Sorting
Chapter 7 in Weiss

CSE 326
Data Structures
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Today's Outline

- **Announcements**
  - **Written Homework #6 due Friday 2/26 at the beginning of lecture**
  - **Project 3 Code due Mon March 1 by 11pm**
- **Today's Topics:**
  - **Sorting**

Why Sort?

Sorting: *The* Big *Picture*

Given *n* comparable elements in an array, sort them in an increasing (or decreasing) order.

Simple algorithms: $O(n^2)$	Fancier algorithms: $O(n \log n)$	Comparison lower bound: $\Omega(n \log n)$	Specialized algorithms: $O(n)$	Handling huge data sets
Insertion sort Selection sort Bubble sort Shell sort …	Heap sort Merge sort Quick sort …		Bucket sort Radix sort	External sorting

Insertion Sort: Idea

- At the k^{th} step, put the k^{th} input element in the correct place among the first k elements
- **Result**: After the k^{th} step, the first k elements are sorted.

Runtime:
worst case :
best case :
average case :

Selection Sort: Idea

- Find **the** smallest element, put it 1st
- Find **the** next smallest element, put it 2nd
- Find **the** next smallest, put it 3rd
- And so on …

Student Activity

```
Mystery(int array a[]) {
  for (int p = 1; p < length; p++) {
     int tmp = a[p];
     for (int j = p; j > 0 && tmp < a[j-1]; j--)
          a[j] = a[j-1];
     a[j] = tmp;
  }
}
```

What sort is this?

What is its running time?
Best?
Avg?
Worst?

Selection Sort: Code

```
void SelectionSort (Array a[0..n-1]) {
     for (i=0, i<n; ++i) {
          j = Find index of smallest entry in a[i..n-1]
          Swap(a[i],a[j])
     }
}
```

Runtime:
worst case :
best case :
average case :

Divide and conquer

- A common and important technique in algorithms
  - Divide problem into parts
  - Solve parts
  - Merge solutions

Divide and Conquer Sorting

- MergeSort:
  - Divide array into two halves
  - Recursively sort left and right halves
  - Merge halves
- QuickSort:
  - Partition array into small items and large items
  - Recursively sort the two smaller portions

Merge Sort

```
MergeSort (Array [1..n])
1. Split Array in half
2. Recursively sort each half
3. Merge two halves together
```

"The 2-pointer method"

```
Merge (a1[1..n],a2[1..n])
i1=1, i2=1
While (i1<n, i2<n) {
     if (a1[i1] < a2[i2]) {
          Next is a1[i1]
          i1++
     } else {
          Next is a2[i2]
          i2++
     }
}
Now throw in the dregs…
```


Merge Sort: Complexity

Auxiliary array

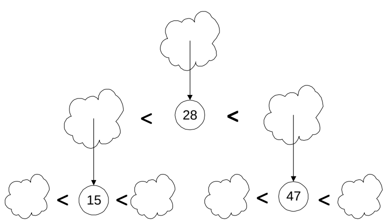
- The merging requires an auxiliary array

2	4	8	9	1	3	5	6

Quicksort

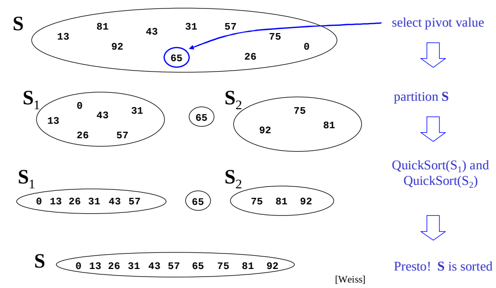
- Uses divide and conquer
- Doesn't require O(N) extra space like MergeSort
- Partition into left and right
  - Left less than pivot
  - Right greater than pivot
- Recursively sort left and right
- Concatenate left and right

Quick Sort



1. Pick a "pivot"
2. Divide into less-than & greater-than pivot
3. Sort each side recursively

The steps of QuickSort



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Selecting the pivot

- Ideas?

