Algorithmic Approaches for Biological Data, Lecture #15

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- Recap: Some common approaches:
 - ► Take the largest card and move to the end. Repeat with next largest... BubbleSort
 - Start a new list and insert each card into it to keep in order...InsertionSort
 - Divide the cards in half. Sort each half and merge sorted results together....MergeSort
- All need to compare values and re-order in some way.

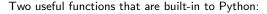
Two useful functions that are built-in to Python:

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In Pairs

In pairs/triples, work out (and then try at the shell, moreSorting.py on webpage):

- How do you sort a hand of cards, first by suit, then by rank? Write your algorithm in pseudocode.
- What does the following do:

```
anon = lambda x: x+"mouse "
print anon("a ")
print anon( anon("anony") )
add = lambda x,y: x+y
print add("a", "mouse")
print add(3,5)
def cat(s, f):
    return f(s)
print cat("mighty", anon)
print cat("mighty",
    lambda s: add(s,"mouse"))
```

What does the following do: print sorted("A man a plan a canal: Panama".split(), key=str.lower)

```
What does the following do:
   #We'll use 11 = Jack, 12 = Queen,
   # 13 = King, 1 = Ace, and
   # C = clubs, D = diamonds, H = hearts, and
   # S = spades
   cards = [(10, 'H'), (12, 'C'), (2, 'D'),
          (4, 'H'), (2, 'C'), (12, 'S'),
          (13, 'S'), (1, 'C'), (5, 'D'),
          (7, 'H'), (8,'D'), (7,'C'),
          (9,'D')]
   print "Original list:", cards
   print "Plain sorted: ". sorted(cards)
   print "Sorted by last value: ", sorted(cards,
   key = lambda card: card[-1])
   print "Sorted by suit, then rank:".
      sorted(cards.
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 \begin{array}{lll} \text{def factR}(n); & \text{def factI}(n); \\ \text{if } n \mathrel{\mathop:}= 1; & \text{prod} = 1 \\ \text{return 1} & \text{for i in range(2,n)}; \\ \text{else:} & \text{prod} = i * \text{prod} \\ \text{return n*factR}(n\text{-}1) & \text{return prod} \\ \end{array}
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