Sorting Algorithms

Number of compares of common sorting algorithms

ALGORITHM	CODE	IN PLACE	STABLE	BEST	AVERAGE	WORST	REMARKS
selection sort	Selection.java	•		½ n ²	½ n ²	½ n ²	n exchanges; quadratic in best case
insertion sort	Insertion.java 🔮	•	•	n	1/4 n ²	½ n ²	use for small or partially-sorted arrays
bubble sort	Bubble.java 🍨	•	•	n	½ n ²	½ n ²	rarely useful; dominated by insertion sort
shellsort	Shell.java 🍨	•		$n \log_3 n$	unknown	c n ^{3/2}	tight code; subquadratic
mergesort	Merge.java 🔮		•	½ n log ₂ n	$n \log_2 n$	n log ₂ n	<i>n</i> log <i>n</i> guarantee; stable
quicksort	Quick.java 🍨	•		n log ₂ n	2 <i>n</i> ln <i>n</i>	½ n ²	n log n probabilistic guarantee; fastest in practice
heapsort	Heap.java 🔮	•		n†	2 n log ₂ n	2 n log ₂ n	n log n guarantee; in place

[†] n log₂ n if all keys are distinct

Insertion Sort

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def insertion_sort(arr):
    for k in range(1, len(arr)): # from 1 to n-1

        cur = arr[k] # current element to be inserted
        j = k # find correct index j for current
        while j > 0 and arr[j-1] > cur: # element A[j-1] must be after current
        arr[j] = arr[j-1]
        j -= 1

        arr[j] = cur #final position for the current value
        return arr
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Shell sort

Idea: Move entries more than one position at a time by h-sorting the array.

An h-sorted array is nothing but h-interleaved sorted sub-sequences

Shellsort: h-sort array for decreasing sequence of values of h

Shell sort - example

arr = [72, 50, 48, 41, 33, 23, 20, 19, 18, 16, 14, 13, 11, 9, 6, 5, 1]

For h = 13, [9, 6, 5, 1, 33, 23, 20, 19, 18, 16, 14, 13, 11, 72, 50, 48, 41]

For h = 4, [9, 6, 5, 1, 11, 16, 14, 13, 18, 23, 20, 19, 33, 72, 50, 48, 41]

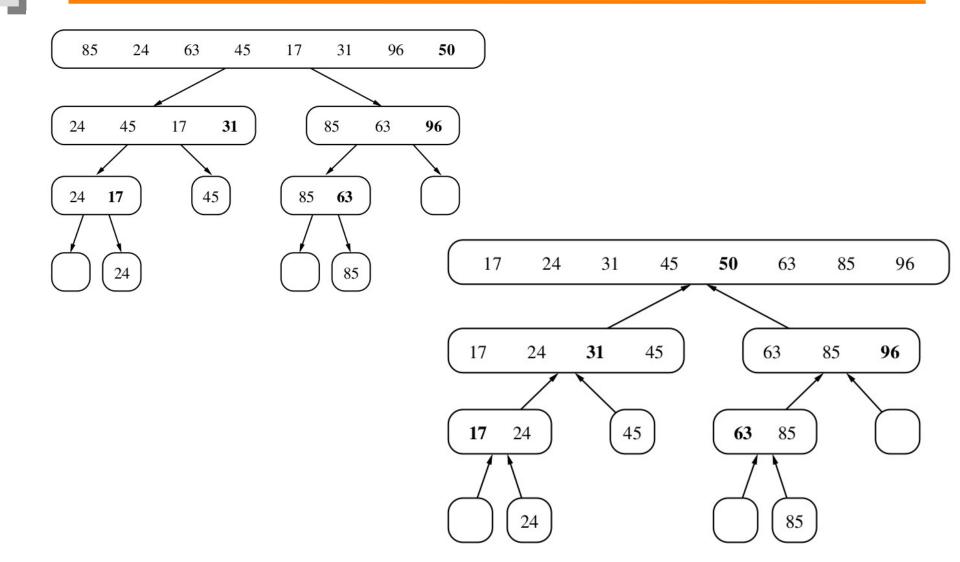
For h = 1, [1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 33, 41, 48, 50, 72]

