

# 4. Sorting

# Goals

- Classify sorting algorithms by time complexities.
- Understand the limit of sorting algorithms, and learn linear-time sorting algorithms.
- Understand the space complexity of an algorithm

# Sorting Algorithms

- Most algorithms:  $O(n^2)$ ,  $O(n \log n)$
- When input numbers satisfy special conditions:  
 $O(n)$  sorting is possible
  - E.g., input numbers are integers between 1 and  $n$

# Basic Sorting Algorithms

- Sorting algorithms with worst-case and average-case  $\Theta(n^2)$  time
  - Selection sort
  - Bubble sort
  - Insertion sort

# Advanced Sorting Algorithms

- Sorting algorithms with average-case  $\Theta(n \log n)$  time
  - Quicksort
  - Merge sort
  - Heap sort

# Quicksort

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quicksort(A[], p, r) ▷ sort A[p ... r]
{
  if (p < r) then {
    q = partition(A, p, r); ▷ partition
    quicksort(A, p, q-1); ▷ sort left part
    quicksort(A, q+1, r); ▷ sort right part
  }
}
```

```
partition(A[], p, r)
{
  pivot element: x = A[r]
  partition A[p ... r] into A[p ... q-1] ≤ A[q] = x < A[q+1 ... r]
  return q
}
```

# Quicksort

Input numbers. Pivot element = 15

31	8	48	73	11	3	20	29	65	15
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Partition

8	11	3	15	31	48	20	29	65	73
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 — (a)

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3	8	11	15	20	29	31	48	65	73
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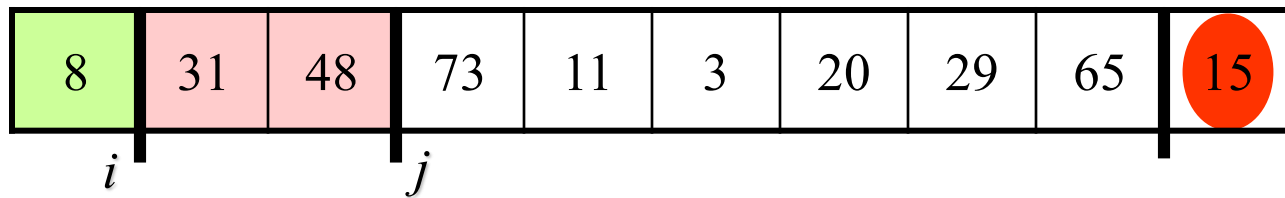
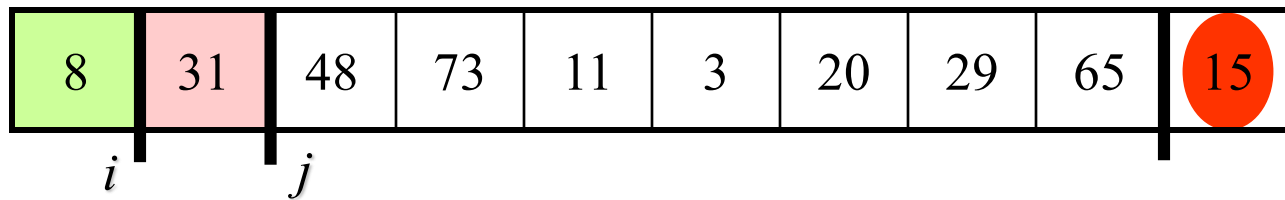
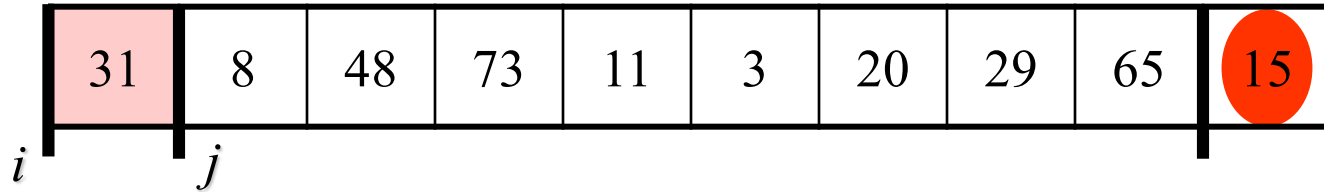
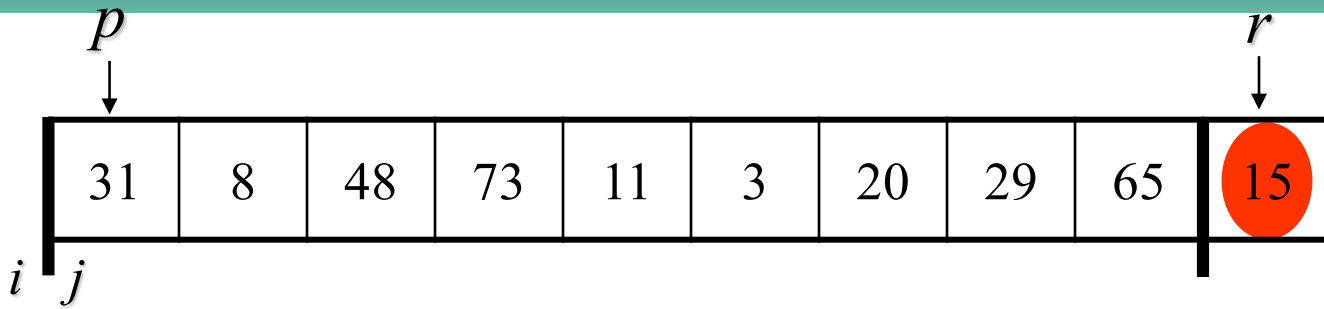
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# Partition

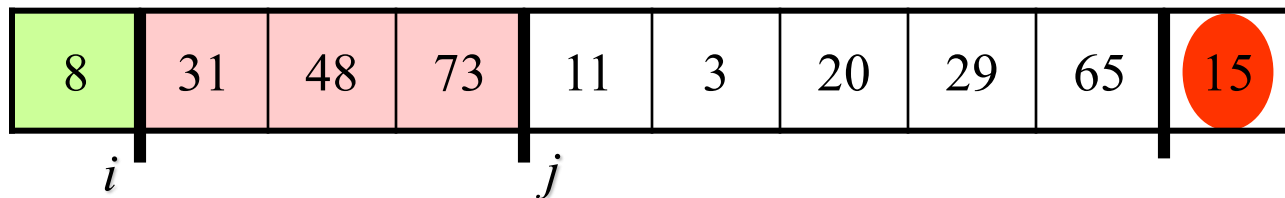
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partition(A[], p, r)
    x = A[r]
    i = p - 1
    for j = p to r-1
        if A[j] ≤ x
            i = i + 1
            swap A[i] and A[j]
    swap A[i+1] and A[r]
    return i+1
```



