

Lecture 9: Sorting Algorithms

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Insertion Sort in Life



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Insertion Sort

Sorting Problem

- Input: a list of N numbers
- Output: permutation $B[1, \dots, n]$ of A such that $B[1] \leq B[2] \leq \dots \leq B[n]$
 - In other words, a rearranged list of items in the input, such that they monotonically increase (or decrease).
- Example:
 - Input:

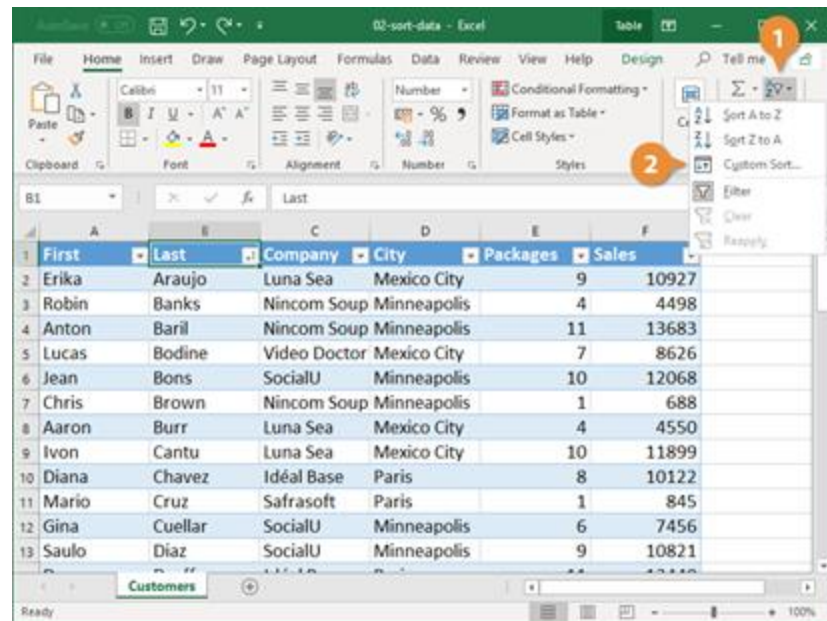
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- Expected output:

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Value	-7	-4	-1	2	4	5	6	10	15	21

Why Sorting?

- Problems become easier once items are in sorted order:
 - Finding a median
 - Finding the closest pairs
 - Binary search
 - Identifying statistical outliers
- Various applications
 - Sorting a table by an attribute
 - Data compression: sorting finds duplicates.



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Sorted list	Index	0
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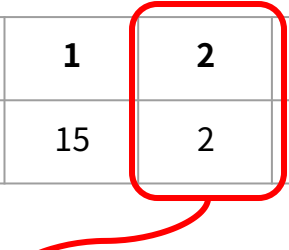
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Sorted
list

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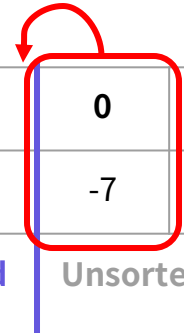
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Insertion Sort

- Let's do this **in-place**, without using an additional list.
 - Start from an empty “sorted list region” and a pile **the region** of items to sort.
 - For each item on the pile **in the unsorted region**, put in the right position in the “sorted list region”.
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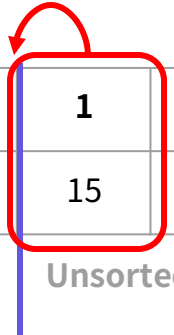
The diagram shows an array with 11 elements. The first element, -7 at index 0, is enclosed in a red box. A red curved arrow points from the top of this box back to itself, indicating a self-comparison or insertion point. A vertical blue line is positioned between index 0 and index 1. Below the array, the word 'Sorted' is written in blue text to the left of the blue line, and 'Unsorted' is written in grey text to the right of the blue line.

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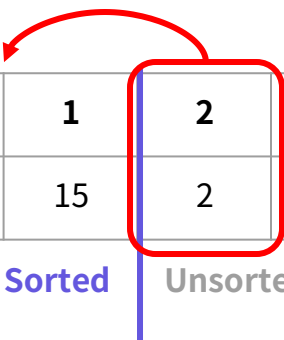
A diagram illustrating the insertion sort process. A table with 11 columns (Index 0 to 9) and 2 rows (Index, Value) is shown. The first column (Index 0, Value -7) is labeled 'Sorted' in blue. The remaining columns (Index 1 to 9) are labeled 'Unsorted' in blue. A red box highlights the cell at Index 1, Value 15. A red arrow points from the top of this box to the top of the first column, indicating the insertion of the element into the sorted region.

