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# Programming Refresher Workshop

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# 1. Motivation #1: Coin Change (1/2)

- ▶ Some of the programs we have written are “long-winded”, because we have not learned enough C constructs to make it simpler.
- ▶ Consider the Coin Change problem with 6 denominations 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 20¢, 50¢, and \$1:

## Algorithm:

```
input: amt (in cents); output: coins  
coins  $\leftarrow$  0  
coins += amt/100; amt %= 100;  
coins += amt/50;  amt %= 50;  
coins += amt/20;  amt %= 20;  
coins += amt/10;  amt %= 10;  
coins += amt/5;   amt %= 5;  
coins += amt/1;   amt %= 1;  
print coins
```



# 1. Motivation #1: Coin Change (2/2)

```
int minimumCoins(int amt)
{
    int coins = 0;

    coins += amt/100;
    amt %= 100;
    coins += amt/50;
    amt %= 50;
    coins += amt/20;
    amt %= 20;
    coins += amt/10;
    amt %= 10;
    coins += amt/5;
    amt %= 5;
    coins += amt/1; // retained for regularity
    amt %= 1;      // retained for regularity

    return coins;
}
```

Week7\_CoinChange.c

Q: Can we do better?



## 2. Motivation #2: Vote Counting (1 / 2)

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- ▶ A student election has just completed with 1000 votes casted for the three candidates: Tom, Dick and Harry.
- ▶ Write a program `VoteCount.c` to read in all the votes and display the total number of votes received by each candidate. Each vote has one of three possible values:
  - ❑ 1 for Tom
  - ❑ 2 for Dick
  - ❑ 3 for Harry

## 2. Motivation #2: Vote Counting (2/2)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM_VOTES 1000    // number of votes

int main(void)
{
    int i, vote, tom = 0, dick = 0, harry = 0;
    printf("Enter votes:\n");
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_VOTES; i++)
    {
        scanf("%d", &vote);
        switch (vote)
        {
            case 1: tom++; break;
            case 2: dick++; break;
            case 3: harry++; break;
        }
    }
    printf("Tom: %d; Dick: %d; Harry: %d\n", tom, dick, harry);
    return 0;
}
```

Week7\_VoteCount.c

Q: What if there are 30 instead of 3 candidates?

## 2. Motivation #2: With 30 Candidates

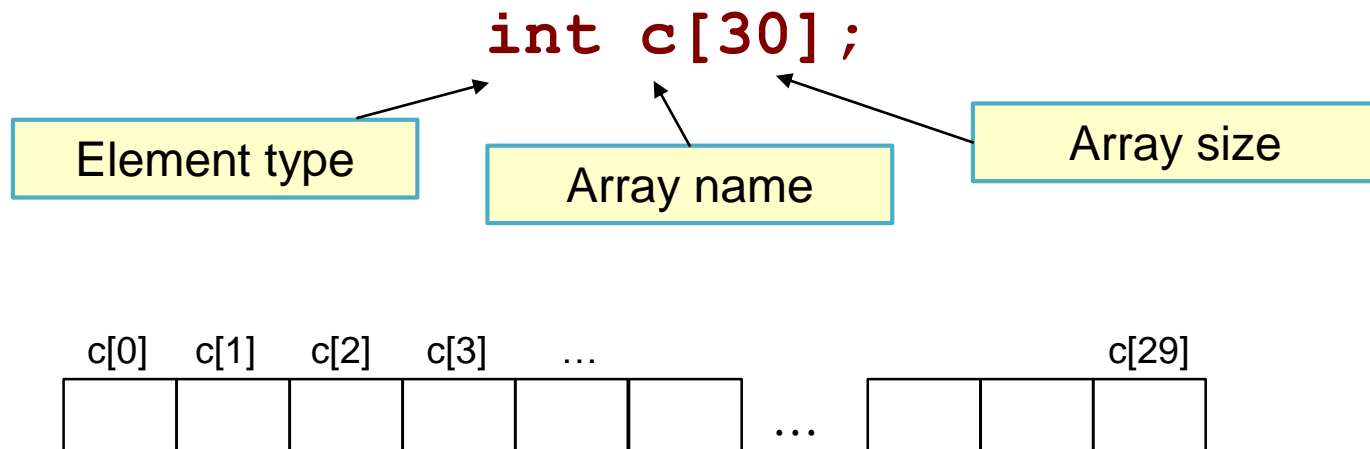
```
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM_VOTES 1000    // number of votes

int main(void)
{
    int i, vote, c1 = 0, c2 = 0, ..., c30 = 0;
    printf("Enter votes:\n");
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_VOTES; i++)
    {
        scanf("%d", &vote);
        switch (vote)
        {
            case 1: c1++; break;
            case 2: c2++; break;
            . . .
            case 30: c30++; break;
        }
    }
    . . .
}
```

Q: Can we do better?

### 3. Introducing Array (1/2)

- ▶ It's inconvenient to define and use a set of variables `c1`, `c2`, ..., `c30` in the previous example.
- ▶ Let's study a new language feature called **ARRAY** for batch processing of information.



### 3. Introducing Array (2/2)

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```
int c[30];
```



