



Middlebury

CSCI 201: Data Structures

Fall 2024

Lecture 5R: More Sorting

Goals for today:

- Implement the steps in **MergeSort** and analyze the runtime complexity.
- List the steps in **QuickSort** and analyze the runtime complexity.

} divide and conquer.



*A series of nonverbal
algorithm assembly instructions.*



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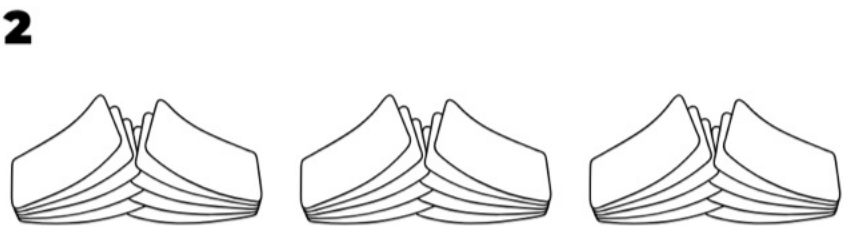
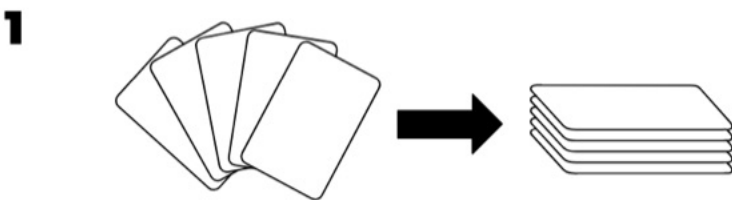
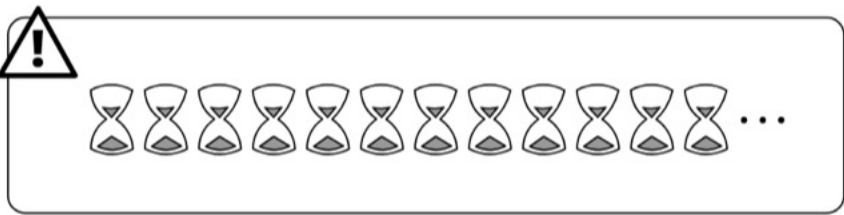
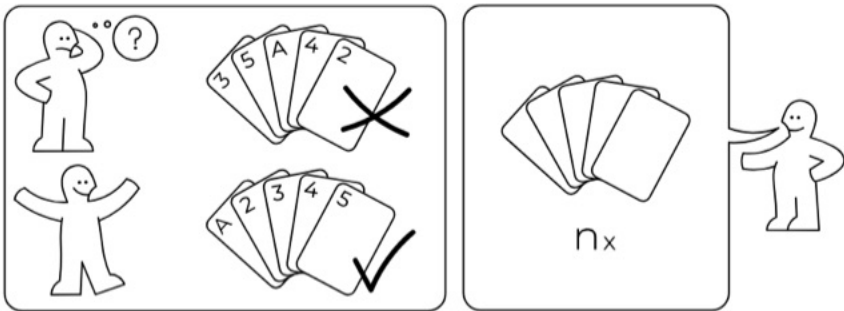
what algorithms
have we seen
so far?

selection
insertion
bucket
radix

BogoSort: one of the worst sorting algorithms.

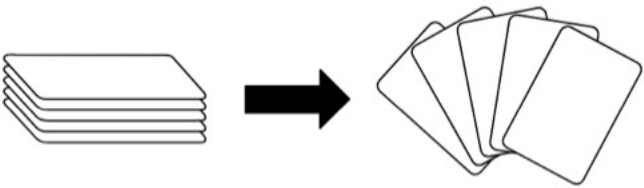
BOGO SÖRT

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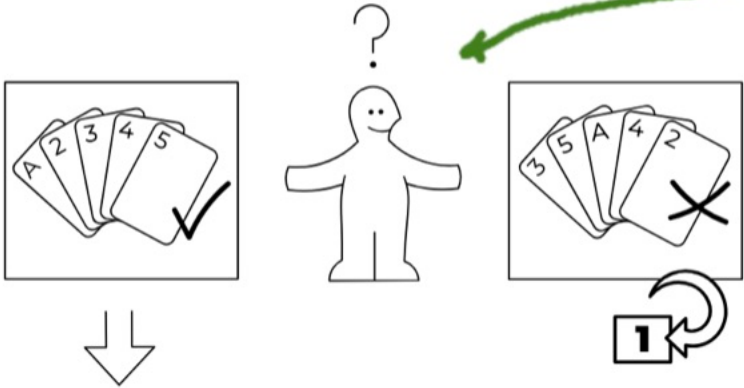


