

CSC 611: Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 6

Divide and Conquer: Quick Sort

Quicksort

- Sort an array $A[p..r]$

- **Divide**

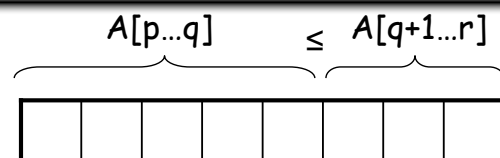
- Partition the array A into 2 subarrays $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$, such that each element of $A[p..q]$ is smaller than or equal to each element in $A[q+1..r]$
- The index (pivot) q is computed

- **Conquer**

- Recursively sort $A[p..q]$ and $A[q+1..r]$ using Quicksort

- **Combine**

- Trivial: the arrays are sorted in place \Rightarrow no work needed to combine them: the entire array is now sorted



QUICKSORT

Alg.: QUICKSORT(A, p, r)

if $p < r$

then $q \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$

QUICKSORT (A, p, q)

QUICKSORT ($A, q+1, r$)

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Partitioning the Array

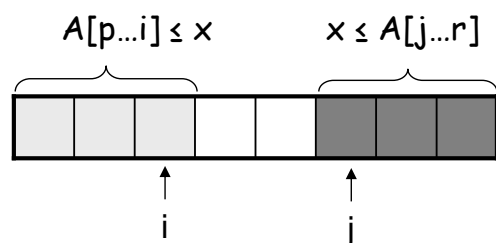
- Idea

- Select a pivot element x around which to partition

- Grows two regions

$A[p \dots i] \leq x$

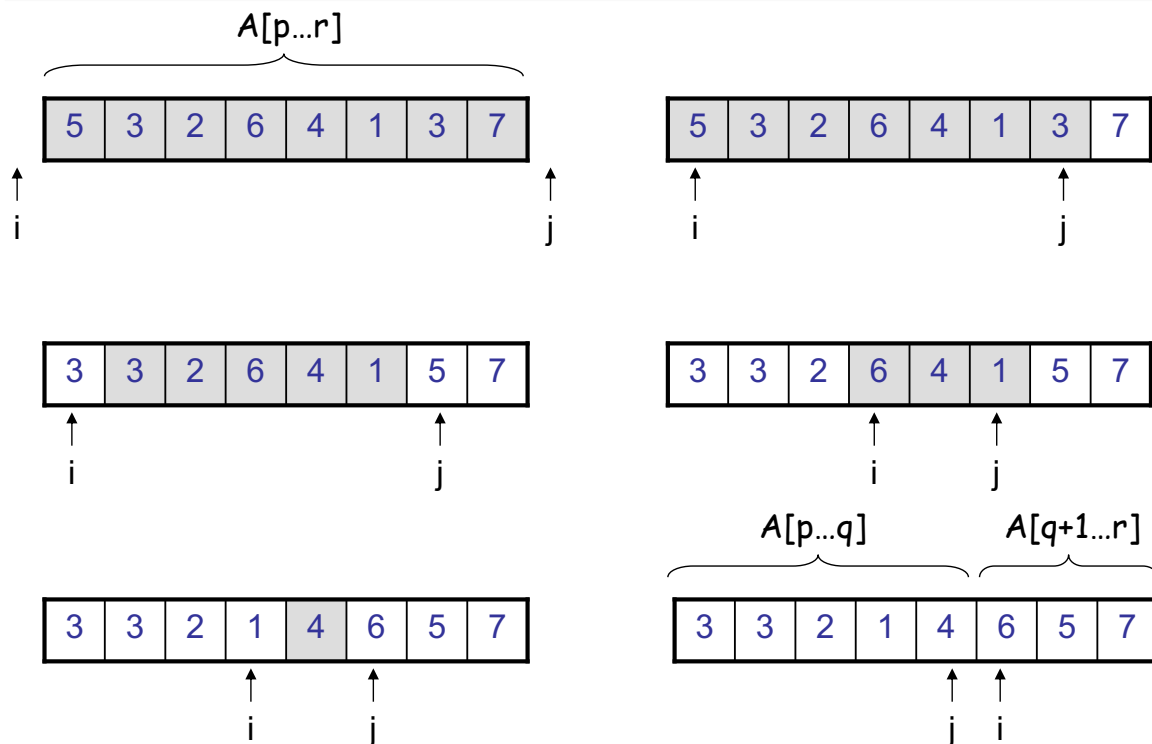
$x \leq A[j \dots r]$



- For now, choose the value of the first element as the pivot x

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Example

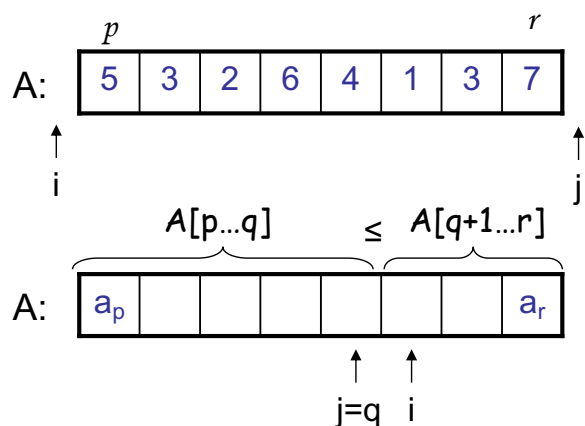


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Partitioning the Array

Alg. PARTITION (A, p, r)

1. $x \leftarrow A[p]$
2. $i \leftarrow p - 1$
3. $j \leftarrow r + 1$
4. **while** TRUE
5. **do repeat** $j \leftarrow j - 1$
6. **until** $A[j] \leq x$
7. **repeat** $i \leftarrow i + 1$
8. **until** $A[i] \geq x$
9. **if** $i < j$
10. **then** exchange $A[i] \Leftrightarrow A[j]$
11. **else return** j



Running time: $\Theta(n)$
 $n = r - p + 1$

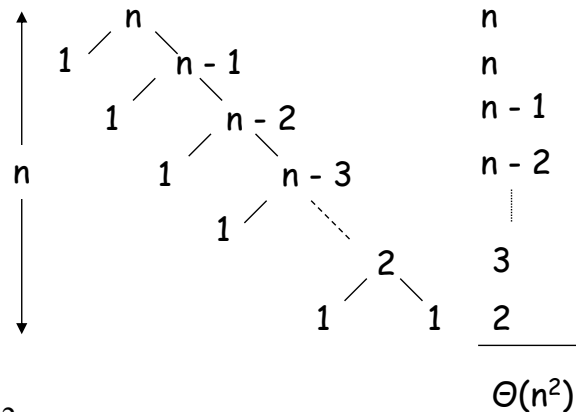
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Performance of Quicksort

- Worst-case partitioning
 - One region has 1 element and one has $n - 1$ elements
 - Maximally unbalanced

- Recurrence

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(1) + \Theta(n)$$



$$= n + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k \right) - 1 = \Theta(n^2)$$

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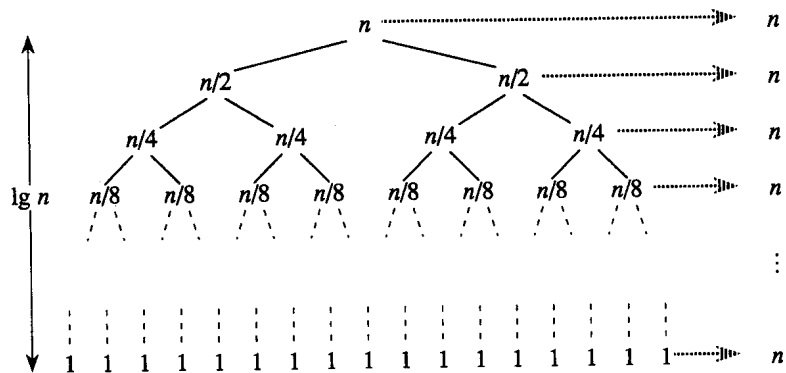
Performance of Quicksort

