



UNIT 4A

Iteration: Searching

Last Course

- Algorithms
- Sieve of Eratosthenes

Function calls and parameters

```
def getSumOf (numList, start, end):  
    sum = 0  
    for pos in ranges(start, end):  
        sum = sum + numList[pos]  
    return sum
```

```
def sumOf (a, b, c, d):  
    sum = a + b + c + d  
    return sum
```

```
>>> start = "This is a program to ... "  
>>> numbers = [3, 6, 8, 2, 5, 7]  
>>> sum = getSumOf(numbers, 1, 5)  
>>> sum = sumOf (3, 6, 8, 2)
```

Are these **sum variables same?**

What Does Your Code Say About You?

```
def linsearch(items, key):  
    # search for key in items  
    ln = len(items)  
    i = 0  
    while i < ln:  
        if items[i] == key:  
            return i  
        i = i + 1  
    return None
```



What Does Your Code Say About You?

```
def linsearch (fred ,x):  
    ln =len(fred)  
  
    v= 0  
    while v<ln:  
        if fred[v ]==x:  
            return v  
        v= v+ 1  
    return None
```



Grading on Code Formatting

- Grading on the appearance of your code will happen.
- Meaningful variable names, consistent spacing, explanatory comments (#), no gratuitous blank lines. (But in long functions, blank lines can be a good way to group code into sections.)
- Why are we doing this?
 - Because we're mean.
 - Because you cannot find the bugs in your code if you cannot read it properly.

Goals of this Unit

- Understand simple mechanical **searching** and **sorting** procedures
- Analyze how the **time consumed** scales as the **amount of data** grows
- Understand how **characters** (letters, digits, etc.) are encoded **as numbers**

Specifically

- Algorithm: linear (sequential) search
- Algorithm: insertion sort
- Coding: Unicode

Outline for today

- Unicode
- Sequential (linear) searching
- Thinking about efficiency
 - analyzing
 - measuring runtime

Strings and Unicode

- You can use relational operators to compare strings: `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, `==`, `!=`
- How can that be?
Characters are coded as numbers.
- Strings of characters are coded as sequences of numbers
- Sequences are compared using rules of alphabetical order (“lexicographical order”)

String comparisons

```
>>> 'A' < 'a'
```



```
>>> '1' < 'A'
```



```
>>> '1' < '2'
```



```
>>> '11' < '2'
```



```
>>>
```

```
>>> '12' < '112'
```



```
>>> 'abc' < 'b'
```



```
>>> 'alpha' < 'alphabet'
```



```
>>> 'awkward' < 'able'
```



```
>>>
```

String comparisons

```
>>> 'A' < 'a'  
True
```

```
>>> '1' < 'A'  
True
```

```
>>> '1' < '2'  
True
```

```
>>> '11' < '2'  
True
```

```
>>>
```

```
>>> '12' < '112'  
False
```

```
>>> 'abc' < 'b'  
True
```

```
>>> 'alpha' < 'alphabet'  
True
```

```
>>> 'awkward' < 'able'  
False
```

```
>>>
```

Unicode

- Codes 48...57: digits 0 through 9
- Codes 65...91: A through Z
- Codes 97...122: a through z
- Other numbers: various special characters

Roman alphabet

...but many others!

Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
32	20	Space	64	40	@	96	60	"
33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
59	3B	;	91	5B	[123	7B	{
60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	
61	3D	=	93	5D]	125	7D	}
62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	DEL

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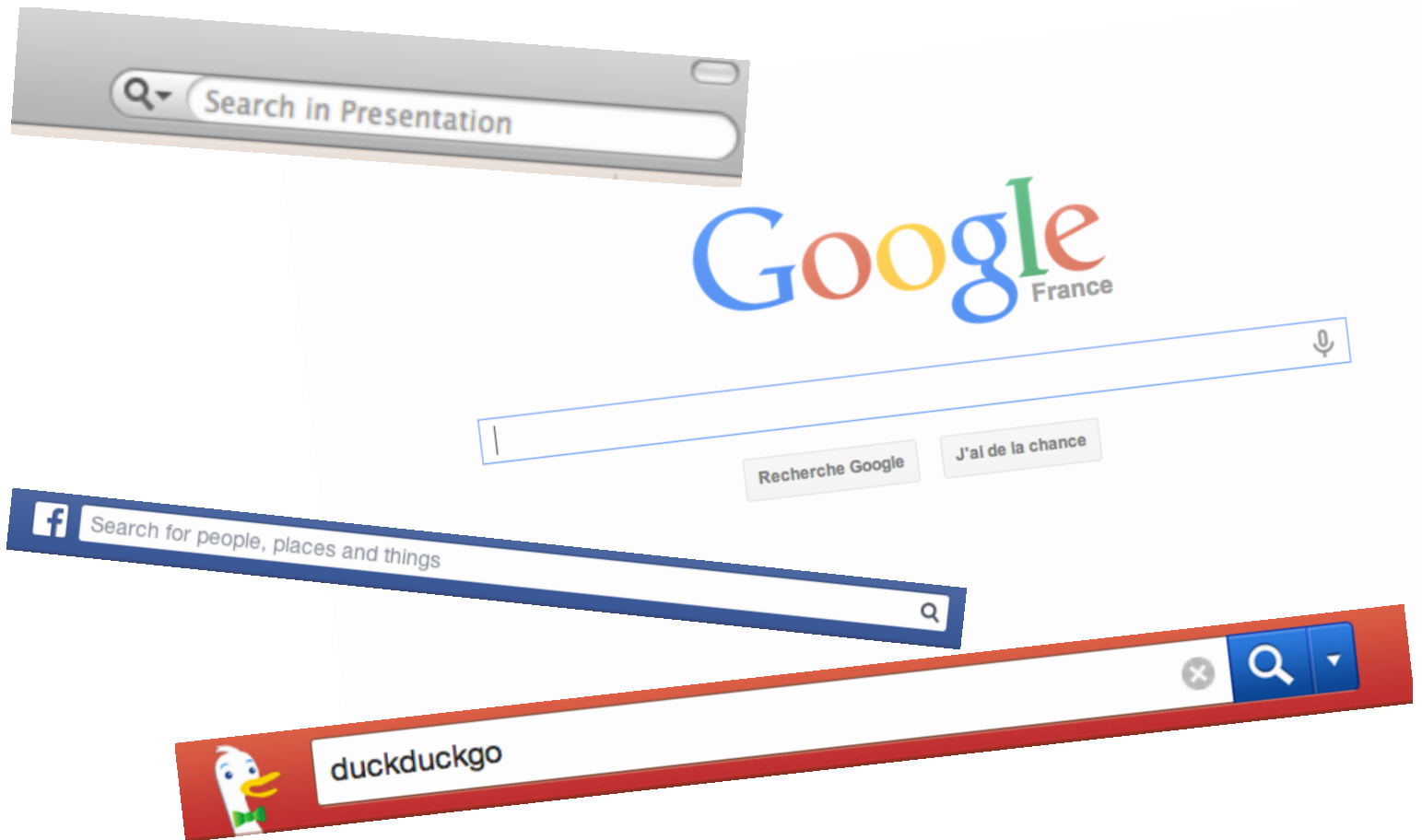
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KHMER SYMBOLS

a unicode video: <http://vimeo.com/48858289> 109, 242
characters/codes in 2 hours, 31 minutes, and 25 seconds
Amazingly, everything after around 14:00 seems to be
(Chinese) ideographs!

more later on encodings, now

ONWARD TO SEARCH

Searching, we use it



Built-in Search in Python

```
movies = ["The Wolf of Wall Street", "American Hustle",  
          "Frozen", "Her", "Lone Survivor", "12 Years a  
          Slave", "Nosferatu", "Arnacoeur", "Sullivan's  
          Travels"]
```