shuffle randomly, but let's assume we go through all possible orderings permutations of cards $n!$

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4



5



total amount of work in the worst case
 $= n! \times n$

$O(n \times n!)$

how much work is done to check if cards are sorted
 $\approx n$ comparisons

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Sorting Algorithm #5: MergeSort.

1. Divide input array into two subarrays.
2. Call **MergeSort** on each subarray.
3. Merge the result.

how many
times do
we need
to divide
an input
array of
length n
until we
get to
arrays of
length 1

→ how? we'll implement this today.

here, $n = 8$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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(from Wikipedia)

Analyzing MergeSort (Part 1).

for $n = 8$, we had 3 "splits"

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≡ How many times would an input array of length 32 need to be divided (in half) before we get to arrays of size 1 (slido.com #32060084).

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☐ 32

☐ 16

☐ 8

☒ 5

☐ 4

☐ 3

☐ 2

Send

$$32 / 2 = 16$$

$$16 / 2 = 8$$

$$8 / 2 = 4$$

$$4 / 2 = 2$$

$$2 / 2 = 1$$

total: 5 /'s

in general: for array of length n

$$n \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdots \frac{1}{2} = 1 = \frac{n}{2^d} = 1 \rightarrow n = 2^d$$

$$\boxed{d = \log_2(n)}$$



Analyzing MergeSort (Part 2).

How many times do you need to ask "which leading element is smallest?" when merging these two subarrays?

comparisons
is $n-1$

let's drop -1

comparisons $\approx n$

(work
done
during the merge)

$n=8$

$n=2$



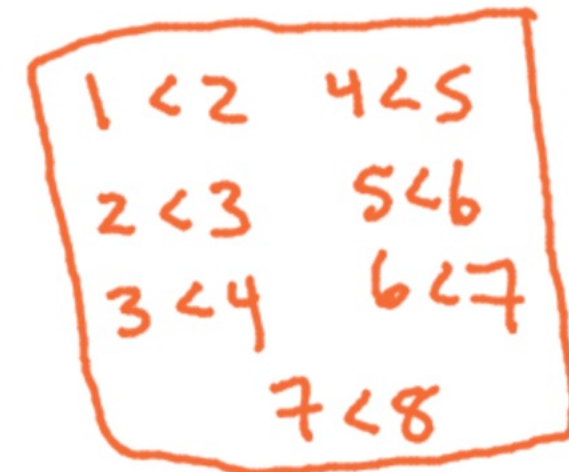
1 comparison



$n=4$



3 comparisons



7 comparisons



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Analyzing **MergeSort**: adding up the number of **<** from each level.



