

# CS180 - Sorting

Note Title

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## Announcements

- Exam 1 is graded & look for mid-semester grades by Friday
- HW due Thursday
- Next HW - due Tues after break
- Lab tomorrow

Exam 1 stats : Average 44.75  
(Std dev: 7.98)

55-60: 2

53-54.5: 2

30-39: 4

51-52.5: 4

under 30: 2

49-50.5: 1

47-48.5: 4

45-46: 4

40-42: 5

## Vectors versus lists

Q: What would operator `[]` look like in a list?

Takes an integer  $\rightarrow$  returns value at that spot:  
`mylist[10]`

In list, loop through  $\rightarrow$  count up to index

## Vectors versus lists (cont)

Running times:

	<u>Vectors</u>	<u>Lists</u>
operator []	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
find		
insert	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
erase/remove	$O(n)$	$O(1)$

# Searching

What is linear search?  $O(n)$

Go element by element + look for target.  
(only makes sense if unordered)

Binary Search?  $O(\log n)$

Sorted list: look in middle,  
narrow on left or right

$$B(n) = 1 + B\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

$\approx 1 + 1 + \dots + B(1)$

$\int: \frac{n}{2^d} = 1$   
 $n = 2^d \Rightarrow d = \log_2 n$

## Practical Considerations

Which is better?

Bin. Search needs  $O(1)$  - operator  $\square$ !

# Sorting

Name some sorting algorithms.

Bubble sort

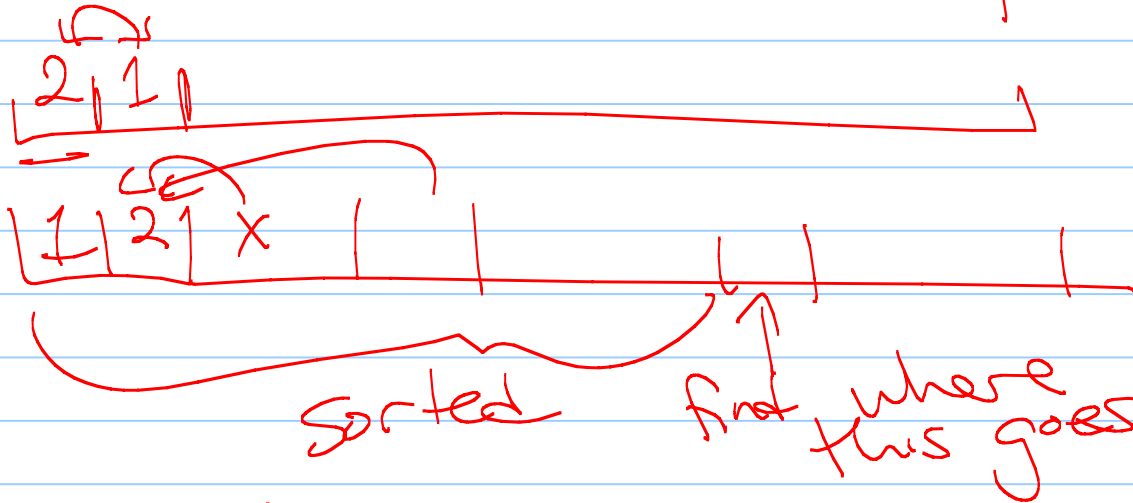
Quick sort

~~X~~ Insertion sort

Merge sort

# Insertion Sort

maintain sorted sublist  
& insert next value in place



$$\text{Time: } \sum_{i=1}^n O(i) = O(n^2)$$



A be a list

for ( $i = 1$  to  $n$ )

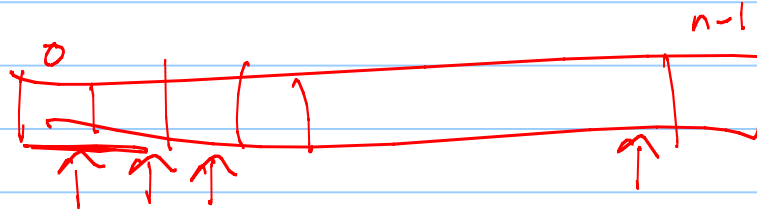
Find where  $A[i]$  goes in  
Sublist  $A[0..i-1]$  in } binary  
or  
linear

