

# Searching and Sorting

## Setup

- Use `time` library to time executions

```
In [1]: import time
```

## Naive search by scanning the list

```
In [2]: def naive_search(v,l):
        for x in l:
            if v == x:
                return(True)
        return(False)
```

## Binary search

```
In [3]: def binary_search(v,l):
        if l == []:
            return(False)

        m = len(l)//2

        if v == l[m]:
            return(True)

        if v < l[m]:
            return(binary_search(v,l[:m]))
        else:
            return(binary_search(v,l[m+1:]))
```

## Checking correctness on input [0, 2, ..., 50]

```
In [4]: l = list(range(0,51,2))

        for i in range(51):
            print((i, naive_search(i,l)), end=", ")
            print()

        for i in range(51):
            print((i, binary_search(i,l)), end=", ")
            print()
```

(0, True), (1, False), (2, True), (3, False), (4, True), (5, False), (6, True), (7, False), (8, True), (9, False), (10, True), (11, False), (12, True), (13, False), (14, True), (15, False), (16, True), (17, False), (18, True), (19, False), (20, True), (21, False), (22, True), (23, False), (24, True), (25, False), (26, True), (27, False), (28, True), (29, False), (30, True), (31, False), (32, True), (33, False), (34, True), (35, False), (36, True), (37, False), (38, True), (39, False), (40, True), (41, False), (42, True), (43, False), (44, True), (45, False), (46, True), (47, False), (48, True), (49, False), (50, True), (0, True), (1, False), (2, True), (3, False), (4, True), (5, False), (6, True), (7, False), (8, True), (9, False), (10, True), (11, False), (12, True), (13, False), (14, True), (15, False), (16, True), (17, False), (18, True), (19, False), (20, True), (21, False), (22, True), (23, False), (24, True), (25, False), (26, True), (27, False), (28, True), (29, False), (30, True), (31, False), (32, True), (33, False), (34, True), (35, False), (36, True), (37, False), (38, True), (39, False), (40, True), (41, False), (42, True), (43, False), (44, True), (45, False), (46, True), (47, False), (48, True), (49, False), (50, True),

## Performance comparison across $10^4$ worst case searches in a list of size $10^5$

- Looking for odd numbers in a list of even numbers

```
In [6]: l = list(range(0,100000,2))

        starttime = time.perf_counter()
        for i in range(3001,13000,2):
            v = naive_search(i,l)
        elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
        print()
        print("Naive search", elapsed)

        starttime = time.perf_counter()
        for i in range(3001,13000,2):
            v = binary_search(i,l)
        elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
        print()
        print("Binary search", elapsed)
```

Naive search 10.29776527301874

Binary search 1.4463745940010995

## Selection sort

```
In [8]: def SelectionSort(L):
n = len(L)
if n < 1:
return(L)
for i in range(n):
# Assume L[:i] is sorted
mpos = i
# mpos is position of minimum in L[:i]
for j in range(i+1,n):
if L[j] < L[mpos]:
mpos = j
# L[mpos] is the smallest value in L[:i]
(L[i],L[mpos]) = (L[mpos],L[i])
# Now L[:i+1] is sorted
return(L)
```

### Selection sort performance is more or less the same for all inputs

```
In [9]: import random
random.seed(2021)
inputlists = {}
inputlists["random"] = [random.randrange(100000) for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["ascending"] = [i for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["descending"] = [i for i in range(4999,-1,-1)]
for k in inputlists.keys():
tmplist = inputlists[k][:]
starttime = time.perf_counter()
SelectionSort(tmplist)
elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
print(k,elapsed)
```

```
random 1.7182374670228455
ascending 1.3549897029879503
descending 1.49373773302068
```

### Insertion sort, iterative

```
In [10]: def InsertionSort(L):
n = len(L)
if n < 1:
return(L)
for i in range(n):
# Assume L[:i] is sorted
# Move L[i] to correct position in L[:i]
j = i
while(j > 0 and L[j] < L[j-1]):
(L[j],L[j-1]) = (L[j-1],L[j])
j = j-1
# Now L[:i+1] is sorted
return(L)
```

