



COMP 1002

Logic for Computer Scientists

Lecture 30

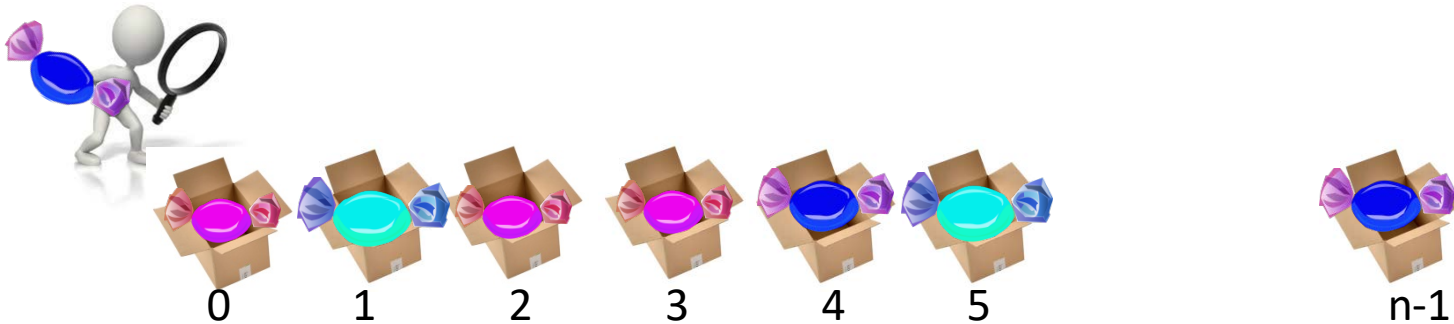




Analysis of algorithms

- Putting it all together:
 - Using **logic** to describe what an algorithm is doing
 - and **induction** to show that it does that correctly
 - Using **recurrence** relations to see how long it takes in the worst case.
 - With **O-notation** to talk about the time.
 - and **probabilities/expectation** to try to see how long it might take on average.

Example: search in an array



- Given:

