CS61B Lecture #26

Today:

- Sorting algorithms: why?
- Insertion Sort.
- Inversions

Purposes of Sorting

- Sorting supports searching
- Binary search standard example
- Also supports other kinds of search:
  - Are there two equal items in this set?
  - Are there two items in this set that both have the same v
    property X?
  - What are my nearest neighbors?
- Used in numerous unexpected algorithms, such as convex hul
  est convex polygon enclosing set of points).

Some Definitions

- A *sorting algorithm* (or *sort*) *permutes* (re-arranges) a sequ
  elements to brings them into order, according to some *total*
- A total order, $\preceq$, is:
  - **Total:** $x \preceq y$ or $y \preceq x$ for all x, y.
  - **Reflexive:** $x \preceq x$;
  - **Antisymmetric:** $x \preceq y$ and $y \preceq x$ iff $x = y$.
  - **Transitive:** $x \preceq y$ and $y \preceq z$ implies $x \preceq z$.
- However, our orderings may treat unequal items as equivaler
  - E.g., there can be two dictionary definitions for the sam
    If we sort only by the word being defined (ignoring the
    tion), then sorting could put either entry first.
  - A sort that does not change the relative order of equiva
    tries (compared to the input) is called *stable.*

Classifications

- *Internal sorts* keep all data in primary memory.
- *External sorts* process large amounts of data in batches, what won't fit in secondary storage (in the old days, tapes).
- *Comparison-based* sorting assumes only thing we know about their order.
- *Radix sorting* uses more information about key structure.
- *Insertion sorting* works by repeatedly inserting items at t propriate positions in the sorted sequence being constructe
- *Selection sorting* works by repeatedly selecting the nex (smaller) item in order and adding it to one end of the sor quence being constructed.

Sorting Arrays of Primitive Types in the Java Lil

- The java library provides static methods to sort arrays in t java.util.Arrays.
- For each primitive type P other than boolean, there are

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

/** Sort elements FIRST .. END-1 of ARR into non-
 *  order. */
static void sort(P[] arr, int first, int end) { .

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 *  possibly using multiprocessing for speed. */
static void parallelSort(P[] arr) { ... }

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static <C extends Comparable<? super C>> sort(C[]
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etc.

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- ***A***: We want to allow types that have compareTo methods th also to more general types.

Sorting Lists in the Java Library

- The class `java.util.Collections` contains two methods si
  the sorting methods for arrays of reference types:

```
/** Sort all elements of LST stably into non-desc
 *  order. */
static <C extends Comparable<? super C>> sort(Lis
etc.

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static <R> void sort(List<R> , Comparator<? super
etc.
```

- Also an instance method in the `List<R>` interface itself:

```
/** Sort all elements of LST stably into non-desc
 *  order according to the ordering defined by CO
void sort(Comparator<? super R> comp) {...}
```

Examples

- Assume:

```
import static java.util.Arrays.*;
import static java.util.Collections.*;
```

- Sort `X`, a `String[]` or `List<String>`, into non-descending or

```
sort(X);     // or ...
```

- Sort `X` into reverse order (Java 8):

```
sort(X, (String x, String y) -> { return y.compar
// or
sort(X, Collections.reverseOrder());    // or
X.sort(Collections.reverseOrder());     // for X a
```

- Sort `X[10], ..., X[100]` in array or `List` `X` (rest unchange

```
sort(X, 10, 101);
```

- Sort `L[10], ..., L[100]` in list `L` (rest unchanged):

```
sort(L.sublist(10, 101));
```

Sorting by Insertion

- Simple idea:
  - starting with empty sequence of outputs.
  - add each item from input, *inserting* into output sequence
    point.
- Very simple, good for small sets of data.
- With vector or linked list, time for find + insert of one ite
  worst $\Theta(k)$, where k is # of outputs so far.
- This gives us a $\Theta(N^2)$ algorithm (worst case as usual).
- Can we say more?

Inversions

- Can run in $\Theta(N)$ comparisons if already sorted.
- Consider a typical implementation for arrays:

```
for (int i = 1; i < A.length; i += 1) {
  int j;
  Object x = A[i];
  for (j = i-1; j >= 0; j -= 1) {
    if (A[j].compareTo(x) <= 0)  /* (1) */
      break;
    A[j+1] = A[j];               /* (2) */
  }
  A[j+1] = x;
}
```