- ▶ For the previous vote counting problem
  - ❑ `c[0]` will hold the number of votes for 1st candidate
  - ❑ `c[1]` holds the number of votes for 2nd candidate
  - ❑ ...
  - ❑ `c[29]` for the 30th candidate.
- ▶ If we read in one more vote for candidate 4, we should increase `c[3]` by 1.

Q: Why increase `c[3]` by 1?

## 3.1 Array Declaration: Syntax

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**T** arr [ **E** ]

- ▶ **arr** is the name of array
- ▶ **E** is an integer constant expression with a positive value
- ▶ **T** is a type (e.g., int, double, float, char...)
  - ❑ All array elements will be of the same type **T**
- ▶ Examples:

```
#define M 5
#define N 10

double foo[M*N+8]; // size of array foo is 58
char arr[10];      // this is good

int i;
float bar[i];      // DISCOURAGED!
```

Variable-length array is not supported by ISO C90 standard.  
**gcc -pedantic** gives warning.

## 3.2 Array Declarations w/ Initializers

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- ▶ Array can be initialized at the same time of declaration.

```
int a[3] = {54, 9, 10}; // a[0]=54, a[1]=9, a[2]=10

int b[] = {1, 2, 3};
// size of b is 3 with b[0]=1, b[1]=2, b[2]=3

int c[5] = {17, 3, 10}; // partial initialization
// c[0]=17, c[1]=3, c[2]=10, c[3]=0, c[4]=0
```

- The following initializations are **incorrect**:

```
int e[2] = {1, 2, 3}; // warning issued: excess elements


int f[5];
f[5] = {8, 23, 12, -3, 6}; // too late to do this;
                          // compilation error
```

## 3.3 Demo #1: Using Array Variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM_VOTES 1000    // number of votes
#define NUM_CANDIDATES 30 // number of candidates
int main(void)
{
    int i, vote;
    int cand[NUM_CANDIDATES];

    for (i = 0; i < NUM_CANDIDATES; i++) // init array
        cand[i] = 0;

    printf("Enter votes:\n");
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_VOTES; i++)
    {
        scanf("%d", &vote);
        cand[vote-1]++;
    }
    . . .
}
```



Fuller code two slides later.

## 3.4 Vote Counting using Array

Week7\_VoteCountArray.c

```
#define NUM_VOTES 1000    // number of votes
#define NUM_CANDIDATES 30 // number of candidates

int main(void)
{
    int i, vote, cand[NUM_CANDIDATES];
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_CANDIDATES; i++) { cand[i] = 0; }

    printf("Enter votes:\n");
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_VOTES; i++)
    {
        scanf("%d", &vote); // assume user enters valid data
        cand[vote-1]++; // add one more vote to candidate
    }
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_CANDIDATES; i++)
        printf("candidate %d: total %d, %.2f%%\n",
               i+1, cand[i], (cand[i] * 100.0)/NUM_VOTES);
    return 0;
}
```

Q: What is %%?

```
(data input skipped ...)
candidate 1: total 4, 4.01%
candidate 2: total 12, 12.03%
...
```

## 3.5 Demo #2: Using Array Initializer

- Modify the program to use array initializer.

```
#define NUM_VOTES 1000    // number of votes
#define NUM_CANDIDATES 30 // number of candidates
int main(void) {
    int i, vote, cand[NUM_CANDIDATES];
    for (i = 0, i < NUM_CANDIDATES, i++) { cand[i] = 0; }
    int cand[NUM_CANDIDATES] = { 0 };

    printf("Enter votes:\n");
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_VOTES; i++) {
        scanf("%d", &vote);
        cand[vote-1]++;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < NUM_CANDIDATES; i++)
        printf("candidate %d: total %d, %.2f%%\n",
               i+1, cand[i], (cand[i] * 100.0)/NUM_VOTES);
    return 0;
}
```

Week7\_VoteCountArrayVer2.c

## 3.6 Demo #3: Coin Change Revisit (1/2)

### Algorithm 1:

```
input: amt (in cents); output: coins
coins  $\leftarrow$  0
coins += amt/100; amt %= 100;
coins += amt/50; amt %= 50;
coins += amt/20; amt %= 20;
coins += amt/10; amt %= 10;
coins += amt/5; amt %= 5;
coins += amt/1; amt %= 1;
print coins
```

### Algorithm 2:

```
input: amt (in cents); output: coins
coins  $\leftarrow$  0
From the largest denomination to the smallest:
    coins += amt/denomination
    amt %= denomination
    go to next denomination
print coins
```

Q: how can we easily switch from one denomination to another?

array!

### Algorithm 3:

```
input: amt (in cents); output: coins
coins  $\leftarrow$  0
for i from 0 to 5 // there are 6 denominations
    coins += amt/Di // D0, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5
    amt %= Di
print coins
```



## 3.6 Demo #3: Coin Change Revisit (2/2)

```
int minimumCoins(int amt)
{
    int coins = 0;
    coins += amt/100;
    amt %= 100;
    coins += amt/50;
    amt %= 50;
    coins += amt/20;
    amt %= 20;
    coins += amt/10;
    amt %= 10;
    coins += amt/5;
    amt %= 5;
    coins += amt/1;
    amt %= 1;
    return coins;
}
```

Week7\_CoinChange.c

```
int minimumCoins(int amt)
{
    int denoms[] = {100,50,20,10,5,1};
    int i, coins = 0;

    for (i=0; i<6; i++)
    {
        coins += amt/denoms[i];
        amt %= denoms[i];
    }

    return coins;
}
```

Week7\_CoinChangeArray.c

Q: which version  
is better?

## 4. Array Assignment (1/2)

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- ▶ The following is **illegal** in C:

```
#define N 10
int source[N] = { 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 };
int dest[N];
dest = source; // illegal!
```

Q: Why?

source[0]					source[9]				
10	20	30	40	50	0	0	0	0	0

dest[0]					dest[9]				
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?

A: array name refers to the address of the first element.

## 4. Array Assignment (2/2)

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### ► Method 1: Use a loop

```
int i;  
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)  
    dest[i] = source[i];
```

source[0]					source[9]				
10	20	30	40	50	0	0	0	0	0

dest[0]					dest[9]				
10	20	30	40	50	0	0	0	0	0

### ■ Method 2: Use C library function `memcpy()`

- ❑ `#include <string.h>`

- ❑ Out of the scope of CSI010

## 5. Use Array in Function Calls

Week7\_SumArray.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sumArray(int [], int); // function prototype
```

```
int main(void) {
    int foo[8] = {5, 3, 7, 1, -4, 2};
    int bar[] = {2, 4, 6};
    printf("sum is %d\n", sumArray(foo, 8));
    printf("sum is %d\n", sumArray(foo, 3));
    printf("sum is %d\n", sumArray(bar, 3));
    return 0;
}
```

Q: What is the output?

```
sum is 14
sum is 15
sum is 12
```

```
// need an array size parameter separately
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) {
    int i, total=0;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)
        total += arr[i];
    return total;
}
```

Q: How about this function call?

```
sumArray(bar, 5)
```

## 6. Passing Array Arguments (1 / 4)

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### ► Caution!

- ❑ When passing a value representing the number of array elements to be processed, that value must not exceed the actual array size.

```
printf("sum is %d\n", sumArray(foo, 10));
```

*Compiler won't detect this "error".*

- ❑ There is **NO** boundary checking done by the compiler.

## 6. Passing Array Arguments (2/4)

```
int main(void) {  
    ...  
    printf("sum is %d\n", sumArray(foo, 8));  
    ...  
}  
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) {  
    ...  
}
```

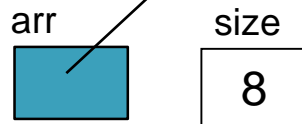
**Wrong!**

- Recall that array name is the address of its first element.

In main():

foo[0]	foo[1]						foo[7]
44	9	17	1	-4	22	0	0

In sumArray():



## 6. Passing Array Arguments (3/4)

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### ► Alternative syntax

- ❑ The following shows the alternative syntax for array parameter in function prototype and function header

```
int sumArray(int *, int); // function prototype
```

```
int sumArray(int *arr, int size) { ... }
```

- However, we recommend the `[]` notation

```
int sumArray(int [], int); // function prototype
```

```
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) { ... }
```

## 6. Passing Array Arguments (4/4)

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### ► Function prototype

- ❑ As mentioned, name of parameters are optional. Hence, both of the followings are acceptable and equivalent:

```
int sumArray(int [], int);
```

```
int sumArray(int arr[], int size);
```

### ■ Function header

- ❑ No need to put array size inside [ ]; even if array size is present, compiler just ignores it.
- ❑ Instead, provide the array size through another parameter.

```
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) { ... }
```

```
int sumArray(int arr[8], int size) { ... }
```