- Best-case partitioning
 - Partitioning produces two regions of size $n/2$

- Recurrence

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

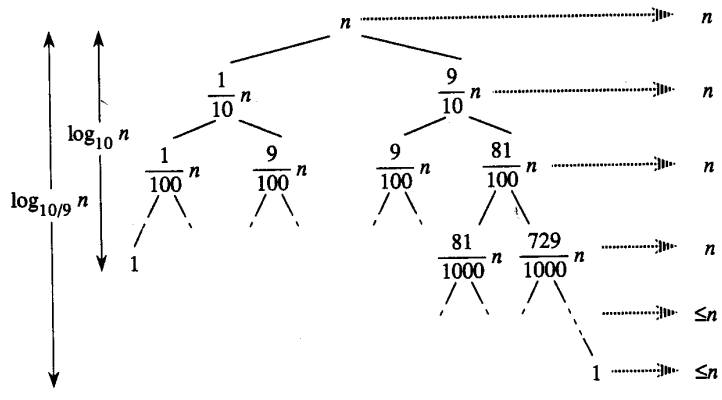
$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n) \text{ (Master theorem)}$$



Performance of Quicksort

- Balanced partitioning
 - Average case is closer to best case than to worst case
 - (if partitioning always produces a **constant** split)
- E.g.: 9-to-1 proportional split

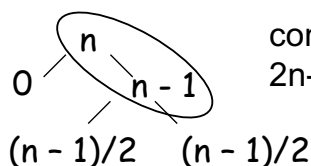
$$T(n) = T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + n$$



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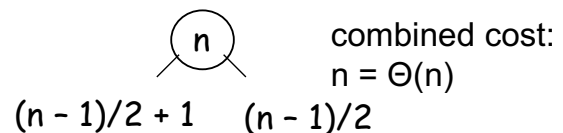
Performance of Quicksort

- Average case
 - All permutations of the input numbers are equally likely
 - On a random input array, we will have a mix of well balanced and unbalanced splits
 - Good and bad splits are randomly distributed throughout the tree



combined cost:
 $2n-1 = \Theta(n)$

Alternation of a bad
and a good split



combined cost:
 $n = \Theta(n)$

Nearly well
balanced split

- Running time of Quicksort when levels alternate between good and bad splits is $O(n \lg n)$

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Randomizing Quicksort

- Randomly permute the elements of the input array before sorting
- Modify the PARTITION procedure
 - First we exchange element $A[p]$ with an element chosen at random from $A[p..r]$
 - Now the pivot element $x = A[p]$ is equally likely to be any one of the original $r - p + 1$ elements of the subarray

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Randomized Algorithms

- The behavior is determined in part by values produced by a random-number generator
 - $\text{RANDOM}(a, b)$ returns an integer r , where $a \leq r \leq b$ and each of the $b - a + 1$ possible values of r is equally likely
- Algorithm generates randomness in input
- No input can consistently elicit worst case behavior
 - Worst case occurs only if we get “unlucky” numbers from the random number generator

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Randomized PARTITION

Alg.: RANDOMIZED-PARTITION(A, p, r)

$i \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(p, r)$

exchange $A[p] \leftrightarrow A[i]$

return PARTITION(A, p, r)

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Randomized Quicksort

Alg.: RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT(A, p, r)

if $p < r$

then $q \leftarrow \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT(A, p, q)

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT($A, q + 1, r$)

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Worst-Case Analysis of Quicksort

- $T(n)$ = worst-case running time
- $T(n) = \max_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q)) + \Theta(n)$
- Use substitution method to show that the running time of Quicksort is $O(n^2)$
- Guess $T(n) = O(n^2)$
 - Induction goal: $T(n) \leq cn^2$
 - Induction hypothesis: $T(k) \leq ck^2$ for any $k \leq n$

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Worst-Case Analysis of Quicksort

- Proof of induction goal:
$$T(n) \leq \max_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (cq^2 + c(n-q)^2) + \Theta(n) =$$
$$= c \times \max_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n-q)^2) + \Theta(n)$$
- The expression $q^2 + (n-q)^2$ achieves a maximum over the range $1 \leq q \leq n-1$ at the endpoints of this interval

The second derivative of the expression with respect to q is positive

$$\max_{1 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n-q)^2) = 1^2 + (n-1)^2 = n^2 - 2(n-1)$$

$$T(n) \leq cn^2 - 2c(n-1) + \Theta(n) \leq cn^2$$

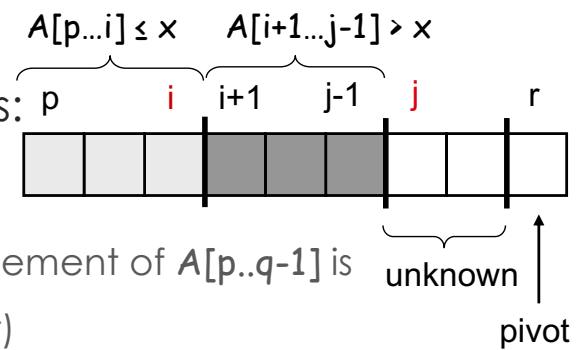
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Another Way to PARTITION

- Given an array A , partition the

array into the following subarrays:

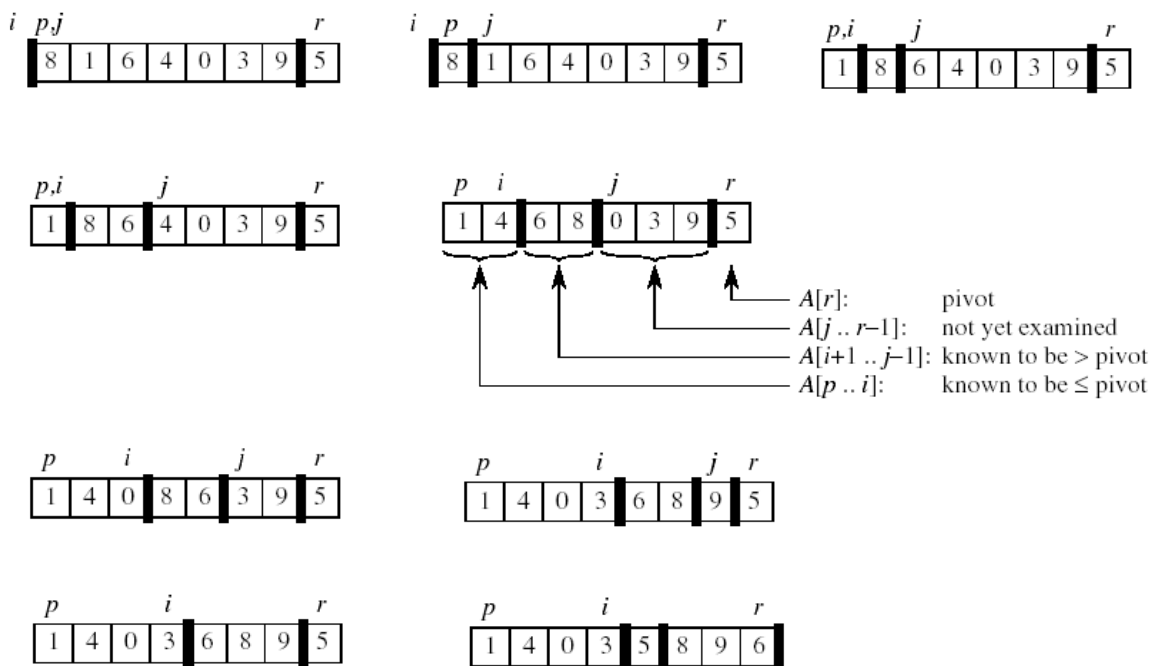
- A pivot element $x = A[q]$
- Subarray $A[p..q-1]$ such that each element of $A[p..q-1]$ is smaller than or equal to x (the pivot)
- Subarray $A[q+1..r]$, such that each element of $A[p..q+1]$ is strictly greater than x (the pivot)



- Note: the pivot element is not included in any of the two subarrays

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Example



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Another Way to PARTITION

Alg.: PARTITION(A, p, r)

