

PROGRAMMING AND DATA STRUCTURES

SORTING ALGORITHMS

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OUTLINE

- ◆ Sorting problem
- ◆ Types of sorting solutions
- ◆ Sorting algorithms
- ◆ Comparison of sorting algorithms

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this chapter, you should be able to:

- ▶ List the types and categories of sorting
- ▶ Implement different sorting algorithms
- ▶ Evaluate the complexity of the sorting algorithms
- ▶ Compare the sorting algorithms

Sorting problem

- ◆ Given a list of data items, arrange the list in an ascending or descending order
- ◆ Commonly used in computer science to organize objects based on one specific criterion
- ◆ Allows using the efficient binary search algorithm
- ◆ Sorting is more complex than searching

Sorting types



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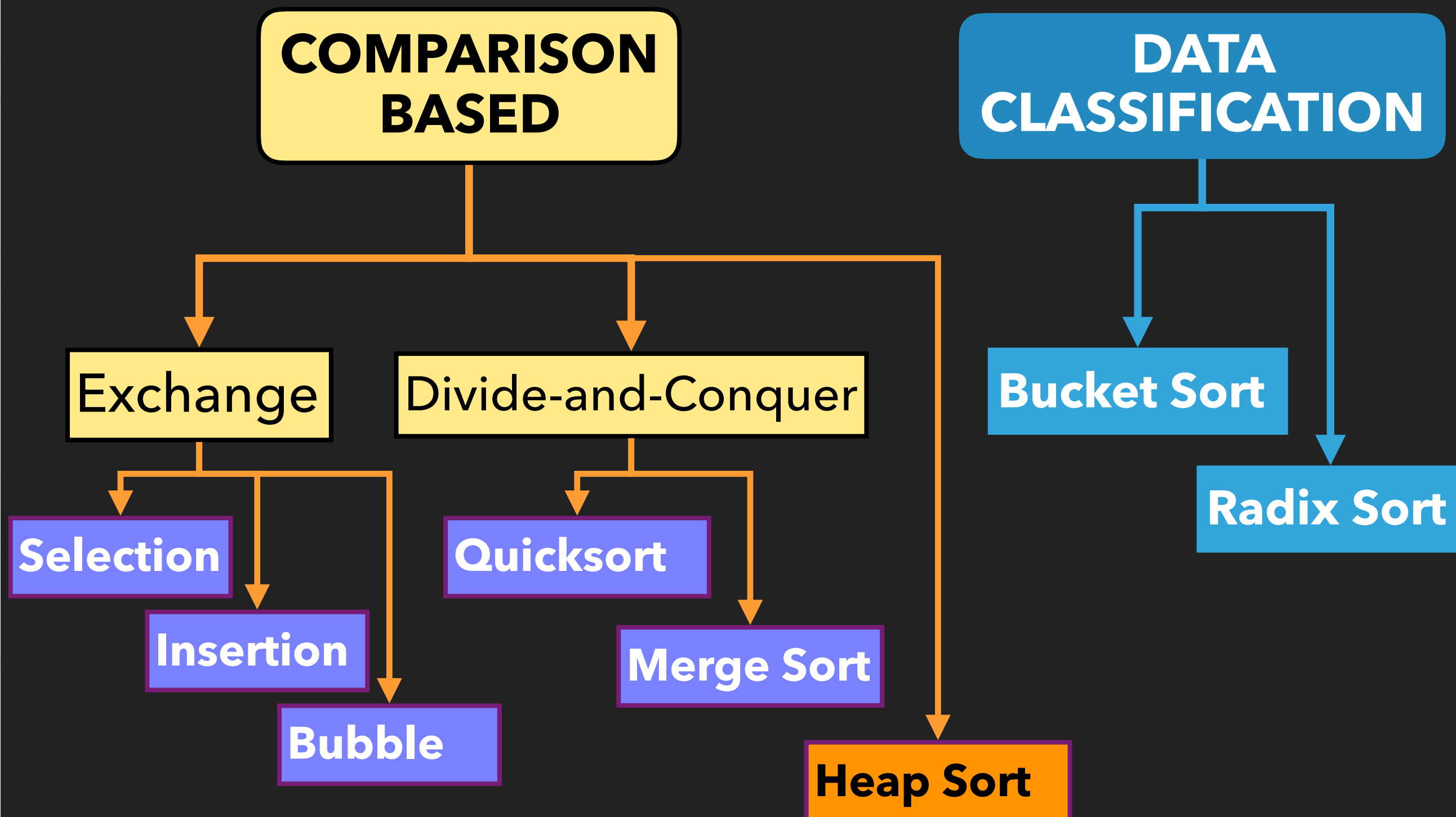
INTERNAL

