Sorting Algorithms

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1 Warmup

Algorithm	Best-case	Worst-case	Stable
Selection Sort			
Insertion Sort			
Merge Sort			
Quicksort			
Heapsort			

- Give a best and worst case input for insertion sort.
- 1.2 Do you expect selection or insertion sort to run more quickly on a reverse list?
- 1.3 Give a worst case input for quicksort. Assume that we're always picking the left-most item as our pivot.

1.4 Why does Java's built-in Array.sort method use quicksort for int, long, char, or other primitive arrays, but merge sort for all Object arrays?

2 Inversions

We have a list of N elements that should be sorted, but to our surprise we recently discovered that there are at most k pairs out of order, or k **inversions**, in the list. As a small example, the list { 0, 1, 2, 6, 4, 5, 3 } contains 5 inversions: (6,4), (6,5), (6,3), (4,3), (5,3).

3 Decisions

Given a list of objects that is totally sorted except for $K < \log N$ randomly chosen elements that are out of place, choose the best sorting algorithm to solve the problem and give a tight asymptotic runtime bound.

3.2 What's the best sorting algorithm to apply on an array of *N* randomly distributed objects? Give a tight asymptotic runtime bound as well.

4 What's that sort?

4.1 Each of the following sequences represent an array being sorted at some intermediate step. Match each sample with one of the following sorting algorithms: insertion sort, selection sort, heap sort, merge sort, quicksort. The original array is below.

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5103 9914 0608 3715 6035 2261 9797 7188 1163 4411
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- (a) 5103 9914 0608 3715 2261 6035 7188 9797 1163 4411 0608 2261 3715 5103 6035 7188 9797 9914 1163 4411
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