*Ignored by compiler*

*Actual number of elements you want to process*

## 7. Modifying Array Arguments (1/2)

Week7\_ModifyArrayArg.c

```
// preprocessor directives and
// function prototypes omitted
int main(void) {
    int foo[8] = {44, 9, 17, 1, -4, 22};
    doubleArray(foo, 4);
    printArray(foo, 8);
    return 0;
}

// double the values of array elements
void doubleArray(int arr[], int size) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)
        arr[i] *= 2;
}

// print arr
void printArray(int arr[], int size) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)
        printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
```

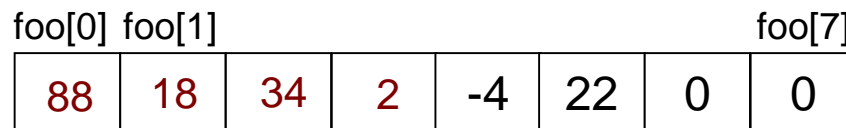
Q: What is the output?

88 18 34 2 -4 22 0 0

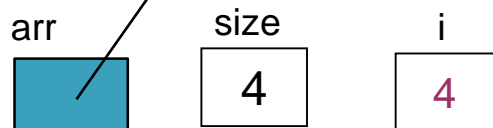
## 7. Modifying Array Arguments (2/2)

```
int main(void) {  
    int foo[8] = {44, 9, 17, 1, -4, 22};  
    doubleArray(foo, 4);  
    . . .  
}  
// double the values of array elements  
void doubleArray(int arr[], int size) {  
    int i;  
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)  
        arr[i] *= 2;  
}
```

In main():



In doubleArray():



## 8. Exercise #2: Set Containment

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- ▶ Consider two arrays **arrA** and **arrB** of distinct *int* values, where their sizes are **sizeA** and **sizeB** respectively (less than 10).

- ▶ Write a function

`int isSubset(int arrA[], int sizeA, int arrB[], int sizeB)`

to check if numbers in **arrA** is a subset of numbers in **arrB**.

This function returns 1 if so, 0 otherwise.

- ▶ Skeleton:

```
cp ~cs1010/lecture/Week7_SetContainment.c .
```

***Algorithm***  
**!**

- ▶ Sample run:

```
Size of 1st array? 4
Enter 4 values: 14 5 1 9
Size of 2nd array? 7
Enter 7 values: 2 9 3 14 5 6 1
1st array is a subset of 2nd array
```

# Searching and Sorting

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- ▶ We will study some simple yet useful classical algorithms which find their place in many CS applications.
  - ❑ Searching for some data amid very large collection of data
  - ❑ Sorting very large collection of data according to some order
- ▶ We will begin with an algorithm (idea), then show how the algorithm is transformed into a C program (implementation).
  - ❑ This brings back (reminds you):  
the importance of beginning with an algorithm



# 1. Searching (1 / 2)

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- **Searching** is a common task that we carry out without much thought everyday.
  - ❑ Searching for a location in a map.
  - ❑ Searching for the contact of a particular person.
  - ❑ Searching for a nice picture for your project report.
  - ❑ Searching for a research paper required in your course.
  - ❑ etc.
  
- In this lecture, you will learn how to search for an item (sometimes called a **search key**) in an array.



# 1. Searching (2/2)

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- Problem statement:

Given a list (collection of data) and a search key  $X$ , return the position of  $X$  in the list if it exists.

For simplicity, we shall assume there are no duplicate values in the list.

- We will count **the number of comparisons** the algorithms make to analyze their performance.

- ❑ The ideal searching algorithm will make the **least** possible number of comparisons to locate the desired data.
- ❑ We will introduce **worst-case scenario**.
  - (This topic is called **analysis of algorithms**, which will be formally introduced in CSI020. Here, we will give an informal introduction just for an appreciation.)

## 2. Linear Search (1 / 3): Algorithm



- Also known as **Sequential Search**
- **Idea:** Search the list from one end to the other end in linear progression.
- **Algorithm:**

```
// Search for key in list A with n items
linear_search (A, n, key)
{
    for i = 0 to n-1
        if Ai is key then report i
}
```

Example: Search for 24  
in this list

87	12	51	9	24	63
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	
no	no	no	no	yes!	

**Q:** What to report if key is not found? (aim for a clean design)

## 2. Linear Search (2/3): Code

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- If the list is an array, how would you implement the Linear Search algorithm?

```
// To search for key in arr using linear search
// Return index if found; otherwise return -1
int linearSearch(int arr[], int size, int key)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<size; i++)
        if (key == arr[i])
            return i;
    return -1; // not found
}
```

Q: What would be returned if array contains duplicated values of the key?