"American Hustle" `in` movies → `True`

"American" `in` movies → `False`

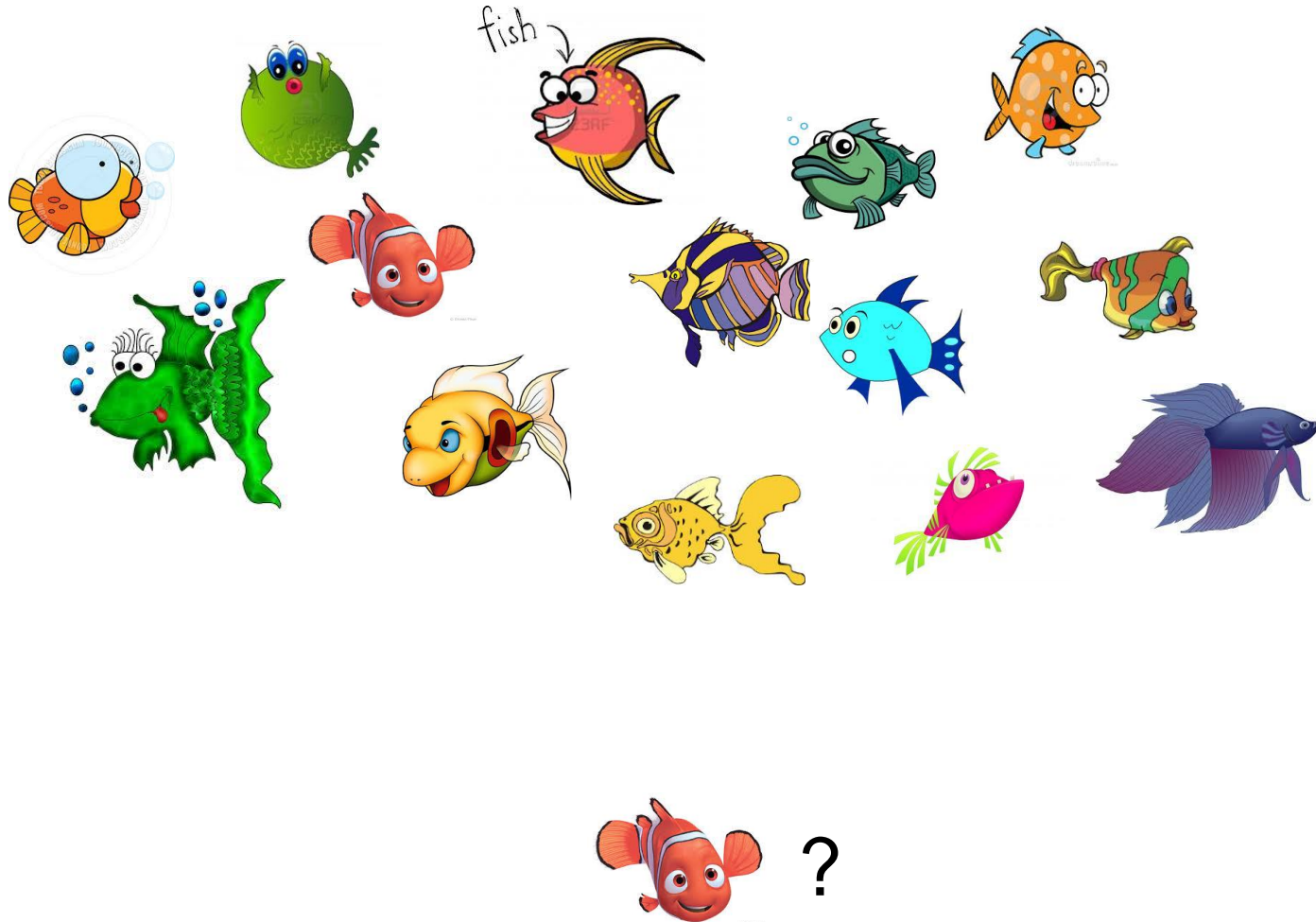
movies.`index`("Frozen") → `2`

movies.`index`("Lone") → `ValueError: 'Lone'
is not in list`

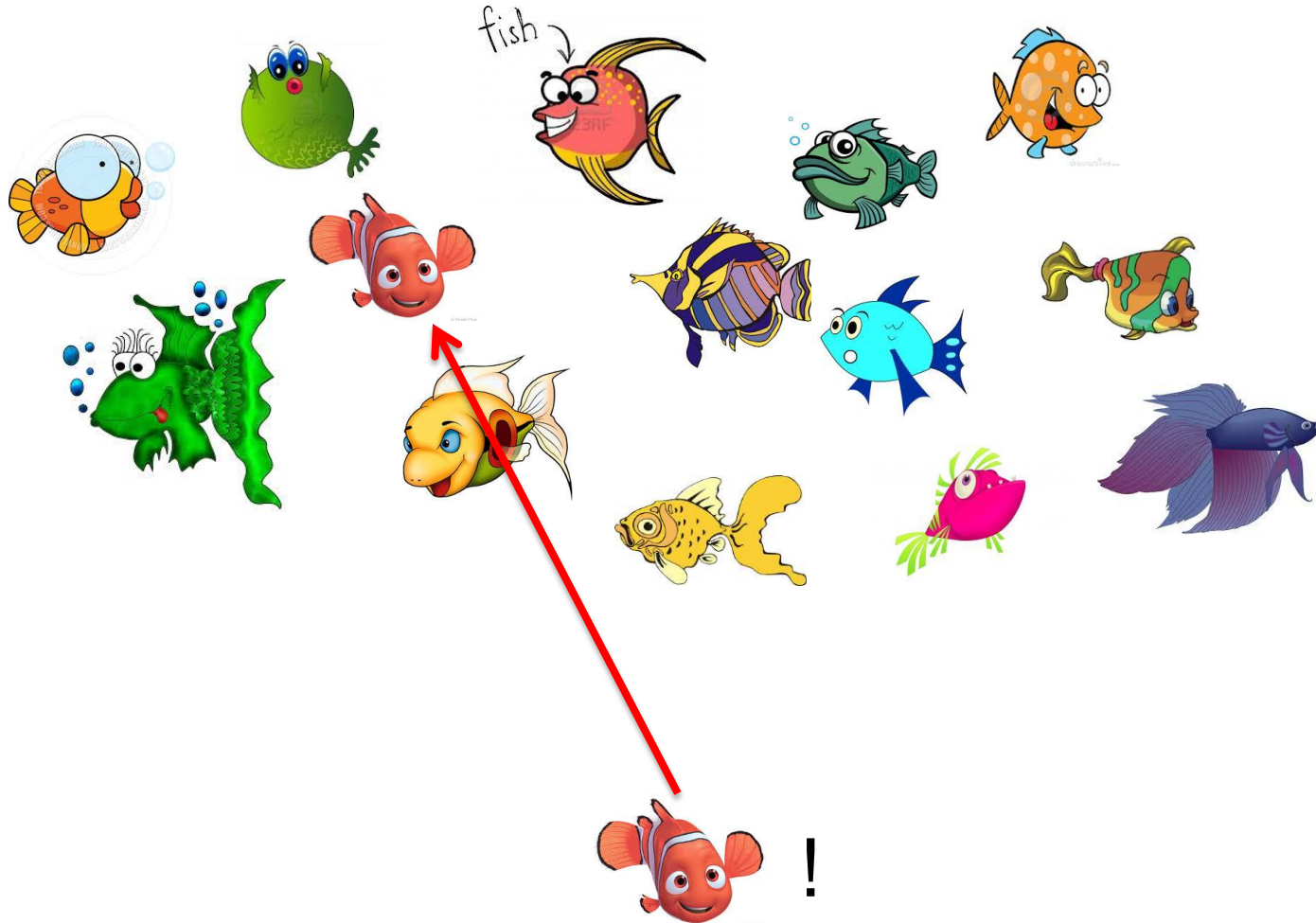
Let's Write Our Own Search

- Method: `contains(items, key)`
- Input: `items` to be searched
(could be strings or numbers or ...)
- Input: `key` to search for
- Output: `True` or `False`
- Approach: **think linearly**

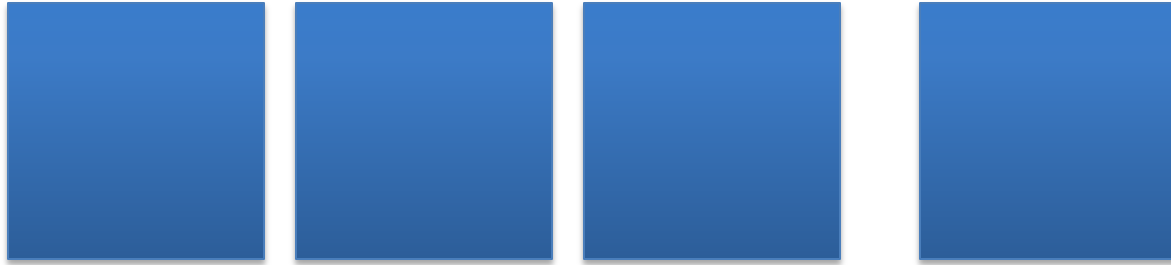
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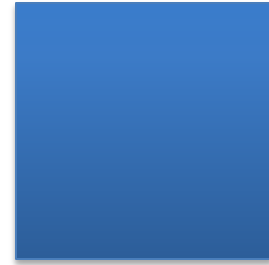
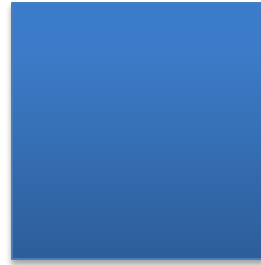
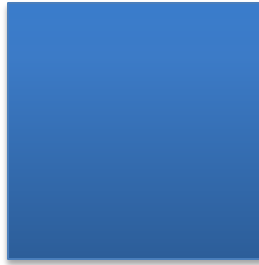
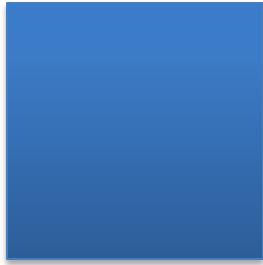
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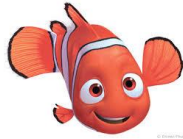
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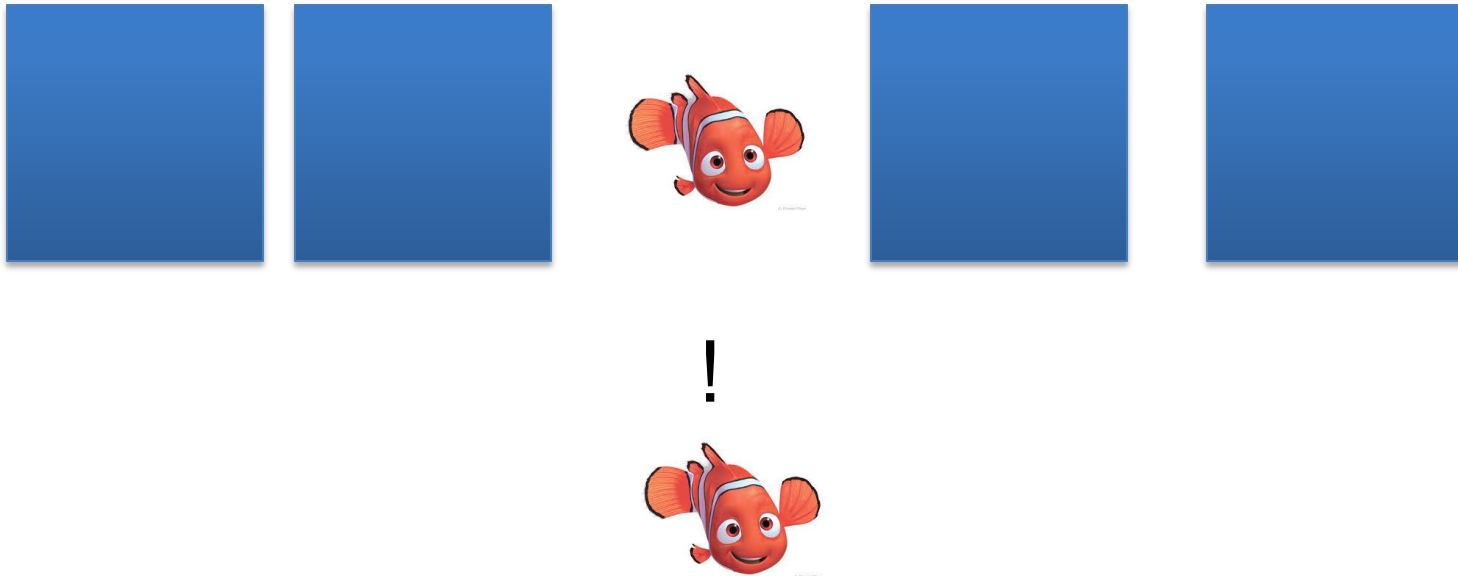
Thinking linearly...