- an array A containing n elements,
- and a specific item x

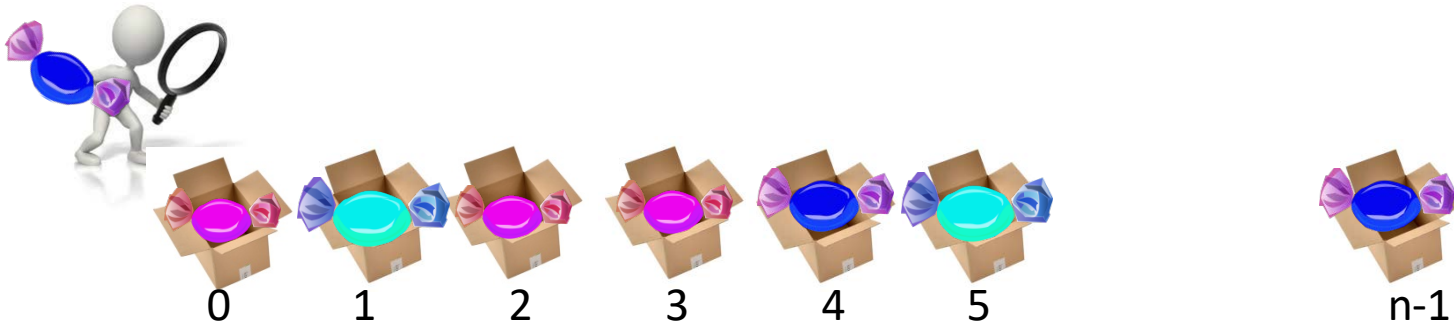


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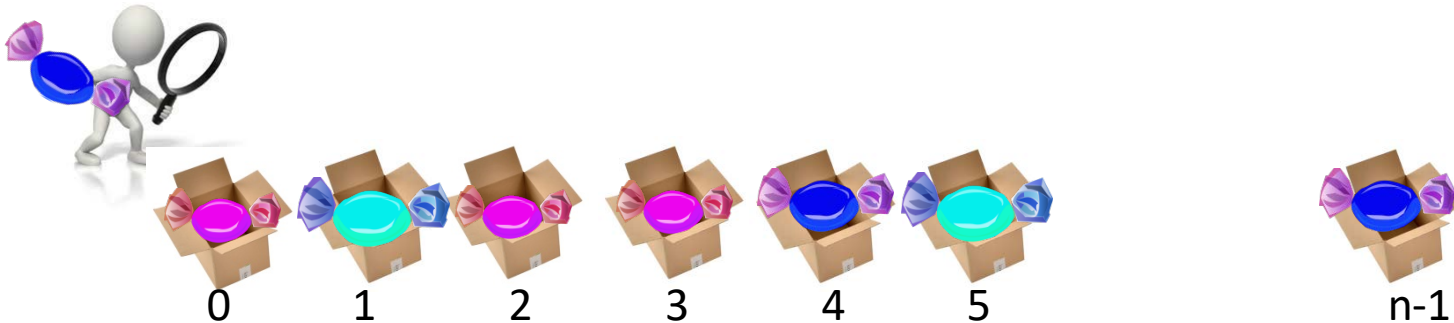
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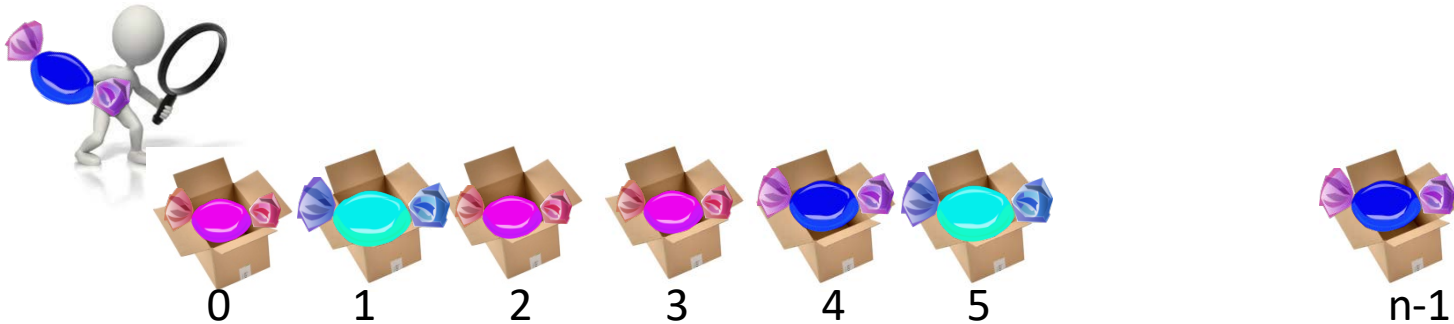
Example: search in an array



- *Precondition*: what should be true before a piece of code (or the whole algorithm) starts
 - E.g.: A is an array of numbers and A is not empty and x is a number.
- *Postcondition*: what should be true after a program (piece of code) finished.
 - E.g. If the program returned value k , then $A[k]=x$
 - or $k=-1$, if x is not in A .



Example: search in an array

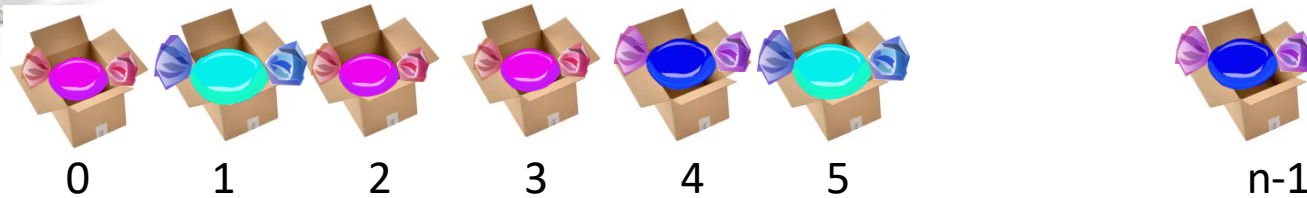


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- *Postcondition:* Returned k such that $A[k]=x$





Example: search in an array



- *Precondition*: A is an array containing x

Algorithm *arraySearch*(A, x)

Input array A of n integers, number x

Output k such that $A[k]=x$

$i = 0$

$out = -1$

while $out < 0$ **do**

if $A[i] = x$ **then**

$out = i$

$i = i+1$

return out

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arraySearch algorithm

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Input array *A* of *n* integers, number *x*

