

## Purposes of Sorting

orts searching  
h standard example  
s other kinds of search:  
: two equal items in this set?  
: two items in this set that both have the same value for X?  
my nearest neighbors?  
rous unexpected algorithms, such as convex hull (small-polygon enclosing set of points).

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## Classifications

ts keep all data in primary memory.  
ts process large amounts of data in batches, keeping it in secondary storage (in the old days, tapes).  
based sorting assumes only thing we know about keys is  
g uses more information about key structure.  
rting works by repeatedly inserting items at their ap-positions in the sorted sequence being constructed.  
rting works by repeatedly selecting the next larger m in order and adding it to one end of the sorted se-constructed.

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## ys of Reference Types in the Java Library

ce types, C, that have a *natural order* (that is, that im-a.lang.Comparable), we have four analogous methods nt sort, three-argument sort, and two parallelSort

```
all elements of ARR stably into non-descending
*/
; extends Comparable<? super C>> sort(C[] arr) {...}
```

eference types, R, we have four more:

```
all elements of ARR stably into non-descending order
ding to the ordering defined by COMP. */
> void sort(R[] arr, Comparator<? super R> comp) {...}
```

fancy generic arguments?

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## Some Definitions

orithm (or *sort*) *permutes* (re-arranges) a sequence of brings them into order, according to some *total order*.  
r,  $\preceq$ , is:  
 $\preceq y$  or  $y \preceq x$  for all  $x, y$ .  
:  $x \preceq x$ ;  
**etric**:  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$  iff  $x = y$ .  
=:  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq z$  implies  $x \preceq z$ .  
r orderings may treat unequal items as equivalent:  
e can be two dictionary definitions for the same word.  
t only by the word being defined (ignoring the defini-  
n sorting could put either entry first.  
at does not change the relative order of equivalent en-  
pared to the input) is called *stable*.

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## ays of Primitive Types in the Java Library

ary provides static methods to sort arrays in the class rrays.

nitive type P other than boolean, there are

```
all elements of ARR into non-descending order. */
id sort(P[] arr) { ... }
```

```
elements FIRST .. END-1 of ARR into non-descending
. */
id sort(P[] arr, int first, int end) { ... }
```

```
all elements of ARR into non-descending order,
bly using multiprocessing for speed. */
id parallelSort(P[] arr) { ... }
```

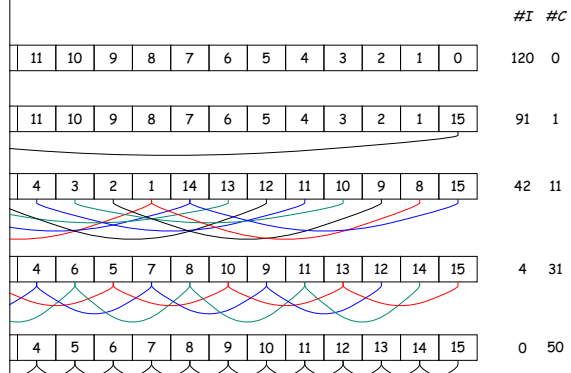
```
elements FIRST .. END-1 of ARR into non-descending
, possibly using multiprocessing for speed. */
id parallelSort(P[] arr, int first, int end) {...}
```

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## Example of Shell's Sort



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omparisons used to sort subsequences by insertion sort.