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Thinking linearly...



A contains() method

```
def contains(items, key):  
    for index in range(len(items)):  
        if items[index] == key:  
            return True  
    return False
```

Another contains() method

```
def contains(items, key):  
    for item in items:  
        if item == key:  
            return True  
    return False
```

Getting More Information

- Method: **search(items, key)**
- Input: list to be searched
(could be strings or numbers or ...)
- Input: key to search for
- Output: **index of the first member of the list that matches the key, or **None** if the key isn't in the list** (instead of True or False)

Search using a for-loop

```
def search(items, key):  
    for index in range(len(items)):  
        if items[index] == key:  
            return index  
    return None
```

Alternatively?


```
def search(items, key):  
    for item in items:  
        if item == key:  
            return index  
    return None
```

Why can't we
do this?



Ok, but...

```
def search(items, key):  
    for item in items:  
        if item == key:  
            return items.index(key)  
    return None
```



What's undesirable about this?

*Be aware of the cost of the things
Python does for you “behind the scenes”!*

Problems, Algorithms and Programs

- One problem : potentially many algorithms
- One algorithm : potentially many programs
- We can compare how efficient different programs are both analytically and empirically

Analytically: Which One is Faster?

```
def contains1(items, key):  
  
    index = 0  
    while index < len(items):  
        if items[index] == key:  
            return True  
        index = index + 1  
    return False
```

`len(items)` is executed each
time loop condition is checked

```
def contains2(items, key):  
    ln = len(items)  
    index = 0  
    while index < ln:  
        if items[index] == key:  
            return True  
        index = index + 1  
    return False
```

`len(items)` is executed only
once and its value is stored in `ln`

Is a for-loop faster than a while-loop?

Add the following function to our collection of contains functions from the previous page:

```
def contains3(items, key):  
    for index in range(len(items)):  
        if items[index] == key:  
            return True  
    return False
```

Empirical Measurement

- Three programs for the same algorithm; let's measure which is faster:

```
import time
def time1(items, key) :
    start = time.time()
    contains1(items, key)
    runtime = time.time() - start
    print("contains1:", runtime)
```

- Define `time2` and `time3` similarly to call `contains2` and `contains3`

Doing the Measurement

```
>>> items = [None]*1000000
```

```
>>> time1(items, 0)  while loop
```

```
contains1: 0.34292006492614746
```

```
>>> time2(items, 0)  while loop with  
saved length
```

```
contains2: 0.28722596168518066
```

```
>>> time3(items, 0)  for loop
```

```
contains3: 0.15350890159606934
```

```
>>>
```

Conclusion: using `for` and `range()` is faster than using `while` and addition, when doing an unsuccessful search. Whyyyyyyy?

A Different Measurement

- What if we want to know how the different loops perform when the key matches the first element?

```
>>> time1(items1, None)
```

while loop

```
contains1: 1.0013580322265625e-05
```

```
>>> time2(items1, None)
```

while loop with
saved length

```
contains2: 1.0967254638671875e-05
```

```
>>> time3(items1, None)
```

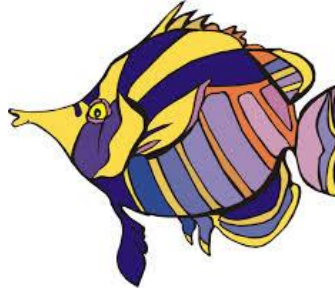
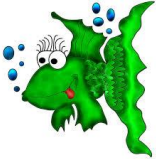
for loop

```
contains3: 1.9073486328125e-05
```

Now the relationship is reversed;
contains1 is fastest! Whyyyyyyyyyyyyyy?

Now

SORTING



Sorting

Google search results for "pagerank algorithm".

About 1,420,000 results (0.38 seconds)

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en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PageRank - Wikipedia
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[Google Panda](#) - [Google bomb](#) - [Google Toolbar](#) - [Webgraph](#)

PageRank Algorithm - The Mathematics of Google Search
www.math.cornell.edu/~mec/.../lecture3.html - Cornell University
 Lecture #3: **PageRank Algorithm** - The Mathematics of Google Search. We live in a computer era. Internet is part of our everyday lives and information is only a ...

Google PageRank - Algorithm
pr.efactory.de/e-pagerank-algorithm.shtml
 The PageRank of pages Ti which link to page A does not influence the PageRank of page A uniformly. Within the **PageRank algorithm**, the PageRank of a page ...

Feature Column from the AMS
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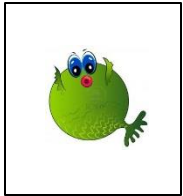
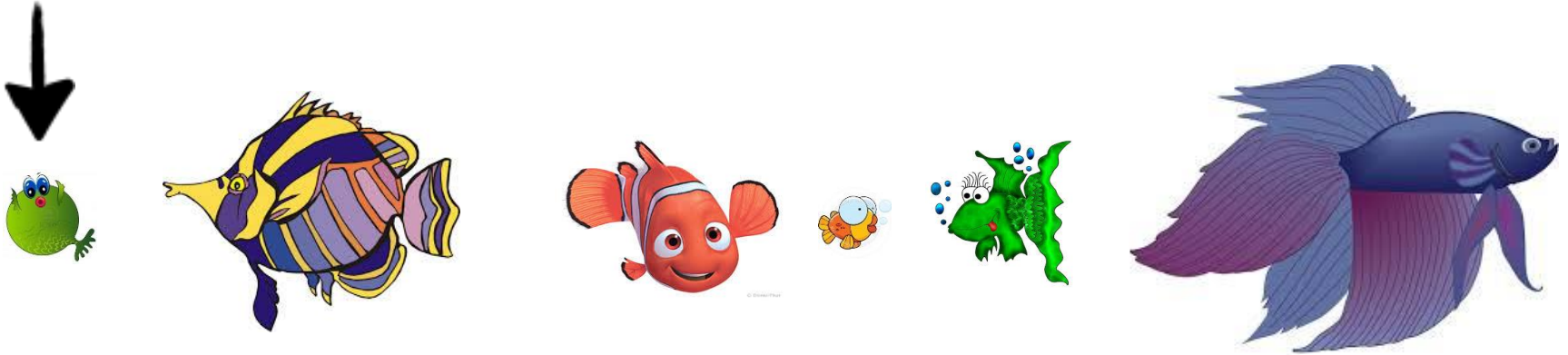
The Anatomy of a Search Engine - The Stanford University InfoLab
infolab.stanford.edu/~backrub/google.html
 The definitive paper by Sergey Brin and Lawrence Page describing **PageRank**, the **algorithm** that was later incorporated into the Google search engine.