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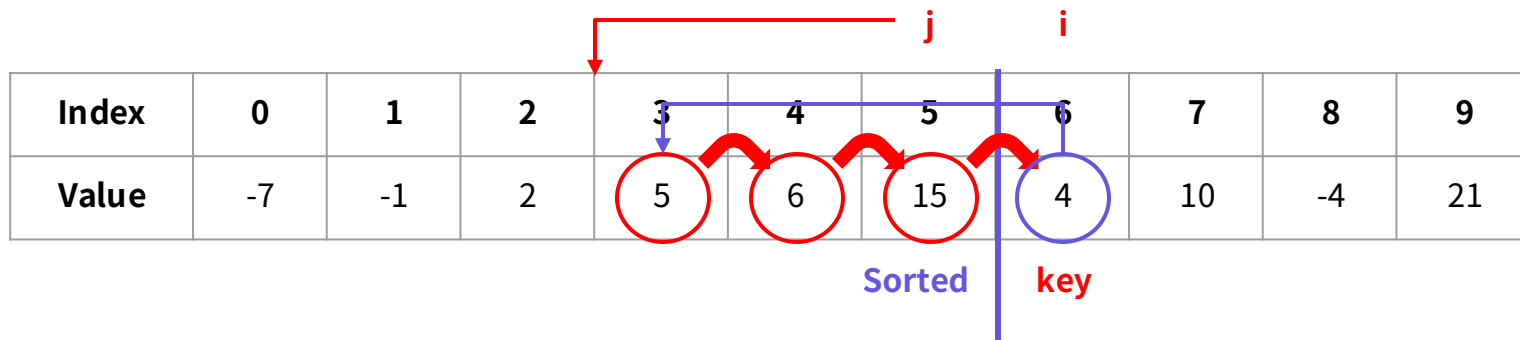
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Insertion Sort: Implementation

```
def insertion_sort(list):  
    for i in range(1, len(list)):  
        key = list[i]  
        j = i - 1  
        while j >= 0 and key < list[j]:  
            list[j+1] = list[j]  
            j -= 1  
        list[j+1] = key
```



Time Complexity

- At the i -th iteration, its inner loop (while) does:
 - **Find** the location to put the next item among ? items,
 - **Shift** all items on the right side by 1,
 - **Put** the target item at the found position.

- How many iterations?

- Overall complexity?

- If the input list is *almost* sorted, each iteration will be done by $\approx O(1)$, so overall time complexity will be $\approx O(M)$.

Complexity?

$O(M)$

$O(M)$

$O(1)$

$O(M)$

$O(M^2)$

$O(\log M)$ if binary
search used.

Selection Sort

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- Main idea: the opposite of insertion sort!
 - Instead of putting the next item in the right place,
 - Find the smallest item in the unsorted region, and
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Find the smallest among unsorted ones.

The smallest is already in the target place 😊

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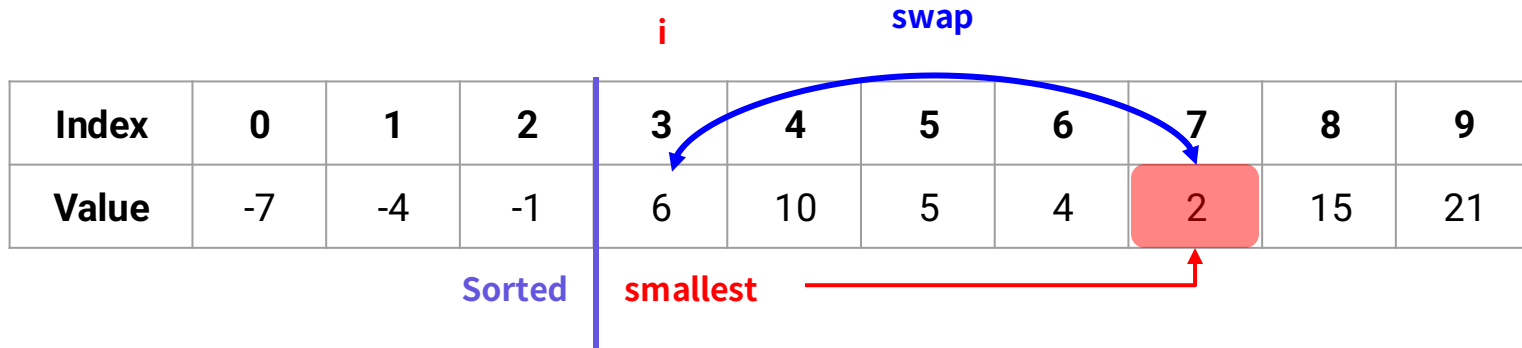
Find the smallest among unsorted ones.

Swap it with the one at the target position.

Repeat until there is no item left in the unsorted region!

Selection Sort: Implementation

```
def selection_sort(list):  
    for i in range(len(list)):  
        smallest = i  
        for j in range(i+1, len(list)):  
            if list[j] < list[smallest]:  
                smallest = j  
        list[i], list[smallest] = list[smallest], list[i]
```



Q. Can you implement this with recursion?

Time Complexity

- | | Complexity? |
|---|-------------|
| ● At the i -th iteration, its inner loop (for) does: | |
| ○ Find the smallest items among ? unsorted items, | $O(N)$ |
| ○ Swap it with the item at the next position. | $O(1)$ |
| ● How many iterations? | $O(N)$ |
| ● Overall complexity? | $O(N^2)$ |
| ● No benefit even though the input list is <i>almost</i> sorted. | |
| ○ When we find the next smallest item, we do not assume the remaining list is sorted. | |