### Insertion sort performance

- On already sorted input, performance is very good
- On reverse sorted input, performance is worse than selection sort

```
In [11]: import random
random.seed(2021)
inputlists = {}
inputlists["random"] = [random.randrange(100000) for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["ascending"] = [i for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["descending"] = [i for i in range(4999,-1,-1)]
for k in inputlists.keys():
tmplist = inputlists[k][:]
starttime = time.perf_counter()
InsertionSort(tmplist)
elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
print(k,elapsed)
```

```
random 2.4838963110232726
ascending 0.0008862329996190965
descending 4.982716853002785
```

### Insertion sort, recursive

```
In [12]: def Insert(L,v):
n = len(L)
if n == 0:
return([v])
if v >= L[-1]:
return(L+[v])
else:
return(Insert(L[:-1],v)+L[-1:])

def ISort(L):
n = len(L)
if n < 1:
return(L)
L = Insert(ISort(L[:-1]),L[-1])
return(L)
```

```
In [13]: import random
random.seed(2021)
inputlists = {}
inputlists["random"] = [random.randrange(100000) for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["ascending"] = [i for i in range(5000)]
inputlists["descending"] = [i for i in range(4999,-1,-1)]
for k in inputlists.keys():
    tmp_list = inputlists[k][:]
    starttime = time.perf_counter()
    ISort(tmp_list)
    elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
    print(k,elapsed)
```

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RecursionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
/tmp/ipykernel_369207/2627148913.py in <module>
      8     tmp_list = inputlists[k][:]
      9     starttime = time.perf_counter()
--> 10     ISort(tmp_list)
     11     elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
     12     print(k,elapsed)

/tmp/ipykernel_369207/2398291761.py in ISort(L)
     12     if n < 1:
     13         return(L)
--> 14     L = Insert(ISort(L[:-1]),L[-1])
     15     return(L)

... last 1 frames repeated, from the frame below ...

/tmp/ipykernel_369207/2398291761.py in ISort(L)
     12     if n < 1:
     13         return(L)
```

### Setup

- Set recursion limit to maxint,  $2^{31} - 1$ 
  - This is the highest value Python allows

```
In [14]: import sys
sys.setrecursionlimit(2**31-1)
```

### Recursive insertion sort is slower than iterative

- Input of 2000 (40%) takes more time than 5000 for iterative
  - Overhead of recursive calls
- Performance pattern between unsorted, sorted and random is similar

```
In [15]: import random
random.seed(2021)

inputlists = {}
inputlists["random"] = [random.randrange(100000) for i in range(2000)]
inputlists["ascending"] = [i for i in range(2000)]
inputlists["descending"] = [i for i in range(1999,-1,-1)]
for k in inputlists.keys():
    tmp_list = inputlists[k][:]
    starttime = time.perf_counter()
    ISort(tmp_list)
    elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
    print(k,elapsed)
```

```
random 14.011942709999857
ascending 0.04380735001177527
descending 23.527039036998758
```

### Merge sort

```
In [16]: def merge(A,B):
(m,n) = (len(A),len(B))
(C,i,j,k) = ([],0,0,0)
while k < m+n:
    if i == m:
        C.extend(B[j:])
        k = k + (n-j)
    elif j == n:
        C.extend(A[i:])
        k = k + (n-i)
    elif A[i] < B[j]:
        C.append(A[i])
        (i,k) = (i+1,k+1)
    else:
        C.append(B[j])
        (j,k) = (j+1,k+1)
return(C)
```

```
In [17]: def mergesort(A):
n = len(A)

if n <= 1:
return(A)

L = mergesort(A[:n//2])
R = mergesort(A[n//2:])

B = merge(L,R)

return(B)
```

### A simple input to check correctness

```
In [18]: mergesort([i for i in range(0,1000,2)]+[j for j in range (1,1000,2)])
```

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173,
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181,
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192,
```

### Performance on large inputs, $10^6$ , random and sorted

```
In [19]: import random
random.seed(2021)
inputlists = {}
inputlists["random"] = [random.randrange(100000000) for i in range(1000000)]
inputlists["ascending"] = [i for i in range(1000000)]
inputlists["descending"] = [i for i in range (999999,-1,-1)]
for k in inputlists.keys():
    tmlist = inputlists[k][:]
    starttime = time.perf_counter()
    mergesort(tmlist)
    elapsed = time.perf_counter() - starttime
    print(k,elapsed)
```

```
random 10.105712931021117
ascending 5.8624570870015305
descending 5.302236225979868
```