

# *Applications in Scientific Computing*

## Assignment 3: Sorting, searching, and FFTs

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Submit all code by committing it to the directory `assignments/assignment3` in your `530.390.13` GitHub repository. For a reminder of how to use Git, refer to the repository file `notes/using-git`.

1. Compare the run times for the selection sort and merge sort algorithms using the same randomly generated array for each algorithm. Plot the run times for arrays of various size  $N$ . Do these data match the performance expectations of  $O(N^2)$  for selection sort and  $O(N \log N)$  for merge sort? Compare the ratio of the run times for each algorithm for  $N = \{100, 1000, 10000\}$ .
2. Write a recursive algorithm for calculating the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number,  $F_n$ . Recall that  $F_0 = 0$  and  $F_1 = 1$ . What is  $F_{24}$ ?
3. Consider the function  $f_b = \sin(x) + \sin(bx)$  for  $b = \{4, 13, 28, 39, 50\}$ . Discretize each of these functions on a grid with  $N = 64$  and apply the Fourier transform to each and plot the results. What changes in each of the respective spectra? Note carefully the behavior when  $b > N/2$ . This effect, called *aliasing*, means that waves in a signal with wavenumber higher than  $b > N/2$  (related to the *Nyquist frequency*) are under-resolved and appear in the signal as *lower* wavenumbers.