total work for mergesort

$$= \# \text{ levels} \times \frac{\text{work}}{\text{level}}$$

$$= \log(n) \cdot n$$

best, worst, average

$$O(n \log n)$$

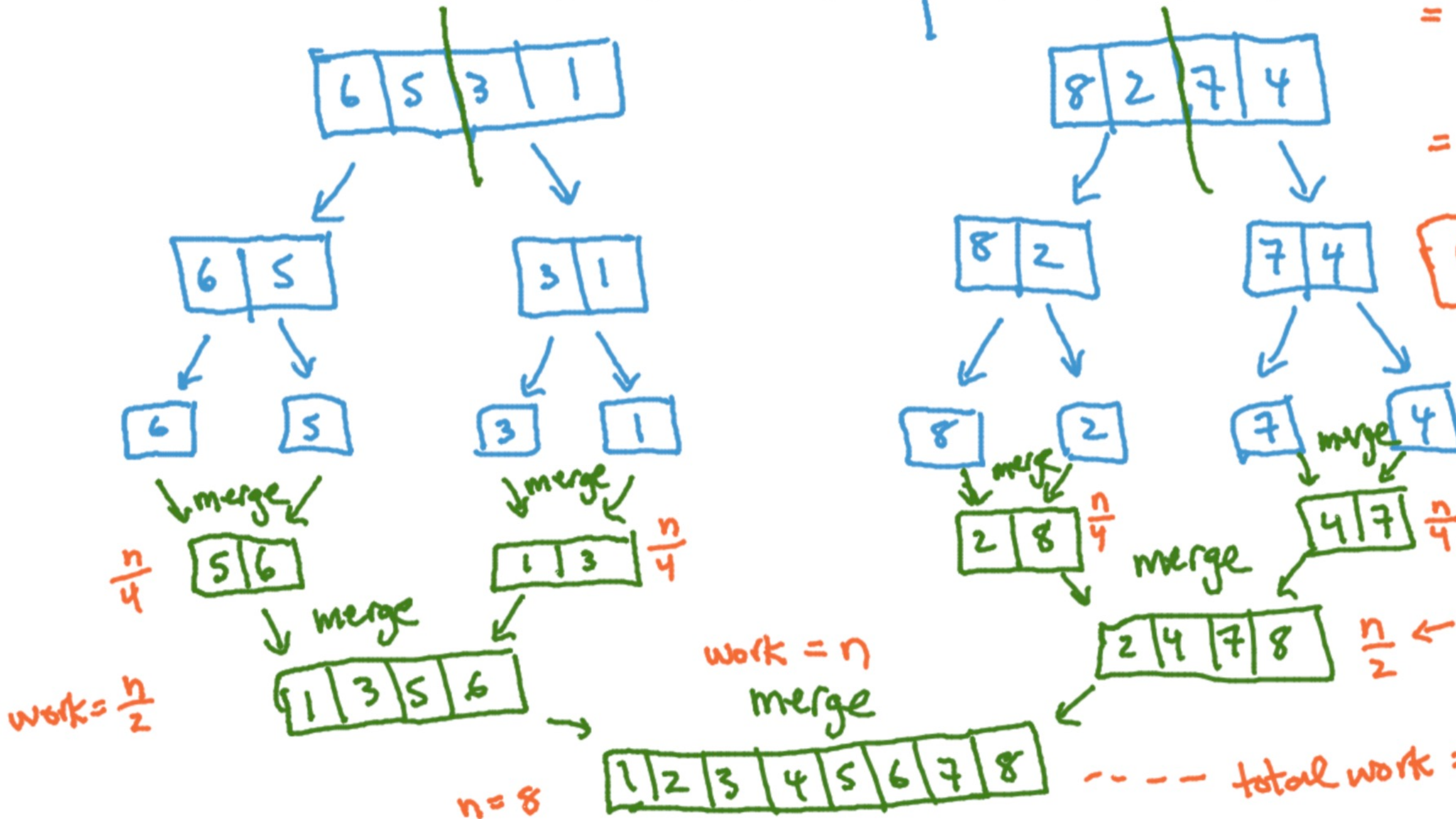
total work at each level

$$\frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} = n$$

$$\frac{n}{2} \leftarrow \text{work to merge} = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = n$$

total work = n

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Possible implementation of MergeSort.

