

PROGRAMMING AND DATA STRUCTURES

SORTING ALGORITHMS

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OUTLINE

- ◆ Sorting problem
- ◆ Types of sorting solutions
- ◆ Sorting algorithms
- ◆ Comparison of sorting algorithms

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this chapter, you should be able to:

- ▶ List the types and categories of sorting
- ▶ Implement the different sorting algorithms
- ▶ Evaluate the complexity of the sorting algorithms
- ▶ Compare the sorting algorithms

Sorting problem

- ◆ Given a list of data items, arrange the list in an ascending or descending order
- ◆ Commonly used in computer science to organize objects based on one specific criterion
- ◆ Allows using the efficient binary search algorithm
- ◆ Sorting is more complex than searching

Sorting types



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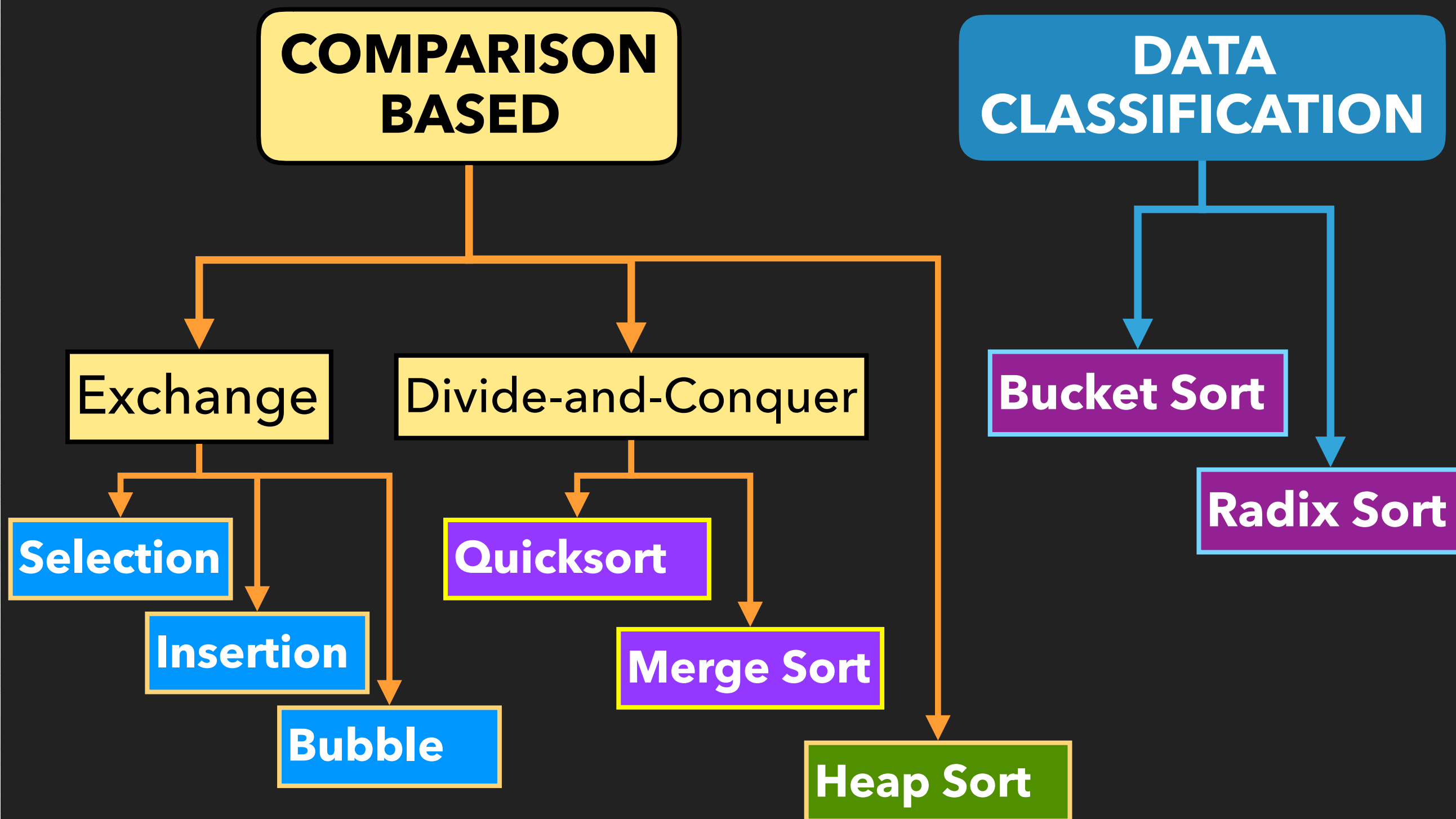
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(RAM)

EXTERNAL

Data is in a secondary
memory
(Hard disk: Large Files)

Sorting categories



Selection Sort

67 33 **21** 84 49 50 75 min = 21

21 **33** 67 84 49 50 75 min = 33

21 **33** 67 84 **49** 50 75 min = 49

21 **33** **49** 84 67 **50** 75 min = 50

21 **33** **49** **50** **67** 84 75 min = 67

21 **33** **49** **50** **67** 84 **75** min = 75

21 **33** **49** **50** **67** **75** 84

Selection Sort

Algorithm **selectionSort**

for every element i (N size of the list)

find the smallest element from i to $N-1$

swap element i with the smallest element

End

Selection Sort

```
public static void selectionSort(int[] list) {  
    int minIndex;  
    for (int i=0; i<list.length-1; i++) {  
        // Find the smallest element from i+1 to N  
        int min = list[i];  
        minIndex = i;  
        for (int j=i+1; j<list.length; j++){  
            if (list[j] < min){  
                min = list[j];  
                minIndex = j;  
            }  
        }  
        // Swap the smallest element with element i  
        swap(list, i, minIndex);  
    }  
}
```

