

# Array Comparison, Strings and Loops

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# Lecture 5

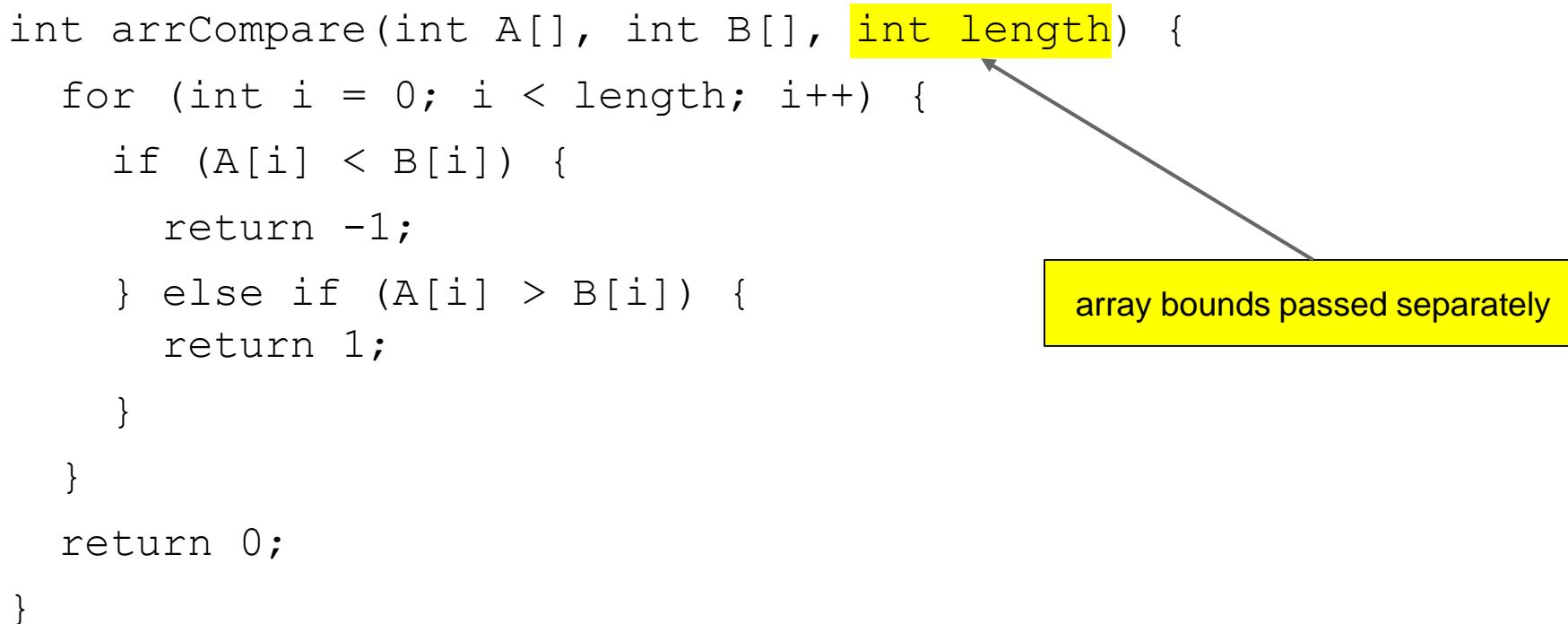
Today

- Array Comparison
- Strings
- Nested Loops

# Array Comparison

- Write a function to compare two arrays
- Array parameters passed by base address
  - Style points: use `int arr[]` instead of `int *arr`

```
int arrCompare(int A[], int B[], int length) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {  
        if (A[i] < B[i]) {  
            return -1;  
        } else if (A[i] > B[i]) {  
            return 1;  
        }  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```



array bounds passed separately

# Arrays of char

- type `char` is 1 byte per element
  - traditionally to hold one ASCII character
  - an array of `char` is a string!
- end of string terminated by *null char*: '`\0`'

