

Sorting (Part I)

CSE 373
Data Structures
Unit 16

Reading: Sections 7.1-7.3 and 7.5

Sorting

- Input
 - › an array A of data records
 - › 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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Consistent Ordering

- The comparison function must provide a consistent *ordering* on the set of possible keys
 - › You can compare any two keys and get back an indication of $a < b$, $a > b$, or $a = b$
 - › The comparison functions must be consistent
 - If $\text{compare}(a,b)$ says $a < b$, then $\text{compare}(b,a)$ must say $b > a$
 - If $\text{compare}(a,b)$ says $a = b$, then $\text{compare}(b,a)$ must say $b = a$
 - If $\text{compare}(a,b)$ says $a = b$, then $\text{equals}(a,b)$ and $\text{equals}(b,a)$ must say $a = b$

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Why Sort?

- Sorting algorithms are among the most frequently used algorithms in computer science
- Allows binary search of an N -element array in $O(\log N)$ time
- Allows $O(1)$ time access to k th largest element in the array for any k
- Allows easy detection of any duplicates

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Space

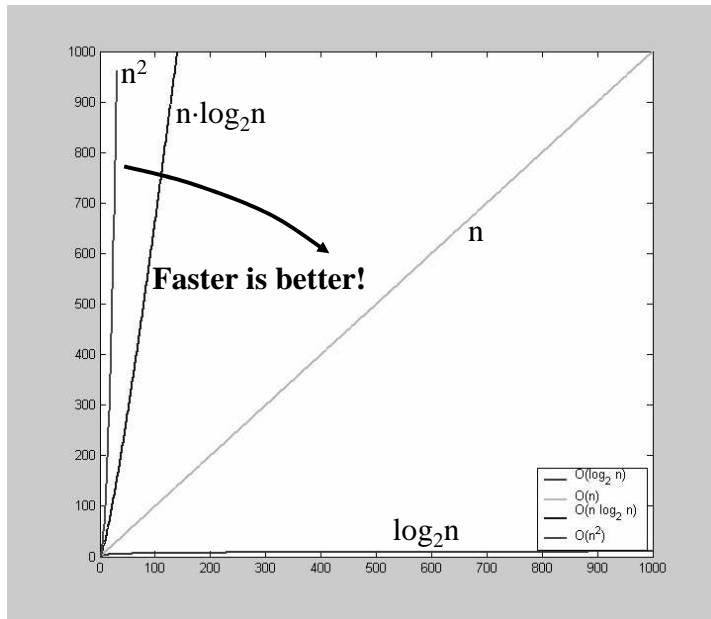
- How much space does the sorting algorithm require in order to sort the collection of items?
 - › Is copying needed? $O(n)$ additional space
 - › In-place sorting – no copying – $O(1)$ additional space
 - › Somewhere in between for “temporary”, e.g. $O(\log n)$ space
 - › External memory sorting – data 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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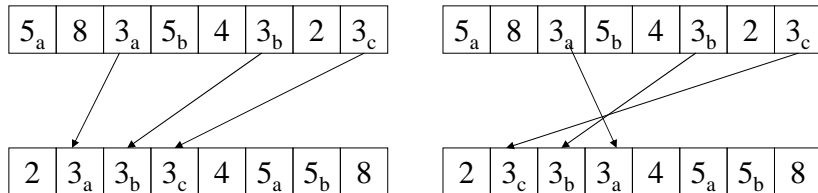


Stability

- 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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Example



Stable Sort

Unstable Sort

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

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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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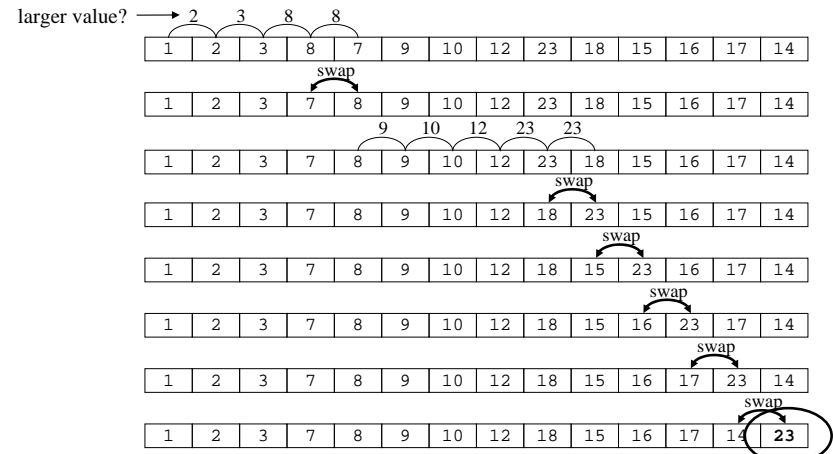
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SWAP(a,b) : {
  t :integer;
  t:=a; a:=b; b:=t;
}

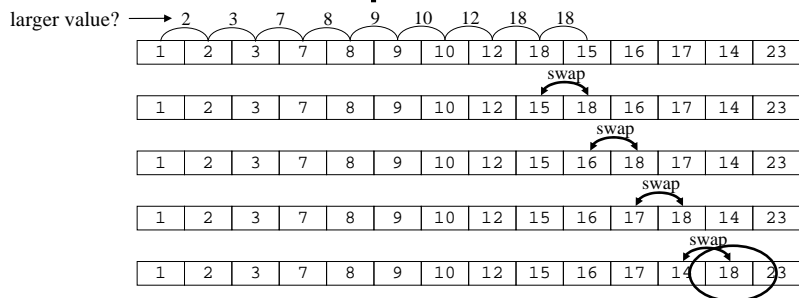
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$i=1$: Largest element is placed at last position
 $i=k$: k^{th} Largest element is placed at k^{th} to last position

Put the largest element in its place



Put 2nd largest element in its place



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

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Bubble Sort: **Just Say No**

- “Bubble” elements to 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 bubblezation is a loop that makes $n-i$ comparisons
- This is $O(n^2)$

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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

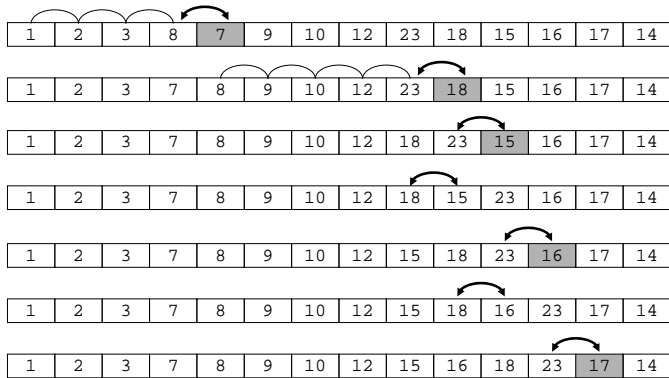
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InsertionSort(A[1..N]: integer array, N: integer) {
    i, j, temp: integer ;
    for i = 2 to N {
        temp := A[i];
        j := i-1;
        while j > 1 and A[j-1] > temp {
            A[j] := A[j-1]; j := j-1;
            A[j] = temp;
        }
    }
}
    
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- Is Insertion sort in place? Stable? Running time = ?
- Have we used this before?

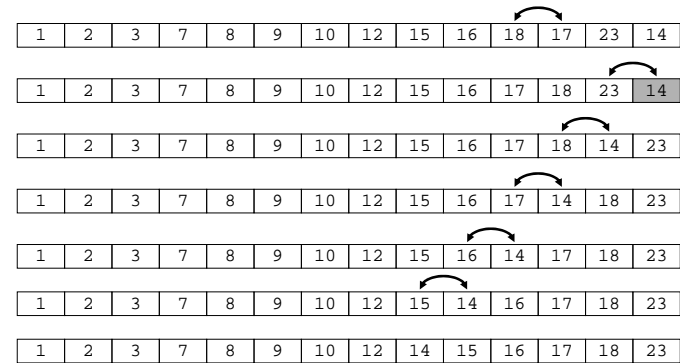
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Example



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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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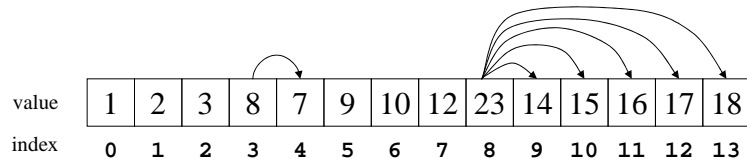
Inversions

- An inversion is a pair of elements in wrong order
 - › $i < j$ but $A[i] > A[j]$
- By definition, a sorted array has no inversions
- So you can think of sorting as the process of removing inversions in the order of the elements

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Inversions

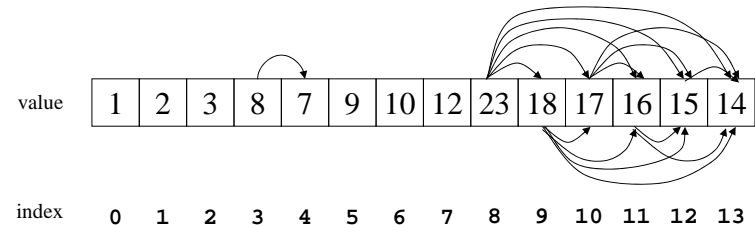
- A single value out of place can cause several inversions



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Reverse order

- All values out of place (reverse order) causes numerous inversions



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Inversions

- Our simple sorting algorithms so far swap adjacent elements (explicitly or implicitly) and remove just 1 inversion at a time
 - › Their running time is proportional to number of inversions in array
- Given N distinct keys, the maximum possible number of inversions is

$$(n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{(n-1)n}{2}$$

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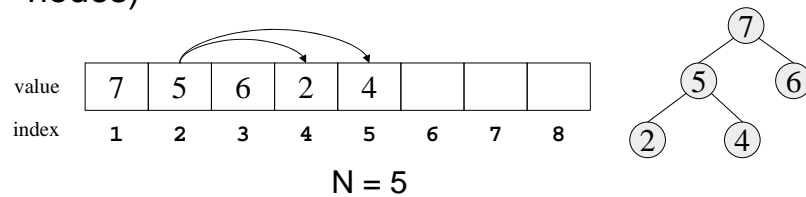
Inversions and Adjacent Swap Sorts

- "Average" list will contain half the max number of inversions = $\frac{(n-1)n}{4}$
 - › So the average running time of Insertion sort is $\Theta(N^2)$ (i.e, $O(N^2)$ is a tight bound)
- Any sorting algorithm that only swaps adjacent elements requires $\Omega(N^2)$ time because each swap removes only one inversion (lower bound)

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Heap Sort

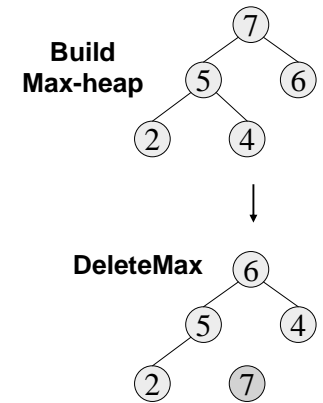
- We use a Max-Heap
- Root node = A[1]
- Children of A[i] = A[2i], A[2i+1]
- Keep track of current size N (number of nodes)



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Using Binary Heaps for Sorting

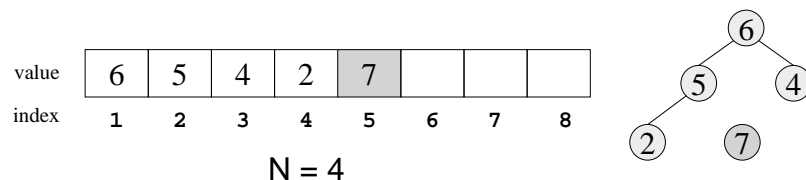
- Build a max-heap
- Do N DeleteMax operations and store each Max element as it comes out of the heap
- Data comes out in largest to smallest order
- Where can we put the elements as they are removed from the heap?



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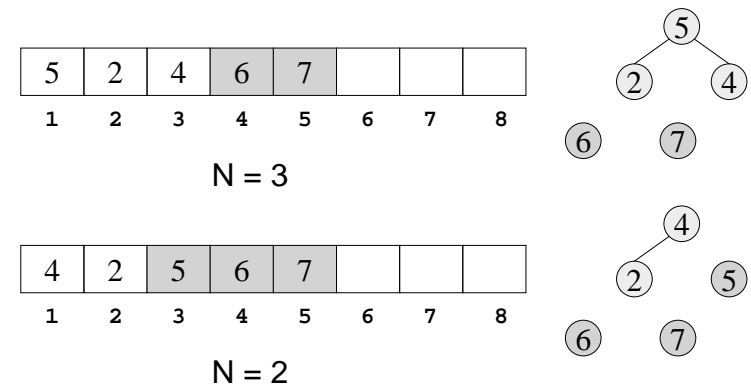
1 Removal = 1 Addition

- 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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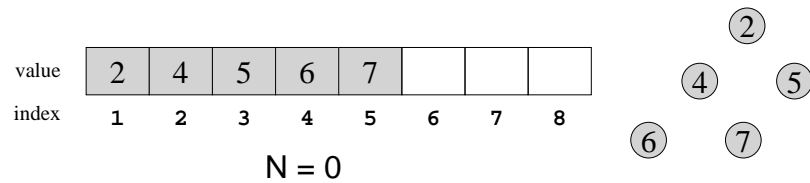
Repeated DeleteMax



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Heap Sort is In-place

- After all the DeleteMaxs, the heap is gone but the array is full and is in sorted order



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?)