Tree-based sorting

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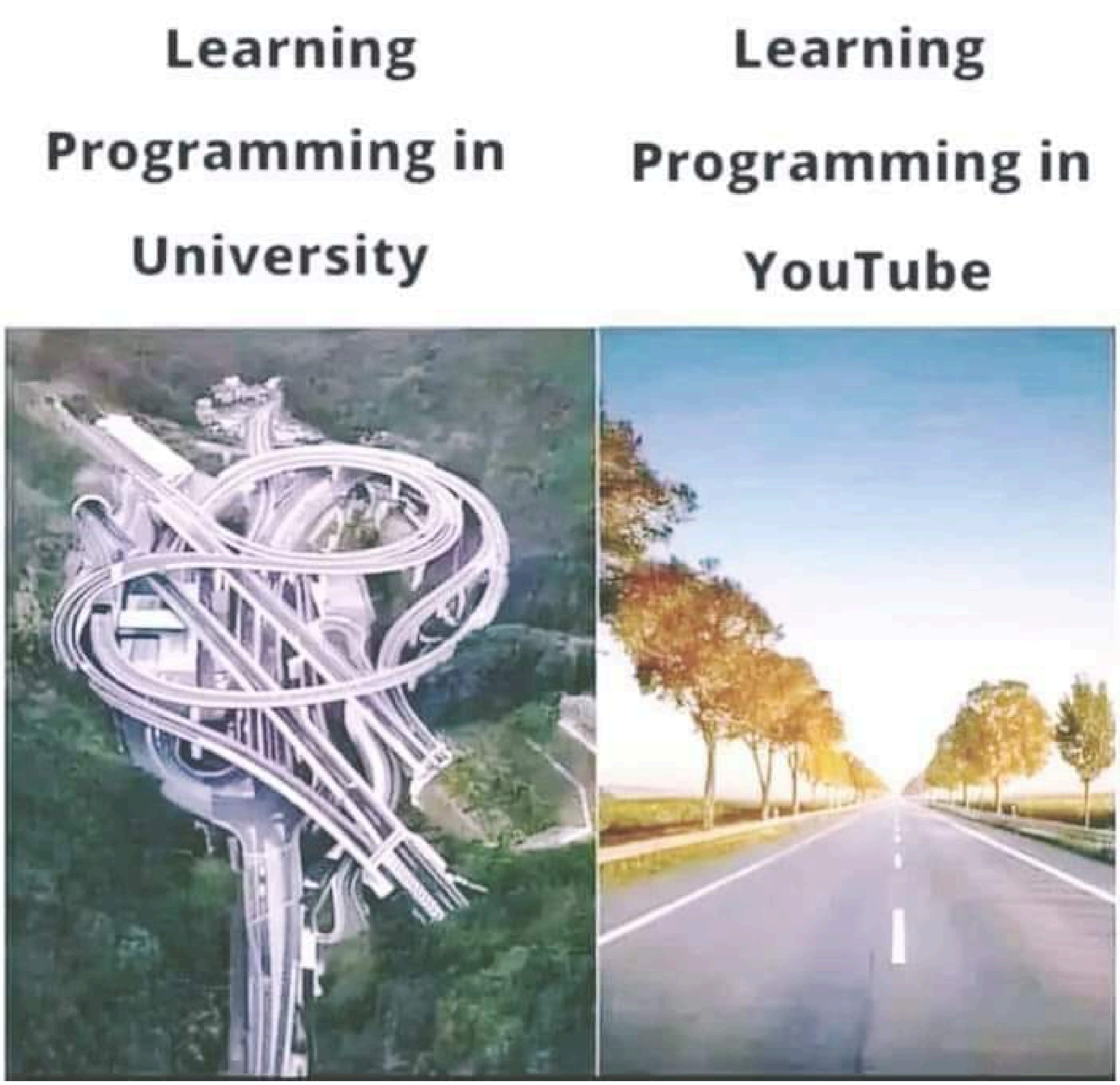

Concept check: Sorting

input: a sequence of integers

output: a reorganisation such that each element will be less than or equal the next

$a \;=\; [5, 0, 2, 11, 18, 11, 6, 36]$

$a.sorted() \;=\; [0, 2, 5, 6, 11, 11, 18, 36]$

"easy to check, not so easy to establish''

Q: sorting might in fact destroy some information. What might it be?

- min, max and median are available in constant time: $a[0]$, $a[n-1]$ and $a[\frac{n}{2}]$, respectively.
- membership can be checked with $\log_2 n$ comparisons at most
- *stability:* multiple copies of the same number should keep their original ordering

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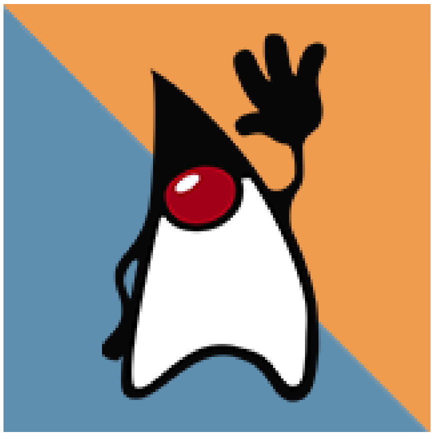
Concept check: sorting in Java

```java
import java.util.Arrays;

int[] MyArray = { 5, 0, 2, 11, 18, 11, 6, 36 };

Arrays.sort(MyArray);

System.out.println(Arrays.toString(MyArray));
```