```
int main ( ) {  
    char msg[10] = "ur n00b!";  
    printf("%s\n", msg);  
}
```

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
msg[10]:	'u'	'r'	' '	'n'	'0'	'0'	'b'	'!'	'\0'	

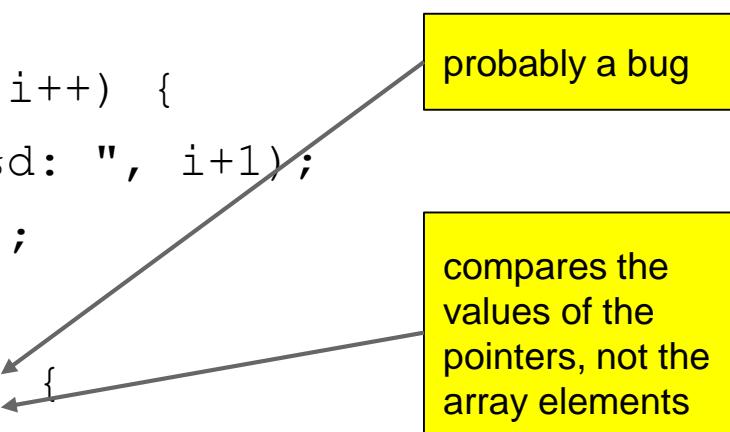
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7	7	007	<b>BEL</b>	(bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	'		71	47	107	&#71;	<b>G</b>		103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	<b>BS</b>	(backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	(		72	48	110	&#72;	<b>H</b>		104	68	150	&#104;	h
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31	1F	037	<b>US</b>	(unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	?		95	5F	137	&#95;	_		127	7F	177	&#127;	DEL

# Array Comparison

Puzzle: What's wrong with this code?

```
int main ( ) {  
    int password[3] = {1,2,3};  
    int answer[3];  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
        printf("Enter digit %d: ", i+1);  
        scanf("%d", answer+i);  
    }  
    if (password != answer) {  
        printf("Incorrect password!\n");  
    }  
}
```



probably a bug

compares the values of the pointers, not the array elements

# String Comparison

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main () {
    char password[4] = "abc";
    char answer[4];

    printf("Enter 3-character code: ");
    scanf("%s", answer);
    if (strcmp(password, answer) != 0) {
        printf("Incorrect password!\n");
    }
}
```

C library function to do string comparisons:

- 0 means equal
- < 0 means first < last
- > 0 means first > last

not `&answer` because  
answer is a pointer!

# Common String Functions

```
int strlen(char s[])
```

- returns the length of the string
- counts characters until null terminator
- Q: What happens if there is no null terminator?

```
void strcpy(char dest[], char src[])
```

- copies the string  $\text{dest}[] \leftarrow \text{src}[]$
- Q: What *must* be true about  $\text{dest}[]$ ?

# String I/O

## Input

- `scanf ("%s", str);`
- `scanf ("%[^\\n]s", str);`
- `gets(str);`

Also dangerous

## Output

Dangerous

- `printf ("%s", str);`
- `puts(str);`

# Nested Loops

- It is possible to include any sequence of statements within a loop body including:
  - calculations
  - function calls
  - if statements
  - other loops
- Just like you did in Python!

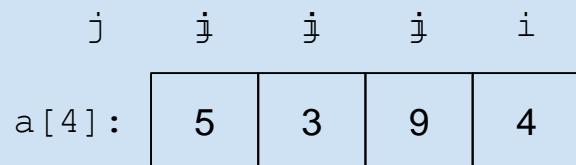
Classic Problem: Write a function that scans an array of `int`. It returns 1 if and only if two of the elements are the same, 0 otherwise.

# Classic Solution

```
int dup_chk(int a[], int length) {  
    int i = length;  
    while (i > 0) {  
        i--;  
        int j = i - 1;  
        while (j >= 0) {  
            if (a[i] == a[j]) {  
                return 1;  
            }  
            j--;  
        }  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

Simulation:

dup\_chk(a, 4):



These statements run the most frequently in the worst case

- What is the worst case?
- How many times when length = 4?

# Another Performance Measure

- Often consider the *worst-case* behaviour as a benchmark
  - make guarantees about code performance under all circumstances
- Can predict performance by counting the number of steps required by algorithm in the worst case
  - Derive total steps ( $T$ ) as a function of input size ( $N$ )

# Analysis