$x \leftarrow A[r]$

$i \leftarrow p - 1$

for $j \leftarrow p$ **to** $r - 1$

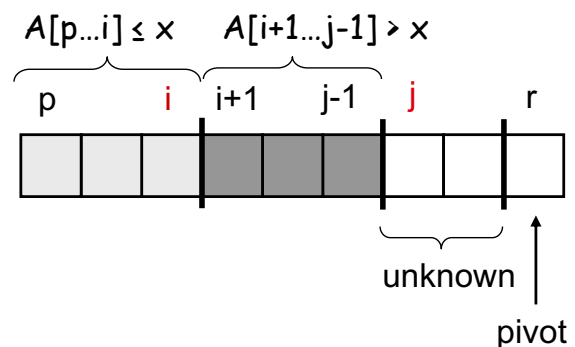
do if $A[j] \leq x$

then $i \leftarrow i + 1$

 exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$

exchange $A[i + 1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$

return $i + 1$



Chooses the last element of the array as a pivot

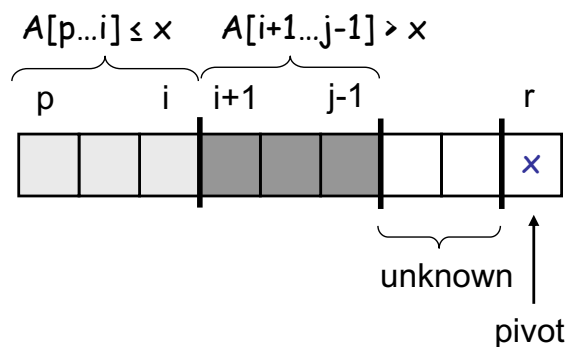
Grows a subarray $[p..i]$ of elements $\leq x$

Grows a subarray $[i+1..j-1]$ of elements $> x$

Running Time: $\Theta(n)$, where $n=r-p+1$

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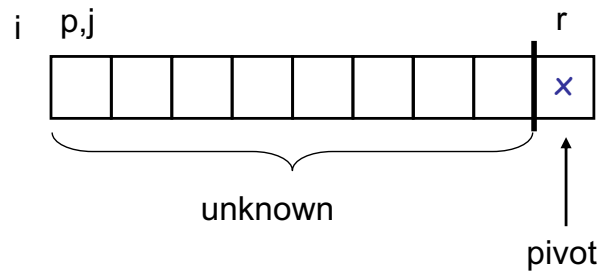
Loop Invariant



1. All entries in $A[p \dots i]$ are smaller than the pivot
2. All entries in $A[i + 1 \dots j - 1]$ are strictly larger than the pivot
3. $A[r] = \text{pivot}$
4. $A[j \dots r - 1]$ elements not yet examined

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Loop Invariant

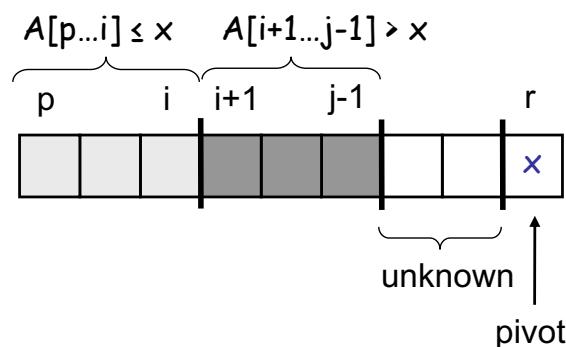


Initialization: Before the loop starts:

- $A[r]$ is the pivot
- subarrays $A[p \dots i]$ and $A[i + 1 \dots j - 1]$ are empty
- All elements in the array are not examined

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Loop Invariant



Maintenance: While the loop is running

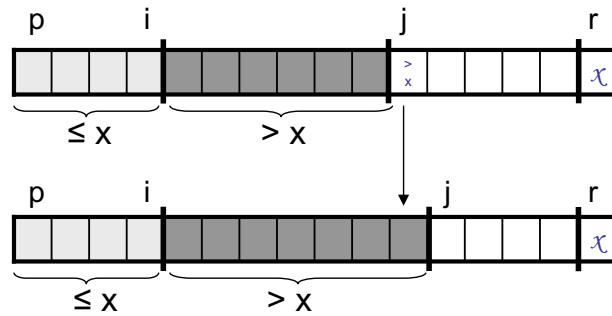
- if $A[j] \leq \text{pivot}$, then i is incremented, $A[j]$ and $A[i + 1]$ are swapped and then j is incremented
- If $A[j] > \text{pivot}$, then increment only j

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Maintenance of Loop Invariant

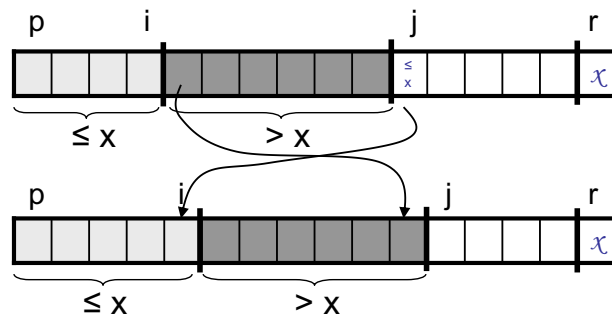
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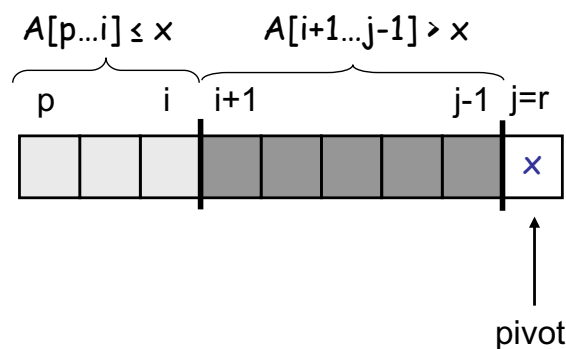
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Loop Invariant



Termination: When the loop terminates:

- $j = r \Rightarrow$ all elements in A are partitioned into one of the three cases: $A[p \dots i] \leq \text{pivot}$, $A[i + 1 \dots r - 1] > \text{pivot}$, and $A[r] = \text{pivot}$

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Randomized Quicksort

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The pivot is no longer included in any of the subarrays!!

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Analysis of Randomized Quicksort

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PARTITION is called at
most n times

(at each call a pivot is selected and never
again included in future calls)

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PARTITION

Alg.: PARTITION(A, p, r)

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x ← A[r]
i ← p - 1
for j ← p to r - 1
    do if A[j] ≤ x
        then i ← i + 1
           exchange A[i] ↔ A[j]
exchange A[i + 1] ↔ A[r]
return i + 1
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$O(1)$ - constant

Number of comparisons between the pivot and the other elements

$O(1)$ - constant

Need to compute the **total number of comparisons** performed **in all calls to PARTITION**

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Random Variables and Expectation

Def.: (*Discrete*) *random variable* X : a function from a sample space S to the real numbers.

- It associates a real number with each possible outcome of an experiment

E.g.: X = face of one fair dice

- Possible values: $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
- Probability to take any of the values: $1/6$

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Random Variables and Expectation

- Expected value (expectation, mean) of a discrete random variable X is:

$$E[X] = \sum_x x \Pr\{X = x\}$$

- “Average” over all possible values of random variable X

E.g.: X = face of one fair dice

$$E[X] = 1 \times 1/6 + 2 \times 1/6 + 3 \times 1/6 + 4 \times 1/6 + 5 \times 1/6 + 6 \times 1/6 = 3.5$$

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Example

E.g.: flipping two coins:

- Earn \$3 for each head, lose \$2 for each tail
- X : random variable representing your earnings
- Three possible values for variable X :
 - 2 heads $\Rightarrow x = \$3 + \$3 = \$6$, $\Pr\{2 \text{ H's}\} = 1/4$
 - 2 tails $\Rightarrow x = -\$2 - \$2 = -\$4$, $\Pr\{2 \text{ T's}\} = 1/4$
 - 1 head, 1 tail $\Rightarrow x = \$3 - \$2 = \$1$, $\Pr\{1 \text{ H}, 1 \text{ T}\} = 1/2$
- The expected value of X is:

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= 6 \times \Pr\{2 \text{ H's}\} + 1 \times \Pr\{1 \text{ H}, 1 \text{ T}\} - 4 \times \Pr\{2 \text{ T's}\} \\ &= 6 \times 1/4 + 1 \times 1/2 - 4 \times 1/4 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Indicator Random Variables

