CPSC 221 Basic Algorithms and Data Structures

Sorting

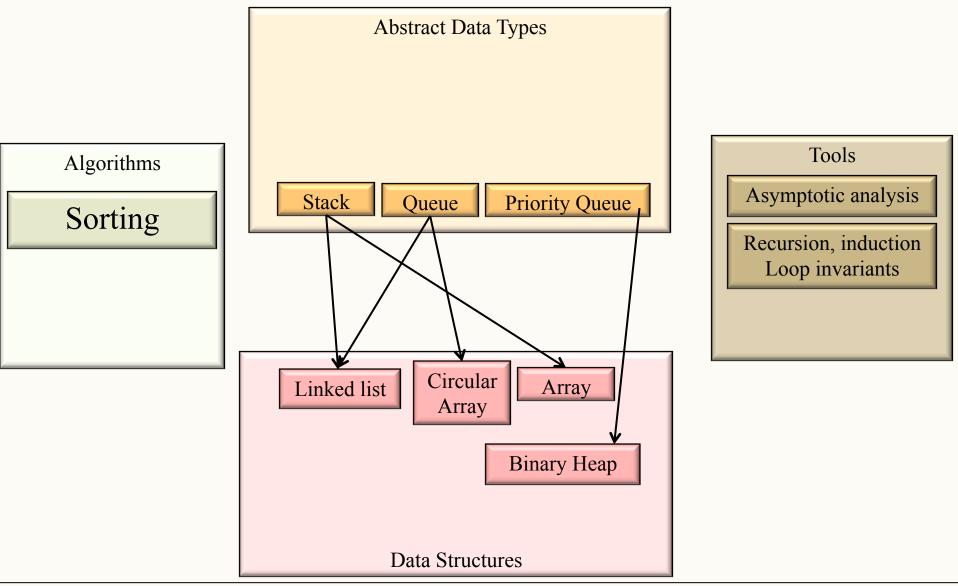
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Learning Goals

- Describe and apply various sorting algorithms:
 - Insertion Sort, Selection Sort, MergeSort, and QuickSort, Bubble Sort, Heapsort
- Compare and contrast the tradeoffs of these algorithms.
- State differences in performance for large files versus small files on various sorting algorithms.
- Analyze the complexity of these sorting algorithms.
- Manipulate data using various sorting algorithms (irrespective of any implementation).

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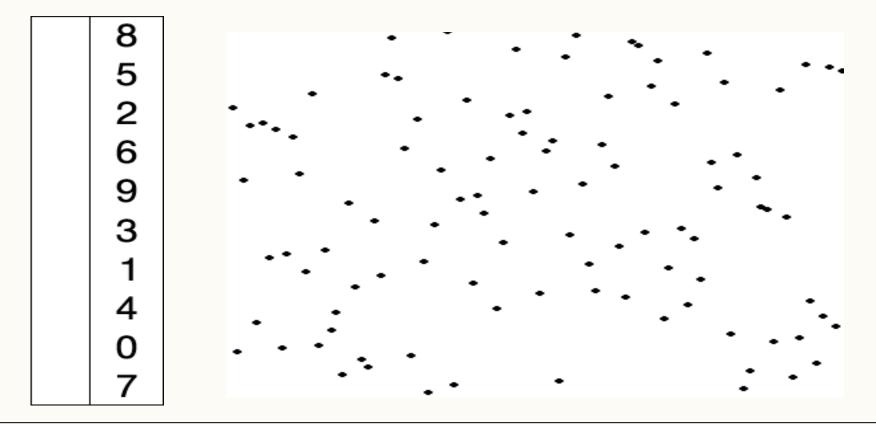
Categorizing Sorting Algorithms

- Computational complexity
 - Average case behaviour: Why do we care?
 - Worst/best case behaviour: Why do we care?
- Stability: stable sorting algorithms maintain the relative order of records with equal keys.



• Memory Usage: How much *extra* memory is used?

• Sorts an array by repeatedly finding the smallest element of the unsorted tail region and moving it to the front.





• Find the smallest and swap it with the first element

5 9 17 11 12

• Find the next smallest. It is already in the correct place

5 9 17 11 12

• Find the next smallest and swap it with first element of unsorted portion

5 9 11 17 12

• Repeat

5 9 11 12 17

• When the unsorted portion is of length 1, we are done

5 9 11 12 17

```
/*
Purpose: Find the position of the minimum value
          in part of an array
Param: data - integer array to be sorted
         from - starting index
         to - ending index
returns - index of minimum value between from and to
*/
int min_position(int data[], int from, int to)
{
    int min_pos = from;
    int i;
    for (i = from + 1; i <= to; i++)</pre>
        if (data[i] < data[min_pos])</pre>
           min_pos = i;
    return min_pos;
}
```

```
/*
Purpose: sorts elements of an array of integers using
          selection sort
Param: data - integer array to be sorted
         size - size of the array
*/
void selection_sort(int data[], int size)
ł
    int next; // The next position to be set to minimum
    for (next = 0; next < size - 1; next++)</pre>
        int min_pos = min_position(data, next, size-1);
        if (min_pos != next)
            swap(data[min_pos], data[next]);
    }
```

In-Class Exercise

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91 5 11 90 6 16 31 88

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5	6	11	16	31	88	90	91

Clicker Question

- What is the time complexity of selection sort in the best and worst case.
- A: $O(n^2)$, $O(n^2)$
- B: O(n), $O(n^2)$
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90	5	11	90	6	16	2	88
2	5	11	90	6	16	90	88