Shell sort

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def shell_sort(arr):
  # Choose an appropriate increment seque
  h = 1
  while(h < len(arr)/3):
      h = 3*h + 1
  while h > 0:
    for i in range(h, len(arr)):
      current = arr[i]
      j = i - h
      while j >= 0 and arr[j] > current:
        arr[j + h] = arr[j]
        j -= h
      arr[j + h] = current
    h //= 3 # Reduce the increment size
  return arr
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  for k in range(1, len(arr)): # fr
  cur = arr[k] # current element t
    j = k # find correct index j for
    while j > 0 and arr[j-1] > cur:
       arr[j] = arr[j-1]
       j -= 1
    arr[j] = cur
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Quicksort

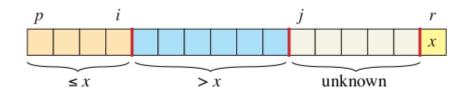


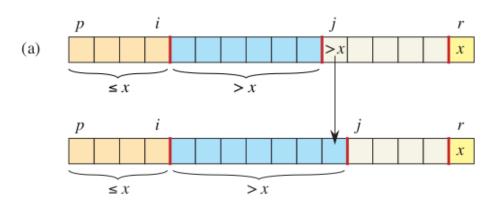
Quicksort – A divide & conquer approach

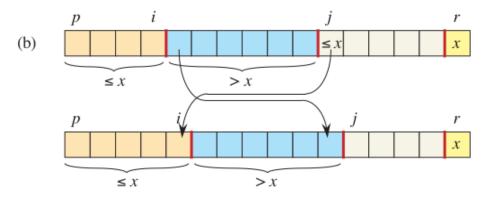
- 1.Divide by partitioning the array into two (possibly empty) subarrays based on a pivot. Compute the index of the pivot as part of this partitioning procedure.
- 2. Conquer by calling quicksort recursively to sort each of the subarrays
- 3. Combine by doing nothing: because the two subarrays are already sorted, no work is needed to combine them.

Quicksort – Pseudo code

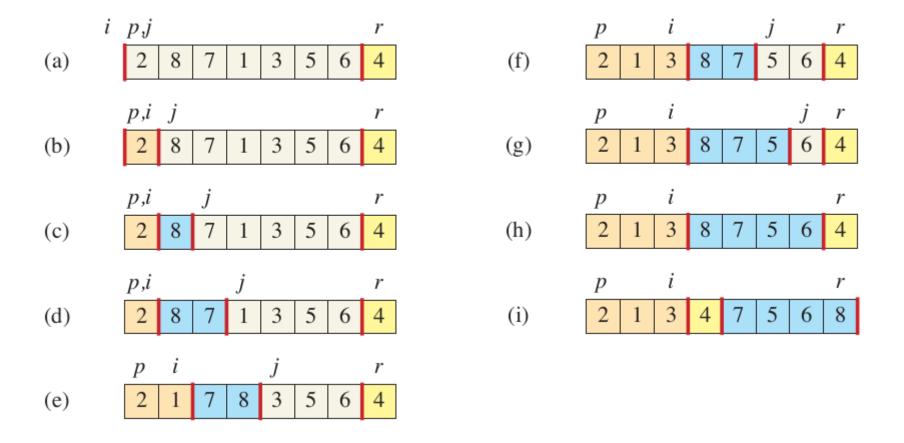
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Performance of quicksort

Worst-case partitioning:
$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n)$$

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Best-case partitioning:

produces two sub problems, each of size no more than n/2,

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

Randomised quicksort

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RANDOMIZED-PARTITION (A, p, r)

1 i = \text{RANDOM}(p, r)

2 exchange A[r] with A[i]

3 return Partition (A, p, r)

RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT (A, p, r)

1 if p < r

2 q = \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)