Say  $j$  is result of  $\uparrow$

Insert  $A[i]$  in position  $j$

$O(i)$  operation each time,  
in either list or vector

# Bubble Sort



for  $j = n-2$  down to 1  
for  $i = 0$  to  ~~$n-2$~~   $j$   
    compare  $A[i] \neq A[i+1]$   
    swap if out of order

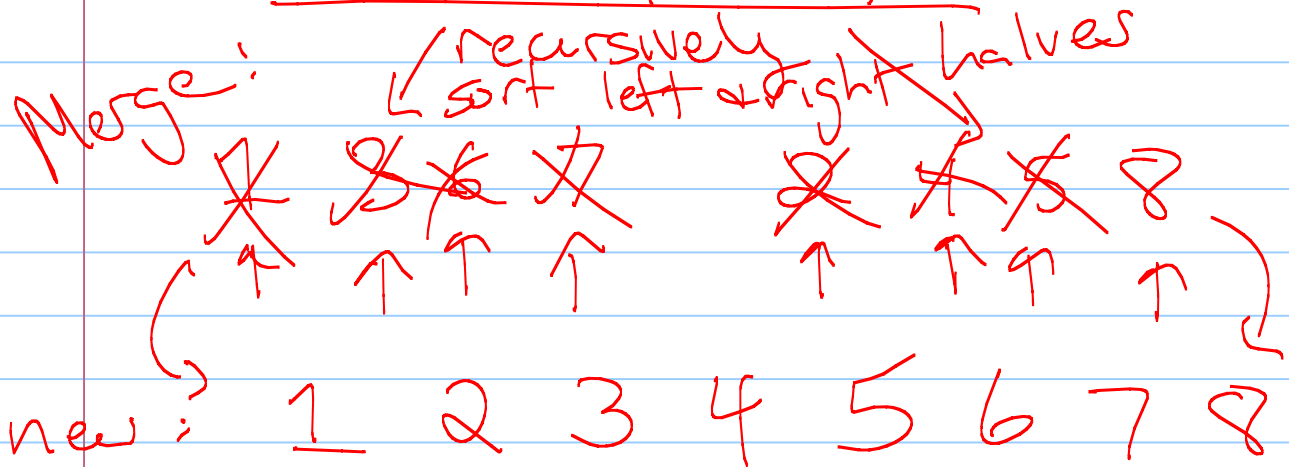
$O(n^2)$

# Merge Sort

Base case

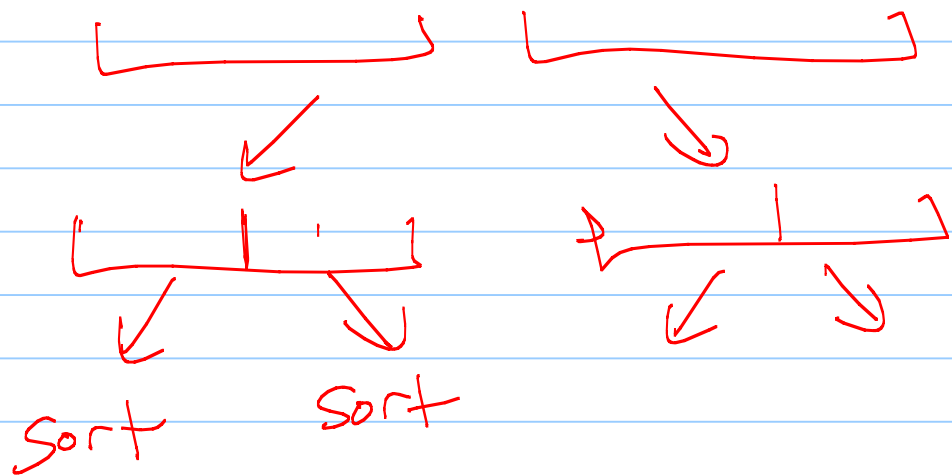


7 3 1 6 | 2 5 4 8



1 comparison + increment  
1 more element in sorted list

Merge subroutine:  $O(n)$  time



$$M(n) = 2M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

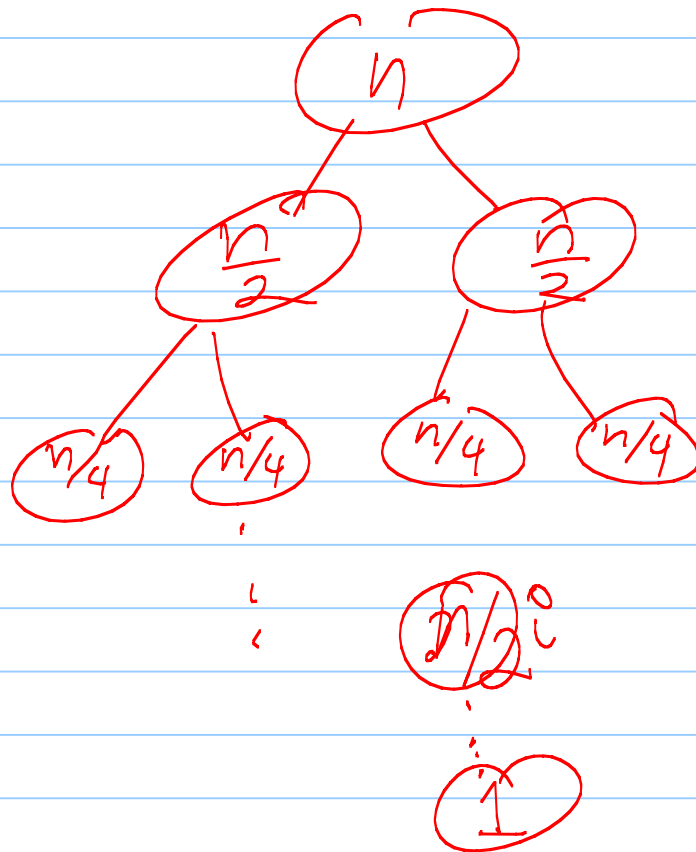
$$M(1) = O(1)$$

$$M(n) = O(n \log n)$$

$$M(n) = 2M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

seen

$$M(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i \cdot \frac{n}{2^i}$$



level  $i$   
 $2^i$  nodes

# Quick Sort

Pick pivot element

5 3 1 8 4 2 7 6  
↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑  
divide around pivot

[ 3 1 4 2 ] 5 [ 6 7 8 ] recurse

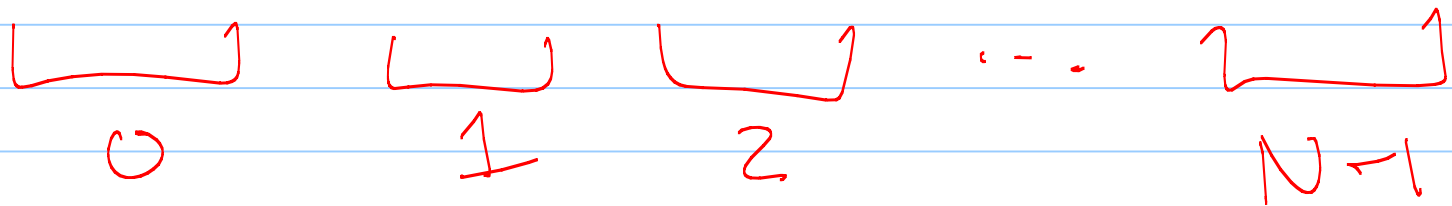
recurse at end of  $O(n)$  comparisons, pivot is in correct spot

Quicksort:  
Worst case, choose an awful  
pivot (1 or  $n$ ) every time:  
 $O(n^2)$  worst

Expected running time:  
(with "high probability")  
 $O(n \log n)$

# Bucket Sort

$n$  elements, each between 0 and  $N-1$   
Can we do better than  $O(n \log n)$ ?



