CS2040S Data Structures and Algorithms

Welcome!

Problem Set 3

Sorting Detective

Six suspicious sorting algorithms

• Investigate the mysterious sorting code.

- Identify each sorting algorithm.
- Find the criminal: Dr. Evil!
- Focus on the properties:
 - Asymptotic performance
 - Stability
 - Performance on special inputs

Absolute speed is not a good reason...



Today: Sorting

Sorting algorithms

- o BubbleSort
- SelectionSort
- o InsertionSort
- MergeSort

Properties

- Running time
- Space usage
- Stability

Sorting

Problem definition:

```
Input: array A[1..n] of words / numbers
```

Output: array B[1..n] that is a permutation of A

such that:

$$B[1] \le B[2] \le ... \le B[n]$$

Example:

$$A = [9, 3, 6, 6, 6, 4] \rightarrow [3, 4, 6, 6, 6, 9]$$

Sorting

```
public interface ISort{
    public void sort(int[] dataArray);
}
```

Aside: BogoSort

```
BogoSort(A[1..n])
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Repeat:

- a) Choose a random permutation of the array A.
- b) If A is sorted, return A.

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O(n·n!)

Aside: BogoSort

QuantumBogoSort(A[1..n])

- a) Choose a random permutation of the array A.
- b) If A is sorted, return A.
- c) If A is not sorted, destroy the universe.

What is the expected running time of Quantum BogoSort?

(Remember QuantumBogoSort when you learn about non-deterministic Turing Machines.)

Aside: MaybeBogoSort

MaybeBogoSort(A[1..n])

- 1. Choose a random permutation of the array A.
- 2. If A[1] is the minimum item in A then:

```
MaybeBogoSort(A[2..n])
```

Else

MaybeBogoSort(A[1..n])

What is the expected running time of MaybeBogoSort?

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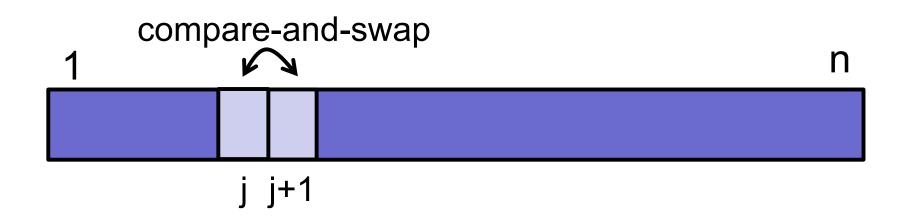
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BubbleSort(A, n)

repeat n times:

for j \leftarrow 1 to n-1

if A[j] > A[j+1] then swap(A[j], A[j+1])
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2 4 8 **9** 3 6

2 4 8 **3 9** 6

Example:

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Example: 8

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Pass 3:

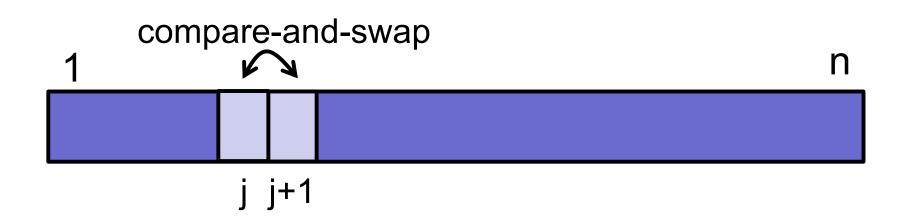
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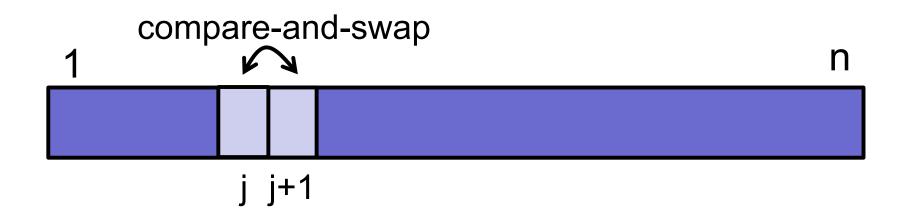


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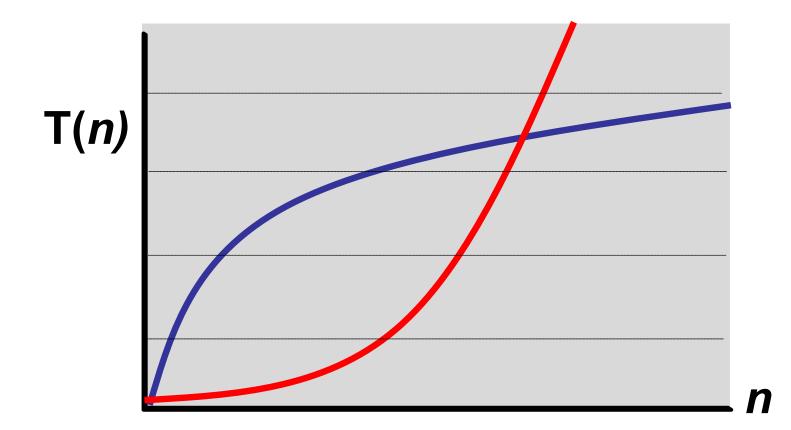
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Big-O Notation

How does an algorithm scale?

- For large inputs, what is the running time?
- T(n) = running time on inputs of size <math>n



What is the running time of BubbleSort?

- A. O(n)
- B. O(n log n)
- C. $O(n\sqrt{n})$
- D. $O(n^2)$
- E. $O(2^{n})$

Running time:

– Depends on the input!

Example:

2 3

3 4

4 6

Running time:

– Depends on the input!

Best-case:

Already sorted: O(n)

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Average-case:

Assume inputs are chosen at random.

Worst-case:

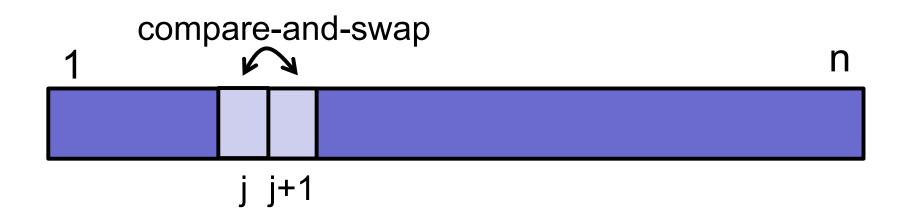
Max running time over all possible inputs.

BubbleSort(A, n)

repeat (until no swaps):

for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n-1

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                               max item
                 10
```

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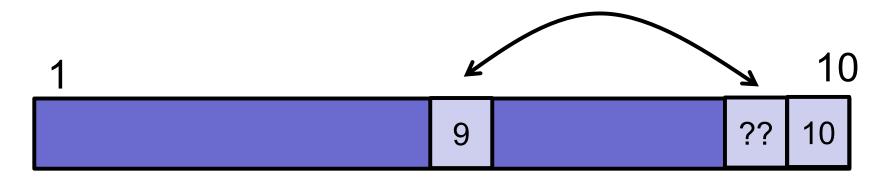
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Iteration 2:



Loop invariant:

At the end of iteration j: ???



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At the end of iteration j, the biggest j items are correctly sorted in the final j positions of the array.



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Worst case: n iterations \rightarrow O(n²) time



BubbleSort

Best-case: O(n)

Already sorted

Average-case: O(n²)

Assume inputs are chosen at random...

Worst-case: O(n²)

Bound on how long it takes.

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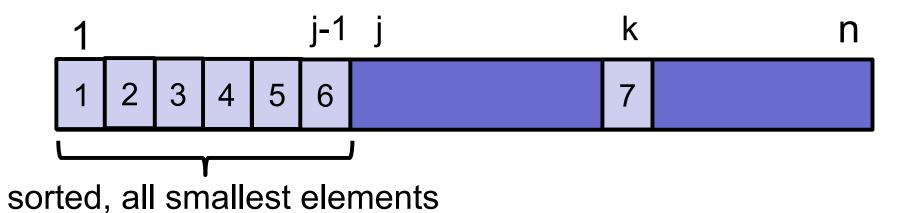
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SelectionSort(A, n)

for j \leftarrow 1 to n-1:

find minimum element A[j] in A[j..n]

swap(A[j], A[k])
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2 8 4 9 **3** 6

Example: 8 2 4 9 3 6

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Example: 8 **2** 4 8

What is the (worst-case) running time of SelectionSort?