Data is in memory
(RAM)

EXTERNAL

Data is in secondary memory
(Hard disk: Large Files)

Sorting categories



Selection Sort



Selection Sort Algorithm

Algorithm **selectionSort**

for every element i (N size of the list)

find the smallest element from i to $N-1$

swap element i with the smallest element

End

Selection Sort Algorithm

```
public static void selectionSort(int[] list) {  
    int minIndex;  
    for (int i=0; i<list.length-1; i++) {  
        int min = list[i];  
        minIndex = i;  
        for (int j=i; j<list.length; j++){  
            if (list[j] < min){  
                min = list[j];  
                minIndex = j;  
            }  
        }  
        int temp = list[i];  
        list[i] = list[minIndex];  
        list[minIndex] = temp;  
    }  
}
```

Selection Sort Algorithm

◆ Analyzing Selection Sort Complexity

Iteration 1 (outer loop)
(n) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration 2 (outer loop)
(n-1) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)
(n-k+1) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)
1 iteration (inner loop)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n) = n(n+1)/2$$

Selection Sort: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

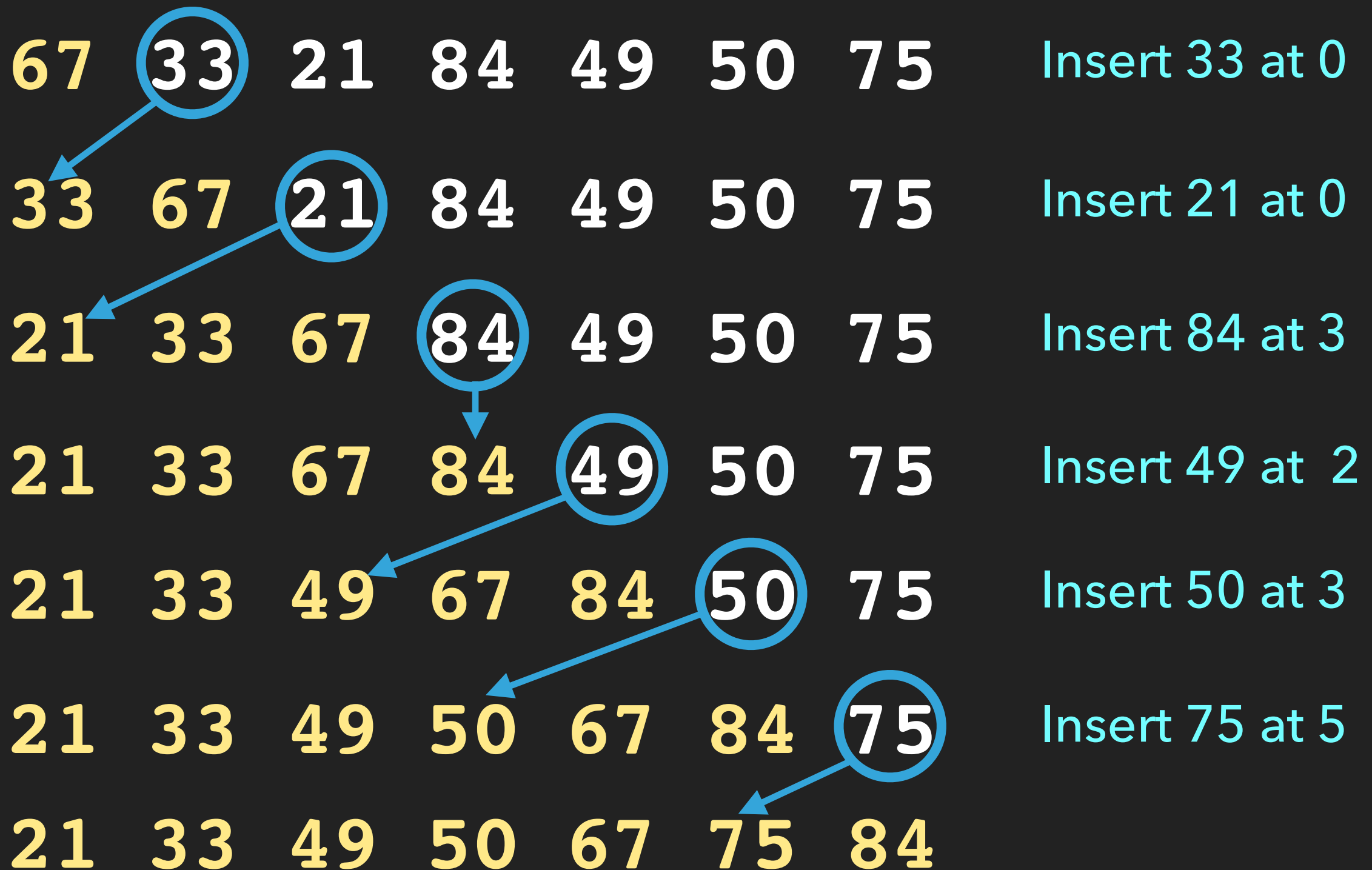
Selection Sort Algorithm

```
public static <E extends Comparable<E>>
    void selectionSort(E[] list) {
    int minIndex;
    for (int i=0; i<list.length-1; i++) {
        E min = list[i];
        minIndex = i;
        for (int j=i; j<list.length; j++){
            if (list[j].compareTo(min) < 0){
                min = list[j];
                minIndex = j;
            }
        }
        E temp = list[i];
        list[i] = list[minIndex];
        list[minIndex] = temp;
    }
}
```