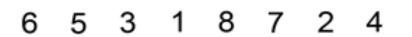
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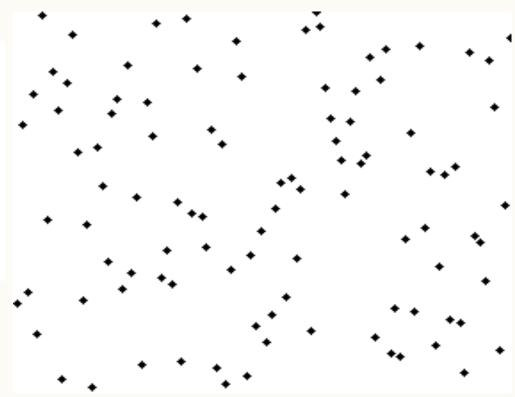
• One advantage of selection sort is that it requires only *O(n)* write operations. If we have a system where write operations are extremely expensive and read operations are not, then selection sort could be ideal. One such scenario would be if we are sorting a file in-place on flash memory or an external hard drive.

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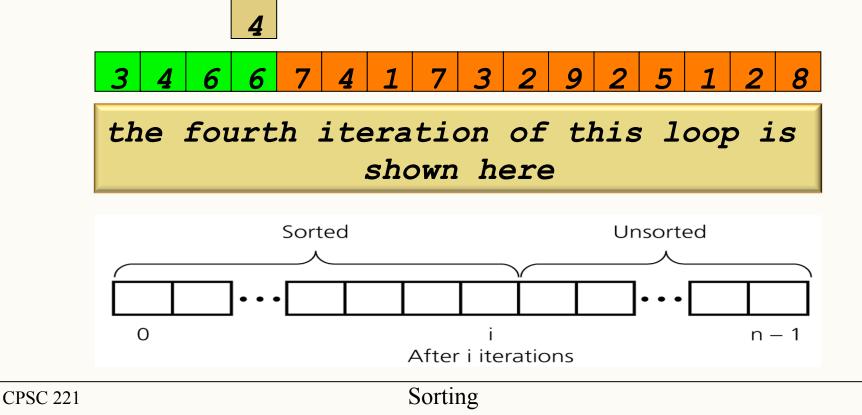
Insertion Sort

• Given a list, take the current element and insert it at the appropriate position of the list, adjusting the list every time you insert



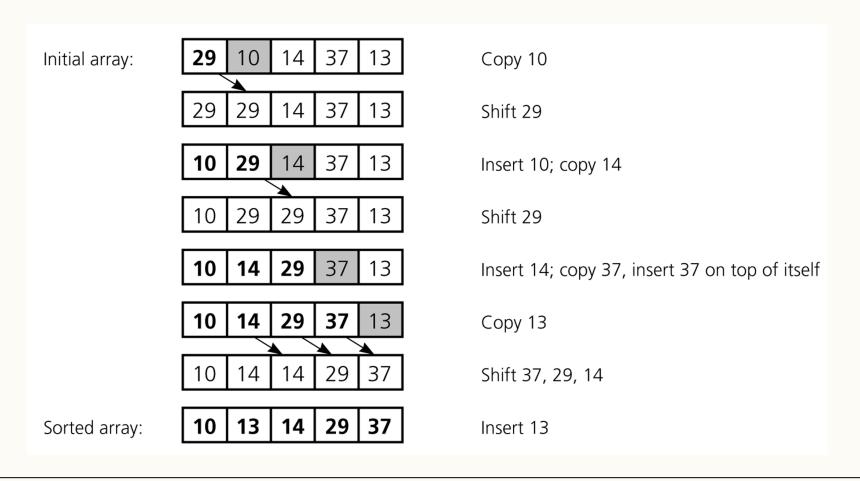


- while some elements unsorted:
 - Using linear search, find the location in the sorted portion where the 1st element of the unsorted portion should be inserted
 - Move all the elements after the insertion location up one position to make space for the new element



In-class exercise

• Write out all of the steps that insertion sort takes to sort the following sequence: 29 10 14 37 13



Sorting

Insertion Sort

```
/*
Purpose: sorts elements of an array of integers using
insertion sort
Param: data - integer array to be sorted
        length – size of the array
 */
void insertion_sort(int data[], int length){
  for (int i = 1; i < length; i++){</pre>
    int val = data [i];
    int newIndex = bSearch(data, val, 0, i);
    for (int j = i; j > newIndex; j--)
      data [j] = data [j-1];
    data [newIndex] = val;
  }
}
```

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D. The algorithm is neither selection sort nor insertion sort.

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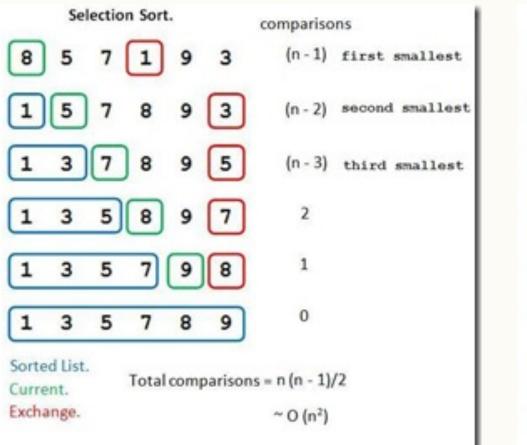
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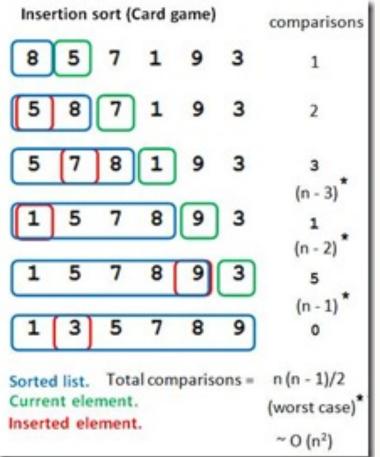
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Selection Sort vs. Insertion Sort





Source

When is the Insertion Sort algorithm used?