CC: build your arrays class

```
public class MyArray {
    private int[] arrayData; // Internal array to store elements
    private int size; // Number of actual elements in the array

    // Constructor to initialize the internal array
    public MyArray(int capacity) {
        arrayData = new int[capacity];
        size = 0;
    }
```

See the class file from last week

Sorting by pairwise comparison

```
    // Method to sort the array
    public void sort() {
        // Simple implementation of the Bubble Sort algorithm
        for (int i = 0; i < size - 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < size - i - 1; j++) {
                if (arrayData[j] > arrayData[j + 1]) {
                    // Swap arrayData[j] and arrayData[j+1]
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                    int temp = arrayData[j];
                    arrayData[j] = arrayData[j + 1];
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        }
    }
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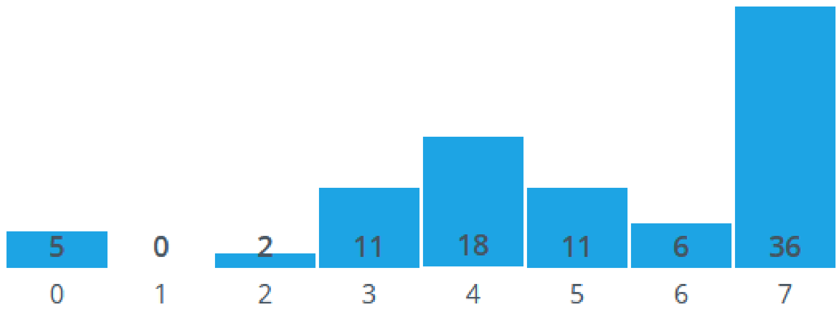

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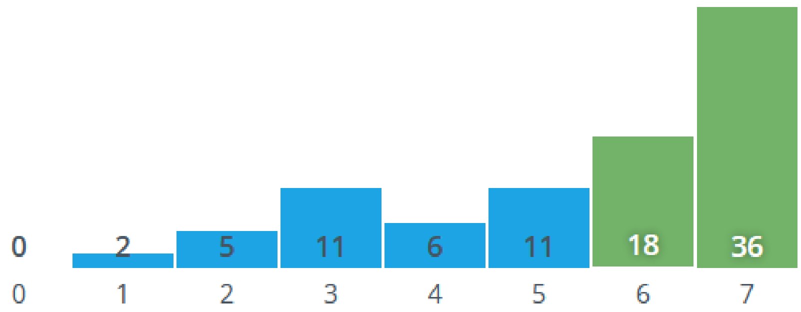

- values in green are in their final position
- their array index corresponds to their ranking: the number of less-than-or-equal elements.
- *all blue elements have been seen already and we have ideas about where they will likely end up...*

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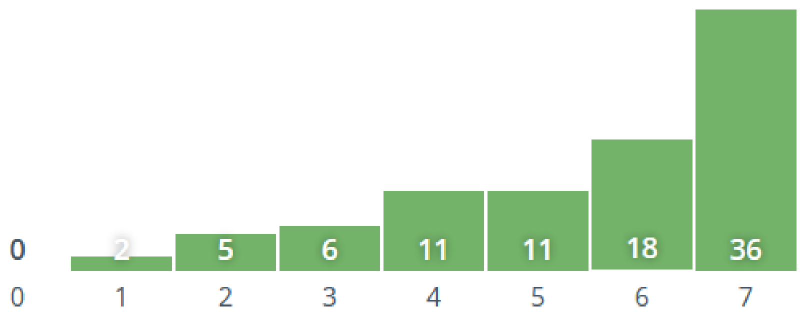

- only contigous elements will ever be swapped
- all pairwise comparisons are attempted, often several times: is it really needed?
- what if the data is already half-sorted?

```
Sorting often takes place after an update to one or more values destroys the sorted property
So, sorting is called to re-establish the property.
```

$b = [0, 2, 6, 5, 11, 11, 18, 36]$

Cost analysis

- when `i=0` the inner cycle on `j` executes n-1 times,
- then `i=1` and the inner cycle on `j` executes n-2 times, and so on.
- all in all, the innermost code will execute about $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \approx n^2$ times
- our BubbleSort algorithm won't scale up to web data, log analysis, machine learning etc.
- we need an algorithm that looks at data and only carries out the needed comparisons/swaps.

The tree metaphor

Idea: a data structure that stores values in a way that *represents* what is known about its *rank* in the final version of the sequence.

It will reduce unnecessary comparisons.

The new structure has visual properties that simplify algorithm design and analysis: it's everywhere in computer science.

A tree

- a special *root* element which is directly accessible
- each element has access to 0..k elements, called *children*
- siblings are not connected to each other directly
- childless elements are called leaves
- the *height* of the tree is defined as the *longest* root-leaf connection.

Assumption: let k=2.

We examine binary trees. Children elements will be *left* and *right,* resp.

Sorted trees

Each left successor is less than or equal than the parent, each right successor is greater than it.

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