Searching and Sorting

(Based on [Manber 1989])

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$$\begin{cases} T(1) = O(1) \\ T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(1), n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Time complexity: $O(\log n)$ (applying the master theorem with $a = 1$, $b = 2$, $k = 0$, and $b^k = 1 = a$).

Binary Search

function Find $(z, Left, Right) : integer;$
begin
  if $Left = Right$ **then**
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  else
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end

Algorithm Binary_Search $(X, n, z);$
begin
  $Position := Find(z, 1, n);$
end

Binary Search: Alternative

function Find $(z, Left, Right) : integer$;
begin
    if $Left > Right$ **then**
        $Find := 0$
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Cyclic Binary Search

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function Cyclic_Find $(Left, Right) : integer$;
begin
    if $Left = Right$ **then** $Cyclic\_Find := Left$
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        $Middle := \lfloor \frac{Left+Right}{2} \rfloor$;
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        if $A[Left] = Left$ **then** $Special\_Find := Left$
        else $Special\_Find := 0$
    else
        $Middle := \lfloor \frac{Left+Right}{2} \rfloor$;
        if $A[Middle] < Middle$ **then**
            $Special\_Find := Special\_Find(Middle + 1, Right)$
        else
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- The maximum value of i cannot exceed $\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \rfloor$ (or B^i would be longer than A).

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Think of the base case in a reversed induction.

Interpolation Search

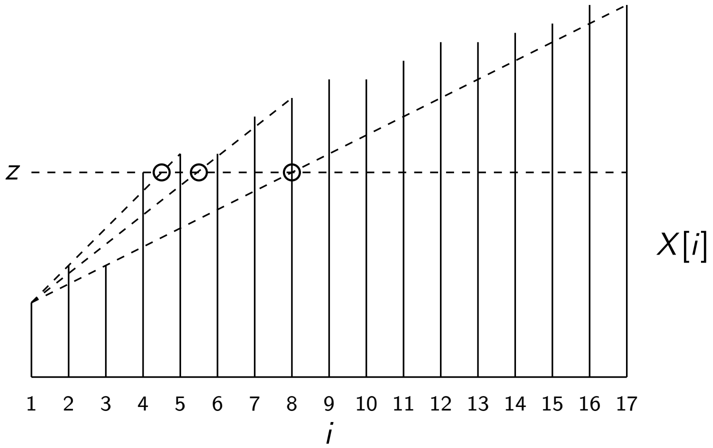

Figure: Interpolation search.

Source: redrawn from [Manber 1989, Figure 6.4].

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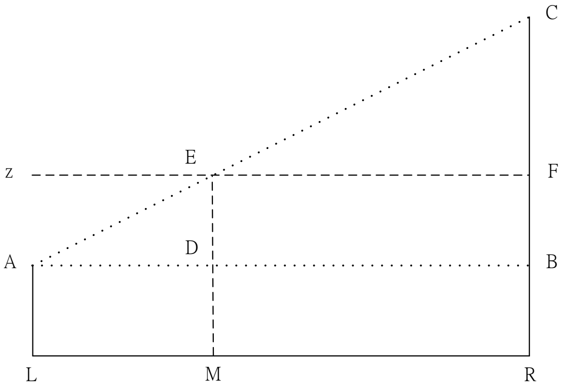

$$\frac{\overline{LM}}{\overline{LR}} = \frac{\overline{AD}}{\overline{AB}} = \frac{\overline{AE}}{\overline{AC}} = \frac{\overline{BF}}{\overline{BC}}, \text{so } |\overline{LM}| = \frac{|\overline{BF}|}{|\overline{BC}|} \times |\overline{LR}|$$

Interpolation Search (cont.)

function Int_Find $(z, Left, Right)$: $integer$;
begin
    if $X[Left] = z$ **then** $Int\_Find := Left$
    else if $Left = Right$ or $X[Left] = X[Right]$ **then**
        $Int\_Find := 0$
    else
        $Next\_Guess := \lceil Left + \frac{(z - X[Left])(Right - Left)}{X[Right] - X[Left]} \rceil$;
        if $z < X[Next\_Guess]$ **then**
            $Int\_Find := Int\_Find(z, Left, Next\_Guess - 1)$
        else
            $Int\_Find := Int\_Find(z, Next\_Guess, Right)$
end

Interpolation Search (cont.)

Algorithm Interpolation_Search (X, n, z);
begin
    if $z < X[1]$ or $z > X[n]$ **then** $Position := 0$
    else $Position := Int\_Find(z, 1, n)$;
end

Sorting

Problem

Given n numbers $x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n$, arrange them in increasing order. In other words, find a sequence of distinct indices $1 \leq i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_n \leq n$, such that $x_{i_1} \leq x_{i_2} \leq \cdots \leq x_{i_n}$.

A sorting algorithm is called **in-place** if no additional work space is used besides the initial array that holds the elements.

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- What's the time complexity? Suppose we use an AVL tree.

Radix Sort

Algorithm Straight_Radix (X, n, k);
begin
    put all elements of X *in a queue* GQ;
    for $i := 1$ **to** d **do**
        initialize queue $Q[i]$ *to be empty*
    for $i := k$ **downto** 1 **do**
        while GQ *is not empty* **do**
            pop x *from* GQ;
            $d :=$ *the* i*-th digit of* x;
            insert x *into* $Q[d]$;
        for $t := 1$ **to** d **do**
            insert $Q[t]$ *into* GQ;
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        pop $X[i]$ *from* GQ
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        for t := 1 to d do
            insert Q[t] into GQ;
    for i := 1 to n do
        pop X[i] from GQ
end
```

Time complexity: $O(nk)$.

Merge Sort

Algorithm Mergesort (X, n);
begin $M\_Sort(1, n)$ **end**

procedure M_Sort $(Left, Right)$;
begin
    if $Right - Left = 1$ **then**
        if $X[Left] > X[Right]$ **then** $swap(X[Left], X[Right])$
    else if $Left \neq Right$ **then**
        $Middle := \lceil \frac{1}{2}(Left + Right) \rceil$;
        $M\_Sort(Left, Middle - 1)$;
        $M\_Sort(Middle, Right)$;

Merge Sort (cont.)

$i := \mathit{Left};\ \ j := \mathit{Middle};\ \ k := 0;$
while $(i \leq \mathit{Middle} - 1)$ and $(j \leq \mathit{Right})$ **do**
    $k := k + 1;$
    if $X[i] \leq X[j]$ **then**
        $\mathit{TEMP}[k] := X[i];\ \ i := i + 1$
    else $\mathit{TEMP}[k] := X[j];\ \ j := j + 1;$
if $j > \mathit{Right}$ **then**
  for $t := 0$ **to** $\mathit{Middle} - 1 - i$ **do**
    $X[\mathit{Right} - t] := X[\mathit{Middle} - 1 - t]$
for $t := 0$ **to** $k - 1$ **do**
   $X[\mathit{Left} + t] := \mathit{TEMP}[1 + t]$

end

Merge Sort (cont.)

$i := Left;\ \ j := Middle;\ \ k := 0;$
while $(i \leq Middle - 1)$ and $(j \leq Right)$ **do**
  $k := k + 1;$
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    $TEMP[k] := X[i];\ \ i := i + 1$
  else $TEMP[k] := X[j];\ \ j := j + 1;$
if $j > Right$ **then**
  for $t := 0$ **to** $Middle - 1 - i$ **do**
    $X[Right - t] := X[Middle - 1 - t]$
for $t := 0$ **to** $k - 1$ **do**
  $X[Left + t] := TEMP[1 + t]$
end

Time complexity: $O(n \log n)$.

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6	2	8	5	10	9	12	1	15	7	3	13	4	11	16	14
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Figure: An example of mergesort.

Source: redrawn from [Manber 1989, Figure 6.8].

Quick Sort

Algorithm Quicksort (X, n);
begin
    $Q\_Sort(1, n)$
end

procedure Q_Sort $(Left, Right)$;
begin
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Time complexity: $O(n^2)$, but $O(n \log n)$ in average

Quick Sort (cont.)

Algorithm Partition$(X, Left, Right)$;
begin
    $pivot := X[Left]$;