- Given a sample space S and an event A , we define the **indicator random variable** $I\{A\}$ associated with A :

$$- I\{A\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A \text{ occurs} \\ 0 & \text{if } A \text{ does not occur} \end{cases}$$

- The expected value of an indicator random variable

X_A is: **$E[X_A] = \Pr\{A\}$**

- Proof: $E[X_A] = E[I\{A\}] = 1 \times \Pr\{A\} + 0 \times \Pr\{\bar{A}\} = \Pr\{A\}$

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Example

- Determine the expected number of heads obtained when flipping a coin
 - Space of possible values: **$S = \{H, T\}$**
 - Random variable Y : takes on the values H and T , each with **probability $\frac{1}{2}$**
- Indicator random variable X_H : **the coin coming up heads ($Y = H$)**
 - Counts the number of heads obtained in the flip
 - $X_H = I\{Y = H\} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Y = H \\ 0 & \text{if } Y = T \end{cases}$
- The expected number of heads obtained in one flip of the coin is:
$$E[X_H] = E[I\{Y = H\}] = 1 \times \Pr\{Y = H\} + 0 \times \Pr\{Y = T\} =$$
$$= 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + 0 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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PARTITION

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$i \leftarrow p - 1$

} $O(1)$ - constant

for $j \leftarrow p$ to $r - 1$

do if $A[j] \leq x$

then $i \leftarrow i + 1$

exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$

← Number of comparisons
between the pivot and
the other elements

exchange $A[i + 1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$

return $i + 1$

} $O(1)$ - constant

Need to compute the total number of comparisons
performed in all calls to PARTITION

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Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

- Need to compute the **total number of comparisons** performed **in all calls to PARTITION**
- $X_{ij} = \mathbb{I} \{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$
 - For any comparison during the entire execution of the algorithm, not just during one call to PARTITION

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When Do We Compare Two Elements?

z_2	z_9	z_8	z_3	z_5	z_4	z_1	z_6	z_{10}	z_7
2	9	8	3	5	4	1	6	10	7

$$Z_{1,6} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \quad \{7\} \quad Z_{8,10} = \{8, 9, 10\}$$

- Rename the elements of A as z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n , with z_i being the i -th smallest element
- Define the set $Z_{ij} = \{z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_j\}$ the set of elements between z_i and z_j , inclusive

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When Do We Compare Elements z_i, z_j ?

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- If pivot x chosen such as: $z_i < x < z_j$
 - z_i and z_j will never be compared
- If z_i or z_j is the pivot
 - z_i and z_j will be compared
 - only if one of them is chosen as pivot before any other element in range z_i to z_j
- Only the pivot is compared with elements in both sets

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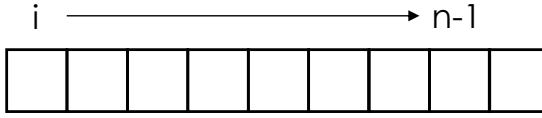
Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

- During the entire run of Quicksort each pair of elements is compared at most once
 - Elements are compared only to the pivot element
 - Since the pivot is never included in future calls to PARTITION, it is never compared to any other element

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Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

- Each pair of elements can be compared at most once
 - $X_{ij} = I\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$
- Define X as the total number of comparisons performed by the algorithm

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$


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Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

- X is an indicator random variable
 - Compute the **expected value**

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] =$$

by linearity
of expectation

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$$

the expectation of X_{ij} is equal
to the probability of the event
" **z_i is compared to z_j** "

Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

$\Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\} =$

$\Pr\{z_i \text{ is the first pivot chosen from } Z_{ij}\}$

$\Pr\{z_j \text{ is the first pivot chosen from } Z_{ij}^+\}$

$$= 1/(j - i + 1) + 1/(j - i + 1) = 2/(j - i + 1)$$

- There are $j - i + 1$ elements between z_i and z_j
 - Pivot is chosen randomly and independently
 - The probability that any particular element is the first one chosen is $1/(j - i + 1)$

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Number of Comparisons in PARTITION

Expected number of comparisons in PARTITION:

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} \quad \text{Change variable: } k = j - i \Rightarrow$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k+1} \quad \text{We have that: } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k+1} < \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k}$$

$$< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k} \quad \text{We have that: } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k} = O(\lg n)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} O(\lg n)$$

$$= O(n \lg n)$$

\Rightarrow Expected running time of Quicksort using
RANDOMIZED-PARTITION is $O(n \lg n)$

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Selection

- General Selection Problem:
 - select the i -th smallest element from a set of n distinct numbers
 - that element is larger than exactly $i - 1$ other elements
- The selection problem can be solved in $O(n \lg n)$ time
 - Sort the numbers using an $O(n \lg n)$ -time algorithm, such as merge sort
 - Then return the i -th element in the sorted array

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Medians and Order Statistics

Def.: The i -th **order statistic** of a set of n elements is the i -th smallest element.

- The minimum of a set of elements:
 - The first order statistic $i = 1$
- The maximum of a set of elements:
 - The n -th order statistic $i = n$
- The median is the “halfway point” of the set
 - $i = (n+1)/2$, is unique when n is odd
 - $i = \lfloor (n+1)/2 \rfloor = n/2$ (lower median) and $\lceil (n+1)/2 \rceil = n/2 + 1$ (upper median), when n is even

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Finding Minimum or Maximum

Alg.: MINIMUM(A, n)

min \leftarrow A[1]

for i \leftarrow 2 to n

do if min > A[i]

then min \leftarrow A[i]

return min

- How many comparisons are needed?
 - $n - 1$: each element, except the minimum, must be compared to a smaller element at least once
 - The same number of comparisons are needed to find the maximum
 - The algorithm is **optimal** with respect to the number of comparisons performed

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Simultaneous Min, Max

- Find min and max independently
 - Use $n - 1$ comparisons for each \Rightarrow total of **$2n - 2$**
- However, we can do better: at most **$3n/2$** comparisons
 - Process elements in pairs
 - Maintain the minimum and maximum of elements seen so far
 - Don't compare each element to the minimum and maximum separately
 - Compare the elements of a pair to each other
 - Compare the larger element to the maximum so far, and compare the smaller element to the minimum so far
 - This leads to only 3 comparisons for every 2 elements

Analysis of Simultaneous Min, Max

- Setting up initial values:
 - n is odd: set both **min** and **max** to the first element
 - n is even: compare the first two elements, assign the smallest one to **min** and the largest one to **max**
- Total number of comparisons:
 - n is odd: we do $3(n-1)/2$ comparisons
 - n is even: we do 1 initial comparison + $3(n-2)/2$ more comparisons = $3n/2 - 2$ comparisons

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Example: Simultaneous Min, Max

- $n = 5$ (odd), array $A = \{2, 7, 1, 3, 4\}$
 1. Set **min** = **max** = 2
 2. Compare elements in pairs:
 - $1 < 7 \Rightarrow$ compare 1 with **min** and 7 with **max**
 \Rightarrow **min** = 1, **max** = 7 } 3 comparisons
 - $3 < 4 \Rightarrow$ compare 3 with **min** and 4 with **max**
 \Rightarrow **min** = 1, **max** = 7 } 3 comparisons

We performed: $3(n-1)/2 = 6$ comparisons

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Example: Simultaneous Min, Max

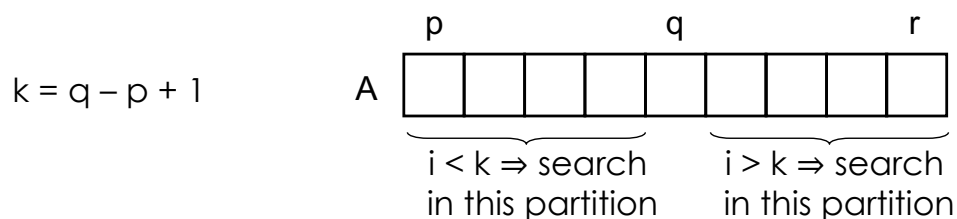
- $n = 6$ (even), array $A = \{2, 5, 3, 7, 1, 4\}$
 1. Compare 2 with 5: $2 < 5$ } 1 comparison
 2. Set **min** = 2, **max** = 5
 3. Compare elements in pairs:
 - $3 < 7 \Rightarrow$ compare 3 with **min** and 7 with **max**
 \Rightarrow **min** = 2, **max** = 7 } 3 comparisons
 - $1 < 4 \Rightarrow$ compare 1 with **min** and 4 with **max**
 \Rightarrow **min** = 1, **max** = 7 } 3 comparisons

