

## CSE 373 SP21 Sorting Study Guide

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Keep this next to you when you work through Section 8 (or **any** sorting problems)!

# Level 1: Sorting Cheat-Sheet



# Sorting Cheat Sheet

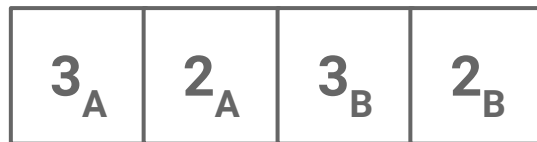
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	insertion	selection	merge	quick	heap
worst	$n^2$	$n^2$	$n \cdot \log n$	$n^2$	$n \cdot \log n$
In practice	$n^2$	$n^2$	$n \cdot \log n$	$n \cdot \log n$	$n \cdot \log n$
best	$n$	$n^2$	$n \cdot \log n$	$n \cdot \log n$	$n$
In place	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
stable	yes	no	yes	no	no

## Sorting Buzz Words

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- **Stable:**  
Any equal items remain in the same relative order before and after the sort.
- **In-Place:**  
Requires only  $O(1)$  extra space to perform the sort.



## Level 2: Sorting Overview



# Selection Sort

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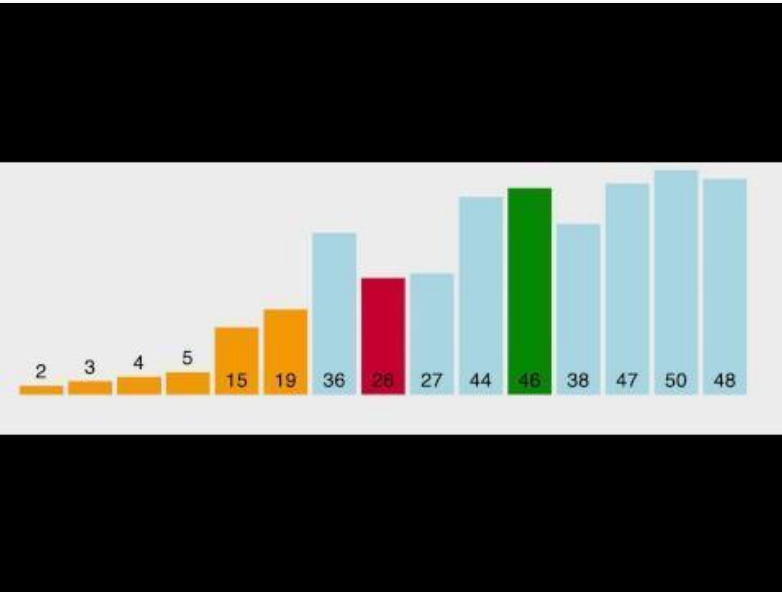
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1. Find the **smallest** item in the array, and swap it with the **first** item.
2. Find the **next smallest** item in the array, and swap it with the **next** item.
3. Continue until all items in the array are sorted.

We look through entire remaining array every time to find the minimum.

# Selection Sort

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*If this video doesn't play try logging into UW Net or using Firefox. IDK why this happens on Chrome....*

```
public void selectionSort(collection) {
    for (entire list)
        int newIndex = findNextMin(currentItem);
        swap(newIndex, currentItem);
    }
    public int findNextMin(currentItem) {
        min = currentItem
        for (unsorted list)
            if (item < min)
                min = currentItem
        return min
    }
    public int swap(newIndex, currentItem) {
        temp = currentItem
        currentItem = newIndex
        newIndex = temp
    }
}
```

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2 <sub>A</sub>	2 <sub>B</sub>	2 <sub>C</sub>	1
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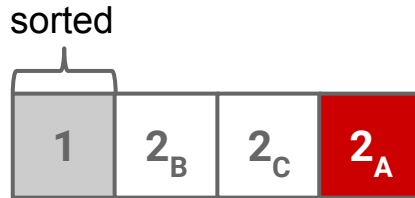
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2A and 2B are not in the same relative order!

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Scan from left to right...

1. If an item is out of order with respect to its left-neighbor, swap left.
2. Keep on swapping left until the item is in order with respect to its left-neighbor.