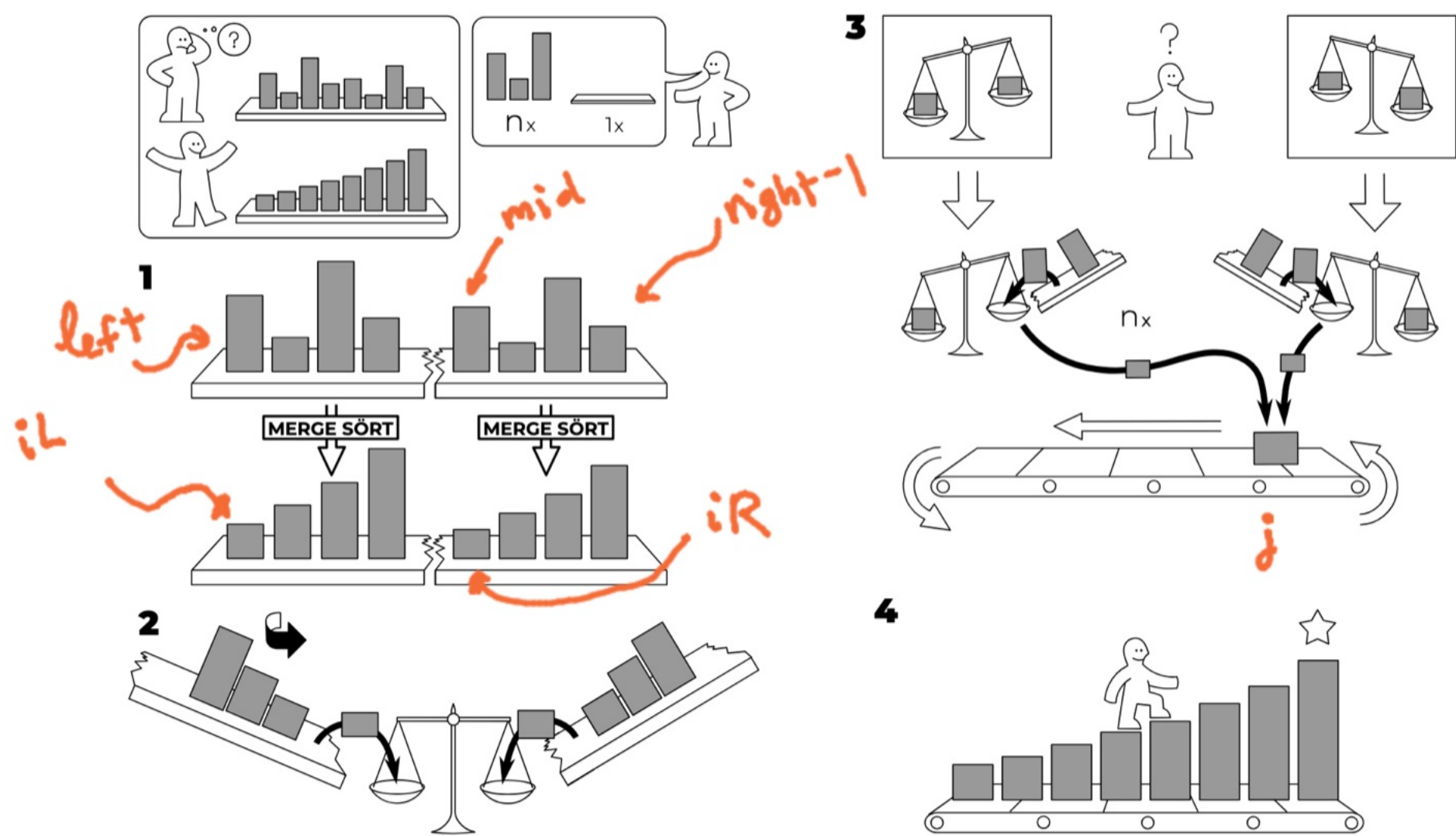
```
1  /**
2   * Sorts an array of items using merge-sort.
3   */
4  public static void sort(int[] items) {
5      mergesortHelper(items, 0, items.length);
6  }
7
8  /**
9   * Runs merge-sort on a portion of the items, starting
10  * at the "left" item, up to (but not including) the "right" item.
11  *
12  * @param items - entire array to be sorted.
13  * @param left - left index of the subarray to be sorted.
14  * @param right - right index of the subarray to be sorted.
15  */
16 private static void mergesortHelper(int[] items, int left, int right) {
17     int n = right - left;
18     if (n <= 1) return;
19
20     // recursively call merge sort on left and right subarrays
21     int mid = left + n / 2;
22     mergesortHelper(items, left, mid);
23     mergesortHelper(items, mid, right);
24
25     // merge the two subarrays
26     merge(items, left, mid, right);
27 }
```

Excercise: complete the **merge** step in **MergeSorter.java**.

Study the existing code and see the **TODO** comments for what steps are missing.

MERGE SÖRT

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Possible implementation of **merge**.

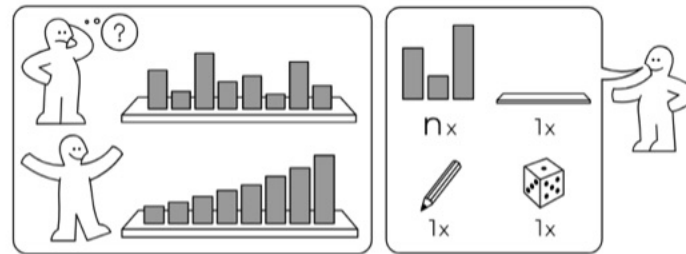
```
1 private static void merge(int[] items, int left, int mid, int right) {
2     // retrieve the minimum of (items[iL], items[iR]) until one subarray is empty
3     int iL = left;
4     int iR = mid;
5     int[] merged = new int[right - left];
6     int j = 0;
7     while (iL < mid && iR < right) {
8         if (items[iL] < items[iR]) {
9             merged[j] = items[iL];
10            iL++;
11        } else {
12            merged[j] = items[iR];
13            iR++;
14        }
15        j++;
16    }
17
18    // TODO 1: retrieve any remaining items from the left subarray
19    while (iL < mid) {
20        merged[j++] = items[iL++];
21    }
22
23    // TODO 2: retrieve any remaining items from the right subarray
24    while (iR < right) {
25        merged[j++] = items[iR++];
26    }
27
28    // TODO 3: place the sorted items (in merged) back in the array (in items)
29    for (int i = left; i < right; i++) {
30        items[i] = merged[i - left];
31    }
32 }
```

← not in-place

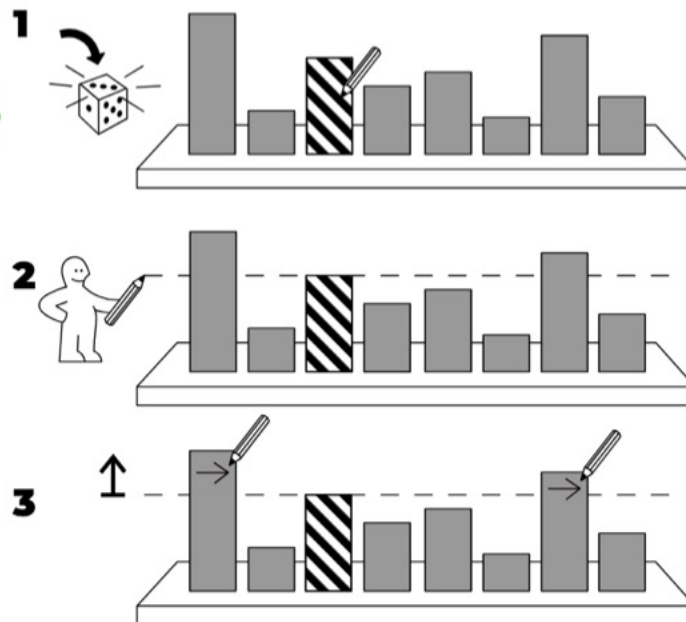
Sorting algorithm #6: **QuickSort**.

1. Pick a pivot.
2. Partition items so that any item $<$ pivot is in left subarray and any item $>$ pivot is in the right subarray.
3. Call **QuickSort** on each subarray.