## 2. Linear Search (3/3): Performance

- We use the **number of comparisons** here as a rough measurement.
  - Analysis can be done for best case, average case, and worst case. We will focus on the **worst case**.
- Given an array with  $n$  elements, in the worst case,

```
int linearSearch(int arr[], int n, int key)
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<n; i++)
        if (key == arr[i])
            return i;
    return -1;
}
```

Q: What is the maximum number of comparisons in this algorithm?

$n$  comparisons

Q: Under what circumstances do we encounter the worst case?

- (a) Key not found
- (b) Found at last position

### 3. Binary Search (1 / 6)

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- ▶ The idea is simple and fantastic, but applied on the searching problem, it has this pre-condition that the list must be sorted before-hand.
- ▶ How the data is organized (in this case, sorted) usually affects how we choose/design an algorithm to access them.
- ▶ In other words, sometimes (actually, very often) we seek out new way to organize the data so that we can process them more efficiency.

### 3. Binary Search (2 / 6): Algorithm

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(Pre-condition: list is sorted in ascending order)

#### ▶ Algorithm

- ❑ Look for the *key* in the middle position of the list.

Either of the following 2 cases happens:

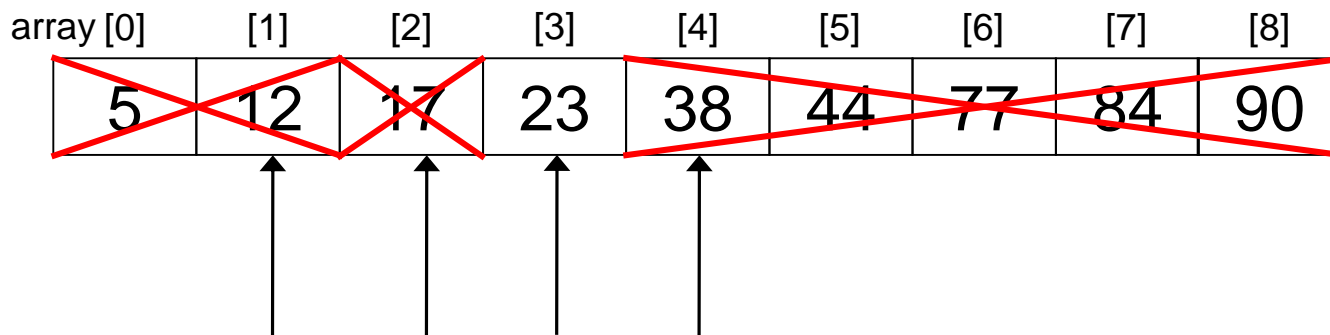
- ▶ If the *key* is **smaller** than the middle element, then “discard” the right half of the list and repeat the process.
- ▶ If the *key* is **greater** than the middle element, then “discard” the left half of the list and repeat the process.

- ❑ Terminating condition: either the *key* is found, or when all elements have been “discarded”.

### 3. Binary Search (3 / 6): Illustration

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► Example: Search for *key* = 23



1.  $\text{low} = 0$ ,  $\text{high} = 8$ ,  $\text{mid} = (0+8)/2 = 4$
2.  $\text{low} = 0$ ,  $\text{high} = 3$ ,  $\text{mid} = (0+3)/2 = 1$
3.  $\text{low} = 2$ ,  $\text{high} = 3$ ,  $\text{mid} = (2+3)/2 = 2$
4.  $\text{low} = 3$ ,  $\text{high} = 3$ ,  $\text{mid} = (3+3)/2 = 3$

Found!  
Return 3

### 3. Binary Search (4/6): Iterative Code

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#### ► Iterative version

```
// To search for key in sorted arr using binary search
// Return index if found; otherwise return -1
int binarySearch(int arr[], int size, int key)
{
    int low=0, high=size-1, mid=(low + high)/2;
    while ((low <= high) && (arr[mid] != key))
    {
        if (key < arr[mid])
            high = mid - 1;
        else
            low = mid + 1;
        mid = (low + high)/2;
    }
    if (low > high) return -1;
    else return mid;
}
```

Week10\_BinarySearch.c

### 3. Binary Search (5 / 6): Analysis

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- ▶ In binary search, each step eliminates the problem size (array size) by half.
  - ❑ The problem size gets reduced to 1 very quickly (see next slide)
- ▶ This is a simple yet powerful strategy, of halving the solution space in each step
  - A: Bisection Method
  - ❑ Which exercise employs a similar strategy?
- ▶ Such strategy, a special case of divide-and-conquer paradigm, can be naturally implemented using recursion.
- ▶ At the moment, we will stick to repetition (loop)
  - ❑ You can write a recursion version after saturday's lecture.