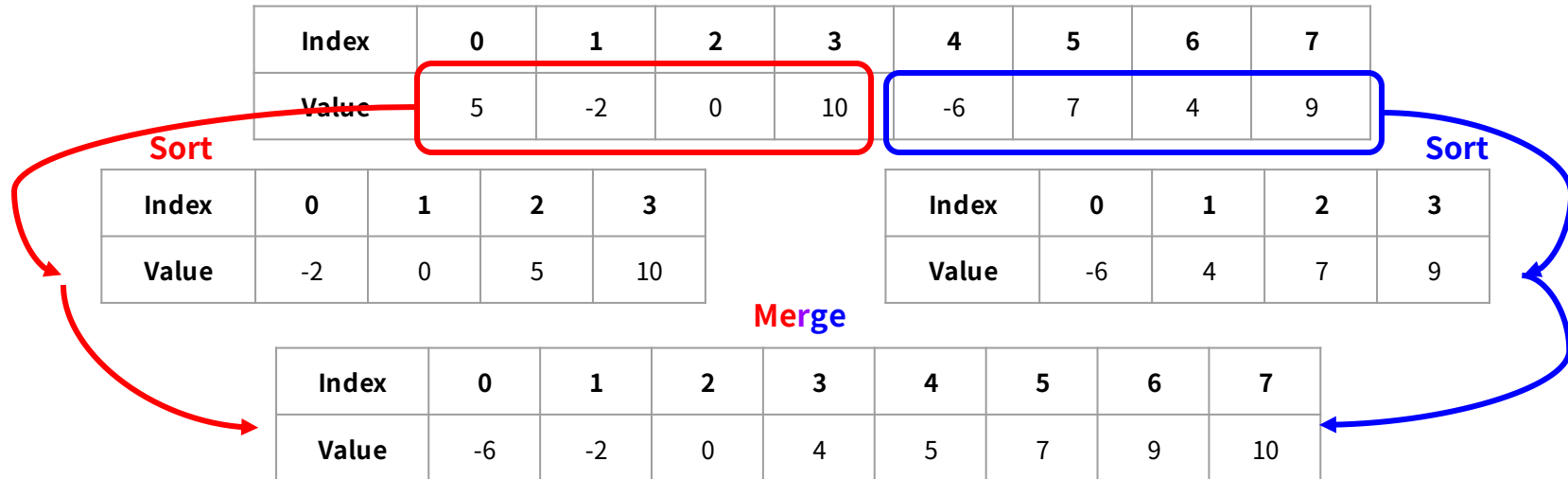
Merge Sort

Motivation

- Insertion sort and selection sort work but too slow.
 - Time complexity is $O(N^2)$.
 - Does not matter when handling small data, but we want to handle **big data**!
- Any better idea?
 - Divide and conquer!

Merge Sort

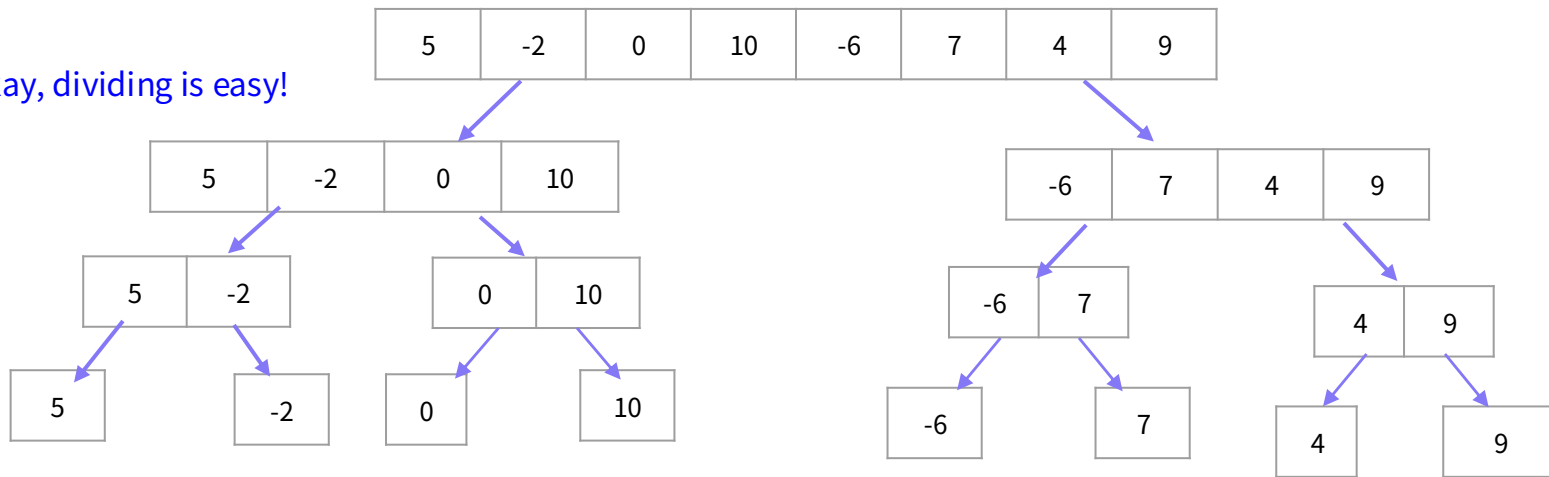
- Main idea:
 - **Divide** the whole list into two sub-lists.
 - Sort the left and right sublists **separately**.
 - **Merge** the two sorted sublists into a single sorted one.



Merge Sort

- Further breakdown: each sublist is also sorted in a similar way!

