

## Lecture 3: Sorting

### Set Interface (L03-L08)

→ For python

Container	<code>build(X)</code> <code>len()</code>	given an iterable <code>X</code> , build set from items in <code>X</code> return the number of stored items
Static	<code>find(k)</code>	return the stored item with key <code>k</code>
Dynamic	<code>insert(x)</code> <code>delete(k)</code>	add <code>x</code> to set (replace item with key <code>x.key</code> if one already exists) remove and return the stored item with key <code>k</code>
Order	<code>iter_ord()</code> <code>find_min()</code> <code>find_max()</code> <code>find_next(k)</code> <code>find_prev(k)</code>	return the stored items one-by-one in key order return the stored item with smallest key return the stored item with largest key return the stored item with smallest key larger than <code>k</code> return the stored item with largest key smaller than <code>k</code>

- Storing items in an array in arbitrary order can implement a (not so efficient) set
- Stored items sorted increasing by key allows:
  - faster find min/max (at first and last index of array)
  - faster finds via binary search:  $O(\log n)$

Set Data Structure	Operations $O(\cdot)$				
	Container	Static	Dynamic	Order	
	<code>build(X)</code>	<code>find(k)</code>	<code>insert(x)</code> <code>delete(k)</code>	<code>find_min()</code> <code>find_max()</code>	<code>find_prev(k)</code> <code>find_next(k)</code>
Array	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$	$n$
Sorted Array	$n \log n$	$\log n$	$n$	1	$\log n$

- But how to construct a sorted array efficiently?

## Sorting

- Given a sorted array, we can leverage binary search to make an efficient set data structure.
- **Input:** (static) array  $A$  of  $n$  numbers
- **Output:** (static) array  $B$  which is a sorted permutation of  $A$ 
  - **Permutation:** array with same elements in a different order
  - **Sorted:**  $B[i - 1] \leq B[i]$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- Example:  $[8, 2, 4, 9, 3] \rightarrow [2, 3, 4, 8, 9]$
- A sort is **destructive** if it overwrites  $A$  (instead of making a new array  $B$  that is a sorted version of  $A$ )
- A sort is **in place** if it uses  $O(1)$  extra space (implies destructive: in place  $\subseteq$  destructive)

## Permutation Sort

- There are  $n!$  permutations of  $A$ , at least one of which is sorted
- For each permutation, check whether sorted in  $\Theta(n)$
- Example:  $[2, 3, 1] \rightarrow \{[1, 2, 3], [1, 3, 2], [2, 1, 3], [2, 3, 1], [3, 1, 2], [3, 2, 1]\}$

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1 def permutation_sort(A):
2     '''Sort A'''
3     for B in permutations(A):          # O(n!)
4         if is_sorted(B):               # O(n)
5             return B                   # O(1)

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- permutation\_sort analysis:
  - Correct by case analysis: try all possibilities (Brute Force)
  - Running time:  $\Omega(n! \cdot n)$  which is **exponential** :(

Solving **Recurrences**  equations that describes the running time of recursive algorithms

- **Substitution:** Guess a solution, replace with representative function, recurrence holds true
- **Recurrence Tree:** Draw a tree representing the recursive calls and sum computation at nodes
- **Master Theorem:** A formula to solve many recurrences (R03)

Time complexity of a problem of size  $n$  terms

## Selection Sort

- Find a largest number in prefix  $A[:i + 1]$  and swap it to  $A[i]$
- Recursively sort prefix  $A[:i]$
- Example:  $[8, 2, 4, 9, 3]$ ,  $[8, 2, 4, 3, 9]$ ,  $[3, 2, 4, 8, 9]$ ,  $[3, 2, 4, 8, 9]$ ,  $[2, 3, 4, 8, 9]$