[PDF] The PageRank Citation Ranking: Bringing Order to the Web
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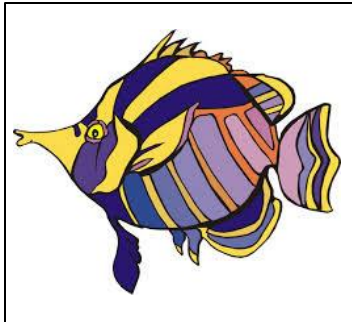
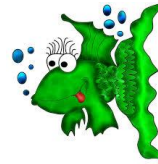
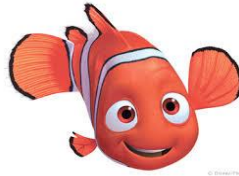
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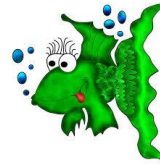
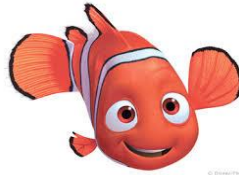
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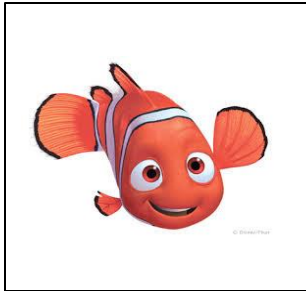
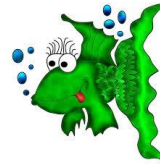
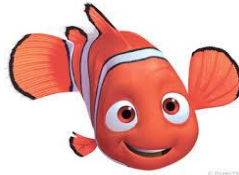
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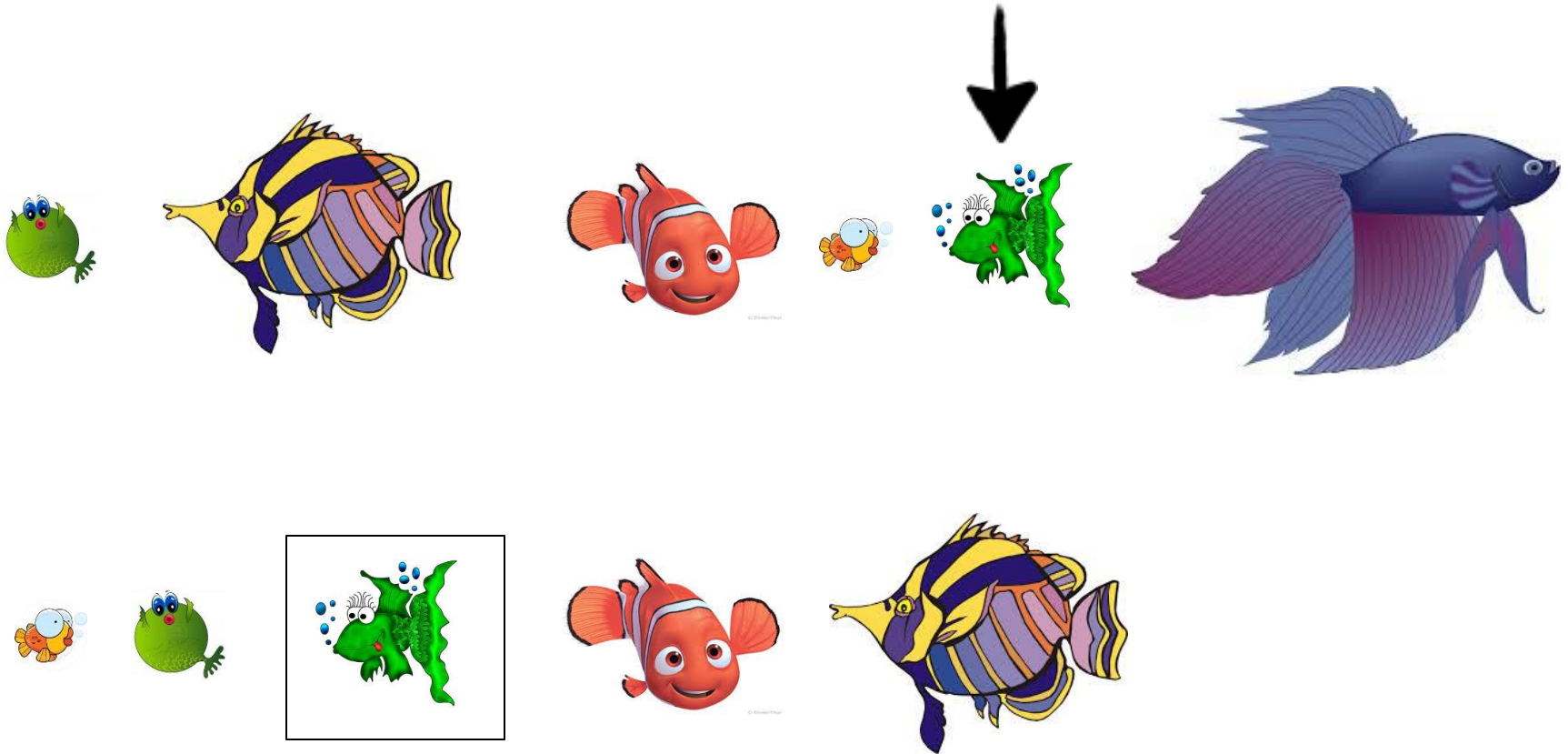
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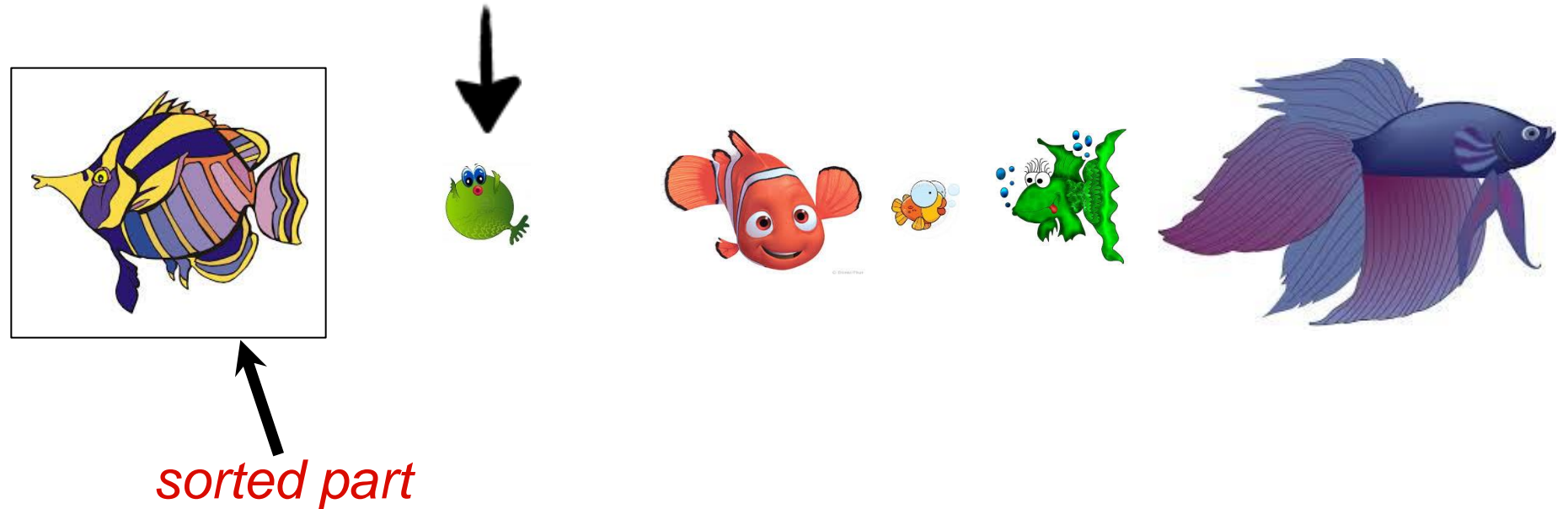
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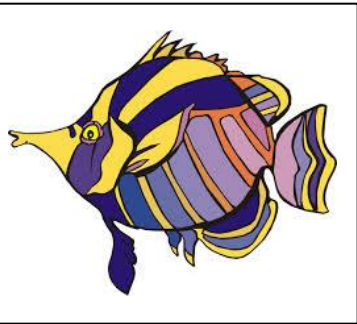
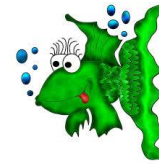
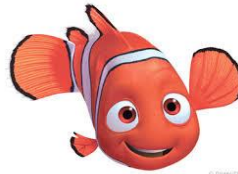
In-place Insertion Sort

- **Idea:** during sorting, a **prefix** of the list is *already sorted*. (This prefix might contain one, two, or more elements.)
- Each element that we process is inserted into the correct place in the sorted prefix of the list.
- Result: sorted part of the list gets bigger until the whole thing is sorted.

In-place Insertion Sort



In-place Insertion Sort



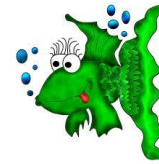
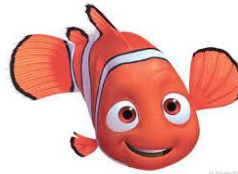
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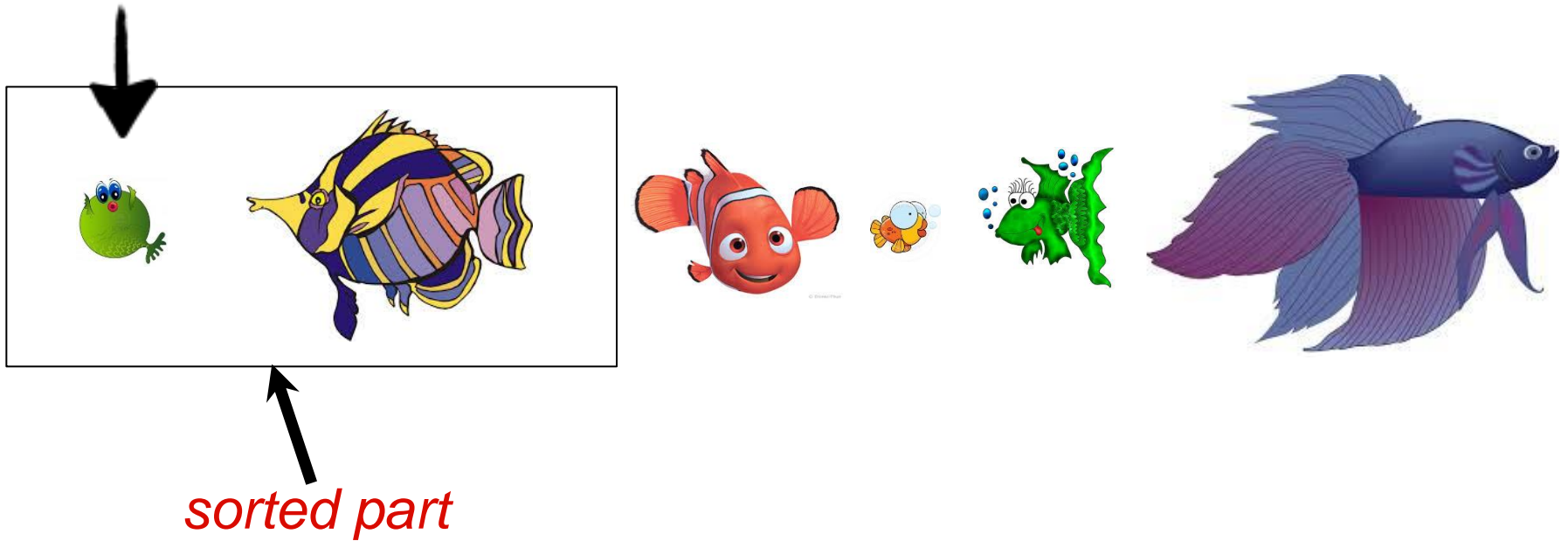
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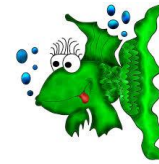
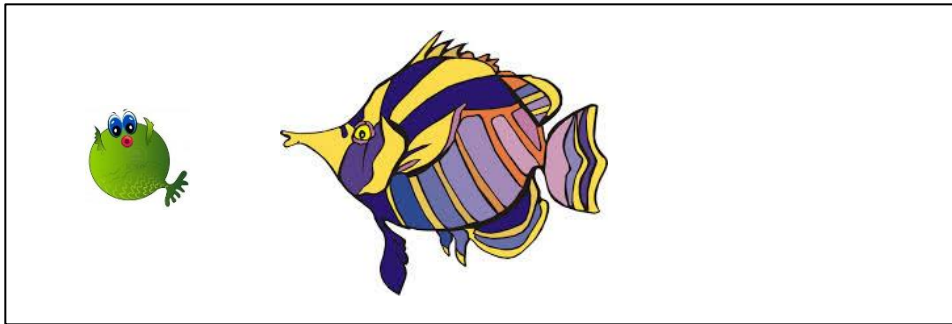
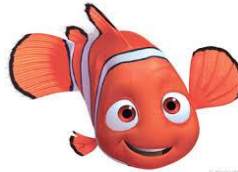
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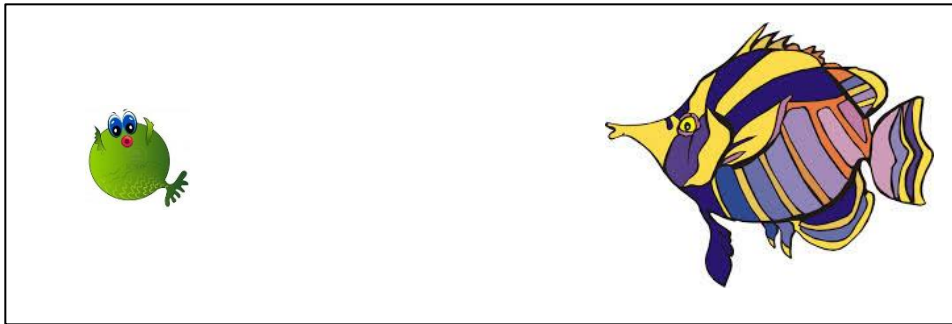
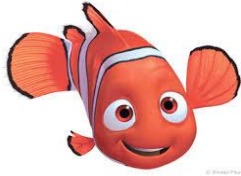