 Insertion Sort is the algorithm of choice either when the data is nearly sorted (because it is adaptive) or when the problem size is small (because it has low overhead).

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MergeSort

- MergeSort is an example of a divide-and-conquer algorithm that recursively splits the problem into branches, and later combines them to form the solution.
- Key Steps in MergeSort:
 - 1. Split the array into two halves.
 - 2. Recursively sort each half.
 - 3. Merge the two (sorted) halves together to produce a bigger, sorted array.
 - Note: The time to merge two sorted sub-arrays of sizes m and n is linear: O(m + n).

Mergesort



MergeSort

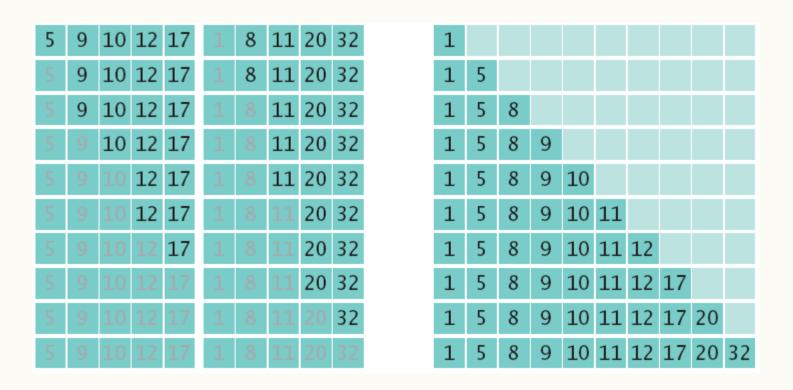
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void msort(int x[], int lo, int hi, int tmp[])
  if (lo >= hi) return;
  int mid = (lo+hi)/2;
  msort(x, lo, mid, tmp);
  msort(x, mid+1, hi, tmp);
  merge(x, lo, mid, hi, tmp);
}
void mergesort(int x[], int n) {
  int *tmp = new int[n];
  msort(x, 0, n-1, tmp);
 delete[] tmp;
}
```

Merging two sorted arrays

• Divide an array in half and sort each half

5 9 10 12 17 1 8 11 20 32

• Merge the two sorted arrays into a single sorted array

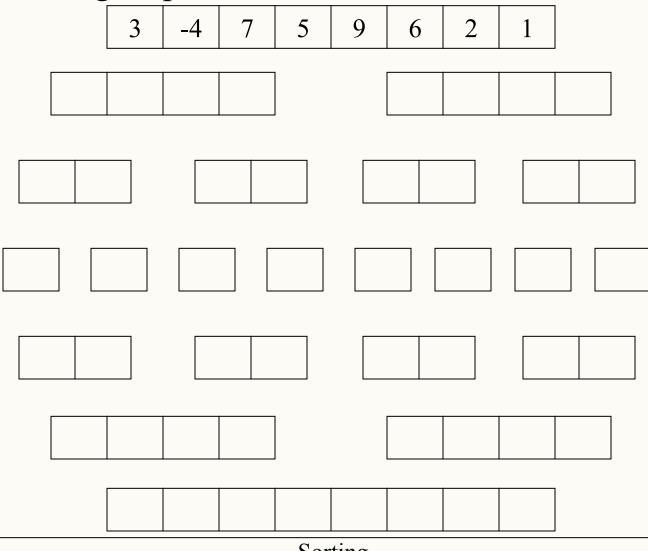


Merge by Jon Bentley

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/* Purpose:	Merges two adjacent ranges in	an array				
param	<pre>x - the array with the eleme low - the start of the first r mid - the end of the first ran hi - end of the second range tmp[]- temp memory used for sor</pre>	ange ge				
×/						
*/						
void mere	ge(int x[], int lo, int mid,	<pre>int hi, int tmp[]) {</pre>				
		,,,,,,,, .				
	a = lo, b = mid+1, k;					
for (k = lo; k <= hi; k++)						
if (a <= mid && (b > hi x[a] < x[b]))						
tmp[k] = x[a++]; /* store x[a] then a++ */						
else						
<pre>tmp[k] = x[b++]; /* store x[b] then b++ */</pre>						
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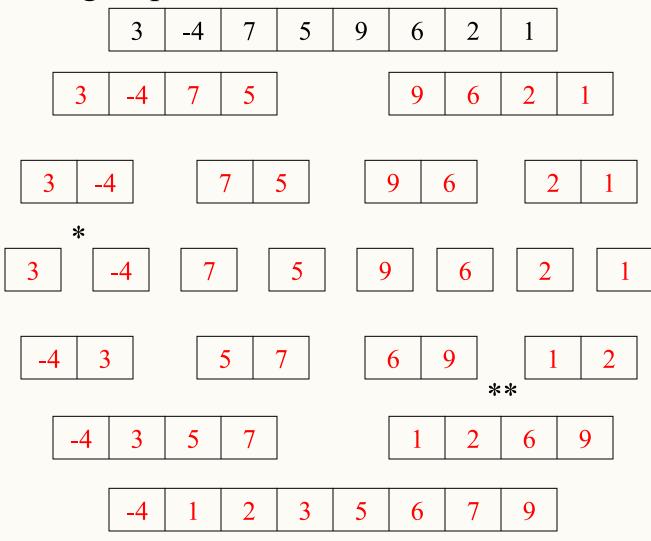
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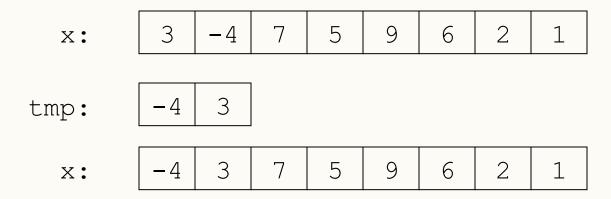


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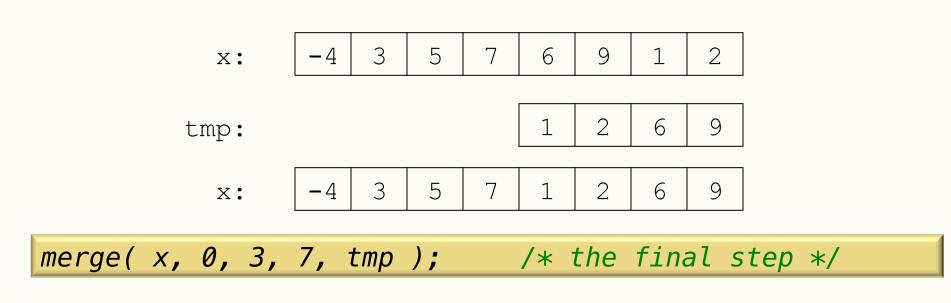
• Write out all the steps that MergeSort takes to sort the following sequence:



merge(x, 0, 0, 1, tmp);/* step * in previous slide*/



merge(x, 4, 5, 7, tmp); /* step ** in previous slide*/



Clicker question

- MergeSort makes two recursive calls. Which statement is true after these recursive calls finish, but before the merge step?