3 RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT (A, p, q - 1)

4 RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT (A, p, q - 1)
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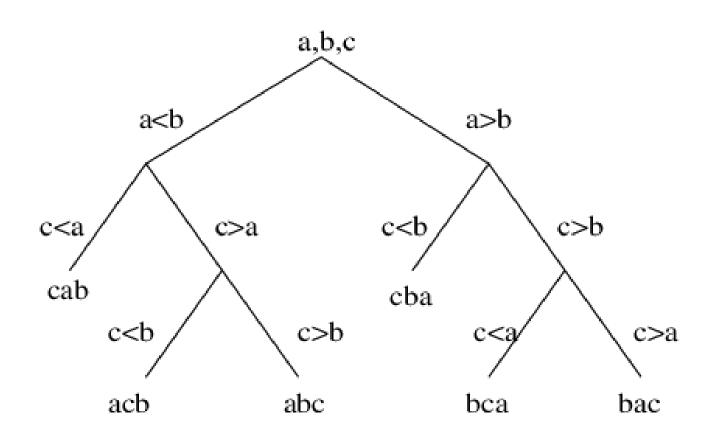
The running time of any comparison-based algorithm for sorting an n-element sequence is $\Omega(n \log n)$ in the worst case.

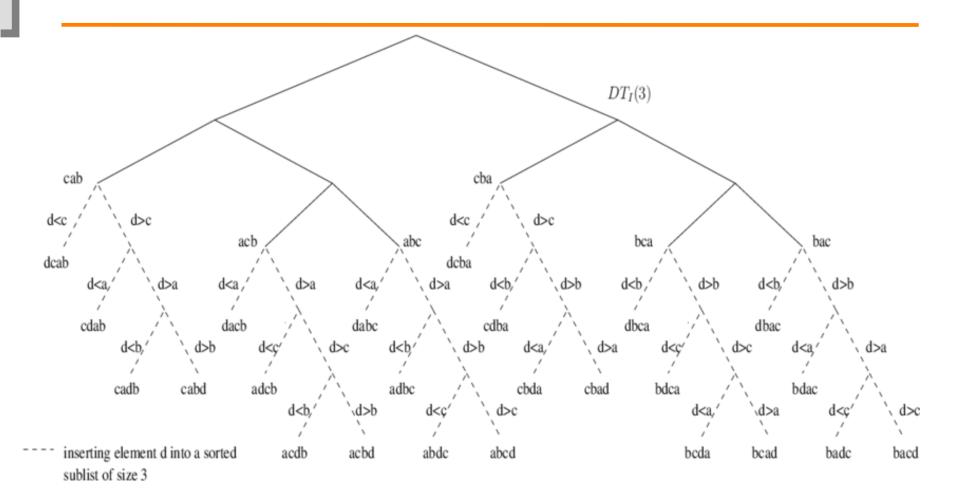
W.K.T, a sorting algorithm essentially outputs a permutation of the input

Let $S = (x_0 , x_1 , \ldots , x_{n-1})$ be an input sequence to be sorted

Key observations:

(i) there are n! different possible permutations the algorithm might output





(ii) for each of these permutations, there exists an input for which that permutation is the only correct answer.

e.g., $[x_3, x_2, x_0, x_1]$ is the only correct answer for sorting the input [7, 8, 4, 3]

ie. we can fix some set of n! inputs (e.g., all orderings of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$), one for each of the n! output permutations.

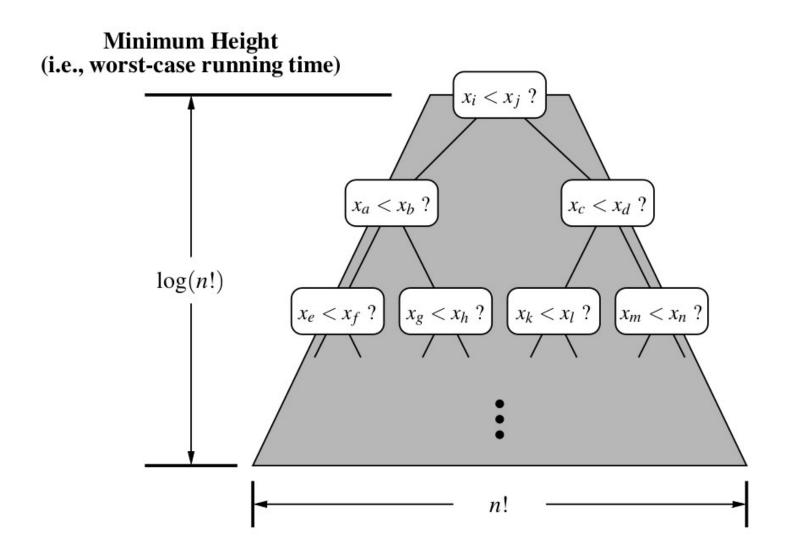
Each external node in T must be associated with one permutation of S. Moreover, each permutation of S must result in a different external node of T.