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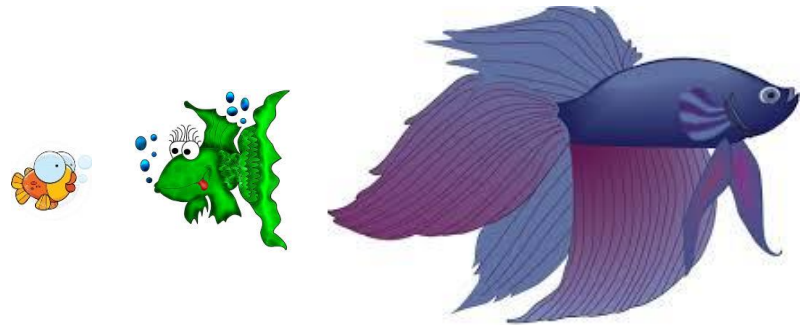


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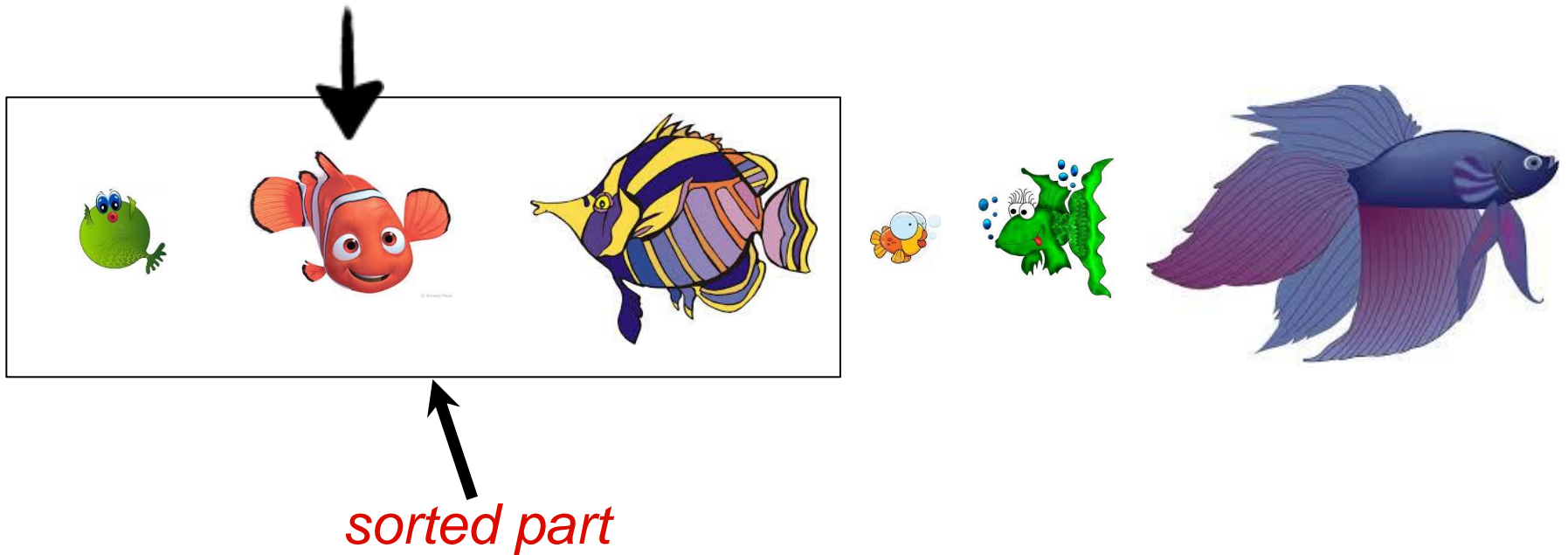
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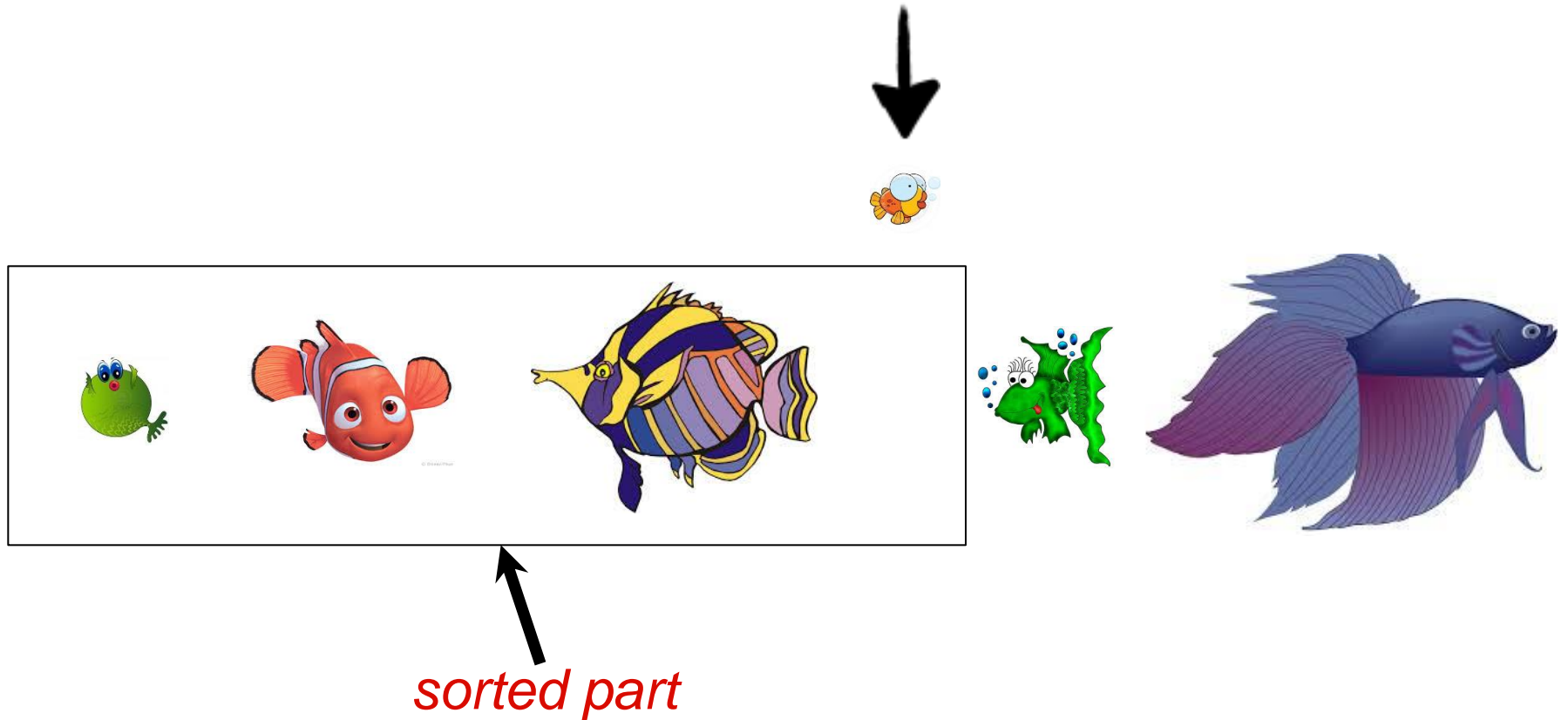
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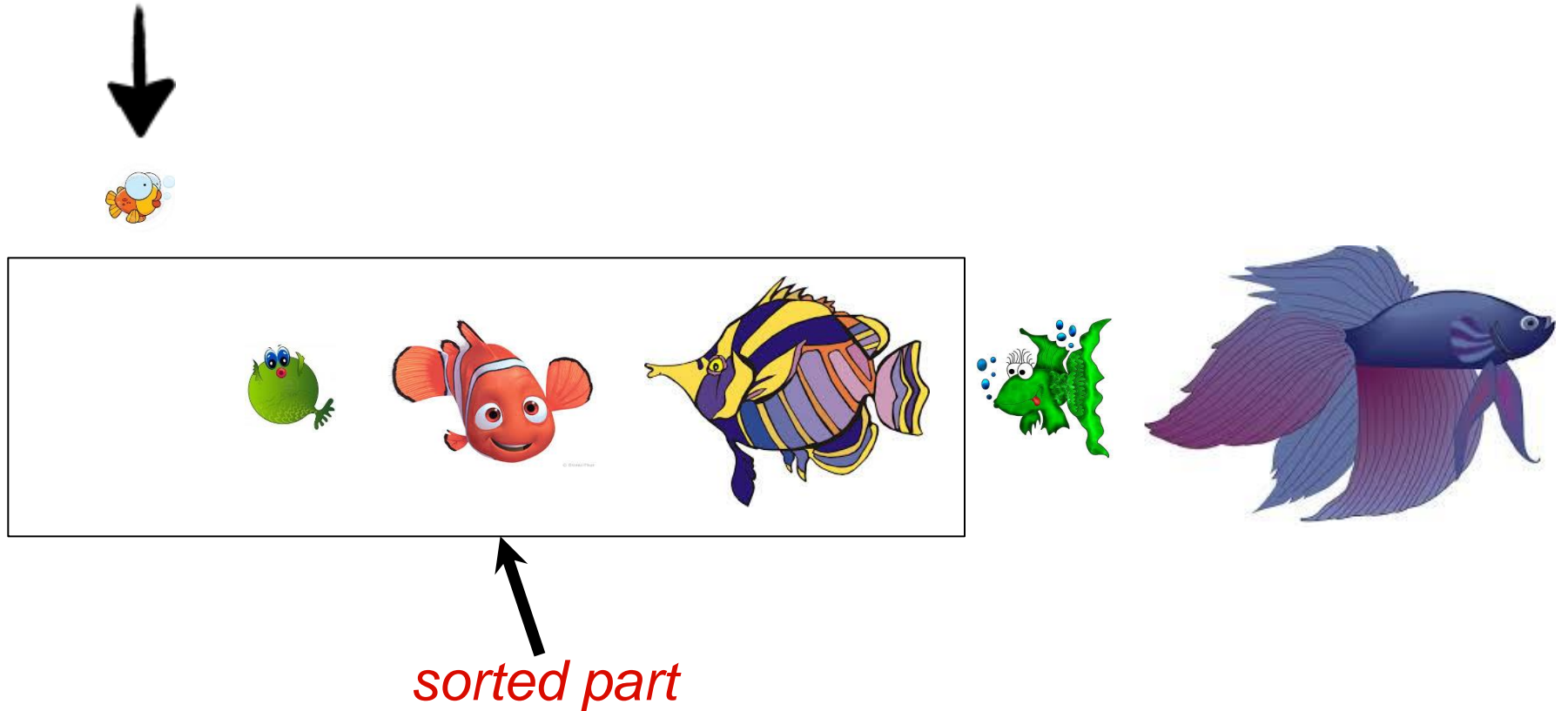
