Building Java Programs

Chapter 7: Arrays

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Chapter outline

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Array basics

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A problem we can't solve (yet)

Consider the following program (input underlined):

How many days' temperatures? 7 Day 1's high temp: 45 Day 2's high temp: 44 Day 3's high temp: 39 Day 4's high temp: 48 Day 5's high temp: 37

Day 6's high temp: 46

Day 7's high temp: <u>53</u>

Average temp = 44.57142857142857

4 days were above average.



Why the problem is tough

- We need each input value twice:
 - to compute the average (a cumulative sum)
 - to count how many were above average
- We could read each value into a variable...
 - However, we don't know how many variables to declare.
 - We don't know how many days are needed until the program runs.

We need a way to declare many variables in one step.

Arrays

array: An object that stores many values of the same type.

- element: One value in an array.
- index: A 0-based integer to access an element from an array.



Array declaration

- Declaring/initializing an array:
 <type>[] <name> = new <type>[<length>];
 - Example:

int[] numbers = new int[10];

- The length can be any integer expression.
 - Example:

int x = 2 * 3 + 1;

int[] data = new int[x % 5 + 2];

Array auto-initialization

- When arrays are constructed, each element is given a "zero-equivalent" value.
 - int: 0
 - double: 0.0
 - boolean: false
 - char: '\0'
 - object (e.g. String): null

index 0 1 2 3 4

0

index 0 1 2 3

0.0

()

 $\mathbf{0}$

0.0

0

0.0

0

(the "null character")
(null means "no object")

An array of integers

An array of real numbers

value | 0.0 |

value



Accessing array elements

- Assigning a value to an array element: *array name>* [*<index>*] = *<value>* ;
 - Example: numbers[0] = 27; numbers[3] = -6;



Accessing array elements

Accessing an array element's value: <array name> [<index>]



Out-of-bounds

- The indexes that are legal to access in an array are those in the range of **0** to the **array's length - 1**.
 - Reading or writing any index outside this range will throw an ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException.

Example:

```
int[] data = new int[10];
System.out.println(data[0]);  // okay
System.out.println(data[9]);  // okay
System.out.println(data[-1]);  // exception
System.out.println(data[10]);  // exception
```

Arrays of other types

Arrays can contain other types, such as double.

Example:

```
double[] results = new double[6];
results[2] = 3.4;
results[5] = -0.5;
```

• Example:

boolean[] tests = new boolean[6]; tests[3] = true;

Accessing array elements

A longer example of accessing and changing elements:

```
int[] numbers = new int[8];
numbers[1] = 4;
numbers[4] = 99;
numbers[7] = 2;
```

```
int x = numbers[1];
numbers[x] = 44;
numbers[numbers[7]] = 11; // use numbers[7] as index
```



Arrays and for loops

It's common to use for loops to access array elements.

```
• Example (print each element of an array):
for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
    System.out.print(numbers[i] + " ");
}
System.out.println(); // end the line of output</pre>
```

Output (when used on array from previous slide):
0 4 11 0 44 0 0 2

More arrays and for loops

- Sometimes we assign each array element a value in a for loop.
 - Example:

```
for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
    numbers[i] = 2 * i;
} index 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
value 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14</pre>
```

What values would be stored into the array after this code?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
    numbers[i] = i * i;
}</pre>
```

The .length field

An array's length field stores its number of elements.

General syntax:

```
<array name> .length
```

It does not use parentheses like a String's .length().

Example:

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {
    System.out.print(numbers[i] + " ");
}
Output:
0 1 4 9 16 25 36 49</pre>
```

What expressions refer to:

- the last element of an array?
- the middle element?

Weather question

Use an array to solve the weather problem:

How many days' temperatures? 7

Day 1's high temp: 45

- Day 2's high temp: 44
- Day 3's high temp: 39
- Day 4's high temp: 48

Day 5's high temp: 37

Day 6's high temp: 46

Day 7's high temp: 53

Average temp = 44.57142857142857

4 days were above average.

Weather answer

// This program reads several days' temperatures from the user

```
// and computes the average and how many days were above average.
import java.util.*;
public class Weather {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("How many days' temperatures? ");
        int days = console.nextInt();
        int[] temperatures = new int[days]; // array to store days' temperatures
        int sum = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < days; i++) { // read/store each day's temperature
            System.out.print("Day " + (i + 1) + "'s high temp: ");
            temperatures[i] = console.nextInt();
            sum += temperatures[i];
        double average = (double) sum / days;
        int count = 0;
                                              // see if each day is above average
        for (int i = 0; i < days; i++) {</pre>
            if (temperatures[i] > average) {
                count++;
        // report results
        System.out.println("Average temp = " + average);
        System.out.println(count + " days above average");
```

Arrays for counting and tallying

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A multi-counter problem

Problem: Examine a large integer and count the number of occurrences of every digit from 0 through 9.