Output *k* such that $A[k]=x$

$\exists i \in \{0 \dots n - 1\} A[i] = x$

i = 0

out = -1

$\exists i \in \{0 \dots n - 1\} A[i] = x \wedge i = 0 \wedge out = -1$

while *out* < 0 **do**

if $A[i] = x$ **then**

out = *i*

i = *i*+1

$A[out] = x$

return *out*

Program returned *k* such that $A[k]=x$

- $A = [5, 10, 8, 7]$
- $x = 8$
- *out* = 2

Loop invariant

- **Loop invariant:** a condition that is true on each iteration of the loop
 - Implied by loop precondition
 - Implies the loop postcondition
 - Implies next loop iteration is correct
- $I(k): i = k \wedge ((out = i \wedge A[out] = x) \vee (\exists j > i \ A[j] = x))$
- Guard condition: condition in the while loop
 - $G = \text{“out} < 0\text{”}$
- Loop is correct when:
 - precondition $\rightarrow I(0)$
 - for all k , $G \wedge I(k) \rightarrow I(k + 1)$
 - If k_0 is the smallest number such that $\neg G$, then $\neg G \wedge I(k_0) \rightarrow$ postcondition
- **Termination:** proof that $\exists k_0$ such that after k_0 iterations G becomes false

$\exists i \in \{0 \dots n - 1\} \ A[i] = x \wedge$
 $\wedge i = 0 \wedge out = -1$