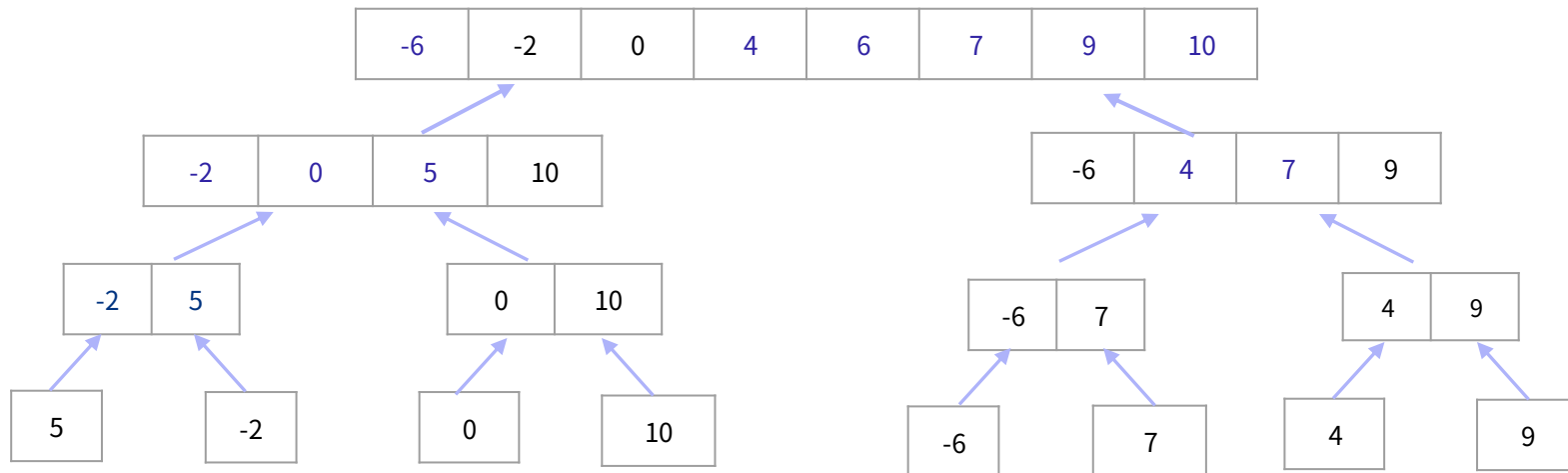
Okay, dividing is easy!



Sorting each separately is also easy, as they have just a single item in the end.

Merge Sort

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What about merging?!

Merge Sort

- At each step, the only non-trivial task is **merging two sorted arrays** into a single sorted array.



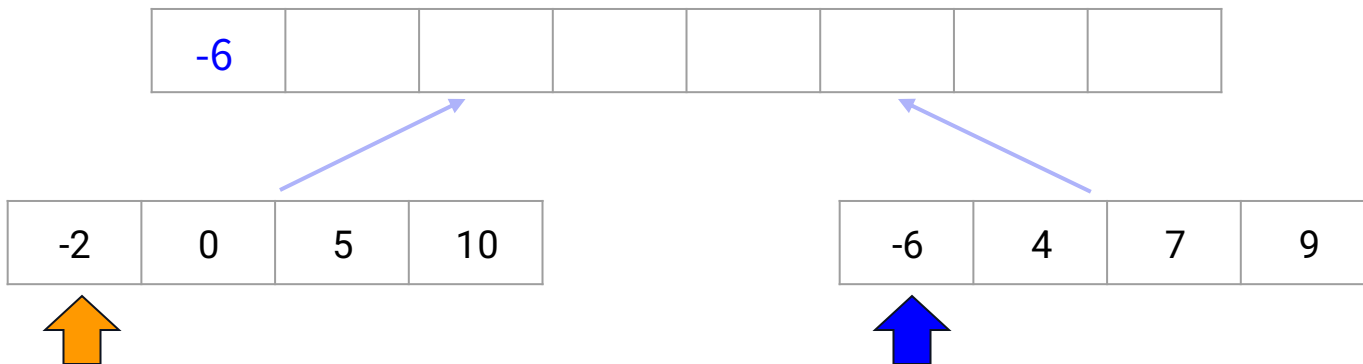
- First trial with brute force:
 - ☐ Concatenate the two list
 - ☐ Sort the entire list with insertion (or selection) sort.
 - ☐ Time complexity?
 - 1st split: $2 \times (N/2)^2$, 2st split: $4 \times (N/4)^2$, 3rd split: $8 \times (N/8)^2, \dots$
 - In total, $O(N^2)$. **No benefit** from directly sorting entire matrix at once.

Merge Sort

- So, we need more efficient merging, taking advantage of the fact that **the two sublists are already sorted**.



The first (smallest) item must be either the **smallest item in the left sublist** or the smallest one in the right sublist.

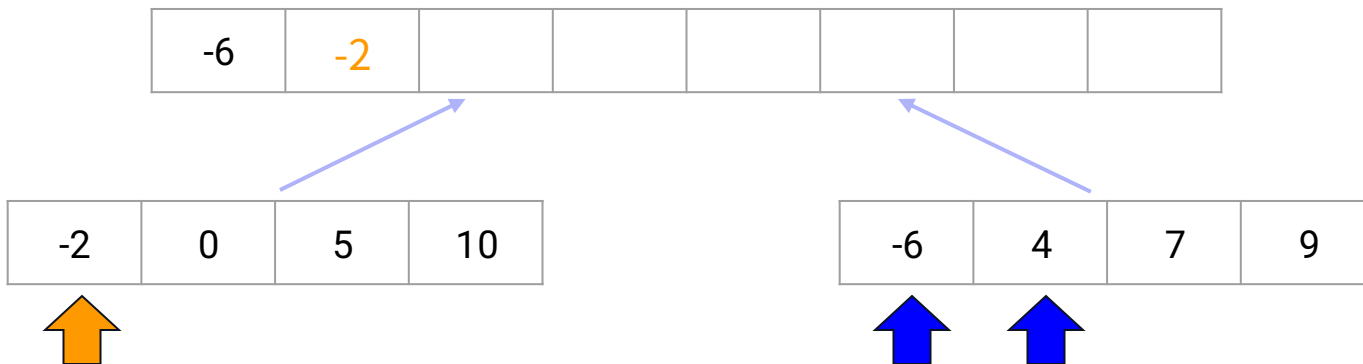


Merge Sort

● Then, what about the next one?

