



Lecture 22: Introduction to Sorting II

CSE 373: Data Structures and
Algorithms

Warm Up

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What sorting algorithm do the following steps represent. The steps are not necessarily consecutive but they are in the correct sequence

Sort 1

[23, 37, 48, 34, 11, 34, 37, 34, 23, 39, 41, 47]

[11, 37, 48, 34, 23, 34, 37, 34, 23, 39, 41, 47]

[11, 23, 24, 34, 48, 34, 37, 34, 44, 39, 41, 47]

[11, 23, 24, 34, 34, 37, 48, 44, 37, 39, 41, 47]

Sort 2

[2, 27, 18, 12, 14, 43, 8, 5, 41, 32, 48, 10, 37]

[2, 27, 12, 18, 14, 43, 8, 5, 41, 32, 48, 10, 37]

[2, 8, 12, 14, 18, 27, 43, 5, 41, 32, 48, 10, 37]

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<https://visualgo.net/en/sorting>

Announcements

Final Exam Friday May 26th in class

Topics

Classes Week 5 - Week 8

- Heaps
- Graphs
 - Graph Modeling
 - BFS/DFS
 - Topological Sort
 - Dijkstra's
 - MSTs
- Disjoint Sets
- Sorting Algorithms

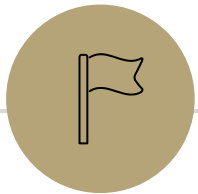
Intro to Sorting

Selection Sort

Insertion Sort

Merge Sort

Quick Sort



Divide and Conquer

There's more than one way to divide!

Mergesort

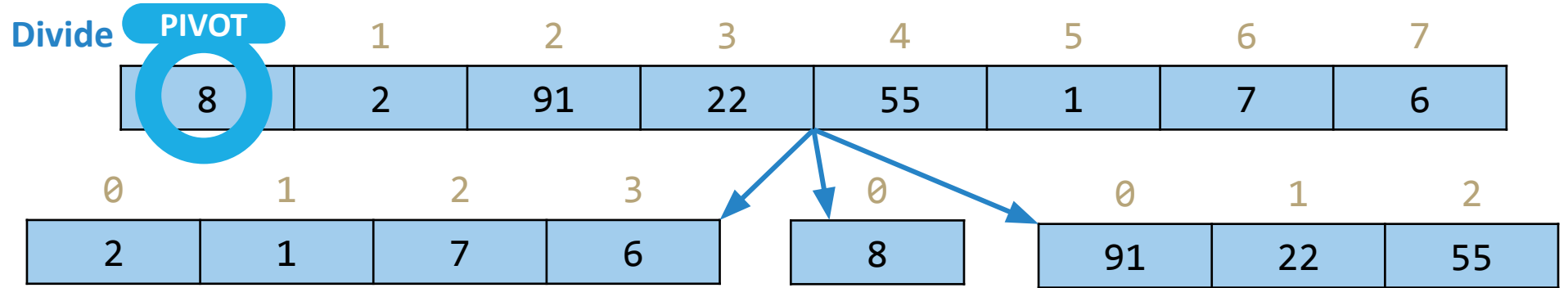
- Split into two arrays.
- Elements that just happened to be on the left and that happened to be on the right.

Quicksort

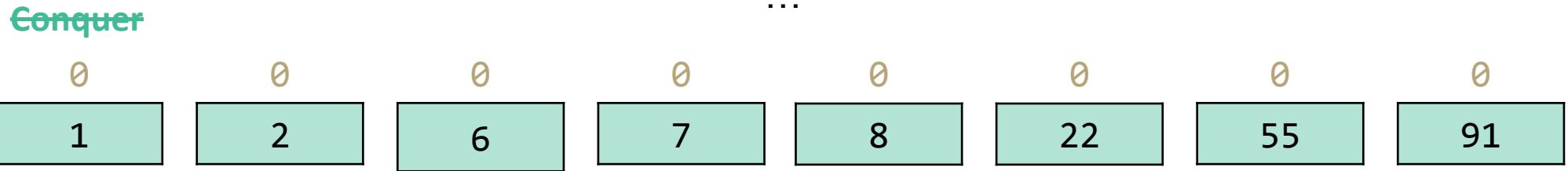
- Split into two arrays.
- Roughly, elements that are “small” and elements that are “large”
- How to define “small” and “large”? Choose a “**pivot**” value in the array that will **partition** the two arrays!