Selection Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Iteration 1 (outer loop)

(n) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration 2 (outer loop)

(n-1) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)

(n-k+1) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)

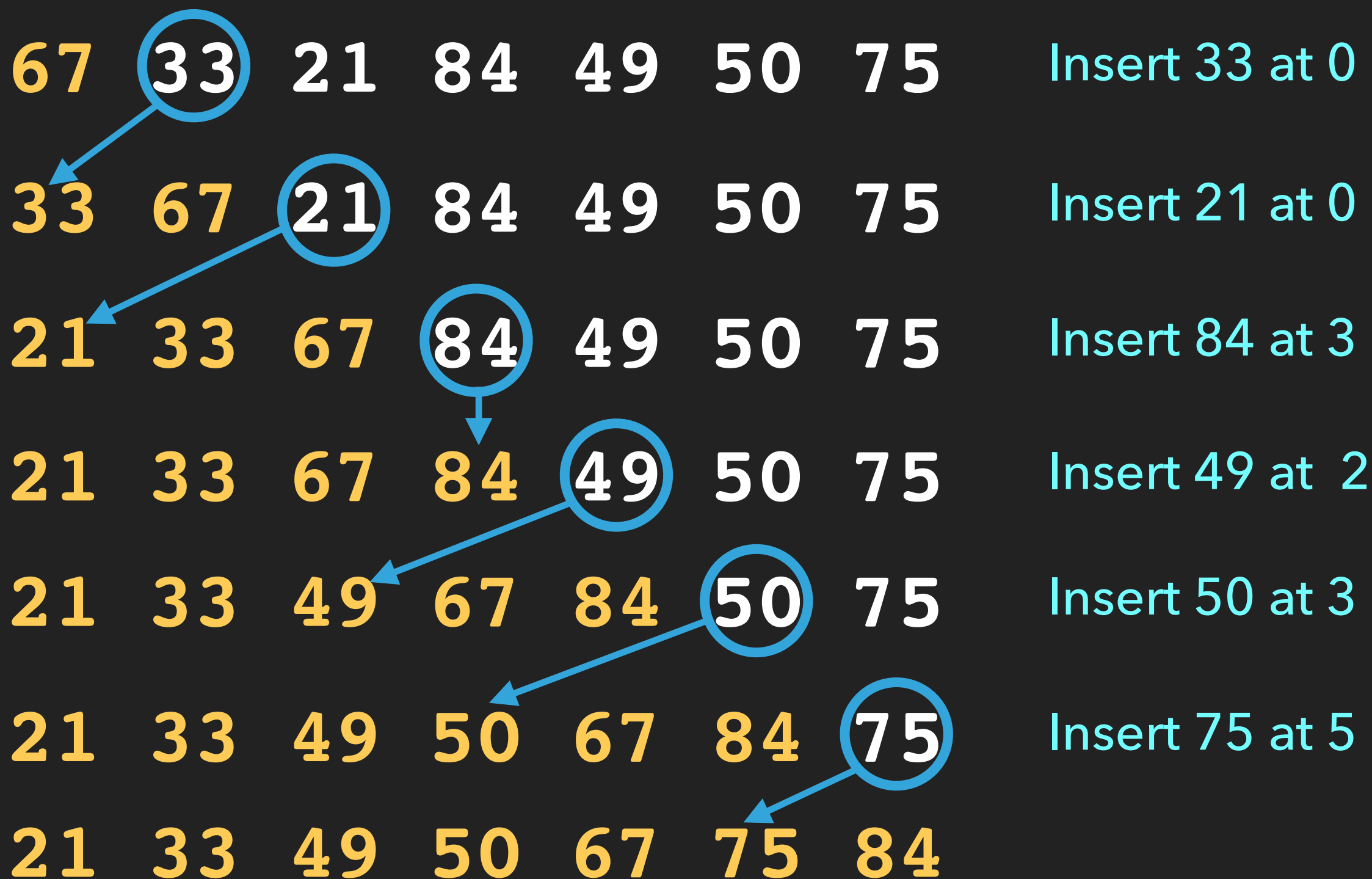
1 iteration (inner loop)

$1 + 2 + \dots + (n) = n(n+1)/2$

Time complexity: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

Space complexity: $O(1)$ – no additional space

Insertion Sort



Insertion Sort

Algorithm **insertionSort**

for every element i

insert element i in the sorted list
(0 to $i-1$)

end for

End

Insertion Sort

```
public static void insertionSort(int[] list) {  
    for (int i=1; i<list.length; i++) {  
        //Insert element i in the sorted sub-list  
        int currentVal = list[i];  
        int j = i;  
        while (j > 0 && currentVal < (list[j - 1])){  
            // Shift element (j-1) into element (j)  
            list[j] = list[j - 1];  
            j--;  
        }  
        // Insert currentVal at index j  
        list[j] = currentVal;  
    }  
}
```


Insertion Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Iteration 1 (outer loop)

(1) iteration (inner loop)

Iteration 2 (outer loop)

(2) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)

(k) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)

n-1 iterations (inner loop)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

Time complexity: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

Space complexity: $O(1)$

Bubble Sort

- ◆ At each iteration, exchange out of order pairs of elements until all elements are sorted
- ◆ Pushing the largest element to the end of the list

Bubble Sort

Pass 1

67 33 21 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 67 21 84 49 50 75

33 67 21 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75 In order - No swap

33 21 67 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 49 84 50 75

33 21 67 49 84 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 49 50 84 75

33 21 67 49 50 84 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 49 50 75 84

