

We will do the ultimate smackdown of these two algorithms!

## **0.1 Time Complexity**

### **0.1.1 Merge Sort**

Merge sort uses recursion with  $O(\log n)$  layers and  $O(n/2^{\log l - 1})$  splits per layer making the part where it splits into sets be  $O(n)$ . The merging process is  $O(n + m)$  with  $n, m$  being the sizes of the lists to merge so it is the sum of all these -  $O(n)$  per layer times  $O(\log n)$  layers giving Merge Sort an  $O(n \log n)$  time complexity!

### **0.1.2 Bubble Sort**

Bubble Sort has an  $O(n^2)$  time complexity from repeatedly bubbling up maximums.

### **0.1.3 Scoring**

The win for time complexity goes to... MERGE SORT!

The score is 1 - 0, Merge Sort

## **0.2 Memory Complexity**

### **0.2.1 Merge Sort**

Merge Sort uses  $O(n)$  auxiliary memory, as the merging process is  $O(n + m)$  in time and memory.

### **0.2.2 Bubble Sort**

Bubble Sort uses  $O(1)$  when bubbling up.

### **0.2.3 Scoring**

Bubble Sort gets a huge W here, making it tie game at 1 - 1. It's a close race, and stability is the tiebreak!

## **0.3 Stability**

### **0.3.1 Merge Sort**

Every part including the merging process is stable, so Merge Sort is stable!

### **0.3.2 Bubble Sort**

Bubble Sort is stable, as the process of "bubbling up" is stable.

### 0.3.3 Scoring

It's tied, leaving us at  $1.5 - 1.5$ !

## 0.4 Tiebreaks and Algorithm Grades

Time complexity is the most important thing for a sorting algorithm, giving Merge Sort the tiebreak! It's so important that Merge Sort gets a **A-** due to memory complexity, but Bubble Sort being so slow gives it a **C+**.