Insertion Sort

- ◆ At each iteration, insert one element in the sorted partial list

Insertion Sort



Insertion Sort Algorithm

Algorithm **insertionSort**

for every element i

insert element i in the sorted list
(0 to i)

end for

End

Insertion Sort Algorithm

`insertionSort.java`

```
public static void insertionSort(int[] list) {  
    for (int i=1; i<list.length; i++) {  
        //Insert element i in the sorted sub-list  
        int currentVal = list[i];  
        int j = i;  
        while (j > 0 && currentVal < (list[j - 1]))  
        {  
            // Shift element (j-1) into element (j)  
            list[j] = list[j - 1];  
            j--;  
        }  
        // Insert currentVal at position j  
        list[j] = currentVal;  
    }  
}
```

Insertion Sort Algorithm

◆ Analyzing Insertion Sort Complexity

Iteration 1 (outer loop)

(1) iteration (inner loop)

Iteration 2 (outer loop)

(2) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)

(k) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)

n-1 iterations (inner loop)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

Insertion Sort: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

Bubble Sort

- ◆ At each iteration, exchange out of order pairs of elements until all elements are sorted
- ◆ Pushing the largest element to the end of the list

Bubble Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

Bubble Sort

67 **33** 21 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 **67** 21 84 49 50 75

Bubble Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

33 67 21 84 49 50 75

33 67 21 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

Bubble Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

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33 67 21 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75 In order - No swap

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

Bubble Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

33 67 21 84 49 50 75

33 67 21 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75

33 21 67 84 49 50 75 Out of order - swap

33 21 67 49 84 50 75

Bubble Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

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33 21 67 49 50 84 75

Out of order - swap

Bubble Sort

67	33	21	84	49	50	75
33	67	21	84	49	50	75
33	67	21	84	49	50	75
33	21	67	84	49	50	75
33	21	67	84	49	50	75
33	21	67	49	84	50	75
33	21	67	49	84	50	75
33	21	67	49	50	84	75
33	21	67	49	50	84	75
33	21	67	49	50	75	84

Pass 1
completed

Out of order - swap

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84 Out of order - swap

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84 In order - No swap

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84 Out of order - swap

21 33 49 67 50 75 84

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 49 67 50 75 84

21 33 49 67 50 75 84 Out of order - swap

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33 21 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

21 33 49 67 50 75 84

21 33 49 67 50 75 84

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

Bubble Sort

Pass 2

33	21	67	49	50	75	84
21	33	67	49	50	75	84
21	33	67	49	50	75	84
21	33	67	49	50	75	84
21	33	49	67	50	75	84
21	33	49	67	50	75	84
21	33	49	50	67	75	84
21	33	49	50	67	75	84

Pass 2 completed

Bubble Sort

Pass 3

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

21 33 49 50 67 75 84 In order - No swap

Pass 3 completed - No swaps - List sorted

Bubble Sort Algorithm

Algorithm **BubbleSort**

sorted = false

last = N-1 (N size of the array)

while (not sorted)

 sorted = true

 for i=0 to last-1

 if(list[i] > list[i+1])

 swap(list[i], list[i+1])

 sorted = false

 end if

 end for

 last = last - 1;;