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84 Out to order - swap

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84 In order - No swap

21 33 67 49 50 75 84 Out of order - swap

21 33 49 67 50 75 84

21 33 49 67 50 75 84 Out of order - swap

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

Bubble Sort

Pass 3

21 **33** 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 **33** **49** 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 **33** **49** **50** 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 **33** 49 **50** **67** 75 84 In order - No swap

No swaps: the list is sorted

Bubble Sort

Algorithm **BubbleSort**

```
sorted = false
```

```
last = N-1 (N size of the array)
```

```
while (sorted is false)
```

```
    sorted = true
```

```
    for i=0 to last-1
```

```
        if(list[i] > list[i+1])
```

```
            swap(list[i], list[i+1])
```

```
            sorted = false
```

```
        end if
```

```
    end for
```

```
    last = last - 1;;
```

```
end while
```

```
End
```

Bubble Sort

```
public static void bubbleSort(int[] list) {  
    boolean sorted = false;  
    for (int k=1; k < list.length && !sorted; k++) {  
        sorted = true;  
        for (int i=0; i<list.length-k; i++) {  
            if (list[i] > list[i+1]) {  
                swap(list, i, i+1);  
                sorted = false;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Bubble Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Iteration 1 (outer loop)

(n-1) iteration (inner loop) to push the max

Iteration 2 (outer loop)

(n-2) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)

(n-k) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)

1 iterations (inner loop)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

Time complexity: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

Space complexity: $O(1)$

Comparison (group 1)

Algorithm	Complexity	Performance Analysis
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	Simple Redundant Processing Worst: Same performance all the time
Insertion Sort	$O(n^2)$	Lower overhead than selection and bubble sort Worst: Reversed list
Bubble Sort	$O(n^2)$	Complex Inefficient for large sets Worst: Reversed list

Merge Sort

- ◆ Recursive sorting algorithm
- ◆ Uses divide-and-conquer strategy
- ◆ **Split** the list in halves recursively until obtaining lists with one element
- ◆ **Merge** the lists back in order

Merge Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Split

1. Merge sort the first half

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Split

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Split

Merge Sort

67	33	21	84	49	50	75
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67	21	33	84	49	50	75
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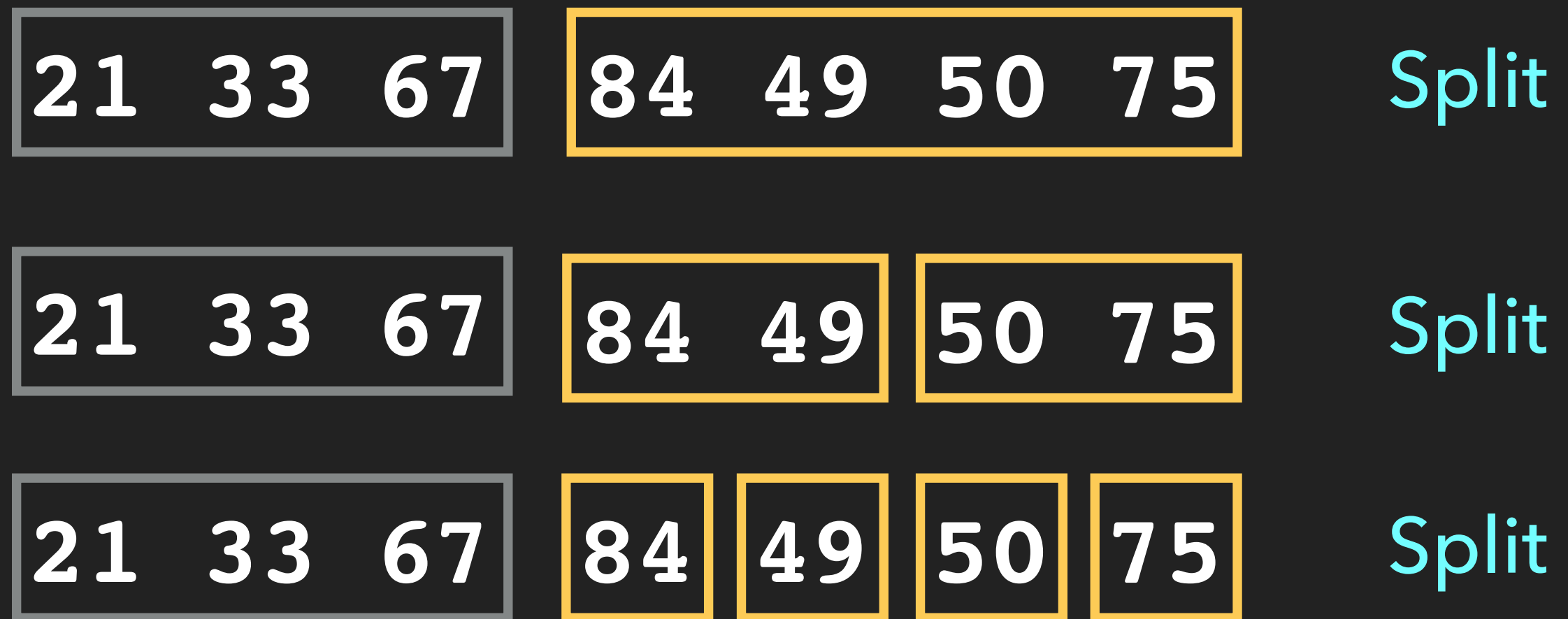
Merge

21	33	67	84	49	50	75
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Merge

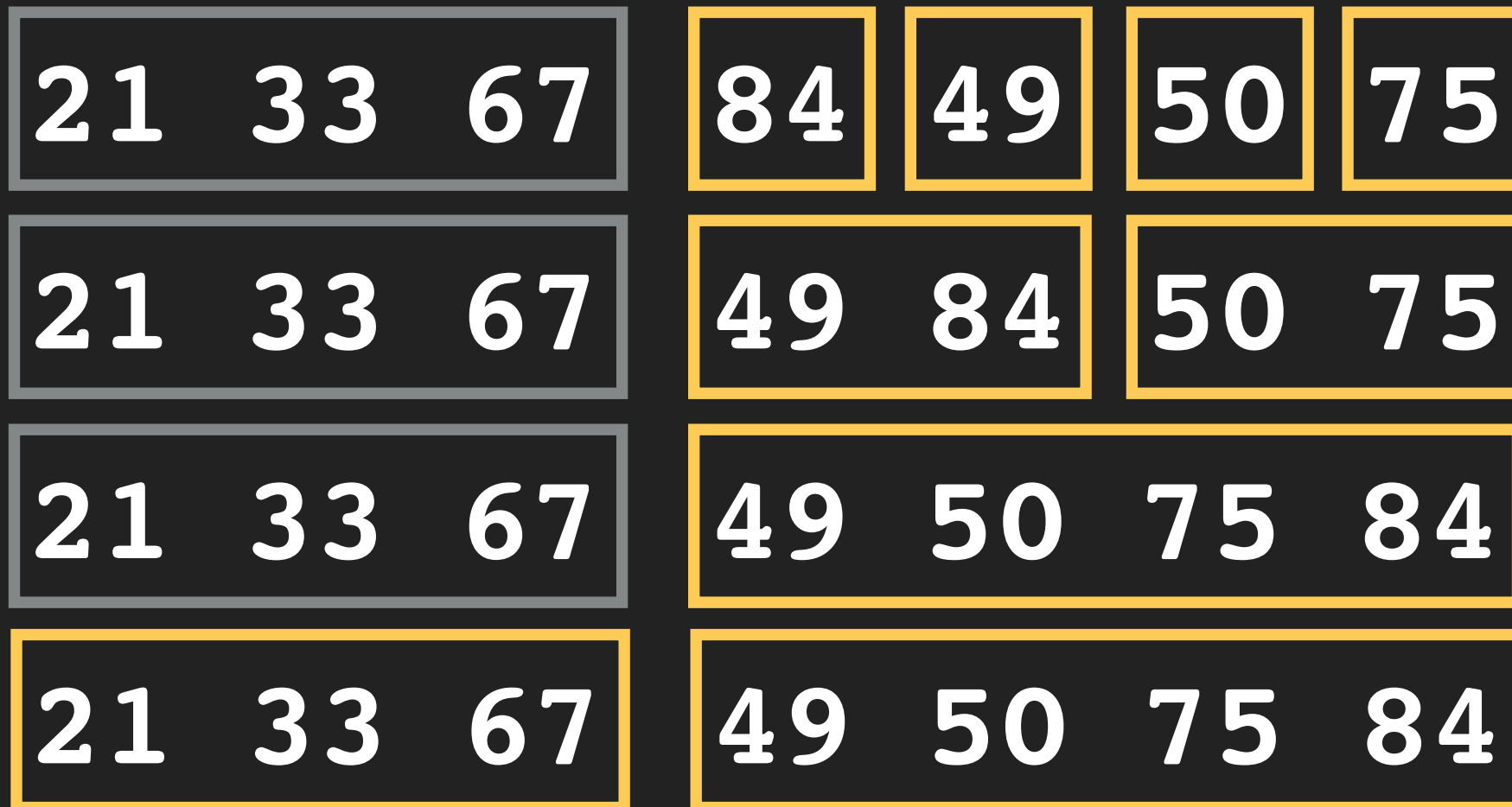
Merge Sort

2. Merge sort the second half



Merge Sort

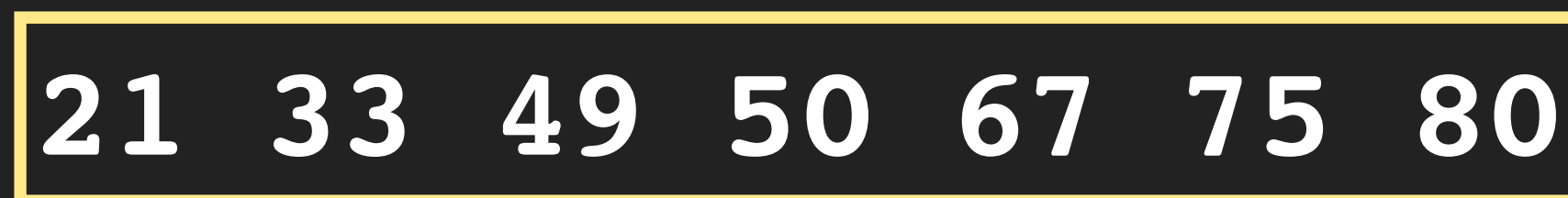
2. Merge sort the second half



Merge

Merge

3. Merge the two sorted halves



Merge

Merge Sort

Algorithm **MergeSort** (recursive)

Split the array in two halves

MergeSort the first half

MergeSort the second half

Merge the two sorted halves

End

Merge Sort