# Insertion Sort

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```
public void insertionSort(collection) {
    for (entire list)
        if(currentItem is smaller than largestSorted)
            int newIndex = findSpot(currentItem);
            shift(newIndex, currentItem);
    }
    public int findSpot(currentItem) {
        for (sorted list)
            if (spot found) return
    }
    public void shift(newIndex, currentItem) {
        for (i = currentItem > newIndex)
            item[i+1] = item[i]
            item[newIndex] = currentItem
    }
}
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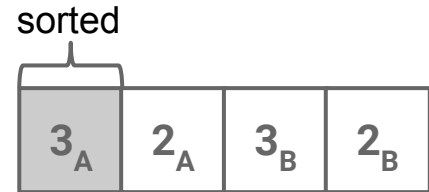
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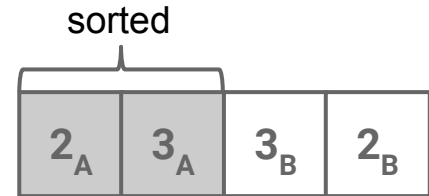
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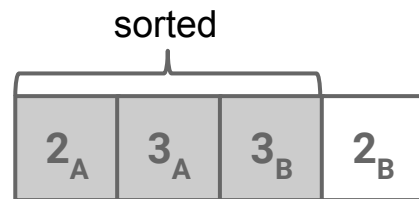
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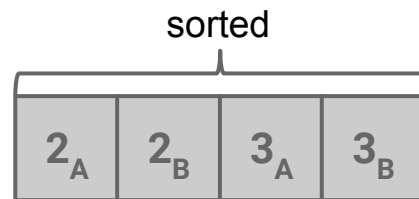
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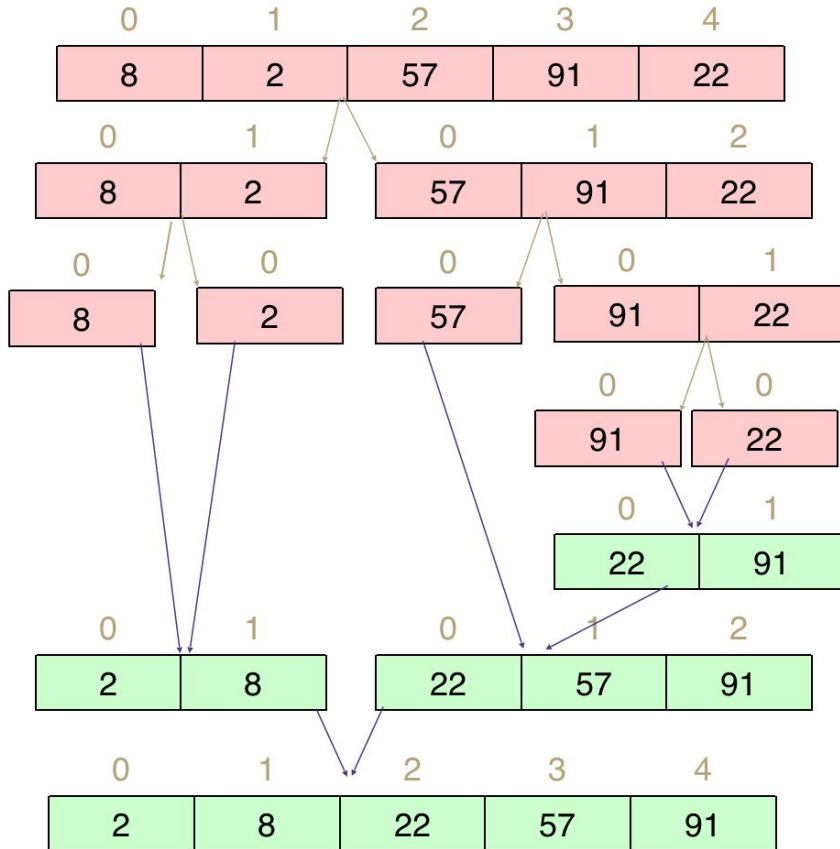
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Relative orders never broken!