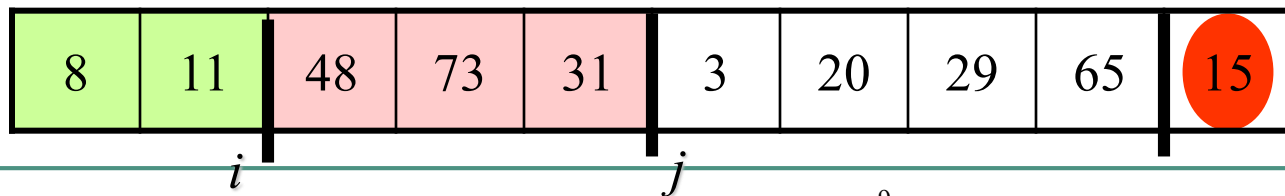
# Partition



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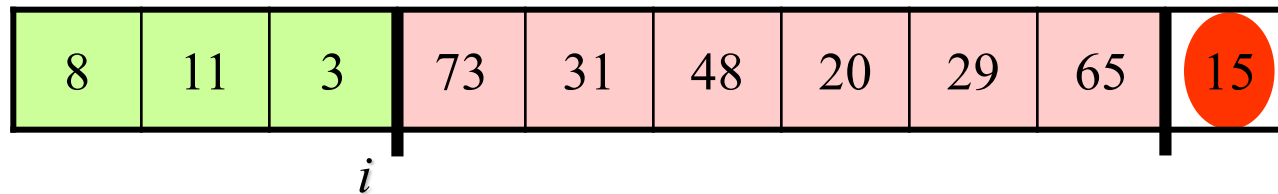
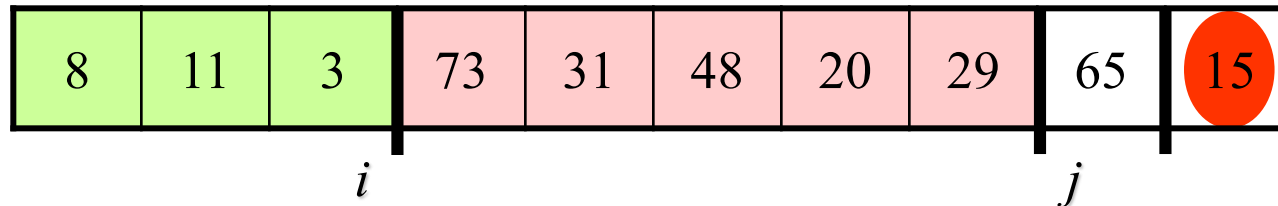
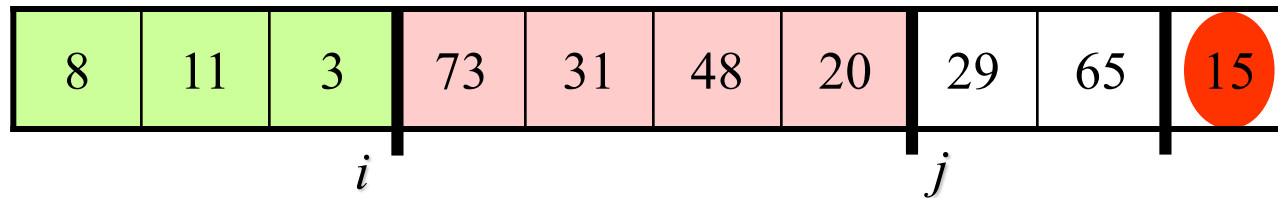
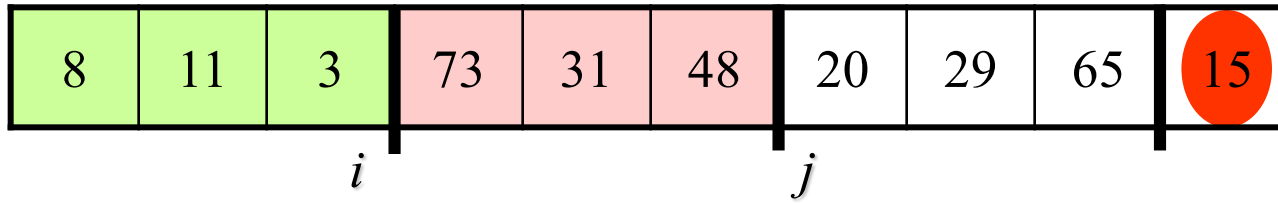


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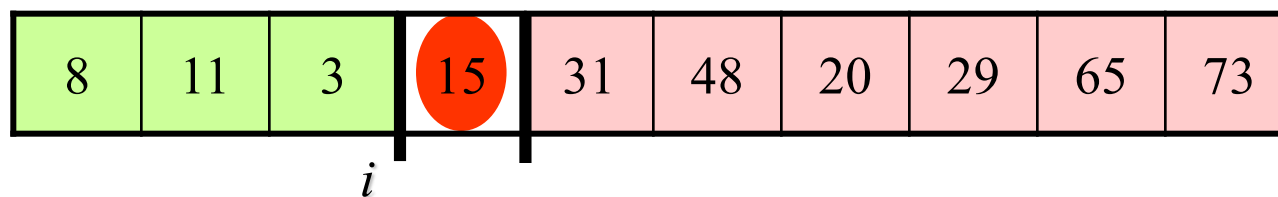


— (c)

# Partition



— (d)



— (e)