```
public static void mergeSort(int[] list) {  
    if (list.length > 1) {  
        int[] firstHalf = new int[list.length/2];  
        int[] secondHalf = new int[list.length -  
                                    list.length/2];  
  
        System.arraycopy(list, 0,  
                          firstHalf, 0, list.length/2);  
        System.arraycopy(list, list.length/2,  
                          secondHalf, 0,  
                          list.length-list.length/2);  
  
        mergeSort(firstHalf);  
        mergeSort(secondHalf);  
        merge(firstHalf, secondHalf, list);  
    }  
}
```

Merge Sort

```
public static void merge(int[] list1, int[] list2,
                        int[] list) {
    int list1Index = 0, list2Index = 0, listIndex = 0;
    while(list1Index < list1.length &&
          list2Index < list2.length) {
        if (list1[list1Index] < list2[list2Index])
            list[listIndex++] = list1[list1Index++];
        else
            list[listIndex++] = list2[list2Index++];
    }
    // copy the remaining elements from list1 to list if any
    while(list1Index < list1.length)
        list[listIndex++] = list1[list1Index++];
    // copy the remaining elements from list2 to list if any
    while(list2Index < list2.length)
        list[listIndex++] = list2[list2Index++];
}
```

Merge Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis (Time)

Splitting the array in halves

$K = (\log n)$ iterations ($n/2^k = 1$)

Merging halves

(n) iterations (worst case)

Time complexity: $O(n \log n)$ Log Linear

Merge Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis (Space)

Splitting the array in halves
 $n/2, n/4, n/8, \dots$

Total number of additional space
 $(n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + \dots) \approx n$

Space complexity: $O(n)$

Quick Sort

- ◆ Recursive in-place sorting algorithm
- ◆ Uses divide-and-conquer strategy
- ◆ **Divide** the list in two partially sorted parts using a **pivot**
 - ◆ Part 1: all elements less than the pivot
 - ◆ Part 2: all elements greater than the pivot
- ◆ Repeat **quickSort** recursively on each part

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75 pivot = 67

67 **33** 21 84 49 50 75

67 33 **21** 84 49 50 75

67 33 **21** 84 49 50 75

67 33 21 **49** 84 50 75

67 33 21 49 **50** 84 75

50 33 21 49

Part1

67

84 75

Part2

Find position
of the pivot

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75 pivot = 67

50 33 21 49 **67** **84 75**

List1

List2

49 21 33 **50** **67** **75** **84**

List3

List4

pivot (List1) = 50

pivot (List2) = 84

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

50 33 21 49

List1

67 84 75

List2

49 33 21

List3

50 67 75 84

List4

21 33

List5

49 50 67 75 84

pivot (List3) = 49

Quick Sort



List7

 $\text{pivot}(\text{list5}) = 21$ 

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 Sorted list

Quick Sort

Algorithm **QuickSort** (**recursive**)

Select a pivot

Partition the array in two parts

Part1: Elements less than the pivot

Part2: Elements greater than the pivot

QuickSort(part1)

QuickSort(part2)

End

Quick Sort

```
public static void quickSort(int[] list) {  
    quickSort(list, 0, list.length-1);  
}  
// Recursive Helper Method  
public static void quickSort(int[] list,  
                             int first, int last) {  
    if (last > first) {  
        int pivotIndex = partition(list, first, last);  
        quickSort(list, first, pivotIndex-1);  
        quickSort(list, pivotIndex+1, last);  
    }  
}
```

Quick Sort