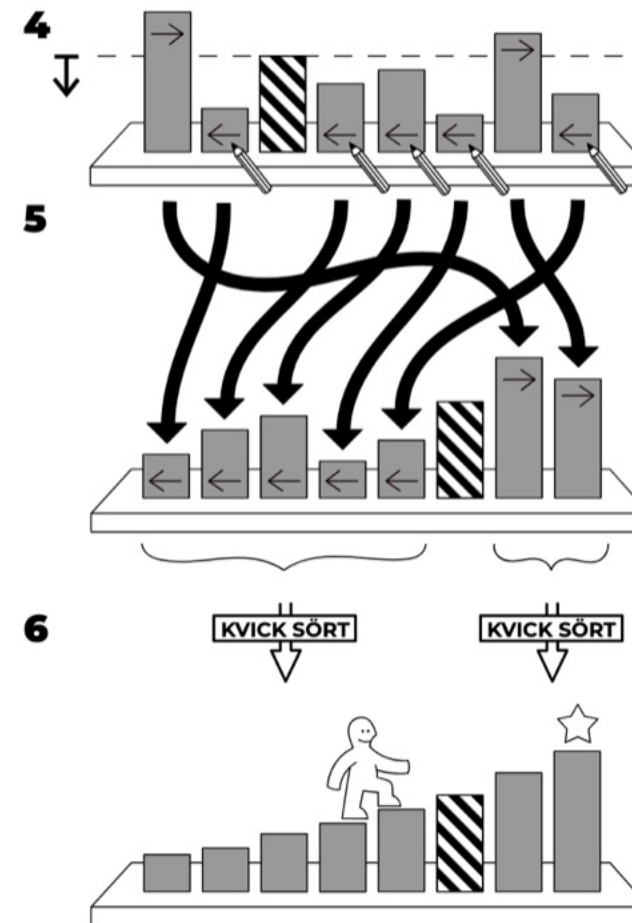
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here,
random pivot
(we'll use a
different choice)



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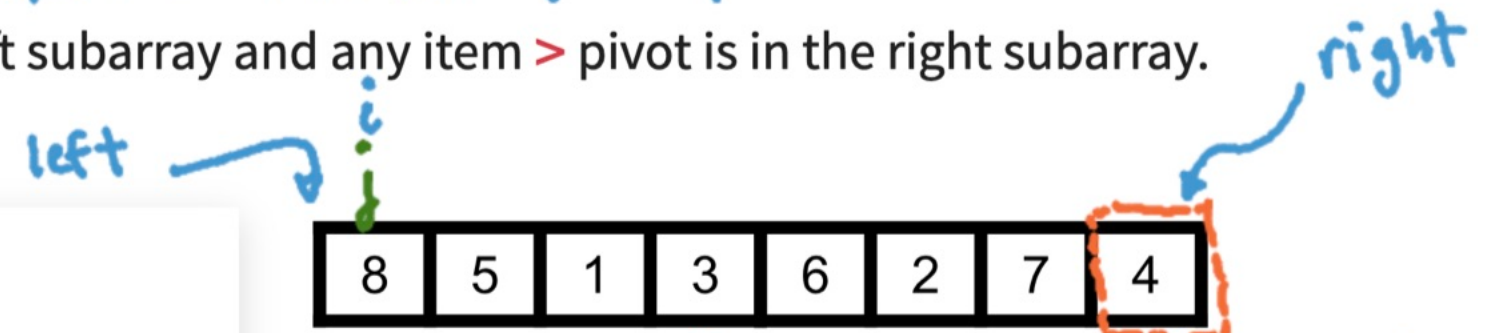


Sorting algorithm #6: QuickSort.

1. Pick a pivot. *let's pick the LAST item in the array as pivot*
2. Partition items so that any item $<$ pivot is in left subarray and any item $>$ pivot is in the right subarray.
3. Call **QuickSort** on each subarray.

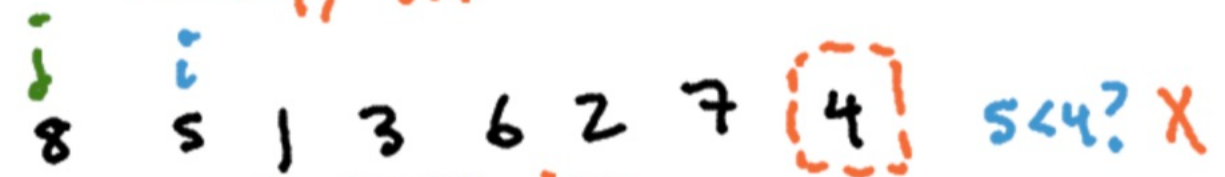
```

1 public static void sort(int[] items) {
2     quicksortHelper(items, 0, items.length - 1);
3 }
4
5 private static void quicksortHelper(int[] items,
6                                     int left, int right) {
7     if (left >= right) return;
8
9     // pick a pivot and partition items to the left/right
10    int p = partition(items, left, right);
11
12    // call quicksort on left and right subarrays
13    quicksortHelper(items, left, p - 1);
14    quicksortHelper(items, p + 1, right);
15 }
    
```