Quick Sort (v1)

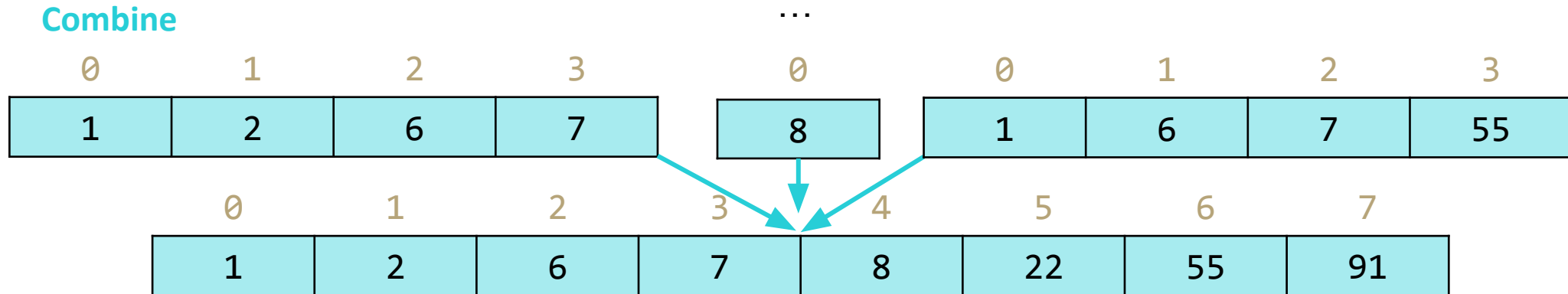
Choose a "pivot" element, partition array relative to it!



Again, no extra conquer step needed!



Simply concatenate the now-sorted arrays!



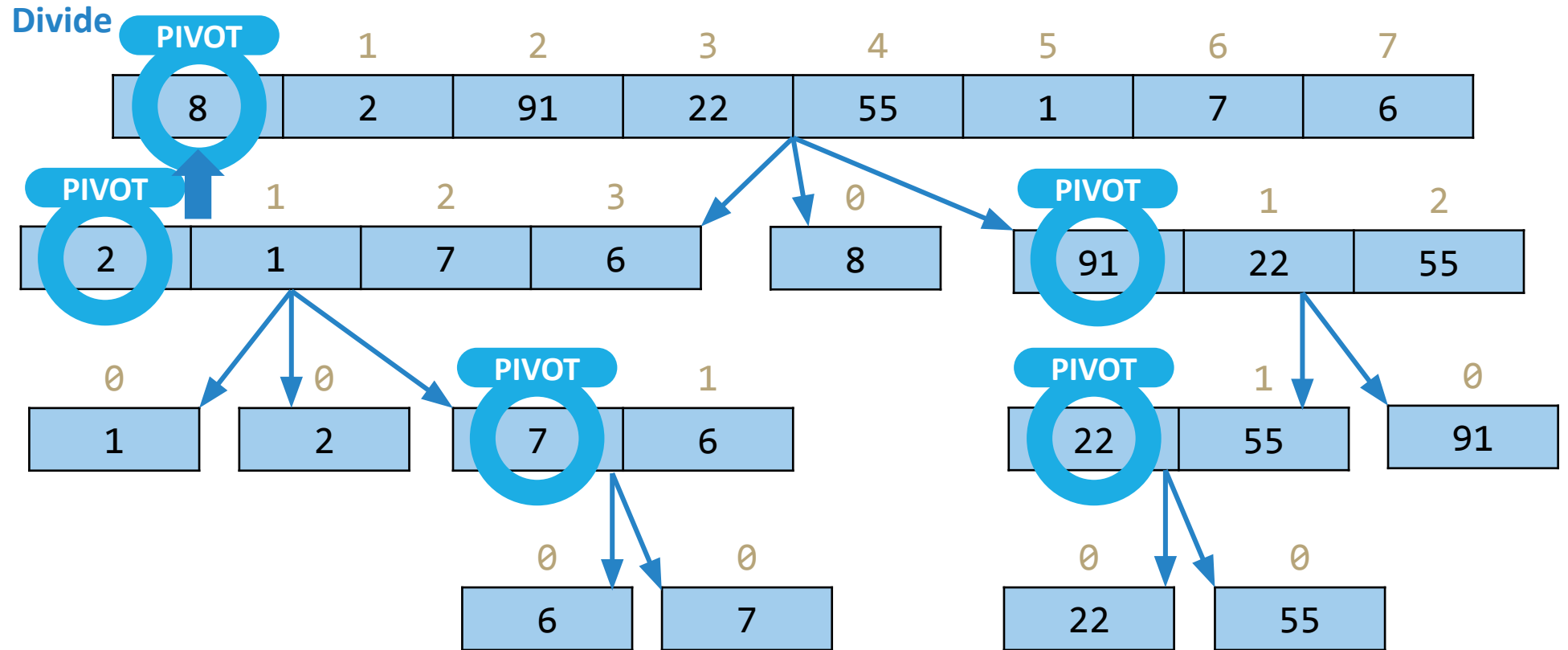
Quick Sort (v1): Divide Step

Recursive Case:

- Choose a "pivot" element
- Partition: linear scan through array, add smaller elements to one array and larger elements to another
- Recursively partition