```
public static int partition(int list[],
                           int first, int last) {
    int pivot;
    int index, pivotIndex;
    pivot = list[first]; // the first element
    pivotIndex = first;
    for (index = first + 1; index <= last; index++) {
        if (list[index] < pivot) {
            pivotIndex++;
            swap(list, pivotIndex, index);
        }
    }
    swap(list, first, pivotIndex);
    return pivotIndex;
}
```


Quick Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Partitioning the array in \sim halves
($\log n$) iterations (average)

Arranging elements around the pivot
(n) iterations – worst case

Time complexity: average case
 $O(n \log n)$ – Log Linear

Quick Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Partitioning the array not in halves
(n) iterations – worst case

Arranging elements around the pivot
(n) iterations – worst case

Time complexity: $O(n^2)$ – worst case

Space complexity: $O(1)$ – No additional space

Quick Sort

- ◆ How to select the pivot?
- ◆ Original data is random,
pivot = first element
- ◆ Original data partially sorted, use
"middle of the three" rule (median of first,
middle, and last)

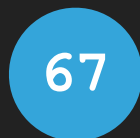
Heap Sort

- ◆ Sorting using the heap data structure
 - ◆ Add the data to be sorted to the heap using **add()** method
 - ◆ Remove the elements from the heap using **remove()** method (elements are removed in ascending/descending order)

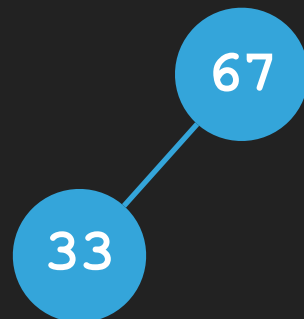
Heap Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

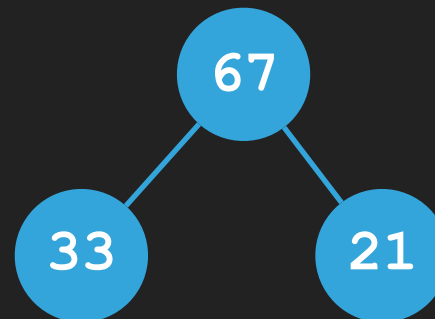
add(67)



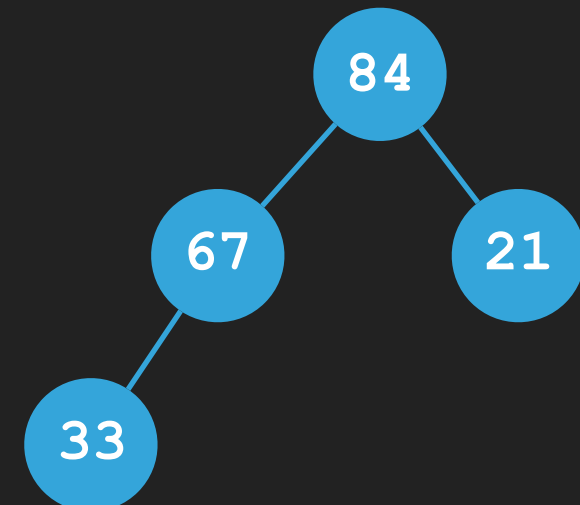
add(33)



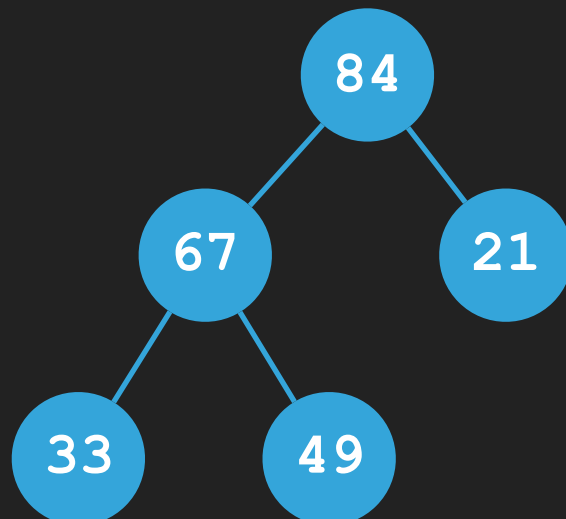
add(21)



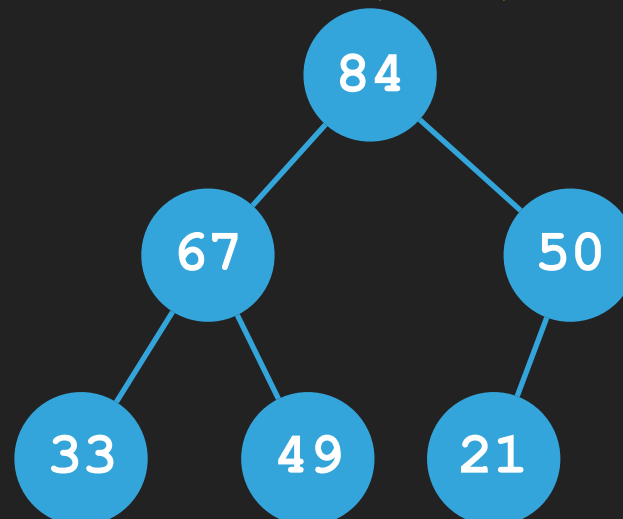
add(84)



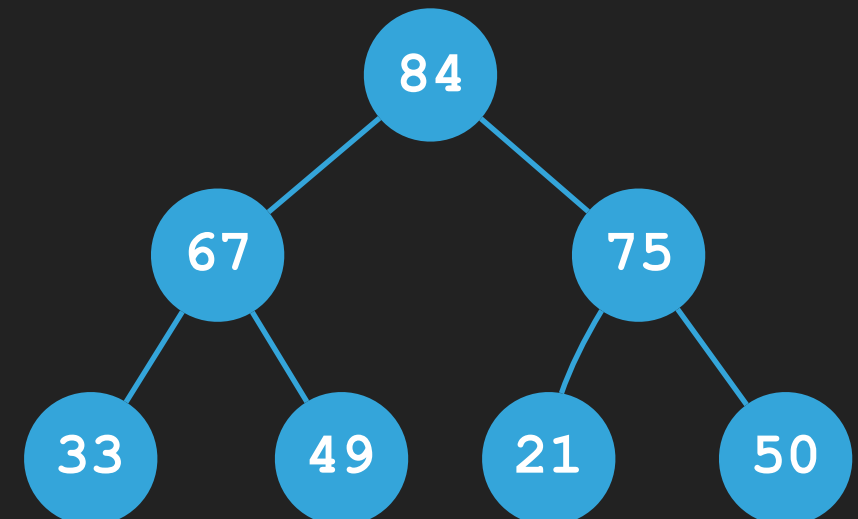
add(49)



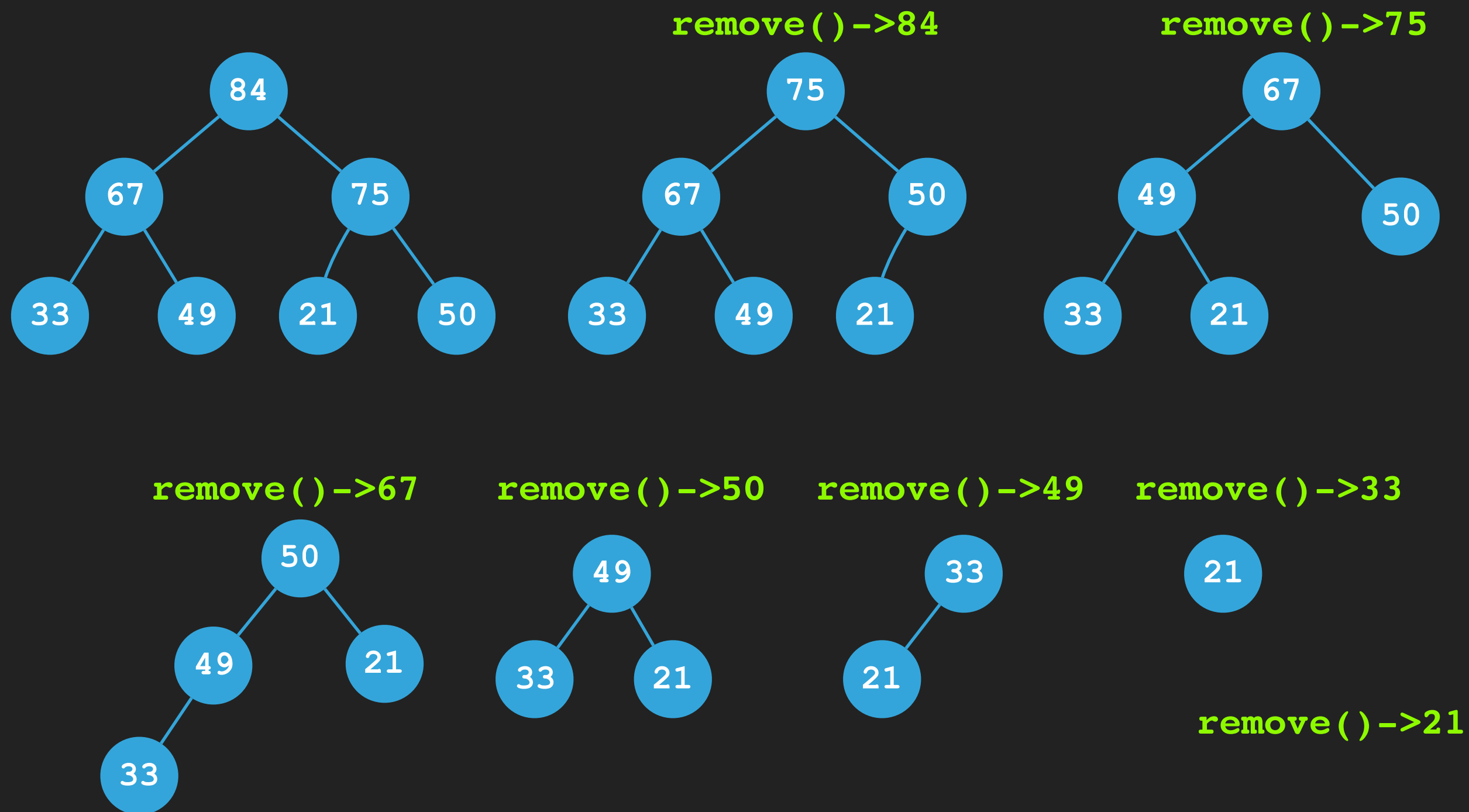
add(50)



add(75)



Heap Sort



84 75 67 50 49 33 21

Heap Sort

Algorithm **HeapSort**

create a heap h

for each element i (0 to N-1) in list{

 h.add(element i)

}

for each index i (N-1 to 0) in list{

 list[i] = h.remove()

}

End

Heap Sort