 - A. The array elements form a heap.
 - B. Elements in each half of the array are sorted amongst themselves.
 - C. Elements in the first half of the array are less than or equal to elements in the second half of the array.
 - D. None of the above

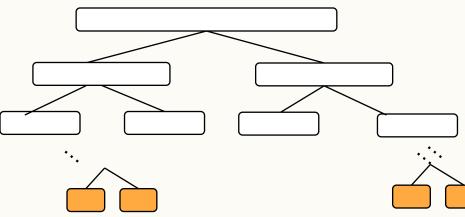
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Analyzing the MergeSort Algorithm



O(n) operations at each level We have lg n levels therefore, O(n lg n)

depth	# instances	Size of instances	# read/write oper	ations
0	1	n	n	\rightarrow n
1	2	n/2	2 * n/2	\rightarrow n
2	4	n/4	4 * n/4	→n
•••	•••	•••		
k	2 ^k	n/2 ^k	2 ^k * n/2 ^k	\rightarrow n
•••	•••	•••		
lg n	$2^{\lg n} \rightarrow n$	$n/2 \stackrel{\lg n}{\rightarrow} 1$	2 ^{lg n} *1	\rightarrow n

MergeSort Performance Analysis

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

$$= 4T(n/4) + 2(n/2) + n$$

$$= 8T(n/8) + 4(n/4) + 2(n/2) + n$$

$$= 8T(n/8) + n + n + n = 8T(n/8) + 3n$$

$$= 2^{i}T(n/2^{i}) + in.$$
Let $i = \lg n$

$$T(n) = nT(1) + n \lg n = n + n \lg n \in \Theta(n \lg n)$$
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prefer the "left" of the two sorted sublists on ties

When is the MergeSort algorithm used?

- External sorting is a term for a class of sorting algorithms that can handle massive amounts of data. External sorting is required when the data being sorted do not fit into the main memory of a computing device (usually RAM) and instead they must reside in the slower external memory (usually a hard drive).
- MergeSort is suitable for external sorting.

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QuickSort

- In practice, one of the fastest sorting algorithms is Quicksort, developed in 1961 by C.A.R. Hoare.
- Comparison-based: examines elements by comparing them to other elements
- Divide-and-conquer: divides into "halves" (that may be very unequal) and recursively sorts

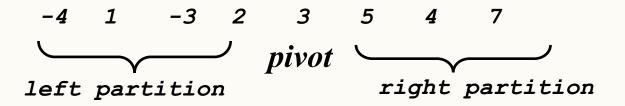
QuickSort algorithm

- Pick a pivot
- Reorder the list such that all elements < pivot are on the left, while all elements >= pivot are on the right
- Recursively sort each side

Are we missing a base case?

Partitioning

- The act of splitting up an array according to the pivot is called partitioning
- Consider the following:



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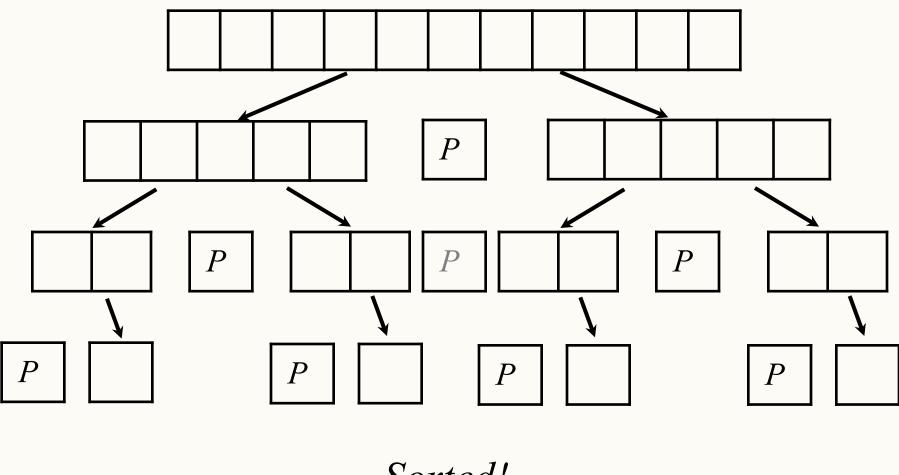
Quicksort example

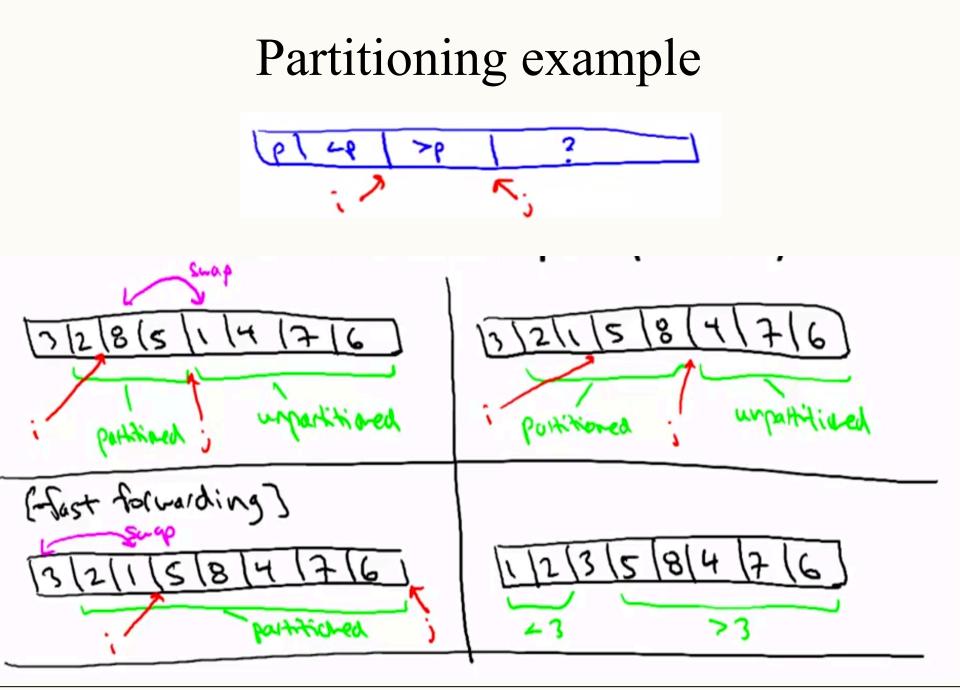
- <u>http://visualgo.net/sorting.html</u>
 - Initialize array with
 - 25, 44, 38, 5, 47, 15, 36, 26, 27, 2, 46, 4, 19, 50, 48

qSort code