We performed: $3n/2 - 2 = 7$ comparisons

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General Selection Problem

- Select the i -th order statistic (i -th smallest element) from a set of n distinct numbers



- Idea:
 - Partition the input array similarly with the approach used for Quicksort (use RANDOMIZED-PARTITION)
 - Recurse on one side of the partition to look for the i -th element depending on where i is with respect to the pivot
- We will show that selection of the i -th smallest element of the array A can be done in $\Theta(n)$ time

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Randomized Select

Alg.: RANDOMIZED-SELECT(A, p, r, i)

if $p = r$

then return $A[p]$

$$q \leftarrow \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$$
$$k \leftarrow q - p + 1$$

if $i = k$

- ▷ pivot value is the answer

then return $A[q]$

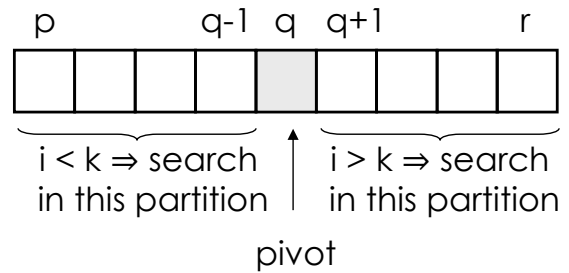
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elseif i < k
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then return RANDOMIZED-SELECT( $A, p, q-1, i$ )

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else return RANDOMIZED-SELECT(A, q + 1, r, i-k)
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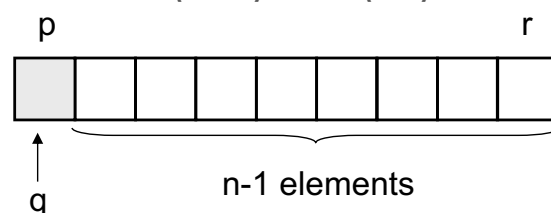


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Analysis of Running Time

- **Worst case** running time: $\Theta(n^2)$
 - If we always partition around the largest/smallest remaining element
 - Partition takes $\Theta(n)$ time
 - $T(n) = \Theta(1)$ (compute k) + $\Theta(n)$ (partition) + $T(n-1)$

$$= 1 + n + T(n-1) = \Theta(n^2)$$

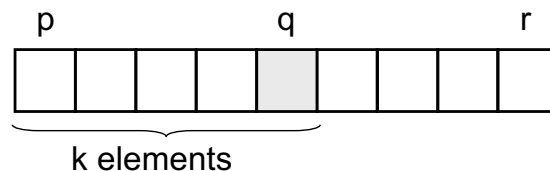


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Analysis of Running Time

- **Expected** running time (on **average**)

- Let $T(n)$ be a random variable denoting the running time of RANDOMIZED-SELECT



- RANDOMIZED-PARTITION is equally likely to return any element of A as the pivot \Rightarrow
- For each k such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, the subarray $A[p \dots q]$ has k elements (all \leq pivot) with probability $1/n$

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Analysis of Running Time

- When we call RANDOMIZED-SELECT we could have three situations:
 - The algorithm terminates with the answer ($i = k$), or
 - The algorithm recurses on the subarray $A[p..q-1]$, or
 - The algorithm recurses on the subarray $A[q+1..r]$
- The decision depends on where the i -th smallest element falls relative to $A[q]$
- To obtain an upper bound for the running time $T(n)$:
 - assume the i -th smallest element is always in the larger subarray

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Analysis of Running Time (cont.)

$$E[T(n)] = \underbrace{\text{Probability that } T(n) \text{ takes a value}}_{\text{Summed over all possible values}} \times \underbrace{\text{The value of the random variable } T(n)}$$

$$E[T(n)] = \frac{1}{n} [T(\max(0, n-1))] + \frac{1}{n} [T(\max(1, n-2))] + \dots + \frac{1}{n} [T(\max(n-1, 0))] + O(n)$$

↑
since select recurses only on the larger partition
↑
PARTITION

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[T(n-1) + T(n-2) + T(n-3) \dots + T(n/2) \dots + T(n-3) + T(n-2) + T(n-1) \right] + O(n)$$

$$E[T(n)] \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{n-1} [T(k)] + O(n) \quad \mathbf{T(n) = O(n) \text{ (prove by substitution)}}$$

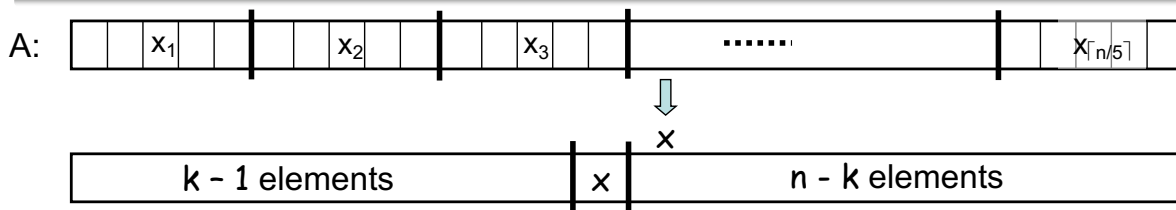
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A Better Selection Algorithm

- Can perform Selection in $O(n)$ Worst Case
- Idea: guarantee a good split on partitioning
 - Running time is influenced by how “balanced” are the resulting partitions
- Use a modified version of PARTITION
 - Takes as input the element around which to partition

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Selection in $O(n)$ Worst Case



1. Divide the n elements into groups of 5 $\Rightarrow \lceil n/5 \rceil$ groups
2. Find the median of each of the $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ groups
 - Use insertion sort, then pick the median
3. Use SELECT recursively to find the median x of the $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ medians
4. Partition the input array around x , using the modified version of PARTITION
 - There are $k-1$ elements on the low side of the partition and $n-k$ on the high side
5. If $i = k$ then return x . Otherwise, use SELECT recursively:
 - Find the i -th smallest element on the low side if $i < k$
 - Find the $(i-k)$ -th smallest element on the high side if $i > k$

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Example

- Find the 11th smallest element in the array:
 $A = \{12, 34, 0, 3, 22, 4, 17, 32, 3, 28, 43, 82, 25, 27, 34, 2, 19, 12, 5, 18, 20, 33, 16, 33, 21, 30, 3, 47\}$

1. Divide the array into groups of 5 elements

12	4	43	2	20	30
34	17	82	19	33	3
0	32	25	12	16	47
3	3	27	5	33	
22	28	34	18	21	

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Example (cont.)

2. Sort the groups and find their medians

0	4	25	2	20	3
3	3	27	5	16	30
12	17	34	12	21	47
34	32	43	19	33	
22	28	82	18	33	

3. Find the median of the medians

12, 12, 17, 21, 34, 30

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Example (cont.)

4. Partition the array around the median of medians (17)

First partition:

{12, 0, 3, 4, 3, 2, 12, 5, 16, 3}

Pivot:

17 (position of the pivot is $q = 11$)

Second partition:

{34, 22, 32, 28, 43, 82, 25, 27, 34, 19, 18,
20, 33, 33, 21, 30, 47}

To find the 6-th smallest element we would have to recurse our search in the first partition.

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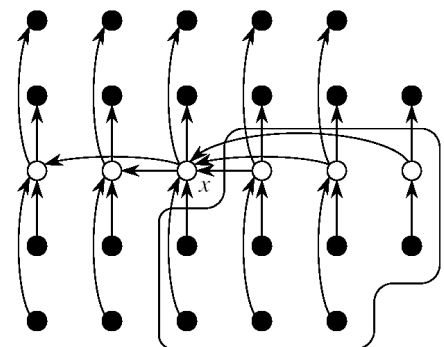
Analysis of Running Time

- Step 1: making groups of 5 elements takes $O(n)$
- Step 2: sorting $n/5$ groups in $O(1)$ time each takes $O(n)$
- Step 3: calling SELECT on $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ medians takes time $T(\lceil n/5 \rceil)$
- Step 4: partitioning the n -element array around x takes $O(n)$
- Step 5: recursion on one partition takes
depends on the size of the partition!!