### 3. Binary Search (6/6): Performance

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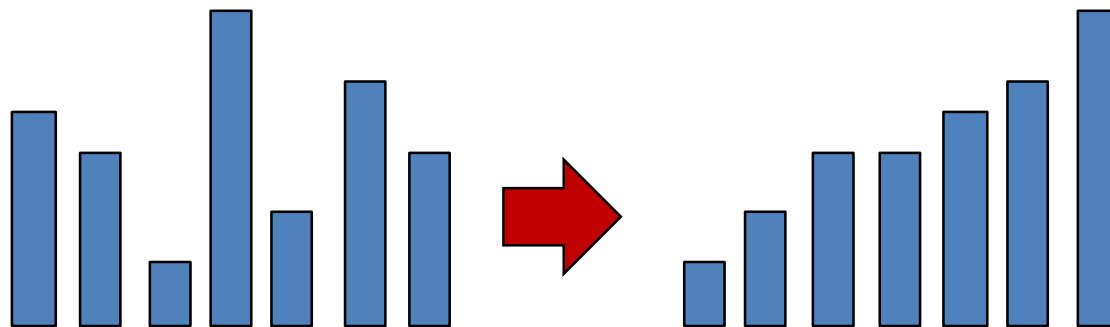
- ▶ In binary search, each step eliminates the problem size (array size) by half.
  - ❑ The problem size gets reduced to 1 very quickly.
- ▶ Worst-case analysis

Array size $n$	Linear Search ( $n$ comparisons)	Binary search ( $\log_2 n$ comparisons)
100	100	$\approx 7$
1,000	1,000	$\approx 10$
10,000	10,000	$\approx 14$
100,000	100,000	$\approx 17$
1,000,000	1,000,000	$\approx 20$
$10^9$	$10^9$	$\approx 30$

## 4. Sorting (1 / 2)

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- ▶ Sorting is any process of arranging items in some sequence.
- ▶ Sorting is important because once a set of items is sorted, many problems (such as searching) become easy.
  - ❑ Searching can be speeded up.
  - ❑ Determining whether the items in a set are all unique.
  - ❑ Finding the median item in the set.
  - ❑ etc.



## 4. Sorting (2/2)

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- ▶ Problem statement:

Given a list of  $n$  items, arrange all items into ascending order.

- ▶ We will implement the list as an integer array.
- ▶ We will introduce two basic sort algorithms.
- ▶ We will count the number of comparisons the algorithms make to analyze their performance.
  - The ideal sorting algorithm will make the least possible number of comparisons to arrange data in a designated order.
- ▶ We will compare the algorithms by analyzing their worst-case performance.

## 5. Selection Sort (1 / 3)

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### ► Algorithm

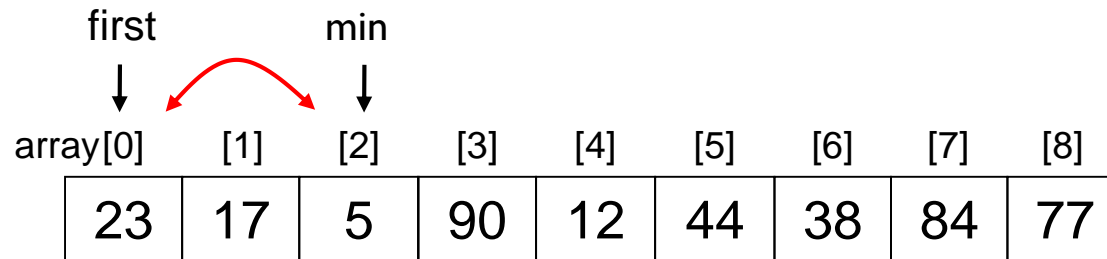
- ❑ **Step 1:** Find the smallest element in the list.
- ❑ **Step 2:** Swap this smallest element with the element in the first position. (Now, the smallest element is in the right place.)
- ❑ **Step 3:** Repeat steps 1 and 2 with the list having one fewer element (i.e. the smallest element just found and placed is “exempted” from further processing).

