

Agenda

Intros:

WWCode @ Alchemy Code Lab

Link to slides:

<https://github.com/wwcodeportland/study-nights/tree/master/algorithms>

Topic Summary:

Sorting algorithms - two common options

Lab Time:

Implementing the sorting algorithms

Algorithms Study Night



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Upcoming Events - October

- [DevOps Study Night: What's in the Box!? @ Vevo](#)
 - Wednesday, October 4th, 6 PM
- ["4k 4Charity" Fun Run @ Tom McCall Waterfront Park](#)
 - Thursday, October 12, 3 PM
- [Design + Product Study Night - Introduction to Sketch Workshop @ New Relic](#)
 - Tuesday, October 17, 5:30 PM
- [Networking Night @ AKQA](#)
 - Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 PM
- [JavaScript Study Night @ Metal Toad](#)
 - Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 PM

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Resources

WWCode @ [Meetup.com](#)

WWCode @ [Slack](#)

WWCode @ [Github](#)

Big-O [CheatSheet](#)

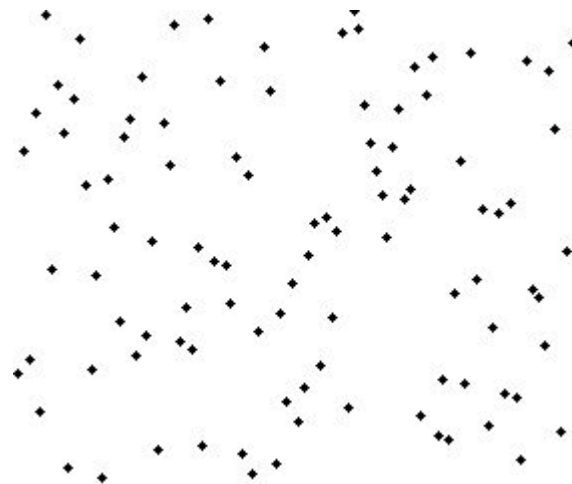
Bubble Sort Algorithm

To implement bubble sort:

1. For each value, compare it to the one next to it, and swap if the right is lower than the left.
2. Move through the list one by one, repeating step one.
3. Do this repeatedly until there are no changes throughout the whole list.

Average and worst case Big(O) complexity for this algorithm are $O(n^2)$.

6 5 3 1 8 7 2 4



Bubble Sort Example

5 3 1 4

1. 5 3 1 4
2. 3 5 1 4
3. 3 1 5 4
4. 3 1 4 5
5. 1 3 4 5
6. 1 3 4 5
7. 1 3 4 5
8. 1 3 4 5

1. Original set to be sorted
2. Look at the two first elements and swap if they are not already in the right order
3. Look at the 2nd and 3rd element and swap if they are not already in the right order
4. Repeat until you've reached the end of the set
5. Go back to the beginning of the set and repeat
8. If no swap happened and you've reached the end of the set, you're done!

Merge Sort Algorithm

Conceptually, a merge sort works as follows:

1. Divide the array in half
2. Divide the halves by half until 2 or 3 elements are remaining
3. Sort each of these halves
4. Merge them back together

Average and worst case Big(O) complexity for this algorithm are $O(n(\log(n)))$.

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Merge Sort Example

5 3 1 4

1. 5 3 1 4
2. 5 3 1 4
3a. 3 5 1 4
3b. 3 5 1 4
4a. 3 5 1 4
1
4b. 3 5 4
1 3
4c. 5 4
1 3 4
4d. 1 3 4 5

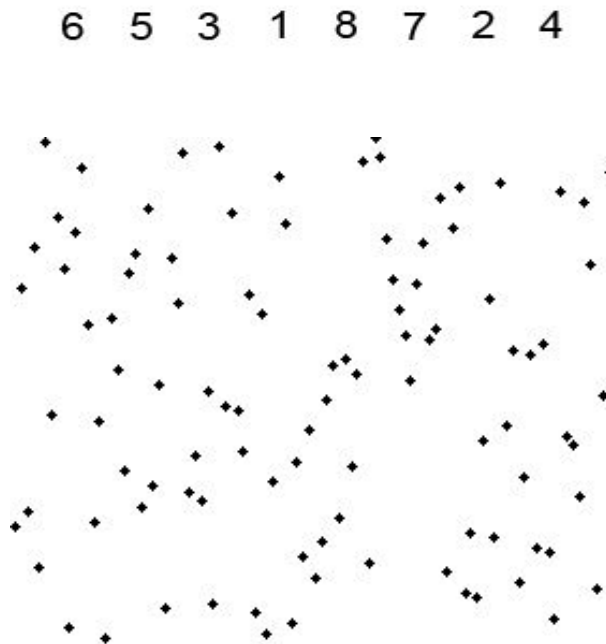
1. Original set to be sorted
2. Separate into sets of two
3.
 - a. Compare 5, 3 and pick lower number
 - b. Compare 1, 4 and pick lower number
4.
 - a. Compare 3, 1 and pick lower number
 - b. Compare 3, 4 and pick lower number
 - c. Compare 5, 4 and pick lower number
 - d. Pick last number

Quick Sort Algorithm

Steps for QuickSort:

1. Pick a “pivot” element.
2. “Partition” the array into 3 parts:
 - a. First part: all elements in this part is less than the pivot.
 - b. Second part: the pivot itself (only one element!)
 - c. Third part: all elements in this part is greater than or equal to the pivot.
3. Then, apply the quicksort algorithm to the first and the third part. (recursively)

Average Big(O) complexity is $O(n(\log(n)))$
while worst case is $O(n^2)$.



QuickSort Example

5 3 1 4

1. 5 3 1 4
2. 5 3 1 4
3. 5 3 1 4
4. 1 3 5 4
5. 1 3 5 4
6. 1 3 4 5

1. Select your pivot (3)
2. Select the first value to the left of the pivot, and the last value to the right of the pivot and compare. Swap if right is less than pivot.
3. Move up one spot on the right side, repeat step 2.
4. Left side is now lower than pivot. It is done, as is pivot. Pick new pivot (4)
5. Repeat steps for right side of original pivot until everything is sorted.

3 Sorting Algorithms solutions

1 | Merge sort

- [Wikipedia explanation/pseudocode/c-like solution](#)
- [Java](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Javascript](#)

2 | Quicksort

- [Pseudocode](#)
- [Java](#)
- [Python](#)
- [Javascript](#)

3 | Other sorting algorithms

- [Wikipedia](#)