

Computer Science 136

Data Structures

Lecture #12 (October 8, 2021)

1. Announcements:

- (a) Lab: please make the fix suggested in email.
- (b) Sample exam posted on the website. Answers discussed on Tuesday.
- (c) Questions?

2. Motivation: Binary Search

- (a) Suppose that data in an array are already in order. We can *divide-and-conquer* to find the location where a particular item might be found.
- (b) Keep bounds on possible locations: **low** and **high**.
- (c) Use recursion and logic to divide the range in half.
- (d) Search takes $O(\log_2 n)$ to find (or not).

3. Getting it done: Sorting.

- (a) Bubble sort.
 - i. A pass: swap all values that are out of order, from left to right.
 - ii. Repeat, as long as something swapped in previous pass.
 - iii. Each pass moves the largest value to the right. Now we can think of the problem as having been reduced in size.
 - iv. Recursion? You bet.
 - v. Best case: $O(n)$ Worst case: $O(n^2)$ Runs quickly on sorted data, slowly on unsorted data, and less slowly on disordered data.
- (b) Selection sort. Halloween sorting technique.
 - i. Same as bubble sort, but we realize that we only need to swap the maximum into place. A pass: find position of maximum value, swap it to the end.
 - ii. Problem size is now reduced. However, you *must* repeat $n-1$ times.
 - iii. All cases: $O(n^2)$ compares, $O(n)$ swaps.
 - iv. There's a recursive solution.
- (c) Insertion sort. Poker hand sorting technique.
 - i. Think of low-indexed value as being sorted.
 - ii. Pass: expand by adding one untested value to i sorted values. This takes $O(n)$ compares and $O(n)$ *movements* in all but the best case (sorted).
 - iii. Repeat passes until sorted portion of array includes all values.

- iv. Recursive solution is pretty.
- v. Best case: $O(n)$ on sorted data, $O(n^2)$ on all others.

(d) Quicksort.

- i. Small arrays of values are sorted.
- ii. Partition the data using a *pivot*. Attack the problem recursively, on left and right.
- iii. Performance on best case:
- iv. Performance on worst case:
- v. Improving worst case performance: Random pivots. Shuffling.

Notes: