

# Fundamental Algorithms

## Chapter 2: Sorting

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# Part I

## Simple Sorts

# The Sorting Problem

## Definition

Sorting is required to order a given sequence of elements, or more precisely:

**Input** : a sequence of  $n$  elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

**Output** : a permutation (reordering)  $a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n$  of the input sequence, such that  $a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \dots \leq a'_n$ .

- we will assume the elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  to be integers (or any element/data type on which a total order  $\leq$  is defined)
- a sorting algorithm may output the permuted data or also the permuted set of indices

# Insertion Sort

## Idea: sorting by inserting

- successively generate ordered sequences of the first  $j$  numbers:  
 $j = 1, j = 2, \dots, j = n$
- in each step,  $j \rightarrow j + 1$ , one additional integer has to be inserted into an already ordered sequence

## Data Structures:

- an array  $A[1..n]$  that contains the sequence  $a_1$  (in  $A[1]$ ),  $\dots$ ,  $a_n$  (in  $A[n]$ ).
- numbers are sorted **in place**:  
output sequence will be stored in  $A$  itself  
(hence, content of  $A$  is changed)



# Insertion Sort – Implementation

```
InsertionSort(A:Array[1..n]) {  
  
  for j from 2 to n {  
    // insert A[j] into sequence A[1..j-1]  
  
    key := A[j];  
  
    i := j-1; // initialize i for while loop  
    while i>=1 and A[i]>key {  
      A[i+1] := A[i];  
      i := i-1;  
    }  
    A[i+1] := key;  
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## Initialization:

- loops starts with  $j=2$ ;  
hence,  $A[1..j-1]$  consists of the element  $A[1]$  only
- $A[1]$  contains only one element,  $A[1]$ , and is therefore sorted.

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## Maintenance:

- assume that the while loop works correctly (or prove this using an additional loop invariant):
  - after the while loop,  $i$  contains the largest index for which  $A[i]$  is smaller than the key
  - $A[i+2..j]$  contains the (sorted) elements previously stored in  $A[i+1..j-1]$ ; also:  $A[i+1]$  and all elements in  $A[i+2..j]$  are  $\geq$  key
- the key value,  $A[j]$ , is thus correctly inserted as element  $A[i+1]$  (overwrites the duplicate value  $A[i+1]$ )
- after execution of the loop body,  $A[1..j]$  is sorted
- thus, before the next iteration ( $j:=j+1$ ),  $A[1..j-1]$  is sorted

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- The for-loop terminates when  $j$  exceeds  $n$  (i.e.,  $j=n+1$ )
- Thus, at termination,  $A[1 .. (n+1)-1] = A[1..n]$  is sorted and contains all original elements



# Insertion Sort – Number of Comparisons

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n-1 iterations

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    while i >= 1 and A[i] > key {
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$t_j$  iterations

→  $t_j$  comparisons

$A[i] > key$

$\Rightarrow \sum_{j=2}^n t_j$  comparisons

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- happens, if  $A[1..n]$  is already sorted in opposite order

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### Analysis of the “average case”:

- best case analysis:  $T_{IS}(n) \in \Theta(n)$
  - worst case analysis:  $T_{IS}(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$
- ⇒ What will be the “typical” (average, expected) case?

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## “Complexity”

- characterises how the run time depends on the input (size), typically expressed in terms of the  $\Theta$ -notation
- “algorithm xyz has linear complexity” → run time is  $\Theta(n)$

# Average Case Complexity

## Definition (expected running time)

Let  $X(n)$  be the set of all possible input sequences of length  $n$ , and let  $P: X(n) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a probability function such that  $P(x)$  is the probability that the input sequence is  $x$ .

Then, we define

$$\bar{T}(n) = \sum_{x \in X(n)} P(x)T(x)$$

as the **expected running time** of the algorithm.

## Comments:

- we require an exact probability distribution (for InsertionSort, we could assume that all possible sequences have the same probability)
- we need to be able to determine  $T(x)$  for any sequence  $x$  (usually much too laborious to determine)



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- Just considering the number of comparisons of the “average case” can lead to quite wrong results!**

in general  $E(T(n)) \neq T(E(n))$

# Bubble Sort

```
BubbleSort(A:Array[1..n]) {  
  for i from 1 to n do {  
    for j from n downto i+1 do {  
      if A[j] < A[j-1]  
        then exchange A[j] and A[j-1]  
    }  
  }  
}
```

## Basic ideas:

- compare neighboring elements only
- exchange values if they are not in sorted order
- repeat until array is sorted (here: pessimistic loop choice)

# Bubble Sort – Homework

## Prove correctness of Bubble Sort:

- find invariant for i-loop
- find invariant for j-loop

## Number of comparisons in Bubble Sort:

- best/worst/average case?

# Part II

## Mergesort and Quicksort

# Mergesort

## Basic Idea: **divide and conquer**

- **Divide** the problem into two (or more) subproblems:  
→ split the array into two arrays of equal size
- **Conquer** the subproblems by solving them recursively:  
→ sort both arrays using the sorting algorithm
- **Combine** the solutions of the subproblems:  
→ merge the two sorted arrays to produce the entire sorted array

# Combining Two Sorted Arrays: Merge

```
Merge (L:Array[1..p], R:Array[1..q], A:Array[1..n]) {  
  // merge the sorted arrays L and R into A (sorted)  
  // we presume that n=p+q  
  i:=1; j:=1:  
  for k from 1 to n do {  
    if i > p  
      then { A[k]:=R[j]; j:=j+1; }  
    else if j > q  
      then { A[k]:=L[i]; i:=i+1; }  
    else if L[i] < R[j]  
      then { A[k]:=L[i]; i:=i+1; }  
      else { A[k]:=R[j]; j:=j+1; }  
  }  
}
```



# Correctness and Run Time of Merge

## Loop invariant:

Before each cycle of the for loop:

- A has the  $k-1$  smallest elements of L and R already merged, (i.e. in sorted order and at indices  $1, \dots, k-1$ );
- $L[i]$  and  $R[j]$  are the smallest elements of L and R that have not been copied to A yet (i.e.  $L[1..i-1]$  and  $R[1..j-1]$  have been merged to A)

## Run time:

$$T_{\text{Merge}}(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

- for loop will be executed exactly  $n$  times
- each loop contains constant number of commands:
  - exactly 1 copy statement
  - exactly 1 increment statement
  - 1–3 comparisons

# MergeSort

```

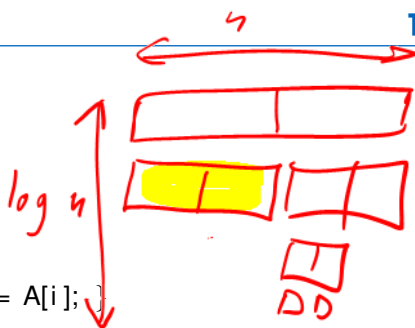
MergeSort(A:Array[1..n]) {
  if n > 1 then {
    m := floor(n/2);
    create array L [1... m];
    for i from 1 to m do { L[i] := A[i]; }

    create array R [1... n-m];
    for i from 1 to n-m do { R[i] := A[m+i]; }

    MergeSort(L);
    MergeSort(R);

    Merge(L,R,A);
  }
}

```



# Number of Comparisons in MergeSort

- Merge performs exactly  $n$  element copies on  $n$  elements
  - Merge performs at most  $c \cdot n$  comparisons on  $n$  elements
  - MergeSort itself does not contain any comparisons between elements; all comparisons done in Merge
- ⇒ number of element-copy operations for the entire MergeSort algorithms can be specified by a recurrence (includes  $n$  copy operations for splitting the arrays):

$$C_{MS}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ C_{MS}(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + C_{MS}(n - \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + 2n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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 &\quad + \dots + 2 \cdot 2^{k-1} c + 2^k c \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^k 2^j c = ck \cdot 2^k = cn \log_2 n \in O(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &= 2^k \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \\
 k &= \log_2 n
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Partitioning using a **pivot element**:

- all elements that are smaller than the pivot element should go into the “smaller” partition ( $A[p..q]$ )
- all elements that are larger than the pivot element should go into the “larger” partition ( $A[q+1..r]$ )



## Partitioning the Array (Hoare's Algorithm)

```
Partition (A:Array[p..r]) : Integer {  
  // x is the pivot (chosen as first element):  
  x := A[p];  
  // partitions grow towards each other  
  i := p-1; j := r+1; // (partition boundaries)  
  while true do { // i < j: partitions haven't met yet  
    // leave large elements in right partition  
    do { j:=j-1; } while A[j]>x;  
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    do { i:=i+1; } while A[i]<x;  
    // swap the two first "wrong" elements  
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    then exchange A[i] and A[j];  
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```

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- monitor increments/decrements of  $i$  and  $j$
- after  $n := r - p$  increments/decrements,  $i$  and  $j$  have the same value

⇒  $\Theta(n)$  comparisons with the pivot

⇒  $O(n)$  element exchanges

Hence:  $T_{\text{Part}}(n) \in \Theta(n)$

# Implementation of QuickSort



```
QuickSort (A:Array[p..r])
{
  if p>=r then return;
  // only proceed, if A has at least 2 elements:
  q := Partition (A);
  QuickSort (A[p..q]);
  QuickSort (A[q+1..r]);
}
```

## Homework:

- prove correctness of Partition
- prove correctness of QuickSort

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## Worst Case:

- Partition will always produce one partition with only 1 element:

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{QS}}^{\text{worst}}(n) &= T_{\text{QS}}^{\text{worst}}(n-1) + T_{\text{QS}}^{\text{worst}}(1) + \Theta(n) \\ &= T_{\text{QS}}^{\text{worst}}(n-1) + \Theta(n) = T_{\text{QS}}^{\text{worst}}(n-2) + \Theta(n-1) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \dots = \Theta(1) + \dots + \Theta(n-1) + \Theta(n) \in \Theta(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

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## Questions:

- What happens in the “usual” case?
- Can we force the best case?

# Randomized QuickSort

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RandPartition ( A: Array [p..r] ): Integer {  
    // choose random integer i between p and r  
    i := rand(p,r);  
    // make A[i] the (new) Pivot element:  
    exchange A[i] and A[p];  
    // call Partition with new pivot element  
    q := Partition (A);  
    return q;  
}
```

```
RandQuickSort ( A:Array [p..r] ) {  
    if p >= r then return;  
    q := RandPartition(A);  
    RandQuickSort (A[p...q]);  
    RandQuickSort (A[q+1 ..r]);  
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## However:

- it is not determined which input sequence (sorted order, reverse order) will lead to worst case behavior (or best case behavior);
- any input sequence might lead to the worst case or the best case, depending on the random choice of pivot elements.

Thus: only the **average-case complexity** is of interest!

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## Basic Idea:

- only count number of comparisons between elements of  $A$
- let  $z_i$  be the  $i$ -th smallest element in  $A$
- define

$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- random variable  $T_{\text{RQS}}(A) = \sum_{i < j} X_{ij}$

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- $X_{ij} = 1$ 
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- this happens with probability

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## Part III

# Outlook: Optimality of Comparison Sorts

# Are Mergesort and Quicksort optimal?

## Definition

**Comparison sorts** are sorting algorithms that use only comparisons (i.e. tests as  $\leq$ ,  $=$ ,  $>$ , ...) to determine the relative order of the elements.

## Examples:

- InsertSort, BubbleSort
- MergeSort, (Randomised) Quicksort

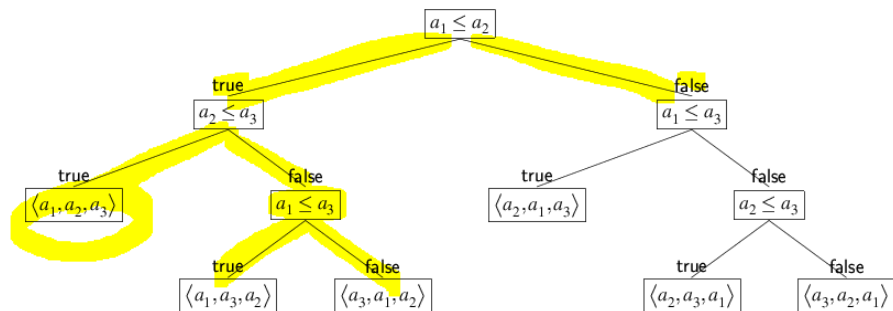
## Question:

Is  $T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$  the best we can get (in the worst/average case)?

# Decision Trees

## Definition

A **decision tree** is a binary tree in which each internal node is annotated by a comparison of two elements. The leaves of the decision tree are annotated by the respective permutations that will put an input sequence into sorted order.



# Decision Trees – Properties

Each comparison sort can be represented by a decision tree:

- a path through the tree represents a sequence of comparisons
- sequence of comparisons depends on results of comparisons
- can be pretty complicated for Mergesort, Quicksort, . . .

A decision tree can be used as a comparison sort:

- if every possible permutation is annotated to at least one leaf of the tree!
- if (as a result) the decision tree has at least  $n!$  (distinct) leaves.

# A Lower Complexity Bound for Comparison Sorts

- A binary tree of height  $h$  ( $h$  the length of the longest path) has at most  $2^h$  leaves.
- To sort  $n$  elements, the decision tree needs  $n!$  leaves.

## Theorem

Any decision tree that sorts  $n$  elements has height  $\Omega(n \log n)$ .

## Proof:

- $h$  comparisons in the worst case are equivalent to a decision tree of height  $h$
- with  $h$  comparisons, we can sort  $n$  elements (at best), if

$$n! \leq 2^h \Leftrightarrow h \geq \log(n!) \in \Omega(n \log n)$$

- because:

$$h \geq \log(n!) \geq \log\left(n^{n/2}\right) = \frac{n}{2} \log n$$

*Handwritten notes in red circles:  $n \cdot 1$ ,  $(n-1) \cdot 2$ ,  $(n-2) \cdot 3$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $n/2 \cdot n/2$*

# Optimality of Mergesort and Quicksort

## Corollaries:

- MergeSort is an optimal comparison sort in the worst/average case
- QuickSort is an optimal comparison sort in the average case

## Consequences and Alternatives:

- comparison sorts can be faster than MergeSort, but only by a constant factor
- comparison sorts can not be asymptotically faster
- sorting algorithms might be faster, if they can exploit additional information on the size of elements
- examples: **BucketSort**, CountingSort, RadixSort

## Part IV

# Bucket Sort – Sorting Beyond “Comparison Only”

# Bucket Sort

## Basic Ideas and Assumptions:

- pre-sort numbers in buckets that contain all numbers within a certain interval
- hope (assume) that input elements are evenly distributed and thus uniformly distributed to buckets
- sort buckets and concatenate them

## Requires “Buckets”:

- can hold arbitrary numbers of elements
- can insert elements efficiently: in  $O(1)$  time
- can concatenate buckets efficiently: in  $O(1)$  time
- remark: linked lists will do



# Implementation of BucketSort

```
BucketSort (A: Array[1..n]) {  
  
    Create Array B[0..n-1] of Buckets;  
    // assume all Buckets B[i] are empty at first  
  
    for i from 1 to n do {  
        insert A[i] into Bucket B[floor(n * A[i ])];  
    }  
  
    for i from 0 to n-1 do {  
        sort Bucket B[i] ;  
    }  
  
    concatenate Buckets B[0], B[1], ..., B[n-1] into A  
}
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# Bucketsort – Average Case Analysis

- probability that bucket  $i$  contains  $k$  elements:

$$P(n_i = k) = \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

- expected mean and variance for such a distribution:

$$E[n_i] = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} = 1 \quad \text{Var}[n_i] = n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

- InsertionSort for buckets  $\Rightarrow \leq cn^2 \in O(n_i^2)$  operations per bucket
- expected operations to sort one bucket:

$$\bar{T}(n_i) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} P(n_i = k) \cdot ck^2 = cE[n_i^2]$$

## Bucketsort – Average Case Analysis (2)

- theorem from statistics:

$$E[X^2] = E[X]^2 + \text{Var}(X)$$

- expected operations to sort one bucket:

$$\bar{T}(n_i) \leq cE[n_i^2] = c(E[n_i]^2 + \text{Var}[n_i]) = c\left(1 + 1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \in \Theta(1)$$

- expected operations to sort all buckets:

$$\bar{T}(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \bar{T}(n_i) \leq c \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \in \Theta(n)$$

(note: expected value of the sum is the sum of expected values)