```
int dup_chk(int a[], int length) {  
    int i = length;  
N+1    while (i > 0) {  
        N        i--;  
        N        int j = i - 1;  
i + 1        while (j >= 0) {  
            i                if (a[i] == a[j]) {  
                    return 1;  
                }  
            i                j--;  
        }  
    }  
    1    return 0;  
}
```

Q. What is  $N$ ?

- The number of elements in the array

Outside of loop: 2 (steps)

Outer loop:  $3N + 1$

Inner loop:  $3i + 1$  for all possible  $i$  from 0 to  $N - 1$ .

$$= \frac{3}{2} N^2 - \frac{1}{2} N$$

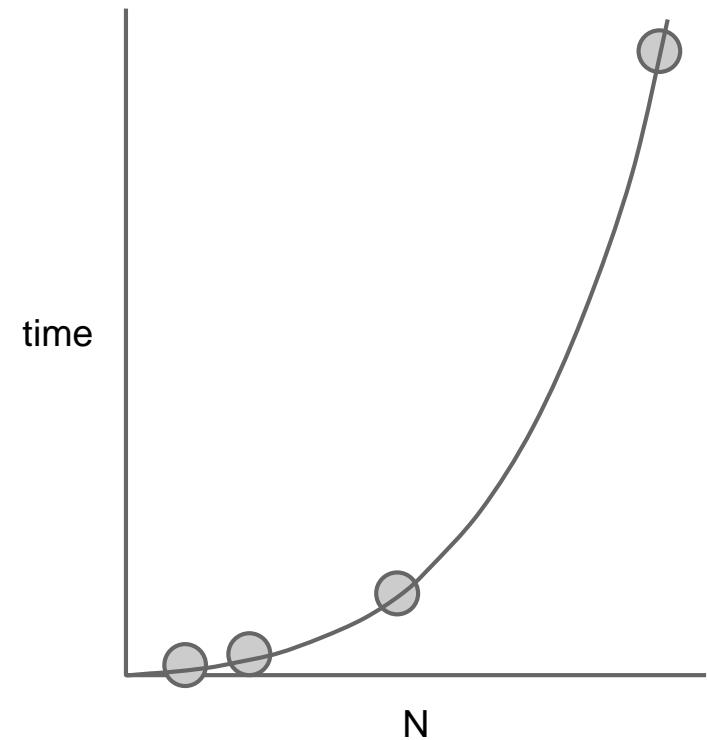
Grand total =  $\frac{3}{2} N^2 + \frac{5}{2} N + 3$

A quadratic function!

# Empirical Measurement

- Another graph - a quadratic this time!
- Confirms predictions: *doubling* (x2) the input size leads to **quadrupling** (x4) the running time

N	time (in ms)
10,000	89
20,000	365
40,000	1,424
100,000	9,011



# 2D Maximum Density Problem

Problem: Given a 2-dimensional array ( $N \times N$ ) of integers, find the  $10 \times 10$  swatch that yields the largest sum



Applications:

- Resource management and optimization
- Finding brightest areas of photos



# Algorithm / Code?

- Simple approach: Try all possible positions for the upper left corner
  - $(N - 9) \times (N - 9)$  of them
  - use a nested loop
- add each swatch using a  $10 \times 10$  nested loop
- A *brute-force* approach!
  - Generate a possible solution [naively]
  - Test it [naively]

# In C

Precise accounting:

$$348N^2 - 6956N + 34762 \text{ operations}$$

```
int max10by10(int a[N][N]) {  
    int best = 0;  
    for (int u_row = 0; u_row < N-9; u_row++) {  
        for (int u_col = 0; u_col < N-9; u_col++) {  
            int total = 0;  
            for (int row = u_row; row < u_row+10; row++) {  
                for (int col = u_col; col < u_col+10; col++) {  
                    total += a[row][col];  
                }  
            }  
            best = max(best, total);  
        }  
    }  
    return best;  
}
```

Approximate Method:

Count the *barometer instructions*, the instructions executed most frequently. Usually, in the innermost loop.

Innermost loop:  $11 + 10 + 10 = 31$  ops

$$\text{Total} = 31 \times 10 \times (N-9) \times (N-9) = 310N^2$$