the value
sought then search is successful
no. found. search is successful.
else written no. not found search
is unsuccessful

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* Sorting By Selection :-

Given a randomly ordered
set of n integers sort them into
non-descending order (ascending)
using selection sort

development -

Selection method is
an important idea in sorting the
data to achieve desired

ordering.

In this method the next smallest value must be found and placed in the order.

Ex: -

$a[1]$	$a[2]$	$a[3]$	$a[4]$	$a[5]$	$a[6]$
20	42	8	5	3	21

→ Unsorted list

3	5	8	20	21	42
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→ Sorted List

is O/P requiring

The sorting process perform the two following two step.

1) Find the smallest element in the unsorted array

2) Placed the smallest element in the position of $a[1]$

* For that following construction can be use

$min := a[1]$

For $j := 2$ to n do

if $a[j] < min$ then $min := a[j]$

and assign as below

put $a[1] := min$.

But these is not the sufficient because we get the position as

3	42	8	5	3	21
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 we lost the original no. at $a[1]$ position.

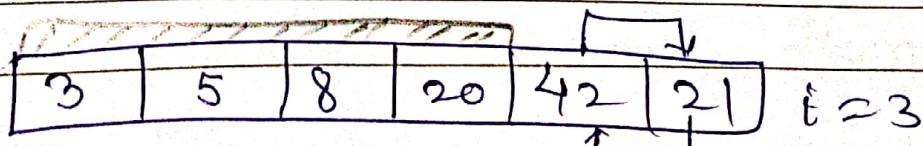
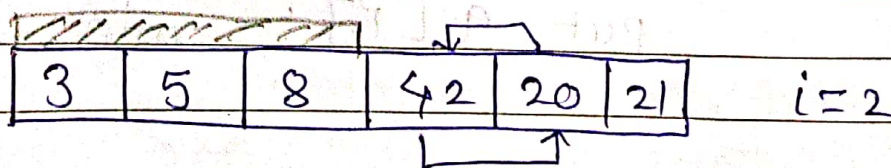
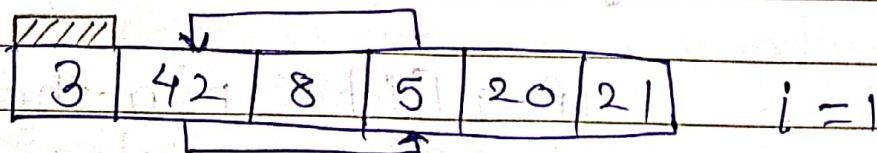
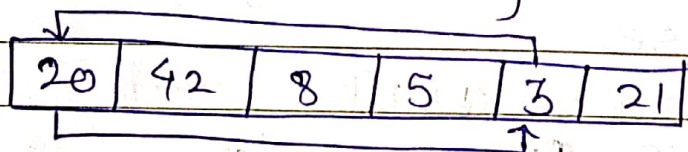
Hence, it is necessary that exchange the element at that position.

∴ Hence, do as ~~one~~ 1) Find the position p

∴ value at p $a[p]$ of the smallest element left in the unsorted array.

2) exchange the element in $a[p]$ with the element in first position in the unsorted part of array.

∴ Hence, our array becomes



3	5	8	20	21	42
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Sorted by selection method.

* Description.

1) establish an array ~~the~~ $a[1, \dots, n]$ of n element.

2) While there are still element in the unsorted part of array do

⊗ a) Find the minimum and its location P in unsorted array $a[1, \dots, n]$.

b) exchange the minimum \min in the unsorted part of the array with the first element of $a[i]$.

* Bubble Sort :-

This is another sorting technique in which bubbled out the specific element from the list of element. This technique is also called exchange method.

In this method it adopt heavily exchange mechanism

Following steps are used

1) For adjust pair in the array do

if the current pair of the element is not in ascending order than exchange the two element otherwise skip the exchanging

by repeated exchange method with each pass the data at one

position is sorted since there are

n element in the data implies that

$n-1$ passes must be made through

the array to complete the sort

The algorithm description is as follows

1) establish the array $a[1..n]$ for n element

2) while there are still element not sorted do

a) set the order indicator stored to true

b) for all adjust pairs of the element in the unsorted

part of the array do

b.i) if current adjacent pair is not in descending order then exchange the elements in pair

b.ii) set order to False

3) Return the sorted order

30	12	18	8	14	41	3	39
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12	18	8	14	30	3	39	41
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 $i=1$

12	8	14	3	30	39	41
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 $i=2$

8	12	14	3	30	39	41
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 $i=3$