1 `def selection_sort(A, i = None):` #  $T(i)$   
 2  `'''Sort  $A[:i + 1]$ '''`  
 3  `if i is None: i = len(A) - 1` #  $O(1)$   
 4  `if i > 0:` #  $O(1)$   
 5  `j = prefix_max(A, i)` #  $S(i)$   
 6  `A[i], A[j] = A[j], A[i]` #  $O(1)$   
 7  `selection_sort(A, i - 1)` #  $T(i - 1)$   
 8   
 9 `def prefix_max(A, i):` #  $S(i)$   
 10  `'''Return index of maximum in  $A[:i + 1]$ '''`  
 11  `if i > 0:` #  $O(1)$   
 12  `j = prefix_max(A, i - 1)` #  $S(i - 1)$   
 13  `if A[i] < A[j]:` #  $O(1)$   
 14  `return j` #  $O(1)$   
 15  `return i` #  $O(1)$

To find the biggest element.

- `prefix_max` analysis:

- Base case: for  $i = 0$ , array has one element, so index of max is  $i$
- Induction: assume correct for  $i$ , maximum is either the maximum of  $A[:i]$  or  $A[i]$ , returns correct index in either case. □
- $S(1) = \Theta(1)$ ,  $S(n) = S(n-1) + \Theta(1)$ 
  - \* Substitution:  $S(n) = \Theta(n)$ ,  $cn = \Theta(1) + c(n-1) \implies 1 = \Theta(1)$
  - \* Recurrence tree: chain of  $n$  nodes with  $\Theta(1)$  work per node,  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 = \Theta(n)$

- `selection_sort` analysis:

- Base case: for  $i = 0$ , array has one element so is sorted
- Induction: assume correct for  $i$ , last number of a sorted output is a largest number of the array, and the algorithm puts one there; then  $A[:i]$  is sorted by induction □
- $T(1) = \Theta(1)$ ,  $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$ 
  - \* Substitution:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ ,  $cn^2 = \Theta(n) + c(n-1)^2 \implies c(2n-1) = \Theta(n)$
  - \* Recurrence tree: chain of  $n$  nodes with  $\Theta(i)$  work per node,  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = \Theta(n^2)$

$$1+2+\dots+n = \Theta(n^2)$$

## Insertion Sort

- Recursively sort prefix  $A[:i]$
- Sort prefix  $A[:i + 1]$  assuming that prefix  $A[:i]$  is sorted by repeated swaps
- Example:  $[8, 2, 4, 9, 3]$ ,  $[2, 8, 4, 9, 3]$ ,  $[2, 4, 8, 9, 3]$ ,  $[2, 4, 8, 9, 3]$ ,  $[2, 3, 4, 8, 9]$

```

1 def insertion_sort(A, i = None):                # T(i)
2     '''Sort A[:i + 1]'''
3     if i is None: i = len(A) - 1                # O(1)
4     if i > 0:                                    # O(1)
5         insertion_sort(A, i - 1)                # T(i - 1)
6         insert_last(A, i)                        # S(i)
7
8 def insert_last(A, i):                           # S(i)
9     '''Sort A[:i + 1] assuming sorted A[:i]'''
10    if i > 0 and A[i] < A[i - 1]:                 # O(1)
11        A[i], A[i - 1] = A[i - 1], A[i]          # O(1)
12        insert_last(A, i - 1)                    # S(i - 1)

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- `insert_last` analysis:
  - Base case: for  $i = 0$ , array has one element so is sorted
  - Induction: assume correct for  $i$ , if  $A[i] \geq A[i - 1]$ , array is sorted; otherwise, swapping last two elements allows us to sort  $A[:i]$  by induction  $\square$
  - $S(1) = \Theta(1), S(n) = S(n - 1) + \Theta(1) \implies S(n) = \Theta(n)$
- `insertion_sort` analysis:
  - Base case: for  $i = 0$ , array has one element so is sorted
  - Induction: assume correct for  $i$ , algorithm sorts  $A[:i]$  by induction, and then `insert_last` correctly sorts the rest as proved above  $\square$
  - $T(1) = \Theta(1), T(n) = T(n - 1) + \Theta(n) \implies T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Pair in boxes of 2 elements  
 Sort inside of the box  
 pair in boxes of 4 elements  
 sort inside of the box

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## Merge Sort

pair in  $a^n$  elements  
 sort inside the box (recursively)



- Recursively sort first half and second half (may assume power of two)
- Merge sorted halves into one sorted list (two finger algorithm)
- Example: [7, 1, 5, 6, 2, 4, 9, 3], [1, 7, 5, 6, 2, 4, 3, 9], [1, 5, 6, 7, 2, 3, 4, 9], [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9]

The time spent is in  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

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1 def merge_sort(A, a = 0, b = None): # T(b - a = n)
2     '''Sort A[a:b]'''
3     if b is None: b = len(A) # O(1)
4     if 1 < b - a: # O(1)
5         c = (a + b + 1) // 2 # O(1)
6         merge_sort(A, a, c) # T(n / 2)
7         merge_sort(A, c, b) # T(n / 2)
8         L, R = A[a:c], A[c:b] # O(n)
9         merge(L, R, A, len(L), len(R), a, b) # S(n)
10
11 def merge(L, R, A, i, j, a, b): # S(b - a = n)
12     '''Merge sorted L[:i] and R[:j] into A[a:b]'''
13     if a < b: # O(1)
14         if (j <= 0) or (i > 0 and L[i - 1] > R[j - 1]): # O(1)
15             A[b - 1] = L[i - 1] # O(1)
16             i = i - 1 # O(1)
17         else: # O(1)
18             A[b - 1] = R[j - 1] # O(1)
19             j = j - 1 # O(1)
20         merge(L, R, A, i, j, a, b - 1) # S(n - 1)