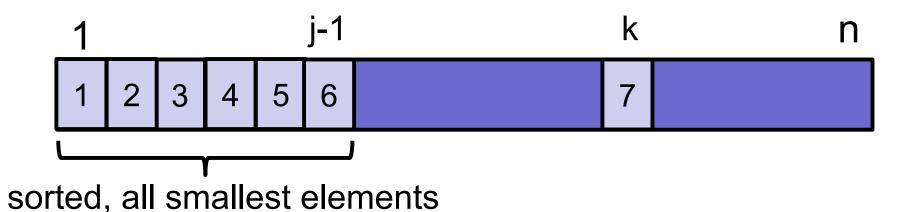
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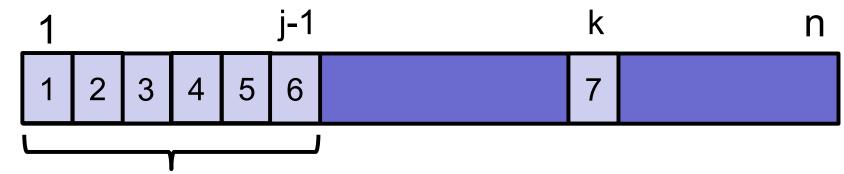
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Running time: n + (n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + ...



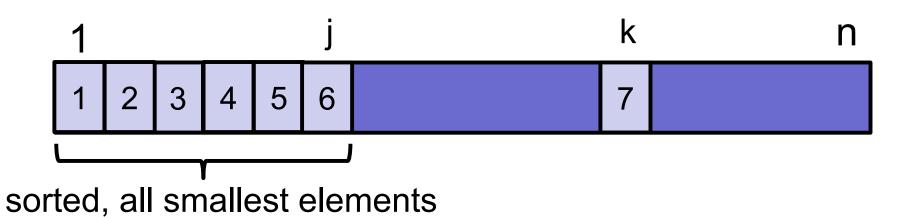
sorted, all smallest elements

```
SelectionSort(A, n)

for j \leftarrow 1 to n-1:

find minimum element A[j] in A[j..n]

swap(A[j], A[k])
```



Basic facts

$$n + (n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + ... + 1 = (n)(n+1)/2$$

$$=\Theta(n^2)$$

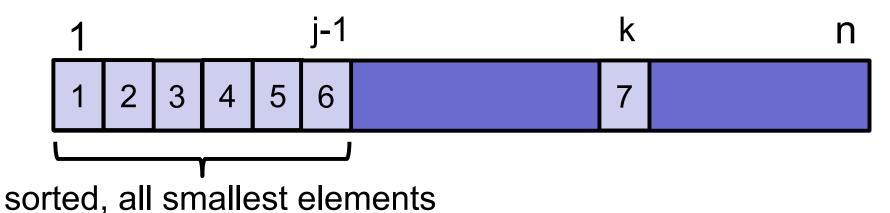
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swap(A[j], A[k])
```

Running time: O(n²)



What is the BEST CASE running time of SelectionSort?

- A. O(n)
- B. O(n log n)
- C. $O(n\sqrt{n})$
- D. $O(n^2)$
- E. $O(2^{n})$

```
SelectionSort(A, n)

for j \leftarrow 1 to n-1:

find minimum element A[j] in A[j..n]

swap(A[j], A[k])
```

Running time: $O(n^2)$ and $\Omega(n^2)$



SelectionSort Analysis

Loop invariant:

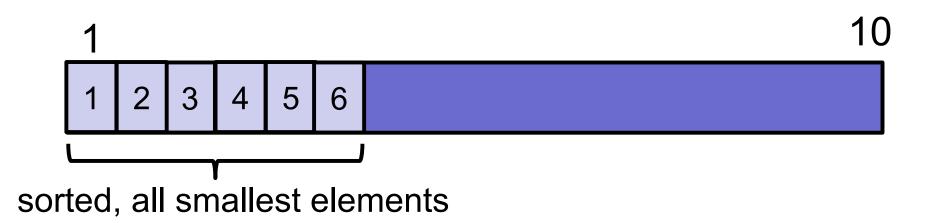
At the end of iteration j: ???

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SelectionSort Analysis

Loop invariant:

At the end of iteration j: the smallest j items are correctly sorted in the first j positions of the array.



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InsertionSort(A, n)

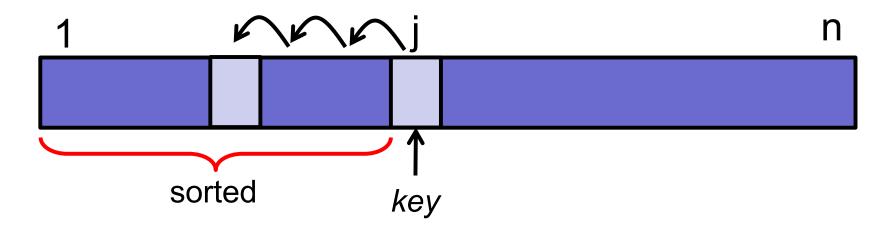
for
$$j \leftarrow 2$$
 to n

Invariant: A[1..j-1] is sorted

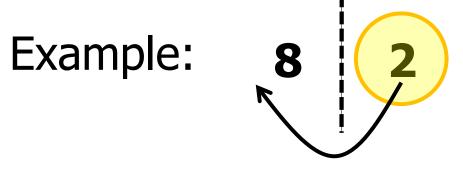
 $key \leftarrow A[j]$

Insert key into the sorted array A[1..j-1]

Illustration:

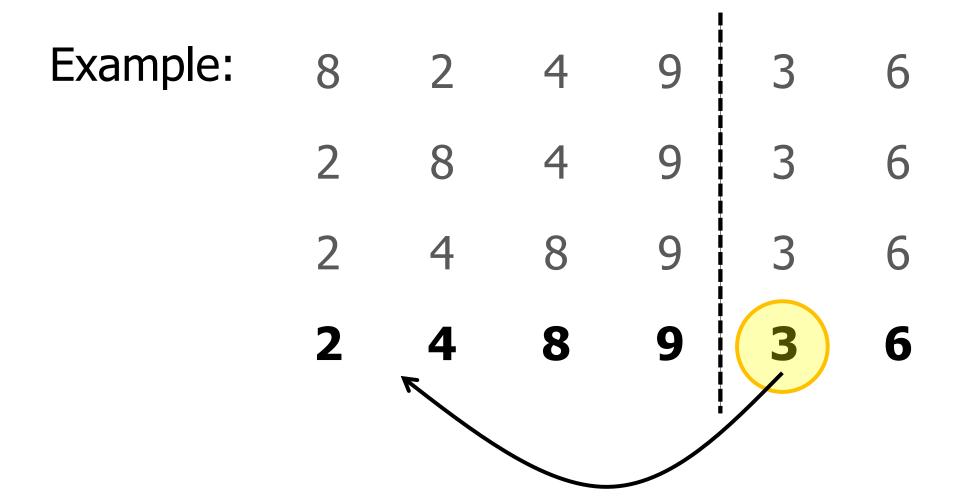


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InsertionSort(A, n)
                                  Invariant: A[1..j-1] is sorted
      for j \leftarrow 2 to n
              key \leftarrow A[j]
              i \leftarrow j-1
              while (i > 0) and (A[i] > key)
                     A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]
                     i \leftarrow i-1
              A[i+1] \leftarrow key
```



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	2	3	4	8	9	6
	2	4	8	9	3	6
	2	4	8	9	3	6
	2	8	4	9	3	6
Example:	8	2	4	9	3	6

Example: 8 8

What is the (worst-case) running time of InsertionSort?

- A. O(n)
- B. O(n log n)
- C. $O(n\sqrt{n})$
- D. $O(n^2)$
- E. $O(2^{n})$
- F. I have no idea.