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Analysis of Running Time

- First determine an upper bound for the sizes of the partitions
 - See how bad the split can be
- Consider the following representation
 - Each column represents one group of 5 (elements in columns are sorted)
 - Columns are sorted by their medians

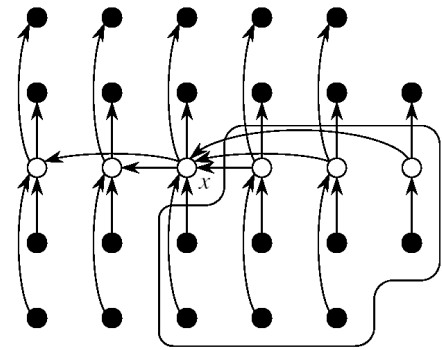


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Analysis of Running Time

- At least half of the medians found in step 2 are $\geq x$: $\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil \right\rceil$
- All but two of these groups contribute 3 elements $> x$

$$\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil \right\rceil - 2 \text{ groups with 3 elements } > x$$



- At least $3 \left(\left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil \right\rceil - 2 \right) \geq \frac{3n}{10} - 6$ elements greater than x
- SELECT is called on at most $n - \left(\frac{3n}{10} - 6 \right) = \frac{7n}{10} + 6$ elements

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Recurrence for the Running Time

- Step 1: making groups of 5 elements takes $O(n)$
- Step 2: sorting $n/5$ groups in $O(1)$ time each takes $O(n)$
- Step 3: calling SELECT on $\lceil n/5 \rceil$ medians takes time $T(\lceil n/5 \rceil)$
- Step 4: partitioning the n -element array around x takes $O(n)$
- Step 5: recursion on one partition takes time $\leq T(7n/10 + 6)$
- $T(n) = T(\lceil n/5 \rceil) + T(7n/10 + 6) + O(n)$
- We will show that $T(n) = O(n)$

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Substitution

- $T(n) = T(\lceil n/5 \rceil) + T(7n/10 + 6) + O(n)$

Show that $T(n) \leq cn$ for some constant $c > 0$ and all $n \geq n_0$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq c \lceil n/5 \rceil + c(7n/10 + 6) + an \\ &\leq cn/5 + c + 7cn/10 + 6c + an \\ &= 9cn/10 + 7c + an \\ &= cn + (-cn/10 + 7c + an) \\ &\leq cn \quad \text{if: } -cn/10 + 7c + an \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- $c \geq 10a(n/(n-70))$
 - choose $n_0 > 70$ and obtain the value of c

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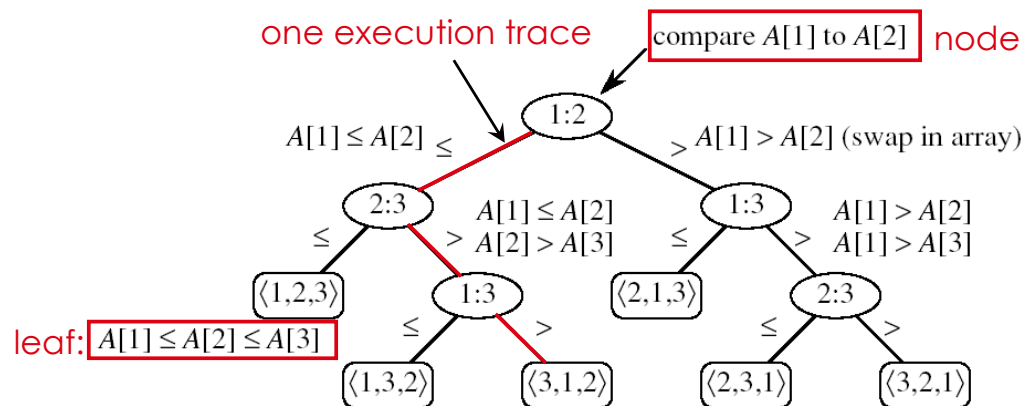
How Fast Can We Sort?

- Insertion sort, Bubble Sort, Selection Sort $\Theta(n^2)$
- Merge sort $\Theta(n \lg n)$
- Quicksort $\Theta(n \lg n)$
- What is common to all these algorithms?
 - These algorithms sort by making comparisons between the input elements
- To sort n elements, comparison sorts must make $\Omega(n \lg n)$ comparisons in the worst case

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Decision Tree Model

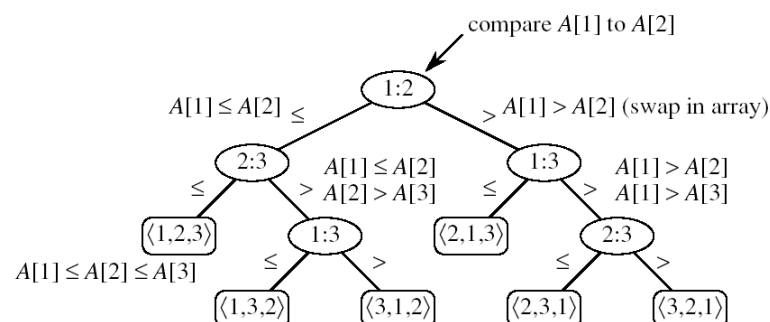
- Represents the comparisons made by a sorting algorithm on an input of a given size: models all possible execution traces
- Control, data movement, other operations are ignored
- Count only the comparisons
- Decision tree for insertion sort on three elements:



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Decision Tree Model

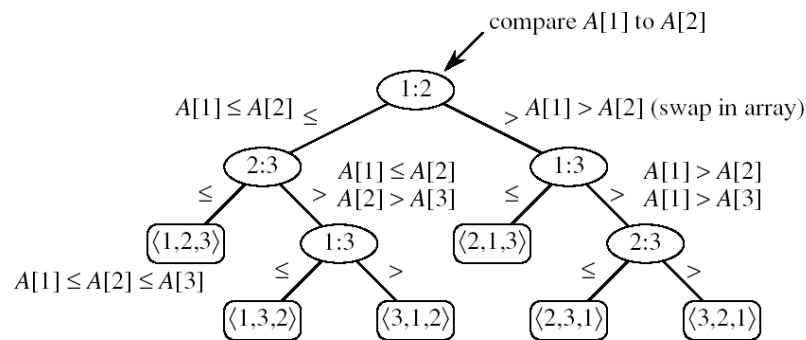
- All permutations on n elements must appear as one of the leaves in the decision tree $n!$ permutations
- Worst-case number of comparisons
 - the length of the longest path from the root to a leaf
 - the height of the decision tree



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Decision Tree Model

- Goal: finding a lower bound on the running time on any comparison sort algorithm
 - find a lower bound on the heights of all decision trees for all algorithms



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Lemma

- Any binary tree of height h has at most 2^h leaves

Proof: induction on h

Basis: $h = 0 \Rightarrow$ tree has one node, which is a leaf

$$2^h = 1$$

Inductive step: assume true for $h-1$

- Extend the height of the tree with one more level
- Each leaf becomes parent to two new leaves

No. of leaves for tree of height $h =$

$$= 2 \times (\text{no. of leaves for tree of height } h-1)$$

$$\leq 2 \times 2^{h-1}$$

$$= 2^h$$

Lower Bound for Comparison Sorts

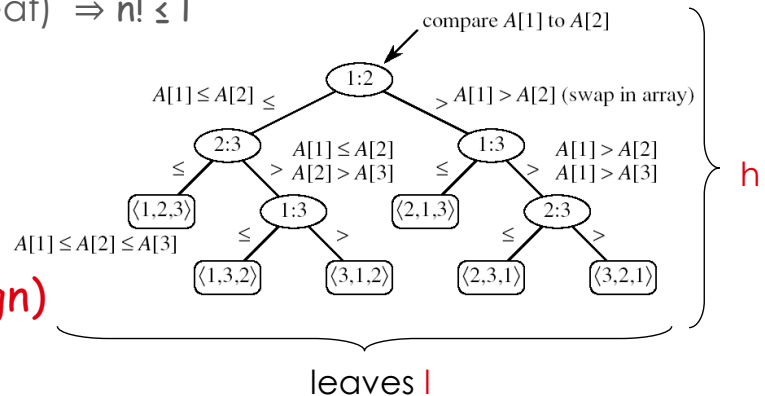
Theorem: Any comparison sort algorithm requires $\Omega(n \lg n)$ comparisons in the worst case.