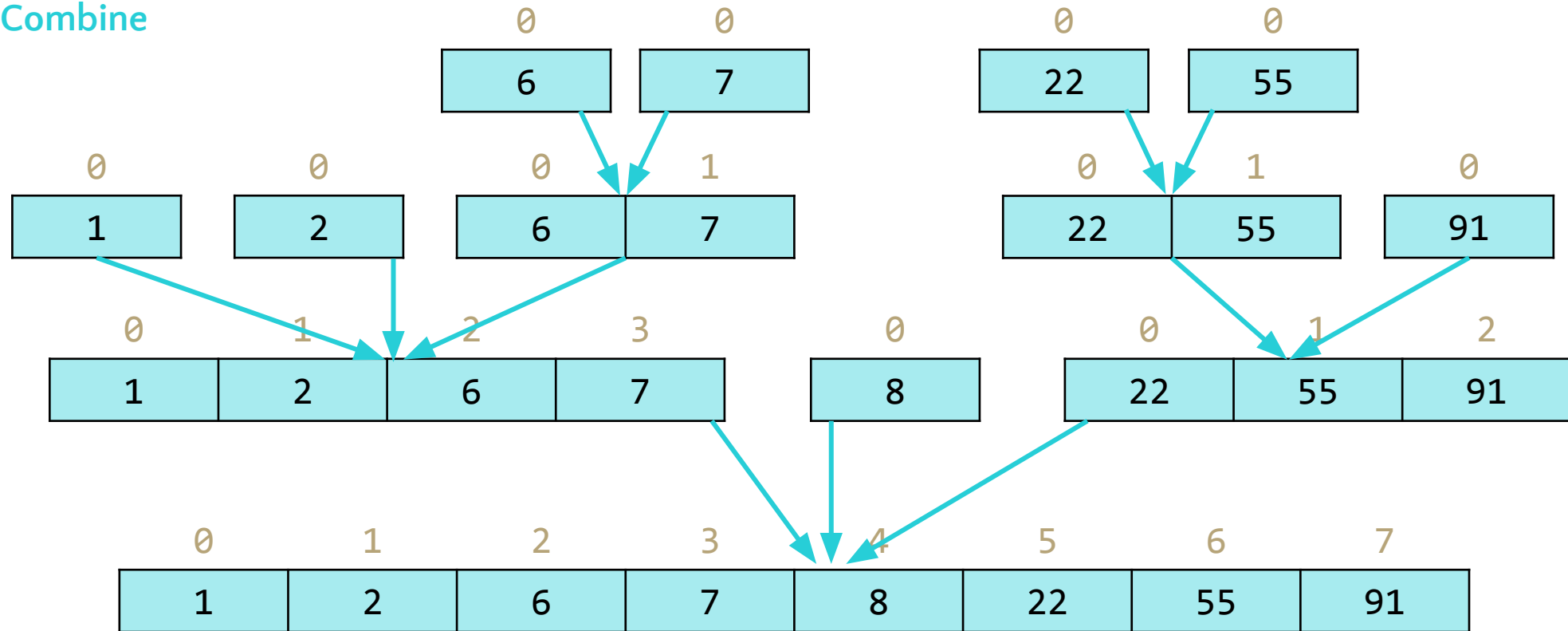
Base Case:

- When array hits size 1, stop dividing



Quick Sort (v1): Combine Step

Combine



Simply concatenate
the arrays that were
created earlier!
Partition step already
left them in order 😊

Quick Sort (v1)

```

quickSort(list) {
  if (list.length == 1):
    return list
  else:
    pivot = choosePivot(list)
    smallerHalf = quickSort(getSmaller(pivot, list))
    largerHalf = quickSort(getBigger(pivot, list))
    return smallerHalf + pivot + largerHalf
}

```

Worst case runtime? $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ T(n-1) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \Theta(n^2)$

Best case runtime? $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \Theta(n \log n)$