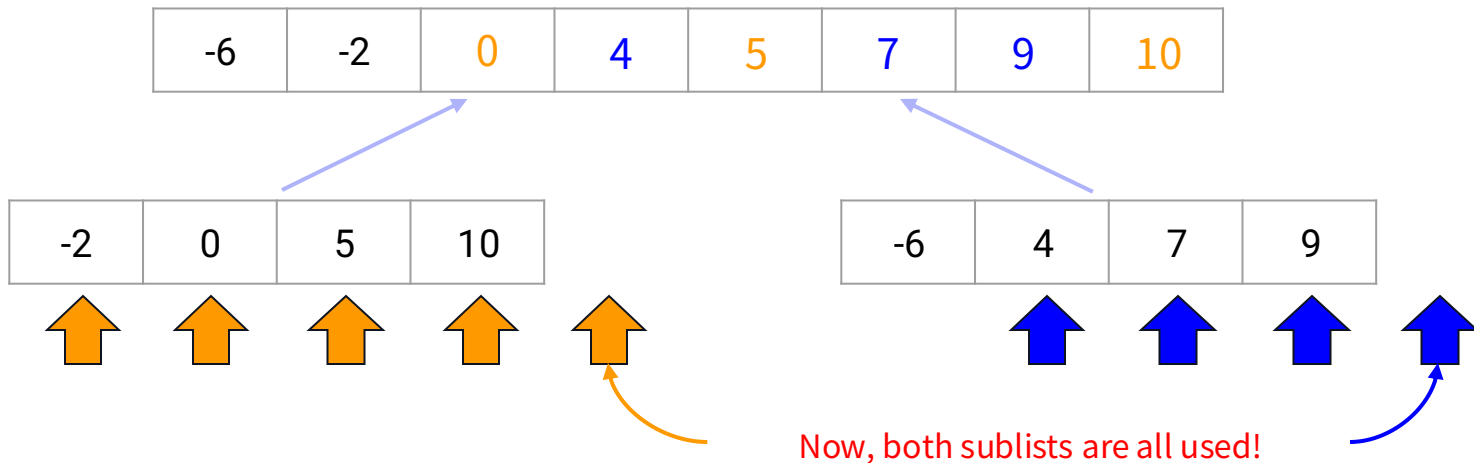


The second smallest item must be either the **smallest item in the left sublist** or the second smallest one in the right sublist (since -6 was already used).



Merge Sort

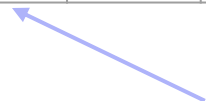
- In a similar way, we choose the smaller one between the smallest remaining items in each list at a time, until both lists are completely consumed.



Merge Sort: Time Complexity

- Time complexity of this merging step?
 - At each time we fill the output, we
 - Compare two elements once $\rightarrow O(1)$
 - Write the small one $\rightarrow O(1)$
 - Move one pointer on the selected side $\rightarrow O(1)$
 - How many times do we repeat this?
 - Same as the output list size!
 - 1st split: $2 \times (N/2)$, 2nd split: $4 \times (N/4)$, $\dots \rightarrow O(N)$

-6	-2	0	4	5	7	9	10
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-2	0	5	10
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-6	4	7	9
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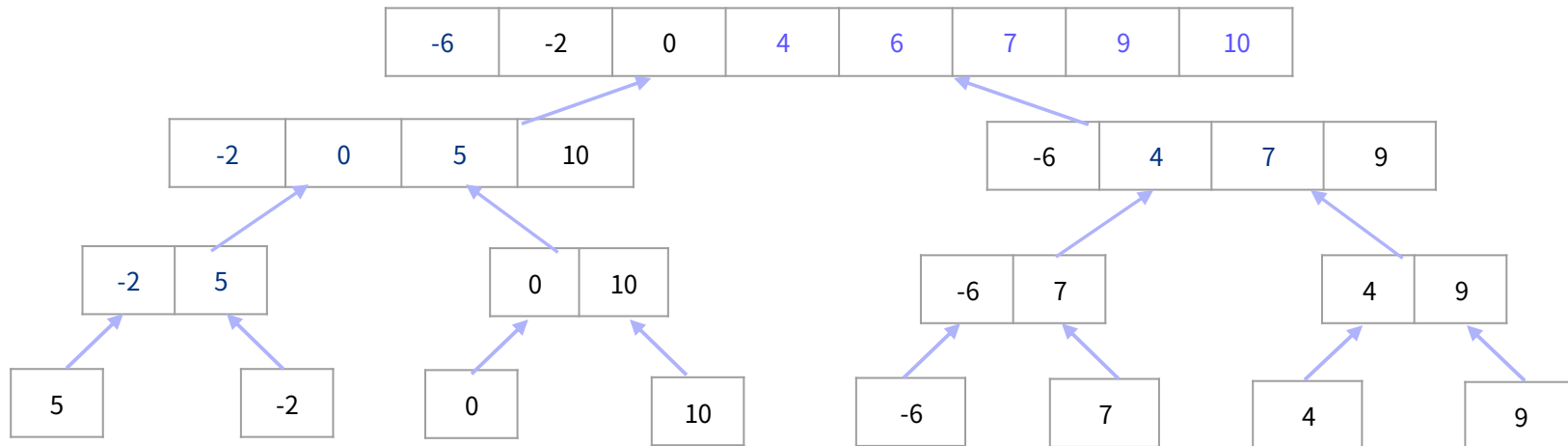
● How many steps do we have?