## 5. Selection Sort (2/3)

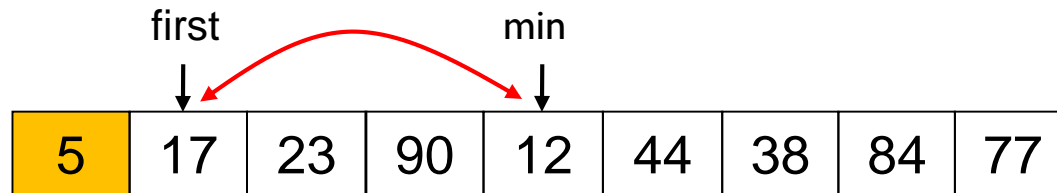
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$n = 9$

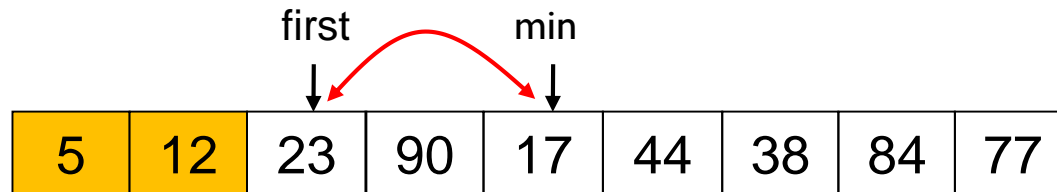
1<sup>st</sup> pass:



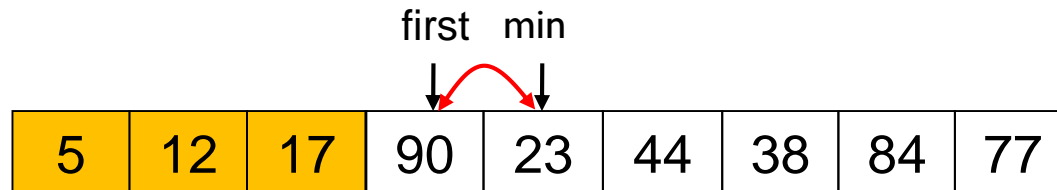
2<sup>nd</sup> pass:



3<sup>rd</sup> pass:



4<sup>th</sup> pass:



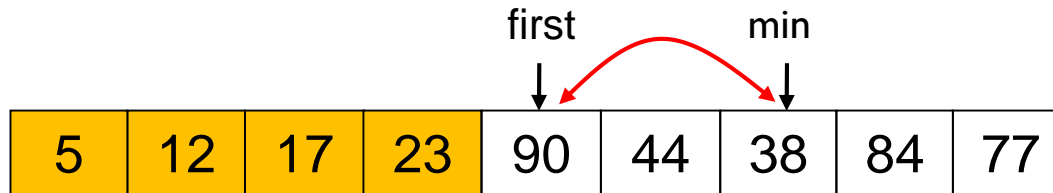
## 5. Selection Sort (3/3)

Q: How many passes for an array with  $n$  elements?

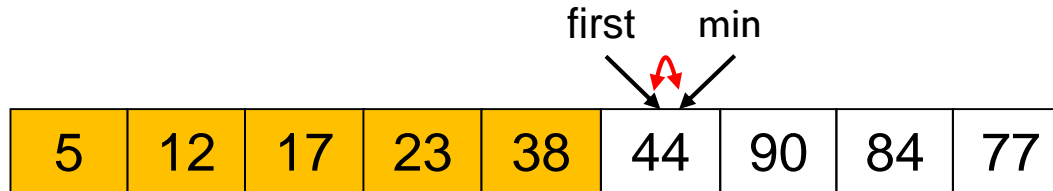
$n-1$

$n = 9$

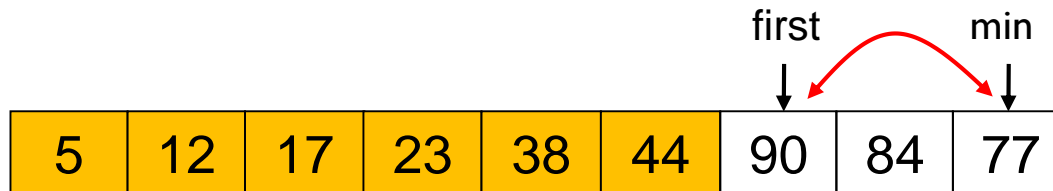
5<sup>th</sup> pass:



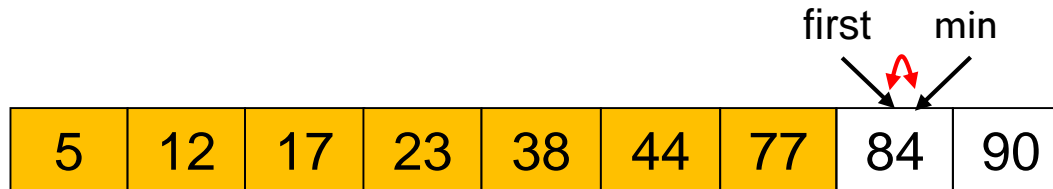
6<sup>th</sup> pass:



7<sup>th</sup> pass:



8<sup>th</sup> pass:



Final array:



## 5. Demo #2: Selection Sort

Week10\_SelectionSort.c

```
// To sort arr in increasing order
void selectionSort(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i, start_index, min_index, temp;

    for (start_index = 0; start_index < size-1; start_index++)
    {
        // each iteration of the for loop is one pass

        // find the index of minimum element
        min_index = start_index;
        for (i = start_index+1; i < size; i++)
            if (arr[i] < arr[min_index])
                min_index = i;

        // swap minimum element with element at start_index
        temp = arr[start_index];
        arr[start_index] = arr[min_index];
        arr[min_index] = temp;
    }
}
```

# 5. Selection Sort: Performance

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- ▶ We choose the number of comparisons as our basis of analysis.
- ▶ Comparisons of array elements occur **in the inner loop**, where the minimum element is determined.
- ▶ Assuming an array with  $n$  elements. Table below shows the number of comparisons for each pass.
- ▶ The total number of comparisons is calculated in the formula below.
- ▶ Such an algorithm is call an  $n^2$  algorithm, or quadratic algorithm, in terms of running time complexity.

Pass	#comparisons
1	$n - 1$
2	$n - 2$
3	$n - 3$
...	...
$n - 1$	1

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{(n-1)(n)}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \cong n^2$$

## 6. Bubble Sort

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- ▶ Selection sort makes one exchange at the end of each pass.
- ▶ What if we make more than one exchange during each pass?
- ▶ The key idea of the bubble sort is to make **pairwise comparisons** and exchange the positions of the pair if they are out of order.

## 6. One Pass of Bubble Sort

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
23	17	5	90	12	44	38	84	77

↑ exchange

17	23	5	90	12	44	38	84	77
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↑ exchange

17	5	23	90	12	44	38	84	77
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↑ ok

17	5	23	12	90	44	38	84	77
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↑ exchange

17	5	23	12	44	90	38	84	77
----	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

exchange ↑

17	5	23	12	44	38	90	84	77
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exchange ↑

17	5	23	12	44	38	84	90	77
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exchange ↑

17	5	23	12	44	38	84	77	90
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Q: Is the array sorted?  
Q: What did we achieve?

Done!

## 6. Demo #3: Bubble Sort

Week10\_BubbleSort.c

```
// To sort arr in increasing order
void bubbleSort(int arr[], int size)
{
    int i, limit, temp;

    for (limit = size-2; limit >= 0; limit--)
    {
        // limit is where the inner loop variable i should end

        for (i=0; i<=limit; i++) // one pass
        {
            if (arr[i] > arr[i+1]) // swap arr[i] with arr[i+1]
            {
                temp = arr[i];
                arr[i] = arr[i+1];
                arr[i+1] = temp;
            }
        }
    }
}
```



## 6. Bubble Sort: Performance

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- ▶ Bubble sort, like selection sort, requires  $n - 1$  passes for an array with  $n$  elements.
- ▶ The comparisons occur **in the inner loop**. The number of comparisons in each pass is given in the table below.
- ▶ The total number of comparisons is calculated in the formula below.
- ▶ Like selection sort, bubble sort is also an  $n^2$  algorithm, or quadratic algorithm, in terms of running time complexity.

Pass	#comparisons
1	$n - 1$
2	$n - 2$
3	$n - 3$
...	...
$n - 1$	1

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{(n-1)(n)}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \cong n^2$$

## 6. Bubble Sort: Enhanced Version

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- ▶ It is possible to enhance bubble sort algorithm to reduce the number of passes.
  - ❑ Suppose that in a certain pass, no swap is needed. This implies that the array is already sorted, and hence the algorithm may terminate without going on to the next pass.

## 7. More Sorting Algorithms

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- ▶ What we have introduced are 2 basic sort algorithms. Together with the Insertion Sort algorithm, these 3 algorithms are the simplest.
- ▶ However, they are very slow, as their running time complexity is quadratic.
- ▶ Faster sorting algorithms exist and are topics in more advanced programming modules.
  - ❑ Merge sort (CS1020)
  - ❑ Quick sort (CS1020)
  - ❑ Heap sort (CS2010)

## 8. Animated Sorting Algorithms

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- ▶ There are a number of animated sorting algorithms on the Internet.
- ▶ Here are two sites:
  - ❑ <http://www.sorting-algorithms.com/>
  - ❑ <http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~harrison/java/sorting-demo.html>
- ▶ YouTube video on Bubble sort:
  - ❑ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyZQPjUT5B4>

# The End

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