

## Sorting

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## Today's Outline

- **Announcements:**
- **Today's Topics:**
  - › **Sorting (Weiss, Chapter 7)**
  - › Sections 7.1-7.3 and 7.5
  - › Section 7.6, Mergesort
  - › Section 7.7, Quicksort

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## Sorting

- Input
  - › an **array A** of data records (Note: we have seen how to sort when elements are in linked lists: Mergesort)
  - › a **key value** in each data record
  - › a **comparison function** which imposes a consistent ordering on the keys (e.g., integers)
- Output
  - › reorganize the elements of A such that
    - For any  $i$  and  $j$ , if  $i < j$  then  $A[i] \leq A[j]$

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## Space

- How much space does the sorting algorithm require in order to sort the collection of items?
  - › Is copying needed?  $O(n)$  additional space
  - › In-place sorting – no copying –  $O(1)$  additional space
  - › Somewhere in between for “temporary”, e.g.  $O(\log n)$  space
  - › External memory sorting – data so large that does not fit in memory

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## Time

- How fast is the algorithm?
  - › The definition of a sorted array A says that for any  $i < j$ ,  $A[i] < A[j]$
  - › This means that you need to at least check on each element at the very minimum, i.e., at least  $O(N)$
  - › And you could end up checking each element against every other element, which is  $O(N^2)$
  - › The big question is: How close to  $O(N)$  can you get?

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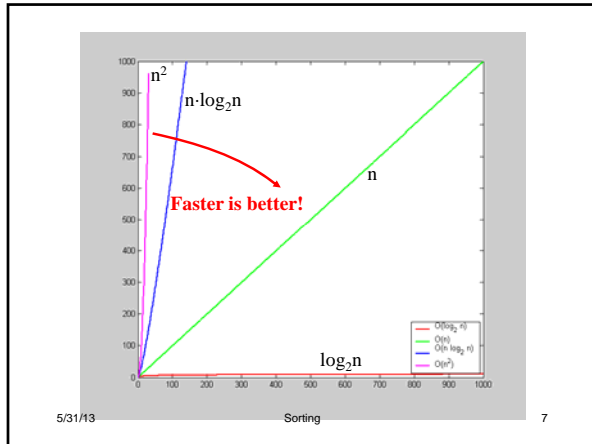
## Stability

- **Stability:** Does it rearrange the order of input data records which have the same key value (duplicates)?
  - › E.g. Phone book sorted by name. Now sort by county – is the list still sorted by name within each county?
  - › Extremely important property for databases
  - › A **stable sorting algorithm** is one which does not rearrange the order of duplicate keys

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## Bubble Sort

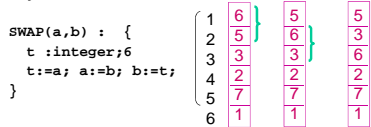
- “Bubble” elements to their proper place in the array by comparing elements  $i$  and  $i+1$ , and swapping if  $A[i] > A[i+1]$ 
  - › Bubble every element towards its correct position
    - last position has the largest element
    - then bubble every element except the last one towards its correct position
    - then repeat until done or until the end of the quarter, whichever comes first ...

## Bubblesort

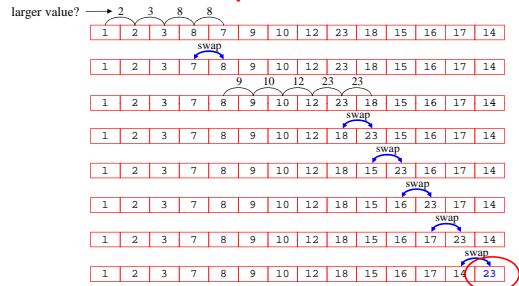
```

bubble(A[1..n]: integer array, n : integer): {
  i, j : integer;
  for i = 1 to n-1 do
    for j = 2 to n-i+1 do
      if A[j-1] > A[j] then SWAP(A[j-1],A[j]);
    }
}

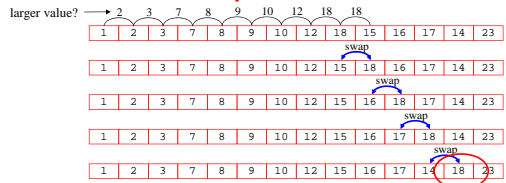
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## Put the largest element in its place



## Put 2<sup>nd</sup> largest element in its place



Two elements done, only  $n-2$  more to go ...

## Bubble Sort: Just Say No

- “Bubble” elements to their proper place in the array by comparing elements  $i$  and  $i+1$ , and swapping if  $A[i] > A[i+1]$
- We bubble for  $i=1$  to  $n$  (i.e.,  $n$  times)
- Each bubble is a loop that makes  $n-i$  comparisons
- This is  $O(n^2)$

## Insertion Sort

- What if first  $k$  elements of array are already sorted?
  - › [4, 7, 12, 5](#), 19, 16
- We can shift the tail of the sorted elements list down and then *insert* next element into proper position and we get  $k+1$  sorted elements
  - › [4, 5, 7, 12](#), 19, 16

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## Insertion Sort

```

InsertionSort(A[1..N]: integer array, N: integer) {
  i, j, temp: integer;
  for i = 2 to N {
    temp := A[i];
    j := i;
    while j > 1 and A[j-1] > temp {
      A[j] := A[j-1]; j := j-1;
    }
    A[j] = temp;
  }
}
    
```



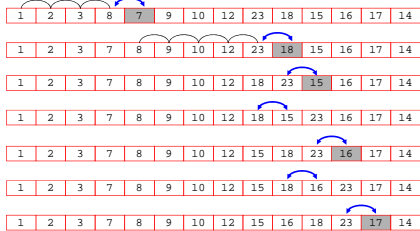
- Is Insertion sort in place?
- Running time = ?

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## Example

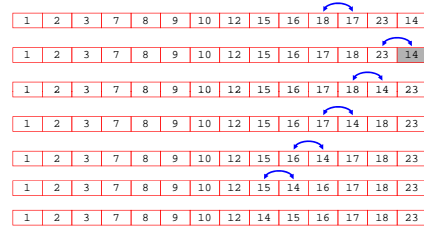


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## Example



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## Insertion Sort Characteristics

- In place and Stable
- Running time
  - › Worst case is  $O(N^2)$ 
    - reverse order input
    - must copy every element every time
- Good sorting algorithm for almost sorted data
  - › Each item is close to where it belongs in sorted order.

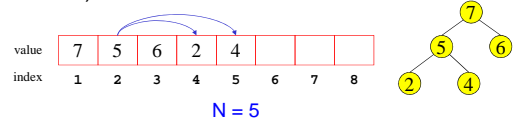
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## Heap Sort

- We use a Max-Heap
- Root node =  $A[1]$
- Children of  $A[i] = A[2i], A[2i+1]$
- Keep track of current size  $N$  (number of nodes)



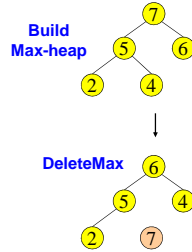
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## Using Binary Heaps for Sorting

- Build a [max-heap](#)
- Do  $N$  [DeleteMax](#) operations and store each Max element as it comes out of the heap
- Data comes out in largest to smallest order
- Where can we put the elements as they are removed from the heap?



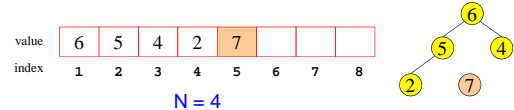
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## 1 Removal = 1 Addition

- Every time we do a [DeleteMax](#), the heap gets smaller by one node, and we have one more node to store
  - › Store the data at the end of the heap array
  - › Not "in the heap" but it is in the heap array

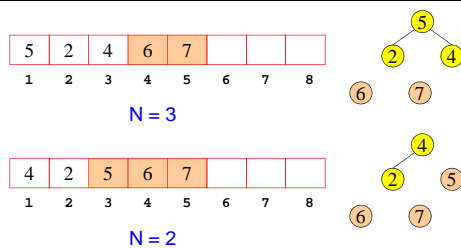


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## Repeated DeleteMax



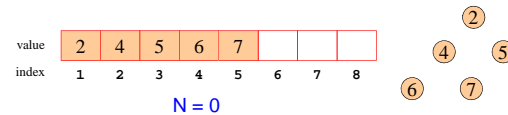
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## Heap Sort is In-place

- After all the [DeleteMax](#)s, the heap is gone but the array is full and is in sorted order



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## Heapsort: Analysis

- Running time
  - › time to [build](#) max-heap is  $O(N)$
  - › time for  $N$  [DeleteMax](#) operations is  $N O(\log N)$
  - › total time is  $O(N \log N)$
- Can also show that running time is  $\Omega(N \log N)$  for some inputs,
  - › so *worst case* is  $\Theta(N \log N)$
  - › *Average case* running time is also  $O(N \log N)$
- Heapsort is [in-place](#) but [not stable](#) (why?)

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## "Divide and Conquer"

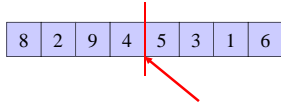
- Very important strategy in computer science:
  - › Divide problem into smaller parts
  - › Independently solve the parts
  - › Combine these solutions to get overall solution
- **Idea 1**: Divide array into two halves, *recursively* sort left and right halves, then *merge* two halves  $\rightarrow$  [Mergesort](#)
- **Idea 2**: Partition array into items that are "small" and items that are "large", then *recursively* sort the two sets  $\rightarrow$  [Quicksort](#)

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## Mergesort



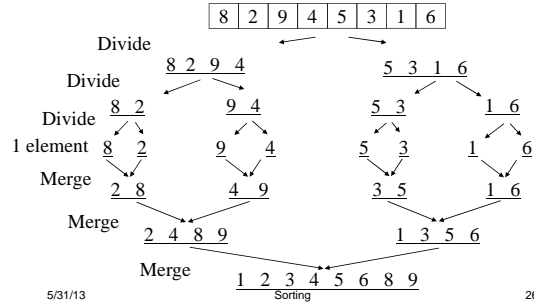
- Divide it in two at the midpoint
- Conquer each side in turn (by recursively sorting)
- Merge two halves together

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## Mergesort Example



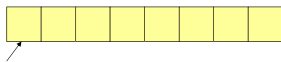
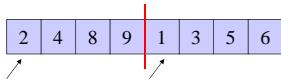
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## Auxiliary Array

- The merging requires an auxiliary array.



Auxiliary array

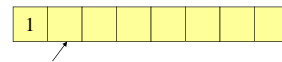
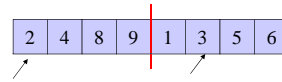
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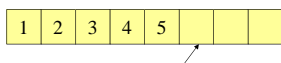
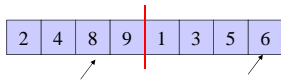
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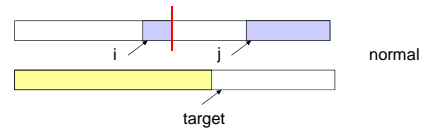
Auxiliary array

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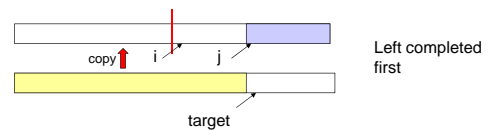
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## Merging



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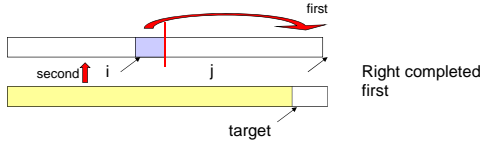
Left completed first

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## Merging



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## Merging Algorithm

```

Merge(A[], T[] : integer array, left, right : integer) : {
    mid, i, j, k, l, target : integer;
    mid := (right + left)/2;
    i := left; j := mid + 1; target := left;
    while i <= mid and j <= right do
        if A[i] <= A[j] then T[target] := A[i]; i := i + 1;
        else T[target] := A[j]; j := j + 1;
        target := target + 1;
    if i > mid then //left completed//
        for k := left to target-1 do A[k] := T[k];
    if j > right then //right completed//
        k := mid; l := right;
        while k >= i do A[l] := A[k]; k := k-1; l := l-1;
        for k := left to target-1 do A[k] := T[k];
}
    