Example: The number 229231007 contains:

two 0s, one 1, three 2s, one 7, and one 9.

We could declare 10 counter variables for this...

int counter0, counter1, counter2, counter3, counter4, counter5, counter6, counter7, counter8, counter9;

- Yuck!
- A better solution is to use an array of size 10.
 - The element at index *i* will store the counter for digit value *i*.

Creating an array of tallies

The following code builds an array of digit counters:

```
int num = 229231007;
int[] counts = new int[10];
while (num > 0) {
    // pluck off a digit and add to proper counter
    int digit = num % 10;
    counts[digit]++;
    num = num / 10;
}
    index 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
                  3
    value
              1
                      0
          2
                                     1
                          0
                             0
                                 0
                                         \mathbf{0}
                                             1
```

Array histogram question

Given a file of integer exam scores, such as:

⁶⁶
⁷⁹
⁶³
⁸³
Write a program that will print a histogram of stars indicating the number of students who earned each unique exam score.

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Variations:

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- Make a curve that adds a fixed number of points to each score. (But don't allow a curved score to exceed the max of 100.)
- Chart the data with a DrawingPanel.

Array histogram answer

```
// Reads an input file of test scores (integers) and displays a
// graphical histogram of the score distribution.
import java.awt.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
public class Histogram {
   public static final int CURVE = 5; // adjustment to each exam score
   public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("midterm.txt"));
        int[] counts = new int[101]; // counters of test scores 0 - 100
       while (input.hasNextInt()) { // read file into counts array
            int score = input.nextInt();
            score = Math.min(score + CURVE, 100); // curve the exam score
           counts[score]++; // if score is 87, then counts[87]++
        for (int i = 0; i < counts.length; i++) { // print star histogram
            if (counts[i] > 0) {
               System.out.print(i + ": ");
               for (int j = 0; j < counts[i]; j++) {</pre>
                   System.out.print("*");
               System.out.println();
```

Array histogram solution 2

```
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```

```
// use a DrawingPanel to draw the histogram
DrawingPanel p = new DrawingPanel(counts.length * 3 + 6, 200);
Graphics g = p.getGraphics();
g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
for (int i = 0; i < counts.length; i++) {
    g.drawLine(i * 3 + 3, 175, i * 3 + 3, 175 - 5 * counts[i]);
}</pre>
```

Why are arrays useful?

- Storing a large amount of data
 - Example: Read a file of numbers and print them in reverse order.
- Grouping related data
 - Example: Tallying exam scores from 0 through 100.
- Accessing data multiple times, or in random order
 - Example: Weather program.

Array initialization statement

- Quick array initialization, general syntax:
 <type>[] <name> = {<value>, <value>, ..., <value>};
 - Example:

int[] numbers = $\{12, 49, -2, 26, 5, 17, -6\};$

- Useful when you know what the array's element values will be.
- The compiler figures out the size by counting the values.

Array practice problem

What element values are stored in the following array?

```
int[] a = {2, 5, 1, 6, 14, 7, 9};
for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) {
    a[i] += a[i - 1];
}</pre>
```

The Arrays class

The Arrays class in package java.util has several useful static methods for manipulating arrays:

| Method name | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| binarySearch(<i>array, value</i>) | returns the index of the given value in this array (< 0 if not found) |
| equals(<i>array1, array2</i>) | returns true if the two given arrays contain exactly the same elements in the same order |
| fill(<i>array, value</i>) | sets every element in the array to have the given value |
| sort(<i>array</i>) | arranges the elements in the array into ascending order |
| toString(<i>array</i>) | returns a string representing the array, such as "[10, 30, 17]" |

Arrays.toString

Arrays.toString accepts an array as a parameter and returns its data as a String, which you can print.