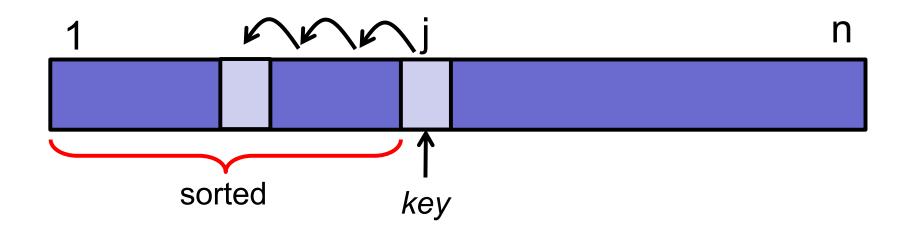
What is the max distance that the key needs to be moved?

Insertion-Sort(A, n)

for
$$j \leftarrow 2$$
 to n

$$key \leftarrow A[j]$$

Insert key into the sorted array A[1..j-1]



Insertion Sort Analysis

```
Insertion-Sort(A, n)
      for j \leftarrow 2 to n
             key \leftarrow A[j]
             i \leftarrow j-1
             while (i > 0) and (A[i] > key)
                                                            Repeat
                       A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]
                                                            at most
                       i \leftarrow i-1
             A[i+1] \leftarrow key
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Basic facts

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-2) + (n-1) + n = (n)(n+1)/2$$

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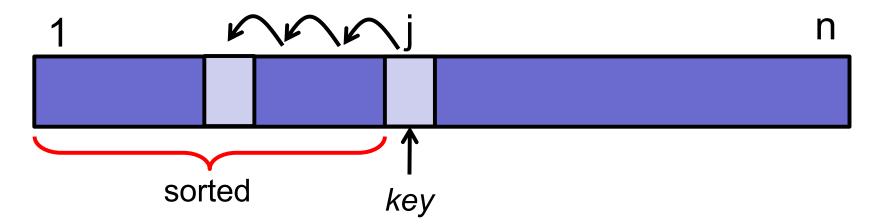
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Running time: O(n²)



Insertion Sort

Best-case:

Average-case:

Random permutation

Worst-case:

Insertion Sort

Best-case:

Already sorted: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]

Average-case:

– Random permutation?

Worst-case:

- Inverse sorted: [10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

Insertion Sort

Best-case: O(n)
Very fast!

- Already sorted: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]

Average-case:

– Random permutation?

Worst-case: O(n²)

- Inverse sorted: [10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

Insertion Sort Analysis

Average-case analysis:

On average, a key in position j needs to move j/2 slots backward (in expectation).

Assume all inputs equally likely

$$\sum_{j=2}^{n} \Theta\left(\frac{j}{2}\right) = \Theta(n^2)$$

- In expectation, still $\theta(n^2)$

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Time complexity

• Worst case: O(n²)

Sorted list:

Almost sorted list?

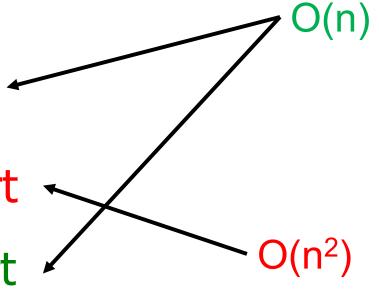
Time complexity

Worst case: O(n²)

Sorted list: BubbleSort

SelectionSort

InsertionSort



Almost sorted list?

How expensive is it to sort:

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, **7**, **6**, 8, 9, 10]

How expensive is it to sort:

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, **7**, **6**, 8, 9, 10]

BubbleSort and InsertionSort are fast.

SelectionSort is slow.

Challenge of the Day:

Find a permutation of [1..n] where:

- BubbleSort is slow.
- InsertionSort is fast.

Or explain why no such sequence exists.

Moral:

Different sorting algorithms have different inputs that they are good or bad on.

All $O(n^2)$ algorithms are not the same.

Space complexity

Worst case: O(n)

How much space does a sorting algorithm need?

Space complexity

- Worst case: O(n)
- In-place sorting algorithm:
 - Only O(1) extra space needed.
 - All manipulation happens within the array.

So far:

All sorting algorithms we have seen are in-place.

Stability

What happens with repeated elements?

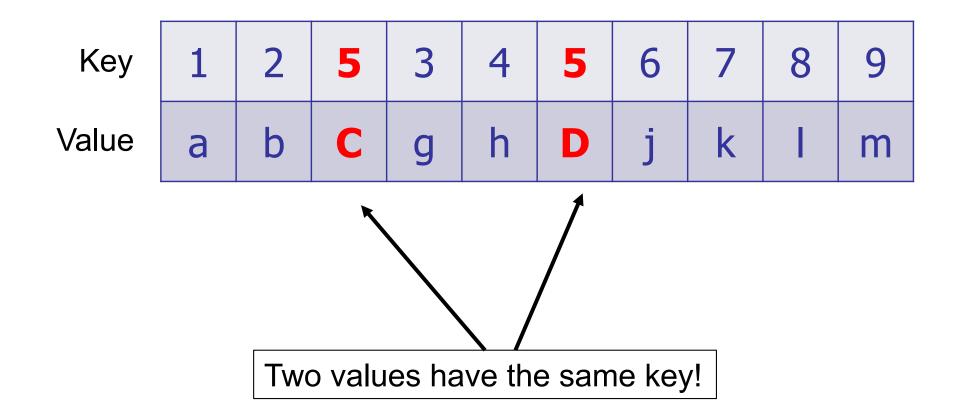
Key	1	2	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Value	а	b	С	g	h	D	j	k	1	m

Databases often contain (key, value) pairs.

The key is an index to help organize the data.

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	UNSTABLE									
Key	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9
Value	а	b	g	h	D	С	j	k	Ι	m

Stability: preserves order of equal elements

What happens with repeated elements?

Key	1	2	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Data	а	b	C	g	h	D	j	k	1	m	
	J STABLE										
Key	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9	
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Which are stable? Which are not stable?

- A. BubbleSort
- B. SelectionSort
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InsertionSort

```
Insertion-Sort(A, n)
       for j \leftarrow 2 to n
               key \leftarrow A[j]
               i \leftarrow j-1
               while(i > 0) and(A[i] \rightarrow key)
                        A[i+1] \leftarrow A[i]
                        i \leftarrow i-1
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```

Stable as long as we are careful to implement it properly!

SelectionSort

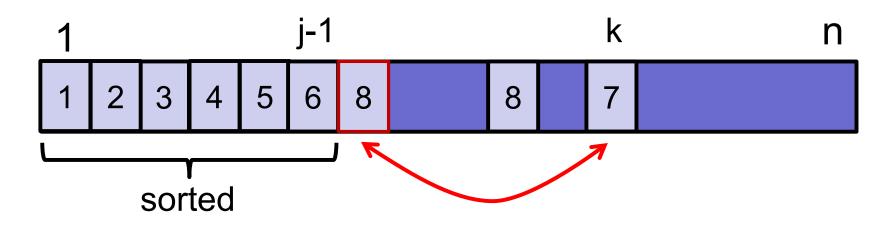
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SelectionSort(A, n)

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swap(A[j], A[k])
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Not stable: swap changes order



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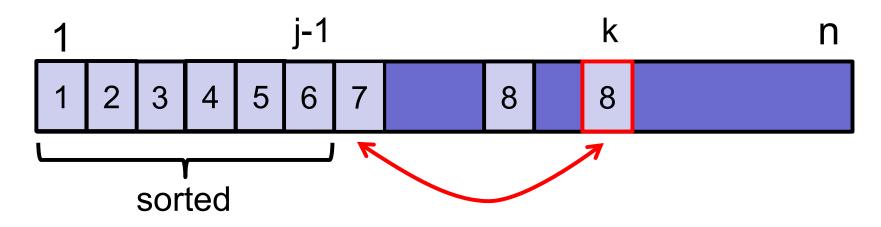
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Sorting Analysis

Summary:

BubbleSort: O(n²)

SelectionSort: O(n²)

InsertionSort: O(n²)

Properties: time, space, stability

For next time...

Monday lecture:

More sorting

Problem Set 3:

- Released today.
- Some depends on Monday's lecture.