○ Same as the height of this tree:

$O(\log M)$

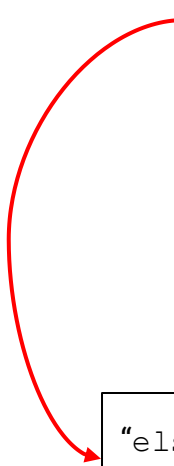
So, overall time complexity is:

$O(N \log M)$



Merge Sort: Implementation

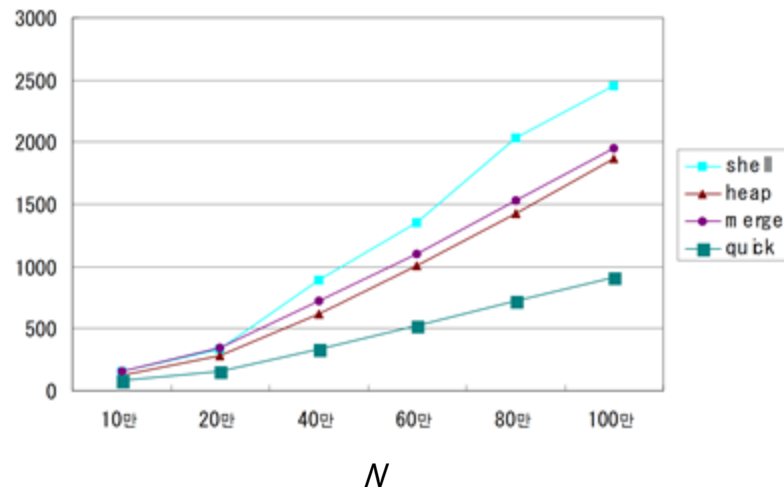
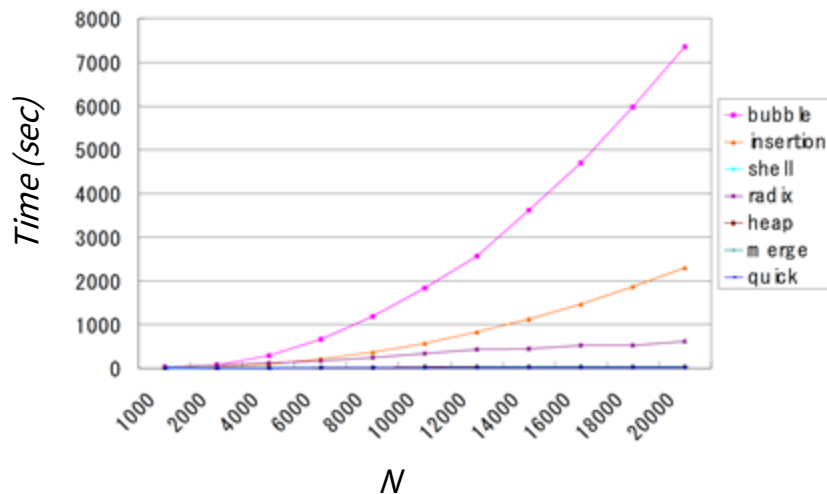
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def merge_sort(list):  
    if len(list) > 1:  
        mid = len(list) // 2 # round down  
        left = list[:mid]  
        right = list[mid:]  
  
        merge_sort(left)  
        merge_sort(right)  
  