end while

End

Bubble Sort Method

`bubbleSort.java`

```
public static void bubbleSort(int[] list) {  
    boolean sorted = false;  
    for (int k=1;  
        k < list.length && !sorted; k++) {  
        sorted = true;  
        for (int i=0; i<list.length-k; i++) {  
            if (list[i] > list[i+1]) {  
                // swap  
                int temp = list[i];  
                list[i] = list[i+1];  
                list[i+1] = temp;  
                sorted = false;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```


Bubble Sort Algorithm

◆ Analyzing Bubble Sort Complexity

Iteration 1 (outer loop)

(n-1) iteration (inner loop) to push the max

Iteration 2 (outer loop)

(n-2) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration k (outer loop)

(n-k) iterations (inner loop)

Iteration n-1 (outer loop)

1 iterations (inner loop)

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n-1) = n(n-1)/2$$

Bubble Sort: $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic growth

Comparison of Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Complexity	Performance Analysis
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	Simple Redundant Processing Worst: Same performance all the time
Bubble Sort	$O(n^2)$	Complex Inefficient for large sets Worst: Reversed list
Insertion Sort	$O(n^2)$	Lower overhead than selection and bubble sort Worst: Reversed list

Merge Sort

- ◆ Use divide-and-conquer strategy
- ◆ **Split** the list in halves recursively until obtaining lists with one element
- ◆ **Merge** the lists back in order

Merge Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

67 33 21

84 49 50 75

Split

67

33 21

84 49

50 75

Split

33

21

84

49

50

75

Split

Merge Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

67 21 33 49 84 50 75

Merge

21 33 67 49 50 75 84

Merge

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

Merge

Merge Sort Algorithm

Algorithm **MergeSort** (recursive)

Split array in two halves

MergeSort the first half

MergeSort the second half

Merge the two sorted halves

End

Merge Sort method

`mergeSort.java`

```
public static void mergeSort(int[] list) {  
    if (list.length > 1) { // ==1: base case  
        int[] firstHalf = new int[list.length/2];  
        int[] secondHalf = new int[list.length -  
                                    list.length/2];  
        System.arraycopy(list, 0, firstHalf, 0,  
                           list.length/2);  
        System.arraycopy(list, list.length/2,  
                           secondHalf, 0,  
                           list.length-list.length/2);  
        mergeSort(firstHalf);  
        mergeSort(secondHalf);  
        merge(firstHalf, secondHalf, list);  
    }  
}
```

Merge Sort method

mergeSort.java

```
public static void merge(int[] list1, int[] list2,
                        int[] list) {
    int list1Index = 0;
    int list2Index = 0;
    int listIndex = 0;
    while( list1Index < list1.length &&
           list2Index < list2.length) {
        if (list1[list1Index] < list2[list2Index])
            list[listIndex++] = list1[list1Index++];
        else
            list[listIndex++] = list2[list2Index++];
    }
    while(list1Index < list1.length)
        list[listIndex++] = list1[list1Index++];
    while(list2Index < list2.length)
        list[listIndex++] = list2[list2Index++];
}
```

Merge Sort Algorithm

◆ Analyzing Merge Sort time Complexity

Splitting the array in halves
($\log n$) iterations ($n/2^k = 1$)

Merging halves
(n) iterations (worst case)

Merge Sort: $O(n \log n)$ – Log Linear

Merge Sort Algorithm

◆ Analyzing Merge Sort space Complexity

Splitting the array in halves
 $n/2, n/4, n/8, \dots$

Total number of elements
 $(n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + \dots) \simeq n$

Merge Sort space complexity: $O(n)$

Quick Sort

- ◆ Use divide-and-conquer strategy
- ◆ **Divide** the list in two partially sorted parts using a **pivot**
 - ◆ Part 1: all elements less than the pivot
 - ◆ Part 2: all elements greater than the pivot
- ◆ Repeat **quickSort** recursively on each part

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75 pivot = 67

50 33 21 49 **67** **84 75**

List1

List2

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75 pivot = 67

50	33	21	49	67	84	75
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

List1

List2

49	21	33	50	67	75	84
----	----	----	----	----	----	----

List3

List4

pivot 1 = 50

pivot 2 = 84

Quick Sort

67 33 21 84 49 50 75

50	33	21	49	67	84	75
List1					List2	

49	33	21	50	67	75	84
List3				List4		

21	33	49	50	67	75	84
List5						

pivot 3 = 49

Quick Sort

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

List7

pivot 4 = 21

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

21 33 49 50 67 75 84

Sorted list

Quick Sort

Algorithm **QuickSort** (**recursive**)

Select a pivot

Partition array in two parts

Part1: Elements less than the pivot

Part2: Elements greater than the pivot

QuickSort(part1)

QuickSort(part2)

End

Quick Sort

`quickSort.java`