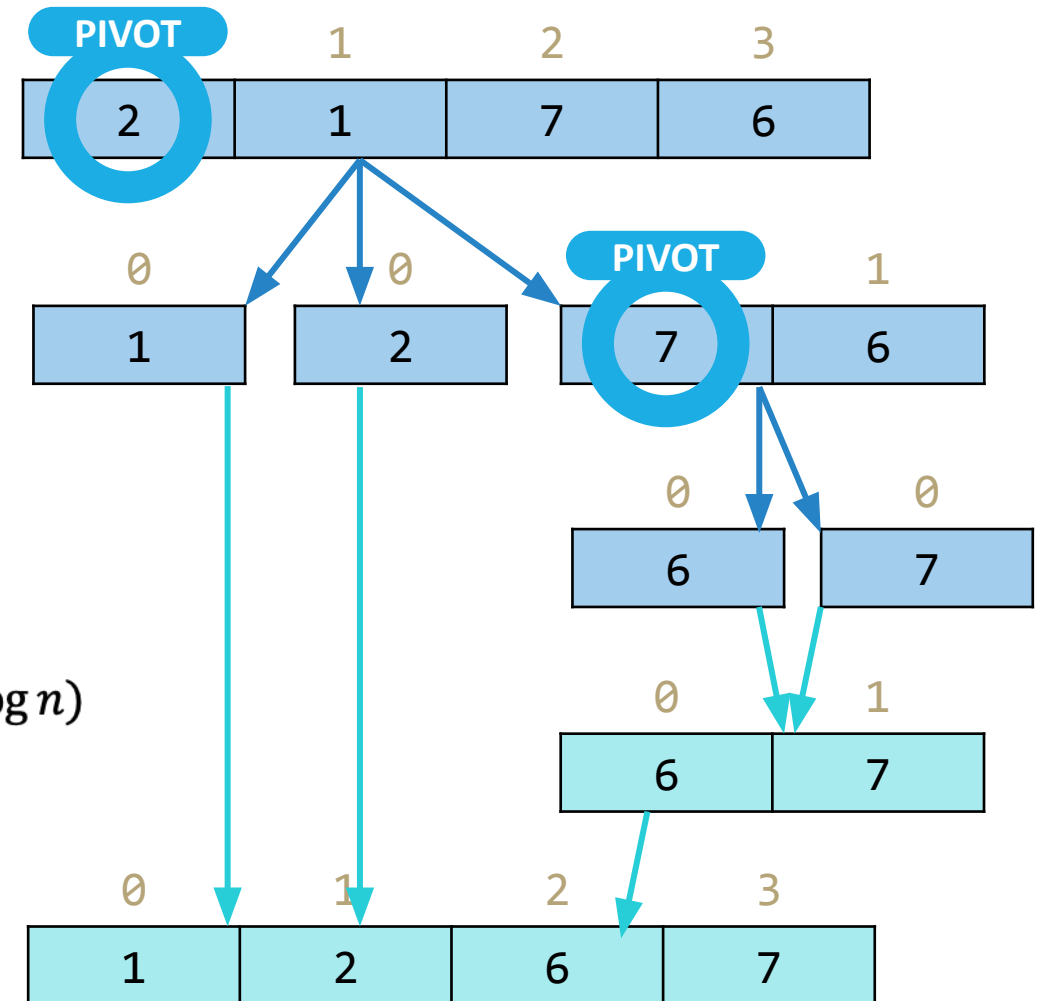
In-practice runtime? Just trust me: $\Theta(n \log n)$
(absurd amount of math to get here)

Stable? No

In-place? Can be done!

Useful for: Fast sorting of primitives!
([This is what Java uses for Primitives](#))

Worst case: Pivot only chops off one value
Best case: Pivot divides each array in half



Can we do better?

How to avoid hitting the worst case?

- It all comes down to the pivot. If the pivot divides each array in half, we get better behavior

Here are four options for finding a pivot. What are the tradeoffs?

- Just take the first element
- Take the median of the full array
- Take the median of the first, last, and middle element
- Pick a random element

Strategies for Choosing a Pivot

Just take the first element

- Very fast!
- But has worst case: for example, sorted lists have $\Omega(n^2)$ behavior

Take the median of the full array

- Can actually find the median in $O(n)$ time (google QuickSelect). It's **complicated**
- $O(n \log n)$ even in the worst case... but the constant factors are **awful**. No one does quicksort this way.

Take the median of the first, last, and middle element

- Makes pivot slightly more content-aware, at least won't select very smallest/largest
- Worst case is still $\Omega(n^2)$, but on real-world data tends to perform well!