# Merge Sort

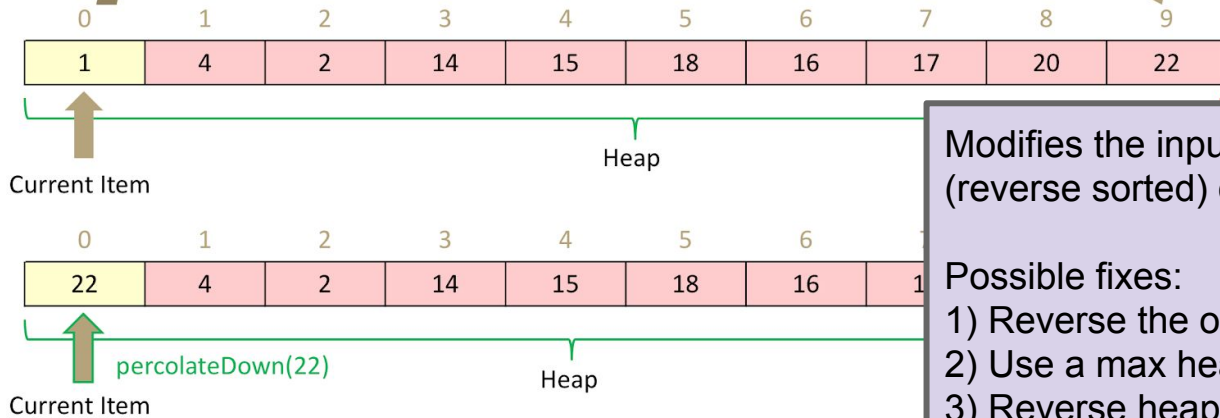


```
mergeSort(input) {  
  if (input.length == 1)  
    return  
  else  
    smallerHalf = mergeSort(new [0, ..., mid])  
    largerHalf = mergeSort(new [mid + 1, ...])  
    return merge(smallerHalf, largerHalf)  
}
```

1. If array is of size 1, return.
2. Merge sort the left half.
3. Merge sort the right half.
4. Merge the two sorted halves.

**Stable!** → uses the fact that left-half items come before right-half items.

# Heap Sort



Modifies the input to be in **descending** (reverse sorted) order!

Possible fixes:

- 1) Reverse the output (in  $O(n)$ )
- 2) Use a max heap
- 3) Reverse heap compare function to emulate a max heap

```
public void inplaceHeapSort(collection) {  
    E[] heap = buildHeap(collection)  
    for (n)  
        heap[n - i - 1] = removeMin(heap)  
}
```

# In-place Heap Sort

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Avoid extra copies of data to save memory by treating the input array as a heap. We'll use a max heap for this sort.

1. **Floyd's buildHeap**. Efficient heap construction by percolating down on nodes in reverse level order (starting from the back of our input array).
2. Once heap-ified, call `removeMax()` and place max item after remainder of heap in array. Repeat this step  $N$  times.

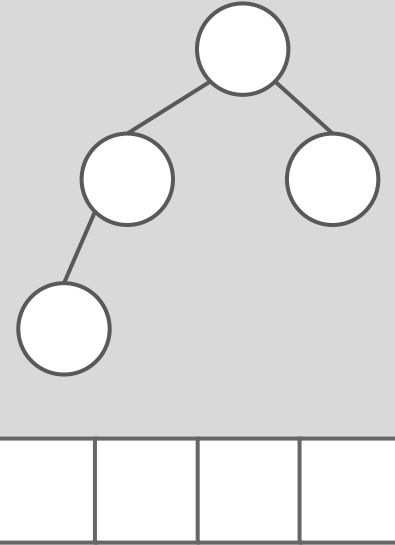
# Heap Sort Stability

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## Question

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2. Repeat N times:
  - a. Call `removeMax()`.
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**Heap sort is not stable. Give an example.**



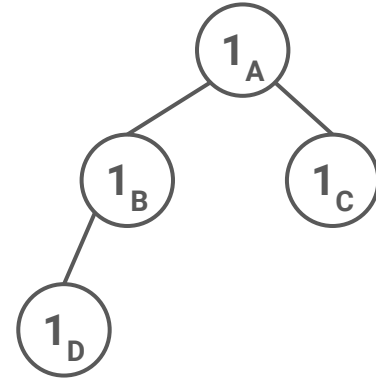
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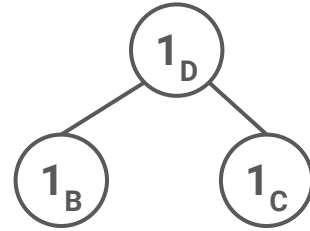