```
/*
 Purpose: sorts elements of an array of integers using Quicksort
 Param: a - integer array to be sorted
         lo – the start of the sequence to be sorted.
         hi - the end of the sequence to be sorted.
 */
void qSort( int a[], int lo, int hi ){
    int pivotElement;
    if(lo < hi){
        pivotElement = pivot(a, lo, hi);
         qSort(a, lo, pivotElement-1);
        qSort(a, pivotElement+1, hi);
    }
```

QuickSort Visually





Partitioning

```
/*
Purpose: find and return the index of pivot element such that all items
         left of partition are smaller and right of partition are bigger
Param: x - integer array to be sorted
        lo – the start of the sequence to be sorted.
        hi - the end of the sequence to be sorted.
*/
int pivot(int x[], int lo, int hi){
    int p = lo;
    int pivotElement = x[lo];
    for(int i = lo+1 ; i <= hi; i++){</pre>
        if(x[i] <= pivotElement){</pre>
             p++;
             swap(x[i], x[p]);
        }
    swap(x[p], x[lo]);
    return p;
```

QuickSort Example

Clicker question

• Here is an array which has just been partitioned by the first step of QuickSort:

3, 0, 2, 4, 5, 8, 7, 6, 9

- Which of these elements could be the pivot?
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 5
 - d. 6
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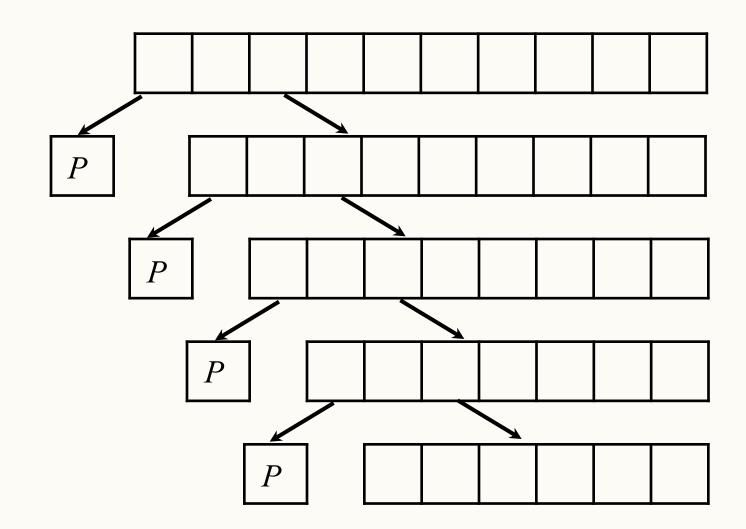
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QuickSort: Complexity

- In our partitioning task, we compared each element to the pivot
 - Thus, the total number of comparisons is N
 - As with MergeSort, if one of the partitions is about half (or *any* constant fraction of) the size of the array, complexity is $\Theta(n \lg n)$.
- In the worst case, however, we end up with a partition with a 1 and n-1 split

QuickSort Visually: Worst case



QuickSort: Worst Case

- In the overall worst-case, this happens at every step...
 - Thus we have N comparisons in the first step
 - N-1 comparisons in the second step
 - N-2 comparisons in the third step

$$n + (n-1) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$$

... or $O(n^2)$

MergeSort vs. QuickSort

- QuickSort is also O(n lg n). But in practice, it tends to run faster than MergeSort. It can work in-place on the original array and does not require extra space
- But: its worst-case complexity is $O(n^2)$.
- That worst-case behaviour can usually be avoided by using more clever ways of finding the pivot (not just using the first element).
 - Randomized algorithms can be used to prove that the average case for Quicksort is *O(n lg n)*

QuickSort: Average Case (Intuition)

- Clearly pivot choice is important
 - It has a direct impact on the performance of the sort
 - Hence, QuickSort is fragile, or at least "attackable"
- So how do we pick a good pivot?

QuickSort: Average Case (Intuition)

- Let's assume that pivot choice is random
 - Half the time the pivot will be in the centre half of the array

• Thus at worst the split will be n/4 and 3n/4

QuickSort: Average Case (Intuition)

- We can apply this to the notion of a good split
 - Every "good" split: 2 partitions of size n/4 and 3n/4
 - Or divides N by 4/3
 - Hence, we make up to $\log 4/3(N)$ splits
- Expected # of partitions is at most 2 * log4/3(N)
 - O(logN)
- Given N comparisons at each partitioning step, we have $\Theta(N \log N)$

Comparison of different sorting algorithms

• Quicksort algorithm is one of the best sorting algorithms and is widely used

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Bubble Sort

• **Bubble sort**, works by repeatedly comparing each pair of adjacent items and swapping them if they are in the wrong order.

6 5 3 1 8 7 2 4

In-class exercise Write out all the steps that bubble sort takes to sort the following sequence: (51428)

First Pass:

 $(51428) \rightarrow (15428)$, Swap since 5 > 1 $(15428) \rightarrow (14528)$, Swap since 5 > 4 $(14528) \rightarrow (14258)$, Swap since 5 > 2 $(14258) \rightarrow (14258)$,

Second Pass: $(14258) \rightarrow (14258)$ $(14258) \rightarrow (12458)$, Swap since 4 > 2 $(12458) \rightarrow (12458)$

Third Pass:

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Fourth Pass: /* could be avoided */ (12458) \rightarrow (12458)

Bubble Sort

• Consider the following implementation for