Sorting and Java:

See slides that follow for some Java issues.

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Divide-and-Conquer

- 1. Divide problem into smaller sub-problems.
- 2. Recursively solve sub-problems.
- 3. Combine solutions.

Divide-and-Conquer Sorting

- 1. Divide: split array into two halves.
- 2. Recurse: sort the two halves.
- 3. Combine: merge the two sorted halves.

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Advice:

When thinking about recursion, do not "unroll" the recursion. Treat the recursive call as a magic black box.

(But don't forget the base case.)

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Step 1: Divide array into two pieces.
```

```
MergeSort(A, n)

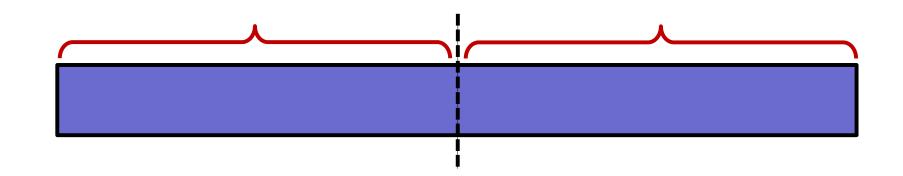
if (n=1) then return;

else:

X ← MergeSort(A[1..n/2], n/2);

Y ← MergeSort(A[n/2+1, n], n/2);

return Merge (X,Y, n/2);
```



Step 2: Recursively sort the two halves.

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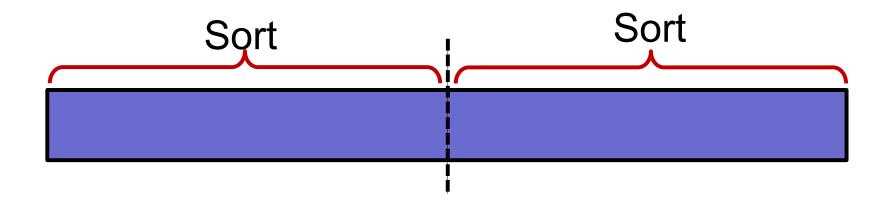
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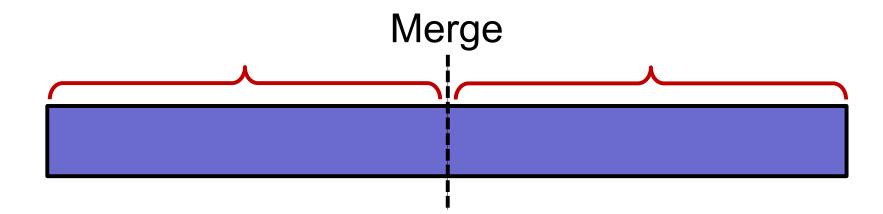
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X \leftarrow MergeSort(A[1..n/2], n/2);
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 $Y \leftarrow MergeSort(A[n/2+1, n], n/2);$

return Merge (X,Y, n/2);



```
Merge the two halves into
                                    one sorted array.
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     else:
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Step 3:

```
Base case
MergeSort(A, n)
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           Y \leftarrow MergeSort(A[n/2+1, n], n/2);
     return Merge (X,Y, n)
                                      Recursive "conquer" step
  Combine solutions
```

The only "interesting" part is merging!

Divide-and-Conquer Sorting

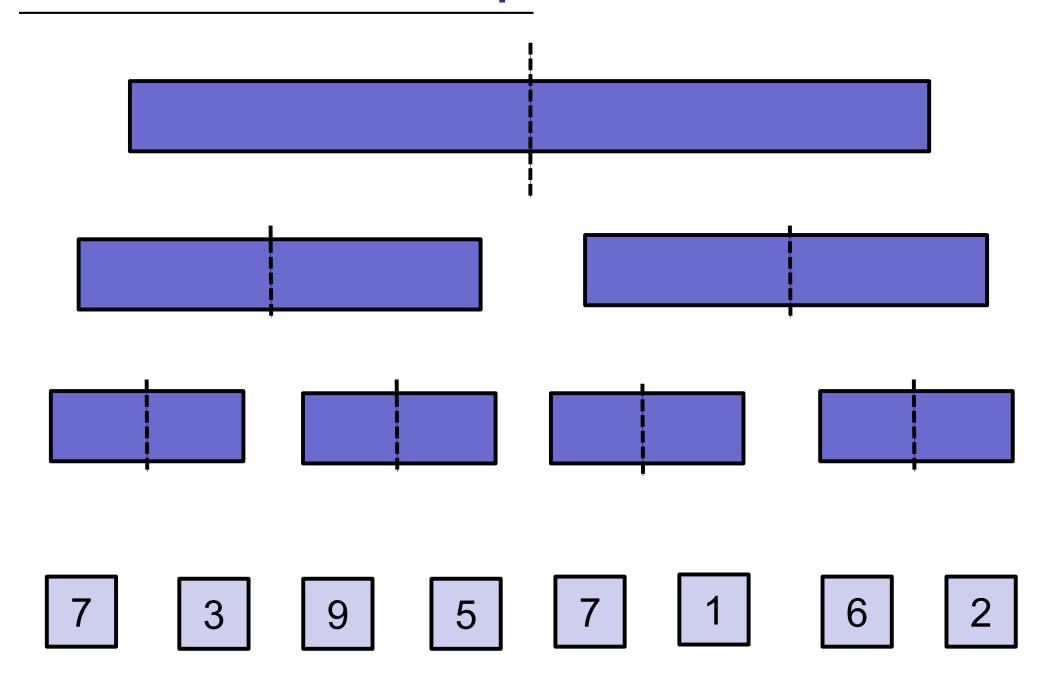
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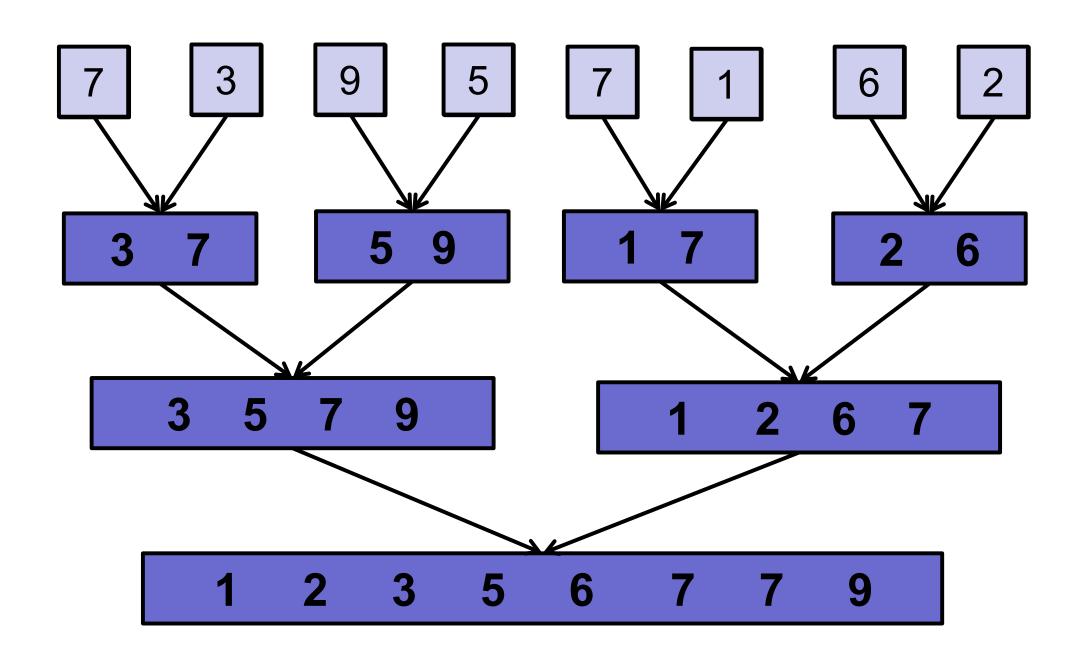
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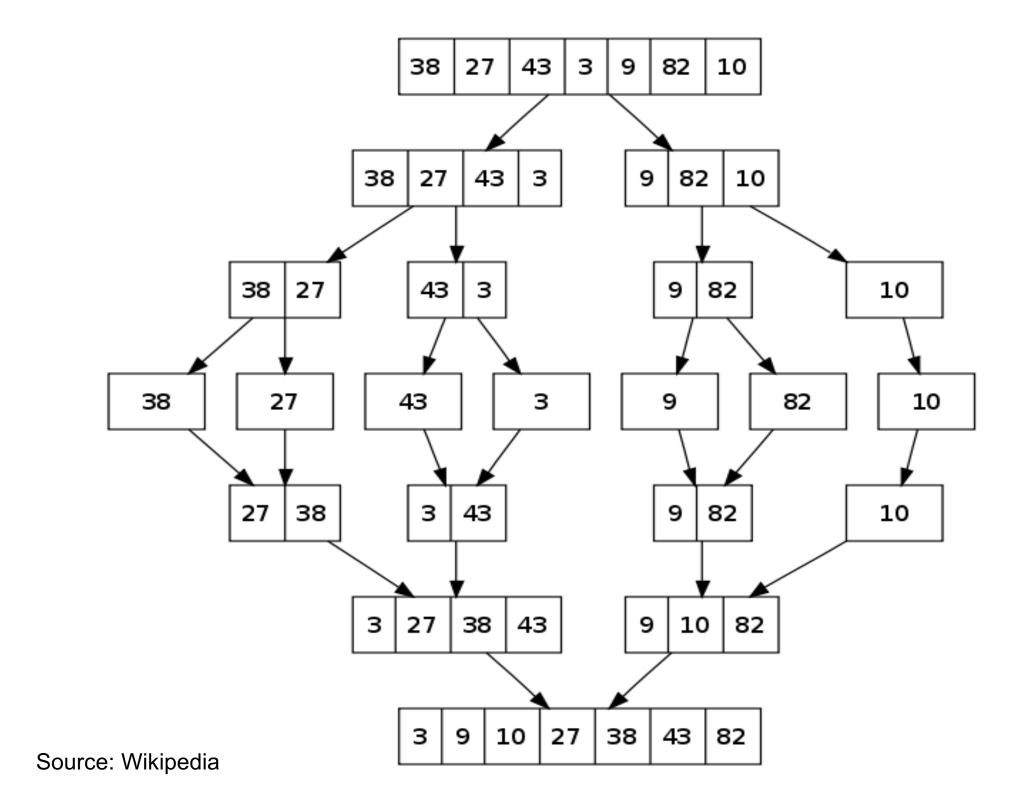
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Divide-and-Conquer



