

CSC151.02 2013F, Class 48: Merge Sort

Overview

- Preliminaries.
 - Admin.
 - Questions.
- More efficient sorting techniques.
- Divide and conquer, revisited.
- Merge sort.
- Analyzing merge sort.
- Lab

Preliminaries

Admin

- Exam 3 is ready.
- For people who attended class today and worked on the lab in class, there is no writeup.
- People who did not show up to today's class are expected to do lab writeup 29: Problems 6 and extra 1.
 - TB, WBC, RC, MH, TJ, RJ, YK, AL, ELB, JOP, AOP, WR, AS, AS, JY
- Upcoming extra credit opportunities:
 - Any self-care week activity
 - *One Grinnell* rally on December 4 at 4pm.
 - And yes, I have contacted Dean Arora about the timing.
 - Home game for Basketball, December 4 at 5:30pm
 - Pie on ear swim meet Dec 6-8

More efficient sorting techniques

Thinking about insertion sort ... * For a list of length n , we call insert n times * Insert into the empty list * Insert into a list of length 1 * Insert into a list of length 2 * Insert into a list of length 3 * And so and so forth * If we're lucky, insert happens at the front, that's one step Approximately n total calls to cons (or whatever) * If we're unlucky, insert happens at the end * Inserting into a sublist of length k takes about k recursive calls * Overall running time * $0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + n-1$ is approximately $(n^2)/2$ * If I double the input size and I'm unlucky ... * E.g., if it's 1 minute to sort 100 things, it will take 4 minutes to sort 200 things $(2n)^2/2 = 4(n^2)/2$ * When we have an inefficient algorithm ... can we do better?

Divide and conquer, revisited

- Divide in half
- Sort each side
- Merge 'em back together

Analyzing merge sort

- See white board. ALEX took a photo.
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