

Loop Invariants: Prove loops are correct

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  setup
  while (condition) {
    stuff
  }

```

Great output

← Induction tailored to loops

Parts of Loop Invariant Proof

1. State Invariant: thing(s) that is true before & after each loop iteration
2. Base Case : Show invariant is true before loop starts.
3. Maintenance : Show if invariant is true before an iteration, it is true after an iteration
4. Termination : argue loop ends. Given status of invariant after final loop, argue great output.

Input : Array A of integers of length n

Output: Smallest value of A

```
1  $min = A[1]$ ;  
2  $i = 2$ ;  
3 while  $i \leq n$  do  
4 | if  $A[i] < min$  then  
5 | |  $min = A[i]$   
6 | end  
7 |  $i + +$ ;  
8 end  
9 return  $min$ ;
```

Algorithm 1: **Smallest**(A)

Loop Invariants

ex:

MIN(array A of length n)

- min = A[1]
- i = 2
- while (i ≤ n)
 - if (A[i] < min):
 - min = A[i]
 - i++
- return min

Loop Invariant

- min is minimum of A[1:i-1]

Base Case: Before loop starts: i = 2, min = A[1].

- min is minimum of A[1:1]

Maintenance

$\text{min} = \text{minimum} \{A[1:i-1]\}$ at start of loop. But
 $\text{minimum} \{A[1:i]\} = \text{minimum} \{A[1:i-1], A[i]\} = \text{minimum} \{\text{min}, A[i]\}$,
 which is what min becomes at the end of the loop.

Termination:

- loop terminates at $i = n + 1$.
- i increases, so termination will occur

Invariant: $\text{min} = \text{minimum} \{A[1:n]\}$

* Make sure your invariant gives you the result you want at end of loop *

Input : Array A of integers of length n

Output: Array containing sorted elements of A

```
1 for  $k = 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
2   | for  $j = n$  to  $k + 1$  do
3   |   | if  $A[j] < A[j - 1]$  then
4   |   |   | Swap  $A[j]$  and  $A[j - 1]$ ;
5   |   |   | end
6   |   | end
7   | end
8 return  $A$ ;
```

Algorithm 2: BubbleSort(A)