

# UIT2201 Programming and Data Structures

## Sorting Algorithms

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from itertools import permutations

def permSort( lst ):
    for l in permutations( lst ):
        res = list( l )
        if isSorted( res ):
            return res
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# Basic Sorting Algorithms

- Brute-force approach — exhaustive search (search all the pairs)
  - Selection Sort
  - Bubble Sort
- Divide-Conquer-Merge (Does it help in reducing the number of comparisons?)
  - Insertion Sort
  - Merge Sort
  - Quick Sort
- Hybrid approaches

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    for i in range(n-1):  
        for j in range(i+1, n):  
            if (lst[i] > lst[j]):  
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        for j in range(i+1, n):  
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    else:  
        return insert(lst[0], isort(lst[1:]))
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    for i in range(1, n):  
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        j = i - 1  
        while ( (j >= 0) and (lst[j] > tmp) ):  
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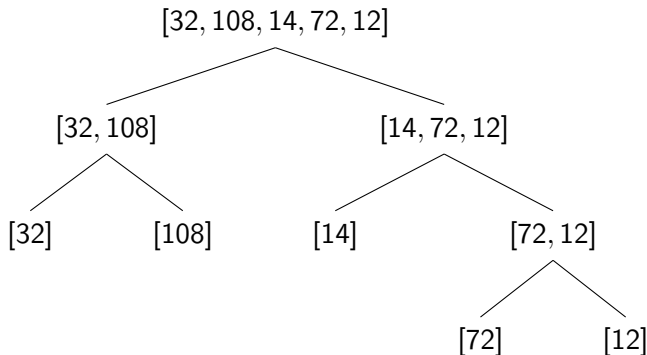
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    length = len(lst)  
    if (length < 2):  
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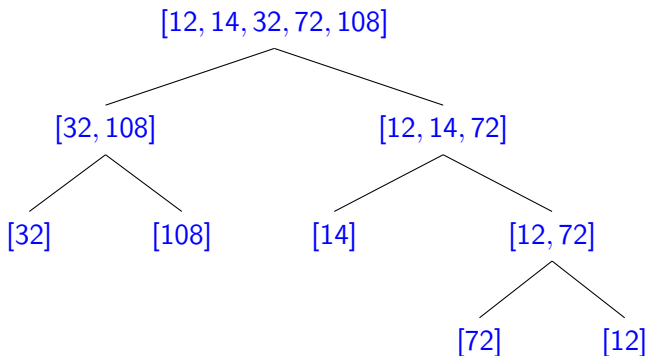


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# Quicksort — Partitioning Algorithm

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def partition(lst, begin, end):  
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    i = begin; j = end - 1  
    while (True):  
        i += 1  
        while (lst[i] < pivot):  
            i += 1  
        j -= 1  
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  - Check all the permutations of the input sequence
- Brute force (or) Exhaustive search
  - Check all the pairs and swap all the inversions
- Divide-Conquer-Merge
  - Decomposing 1 and  $(n - 1)$  does not help
  - Decomposing  $n/2$  and  $n/2$  changes the complexity class
  - Do more work on decomposition where merging becomes trivial
- Hybrid Approaches