Proof: How many leaves does the tree have?

- At least $n!$ (each of the $n!$ permutations of the input appears as some leaf) $\Rightarrow n! \leq l$
- At most 2^h leaves

$$\Rightarrow n! \leq l \leq 2^h$$

$$\Rightarrow h \geq \lg(n!) = \Omega(n \lg n)$$

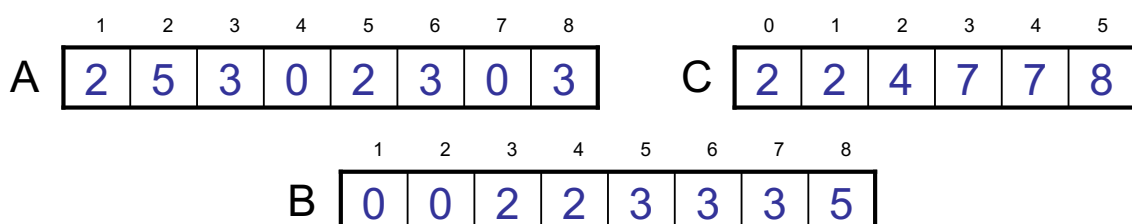


We can beat the $\Omega(n \lg n)$ running time if we use other operations than comparisons!

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Counting Sort

- Assumption:
 - The elements to be sorted are integers in the range 0 to k
- Idea:
 - Determine for each input element x , the number of elements smaller than x
 - Place element x into its correct position in the output array

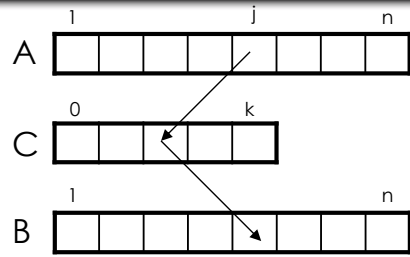


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COUNTING-SORT

Alg.: COUNTING-SORT(A, B, n, k)

1. **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** k
2. **do** $C[i] \leftarrow 0$
3. **for** $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** n
4. **do** $C[A[j]] \leftarrow C[A[j]] + 1$
5. $\triangleright C[i]$ contains the number of elements equal to i
6. **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** k
7. **do** $C[i] \leftarrow C[i] + C[i-1]$
8. $\triangleright C[i]$ contains the number of elements $\leq i$
9. **for** $j \leftarrow n$ **downto** 1
10. **do** $B[C[A[j]]] \leftarrow A[j]$
11. $C[A[j]] \leftarrow C[A[j]] - 1$



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Example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	2	5	3	0	2	3	0	3
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	2	0	2	3	0	1
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	0	1	2	3	4	5
C	2	2	4	7	7	8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B							3	
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	2	2	4	6	7	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B		0					3	
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B		0		2		3	3	
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	1	2	3	5	7	8
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Example (cont.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	0	0		2		3	3	
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	0	2	3	5	7	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	0	0		2	3	3	3	5
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	0	2	3	4	7	7
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	0	0		2	3	3	3	
	0	1	2	3	4	5		

C	0	2	3	4	7	8
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
B	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	5

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Analysis of Counting Sort

Alg.: COUNTING-SORT(A, B, n, k)

1. for $i \leftarrow 0$ to k }
2. do $C[i] \leftarrow 0$ $\Theta(k)$
3. for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n }
4. do $C[A[j]] \leftarrow C[A[j]] + 1$ $\Theta(n)$
5. ▷ $C[i]$ contains the number of elements equal to i
6. for $i \leftarrow 1$ to k }
7. do $C[i] \leftarrow C[i] + C[i-1]$ $\Theta(k)$
8. ▷ $C[i]$ contains the number of elements $\leq i$
9. for $j \leftarrow n$ downto 1 }
10. do $B[C[A[j]]] \leftarrow A[j]$ $\Theta(n)$
11. $C[A[j]] \leftarrow C[A[j]] - 1$

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Overall time: $\Theta(n + k)$

Analysis of Counting Sort

- Overall time: $\Theta(n + k)$
- In practice we use COUNTING sort when $k = O(n)$
 \Rightarrow running time is $\Theta(n)$
- Counting sort is **stable**
 - Numbers with the same value appear in the same order in the output array
 - Important when additional data is carried around with the sorted keys

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Radix Sort

- Considers keys as numbers in a base-k number
 - A d-digit number will occupy a field of d columns
- Sorting looks at one column at a time
 - For a d digit number, sort the least significant digit first
 - Continue sorting on the next least significant digit, until all digits have been sorted
 - Requires only d passes through the list

326
453
608
835
751
435
704
690

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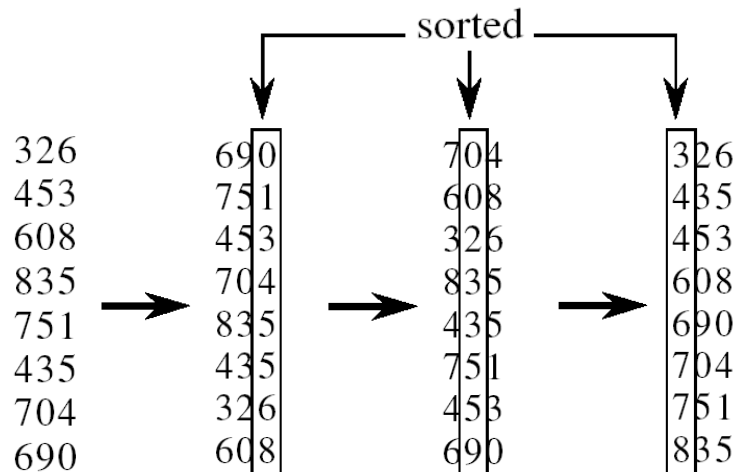
RADIX-SORT

Alg.: RADIX-SORT(A, d)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** d

do use a stable sort to sort array A on digit i

- 1 is the lowest order digit, d is the highest-order digit



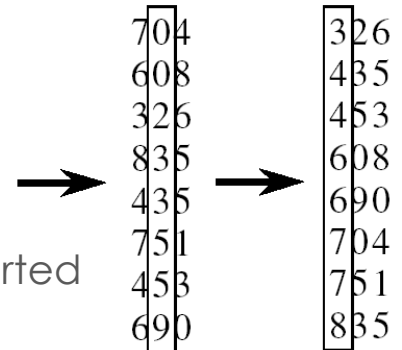
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Analysis of Radix Sort

- Given n numbers of d digits each, where each digit may take up to k possible values, RADIX-SORT correctly sorts the numbers in $\Theta(d(n+k))$
 - One pass of sorting per digit takes $\Theta(n+k)$ assuming that we use counting sort
 - There are d passes (for each digit)

Correctness of Radix sort

- We use induction on the number d of passes through the digits
- **Basis:** If $d = 1$, there's only one digit, trivial
- **Inductive step:** assume digits $1, 2, \dots, d-1$ are sorted
 - Now sort on the d -th digit
 - If $a_d < b_d$, sort will put a before b : correct
 $a < b$ regardless of the low-order digits
 - If $a_d > b_d$, sort will put a after b : correct
 $a > b$ regardless of the low-order digits
 - If $a_d = b_d$, sort will leave a and b in the same order and a and b are already sorted on the low-order $d-1$ digits



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Bucket Sort

- Assumption:
 - the input is generated by a random process that distributes elements uniformly over $[0, 1)$
- Idea:
 - Divide $[0, 1)$ into n equal-sized buckets
 - Distribute the n input values into the buckets
 - Sort each bucket
 - Go through the buckets in order, listing elements in each one
- **Input:** $A[1 \dots n]$, where $0 \leq A[i] < 1$ for all i
- **Output:** elements in A sorted
- **Auxiliary array:** $B[0 \dots n - 1]$ of linked lists, each list initially empty