    $L := Left$; $R := Right$;
    while $L < R$ **do**
        while $X[L] \leq pivot$ and $L \leq Right$ **do** $L := L + 1$;
        while $X[R] > pivot$ and $R \geq Left$ **do** $R := R - 1$;
        if $L < R$ **then** $swap(X[L], X[R])$;
    $Middle := R$;
    $swap(X[Left], X[Middle])$
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Figure: Partition of an array around the pivot 6.

Source: redrawn from [Manber 1989, Figure 6.10].

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Figure: An example of quicksort.

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= n - 1 + \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{n}(T(i-1) + T(n-i)) \\ &= n - 1 + \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{n} T(i-1) + \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=1}^{n} T(n-i) \\ &= n - 1 + \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} T(j) + \tfrac{1}{n}\textstyle\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} T(j) \\ &= n - 1 + \tfrac{2}{n}\textstyle\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} T(i) \end{aligned}$$

- Solving this recurrence relation with full history, $T(n) = O(n \log n)$.

Heap Sort

Algorithm Heapsort (A, n);
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procedure **Rearrange_Heap** (k);
begin
$parent := 1$;
$child := 2$;
while $child \leq k - 1$ **do**
if $A[child] < A[child + 1]$ **then**
$child := child + 1$;
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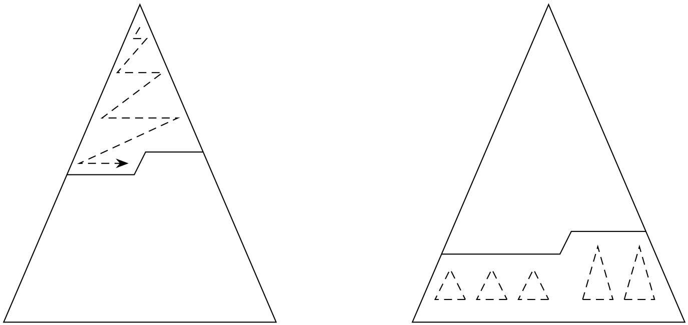

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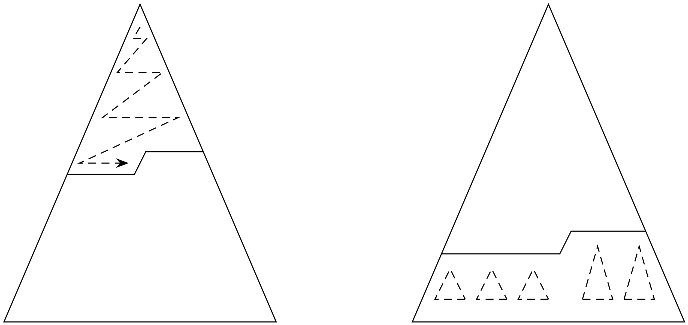

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Figure: An example of building a heap bottom up.

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- Can we do better? Which comparisons could have been avoided?

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Given a sequence $S = x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n$ of elements, and an integer k such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, find the kth-smallest element in S.

Order Statistics: Kth-Smallest (cont.)

procedure Select $(Left, Right, k)$;
begin
  if $Left = Right$ **then**
    $Select := Left$
  else $Partition(X, Left, Right)$;
    let Middle be the output of Partition;
    if $Middle - Left + 1 \geq k$ **then**
      $Select(Left, Middle, k)$
    else
      $Select(Middle + 1, Right, k - (Middle - Left + 1))$
end

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The nested "**if**" statement may be simplified:

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Algorithm Selection (X, n, k);
begin
    if $(k < 1)$ or $(k > n)$ **then** *print "error"*
    else $S := \mathit{Select}(1, n, k)$
end

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What if they are equal?

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Algorithm Majority (X, n);
begin
    $C := X[1]$; $M := 1$;
    for $i := 2$ **to** n **do**
        if $M = 0$ **then**
            $C := X[i]$; $M := 1$
        else
            if $C = X[i]$ **then** $M := M + 1$
            else $M := M - 1$;

Finding a Majority (cont.)

if $M = 0$ **then** $Majority := -1$
else
    $Count := 0;$
    for $i := 1$ **to** n **do**
        if $X[i] = C$ **then** $Count := Count + 1;$
    if $Count > n/2$ **then** $Majority := C$
    else $Majority := -1$
end