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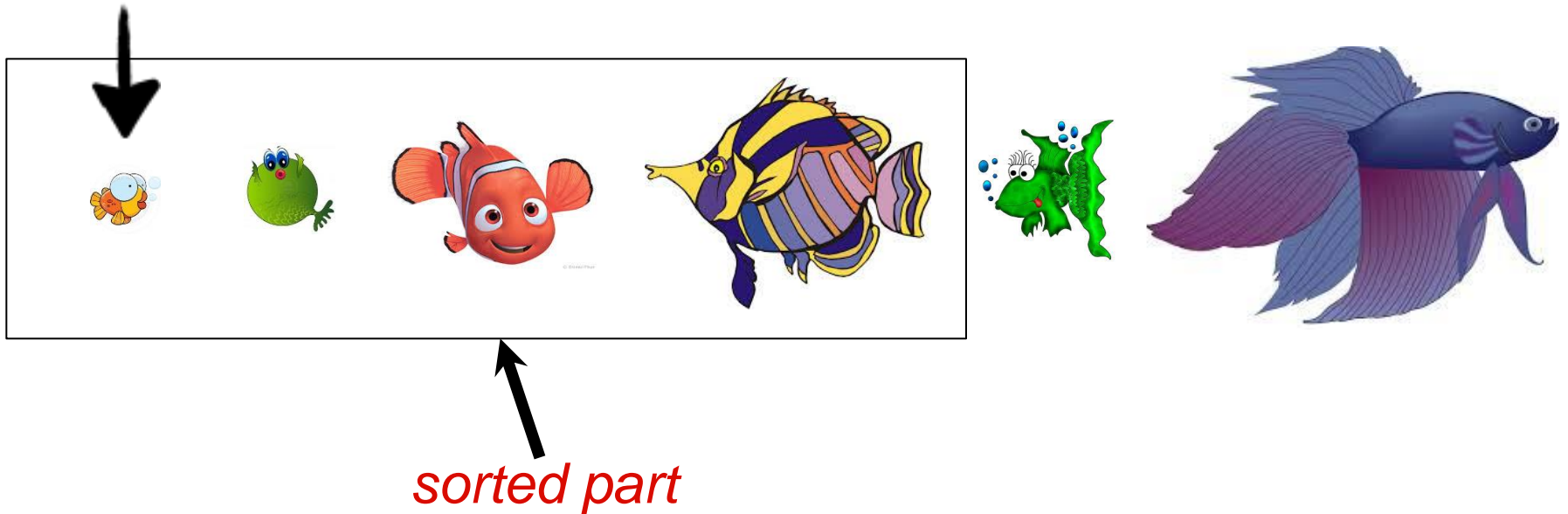
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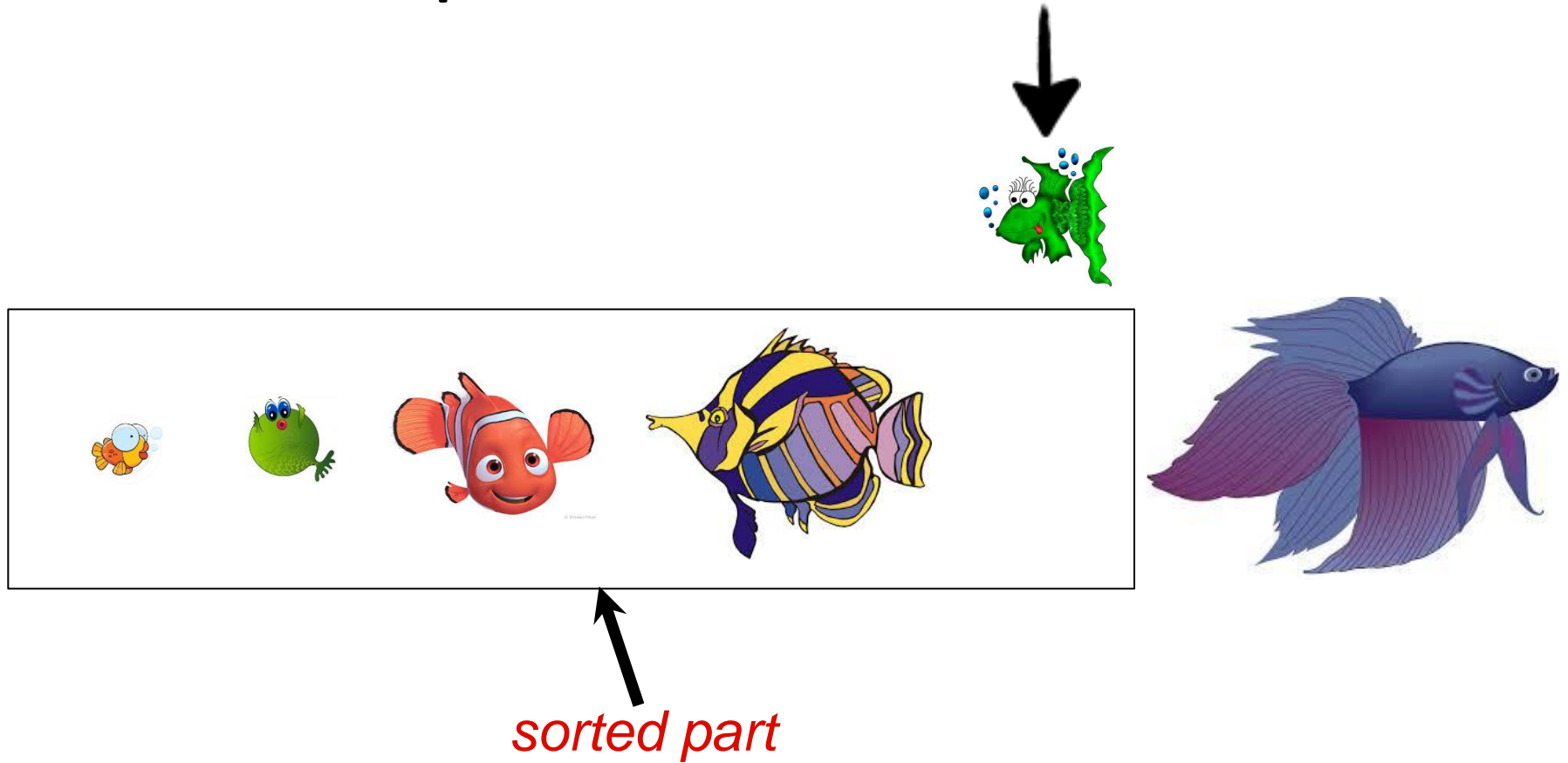
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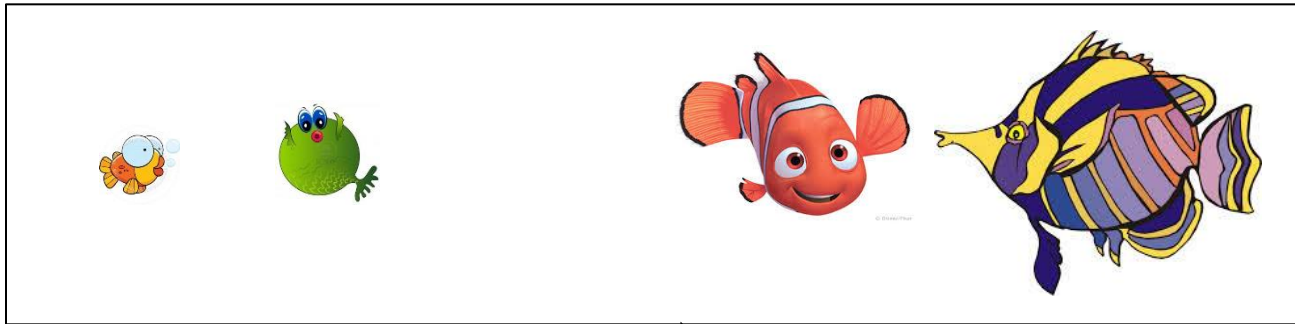
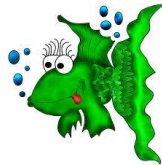
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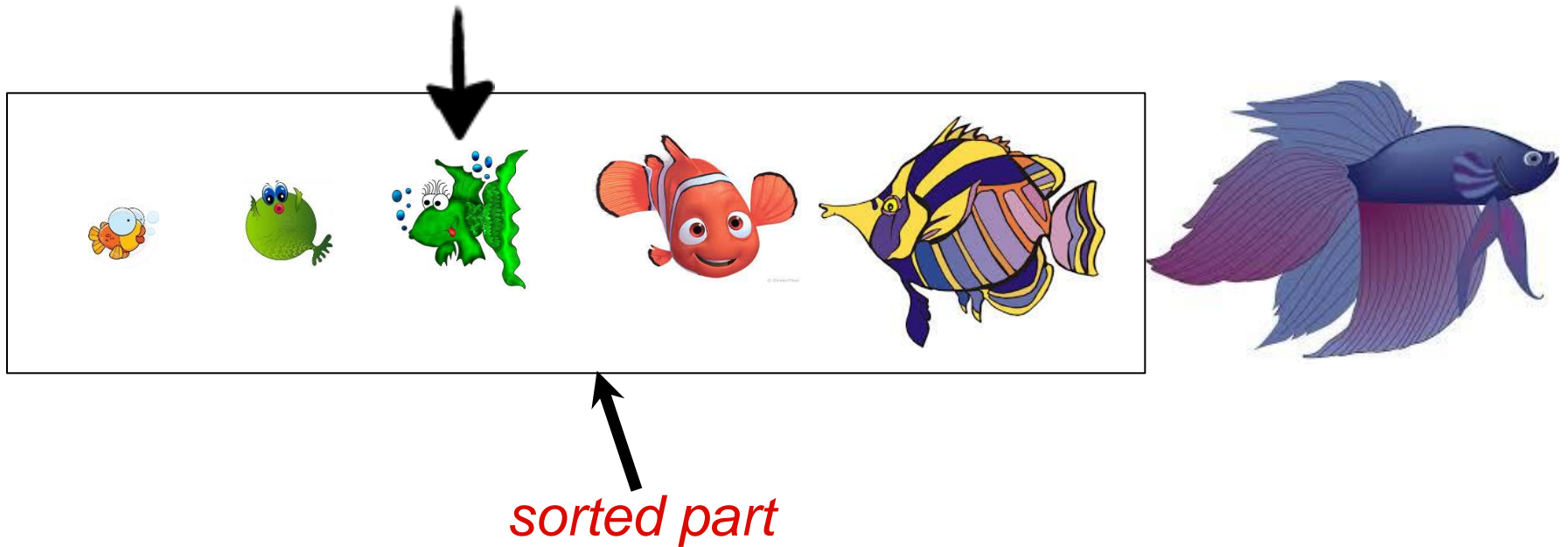