# (Worst-Case) Time Complexity of an Algorithm

- Insertion sort
  - Lower bound:  $\Omega(n^2)$  for an input instance of decreasing numbers
  - Upper bound:  $O(n^2)$  for all input instances
  - Time complexity of insertion sort:  $\Theta(n^2)$

# (Worst-Case) Time Complexity of a Problem

- Matrix multiplication
  - Standard method:  $\Theta(n^3)$
  - Strassen's algorithm:  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$
  - Coppersmith and Winograd's algorithm:  $O(n^{2.376})$
  - Upper bound:  $O(n^{2.376})$
  - Lower bound:  $\Omega(n^2)$
  - Time complexity of matrix mult:  $n^2 \leq MM \leq n^{2.376}$

# Time Complexity of Sorting

- Comparison sort: sorting algorithm that determines the sorting order based only on comparisons of input elements.
- Lower bound of comparison sorts is  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .
- Time complexity of comparison sorts:  $\Theta(n \log n)$
- $\Theta(n)$  sorting
  - Counting Sort: input elements are integers in the range of  $0 \sim O(n)$ .
  - Radix Sort: input elements are  $d$ -digit numbers for constant  $d$ .

# Lower Bound for Sorting

- Comparison sort: sorting algorithm that determines the sorting order based only on comparisons of input elements.
- Decision tree: binary tree that represents comparisons of a sorting algorithm (insertion sort,  $n=3$ )
  - internal node: comparison ( $i:j$ )
  - leaf: permutation that represents the sorting order
  - path from root to leaf: execution (comparisons) of sorting algorithm on an input
  - If sorting algorithm is correct,  $n!$  permutations should appear in the leaves.

## Lower bound

- Longest path from root to leaf (tree height): worst case of sorting algorithm.
- Let  $h$  = height of decision tree,  $f$  = number of leaves.
  - $n! \leq f \leq 2^h$
  - $h \geq \log n!$  Hence  $h = \Omega(n \log n)$ .

# Counting Sort

countingSort(A, B,  $n$ )

▷  $A[1 \dots n]$ : input array

▷  $B[1 \dots n]$ : output array

{

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $k$

$C[i] \leftarrow 0$ ;

**for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

$C[A[j]]++$ ;

  ▷  $C[i]$ : number of elements equal to  $i$

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $k$

$C[i] \leftarrow C[i] + C[i-1]$  ;

  ▷  $C[i]$ : number of elements less than or equal to  $i$

**for**  $j \leftarrow n$  **downto** 1 {

$B[C[A[j]]] \leftarrow A[j]$ ;

$C[A[j]]--$ ;

  }

}



# Counting Sort

- A: 2 5 3 0 2 3 0 3
- C: 2 0 2 3 0 1
- C: 2 2 4 7 7 8
- B:    — — — — — 3 —
- — 0 — — — — 3 —
- Time:  $\Theta(k + n)$
- If  $k = O(n)$ , time is  $\Theta(n)$ .
- Stable sort: elements with equal values appear in output in the same order as in input (satellite data)

# Radix Sort

radixSort( $A[ \ ]$ ,  $n$ ,  $d$ )