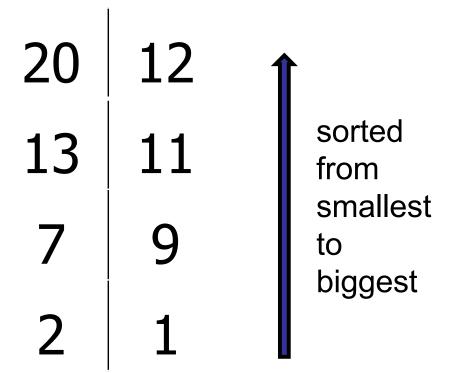
Merging

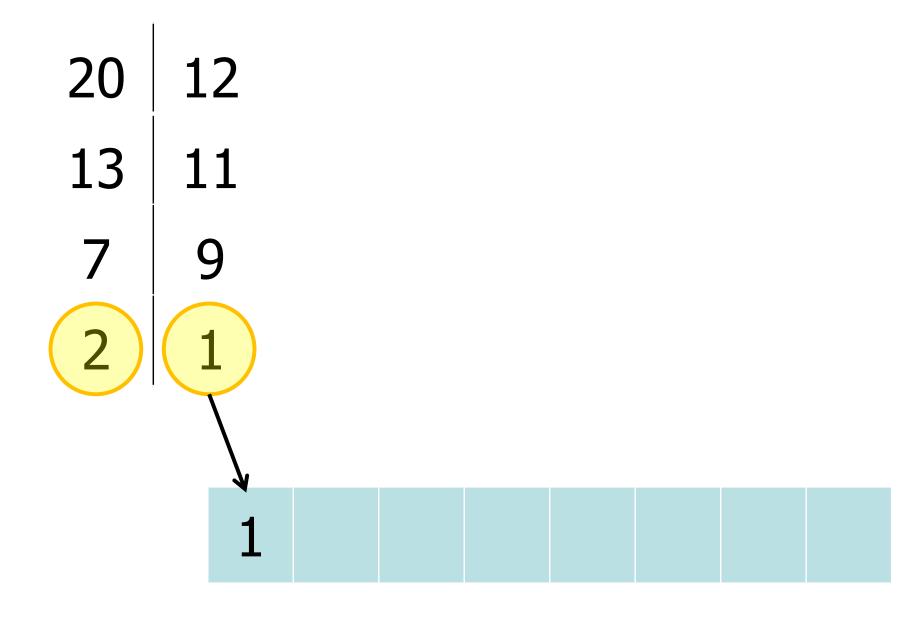


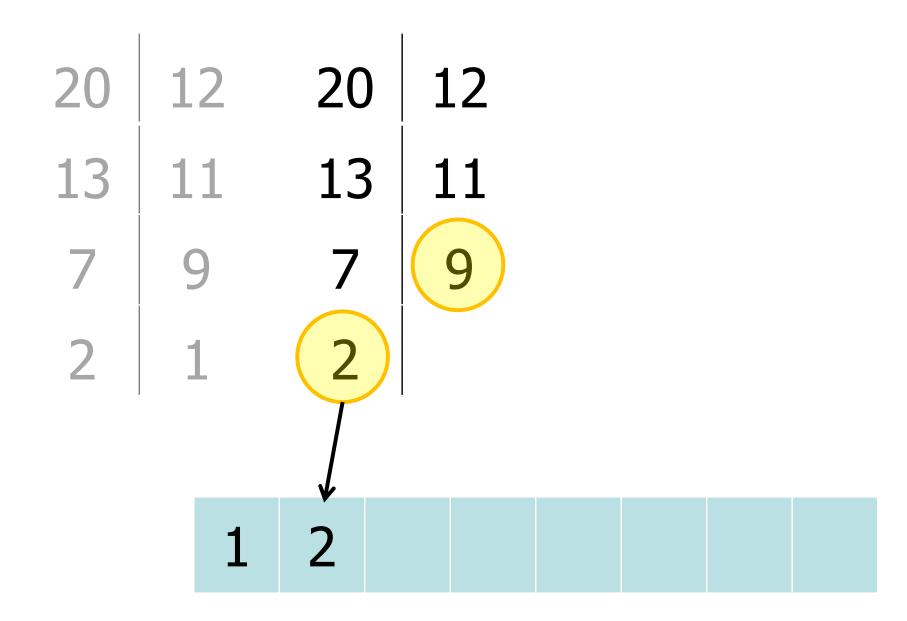


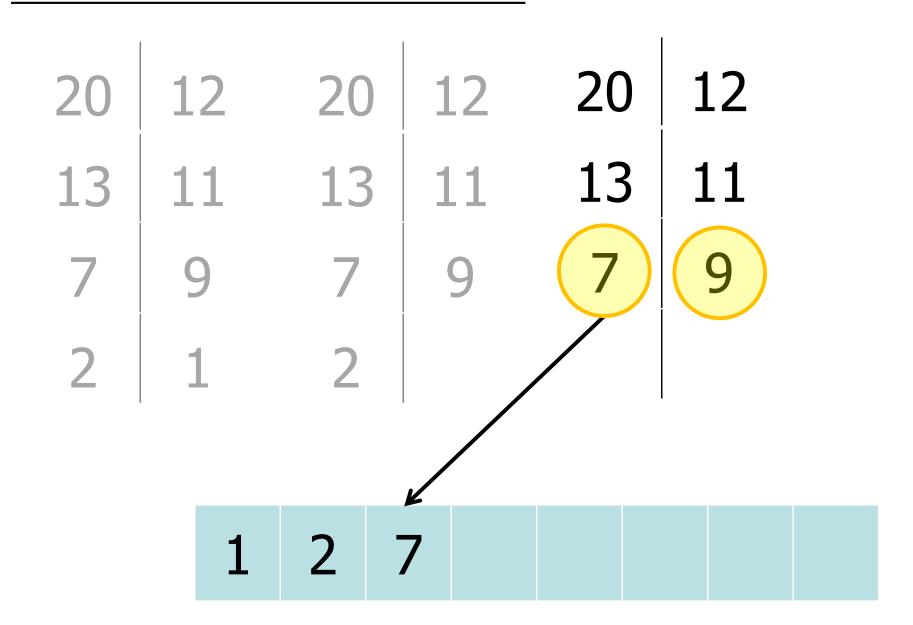
Key subroutine: Merge

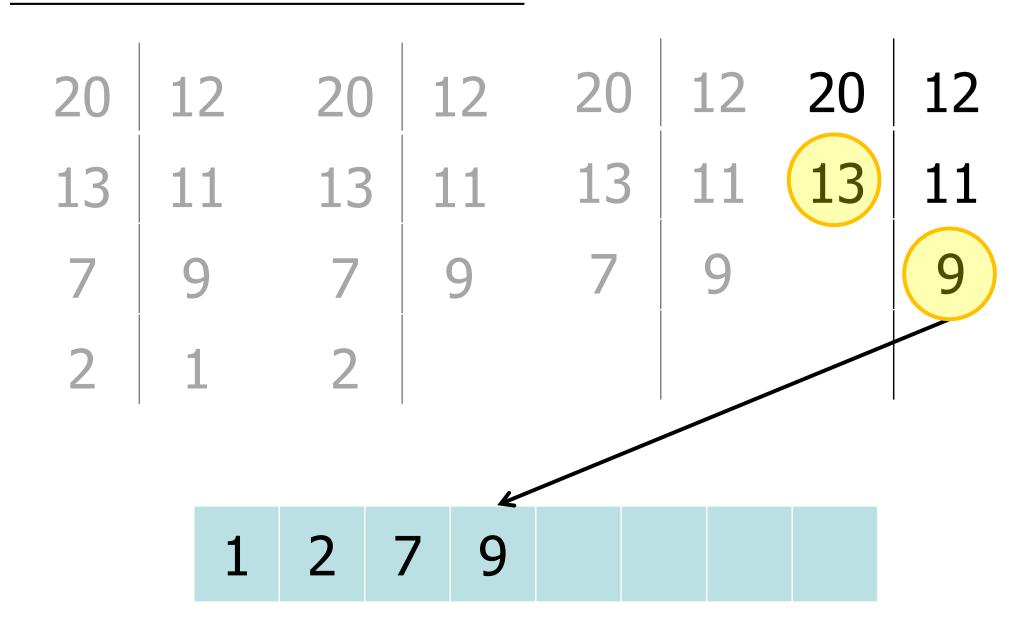
- How to merge?
- How fast can we merge?











20	12	20	12	20	12	20	12
13	11	13	11	13	11	13	11
7	9	7	9	7	9		
2	1	2					

1	2	7	9	11	12	13	20

Merge: Running Time

Given two lists:

- A of size n/2
- B of size n/2

Total running time: ??

Merge: Running Time

Given two lists:

- A of size n/2
- B of size n/2

Total running time: O(n) = cn

- In each iteration, move one element to final list.
- After n iterations, all the items are in the final list.
- Each iteration takes O(1) time to compare two elements and copy one.

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$$T(n) = \theta(1)$$
 if $(n=1)$
= $2T(n/2) + cn$ if $(n>1)$