```
/*
Purpose: sorts elements of an array of integers using bubble sort
Param: x - integer array to be sorted
n – size of the array
*/
void bubbleSort(int x[], int n){
  int i, j, flag = 1; // set flag to 1 to start first pass
  for(i = 1; (i \le n) \& flag; i++)
    flag = 0;
    for (j=0; j < (n -1); j++){
      if(x[j+1] < x[j]) \{
        swap(x[j], x[j+1]);
        flag = 1; // indicates that a swap occurred.
  return;
}
```

Clicker question

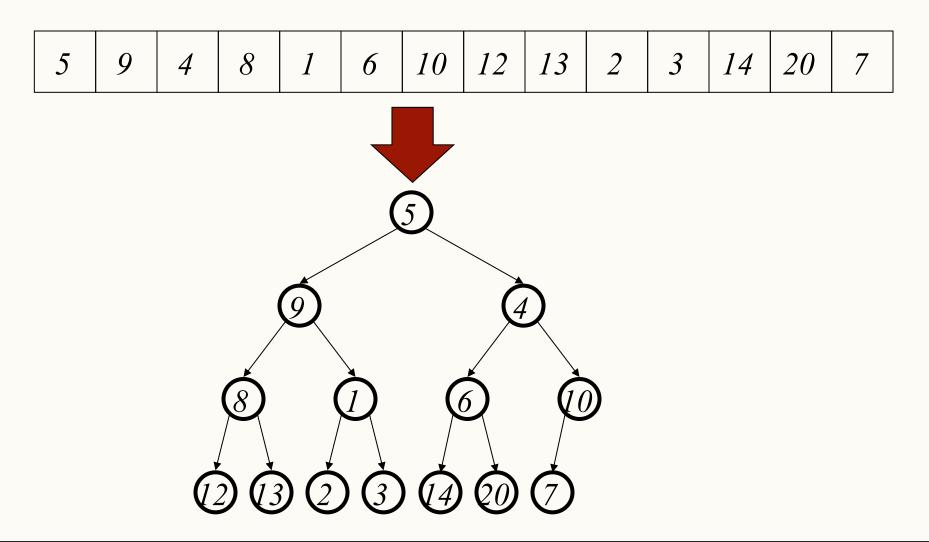
- What is the time complexity of Bubble Sort in the best and worst case.
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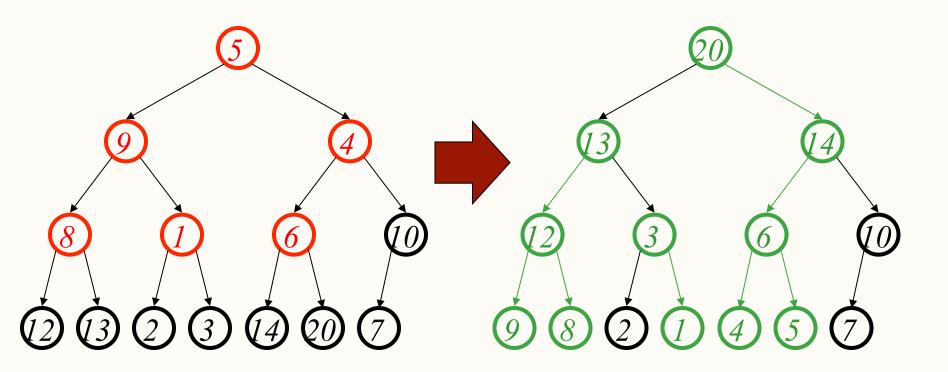
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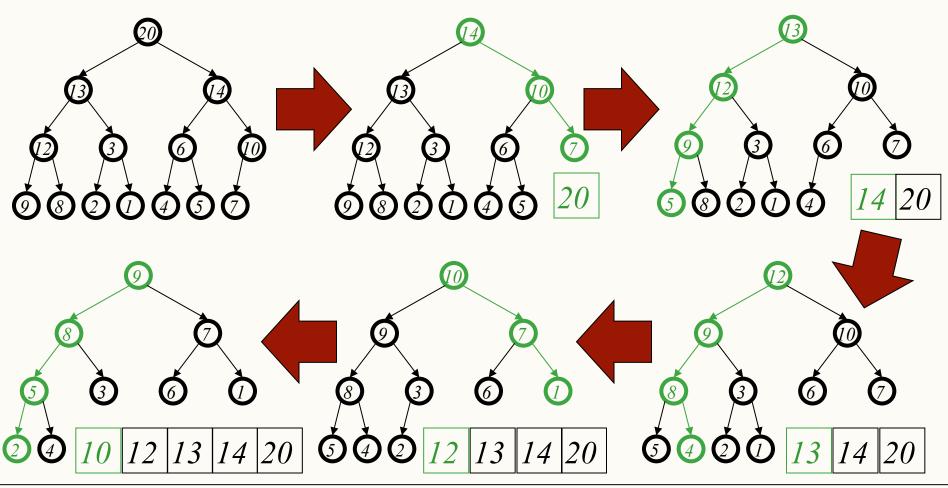
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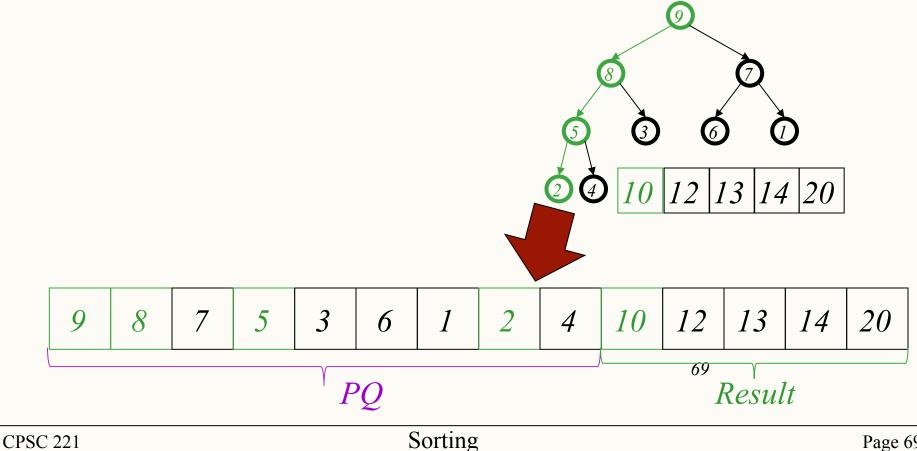


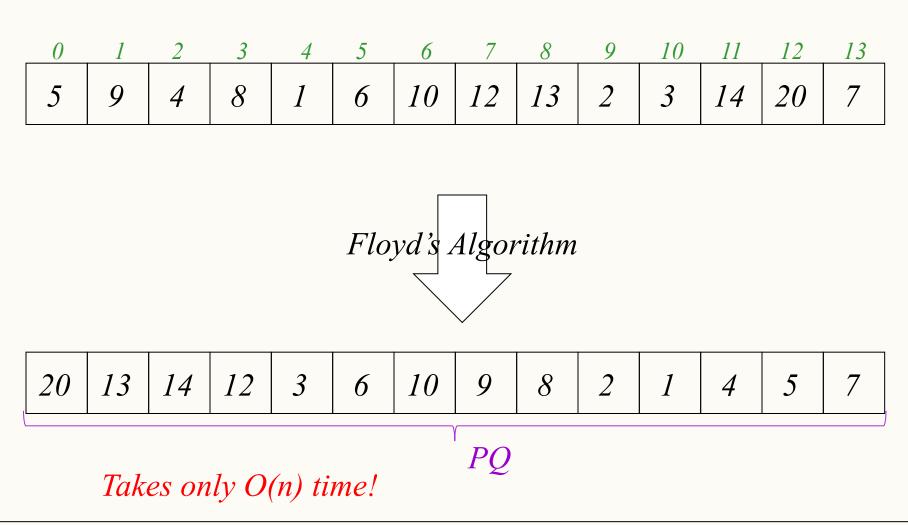


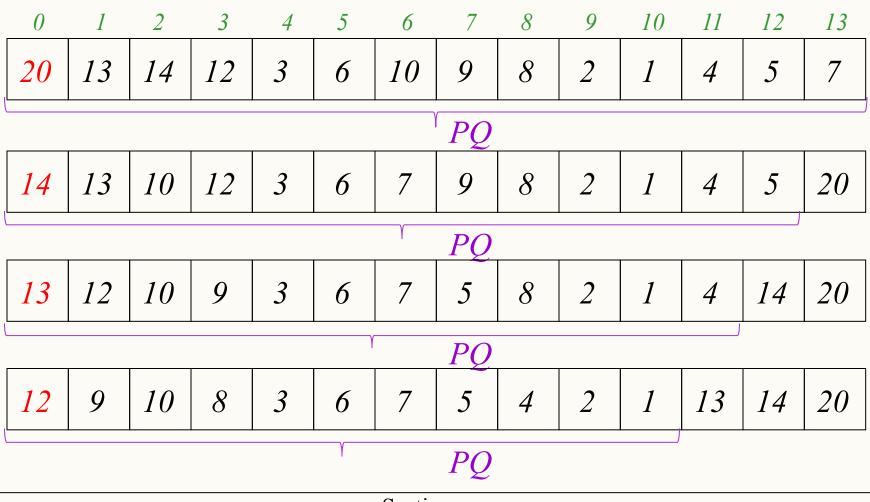
Build Heap



- How long does "build" take? Worst case: O(n)
- How long do the deletions take? Worst case: $O(n \lg n) \bigcirc$







