

## CSC207.01 2013F, Class 37: Pause for Breath: Sorting

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## Preliminaries

### Admin

- I returned HW8 last night. Most of today will be going over issues from that assignment, particularly looking at the two hard sorting algorithms.
- Reminder: I get so much email that sometimes I miss some, and often I file it automatically without reading it. If you need me to read your email
  - Give it a clear title that indicates that I should read it. "Homework" and "Exam" suggest to me that you are submitting work.
  - Remind me if I haven't responded in a day or two.
  - And remind me again if I still haven't responded.
- There are three sets of code
  - The stuff on github: <https://github.com/Grinnell-CSC207/sorting>
  - An interactive illustration that I've built but didn't document: `examples/sorting-illustration`
  - The things we'll build today: `examples/sorting-pause`
- I will need a 207 grader for next semester. Does anyone think you can do the same level of commenting (although perhaps a bit more politely)?
- Upcoming extra credit opportunities:
  - CS Table, Today, Network Time Protocol
  - Careers in Math, Monday at noon
  - Monday, 4:15/4:30: The New CS Curriculum
  - Town Hall, Wednesday, November 13, noon or 7:30 p.m.
  - Learning from Alumni, Thursday: Atul Gupta, Trustee
  - CS Extra, Thursday: Hilary Mason '00
  - CS Table, Next Friday, HCI

- Innovation Class, Friday, 12:45, Hilary Mason '00
- CDO with Hilary Mason '00, Friday, ???
- Digital Commons talk Monday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. or so

## Questions on HW9

- Can we just look at powers of two and interpolate? Yes
- The RPN calculator is REQUIRED!

## Some comments on git and github

- Commit regularly!
- Commit small chunks. (You can more easily undo small chunks than big ones.)
- Write decent log messages.

## Formatting issues

Why might the following upset me?

```
int indexOfSmallest(T[] vals, Comparator<T> order, int lb, int ub) {
    Integer index;
    Integer minIndex = lb;
    for ( index = lb + 1; index < ub; index++){
        if ( order.compare(vals[minIndex], vals[index]) > 0){
            minIndex = index;
        }
    }
    return minIndex;
} // indexOfSmallest(T[], Comparator<T>, int, int)
```

## Code you should never write

What should happen to a 161 student who writes the following at the end of the semester?

```
char *str = (char *) malloc(12 * sizeof(char));
str = "Hello world";
```

Important lesson: In C, when you assign to a pointer, you change what it points to.

Related lesson: In Java, when you assign to an object, you're just assigning a pointer (although we call it a reference).

```
String a = "Hello"; String b = "Goodbye"; String c = a; a = b;
```

What's the relation to that and the following Java?

```
T[] values = (T[]) new Object[computedSize];
values = merge(vals1, lb1, ub1, vals2, lb2, ub2, order);
```

## indexOfSmallest

What's wrong with the following code?

```
int indexOfSmallest(T[] vals, Comparator<T> order, int lb, int ub) {
    int i = 0;          // Fix i = lb
    while(i < vals.length){
        if (order.compare(vals[i], vals[lb]) < 0) { // Fix i = ub
            lb = i;
        }
        i++;
    }
    return lb;
} // indexOfSmallest(T[], Comparator<T>, int, int)
```

What happens if we use this for selection sort?

5, 1, 6, 2, 8, 3

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1, 5, 6, 2, 8, 3

! \*

5, 1, 6, 2, 8, 3

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## Partition for Quicksort

The code we develop can be found in [examples/sorting-pause](#)

- We'll write invariants for partition.
- Then we'll see an example of partition in action.
- Then we'll write partition.

## Iterative merge sort

The code we develop can be found in [examples/sorting-pause](#)

- We'll write invariants for merge.
- Then we'll write merge.
- Then we'll write iterative merge sort.

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