▷ input elements are  $d$ -digit numbers for constant  $d$

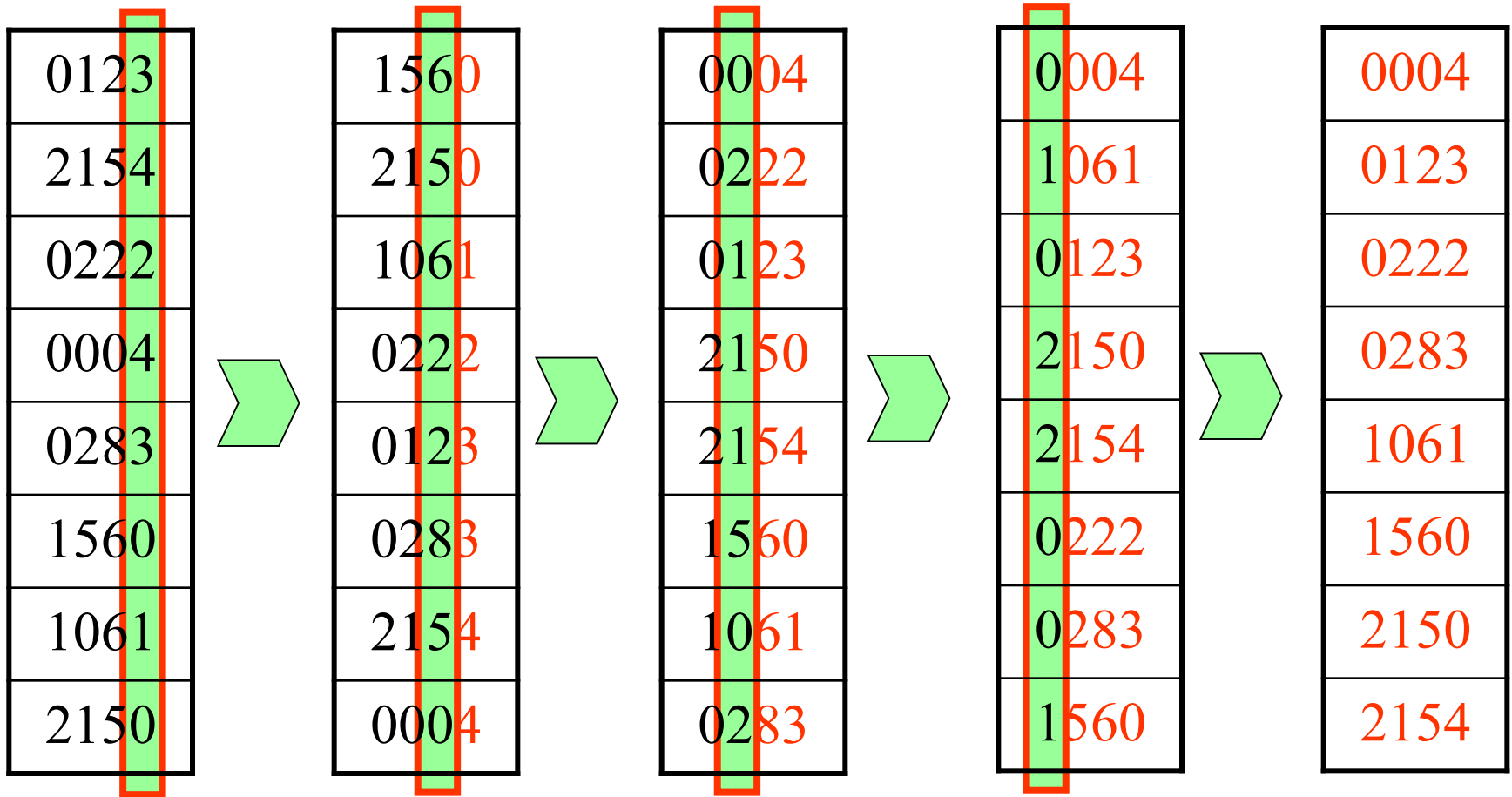
▷ digit 1 is the least significant digit

{

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

    use a stable sort to sort  $A[1 \dots n]$  on digit  $i$

}



✓ Running time:  $\Theta(d(n + k))$

# Time Complexities of Sorting Algorithms

	<b>Worst Case</b>	<b>Average Case</b>
Selection Sort	$n^2$	$n^2$
Bubble Sort	$n^2$	$n^2$
Insertion Sort	$n^2$	$n^2$
Quicksort	$n^2$	$n \log n$
Mergesort	$n \log n$	$n \log n$
Heapsort	$n \log n$	$n \log n$
Counting Sort	$n$	$n$
Radix Sort	$n$	$n$

# (Worst-Case) Space Complexity of an Algorithm

- Counting sort
  - Input space:  $A, n \rightarrow O(n)$ , Output space:  $B \rightarrow O(n)$
  - Extra space:  $C, i, j, k \rightarrow O(k)$
- Insertion sort
  - Input, output space:  $A, n \rightarrow O(n)$
  - Extra space:  $i, j, \text{key} \rightarrow O(1)$
- Merge sort
  - Input, output space:  $O(n)$
  - Extra space:  $O(n)$  ( $O(\log n)$  for call stack)
- Quicksort
  - Extra space:  $O(n)$  for call stack



**Thank you**

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