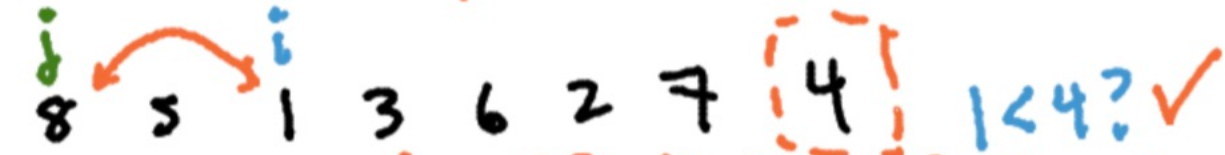


is items[i] < pivot? → is 8 < 4? X

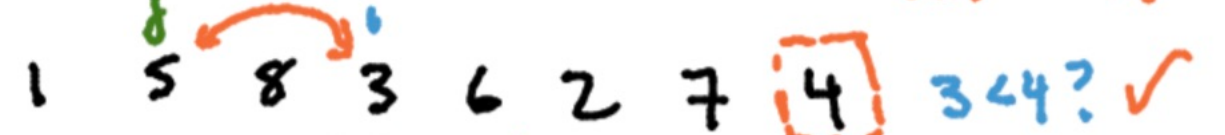
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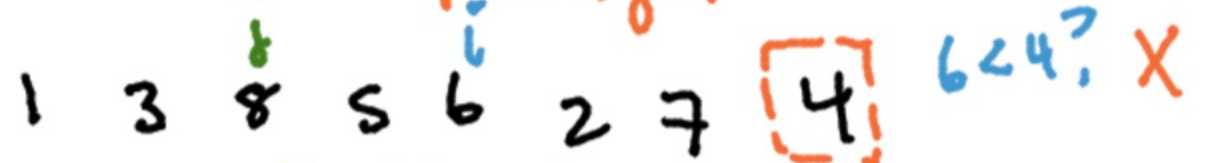
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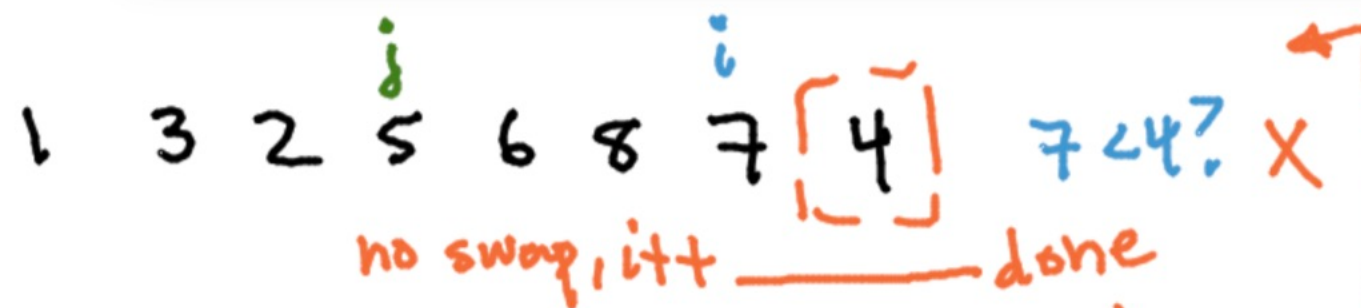
swap items[i] with items[j], i++, j++



swap, i++, j++



no swap, i++



last step: swap the item at i with pivot



j → returned to line 10.

i++, j++
swap

Have a nice Midterm Recess (see you on Tuesday)!

- Homework 4 extended to Tuesday 10/15 at 11:59pm.
 1. Implement Radix Sort.
 2. Derive number of `=` for `DIYList.add` method with a different growth technique.
- Reminder that Noah ([go/noah](#)) and Smith ([go/smith](#)) have office hours throughout the week and the 201 Course Assistants have drop-in hours in the late afternoons/evenings ([go/cshelp](#)).
- Submit exit ticket 5R today.