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BUCKET-SORT

Alg.: BUCKET-SORT(A, n)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n

do insert $A[i]$ into list $B[\lfloor nA[i] \rfloor]$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $n - 1$

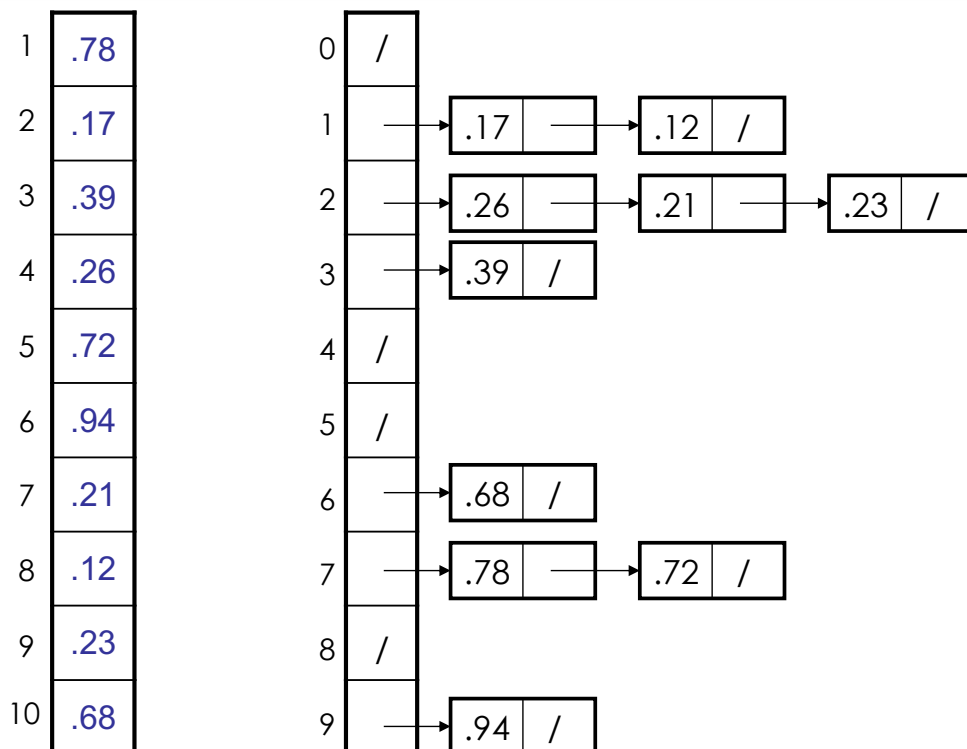
do sort list $B[i]$ with insertion sort

concatenate lists $B[0], B[1], \dots, B[n-1]$
together in order

return the concatenated lists

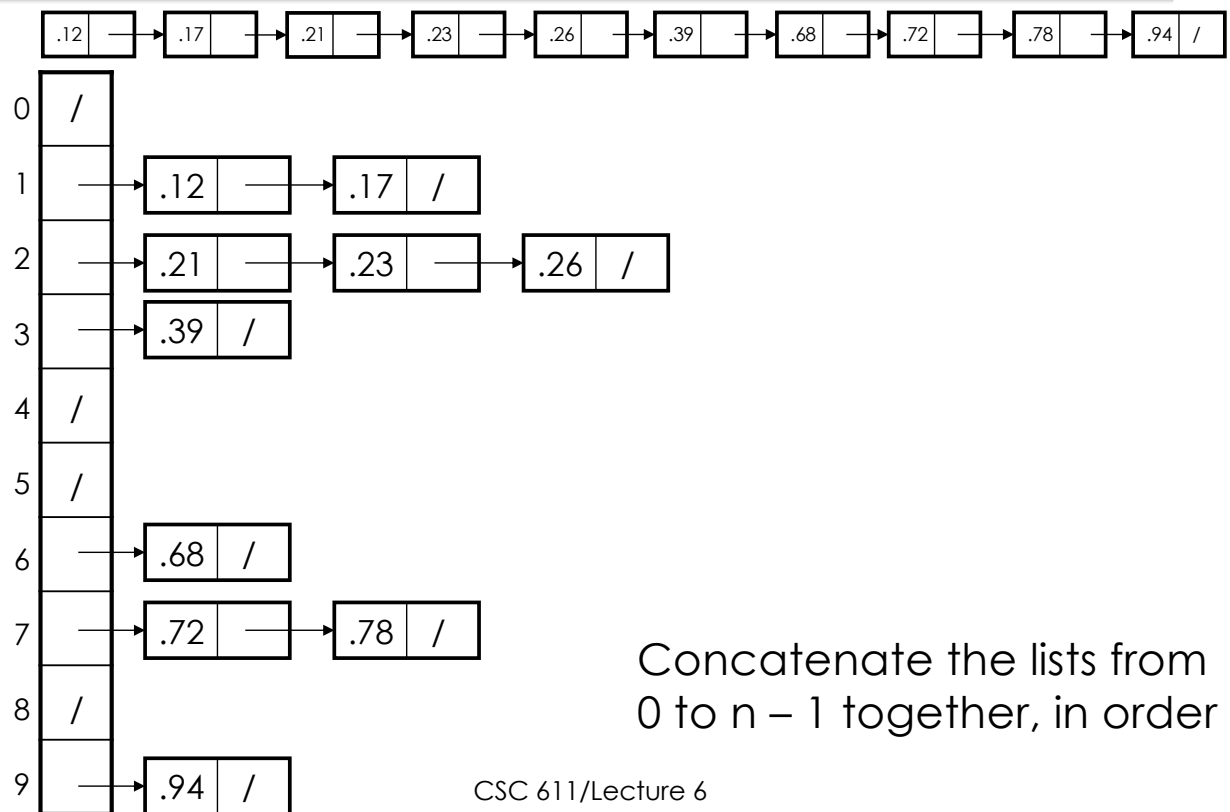
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Example - Bucket Sort



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Example - Bucket Sort



Correctness of Bucket Sort

- Consider two elements $A[i]$, $A[j]$
- Assume without loss of generality that $A[i] \leq A[j]$
- Then $\lfloor nA[i] \rfloor \leq \lfloor nA[j] \rfloor$
 - $A[i]$ belongs to the same group as $A[j]$ or to a group with a lower index than that of $A[j]$
- If $A[i]$, $A[j]$ belong to the same bucket:
 - insertion sort puts them in the proper order
- If $A[i]$, $A[j]$ are put in different buckets:
 - concatenation of the lists puts them in the proper order

Analysis of Bucket Sort

Alg.: BUCKET-SORT(A, n)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n	}	$O(n)$
do insert $A[i]$ into list $B[\lfloor nA[i] \rfloor]$		
for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - 1$	}	$\Theta(n)$
do sort list $B[i]$ with insertion sort		
concatenate lists $B[0], B[1], \dots, B[n-1]$	}	$O(n)$
together in order		
return the concatenated lists		

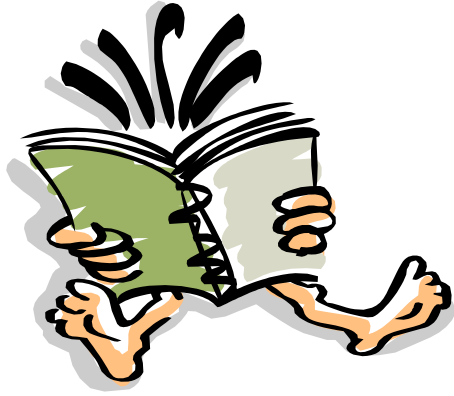
$\Theta(n)$

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Conclusion

- Any comparison sort will take at least $n \lg n$ to sort an array of n numbers
- We can achieve a better running time for sorting if we can make certain assumptions on the input data:
 - **Counting sort:** each of the n input elements is an integer in the range 0 to k
 - **Radix sort:** the elements in the input are integers represented with d digits
 - **Bucket sort:** the numbers in the input are uniformly distributed over the interval $[0, 1)$

Readings



- Chapter 6, 7, 8