```

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## Recursive Mergesort

```

Mergesort(A[], T[] : integer array, left, right : integer) : {
    if left < right then
        mid := (left + right)/2;
        Mergesort(A,T,left,mid);
        Mergesort(A,T,mid+1,right);
        Merge(A,T,left,right);
}

MainMergesort(A[1..n]: integer array, n : integer) : {
    T[1..n]: integer array;
    Mergesort[A,T,1,n];
}
    
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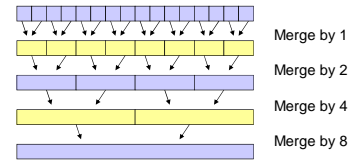
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## Iterative Mergesort

uses 2 arrays;  
alternates  
between them

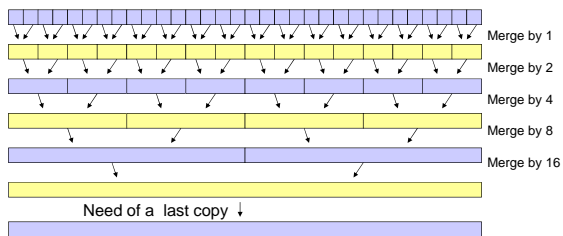


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## Iterative Mergesort



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## Iterative Mergesort

```

IterativeMergesort(A[1..n]: integer array, n : integer) : {
    //precondition: n is a power of 2//
    i, m, parity : integer;
    T[1..n]: integer array;
    m := 2; parity := 0;
    while m <= n do
        for i = 1 to n - m + 1 by m do
            if parity = 0 then Merge(A,T,i,i+m-1);
            else Merge(T,A,i,i+m-1);
            parity := 1 - parity;
            m := 2*m;
        if parity = 1 then
            for i = 1 to n do A[i] := T[i];
    }
    
```

How do you handle non-powers of 2?  
How can the final copy be avoided?

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## Mergesort Analysis

- Let  $T(N)$  be the running time for an array of  $N$  elements
- Mergesort divides array in half and calls itself on the two halves. After returning, it merges both halves using a temporary array
- Each recursive call takes  $T(N/2)$  and merging takes  $O(N)$

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## Mergesort Recurrence Relation

- The recurrence relation for  $T(N)$  is:
  - ›  $T(1) \leq a$ 
    - base case: 1 element array  $\rightarrow$  constant time
  - ›  $T(N) \leq 2T(N/2) + bN$ 
    - Sorting  $N$  elements takes
      - the time to sort the left half
      - plus the time to sort the right half
      - plus an  $O(N)$  time to merge the two halves
- $T(N) = O(n \log n)$

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## Properties of Mergesort

- Not in-place
  - › Requires an auxiliary array ( $O(n)$  extra space)
- Stable
  - › Make sure that left is sent to target on equal values.
- Iterative Mergesort reduces copying.

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## Quicksort

- Quicksort uses a divide and conquer strategy, but does not require the  $O(N)$  extra space that MergeSort does
  - › Partition array into left and right sub-arrays
    - Choose an element of the array, called *pivot*
    - the elements in left sub-array are all less than pivot
    - elements in right sub-array are all greater than pivot
  - › Recursively sort left and right sub-arrays
  - › Concatenate left and right sub-arrays in  $O(1)$  time

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## “Four easy steps”

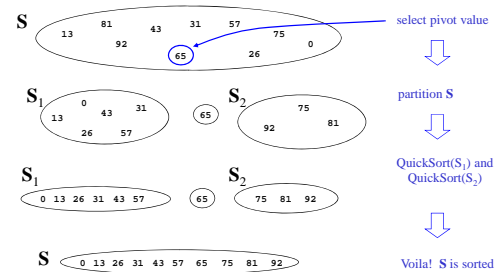
- To sort an array  $S$ 
  1. If the number of elements in  $S$  is 0 or 1, then return. The array is sorted.
  2. Pick an element  $v$  in  $S$ . This is the *pivot* value.
  3. Partition  $S - \{v\}$  into two disjoint subsets,  $S_1 = \{\text{all values } x \leq v\}$ , and  $S_2 = \{\text{all values } x \geq v\}$ .
  4. Return  $\text{QuickSort}(S_1), v, \text{QuickSort}(S_2)$

