

Analysis of Algorithms

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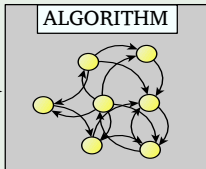
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- For example, we have
 - ▶ 9, 8, 5, 6, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1
- Then, we finish with
 - ▶ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9



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By The Way (BTW)

How do they look this machines, this algorithms?

After all we like to see them!!!



An Example of an Algorithm

Insertion Sort

Data: Unsorted Sequence A

Result: Sort Sequence A

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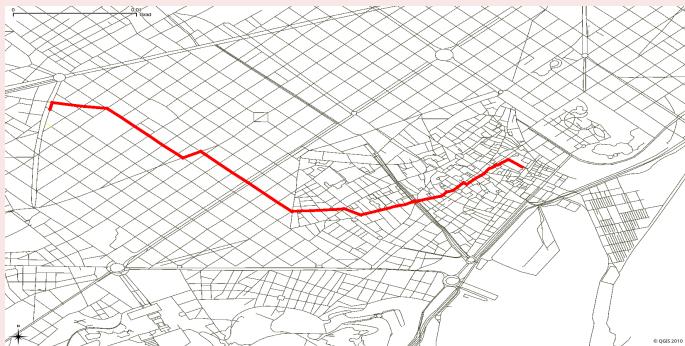


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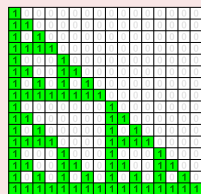
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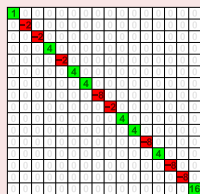
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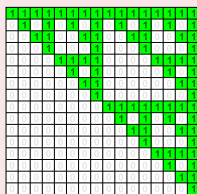
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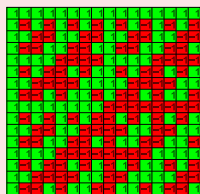
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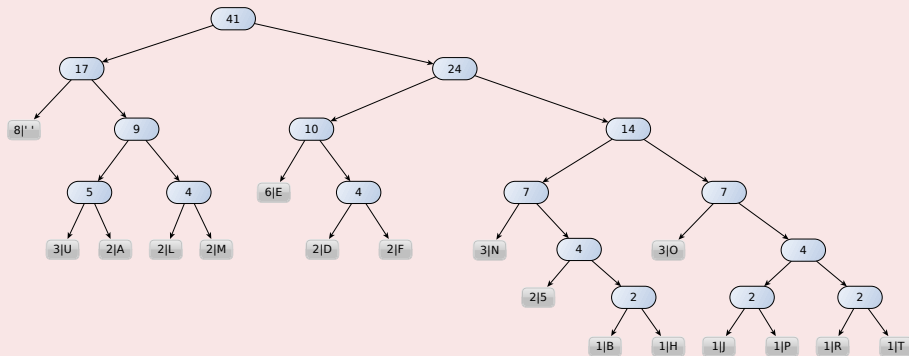
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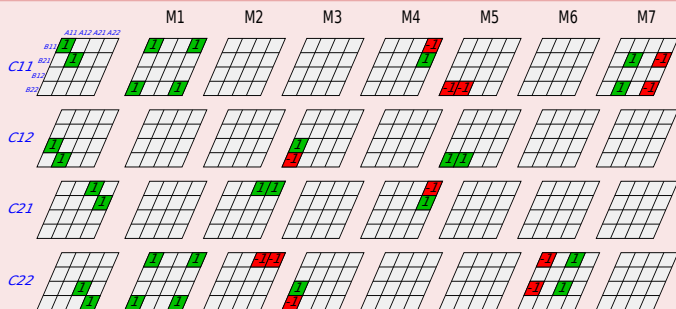


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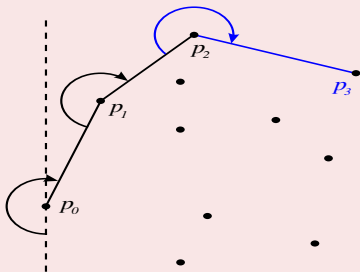


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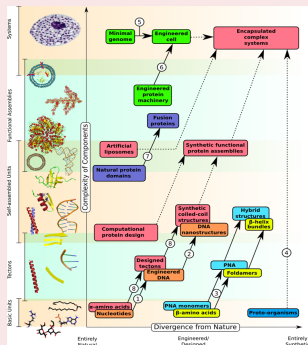


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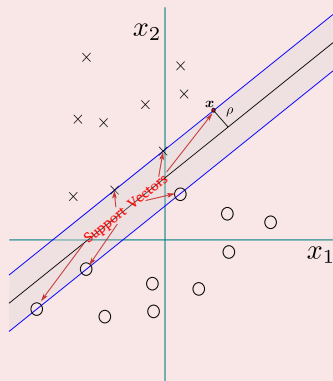