$O(n+N)$ -time — just allocate  $N$  buckets  
+ loop through list



Sorts 10 things:

1 10,000 1,000,000, 7, 6,

2, -50, - - -

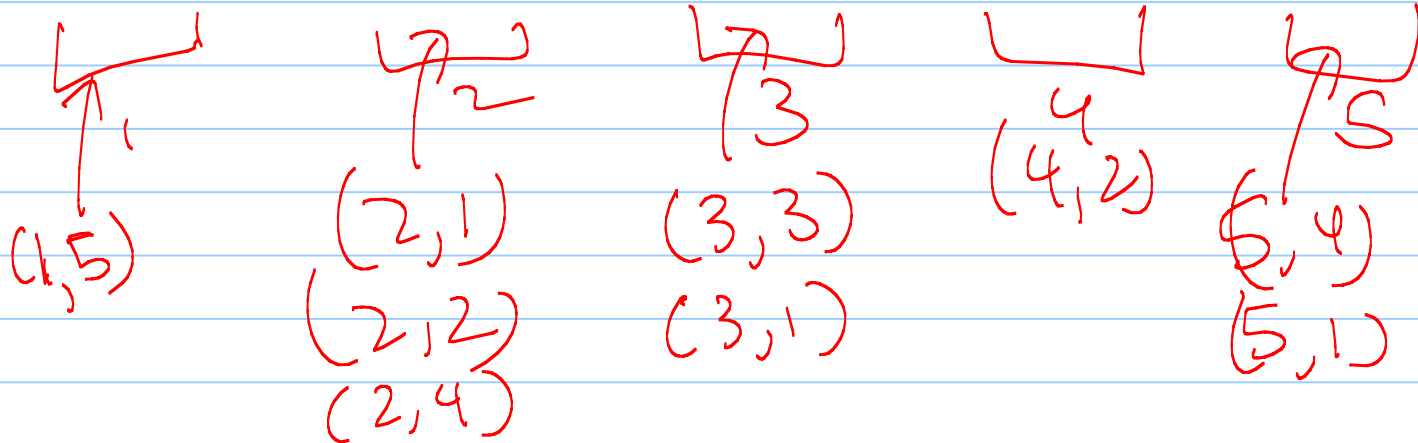
need over 1,000,000

buckets to sort 10 things

Radix Sort : for multiple-key sorting

Ex: ~~(1,5), (2,1), (4,2), (3,3), (5,4),~~  
~~(3,1), (2,2), (5,1), (2,4)~~

Sort lexicographically: (use repeated bucket sorts)



## Practicalities

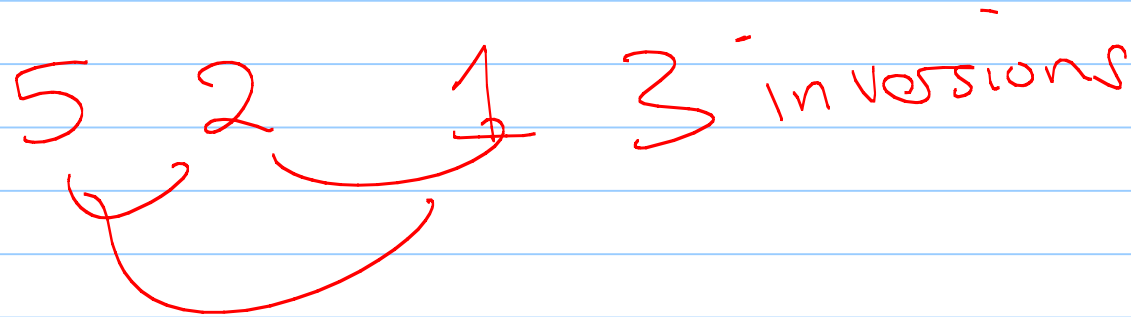
Experimentally, quicksort runs faster than merge on small inputs.

Why?

No need for allocating new array

## More practicalities

- If implemented well, the running time of insertion sort is  $O(m+n)$ , where  $m = \#$  of inversions (or out of order elements)



Conclusion: It depends!

- If the range of values is small, bucket sort (or radix sort) are faster. ↙ Characters!  
(strings)
- Quicksort, despite worst case  $O(n^2)$  is actually the one usually implemented.
- Also - can depend on linked vs. array based structure.