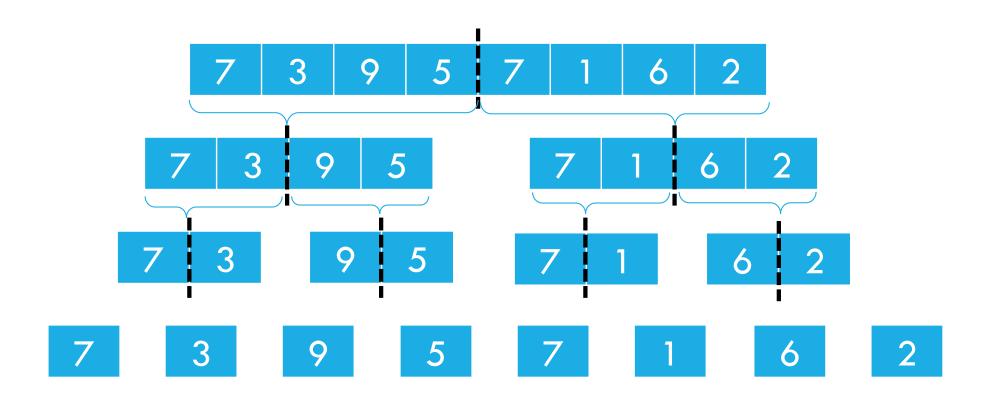
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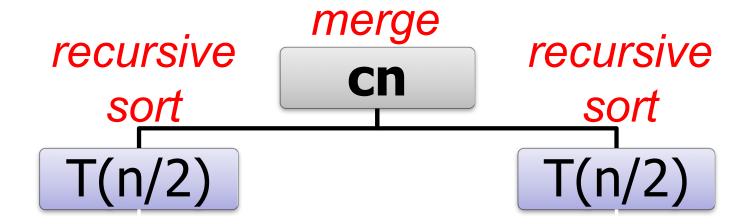
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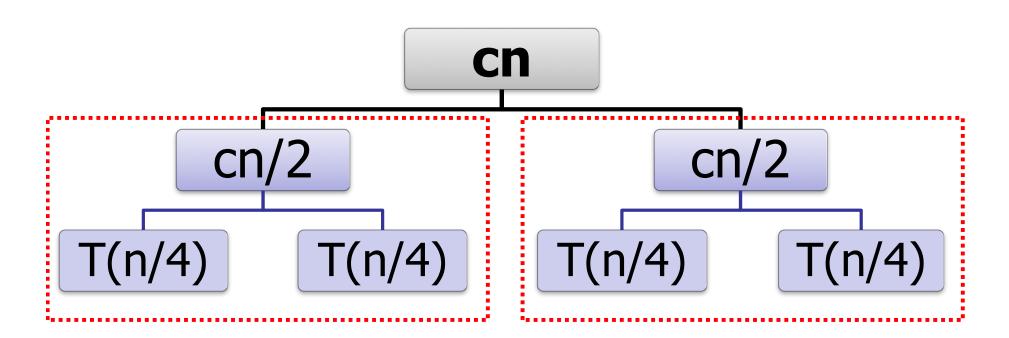
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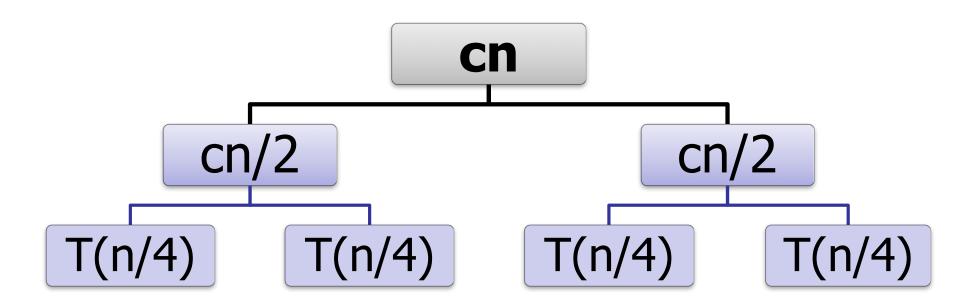
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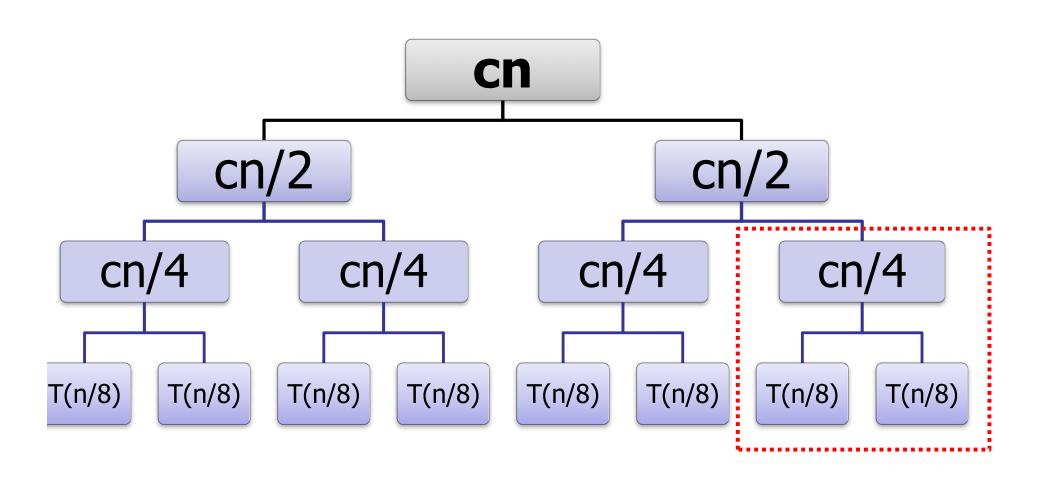
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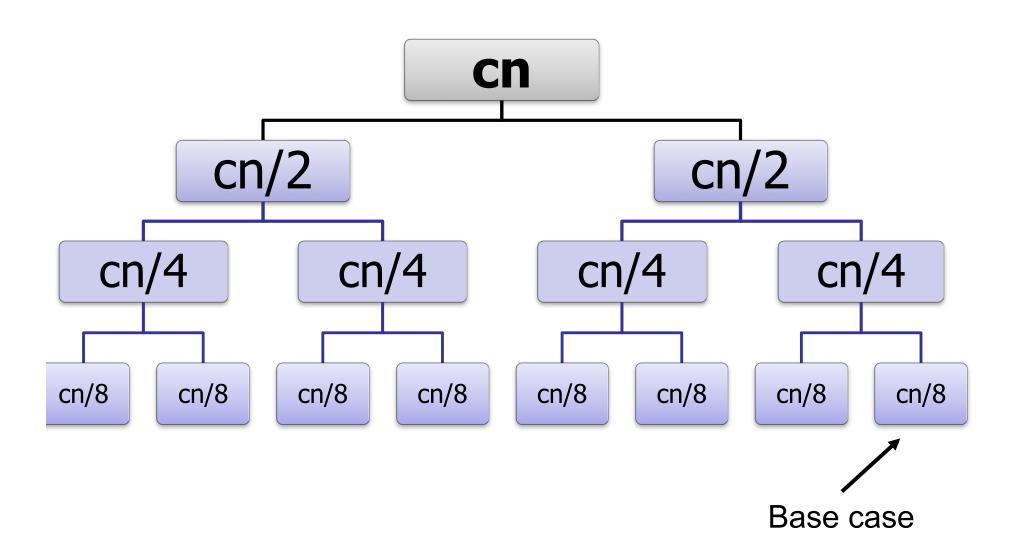
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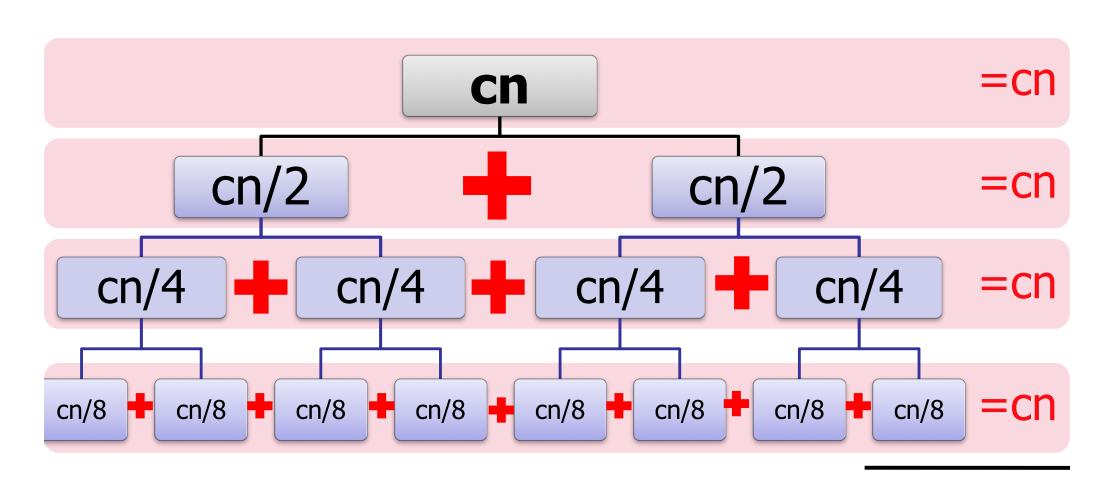
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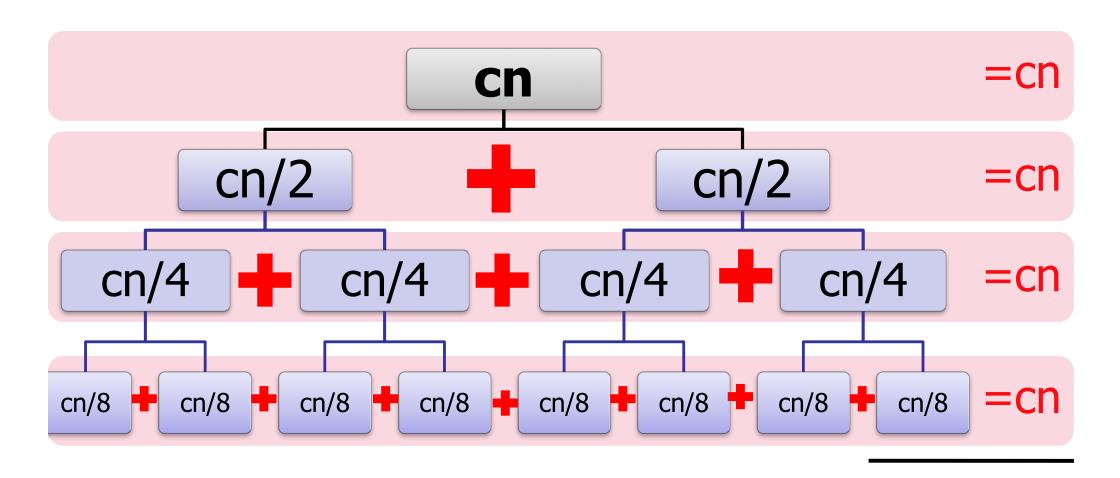