    # TODO(students): merge left & right in the list
```



“else” for this is the **base case**, where the recursive calls are done.
We skip it here, since there’s **no action item** in the base case.

Merge Sort vs. Insertion Sort

- How different the speed is, between $O(N^2)$ vs. $O(N \log N)$?



Can we do better?

- Insertion / Selection sort takes $O(N^2)$.
- Merge sort takes $O(N \log N)$.
- Can we do better?

What is the best possible time complexity for sorting problem?

$O(N)$, because we need $O(N)$ to read the input list anyway.

Then, can we sort in $O(N)$?

Yes, if we have some additional conditions.

(It was proved that $O(N \log N)$ is the best for comparison-based sorting algorithms.)

Linear Time Sorting: $O(n)$

Counting Sort

- A linear-time sorting algorithm under the condition that the input elements are always **integers** between 0 and k .

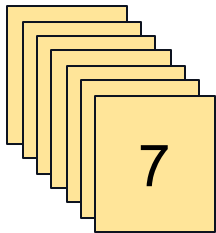
- Example:

1	Order Id	Order Date	Employee Name	Reporting Manager	Customer Name	Customer Contact	Customer Email	Product Name	Product Price	Product Qty	Order Total
2	1	31-Oct-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Chloe Jones	919-555-8658	lo@email.com	Apple	INR 67.00	81	NR 5,427.00
3	2	26-Jun-17	Nisha Kumari	Aakash Harit	Brett Newkirk	919-555-7653	newkb@email.com	Banana	INR 31.00	41	NR 1,271.00
4	3	20-Jan-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Tracey Beckham	919-555-2314	beck@email.com	Banana	INR 93.00	31	NR 2,883.00
5	4	12-Dec-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Brett Newkirk	919-555-7653	newkb@email.com	Apple	INR 83.00	6	NR 498.00
6	5	18-Jul-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Lucinda George	919-555-4534	lugeo@email.com	Apple	INR 98.00	47	NR 4,606.00
7	6	14-Mar-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Jerrod Smith	919-555-4564	texj@email.com	Banana	INR 89.00	76	NR 6,764.00
8	7	21-Nov-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Lucinda George	919-555-4534	lugeo@email.com	Grapes	INR 80.00	26	NR 2,080.00
9	8	22-May-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Jerrod Smith	919-555-4564	texj@email.com	Grapes	INR 36.00	59	NR 2,124.00
10	9	10-Nov-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Chloe Jones	919-555-8658	lo@email.com	Apple	INR 85.00	15	NR 1,275.00
11	10	30-Oct-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Tracey Beckham	919-555-2314	beck@email.com	Pineapple	INR 47.00	80	NR 3,760.00
12	11	30-May-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Brett Newkirk	919-555-7653	newkb@email.com	Pineapple	INR 38.00	47	NR 1,786.00
13	12	13-May-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Brett Newkirk	919-555-7653	newkb@email.com	Apple	INR 94.00	37	NR 3,478.00
14	13	02-Jan-17	Nisha Kumari	Aakash Harit	Lucinda George	919-555-4534	lugeo@email.com	Apple	INR 23.00	81	NR 1,863.00
15	14	16-Sep-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Jerrod Smith	919-555-4564	texj@email.com	Banana	INR 56.00	65	NR 3,640.00
16	15	16-Sep-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Jerrod Smith	919-555-4564	texj@email.com	Banana	INR 90.00	82	NR 7,380.00
17	16	22-May-17	Nishu Kumari	Aakash Harit	Jerrod Smith	919-555-4564	texj@email.com	Grapes	INR 66.00	17	NR 1,122.00
18	17	30-Jan-17	Vishal Kumar	Divya Sharma	Lucinda George	919-555-4534	lugeo@email.com	Pineapple	INR 56.00	36	NR 2,016.00
19	18	18-Jul-17	Abhay Gaurav	Aakash Harit	Lucinda George	919-555-4534	lugeo@email.com	Apple	INR 63.00	36	NR 2,268.00
20	19	28-Jul-17	Vishal Kumar	Divya Sharma	Tracey Beckham	919-555-2314	beck@email.com	Grapes	INR 38.00	15	NR 570.00
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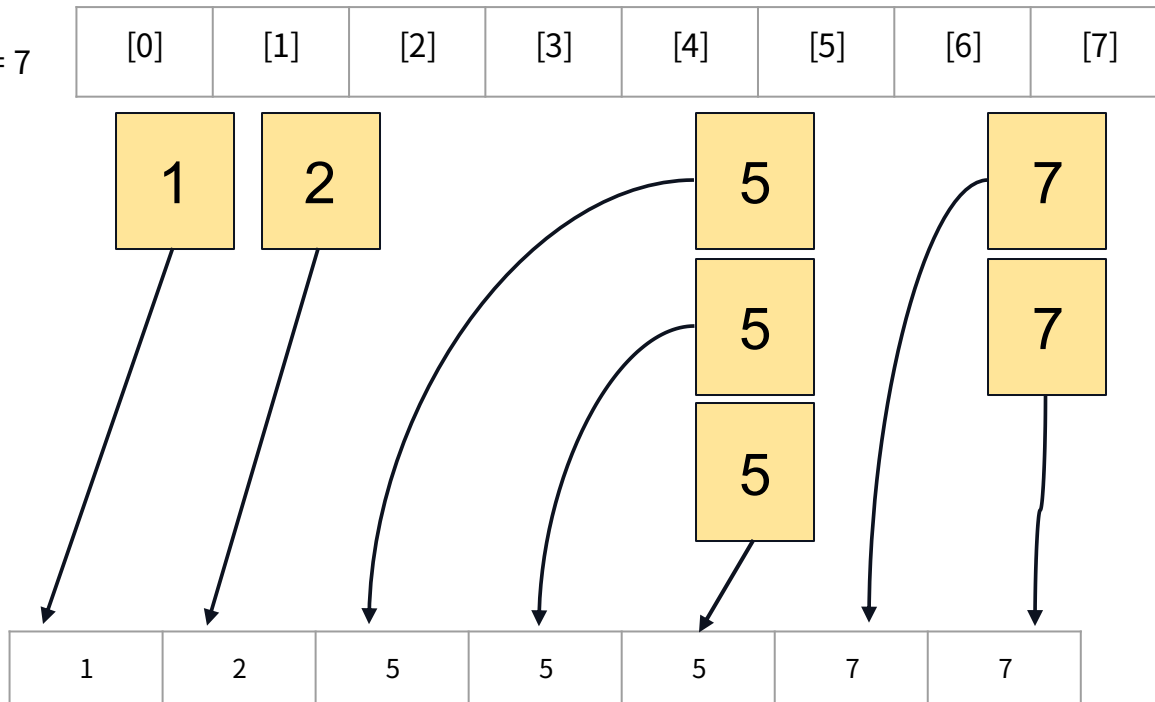
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Counting Sort

● Intuitive example: $N=7$, $k=7$



Stable sort: the original order is preserved for items with the same key.



Counting Sort

● Algorithm

7	5	1	5	2	7	5
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- Reading the entire input list, increase the number of occurrences of each key.

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
0	1	1	0	0	3	0	2

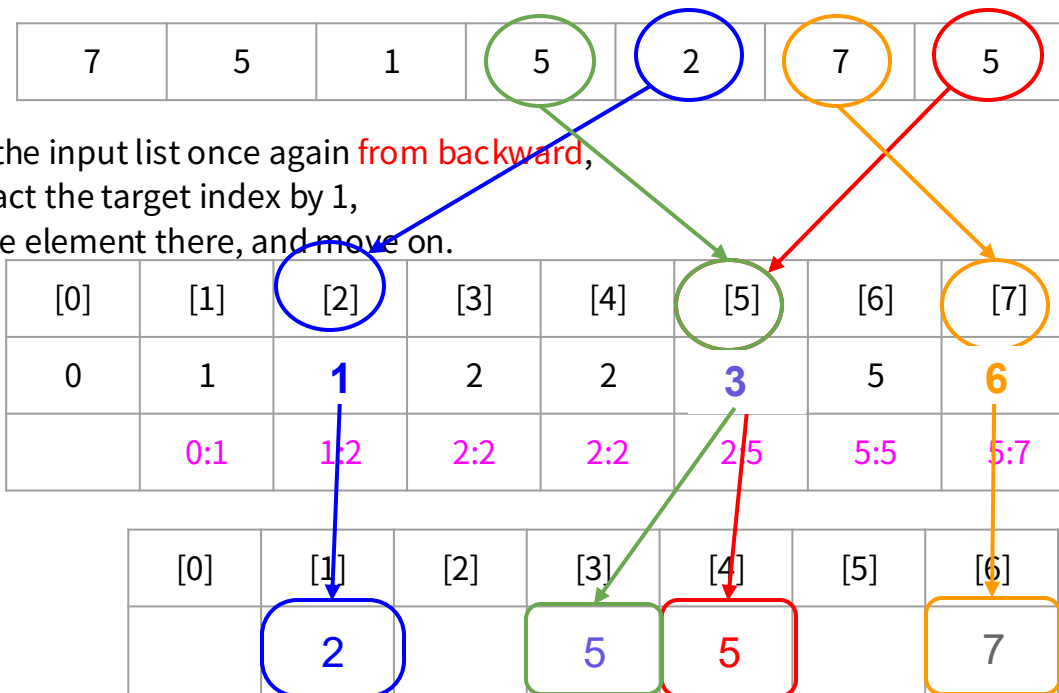
- Take cumulative sum of this counts.
→ This is the **ending index** of each number in the sorted output.

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]
0	1	2	2	2	5	5	7
0:0	0:1	1:2	2:2	2:2	2:5	5:5	5:7

Counting Sort

● Algorithm

- Read the input list once again **from backward**,
- Subtract the target index by 1,
- Put the element there, and move on.



Why backward?

→ For stable sort!

Counting Sort: Implementation

Time complexity?