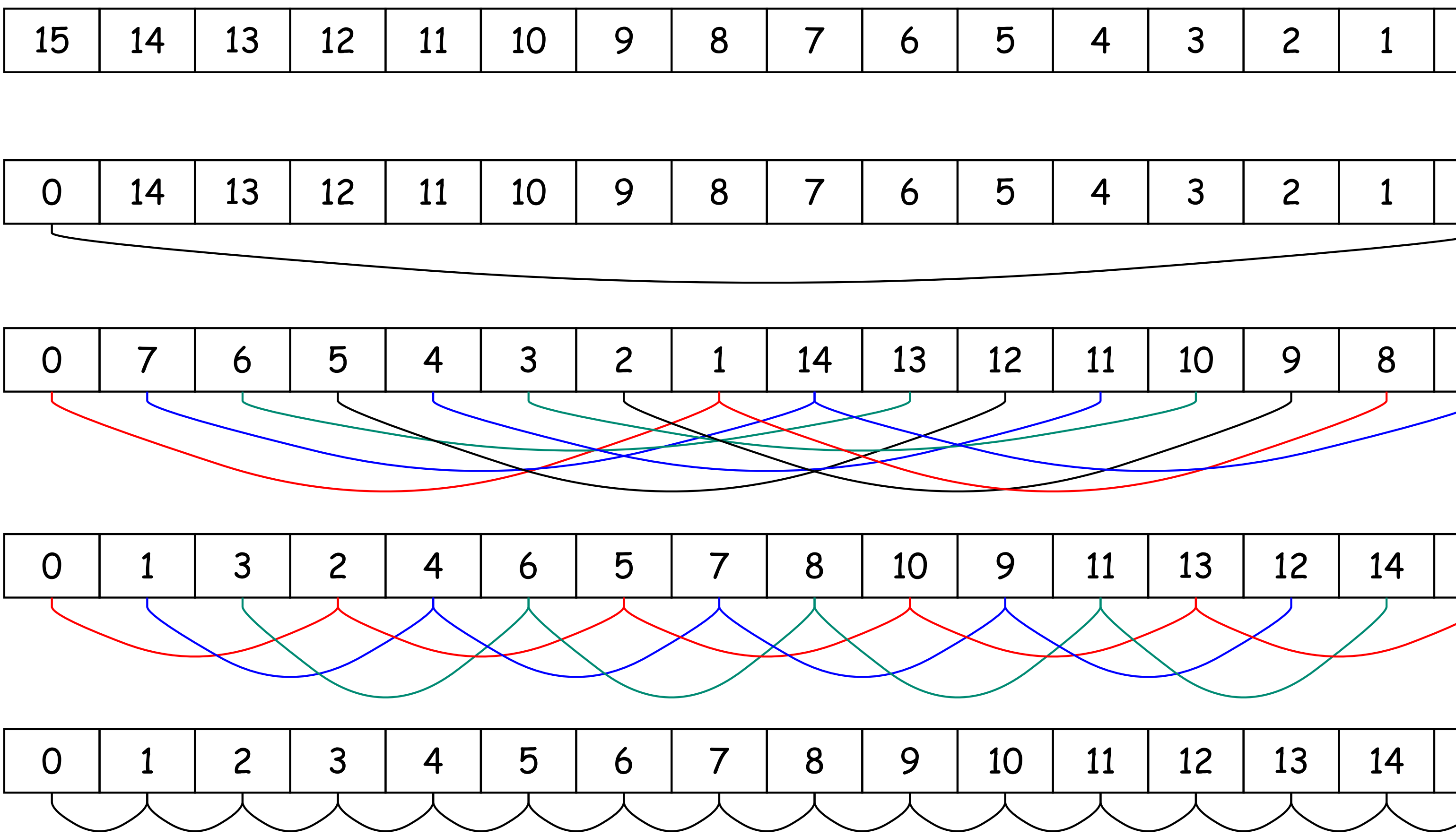
- #times (1) executes for each j $\approx$ how far x must move.
- If all items within K of proper places, then takes $O(KN)$ ope
- Thus good for any amount of *nearly sorted* data.
- One measure of unsortedness: # of *inversions:* pairs that
  of order (= 0 when sorted, $N(N-1)/2$ when reversed).
- Each execution of (2) decreases inversions by 1.

Shell's sort

Idea: Improve insertion sort by first sorting *distant* element

- First sort subsequences of elements $2^k - 1$ apart:
  - sort items #$0,\ 2^k - 1,\ 2(2^k - 1),\ 3(2^k - 1),\ \ldots$, then
  - sort items #$1,\ 1 + 2^k - 1,\ 1 + 2(2^k - 1),\ 1 + 3(2^k - 1),\ \ldots$
  - sort items #$2,\ 2 + 2^k - 1,\ 2 + 2(2^k - 1),\ 2 + 3(2^k - 1),\ \ldots$
  - *etc.*
  - sort items #$2^k - 2,\ 2(2^k - 1) - 1,\ 3(2^k - 1) - 1,\ \ldots$,
  - Each time an item moves, can reduce #inversions by as $2^k + 1$.
- Now sort subsequences of elements $2^{k-1} - 1$ apart:
  - sort items #$0,\ 2^{k-1} - 1,\ 2(2^{k-1} - 1),\ 3(2^{k-1} - 1),\ \ldots$, ther
  - sort items #$1,\ 1 + 2^{k-1} - 1,\ 1 + 2(2^{k-1} - 1),\ 1 + 3(2^{k-1} - 1$
  - $\vdots$
- End at plain insertion sort ($2^0 = 1$ apart), but with most inv gone.
- Sort is $\Theta(N^{3/2})$ (take CS170 for why!).

Example of Shell's Sort



I: Inversions left.

C: Cumulative comparisons used to sort subsequences by inserti