```
public static void heapSort(int[] list) {  
    // Create a max heap  
    Heap<Integer> heap = new Heap<>();  
    // Add the elements of list to the heap  
    for(int i=0; i<list.length; i++){  
        heap.add(list[i]);  
    }  
    // Move the data from the heap back to list  
    for (int i=list.length-1; i>=0; i--) {  
        list[i] = heap.remove();  
    }  
}
```


Heap Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis (Time)

add() method $O(\log n)$

One path from a leaf to the root

remove() method $O(\log n)$

One path from the root to a leaf

add() and remove() are called **n** times $O(n)$

Heap Sort: Worst case

$O(n \log n)$ – Log Linear

Heap Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis (Space)

Heap with n nodes required to sort the array list

Heap Sort space complexity: $O(n)$

Summary (group 2)

	Merge Sort	Quick Sort	Heap Sort
Type	Divide and Conquer Recursive	Divide and Conquer Recursive	Complete Binary Tree
Main task	Merging $O(n)$	Partitioning $O(n)$	Adding/removing nodes to/from heap
Time Complexity	Worst case: $O(n \log n)$	Average: $O(n \log n)$ Worst case: $O(n^2)$	Worst case: $O(n \log n)$
Space Complexity	Temporary arrays $O(n)$	In-place (No additional space)	Heap data structure $O(n)$

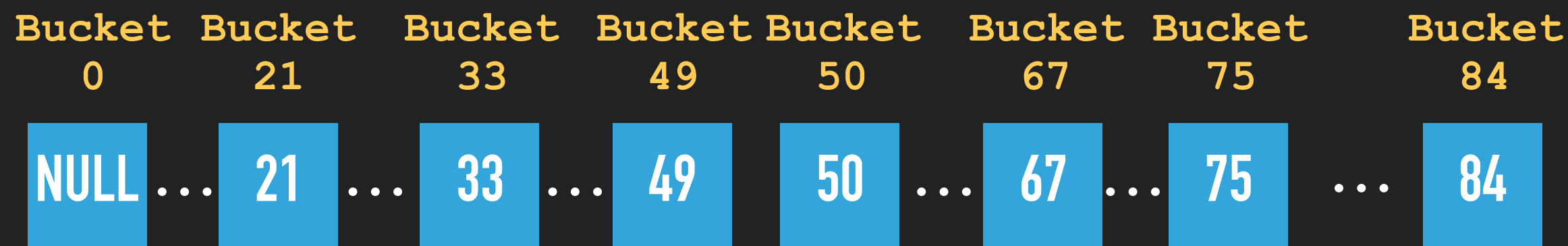
- ◆ Sorting algorithms are general - work for any type of data
- ◆ Sorting criterion defined in the method **compareTo()** or **compare()**
- ◆ Comparison based sorting cannot perform better than **$O(n \log n)$**
- ◆ How can we sort without comparing? **Data Classification Algorithms**

Bucket Sort

- ◆ For integers only
- ◆ Range of values to be sorted $[0, t]$
- ◆ Use $(t+1)$ buckets
- ◆ An element equal to v is put in **bucket v**
- ◆ A bucket holds all the elements with the same value

Bucket Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75



Bucket Sort

```
Algorithm bucketSort(list)  
  create t+1 buckets  
    (t is the maximum value in list)  
  
  for each value in list (n)  
    Assign value to bucket(value)  
  
  for each bucket i (0 to t)  
    Assign the elements of bucket i to list
```

Bucket Sort

