

Purposes of Sorting

ports searching
h standard example
s other kinds of search:
: two equal items in this set?
: two items in this set that both have the same value for X?
my nearest neighbors?
rious unexpected algorithms, such as convex hull (small-polygon enclosing set of points).

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Classifications

ts keep all data in primary memory
ts process large amounts of data in batches, keeping it in secondary storage (in the old days, tapes).
based sorting assumes only thing we know about keys is
g uses more information about key structure.
rting works by repeatedly inserting items at their ap-positions in the sorted sequence being constructed.
rting works by repeatedly selecting the next larger n in order and adding it one end of the sorted sequence ucted.

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ays of Reference Types in the Java Library

ce types, C, that have a *natural order* (that is, that im-a.lang.Comparable), we have four analogous methods:
all elements of ARR stably into non-descending */
; extends Comparable<? super C>> sort(C[] arr) {...}
eference types, R, we have four more:
all elements of ARR stably into non-descending order ding to the ordering defined by COMP. */
> void sort(R[] arr, Comparator<? super R> comp) {...}

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ithms: why?
rt.

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Some Definitions

orithm (or *sort*) *permutes* (re-arranges) a sequence of brings them into order, according to some *total order*.
r, \preceq , is:
 $\preceq y$ or $y \preceq x$ for all x, y .
: $x \preceq x$;
etric: $x \preceq y$ and $y \preceq x$ iff $x = y$.
: $x \preceq y$ and $y \preceq z$ implies $x \preceq z$.
r orderings may treat unequal items as equivalent:
e can be two dictionary definitions for the same word.
t only by the word being defined (ignoring the defini-
n sorting could put either entry first.
at does not change the relative order of equivalent en-
lled *stable*.

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ays of Primitive Types in the Java Library

ary provides static methods to sort arrays in the class rrays.
nitive type P other than boolean, there are
all elements of ARR into non-descending order. */
id sort(P[] arr) { ... }
elements FIRST .. END-1 of ARR into non-descending . */
id sort(P[] arr, int first, int end) { ... }
all elements of ARR into non-descending order, bly using multiprocessing for speed. */
id parallelSort(P[] arr) { ... }
elements FIRST .. END-1 of ARR into non-descending , possibly using multiprocessing for speed. */
id parallelSort(P[] arr, int first, int end) {...}

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Examples

```
import java.util.Arrays.*;
import java.util.Collections.*;

// array or List<String>, into non-descending order:
// or ...

// reverse order (Java 8):
Collections.reverseOrder(); // or
Collections.reverseOrder(); // for X a List
// ..., A[100] in array or List X (rest unchanged):
// ..., L[100] in list L (rest unchanged):
Collections.sort(list(10, 101));
```

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Inversions

N) comparisons if already sorted.
Typical implementation for arrays:

```
for (i < A.length; i += 1) {
    for (j >= 0; j -= 1) {
        if (A[i].compareTo(A[j]) <= 0) /* (1) */
            swap(A[i], A[j]); /* (2) */
    }
}
```

Swaps executes for each $j \approx$ how far x must move.
Within K of proper places, then takes $O(KN)$ operations.
For any amount of *nearly sorted* data.
of unsortedness: # of *inversions*: pairs that are out of order when sorted, $N(N-1)/2$ when reversed).
Each swap operation of (2) decreases inversions by 1.

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Example of Shell's Sort

	#I	#C
11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0	120	0
11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 15	91	1
4 3 2 1 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 15	42	11
4 6 5 7 8 10 9 11 13 12 14 15	4	31
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	0	50

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Sorting Lists in the Java Library

```
java.util.Collections contains two methods similar to
the methods for arrays of reference types:
- all elements of LST stably into non-descending
  order according to the ordering defined by COMP. */
- extends Comparable<? super C>> sort(List<C> lst) {...}

- all elements of LST stably into non-descending
  order according to the ordering defined by COMP. */
- void sort(List<R> , Comparator<? super R> comp) {...}

Once method in the List<R> interface itself:
- all elements of LST stably into non-descending
  order according to the ordering defined by COMP. */
- (Comparator<? super R> comp) {...}
```

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Sorting by Insertion

With empty sequence of outputs.
Item from input, *inserting* into output sequence at right.
Good for small sets of data.
For linked list, time for find + insert of one item is at least $O(N)$ where k is # of outputs so far.
 $O(N^2)$ algorithm. Can we say more?

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Shell's sort

Like insertion sort by first sorting *distant* elements:
Subsequences of elements $2^k - 1$ apart:
#0, $2^k - 1, 2(2^k - 1), 3(2^k - 1), \dots$, then
#1, $1 + 2^k - 1, 1 + 2(2^k - 1), 1 + 3(2^k - 1), \dots$, then
#2, $2 + 2^k - 1, 2 + 2(2^k - 1), 2 + 3(2^k - 1), \dots$, then
$2^k - 2$, $2(2^k - 1) - 1, 3(2^k - 1) - 1, \dots$,
Each time an item moves, can reduce #inversions by as much as 2^k .
Subsequences of elements $2^{k-1} - 1$ apart:
#0, $2^{k-1} - 1, 2(2^{k-1} - 1), 3(2^{k-1} - 1), \dots$, then
#1, $1 + 2^{k-1} - 1, 1 + 2(2^{k-1} - 1), 1 + 3(2^{k-1} - 1), \dots$, then
#2, $2 + 2^{k-1} - 1, 2 + 2(2^{k-1} - 1), 2 + 3(2^{k-1} - 1), \dots$, then
$2^{k-1} - 1$, $2(2^{k-1} - 1) - 1, 3(2^{k-1} - 1) - 1, \dots$, then
Like insertion sort ($2^0 = 1$ apart), but with most inversions reduced by 2^k (take CS170 for why!).

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