```
• Example:
int[] a = {2, 5, 1, 6, 14, 7, 9};
for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) {
    a[i] += a[i - 1];
}
System.out.println("a is " + Arrays.toString(a));
```

Output: a is [2, 7, 8, 14, 28, 35, 44]

Traversal algorithms

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Array traversal

traversal: An examination of each element of an array.

- Traversal algorithms often take the following form: for (int i = 0; i < <array>.length; i++) { do something with <array> [i]; }
- Examples:
 - printing the elements
 - searching for a specific value
 - rearranging the elements
 - computing the sum, product, etc.

Printing array elements

Example (print each element of an array on a line):

```
int[] list = {4, 1, 9, 7};
for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(i + ": " + list[i]);
}
Output:
0: 4
1: 1
```

- 2: 9
- 3: 7

How could we change the code to print the following? 4, 1, 9, 7

Examining array elements

Example (find the largest even integer in an array):

```
int[] list = {4, 1, 2, 7, 6, 3, 2, 4, 0, 9};
int largestEven = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < list.length; i++) {
    if (list[i] % 2 == 0 && list[i] > largestEven) {
        largestEven = list[i];
    }
}
System.out.println("Largest even: " + largestEven);
```

```
Output:
Largest even: 6
```

Strings and arrays

Strings are represented internally as arrays of char.

- They also use 0-based indexes.
- We can write algorithms to traverse strings.
- Example:

String str = "Ali G.";



String traversal example

// string stores voters' votes: (R)epub., (D)emo., (I)ndep.
String votes = "RDRDRRIDRRRDDDDIRRRDRRDDDDIRRRDRRDDDDRRDRDDDR";

Output: [17, 18, 5]

Section attendance problem

Consider an input file of course attendance data:



Each line represents a section (5 students, 9 weeks).

I means the student attended; 0 not.

Array transformations

In this problem we convert data from one form to another.

- This is called *transforming* the data.
- Often each transformation is stored into its own array.
- Transformation problems require a mapping between the original data and array indexes.

Examples:

- tally (if input value is *i*, store it at array index *i*)
- by position (store the *i*th value we read at index *i*)
- explicit mapping (count 'x' at index 0, count '0' at index 1)

Section attendance problem

Write a program that reads the preceding section data file and produces the following output:

```
Section #1:
Sections attended: [9, 6, 7, 4, 3]
Student scores: [20, 18, 20, 12, 9]
Student grades: [100.0, 90.0, 100.0, 60.0, 45.0]
Section #2:
Sections attended: [6, 7, 5, 6, 4]
Student scores: [18, 20, 15, 18, 12]
Student grades: [90.0, 100.0, 75.0, 90.0, 60.0]
Section #3:
Sections attended: [5, 6, 5, 7, 6]
Student scores: [15, 18, 15, 20, 18]
Student grades: [75.0, 90.0, 75.0, 100.0, 90.0]
```

Section attendance solution

```
// This program reads a file representing which students attended
// which discussion sections and produces output of the students'
// section attendance and scores.
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
public class Sections {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("sections.txt"));
        int section = 0; // used to count sections
        while (input.hasNextLine()) {
            String line = input.nextLine(); // one section's data
            section++;
            System.out.println("Section #" + section + ":");
            int[] attended = new int[5]; // count sections attended
            for (int i = 0; i < line.length(); i++) {
                char c = line.charAt(i);
                if (c == '1') {
                                               // student attended section
                    attended[i % 5]++;
            System.out.println("Sections attended: " + Arrays.toString(attended));
```

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Section attendance solution 2

```
// compute section score out of 20 points
int[] scores = new int[5];
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++) {
    scores[i] = Math.min(3 * attended[i], 20);
}
System.out.println("Student scores: " + Arrays.toString(scores));
// compute section grade out of 100%
double[] grades = new double[5];
for (int i = 0; i < scores.length; i++) {
    grades[i] = 100.0 * scores[i] / 20;
}
System.out.println("Student grades: " + Arrays.toString(grades));
System.out.println();
```

The program can be improved:

- It doesn't have any static methods.
- To add methods, we'll need to pass arrays as parameters.

Arrays as parameters

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Arrays as parameters

An array can be passed as a parameter.

- Syntax (declaration):
 public static <type> <name>(<type>[] <name>) {
- Example: public static double average(int[] numbers) {
- Syntax (call): *<method name>(<array name>);*
- Example: int[] scores = {13, 17, 12, 15, 11}; double avg = average(scores);

Array parameter example

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] iq = {126, 84, 149, 167, 95};
        int result = max(iq);
        System.out.println("Max = " + result);
     }
    public static int max(int[] array) {
        int largest = array[0];
        for (int i = 1; i < array.length; i++) {</pre>
             if (array[i] > largest) {
                 largest = array[i];
             }
        return largest;
Output:
    Max = 167
```

Arrays passed by reference

- Arrays are objects.
 - When passed as parameters, they are passed by *reference*.
 (Changes made in the method will also be seen by the caller.)

Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
      int[] iq = \{126, 167, 95\};
     doubleAll(iq);
      System.out.println(Arrays.toString(iq));
  }
 public static void doubleAll(int[] array) {
      for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {</pre>
          array[i] = 2 * array[i];
Output:
  [252, 334, 190]
```

Array parameter diagram



Output parameters

- output parameter: An array or object passed as a parameter that has its contents altered by the method.
 - We can pass an array and the method can change its contents.
 - Example:

```
int[] nums = {5, -1, 3, 14, 8, 7};
Arrays.sort(nums);
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(nums));
Arrays.fill(nums, 42);
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(nums));
Output:
[-1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14]
```

[42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 42]

Arrays as return values

An array can be returned from a method.

```
Syntax (declaration):
public static <type>[] <name>(<parameters>) {
```

```
• Example:
   public static int[] countDigits(int n) {
        ...
   }
```

```
Syntax (call):
    <type>[] <name> = <method name>(<parameters>);
```

• Example: int[] digits = countDigits(229231007);

Array return example

```
public static int[] countDigits(int n) {
    int[] counts = new int[10];
    while (n > 0) {
        int digit = n % 10;
        n = n / 10;
        counts[digit]++;
    return counts;
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int[] tally = countDigits(229231007);
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(tally));
}
Output:
[2, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1]
```

Array parameter questions

- Write a method named average that accepts an array of integers and returns the average of the element values.
- Write a method named contains that accepts an array of integers and a target value and returns whether the array contains the target value.
- Write a method named roundAll that accepts an array of doubles and rounds each to the nearest whole number.
- Improve the previous Histogram and Sections programs by making them use parameterized methods.

Array parameter answers

```
public static double average(int[] numbers) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {</pre>
        sum += numbers[i];
    return (double) sum / numbers.length;
public static boolean contains(int[] values, int target) {
    for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {</pre>
        if (values[i] == target) {
            return true;
    return false;
public static void roundAll(double[] array) {
    for (int i = 0; i < array.length; i++) {</pre>
        array[i] = Math.round(array[i]);
```

Arrays of objects and null

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Arrays of objects

- Recall: When you construct an array of ints, the elements' values are initialized to 0.
- The elements of an array of objects are initialized to a value called null.
 - null: A reference that does not refer to any object.

String[] words = new String[5];
Point[] coords = new Point[3];



Properties of null

It is legal to:

store null in a variable or array element

```
String s = null;
```

```
words[2] = null;
```

- print a null reference
 System.out.println(s); // output: null
- ask whether a variable or array element is null

if (words[i] == null) { ...

- pass null as a parameter to a method
- return null from a method
 - (often as an indication of failure, such as a method that searches for an object in a file/array but does not find it)

Null pointer exception

It is not legal to dereference a null value.

- dereference: Accessing the fields or methods of an object using the . notation (such as p.x or s.length()).
- Since null is not an actual object, it has no methods or data. Trying to access them causes an exception.

Example:

```
String[] words = new String[5];
System.out.println("word 0 is: " + words[0]);
words[0] = words[0].toUpperCase(); // bad
System.out.println("word 0 is now: " + words[0]);
```

Output:

Looking before you leap

When dealing with elements that may be null, you must take care to check for null before any calls.

```
String[] words = new String[5];
words[0] = "hello";
words[2] = "goodbye"; // words[1], [3], [4] are null
int totalLetters = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {</pre>
    if (words[i] != null) {
        totalLetters += words[i].length();
    }
System.out.println("letters: " + totalLetters); // 12
                index 0 1
                                           3
                                    2
                                               4
```

"hello"

value

null "goodbye"

null

null

words

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Two-phase initialization

- Arrays of objects use a *two-phase initialization*:

 initializing the array itself (each element is initially null)
 initializing each element of the array to be a new object
 - Example:



A subtlety

Consider the following code:

- Does it do the same thing as the code on the previous slide?
- What happens if we change coords[0]?



Arrays of objects question

Given a file containing a number of cities' (x, y) coordinates, which begins with the number of cities:

Write a program to read this data, then prompt the user for their home coordinates and output distances:

Type your x and y coordinates: <u>10 20</u> You are 40.0 miles from (50, 20) You are 89.44 miles from (90, 60) You are 52.0 miles from (10, 72) You are 100.89 miles from (74, 98) You are 116.11 miles from (5, 136) You are 156.97 miles from (150, 91)

Note: Use arrays and Point objects as part of your solution.

Arrays of objects solution