```
public static void bucketSort(int[] list) {
    int t = max(list);
    ArrayList<ArrayList<Integer>> buckets;
    buckets = new ArrayList<>(t+1);
    // create t+1 buckets
    for(int i=0; i<t+1; i++)
        buckets.add(new ArrayList<>());

    //Distribute the data on the buckets
    for(int i=0; i<list.length; i++) {
        ArrayList<Integer> bucket = buckets.get(list[i]);
        bucket.add(list[i]);
    }
    // Move the data from the buckets back to the list
    int k = 0;
    for(int i=0; i<buckets.size(); i++) {
        ArrayList<Integer> bucket = buckets.get(i);
        for(int j=0; j<bucket.size(); j++)
            list[k++] = bucket.get(j);
    }
}
```


Bucket Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Create the buckets $O(t)$

Distribute data on the buckets $O(n)$

Move data from the buckets to list $O(t)$

Bucket Sort:

Time Complexity: $O(n+t)$ – Linear

Space Complexity: $O(n+t)$

Not practical for large t

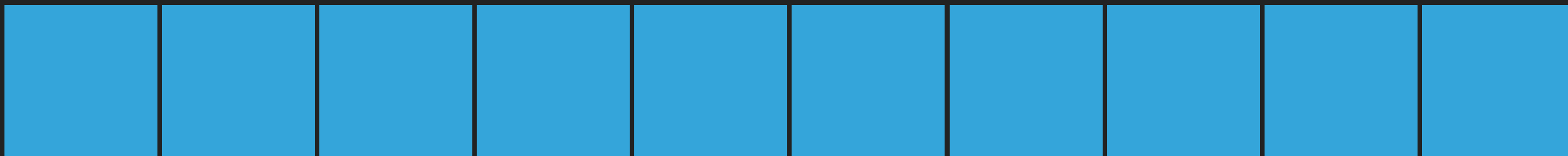
Radix Sort

- ◆ Bucket Sort with fixed number of buckets
- ◆ Radix-10: 10 buckets (decimal numbers)
- ◆ Divide data into subgroups based on their radix positions
- ◆ Bucket Sort is applied on each radix position

Radix Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket Bucket
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



Radix Sort

◆ Bucket sort using the ones position (10^0)

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Bucket 0	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	Bucket 4	Bucket 5	Bucket 6	Bucket 7	Bucket 8	Bucket 9
50	21		33	84	75		67		49

50 21 33 84 75 67 49

Radix Sort

- ◆ Bucket sort using the tens position (10^1)

50 21 33 84 75 67 49

Bucket 0	Bucket 1	Bucket 2	Bucket 3	Bucket 4	Bucket 5	Bucket 6	Bucket 7	Bucket 8	Bucket 9
		21	33	49	50	67	75	84	

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

Radix Sort

```
Algorithm radixSort(list)
  create 10 buckets
  max = number of digits of the largest value in list
  for each digit (0 to max-1){
    for each value in list
      Assign value to the bucket with number
         $(value \% 10^{(digit+1)} / 10^{digit})$ 
    for each bucket i (0 to 9)
      Assign the elements of bucket i to list
    clear all buckets
  }
End
```

```
public static void radixSort(int[] list) {
    ArrayList<ArrayList<Integer>> buckets;
    buckets = new ArrayList<>();
    Integer maxValue = max(list);
    int digits = maxValue.toString().length();
    for(int d=0; d<digits; d++) {
        // create 10 buckets
        for(int j=0; j<10; j++) {
            buckets.add(new ArrayList<>());
        }
        //Distribute the data on the buckets
        for(int j=0; j<list.length; j++){
            // find the index of the bucket where list[j] should be placed
            int bucketIndex = (list[j] % (int)(Math.pow(10, d+1))) /
                               (int)(Math.pow(10,d));
            ArrayList<Integer> bucket = buckets.get(bucketIndex);
            bucket.add(list[j]);
        }
        // Move the data from the buckets back to the list
        int k=0;
        for(int j=0; j<10; j++) {
            ArrayList<Integer> bucket = buckets.get(j);
            for(int l=0; l<bucket.size(); l++)
                list[k++] = bucket.get(l);
        }
        // clear all the buckets for the next iteration
        buckets.clear();
    }
}
```

Radix Sort

◆ Complexity Analysis

Classifying the data into buckets $O(n)$

Classifying for each position $O(d)$

Radix Sort:

Time Complexity: $O(d \cdot n)$

Space complexity: $O(n)$

d : maximum number of radix positions

Testing the sorting algorithms

```
public class Test{
    public static void main(String[] args){
        int[] list = {67, 33, 21, 84, 49, 50, 75};
        print(list);
        Sort.selectionSort(list);
        System.out.print("Selection Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.insertionSort(list);
        System.out.print("Insertion Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.bubbleSort(list);
        System.out.print("Bubble Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.mergeSort(list);
        System.out.print("Merge Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.quickSort(list);
        System.out.print("Quick Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.heapSort(list);
        System.out.print("Heap Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.bucketSort(list);
        System.out.print("Bucket Sort: ");
        print(list);
        shuffle(list);
        print(list);
        Sort.radixSort(list);
        System.out.print("Radix Sort: ");
        print(list);
    }
}
```

Summary

	Quadratic	Log Linear			Linear		
Sorting Algorithm	Selection Insertion Bubble Sort	Merge Sort	Quick Sort	Heap Sort	Bucket Sort (t buckets)	Radix Sort (d digits)	External Merge Sort
Type	Exchange	Divide and Conquer		Binary Tree	Data Classification		Divide and Conquer
Time	$O(n^2)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$ to $O(n^2)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n+t)$	$O(d.n)$	$O(n \log n)$
Space	No additional space	Require temporary array $O(n)$	No additional space	Heap $O(n)$	Require buckets		Require temporary files $O(n)$