

Solution

(i) An unsorted array

$$T(n) = O(n^2)$$

- $O(n)$ iterations through the outer loop (array A)
- $O(n)$ iterations for each check for duplicates / add element

(ii) A sorted linked list: Same answer as (i)

Note: If we consider a sorted array, then $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

- $O(n)$ iterations through the outer loop (array A)
- $O(\log n)$ iterations for each check for duplicates / add element

(iii) A hashmap

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

- $O(n)$ iterations through the outer loop (array A)
- $O(1)$ iterations for each check for duplicates / add element

Hashmap is the fastest

Possible Pseudocode

```
item firstDuplicate(item[] A)
{
    Map m = new HashMap
    for (item i : A)
        if (m.contains(i)) // in this case i is the key and value
            return i;
        else
            m.put(i);
    return null;
}
```