```
def counting_sort(list):  
    output = [0] * (len(list))  
    count = [0] * (max(list) + 1)
```

```
    for i in range(len(list)):  
        count[list[i]] += 1
```

```
    for i in range(1, len(count)):  
        count[i] += count[i-1]
```

```
    for i in range(len(list)):  
        j = len(list) - 1 - i  
        count[list[j]] -= 1  
        index = count[list[j]]  
        output[index] = list[j]
```

```
    return output
```

Count occurrences of each key.

$O(M)$

Cumulative sum

$O(k)$

Locate each element at the right position in the output.

$O(M)$

Overall, $O(N + k)$.

If $k \leq N$, counting sort runs in linear time on the input size (N) .

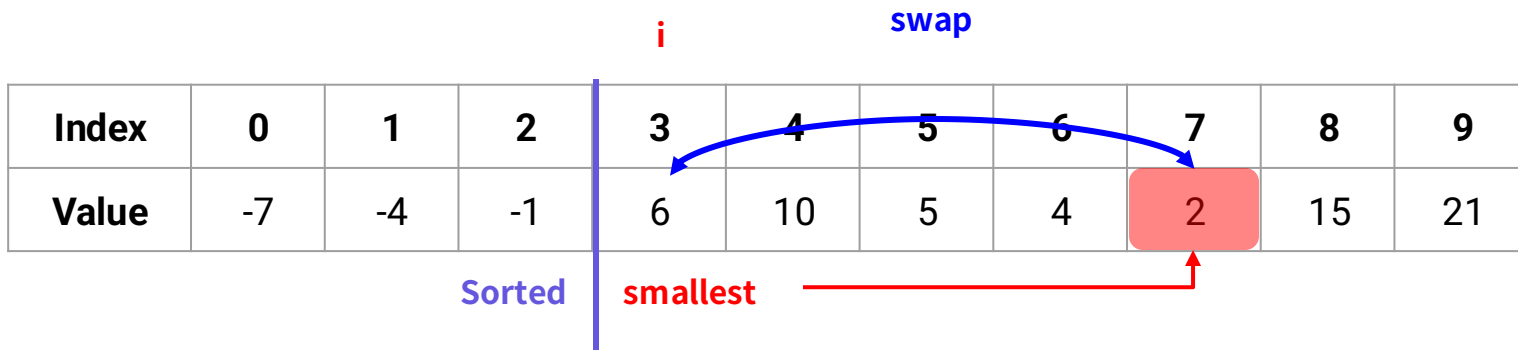
Sorting in Reality

- What sorting algorithm is used in Python library?
 - Timsort (2002): a hybrid sorting algorithm (merge sort + insertion sort)
 - A variant of merge sort (divide and conquer)
 - When a sublist becomes smaller than some threshold, it is sorted using insertion sort.
 - Insertion sort is faster than merge sort for a small list.
- If your data is small enough, insertion/selection sort may work okay.
- Otherwise, merge sort or **quick sort** is recommended.
- You may consider a linear-time sorting if your key is integer within a reasonable range. However, it may be hard to take advantage unless the dataset is really huge, and you implement efficiently.

Problem 1

Q. Can you implement this with selection sort with recursion?


```
def selection_sort(list):  
    for i in range(len(list)):  
        smallest = i  
        for j in range(i+1, len(list)):  
            if list[j] < list[smallest]:  
                smallest = j  
        list[i], list[smallest] = list[smallest], list[i]
```



Problem 2

Q. Please implement merge sort. (# TODO section below)

```
def merge_sort(list):  
    if len(list) > 1:  
        mid = len(list) // 2  
        left = list[:mid]  
        right = list[mid:]  
  
        merge_sort(left)  
        merge_sort(right)  
  
    # TODO(students): merge left & right in the list
```



“else” for this is the **base case**, where the recursive calls are done. We skip it here, since there’s **no action item** in the base case.



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