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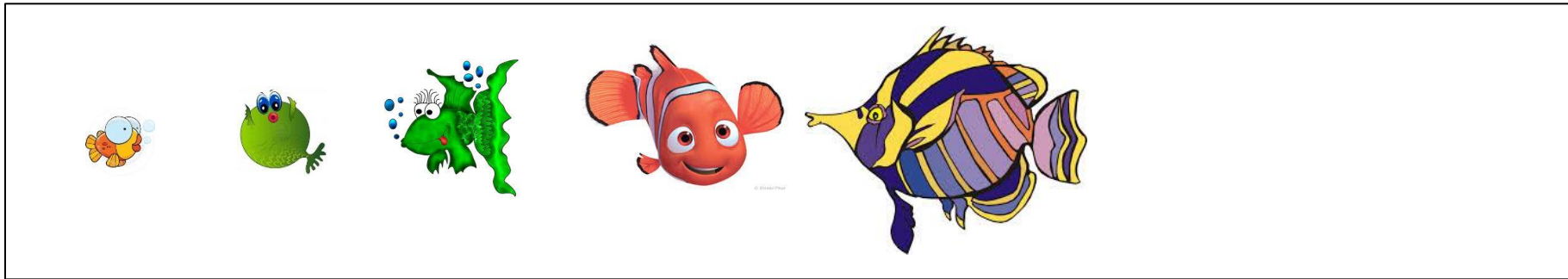


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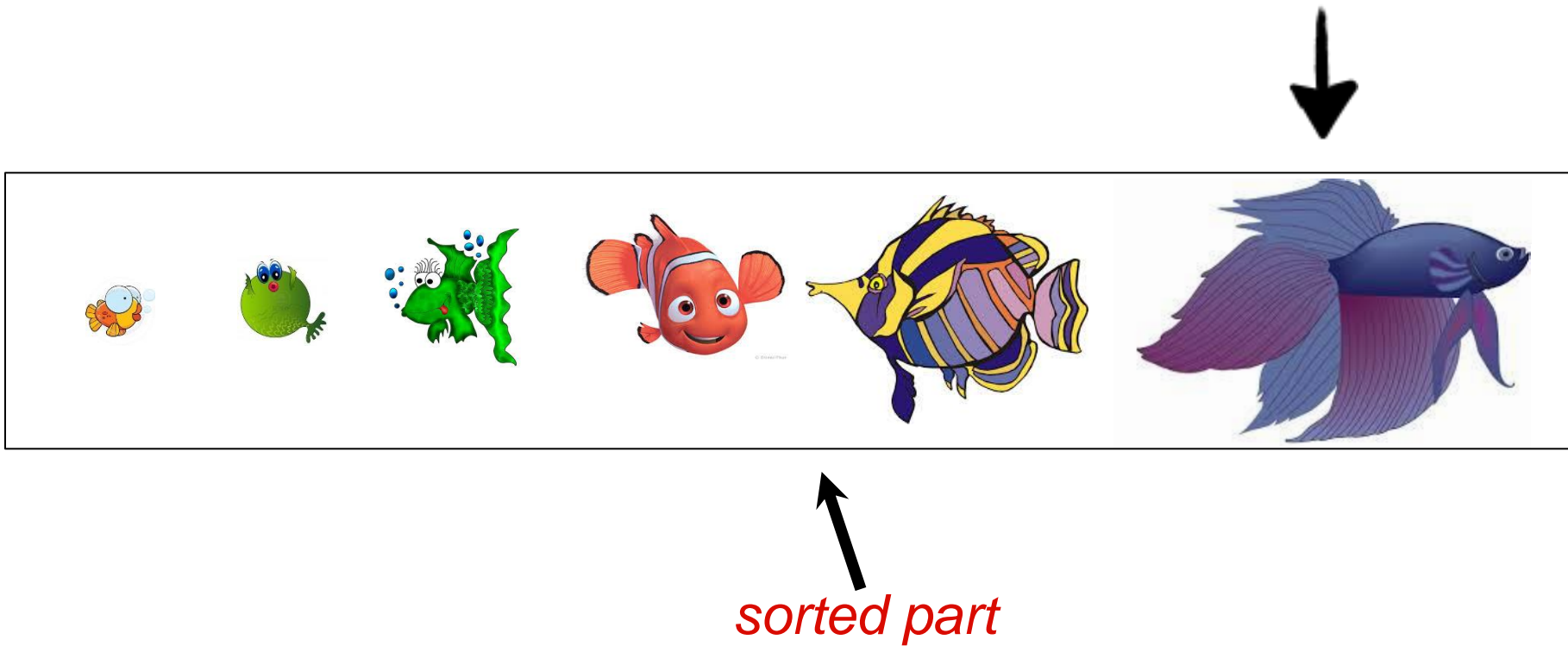
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In-place Insertion Sort



In-place Insertion Sort Algorithm

Given a list a of length n , $n > 0$.

1. Set $i = 1$.
2. While i is not equal to n , do the following:
 - a. Insert $a[i]$ into its correct position in $a[0]$ to $a[i]$ (inclusive).
 - b. Add 1 to i .
3. Return the list a (which is now sorted).

Example

$a = [53, 26, 76, 30, 14, 91, 68, 42]$

$i = 1$

Insert $a[1]$ into its correct position in $a[0..1]$
and then add 1 to i :

53 moves to the right,


26 is inserted into the list at position 0

$a = [26, 53, 76, 30, 14, 91, 68, 42]$

$i = 2$

Writing the Python code

```
def isort(items):  
    i = 1  
    while i < len(items):  
        move_left(items, i)  
        i = i + 1  
    return items
```



insert $a[i]$ into $a[0..i]$
in its correct sorted
position

Great, we've written isort....

**BUT WE HAVE TO WRITE THE
MOVE_LEFT FUNCTION!**

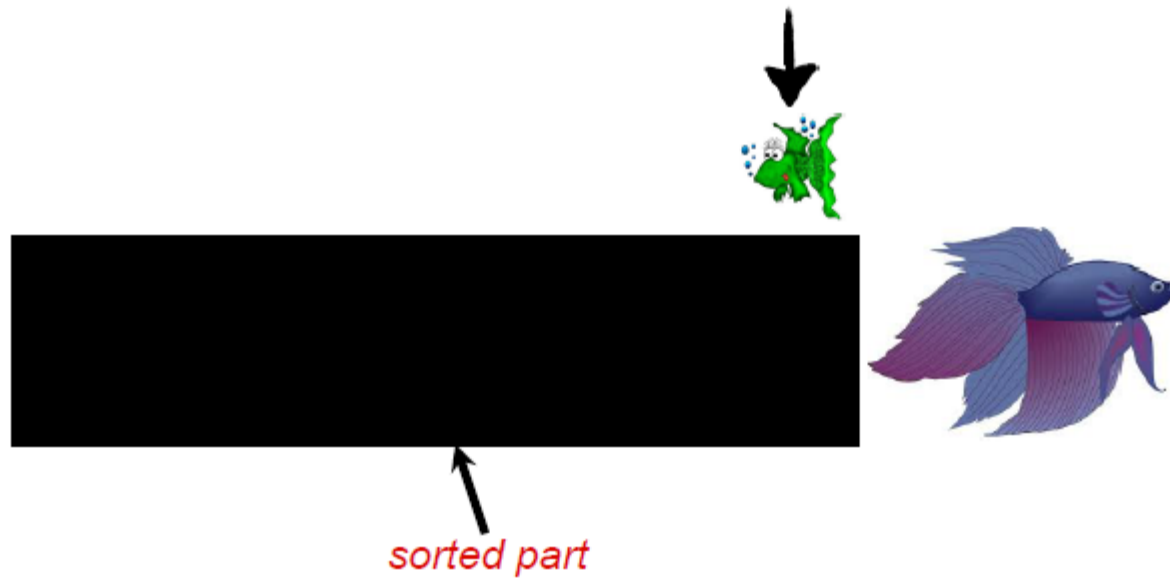
Moving left using search

To move the element x at index i “left” to its correct position, start at position $i-1$, and **search from right to left** until we find the first element that is less than or equal to x .