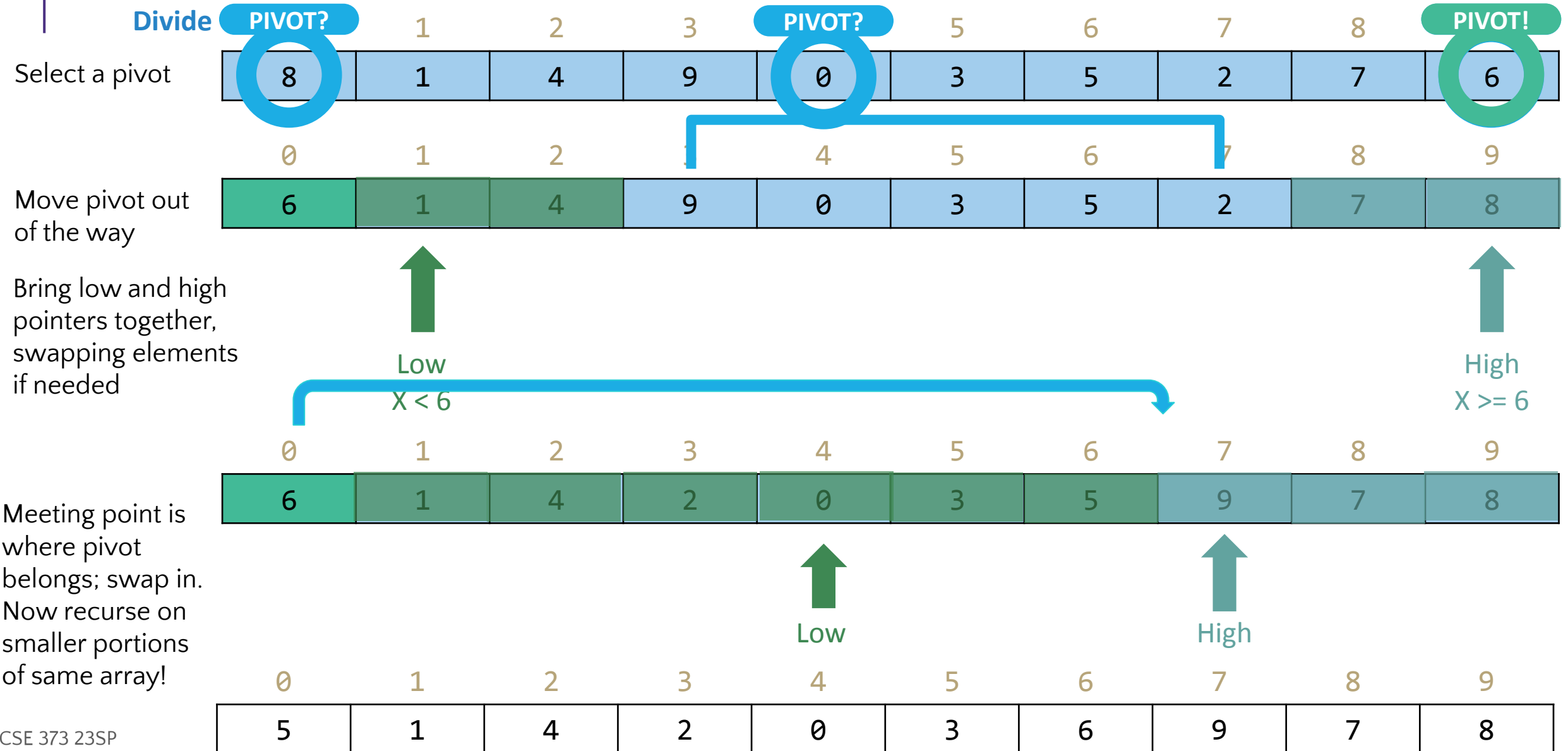
Most commonly used

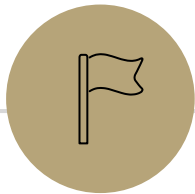


Pick a random element

- Get $O(n \log n)$ runtime with probability at least $1-1/n^2$
- No simple worst-case input (e.g. sorted, reverse sorted)

Quick Sort (v2: In-Place)





Heap Sort

Bucket Sort

Radix Sort

Sorting Summary

INEFFECTIVE SORTS

```
DEFINE HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST):  
  IF LENGTH(LIST) < 2:  
    RETURN LIST  
  PIVOT = INT(LENGTH(LIST) / 2)  
  A = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[:PIVOT])  
  B = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[PIVOT:])  
  // UMMMMMM  
  RETURN [A, B] // HERE. SORRY.
```

```
DEFINE FASTBOGOSORT(LIST):  
  // AN OPTIMIZED BOGOSORT  
  // RUNS IN O(N LOG N)  
  FOR N FROM 1 TO LOG(LENGTH(LIST)):  
    SHUFFLE(LIST):  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  RETURN "KERNEL PAGE FAULT (ERRROR CODE: 2)"
```

```
DEFINE JOBITERVIEWQUICKSORT(LIST):  
  OK SO YOU CHOOSE A PIVOT  
  THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF  
  FOR EACH HALF:  
    CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED  
    NO, WAIT, IT DOESN'T MATTER  
    COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PIVOT  
    THE BIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST  
    THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH  
    THE SECOND LIST FROM BEFORE  
  HANG ON, LET ME NAME THE LISTS  
  THIS IS LIST A  
  THE NEW ONE IS LIST B  
  PUT THE BIG ONES INTO LIST B  
  NOW TAKE THE SECOND LIST  
  CALL IT LIST, UH, A2  
  WHICH ONE WAS THE PIVOT IN?  
  SCRATCH ALL THAT  
  IT JUST RECURSIVELY CALLS ITSELF  
  UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY  
  RIGHT?  
  NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN  
  AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?
```

```
DEFINE PANICSORT(LIST):  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
    RETURN LIST  
  FOR N FROM 1 TO 10000:  
    PIVOT = RANDOM(0, LENGTH(LIST))  
    LIST = LIST[PIVOT:] + LIST[:PIVOT]  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING  
    RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // COME ON COME ON  
    RETURN LIST  
  // OH JEEZ  
  // I'M GONNA BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE  
  LIST = [ ]  
  SYSTEM("SHUTDOWN -H +5")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF .")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF ~/*")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF /")  
  SYSTEM("RD /S /Q C:\*") // PORTABILITY  
  RETURN [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Heap Sort

1. run Floyd's buildHeap on your data
2. call removeMin n times