Thus, T must have at least n! external nodes. For a proper binary tree having n nodes, we know that $\log(n + 1) - 1 \le h \le (n - 1)/2$, the height of T is at least $\log(n!)$

$$\log(n!) \ge \log\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) = \frac{n}{2}\log\frac{n}{2},$$

which is $\Omega(n \log n)$

Since there are at least n/2 terms that are greater than or equal to n/2 in the product n!



Non-comparison-based sorting algorithms

Non-comparison-based sorting algorithms such as Radix Sort and Bucket Sort don't rely on directly comparing elements to determine their order.

Bucket Sort: A sequence S of n entries whose keys are integers in the range [0, N-1], for some integer $N \ge 2$, can be sorted in O(n+N) time.

Both Bucket and Radix sorting methods are stable

Bucket Sort

Algorithm bucketSort(S):

for i = 0 to N-1 do

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Input: Sequence S of entries with integer keys in the range [0, N – 1]
Output: Sequence S sorted in nondecreasing order of the keys
let B be an array of N sequences, each of which is initially empty
for each entry e in S do
k = the key of e
remove e from S and insert it at the end of bucket (sequence) B[k]
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for each entry e in sequence B[i] do remove e from B[i] and insert it at the end of S

Radix Sort - example

How to sort a sequence

$$S = ((3, 3), (1, 5), (2, 5), (1, 2), (2, 3), (1, 7), (3, 2), (2, 2)).$$

Ans:

Stably sort the 2nd component followed by the 1st (ie. start from rightmost and traverse to left side)

$$S2 = ((1, 2), (3, 2), (2, 2), (3, 3), (2, 3), (1, 5), (2, 5), (1, 7)).$$

$$S2,1 = ((1, 2), (1, 5), (1, 7), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 5), (3, 2), (3, 3)),$$

Radix Sort - another example

170,045,075,090,802,024,002,066

First we identify each right-most (least significant) digit:

 $17\underline{0}$, $04\underline{5}$, $07\underline{5}$, $09\underline{0}$, $80\underline{2}$, $02\underline{4}$, $00\underline{2}$, $06\underline{6}$

We sort the list according to that digit, preserving order within that group:

170, 090, 802, 002, 024, 045, 075, 066

Then we identify the next digit, moving leftwards:

170, 090, 802, 002, 024, 045, 075, 066

We sort the list according to that digit, preserving order within that group:

802, 002, 024, 045, 066, 170, 075, 090

Then we identify the next digit, moving leftwards:

<u>8</u>02, <u>0</u>02, <u>0</u>24, <u>0</u>45, <u>0</u>66, <u>1</u>70, <u>0</u>75, <u>0</u>90

We sort the list according to that digit, preserving order within that group:

002, 024, 045, 066, 075, 090, 170, 802,

Timsort — a relatively new kid on the block

- 1. Timsort is a hybrid, stable sorting algorithm, derived from merge sort and insertion sort
- 2.Implemented by Tim Peters in 2002 for use in the Python programming language
- 3. The algorithm finds sub-sequences of the data that are already ordered (runs) and uses them to sort the remainder more efficiently.
- 4.provides good average-case time complexity of O(n log n), similar to Merge Sort. It also performs well for partially sorted data, making it a versatile choice for Python's default sorting mechanism.

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