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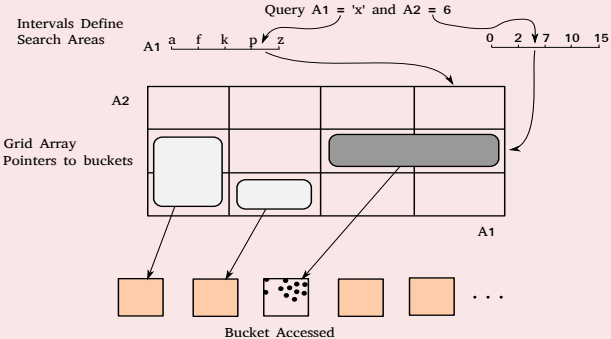


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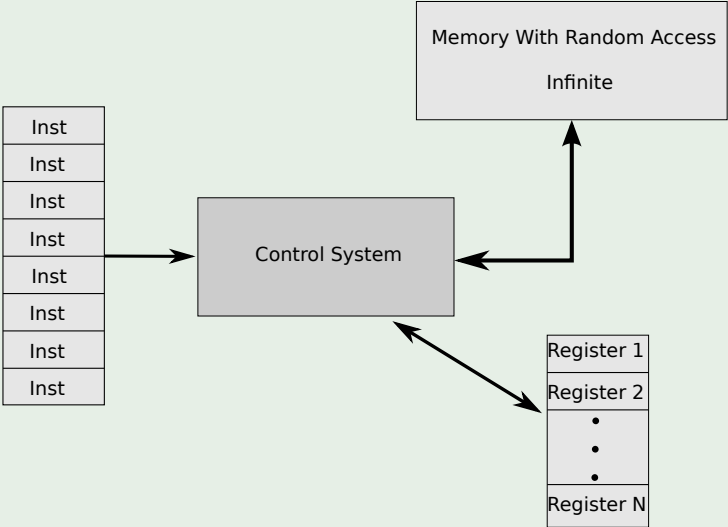
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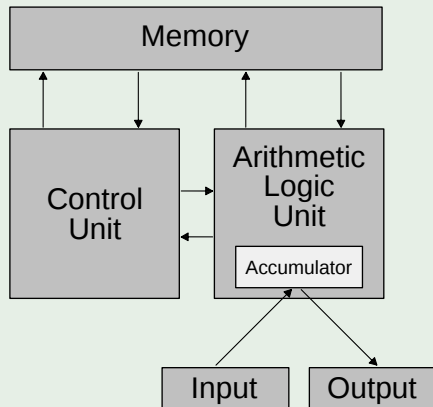
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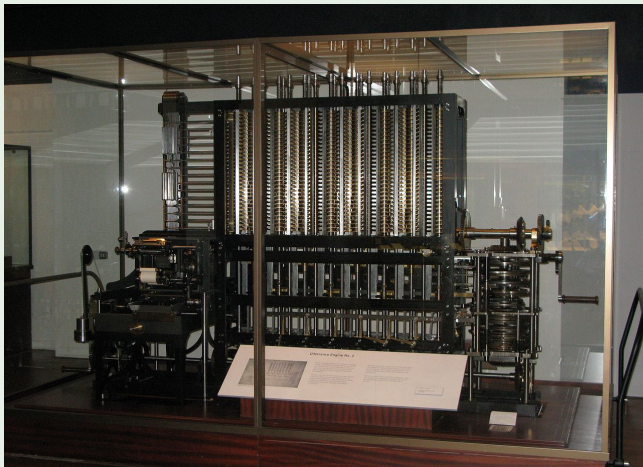
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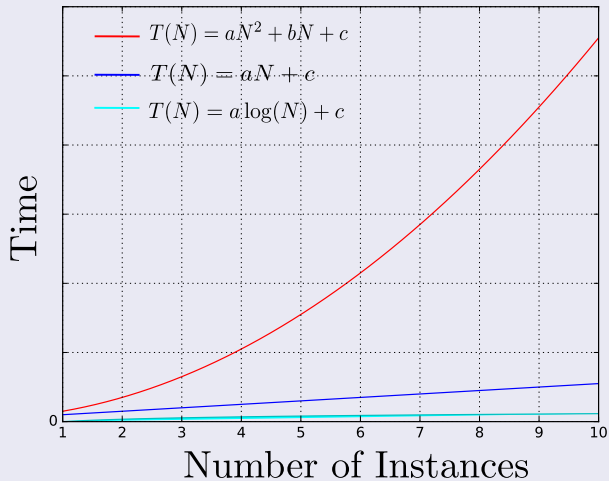
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