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Key question: how many levels?

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$

level	number
0	1
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
h	??

number = 2^{level}

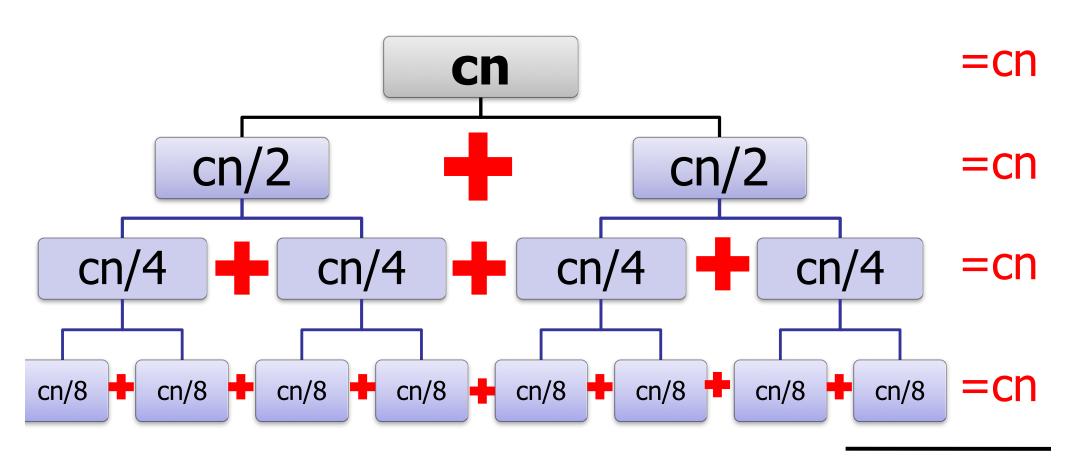
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Level	Number
0	1
1	2
2	4
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4	16
h	n

$$n = 2^{h}$$

$$log n = h$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$



cn log n

```
T(n) = O(n \log n)
MergeSort(A, n)
    if (n=1) then return;
    else:
          X \leftarrow MergeSort(...);
          Y ← MergeSort(...);
    return Merge (X,Y, n/2);
```

