

Chapter 3, Case Studies:

- ▶ Linear-time sorting algorithms (**Today** and Wednesday)
- ▶ Disjoint sets and array forests (Friday)
- ▶ Priority queues (Next week Monday)
- ▶ N -sets and bit vectors (Next week Wednesday)

Today (and Wednesday):

- ▶ Recent quiz problem
- ▶ Iterators in adapter data structures
- ▶ Intro to “case studies”
- ▶ Limitations of comparison-based sorting
- ▶ Counting sort
- ▶ Radix sort

ArrayList

LinkedList

get()

set()

add()



Can't you tell a good tree from a poor tree?

Good sorts

Merge

Quick (expected case)

Shell (unassigned project)

Heap (Section 3.3)

Bad sorts

Selection

Insertion

Bubble



I have just been thinking, and I have come to a very important decision. These are the wrong sort of bees.

The ultimate measure for algorithms is their running time, but counting the number of comparisons between elements in the sequence is a reasonable proxy for running time when comparing sorting algorithms. At least we can say that if the expected case of a sorting algorithm makes $\Theta(n \lg n)$ comparisons, then its running time must be $\Omega(n \lg n)$ —that is, it can't be better than $n \lg n$.

It turns out that $\Theta(n \lg n)$ is in fact the best we can do for the expected case of sorting algorithms that make decisions by comparing elements in the sequence. Put formally,

Theorem 1. *If T is an algorithm that sorts a sequence by comparing pairs of elements in the sequence, then the expected running time of T is $\Omega(n \lg n)$.*

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0. Alice 0
1. Bob 2
2. Carol 4
3. Dave 4
4. Eve 2
5. Fred 0
6. Georgia 0
7. Henry 1
8. Ida 4
9. Jack 2
10. Karen 4
11. Larry 0
12. Moira 2
13. Nate 3
14. Olivia 1
15. Pete 1
16. Queenie 1
17. Ralph 4
18. Sara 2
19. Trent 4
20. Ursulla 2
21. Vick 3
22. Wendy 1
23. Xavier 2
24. Yvette 0
25. Zeke 3

Coming up:

Do “basic data structures” practice problems (suggested by today, Mon, Jan 31)

Do “**implementing ADTs**” project (suggested by Wed, Feb 2)

Due **Wed, Feb 2:** (class time)

Read Section 3.1

Do Exercises 2.(21–23)

Take sorting quiz

Due **Fri, Feb 4:** (end of day)

Read Section 3.2

Do Exercises 2.(12 & 15) and 3.8.

Take disjoint sets quiz

Invariant (Loop of radix_sort)

- (a) *i* is the number of iterations completed.
- (b) $r_pow = r^i$.
- (c) $\forall k \in [0, n - 1), \text{sequence}[k] \bmod r^i \leq \text{sequence}[k + 1] \bmod r^i$

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