```
// Reads city x/y data from a file and computes distances.
import java.awt.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
public class Cities {
    public static void main(String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(new File("cities.txt"));
        int numCities = input.nextInt(); // file begins with # cities
        Point[] cities = new Point[numCities];
        for (int i = 0; i < numCities; i++) { // read cities into array
            cities[i] = new Point(input.nextInt(), input.nextInt());
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Type your x and y coordinates: ");
        Point you = new Point(console.nextInt(), console.nextInt());
        for (int i = 0; i < numCities; i++) {</pre>
            double dist = you.distance(cities[i]);
            System.out.println("You are " + dist + " miles from (" +
                               cities[i].x + ", " + cities[i].y + ")");
```

String methods with arrays

These String methods return arrays:

String s = "robot";

| Method name | Description | Example |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| toCharArray() | separates this string into an array of its characters | s.toCharArray() returns {'r', 'o', 'b', 'o', 't'} |
| split(<i>delimiter</i>) | separates this string into substrings by the given delimiting string | <pre>s.split("b") returns {"ro", "ot"} s.split("o") returns {"r", "b", "t"}</pre> |

String/array problems

- Write a method named areAnagrams that accepts two Strings and returns whether they contain the same letters.
 - areAnagrams("bear", "bare") returns true
 - areAnagrams("sale", "sail") returns false
 - Use methods from the previous slide and from the Arrays class.
- Write a method named wordCount that accepts a String and returns the number of words in that string (separated by " ").
 - wordCount("the quick brown fox") returns 4
 - Use the methods from the previous slide.

```
public static boolean areAnagrams(String s1, String s2) {
    char[] chars1 = s1.toCharArray();
    char[] chars2 = s2.toCharArray();
    Arrays.sort(chars1);
    Arrays.sort(chars2);
    return Arrays.equals(chars1, chars2);
}
```

```
public static int wordCount(String s) {
   String[] words = s.split(" ");
   return words.length;
```

Graphics methods w/ arrays

These methods of Graphics objects use arrays:

Method name

drawPolygon(int[] xPoints, int[] yPoints, int length)

drawPolyline(int[] xPoints, int[] yPoints, int length)

fillPolygon(int[] xPoints, int[] yPoints, int length)

Example:

// triangle: (10, 90), (50, 10), (90, 90)
DrawingPanel p = new DrawingPanel(100, 100);
Graphics g = p.getGraphics();
int[] xPoints = {10, 50, 90};
int[] yPoints = {90, 10, 90};
g.setColor(Color.GREEN);
g.fillPolygon(xPoints, yPoints, 3);



Command-line arguments

command-line arguments: Parameters passed to your program as it is run.

- The parameters are passed into main as an array of Strings.
- The parameters can be typed into a command prompt or terminal window, or directly in some editors such as DrJava.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   for (int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
      System.out.println("arg " + i + ": " + args[i]);
   }
}</pre>
```

Example:

> java ExampleProgram how are you?

- arg 0: how
- arg 1: are
- arg 2: you?

Shifting elements in an array

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Concept of an array rotation

- Imagine we want to rotate the elements of an array (that is, to shift them left by one index).
 - The element from index 0 will move to the last slot.
 - Example: {3, 8, 9, 7, 5} becomes {8, 9, 7, 5, 3}



 Shifting elements is useful when inserting and removing values from arrays that already contain other data.

Shifting elements left

A left shift of the elements of an array:



Let's write the code to do the left shift.

- Can we generalize it so that it will work on an array of any size?
- Can we write a right-shift as well?

Left rotate solution

```
public static void rotateLeft(int[] array) {
    // set aside first element
    int first = array[0];
    // shift all other elements left by 1
    for (int i = 0; i < array.length - 1; i++) {
        array[i] = array[i + 1];
    }
    // move first element to the end
    array[array.length - 1] = first;</pre>
```

}

Shifting question

Write a method insertInOrder that accepts a sorted array a of integers and an integer value n as parameters, and inserts n into a while maintaining sorted order.

In other words, assume that the element values in *a* occur in sorted ascending order, and insert the new value n into the array at the appropriate index, shifting to make room if necessary. The last element in the array will be lost after the insertion.

• Example: calling insertInOrder on array

{1, 3, 7, 10, 12, 15, 22, 47, 74} and value 11 produces {1, 3, 7, 10, **11**, *12*, *15*, *22*, *4*7}.

Shifting answer

```
public static void insertInOrder(int[] a, int n) {
    for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
        if (n < a[i]) {
            // we've found the proper place to insert;
            // shift remaining elements to the right
            for (int j = a.length - 1; j >= i + 1; j--) {
                 a[i] = a[i - 1];
            // add the new element
            a[i] = n;
            break;
```