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Bubble Sort	O(n)	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	Yes	O(1)
Heapsort	O(n lg n)	O(n lg n)	O(n lg n)	No	O(1)

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$$T(n) = n^2 \rightarrow T(2n) = 4n^2$$

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Comparison of different sorting algorithms

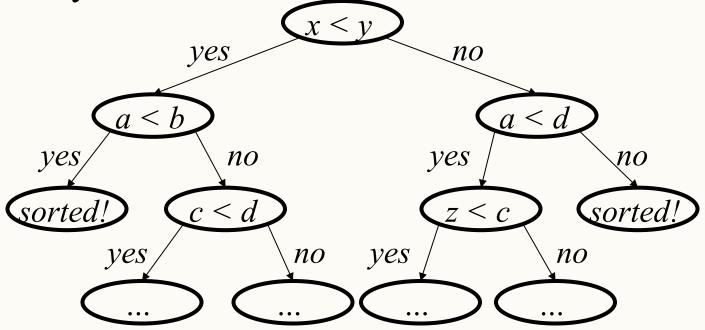
- Complexity
 - Best case: Insert < Quick, Merge, Heap < Select
 - Average case: Quick, Merge, Heap < Insert, Select
 - Worst case: Merge, Heap < Quick, Insert, Select
- Usually on "real" data: Quick < Merge < Heap < I/S
- On very short lists: quadratic sorts may have an advantage (so, some quick/merge implementations "bottom out" to these as base cases)

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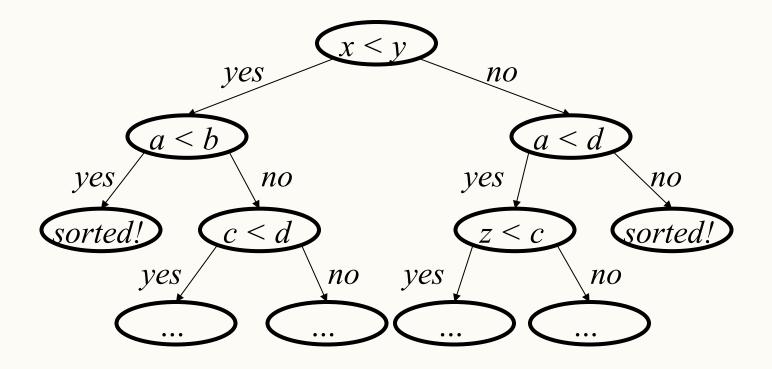
- Stability
 - Easily Made Stable: Insert, Merge
 - Challenging to Make Stable: Select, Quick
 - Unstable: Heap

- Memory use:
 - Insert, Select, Heap < Quick < Merge

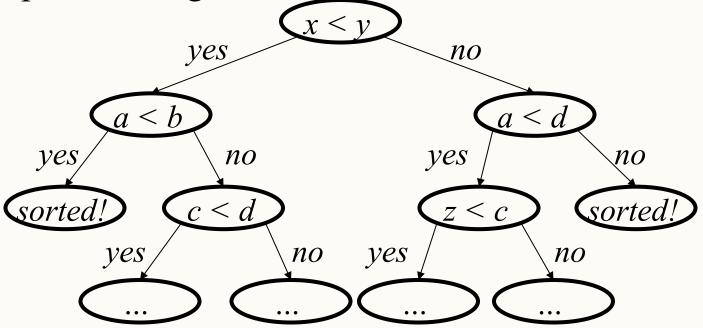