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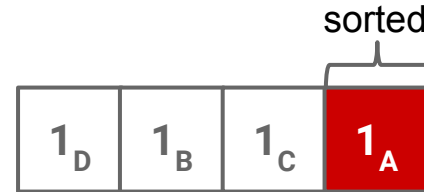
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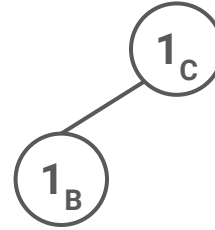


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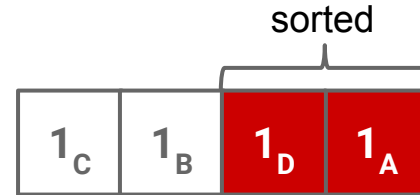
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And so on...

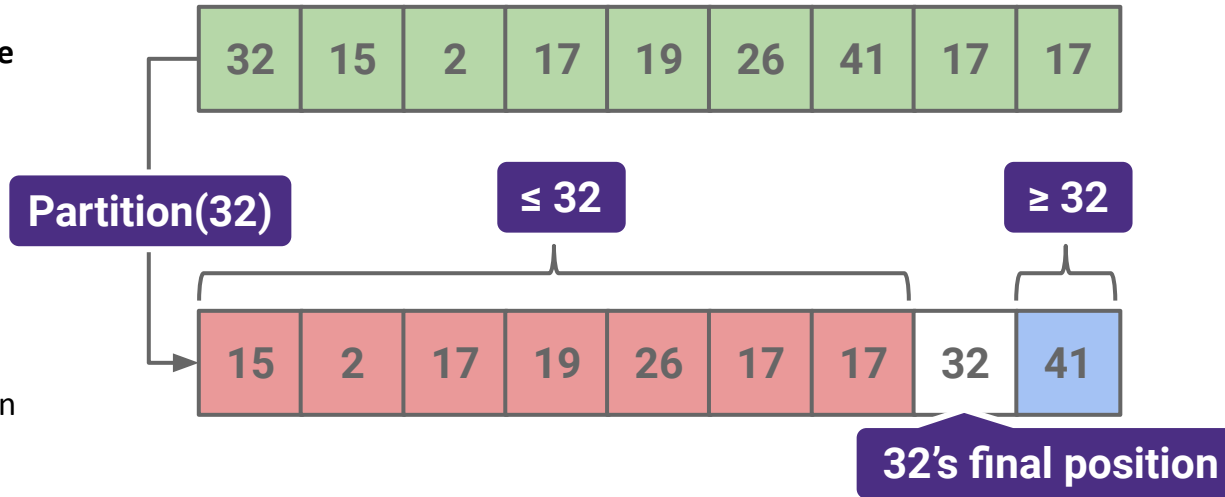
# Quick Sort

1. Partition around a **pivot item**, e.g. leftmost item.
2. Quicksort left side, all keys  $\leq$  pivot.
3. Quicksort right side, all keys  $\geq$  pivot (can put equal items on left as well).

## Stable?

Quick Sort is **not stable** because equal items are arbitrarily placed on the left or right of the pivot so their relative orders may change.

Other partitioning algorithms can result in a stable Quick Sort.

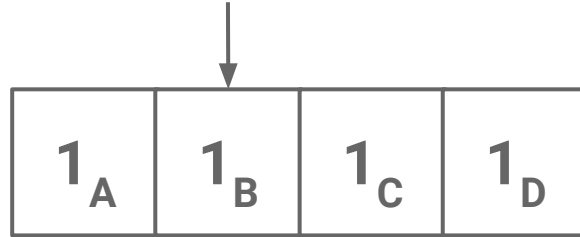


# Quick Sort Stability

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**Not stable!**

Say we pick this as pivot...



Relative order messed up!

## Level 3: In-Depth Sorting Walkthroughs

These are also Problems **2A-2E** on the Section 8 PDF.

To see the walkthroughs, click the **buttons!**



# In-Depth Sorting Walkthroughs

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Input:

32	15	2	17	19	26	41	17	17
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- **A:** Insertion Sort

[Answer](#)

- **B:** Selection Sort

[Answer](#)

- **C:** In-place Heap Sort

[Answer](#)

- **D:** Merge Sort

[Answer](#)

- **E:** Quicksort

[Answer](#)