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while  $out < 0$  do  
    if  $A[i] = x$  then  
         $out = i$   
         $i = i + 1$ 
```

$A[out] = x$

Proving the loop invariant

- By induction on i :
- Base case: $I(0)$

$$\begin{aligned} - \exists i \in \{0 \dots n - 1\} \ A[i] = x \wedge i = 0 \wedge \\ \wedge out = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Implies $I(0)$

$$- i = 0 \wedge ((out = 0 \wedge A[out] = x) \vee (\exists j > i \ A[j] = x))$$

- Assume $I(k)$: $i = k \wedge ((out = i \wedge A[out] = x) \vee (\exists j > i \ A[j] = x))$
- Show: if G , then $I(k+1)$: $i = k + 1 \wedge ((out = i \wedge A[out] = x) \vee (\exists j > i \ A[j] = x))$
 - $i=k+1$ because of “ $i=i+1$ ” statement
 - If $A[i]=x$, then $(out = i \wedge A[out] = x)$ holds
 - Otherwise, $(\exists j > i \ A[j] = x)$ holds.
- Otherwise, if $\neg G$, postcondition holds:
 - in this case, $(out = i \wedge A[out] = x)$ should have been true in $I(k)$, for $i=k$.
 - So $A[out]=x$

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while out < 0 do
  if A[i] = x then
    out = i
  i = i+1
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$$A[out] = x$$

Correctness of recursive programs

Algorithm *arraySearch*(*A*, *x*)

Input array *A* of *n* integers, number *x*

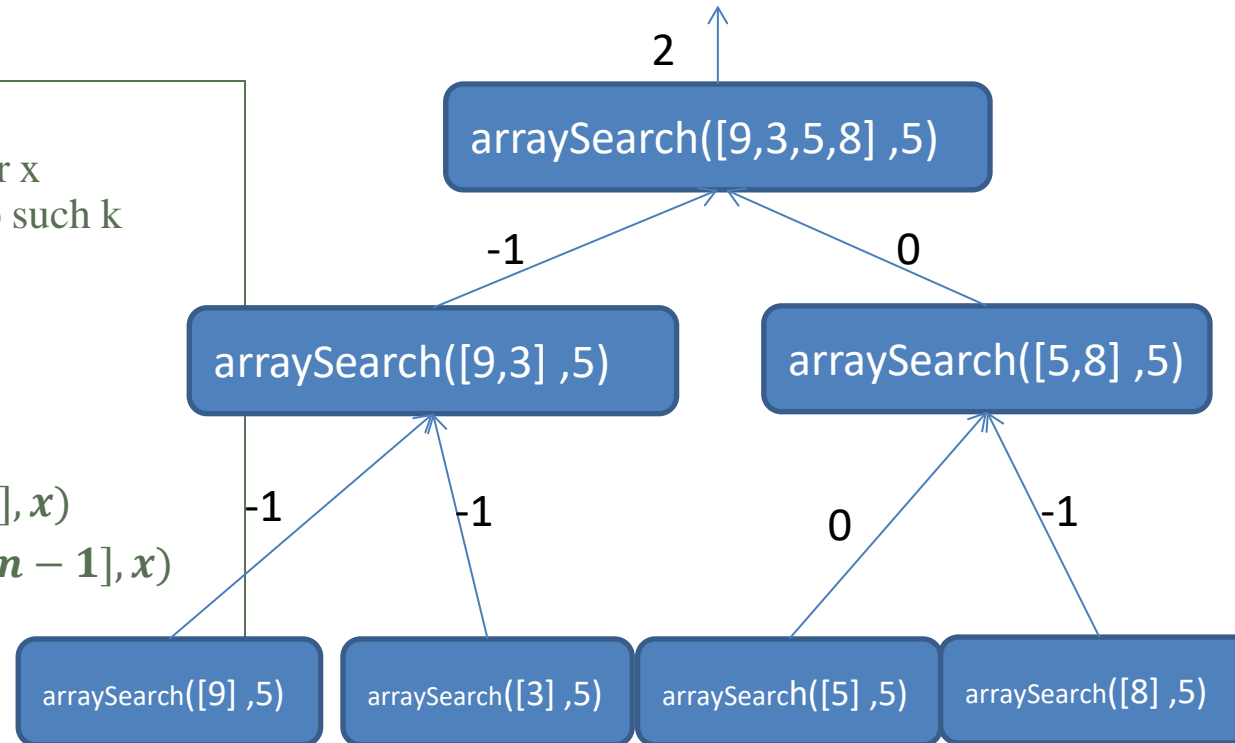
Output *k* such that $A[k]=x$, -1 if no such *k*

if $A[0] = x$ **then**
 return 0

else if $n > 1$ **then**
 first = *arraySearch*($A[0.. \frac{n}{2} - 1], x$)
 second = *arraySearch*($A[n/2, n - 1], x$)

if *second* > 0 **then**
 return *second* + $n/2$
 else
 return *first*

else
 return -1



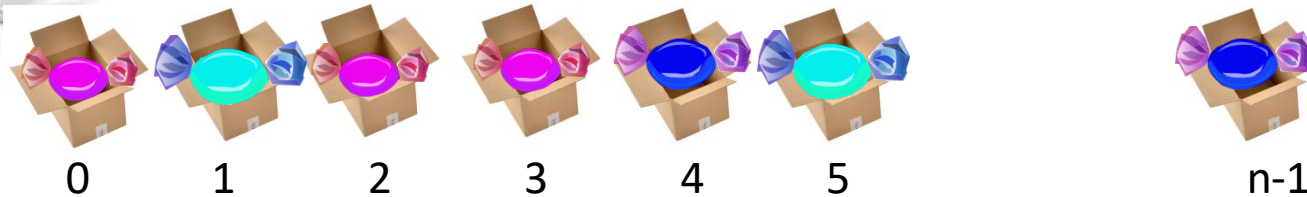
Use strong induction!

Assume both calls return correct value

Show that the program returns correct value



Running time: worst case



- *Precondition: A is an array containing x*
 - *Therefore, in the worst scenario need to check all n boxes $A[i]$*
 - *Running time: $O(n)$*

Algorithm *arraySearch(A, x)*

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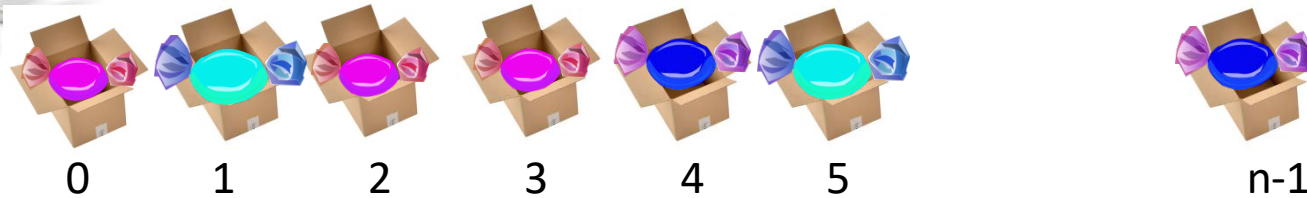
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        out =  $i$ 
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         $i = i + 1$ 
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return out
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Running time: average case



- *What is the expected number of steps before x is found?*
 - *Depends on the probability of x being in each cell.*
 - *Or whether there is only one x , or can be many*

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Bernoulli trials and repeated experiments