Each comparison is a "choice point" in the algorithm. You can do one thing if the comparison is true and another if false. So, the whole algorithm is like a binary tree...



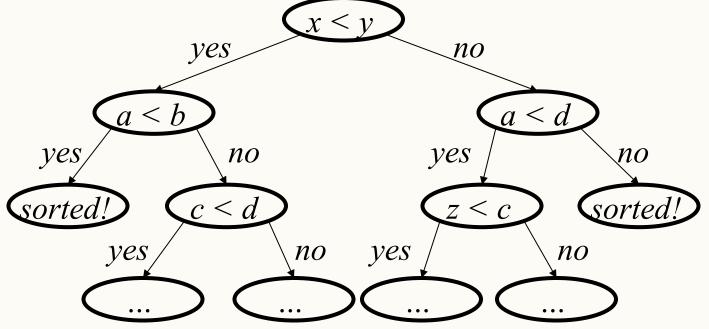
The algorithm spits out a (possibly different) sorted list at each leaf. What's the maximum number of leaves?



There are n! possible permutations of a sorted list (i.e., input orders for a given set of input elements). How deep must the tree be to distinguish those input orderings?



If the tree is *not* at least lg(n!) deep, then there's some pair of orderings I could feed the algorithm which the algorithm does not distinguish. So, it must not successfully sort one of those two orderings.



Learning Goals revisited

- Describe and apply various sorting algorithms:
 - Insertion Sort, Selection Sort, MergeSort, and QuickSort, Bubble Sort, Heapsort
- Compare and contrast the tradeoffs of these algorithms.
- State differences in performance for large files versus small files on various sorting algorithms.
- Analyze the complexity of these sorting algorithms.
- Manipulate data using various sorting algorithms (irrespective of any implementation).