

Exercise walk-through

10.2.1

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A-Level Computer Science

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KEY WORDS index

• bubble sort

• lower bound

• upper bound

• linear search

Objective

Extend sheet 10.2 with **bubble sort**, insertion and deletion. Revisit **bounds** and array choices before moving data inside an array.

You must be able to:

- use the technical terms associated with arrays, including **index**, **lower bound** and **upper bound**
- select a suitable data structure, a 1-D or a 2-D array, for a given task
- write pseudocode for 1-D and 2-D arrays
- write pseudocode to process array data: sort using a bubble sort, search using a linear search

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows a **method** that a question later on this sheet needs.

■ Bounds, and how many elements there are

In `DECLARE Data : ARRAY[1:120] OF REAL`, the **lower bound** is 1 and the **upper bound** is 120. The count is

$$\text{upper bound} - \text{lower bound} + 1$$

so this array holds **120** elements. The "+1" is what catches people out: `ARRAY[0:8]` holds **9**, not 8, and `ARRAY[5:14]` holds **10**.

For a 2-D array, multiply the two counts: `ARRAY[1:150, 1:2] OF STRING` is $150 \times 2 =$ **300** elements, and `ARRAY[0:4, 0:5]` is $5 \times 6 =$ **30**.

- A declaration needs the **bounds and the data type**. Give both, or the mark is not there.

■ 1-D or 2-D?

		column index			
		[r, 1]	[r, 2]	[r, 3]	[r, 4]
row index	[1, c]	12	31	17	48
	[2, c]	19	67	99	29
	[3, c]	42	22	95	61

Grid[2,3]
(row 2, column 3)

- Use **1-D** for a single sequence of values: the marks of 30 students, the readings from one sensor.
- Use **2-D** where the data has **two natural dimensions**: a grid, or rows against columns – a seating plan, a noughts-and-crosses board, monthly sales for each of several shops.
- The first index is the **row**, the second the **column**. Visit every cell with **nested** loops, the outer over rows and the inner over columns. To search one row only, fix the row index and loop over the column.

An array can also replace a chain of selection statements: `DaysInMonth[Month]` looks the answer up directly instead of twelve IF clauses, which is shorter to write, faster to read and easier to maintain.

■ The bubble sort, one pass at a time

5	2	8	1	start
2	5	8	1	compare 5, 2 → swap
2	5	8	1	compare 5, 8 → already in order
2	5	1	8	compare 8, 1 → swap (8 reaches the end)

A bubble sort compares **adjacent pairs** and swaps any that are out of order. After one pass, the largest value has reached the end – which is the fact the efficient version exploits.

Worked example. *Sort 7, 3, 9, 2.*

After pass	Array	Swaps in that pass
1	3, 7, 2, 9	2
2	3, 2, 7, 9	1
3	2, 3, 7, 9	1
4	2, 3, 7, 9	0 – so stop

For integer array `Data[1:n]`, where `n >= 1`:

```
Limit <- n
REPEAT
  Swapped <- FALSE
  FOR Index <- 1 TO Limit - 1
    IF Data[Index] > Data[Index + 1] THEN
      Temp <- Data[Index]
      Data[Index] <- Data[Index + 1]
      Data[Index + 1] <- Temp
      Swapped <- TRUE
    ENDIF
  NEXT Index
  Limit <- Limit - 1
UNTIL Swapped = FALSE
```

The marks are given for four separate things, so make each one visible:

1. the **outer loop** that repeats until a pass makes no swap,
2. the **Swapped flag**, set inside the IF,
3. the **three-line swap** through a temporary variable – `Data[Index] <- Data[Index + 1]` on its own destroys a value,
4. the **shrinking limit**, because after each pass one more value is already in place.

■ The same sort, in steps

When a question says *do not use pseudocode*, write it as steps:

1. Repeat steps 2 to 4 until a pass makes no swaps.
2. Compare each adjacent pair of elements in turn, from the start.
3. If a pair is out of order, swap the two values.
4. After each pass the largest unsorted value has reached the end, so the next pass can stop one place earlier.

■ The routines that move data about

- **Position of the largest.** Set `Largest` to the first element and `Position` to 1; for each remaining element, if it is greater than `Largest`, store both the value and the index. Using a strict `>` keeps the **first** of two equal maxima; `>=` would keep the last.
- **Linear search returning a position.** Set `FoundAt` `<- -1` before the loop – a

value outside this array's declared bounds – so after the loop `FoundAt = -1` means "not found". Leave the loop as soon as it matches.

- **Remove the element at index k .** Move every later element one place **towards the start**, so the gap closes, then mark the last element as unused. Removing index 2 from 4, 9, 2, 7, 5 gives 4, 2, 7, 5, unused.
- **Insert into a sorted array.** Find the first index whose element is **larger** than the new value, move that element and every later one one place **towards the end**, and store the new value in the gap. Inserting 6 into 2, 4, 8, 9: the first larger element is 8 at index 3, so the result is 2, 4, 6, 8, 9.
- For a remove, copy **forwards** through the array; for an insert, copy **backwards** from the end. Going the wrong way overwrites the values you have not moved yet.

Past-paper practice: finish sheets 10.2 and 10.2.1 before attempting set 10.2.1.