```
public void heapSort(input) {  
    E[] heap = buildHeap(input)  
    E[] output = new E[n]  
    for (n)  
        output[i] =  
removeMin(heap)  
}
```

Worst case runtime? $\Theta(n \log n)$

Best case runtime? $\Theta(n)$

In-practice runtime? $\Theta(n \log n)$

Stable? No

In-place? If we get clever...

Principle 3

Selection sort:

After k iterations of the loop, the k smallest elements of the array are (sorted) in indices $0, \dots, k-1$

Runs in $\Theta(n^2)$ time no matter what

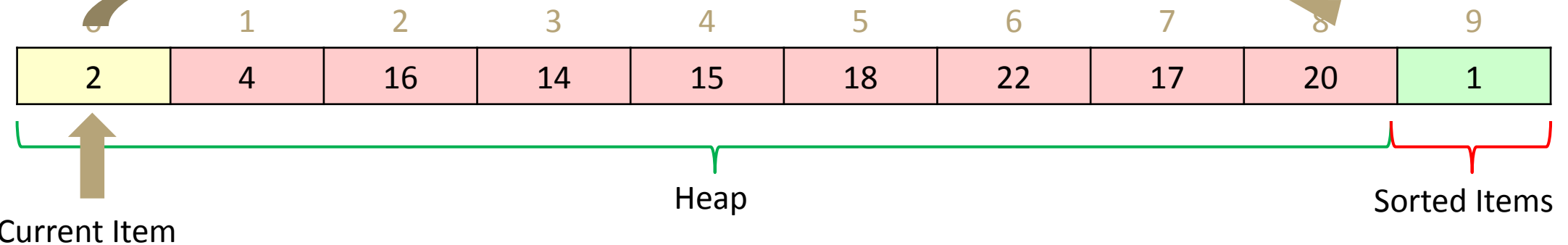
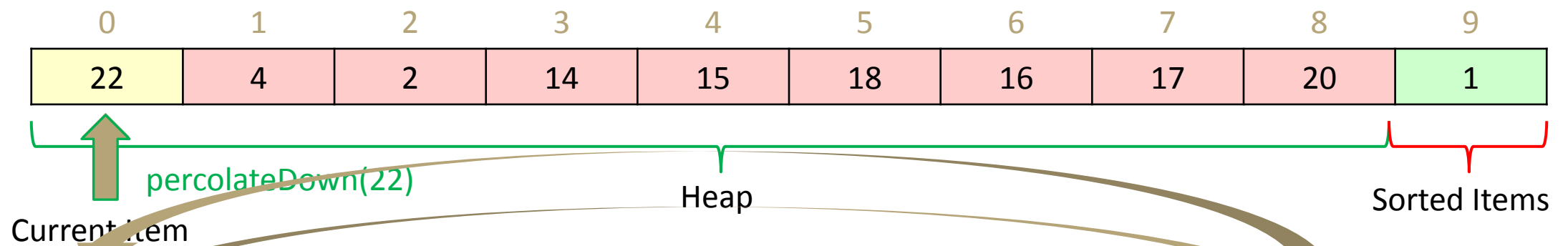
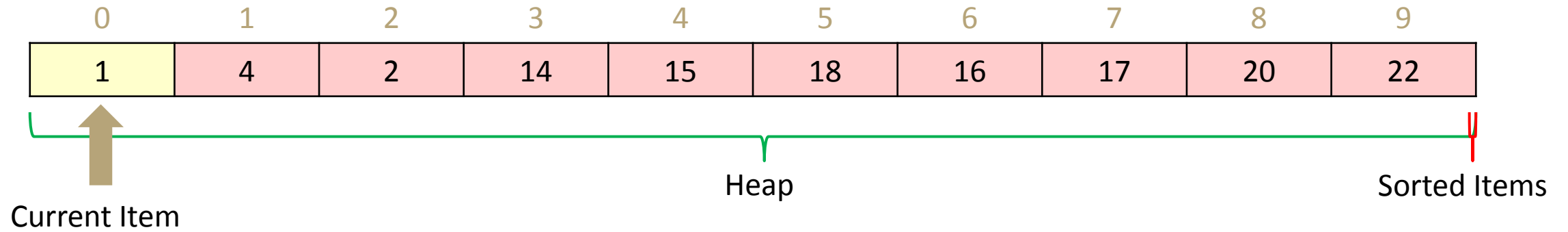
Using data structures

- Speed up our existing ideas

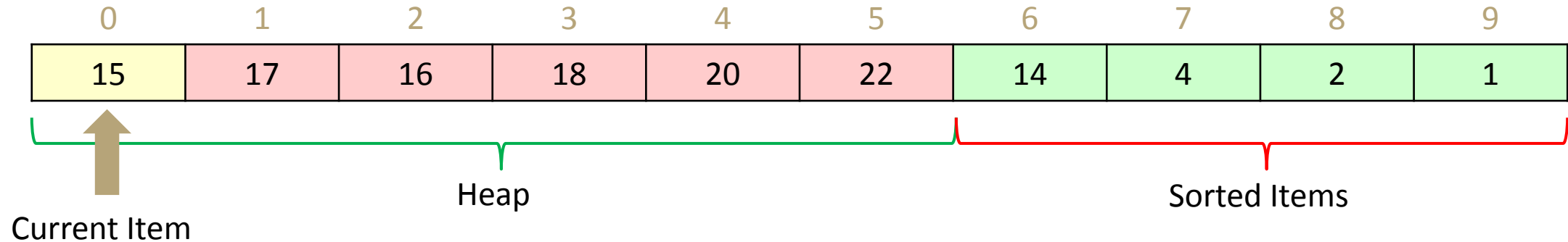
If only we had a data structure that was good at getting the smallest item remaining in our dataset...

- We do!

In Place Heap Sort



In Place Heap Sort



