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Searching and
Sorting

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24.2 Searching Algorithms

- Linear Search
 - Searches each element in an array sequentially
 - Has $O(n)$ time
 - The worst case is that every element must be checked to determine whether the search item exists in the array
- Big O notation
 - One way to describe the efficiency of a search
 - Measures the worst-case run time for an algorithm
 - $O(1)$ is said to have a constant run time
 - $O(n)$ is said to have a linear run time
 - $O(n^2)$ is said to have a quadratic run time

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24.3 Sorting Algorithms

- Selection Sort
 - The first iteration selects the smallest element in the array and swaps it with the first element
 - The second iteration selects the second-smallest item and swaps it with the second element
 - Continues until the last iteration selects the second-largest element and swaps it with the second-to-last index
 - Leaves the largest element in the last index
 - After the i th iteration, the smallest i items of the array will be sorted in increasing order in the first i elements of the array
 - Is a simple, but inefficient, sorting algorithm; $O(n^2)$

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24.3 Sorting Algorithms (Cont.)

• Merge Sort

- Sorts an array by splitting it into two equal-sized subarrays
 - Sort each subarray and merge them into one larger array
- With an odd number of elements, the algorithm still creates two subarrays
 - One subarray will have one more element than the other
- Merge sort is an efficient sorting algorithm: $O(n \log n)$
 - Conceptually more complex than selection sort and insertion sort

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```
Unsorted: 36 38 81 93 85 72 31 11 33 74
split:    36 38 81 93 85 72 31 11 33 74
          36 38 81 93 85      72 31 11 33 74
split:    36 38 81 93 85
          36 38 81      93 85
split:    36 38 81
          36 38      81
split:    36 38
          36      38
merge:    36
          38
merge:    36 38
          36 38      81
merge:    36 38 81
          93 85
split:    93 85
          93      85
merge:    93
          85
merge:    85 93
          36 38 81 85 93
merge:    36 38 81 85 93
```

Outline

MergeSortTest

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```
split:    72 31 11 33 74
          72 31 11      33 74
split:    72 31 11
          72 31      11
split:    72 31
          72      31
merge:    72
          31 72
merge:    31 72
          11 31 72
split:    11 31 72
          33 74
merge:    33 74
          33 74
merge:    33 74
          11 31 72 33 74
merge:    11 31 33 72 74
          36 38 81 85 93 11 31 33 72 74
          11 31 33 36 38 72 74 81 85 93
Sorted:  11 31 33 36 38 72 74 81 85 93
```

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24.2 Searching Algorithms (Cont.)

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Binary Search

Requires that the array be sorted
For this example, assume the array is sorted in ascending order
The first iteration of this algorithm tests the middle element
If this matches the search key, the algorithm ends
If the search key is less than the middle element, the algorithm continues with only the first half of the array
The search key cannot match any element in the second half of the array
If the search key is greater than the middle element, the algorithm continues with only the second half of the array
The search key cannot match any element in the first half of the array
Each iteration tests the middle value of the remaining portion of the array
Called a subarray
If the search key does not match the element, the algorithm eliminates half of the remaining elements
The algorithm ends either by finding an element that matches the search key or reducing the subarray to zero size
Is more efficient than the linear search algorithm, $O(\log n)$
Known as logarithmic run time

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12 17 22 25 30 39 40 52 56 72 76 82 84 91 93
Please enter an integer value (-1 to quit): 72
12 17 22 25 30 39 40 52 56 72 76 82 84 91 93
56 72 76 82 84 91 93
56 72 76
The integer 72 was found in position 9.
Please enter an integer value (-1 to quit): 13
12 17 22 25 30 39 40 52 56 72 76 82 84 91 93
12 17 22 25 30 39 40
12 17 22
12
The integer 13 was not found.
Please enter an integer value (-1 to quit): -1

Binary search

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Algorithm	Location	Big O
Searching Algorithms:		
Linear Search		$O(n)$
Binary Search		$O(\log n)$
Recursive Linear Search		$O(n)$
Recursive Binary Search		$O(\log n)$
Sorting Algorithms:		
Selection Sort		$O(n^2)$
Insertion Sort		$O(n^2)$
Merge Sort		$O(n \log n)$
Bubble Sort		$O(n^2)$

Fig. 24.12 | Searching and sorting algorithms with Big O values.

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$n =$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$
1	0	1	0	1
2	1	2	2	4
3	1	3	3	9
4	1	4	4	16
5	1	5	5	25
10	1	10	10	100
100	2	100	200	10000
1,000	3	1000	3000	10^6
1,000,000	6	1000000	6000000	10^{12}
1,000,000,000	9	1000000000	9000000000	10^{18}

Fig. 24.13 | Number of comparisons for common Big O notations.



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