```

- merge analysis:
  - Base case: for  $n = 0$ , arrays are empty, so vacuously correct
  - Induction: assume correct for  $n$ , item in  $A[r]$  must be a largest number from remaining prefixes of  $L$  and  $R$ , and since they are sorted, taking largest of last items suffices; remainder is merged by induction  $\square$
  - $S(0) = \Theta(1), S(n) = S(n - 1) + \Theta(1) \implies S(n) = \Theta(n)$

↳ worst-case - already sorted

- merge\_sort analysis:
  - Base case: for  $n = 1$ , array has one element so is sorted
  - Induction: assume correct for  $k < n$ , algorithm sorts smaller halves by induction, and then merge merges into a sorted array as proved above.  $\square$
  - $T(1) = \Theta(1), T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ 
    - Substitution: Guess  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$   
 $cn \log n = \Theta(n) + 2c(n/2) \log(n/2) \implies cn \log(2) = \Theta(n)$
    - Recurrence Tree: complete binary tree with depth  $\log_2 n$  and  $n$  leaves, level  $i$  has  $2^i$  nodes with  $O(n/2^i)$  work each, total:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} (2^i)(n/2^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} n = \Theta(n \log n)$

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## Sets and sorting

Interface: collections of operations.

Data structure: way to store data that supports a set of operations.

Always have tradeoffs - the goal or the circumstances chooses the sorting.

**SET** - A set interface is a “container” of objects that is dynamic you can keep editing or adding.

set = all of students (key) that are associated with a number ID (satellite data)

build(A)- given an iterable A, build a sequence from items in A.

len() - return the number of stored items.

find(K)- return the stored number with key k - does k exist in the list - is personalizable by using this structure \_min

delete(k)- remove or return key

### **SORTING** -

items sorted by key - smallest id number to the highest.

binary search - look left or the right takes  $\log(n)$  time.

Destructive - overwrites the input array

In place - Uses  $O(1)$  extra space.

input - array of n numbers/ keys A

output - sorted array B

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Permutation sort : Enumerate the permutations -  $\Omega(n!)$

check if permutations is sorted

for  $i = 1$  to  $n-1$  // to the whole list -

$b[i] \leq b[i+1]$  // see if what you have is lower then what you see

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3     for B in permutations(A):          #  $O(n!)$ 
4         if is_sorted(B):                #  $O(n)$ 
5             return B                    #  $O(1)$ 

```

### Selection Sort -

1- Find item (i) in the list index  $\leq 1$

2- Swap

3- sort list

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find the biggest and strike to the end by swiping the 9 and 3

8 2 4 3 | 9

swap 8 with 3, so on...