```
public void inPlaceHeapSort(input) {  
    buildHeap(input) // alters original array  
    for (n : input)  
        input[n - i - 1] = removeMin(heap)  
}
```

Complication: final array is reversed! Lots of fixes:

- Run reverse afterwards $O(n)$
- Use a max heap
- Reverse compare function to emulate max heap

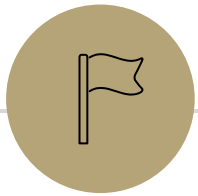
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Best case runtime? $\Theta(n)$

In-practice runtime? $\Theta(n \log n)$

Stable? No

In-place? Yes



Heap Sort

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Radix Sort

Sorting Summary

Bucket Sort (aka Bin Sort)

- If all values are ints known to be in the range of 1 - K
- Create array of size K and put each element in its proper bucket (“scatter”)
 - If elements are only ints simply store count of ints in each bucket
- Output results via linear pass through array of buckets (“gather”)

[5, 1, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 5, 4, 5]



1	3
2	1
3	2
4	4
5	3



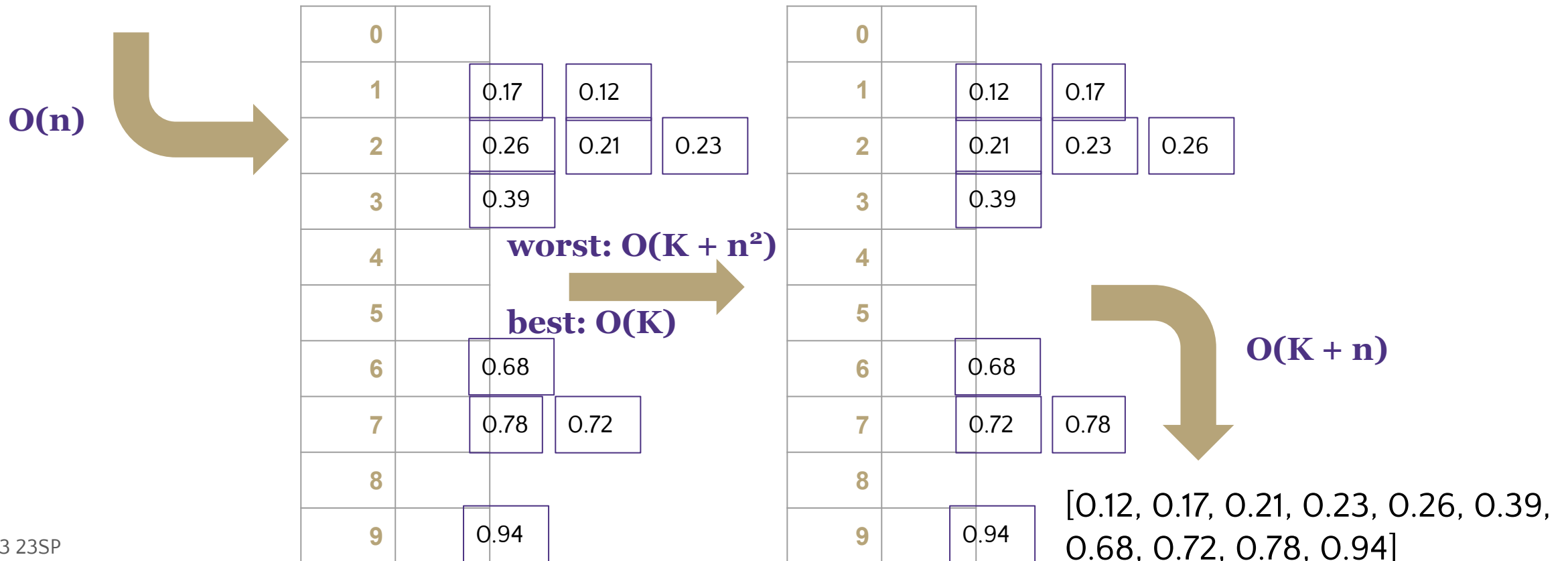
[1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5]

Total Runtime: $O(K + n)$

Bucket Sort with Data

- Instead of using int counts, make buckets of array of lists
- put items into bucket, use **insertion sort** to sort individual buckets

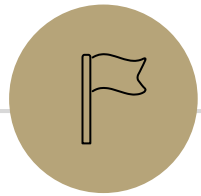
[0.78, 0.17, 0.39, 0.26, 0.72, 0.94, 0.21, 0.12, 0.23, 0.68]



Bucket Sort