QuickSort Example

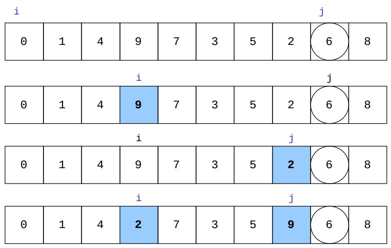
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8	1	4	9	**0**	3	5	2	7	**6**

0	1	4	9	7	3	5	2	6	8
i								j	

•Choose the pivot as the median of three.

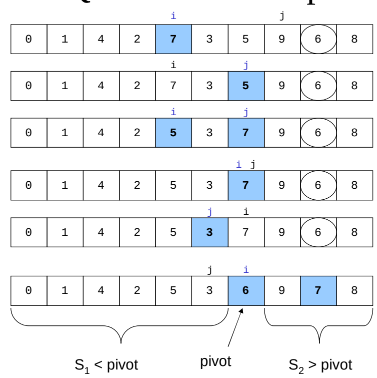
•Place the pivot and the largest at the right and the smallest at the left

QuickSort Example



- Move i to the right to be larger than pivot.
- Move j to the left to be smaller than pivot.
- Swap

QuickSort Example



Recursive Quicksort

```
Quicksort(A[]: integer array, left,right : integer): {
pivotindex : integer;
if left + CUTOFF ≤ right then
  pivot := median3(A,left,right);
  pivotindex := Partition(A,left,right-1,pivot);
  Quicksort(A, left, pivotindex – 1);
  Quicksort(A, pivotindex + 1, right);
else
  Insertionsort(A,left,right);
}
```

Don't use quicksort for small arrays.
CUTOFF = 10 is reasonable.

Student Activity

Recurrence Relations

Write the recurrence relation for QuickSort:

- Best Case:
- Worst Case:

QuickSort: <u>Best</u> case complexity

QuickSort: <u>Worst</u> case complexity

QuickSort:
Average case complexity

Turns out to be O(n log n)

See Section 7.7.5 for an idea of the proof.
Don't need to know proof details for this course.

Quicksort Complexity

- Worst case: O(n^2)
- Best case: O(n log n)
- Average Case: O(n log n)

Mergesort and massive data

- MergeSort is the basis of massive sorting
- Quicksort and Heapsort both jump all over the array, leading to expensive random disk accesses
- Mergesort scans linearly through arrays, leading to (relatively) efficient sequential disk access
- In-memory sorting of reasonable blocks can be combined with larger mergesorts
- Mergesort can leverage multiple disks

Features of Sorting Algorithms

- In-place
  - Sorted items occupy the same space as the original items. (No copying required, only O(1) extra space if any.)
- Stable
  - Items in input with the same value end up in the same order as when they began.

How fast can we sort?

- Heapsort, Mergesort, and Quicksort all run in O(N log N) best case running time
- Can we do any better?
- No, if the basic action is a comparison.

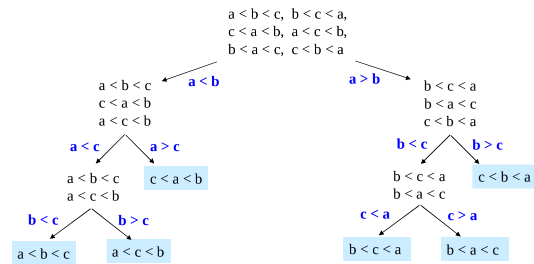
Sorting Model

- Recall our basic assumption: we can only compare two elements at a time
  - we can only reduce the possible solution space by half each time we make a comparison
- Suppose you are given N elements
  - Assume no duplicates
- How many possible orderings can you get?
  - Example: a, b, c (N = 3)

Permutations

- How many possible orderings can you get?
  - Example: a, b, c (N = 3)
  - (a b c), (a c b), (b a c), (b c a), (c a b), (c b a)
  - 6 orderings = 3·2·1 = 3! (ie, "3 factorial")
  - All the possible permutations of a set of 3 elements
- For N elements
  - N choices for the first position, (N-1) choices for the second position, …, (2) choices, 1 choice
  - N(N-1)(N-2)⋯(2)(1)= N! possible orderings

Decision Tree



The leaves contain all the possible orderings of a, b, c

Student Activity

Lower bound on Height

- A binary tree of height h has **at most** *how many* leaves?