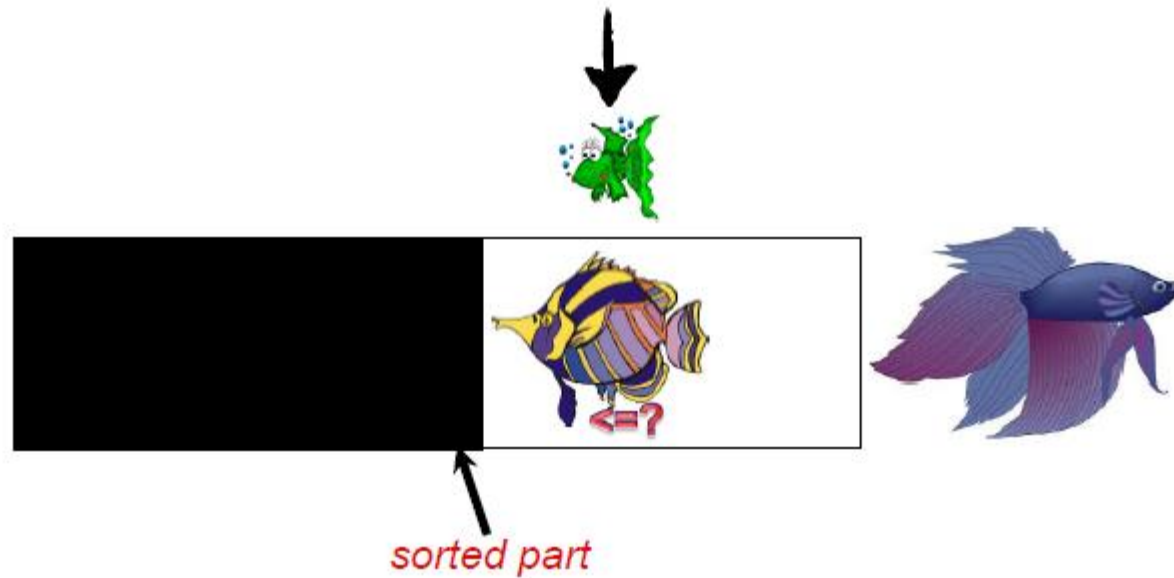
Then insert x back into the list to the right of that element.

(The Python insert operation does not overwrite. Think of it as “squeezing into the list”.)

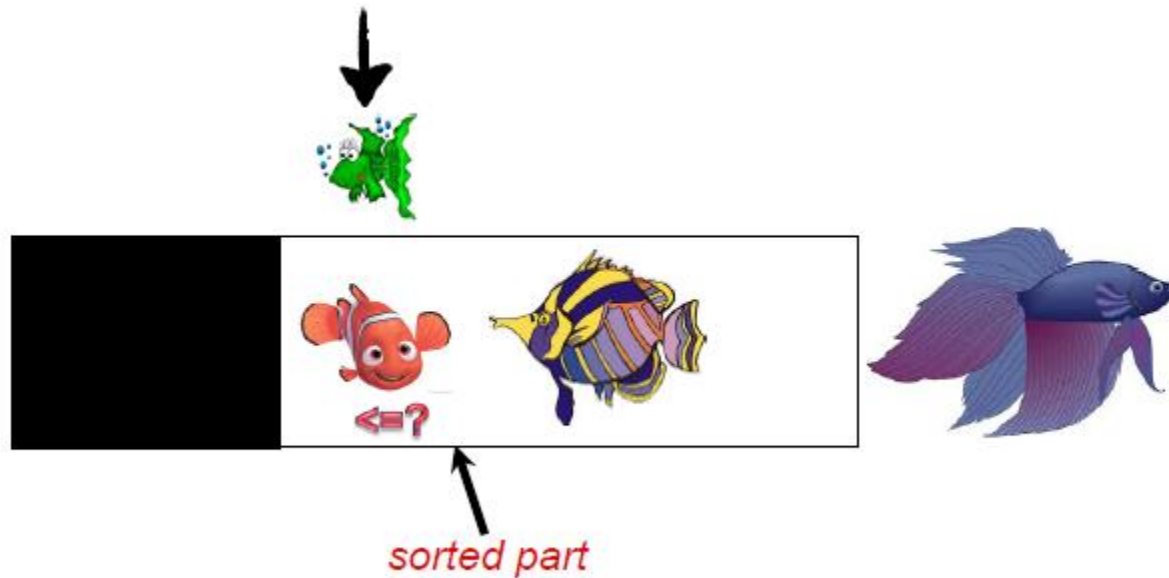
Move_left via linear search



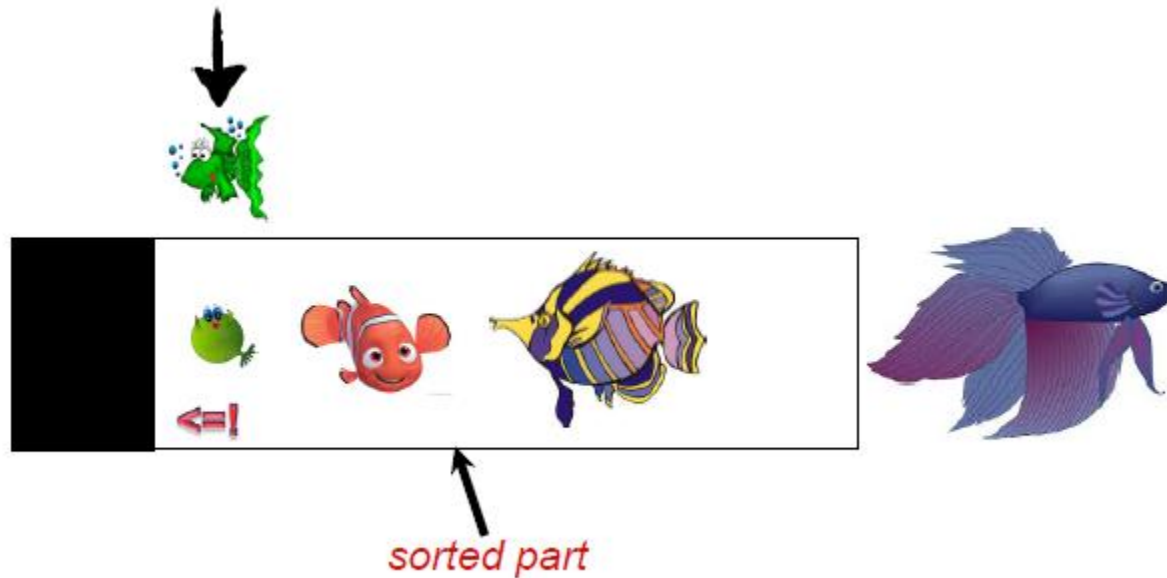
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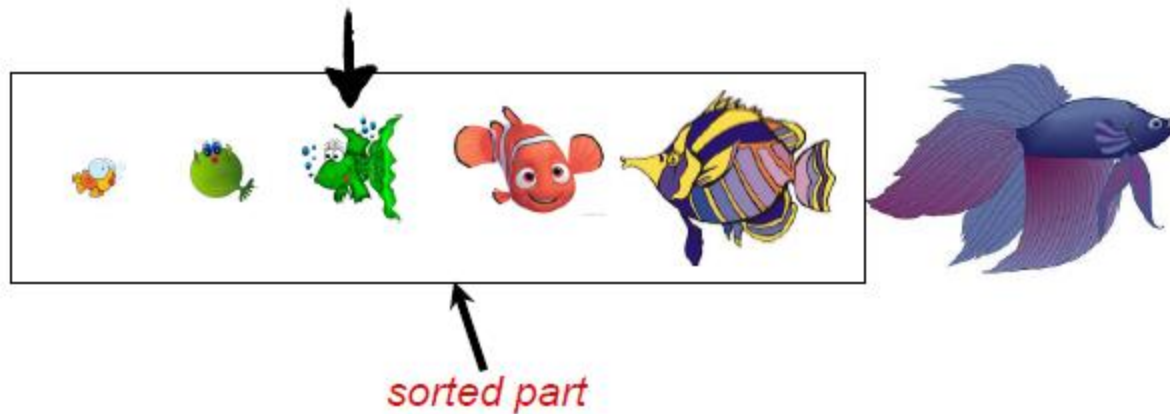
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Moving left: examples

76:

a = [26, 53, 76, 30, 14, 91, 68, 42]



Searching from right to left starting with 53, the first element less than 76 is 53. Insert 76 to the right of 53 (where it was before).

14:

a = [26, 30, 53, 76, 14, 91, 68, 42]



Searching from right to left starting with 76, all elements left of 14 are greater than 14. Insert 14 into position 0.

68:

a = [14, 26, 30, 53, 76, 91, 68, 42]



Searching from right to left starting with 91, the first element less than 68 is 53. Insert 68 to the right of 53.

The `move_left` algorithm

Given a list a of length n , $n > 0$ and a value at index i to be “moved left” in the list.

1. Remove $a[i]$ from the list and store in x .
2. Set $j = i-1$.
3. While $j \geq 0$ and $a[j] > x$, do the following:
 - a. Subtract 1 from j .
4. **(At this point, what do we know? Either j is ..., or $a[j]$ is ...)** Reinsert x into position $a[j+1]$.

From algorithm to code

- Our algorithm says to ***remove*** and ***insert*** elements of a list.

How do we do that?

- There are built –in Python operations for that

Removing a list element: pop

```
>>> a = ["Wednesday", "Monday", "Tuesday"]
```

```
>>> day = a.pop(1)
```

```
>>> a
```

```
['Wednesday', 'Tuesday']
```

```
>>> day
```

```
'Monday'
```

```
>>> day = a.pop(0)
```

```
>>> day
```

```
'Wednesday'
```

```
>>> a
```

```
['Tuesday']
```

Inserting an element: insert

`a = [10, 20, 30] → [10, 20, 30]`

`a.insert(0, "foo") → ["foo", 10, 20, 30]`

`a.insert(2, "bar") → ["foo", 10, "bar", 20, 30]`

`a.insert(5, "baz") → ["foo", 10, "bar", 20, 30, "baz"]`

move_left in Python

```
def move_left(items, i):
```

```
    x = items.pop(i)
```

```
    j = i - 1
```

```
    while j >= 0 AND items[j] > x:
```

```
        j = j - 1
```

```
    items.insert(j + 1, x)
```

remove the item at position i in list a and store it in x

logical operator AND: both conditions must be true for the loop to continue

insert x at position j+1 of list a, shifting all elements from j+1 and beyond over one position

Next Time

1. Debugging
2. Thinking about algorithm efficiency