```
function bucketSort(array, k) is
    buckets ← new array of k empty lists
    M ← 1 + the maximum key value in the array
    for i = 0 to length(array) do
        insert array[i] into buckets[floor(k × array[i] / M)]
    for i = 0 to k do
        nextSort(buckets[i])
    return the concatenation of buckets[0], . . . ., buckets[k]
```

Worst case runtime?	$O(K + n)$ for ints $O(K + n^2)$ for data if insertion sort is used
Best case runtime?	$O(n)$
In-practice runtime?	$O(n)$ if $K \approx n$, always for ints, and if values are evenly distributed for data
Stable?	Can be because insertion sort
In-place?	No
Useful for:	When range, K , is smaller or not much larger than n (not many duplicates) Not good when $K \gg N$, wasted space



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Sorting Summary

Moving away from comparison sorts

So far we've learned about comparison sorts

- work on any comparable object
- have a best case lower bound of $\Omega(n \log n)$

This is because to sort using comparisons requires all elements to be compared against one another

- n runtime to process all values into some ordered structure (tree)
- $\log n$ runtime to remove items from structure in sorted order

What if we didn't need to compare each element, what if we built a sort based on inherent knowledge about the ordering of specific data types ie numbers

Specialized Sorts (“Niche Sorts”)

Sorting algorithms that only work on data types with ordering already known to computer logic: numbers

- Bucket Sort for ints
- Radix Sort

Radix Sort

- Radix = “the base of a number system”
 - We will use “10” as we are comfortable with 10 based systems
 - Could use any value, such as 128 for ASCII strings
- Idea
 - Bucket sort on one digit at a time
 - Only works on sequences of countable data: ints, doubles, stings
 - Number of buckets = radix
 - Start with least significant digit, do one pass of bucket sort per digit
- Fun fact: invented in 1890 as part of US census

Input: [170, 45, 75, 90, 802, 24, 2, 66]

ones: [170, 90, 802, 2, 24, 45, 75, 66]

tens: [802, 2, 24, 45, 66, 170, 75, 90]

hundreds: [2, 24, 45, 66, 75, 90, 170, 802]

[Example Walk Through Video](#)

Radix Sort

[478, 537, 9, 721, 3, 38, 143, 67]

$O(n)$

0	
1	721
2	
3	3, 143
4	
5	
6	
7	537, 67
8	478, 38
9	9

[721, 3, 143, 537, 67, 478, 38, 9]

$O(n)$ $O(n)$

0	03, 09
1	
2	721
3	537, 38
4	143
5	
6	67
7	478
8	
9	

[3, 9, 721, 537, 38, 143, 67, 478]

$O(n)$ $O(n)$

0	003, 009, 038, 067
1	143
2	
3	
4	478
5	
6	537
7	721
8	
9	

$O(n)$

[3, 9, 38, 67, 143, 478, 537, 721]

Radix Sort

Worst case runtime? $O(n)$

Best case runtime? $O(n)$

In-practice runtime? $O(n)$

Stable? Yes

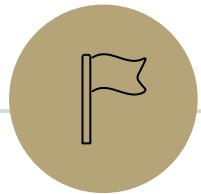
In-place? No

Useful for: Sorting ints

Heap Sort

Bucket Sort

Radix Sort



Sorting Summary

Sorting: Summary

	Best-Case	Worst-Case	Space	Stable
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
Heap Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$	No
In-Place Heap Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(1)$	No
Merge Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$ <small>$O(n)$* optimized</small>	Yes
Quick Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$	No
In-place Quick Sort	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No
Bucket Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(K+n)$	Yes
Radix	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	Yes

What does Java do?

- Actually uses a combination of 3 *different sorts*:
 - If objects: use Merge Sort* (stable!)
 - If primitives: use Dual Pivot Quick Sort
 - If “reasonably short” array of primitives: use Insertion Sort
 - Researchers say 48 elements

Key Takeaway: No single sorting algorithm is “the best”!

- Different sorts have different properties in different situations
- The “best sort” is one that is well-suited to your data

* They actually use Tim Sort, which is very similar to Merge Sort in theory, but has some minor details different

What Else is There?

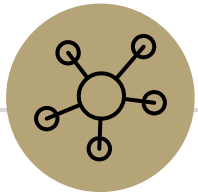
Can we do better than $n \log n$?

- For comparison sorts, **NO**. A proven lower bound!
 - Intuition: n elements to sort, no faster way to find “right place” than $\log n$
- However, niche sorts can do better in specific situations!

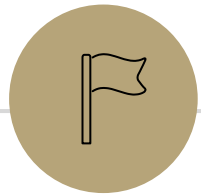
Many cool niche sorts beyond the scope of 373!

Counting Sort ([Wikipedia](#))

External Sorting Algorithms ([Wikipedia](#)) – For big data™



Questions?



That's all!