

Basic Concepts

Overview & Algorithm Specification

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- 2 Algorithm Specification
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System Life Cycle

- Requirements.
- Analysis.
 - Bottom-up vs. top-down.
- Design.
 - Data objects.
 - Operations.
- Refinement and coding.
- Verification.
 - Correctness **proofs**.
 - Testing.
 - Error removal (debugging).



Requirement

- Purpose of the project.
- We should rigorously define the input and the output.



Analysis

- Bottom-up:
 - Older and unstructured.
 - Due to not having a master plan for the project, the resulting program frequently has many loosely connected, error-ridden segments.
- Top-down:
 - Begin with the purpose.
 - Use the end (purpose) to divide the program into manageable segments.
 - Generate diagrams that are used to design the system.



Design

- The designer starts to approach the system...
- The data **objects** that the program needs and the **operations** performed on them.
- For example, consider a scheduling system for a university.
 - Data objects: students, courses, assistants, professors, etc.
 - Operations: inserting, removing, searching within each object or between them.
- We postpone the implementation decisions because the abstract data types and the algorithms specifications are **language-independent**.



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Algorithm Specification

Algorithm

An algorithm is a finite set of instructions that accomplishes a particular task.

Criteria of an algorithm

- Input.
- Output.
- Definiteness (clear & unambiguous).
- Finiteness* (terminate after a finite number of steps).
- Effectiveness (each instruction must be basic enough to be carried out).



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- How the integers are **initially stored**?
- **Where** should we place **the result**?



Selection Sort

- Assume that the integers are stored in an **array** 'list', such that the i th integer is stored in the i th position `list[i]`.

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    Examine list[i] to list[n-1] and suppose that the smallest  
    integer is at list[min];  
    Interchange list[i] and list[min];  
}
```

⇒ sample code.



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define MAX_SIZE 101

void SWAP(int *x, int *y) {
    *x = *x^*y; *y = *x^*y; *x = *x^*y;
}

void sort(int [], int ); /* 選擇排序 */

int main() {
    int i, n;
    int list[MAX_SIZE];
    scanf("%d", &n); /* 多少輸入值? */
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) { /* 隨機產生 */
        list[i] = rand() % 1000;
        printf("%d ", list[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");
    sort(list, n);
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) printf("%d ", list[i]);
    return 0;
}
```

```
void sort(int list[], int n) {
    int i, j, min, temp;
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        min = i;
        for (j = i+1; j < n; j++) {
            if (list[j] < list[min])
                min = j;
        }
        if (i != min) {
            SWAP(&list[i], &list[min]);
        }
    }
}
```



Example: Binary Search

- **Goal:** Searching in a sorted list.

```
while (there are more integers to check) {  
    middle = (left + right) / 2;  
    if (searchnum < list[middle])  
        right = middle - 1;  
    else if (searchnum == list[middle])  
        return middle;  
    else  
        left = middle + 1;  
}
```



Example

i	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]	[11]	[12]	[13]	[14]
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```
int binSearch(int list[], int target, int left, int right) {  
    /* return its position if found. Otherwise return -1 */  
    int middle;  
    while (left <= right) {  
        middle = (left + right)/2;  
        if (list[middle] < target) {  
            left = middle + 1;  
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Recursion

- Direction recursion.
 - Functions can call themselves.
- Indirect recursion.
 - Functions may call other functions that invoke the calling function again.

```
void recurse() {  
    ...  
    recurse();  
    ...  
}  
int main() {  
    ...  
    recurse();  
    ...  
}
```



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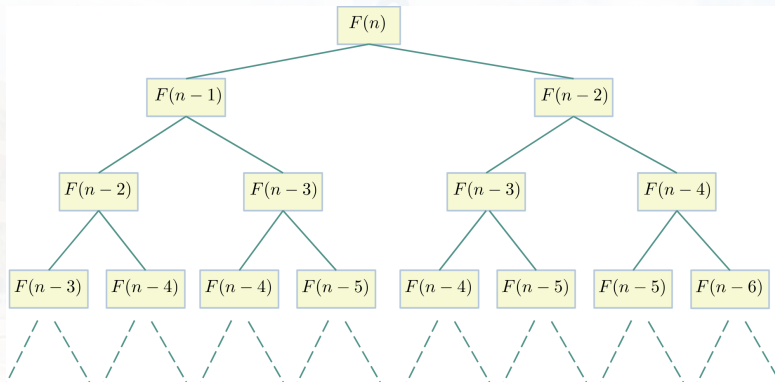
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- However, a recursive algorithm for computing $F(n)$ given an arbitrary n is NOT a good idea. 😞





Recursive Binary Search

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 - **Group** data types: array, struct, ..., **Pointer** data types.
 - **User-defined** types.



Example

```
struct student {  
    char last_name;  
    int student_id;  
    float grade;  
};
```



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- Example in C++: **class**.
- The nature of an ADT argues that we avoid implementation details. Therefore, we will usually use a form of structured English to explain the meaning of the functions.



ADT in C

- struct.
- the functions that operate on the ADT defined separately from the struct.

```
struct Triangle {  
    double a;  
    double b;  
    double c;  
};  
  
int main() {  
    Triangle t1 = { 3, 4, 5 };  
    Triangle t2 = { 3, 3, 3 };  
}
```



ADT in C

```
double perimeter(const Triangle *tri) {  
    return tri->a + tri->b + tri->c;  
}  
  
void scale(Triangle *tri, double s) {  
    tri->a *= s;  
    tri->b *= s;  
    tri->c *= s;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    Triangle t1 = { 3, 4, 5 };  
    scale(&t1, 2);  
    cout << perimeter(&t1) << endl; // 6+8+10 = 24  
}
```



Discussions