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## The steps of QuickSort



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## Details, details

- Implementing the actual partitioning
- Picking the pivot
  - › want a value that will cause  $|S_1|$  and  $|S_2|$  to be non-zero, and close to equal in size if possible
- Dealing with cases where the element equals the pivot

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## Quicksort Partitioning

- Need to partition the array into left and right sub-arrays
  - › the elements in left sub-array are  $\leq$  pivot
  - › elements in right sub-array are  $\geq$  pivot
- How do the elements get to the correct partition?
  - › Choose an element from the array as the pivot
  - › Make one pass through the rest of the array and swap as needed to put elements in partitions

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## Partitioning: Choosing the pivot

- One implementation (there are others)
  - › median3 finds pivot and sorts left, center, right
    - Median3 takes the median of leftmost, middle, and rightmost elements
    - An alternative is to choose the pivot randomly (need a random number generator; "expensive")
    - Another alternative is to choose the first element (but can be very bad. Why?)
  - › Swap pivot with next to last element

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## Partitioning in-place

- › Set pointers  $i$  and  $j$  to start and end of array
- › Increment  $i$  until you hit element  $A[i] >$  pivot
- › Decrement  $j$  until you hit element  $A[j] <$  pivot
- › Swap  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$
- › Repeat until  $i$  and  $j$  cross
- › Swap pivot (at  $A[N-2]$ ) with  $A[i]$

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## Example

Choose the pivot as the median of three

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

Median of 0, 6, 8 is 6. Pivot is 6

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

Place the largest at the right and the smallest at the left.  
Swap pivot with next to last element.

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## Example

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Move  $i$  to the right up to  $A[i]$  larger than pivot.  
Move  $j$  to the left up to  $A[j]$  smaller than pivot.  
Swap

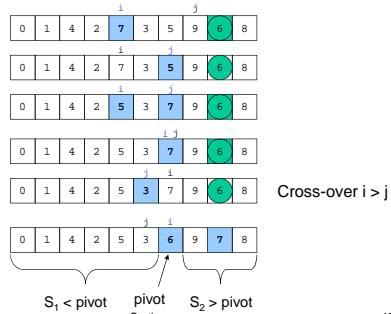
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## Example



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## Recursive Quicksort

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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.

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## Quicksort Best Case Performance

- Algorithm always chooses best pivot and splits sub-arrays in half at each recursion
  - $T(0) = T(1) = O(1)$ 
    - constant time if 0 or 1 element
  - For  $N > 1$ , 2 recursive calls plus linear time for partitioning
  - $T(N) = 2T(N/2) + O(N)$ 
    - Same recurrence relation as Mergesort
  - $T(N) = O(N \log N)$

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## Quicksort Worst Case Performance

- Algorithm always chooses the worst pivot – one sub-array is empty at each recursion
  - $T(N) \leq a$  for  $N \leq C$
  - $T(N) \leq T(N-1) + bN$
  - $\leq T(N-2) + b(N-1) + bN$
  - $\leq T(C) + b(C+1) + \dots + bN$
  - $\leq a + b(C + (C+1) + (C+2) + \dots + N)$
  - $T(N) = O(N^2)$
- Fortunately, *average case performance* is  $O(N \log N)$  (see text for proof)

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## Properties of Quicksort

- Not stable because of long distance swapping.
- No iterative version (without using a stack).
- Pure quicksort not good for small arrays.
- “In-place”, but uses auxiliary storage because of recursive call ( $O(\log n)$  space).
- $O(n \log n)$  average case performance, but  $O(n^2)$  worst case performance.

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## Folklore

- “Quicksort is the best in-memory sorting algorithm.”
- Truth
  - Quicksort uses very few comparisons on average.
  - Quicksort does have good performance in the memory hierarchy.
    - Small footprint
    - Good locality

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