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[3]

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(b) DECLARE Flags : ARRAY[0:8] OF BOOLEAN

(c) DECLARE Table : ARRAY[1:150, 1:2] OF STRING

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2.1

(a) $120 - 1 + 1 = \mathbf{120}$

(b) $8 - 0 + 1 = \mathbf{9}$ – not 8

(c) $150 \times 2 = \mathbf{300}$

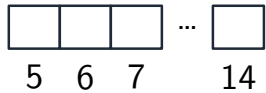
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5	6	7		14

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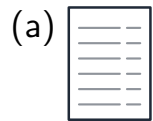
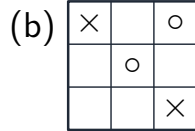
- lower bound **5**, upper bound **14**
- $14 - 5 + 1 = \mathbf{10}$ elements

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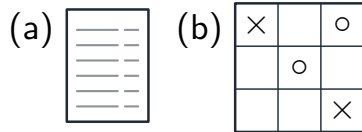


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2.3

(a) **1-D** – the marks are a single sequence of values, one per student

(b) **2-D** – the board has two natural dimensions, three rows by three columns

Exercises 2.4-2.5

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2.4

- compare and swap each adjacent pair in turn: 7, 3 swap; 7, 9 in order; 9, 2 swap
 - after one pass: **3, 7, 2, 9**
 - the largest value, 9, has reached the end
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2.5

- 0 is a valid index in `Data[0:99]`, so 0 could be mistaken for a genuine result
- -1 is outside the declared bounds `0:99`, so after the loop `FoundAt = -1` unambiguously means "not found"

Exercise 3.1

3.1 A 1-D array `Data[1:n]` holds `n` integers. Write pseudocode to sort it into ascending order using a **bubble sort**. [5]

Data

5	1	4	2
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 1 2 3 4 n

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3.1

- an outer loop that repeats the passes

[Full solution on next slide](#)

Full solution 3.1

3.1

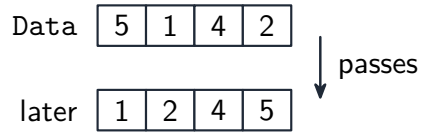
- an outer loop that repeats the passes
- an inner loop over the adjacent pairs
- the comparison `Data[Index] > Data[Index + 1]`
- the swap through a **temporary** variable, all three lines
- the loop ends correctly, leaving the array sorted

```
DECLARE Index, Pass, Temp : INTEGER
FOR Pass <- 1 TO n - 1
    FOR Index <- 1 TO n - 1
        IF Data[Index] > Data[Index + 1] THEN
            Temp <- Data[Index]
            Data[Index] <- Data[Index + 1]
            Data[Index + 1] <- Temp
        ENDIF
    NEXT Index
NEXT Pass
```

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Full solution 3.2 (a)

(a) a Swapped flag, set FALSE at the start of each pass and TRUE inside the IF

- the outer loop becomes REPEAT ... UNTIL Swapped = FALSE
- a Limit that decreases by one after each pass, with the inner loop running to Limit - 1

```
Limit <- n
REPEAT
    Swapped <- FALSE
    FOR Index <- 1 TO Limit - 1
        IF Data[Index] > Data[Index + 1] THEN
            Temp <- Data[Index]
            Data[Index] <- Data[Index + 1]
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            Swapped <- TRUE
        ENDIF
    NEXT Index
    Limit <- Limit - 1
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(b) Explain what **each** of those two changes saves.

[2]

Exercise 3.2 (b)

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(b) Explain what **each** of those two changes saves. [2]

(b) the **flag** stops the sort as soon as the array is in order, so an already-sorted array costs one pass instead of $n - 1$

- the **shrinking limit** avoids re-examining the values at the end, which each pass has already put in their final place

Exercise 3.3

3.3 Describe a bubble sort as a series of steps. Do **not** use pseudocode.

[4]

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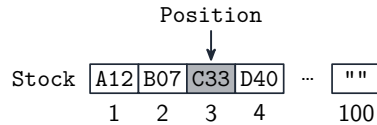
3.3 any four, in a sensible order:

- repeat the following until a pass makes no swaps
- compare each adjacent pair of elements in turn, starting at the beginning
- if a pair is out of order, swap the two values
- after each pass the largest unsorted value has reached the end, so the next pass can stop one place earlier
- no pseudocode keywords used (FOR, IF, <- are pseudocode, so they lose the style mark)

Exercise 3.4

3.4 A 1-D array `Stock[1:100]` holds product codes as strings. An unused element holds `""`.

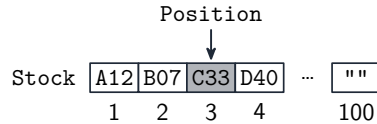
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- loop from `Position` to the second-from-last element

Full solution on next slide

Full solution 3.4

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- header with the parameter, and the loop counter declared
- loop from Position to the second-from-last element
- `Stock[Index] <- Stock[Index + 1]` – copying **forwards**, so nothing is overwritten before it is moved
- set the last element to "" after the loop
- `ENDPROCEDURE`, with everything closed

```
PROCEDURE Remove(Position : INTEGER)
  DECLARE Index : INTEGER
  FOR Index <- Position TO 99
    Stock[Index] <- Stock[Index + 1]
  NEXT Index
  Stock[100] <- ""
ENDPROCEDURE
```

- copying backwards here would fill the rest of the array with one repeated value