  L [ ] [ ]
- A binary tree with L leaves has height **at least**:

  h [ ] [ ]
- The decision tree has how many leaves: [ ]
- So the decision tree has height:

  h [ ] [ ]

$\log(N!)$ is $\Omega(N\log N)$

$$\log(N!) = \log\big(N\cdot(N-1)\cdot(N-2)\cdots(2)\cdot(1)\big)$$
$$= \log N + \log(N-1) + \log(N-2) + \cdots + \log 2 + \log 1$$
$$\geq \log N + \log(N-1) + \log(N-2) + \cdots + \log\frac{N}{2}$$
$$\geq \frac{N}{2}\log\frac{N}{2}$$
$$\geq \frac{N}{2}(\log N - \log 2) = \frac{N}{2}\log N - \frac{N}{2}$$
$$= \Omega(N\log N)$$

select just the first N/2 terms

each of the selected terms is ≥ logN/2

Ω(N log N)

- Run time of any comparison-based sorting algorithm is **Ω(N log N)**
- Can we do better if we don't use comparisons?

BucketSort (aka BinSort)

If all values to be sorted are *known* to be between 1 and *K*, create an array `count` of size *K*, **increment** counts while traversing the input, and finally output the result.

Example *K*=5. Input = (5,1,3,4,3,2,1,1,5,4,5)

`count` array	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Running time to sort n items?

BucketSort Complexity: O(*n*+*K*)

- Case 1: *K* is a constant
  - BinSort is linear time
- Case 2: *K* is variable
  - Not simply linear time
- Case 3: *K* is constant but large (e.g. 2^{32})
  - ???

Fixing impracticality: RadixSort

- Radix = “The base of a number system”
  - We’ll use 10 for convenience, but could be anything
- Idea: BucketSort on each **digit**, least significant to most significant (lsd to msd)

Radix Sort Example (1st pass)

Input data: 478, 537, 9, 721, 3, 38, 123, 67

Bucket sort by 1’s digit

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	721		3 123				537 67	478 38	9

After 1st pass: 721, 3, 123, 537, 67, 478, 38, 9

This example uses B=10 and base 10 digits for simplicity of demonstration. Larger bucket counts should be used in an actual implementation.

Radix Sort Example (2nd pass)

After 1st pass: 721, 3, 123, 537, 67, 478, 38, 9

Bucket sort by 10’s digit

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
03 09		721 123	537 38			67	478		

After 2nd pass: 3, 9, 721, 123, 537, 38, 67, 478

Radix Sort Example (3rd pass)

After 2nd pass: 3, 9, 721, 123, 537, 38, 67, 478

Bucket sort by 100’s digit

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
003 009 038 067	123			478	537		721		

After 3rd pass: 3, 9, 38, 67, 123, 478, 537, 721

Invariant: after k passes the low order k digits are sorted.

Student Activity

RadixSort

- Input:126, 328, 636, 341, 416, 131, 328

BucketSort on lsd:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

BucketSort on next-higher digit:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

BucketSort on msd:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Radixsort: Complexity

- How many passes?
- How much work per pass?
- Total time?
- Conclusion?
- In practice
  - RadixSort only good for large number of elements with relatively small values
  - Hard on the cache compared to MergeSort/QuickSort

Internal versus External Sorting

- Need sorting algorithms that minimize disk/tape access time
- **External sorting** – Basic Idea:
  - Load chunk of data into RAM, sort, store this "run" on disk/tape
  - Use the Merge routine from Mergesort to merge runs
  - Repeat until you have only one run (one sorted chunk)
  - Text gives some examples