```
public static void quickSort(int[] list) {  
    quickSort(list, 0, list.length-1);  
}  
  
public static void quickSort(int[] list,  
                             int first, int last) {  
    if (last > first) {  
        int pivotIndex = partition(list, first, last);  
        quickSort(list, first, pivotIndex-1);  
        quickSort(list, pivotIndex+1, last);  
    }  
}
```

Quick Sort

`quickSort.java`

```
public static int partition(int list[],
                           int first, int last){
    int pivot;
    int index, pivotIndex;
    pivot = list[first]; // pivot is the first element
    pivotIndex = first;
    for (index = first + 1;
         index <= last; index++)
        if (list[index] < pivot){
            pivotIndex++;
            swap(list, pivotIndex, index);
        }
    swap(list, first, pivotIndex);
    return pivotIndex;
}
```


Quick Sort

◆ Analyzing Quick Sort Complexity

Partitioning the array in \sim halves
($\log n$) iterations (average)

Arranging elements around the pivot
(n) iterations – worst case

Quick Sort: average case

$O(n \log n)$ – Log Linear

Quick Sort

◆ Analyzing Quick Sort Complexity

Partitioning the array not in halves
(n) iterations – worst case

Arranging elements around the pivot
(n) iterations – worst case

Quick Sort: worst case – $O(n^2)$ – Quadratic

Quick Sort

- ◆ How to select the pivot?
- ◆ Original data is random,
pivot = first element
- ◆ Original data partially sorted, use
“middle of the three” rule (median of
first, middle, and last)

Heap Sort

- ◆ Uses a binary heap (complete binary tree)
- ◆ Data is inserted in the heap then removed in order

Heap Sort

- ◆ Sorting using the heap data structure
 - ◆ Add the data to be sorted to the heap using **add()** method
 - ◆ Remove the elements from the heap using **remove()** method (elements are removed in descending order)

Heap Sort

`heapSort.java`

```
public static <E extends Comparable<E>>
    void heapSort(E[] list) {
        Heap<E> heap = new Heap<>();
        for(int i=0; i<list.length; i++){
            heap.add(list[i]);
        }
        for (int i=list.length-1; i>=0; i--) {
            list[i] = heap.remove();
        }
    }
```

Heap Sort

◆ Analyzing Heap Sort Time Complexity

add() method – $O(\log n)$

Trace path from a leaf to root

remove() method – $O(\log n)$

Trace path from the root to a leaf

add() and remove() are called **n** times
to create the heap and to get the
sorted data – **$O(n)$**

Heap Sort: Worst case

$O(n \log n)$ – Log Linear

Heap Sort

◆ Analyzing Heap Sort Space Complexity

Heap with n nodes required to sort the array list

Heap Sort space complexity: $O(n)$

Merge/Quick/Heap Sort

	Merge Sort	Quick Sort	Heap Sort
Type	Divide and Conquer Recursive	Divide and Conquer Recursive	Complete Binary Tree
Main task	Merging $O(n)$	Partitioning $O(n)$	Adding/removing nodes to/from heap
Time Complexity	Worst case: $O(n \log n)$	Average: $O(n \log n)$ Worst case: $O(n^2)$	Worst case: $O(n \log n)$
Space Complexity	Temporary arrays $O(n)$	No additional space	Heap data structure $O(n)$

Summary

- ◆ Quadratic sorting algorithms
 - ◆ Selection - Insertion - Bubble
- ◆ Log Linear sorting algorithms
 - ◆ Merge sort - Quick sort - Heap sort
- ◆ Other sorting algorithms (~linear)
 - ◆ Bucket and Radix sort

Summary

- ◆ Sorting algorithms are general - work for any type of data
- ◆ Sorting criterion defined in method **compareTo()** or **compare()**
- ◆ Comparison based sorting cannot perform better than **$O(n \log n)$**

Summary

- ◆ Can we do sorting without comparisons?
- ◆ Can sorting be performed in less than $O(n \log n)$?
- ◆ If data is classified based of its own value with no comparisons - **Bucket Sort / Radix Sort**

Summary

	Quadratic	Log Linear			Linear		
Sorting Algorithm	Selection Insertion Bubble Sort	Merge Sort	Quick Sort	Heap Sort	Bucket Sort (t buckets)	Radix Sort (d digits)	External Merge Sort
Type	Exchange	Divide and Conquer		Binary Tree	Data Classification		Divide and Conquer
Time	$O(n^2)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$ to $O(n^2)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n+t)$	$O(d.n)$	$O(n \log n)$
Space	No additional space	Require temporary array $O(n)$	No additional space	Heap $O(n)$	Require buckets		Require temporary files $O(n)$