

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- the data must be **sorted** (in order)

2.2

- linear search: $O(n)$
- binary search: $O(\log n)$

2.3

- adjacent pairs are compared along the array and **swapped if out of order**, moving the largest remaining value to the end

2.4

- any one: **time taken** (number of operations); **memory used**

3.1

- mid = index **4** (value 18, $< 23 \rightarrow$ go right)
- mid = index **6** (value 31, $> 23 \rightarrow$ go left)
- mid = index **5** (value 23 $\rightarrow$ found)

3.2

- first pass: $5 \leftrightarrow 2 \rightarrow [2, 5, 8, 1]$; 5,8 ok; $8 \leftrightarrow 1 \rightarrow [2, 5, 1, 8]$
- [2, 5, 1, 8]**

3.3

- advantages (any two): **far fewer comparisons** on large lists ($O(\log n)$ vs $O(n)$); much faster when searching repeatedly
- disadvantage: the data must be **sorted first** (a one-off cost)

3.4

- most elements are already in place, so the inner **WHILE** does **few or no shifts** — close to $O(n)$

3.5

(a) rows for **Index** 1 to 5: **Data[Index]** = 8, 3, -6, 11, -2

- Found** stays **FALSE** until **Index** = 3, then **TRUE**
- Position** is unset until **Index** = 3, when it becomes 3, then becomes 5 at **Index** = 5

(b) it outputs **5**

- the **FOR** loop always runs all ten times

- so every later negative value **overwrites Position**, leaving the position of the **last** one rather than the first

(c) a **FOR** loop is a **count-controlled** loop and cannot stop early, but here the number of iterations is not known in advance — it depends on the data

- a **condition-controlled** loop is appropriate: a **WHILE** loop

(d)

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Found  $\leftarrow$  FALSE
Index  $\leftarrow$  1
WHILE Index  $\leq$  10 AND Found = FALSE
    IF Data[Index] < 0
        THEN
            Found  $\leftarrow$  TRUE
            Position  $\leftarrow$  Index
        ELSE
            Index  $\leftarrow$  Index + 1
        ENDIF
    ENDWHILE
IF Found = TRUE
    THEN OUTPUT Position
    ELSE OUTPUT "None found"
ENDIF
```

- WHILE** with both conditions; the flag set and the index advanced correctly; the loop cannot run past element 10; output unchanged and correct

(e) the corrected version stops at the third element, so it makes **3** comparisons

- the original always makes **10**
- a condition-controlled loop can leave as soon as the answer is known, so on data where the target appears early it does a fraction of the work; a count-controlled loop pays the full cost every time