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$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(1) = c$$

Guess: $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

More precise guess: Fix constant c.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(1) = c$$

Guess:
$$T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$$

Induction: Base case

$$T(1) = c$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(1) = c$$

Guess:
$$T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$$

Induction:

Assume true for all smaller values.

$$T(1) = c$$

$$T(x) = c \cdot x \log x$$
 for all $x < n$.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

 $T(1) = c$

Guess:
$$T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$$

Induction: Prove for n.

$$T(1) = c$$

 $T(x) = c \cdot x \log x$ for all x < n.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$

$$= 2(c(n/2)\log(n/2)) + cn$$

$$= cn \log(n/2) + cn$$

$$= cn \log(n) - cn \log(2) + cn$$

$$= cn \log(n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

 $T(1) = c$

Guess: $T(n) = c \cdot n \log n$

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$$= cn \log(n) - cn \log(2) + cn$$

$$= cn \log(n)$$

Induction: It works!

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(1) = c$$

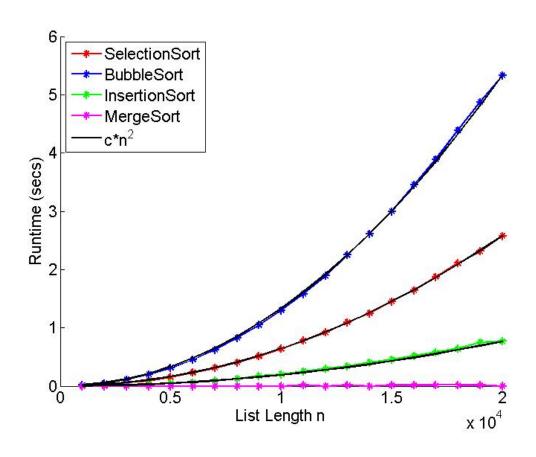
Performance Profiling

(Dracula vs. Lewis & Clark)

Version	Change	Running Time
Version 1		4,311.00s
Version 2	Better file handling	676.50s
Version 3	Faster sorting	6.59s
Version 4	No sorting!	2.35s

V.2 → V.3 was using MergeSort instead of SelectionSort.

real world performance



When is it better to use InsertionSort instead of MergeSort?

- A. When there is limited space?
- B. When there are a lot of items to sort?
- C. When there is a large memory cache?
- D. When there are a small number of items?
- E. When the list is mostly sorted?

MergeSort

When the list is mostly sorted:

- InsertionSort is fast!
- MergeSort is O(n log n)

How "close to sorted" should a list be for InsertionSort to be faster?

MergeSort

Small number of items to sort:

- MergeSort is slow!
- Caching performance, branch prediction, etc.
- User InsertionSort for n < 1024, say.

Base case of recursion:

Use slower sort.

Run an experiment and post on the forum what the best switch-over point is for your machine.

MergeSort

Space usage:

- Need extra space to do merge.
- Merge copies data to new array.
- How much extra space?

Challenge of the Day 2:

How much space does MergeSort need to sort n items? (Use the version presented today.)

Design a version of MergeSort that minimizes the amount of extra space needed.

MergeSort

Stability:

- MergeSort is stable if "merge" is stable.
- Merge is stable if carefully implemented.

Sorting Analysis

Summary:

BubbleSort: O(n²)

SelectionSort: O(n²)

InsertionSort: O(n²)

MergeSort: O(n log n)

Also:

The power of divide-and-conquer!

How to solve recurrences...

Properties: time, space, stability

For next time...

Monday lecture:

More sorting

Problem Set 3:

- Released today.
- Some may depend on Monday's lecture.

Sorting and Java:

See slides that follow for some Java issues.

Sorting

```
public interface ISort{
    public void sort(int[] dataArray);
}
```

Sorting Widgets

```
public interface ISortWidgets{
    public void sort(Widget[] dataArray);
}
```

```
public void sort(Widget[] dataArray) {
    Widget x = dataArray[0];
    Widget y = dataArray[1];
    if (x < y) {</pre>
```

Generic Types

```
public interface ISort<TypeA>{
    public void sort(TypeA[] dataArray);
}
```

What goes wrong?

```
public void sort(TypeA[] dataArray) {
  TypeA x = dataArray[0];
  TypeA y = dataArray[1];
  if (x < y) {
```

What goes wrong?

```
public void sort(TypeA[] dataArray) {
  TypeA x = dataArray[0];
  TypeA y = dataArray[1];
                          Illegal comparison!
                          What if: TypeA == Student?
                             class Student {
                                 double m CAP;
                                 String m name;
                                 Matric m id;
```

Comparable Interface

```
class Student implements Comparable < Student > {
    ...
    ...
}
```

```
interface Comparable < TypeA > {
    int compareTo(TypeA other);
}
```

Comparable Interface

x.compareTo(y) :

```
-1: if (x<y)</li>
0: if (x == y)
1: if (x>y)
```

Must define a total ordering Must be transitive.

```
interface Comparable < TypeA > {
    int compareTo(TypeA other);
}
```

Sorting Students, again

```
class Student implements Comparable < Students > {
...
...
}
```

```
public void sort(Student[] dataArray) {
    Student x = dataArray[0];
    Student y = dataArray[1];
    if (x.compareTo(y) < 0) { // if (x<y)</pre>
```

Implementing Comparable

```
class Student implements Comparable<Student> {
// compare students by CAP
int compareTo(Student other){
  if (this.getCAP() < other.getCAP())</pre>
      return -1;
  else if (this.getCAP() > other.getCAP())
      return 1;
  else // equal CAP
      return 0;
```

Almost works...

```
public interface ISort{
    public void sort(Comparable[] dataArray);
}
```

Comparable to what?

```
public interface ISort{
    public void sort(Comparable < ZZZ > [] dataArray);
}
```

```
public interface ISort<TypeA extends Comparable<TypeA>>
{
   public void sort(TypeA[] dataArray);
}
```

```
public interface ISort<TypeA extends Comparable<TypeA>>
  public void sort(TypeA[] dataAr(ay);
                extends, not implements!!
```

weird... no good reason... a mystery...

```
public interface ISort<TypeA extends Comparable<TypeA>>
{
   public void sort(TypeA[] dataArray);
}
```

```
public interface ISort{

public <TypeA extends Comparable <TypeA>>

void sort(TypeA[] dataArray);
}
```

Sorting

```
public <TypeA extends Comparable<TypeA>>
void sort(TypeA[] dataArray) {
   for (int i=0; i<dataArray.length; i++){</pre>
        for (int j=0; j<dataArray.length-1; j++){</pre>
                   TypeA first = dataArray[j];
                   TypeA second = dataArray[j+1];
                   if (first.compareTo(second) > 0)
                           swap(dataArray, j, j+1);
```

```
Student[] dataArray = new Student[100];
sort(dataArray);
```

```
Emotion[] dataArray = new Emotion[100];
sort(dataArray);
Error!
```

Comparable Interface

Most Java classes support Comparable

- Integer, Float, etc.
- BigInteger
- String
- Date
- Time
- ...

Generic Array

Problem:

```
class Widget<TypeA> {
   void buildArray(int size){
           TypeA[] array = new TypeA[size];
                         Cannot instantiate generic arrays!
                        (How big should it be? Without knowing
                        sizeof(TypeA), Java cannot decide.)
```

Generic Array

Solution: use ArrayList

```
class Widget<TypeA> {
  void buildArray(int size){
          ArrayList<TypeA> array = new ArrayList<TypeA>(size);
```

Comparing Students

```
class Student implements Comparable < Student > {
    ...
    ...
}
```

```
interface Comparable < TypeA > {
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}
```

```
public interface ISort{

public <TypeA extends Comparable <TypeA>>

void sort(TypeA[] dataArray);
}
```