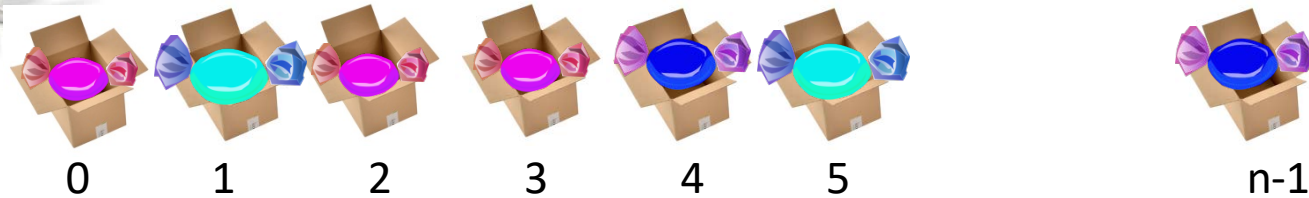
- Suppose an experiment has two outcomes, 1 and 0 (success/failure), with $\Pr(1) = p$.
 - Such experiment is called a **Bernoulli trial**.
- What happens if the experiment is repeated multiple times (independently from each other?)



- A sample space after carrying out n Bernoulli trials is a set of all possible n -tuples of elements in $\{0,1\}$ (or $\{\text{success}, \text{fail}\}$).
 - Number of n -tuples with k 1s is $\binom{n}{k}$
 - Probability of getting 1 in any given trial is p , of getting 0 is $(1-p)$.
 - Probability of getting exactly k 1s (successes) out of n trials is $\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
 - Called binomial distribution
 - Probability of getting the first success on exactly the k^{th} trial is $p(1-p)^{k-1}$
- How many trials do we need, on average, to get a success?



Running time: average case



- *Suppose probability of x being in any cell is p*
 - *Can have many x in A*
- *Then probability of finding x in k steps is $p(1 - p)^{k-1}$*
- *Let random variable X denote the number of loop iterations till x is found*
- $E(X) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} i * \Pr(X = i) = \frac{1}{p}$
- *Expect to find x in $O(1/p)$ steps*

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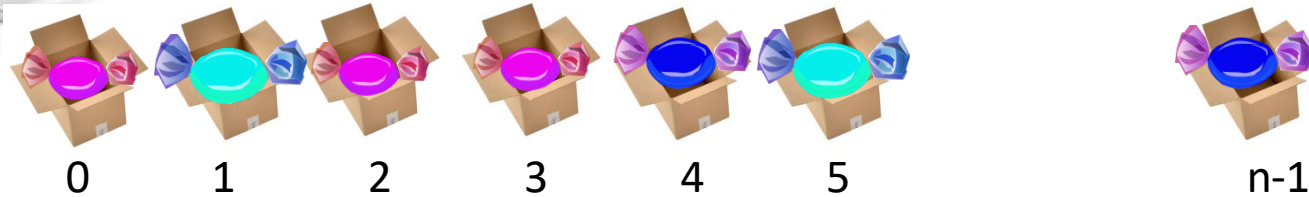
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        out =  $i$ 
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         $i = i + 1$ 
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return out
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Running time: average case



- Suppose there is just one x in A
- Probability of finding x in each step is $\frac{1}{n}$
- Let random variable X denote the number of loop iterations till x is found
- $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n i * \Pr(X = i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n i = (n + 1)/2$
- Expect to find x in the middle of A
- Running time $O(n)$

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More to come...

- You will see a lot of algorithm analysis and use of the concepts we developed in COMP 2002 and beyond.
 - Logic, sets, relations and graphs for specification, modeling problems and describing what you are doing.
 - Logic, induction and models of computation for proving program correctness and analysis of problem complexity.
 - Recursive definitions of algorithms, counting and probability for algorithm performance and problem solving.
 - With the million dollar problem rearing its head every now and then

Have fun!