

Class 49: Merge Sort

Held: Monday, 3 December 2007

Summary: We continue our exploration of sorting by considering the applicability of divide-and-conquer to the problem of sorting. We look at one particular divide-and-conquer algorithm, *merge sort*. We explore how the running time for that algorithm varies based on the number of values we are sorting.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Merge Sort.
- Reading: Merge Sort.

Notes:

- Are there questions on the exam?
- No readings for the rest of the week (project discussions).
- EC: Today's noon talk on convicting criminals through statistics.
- Project files now posted online.

Overview:

- More efficient sorting techniques.
- Divide and conquer, revisited.
- Merge sort.
- Analyzing merge sort.

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