

"Organizing is what you do before you do something,  
so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up."

~ A. A. Milne

# SORTING

Lecture 11

CS2110 – Fall 2017

# Announcements

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# Announcements

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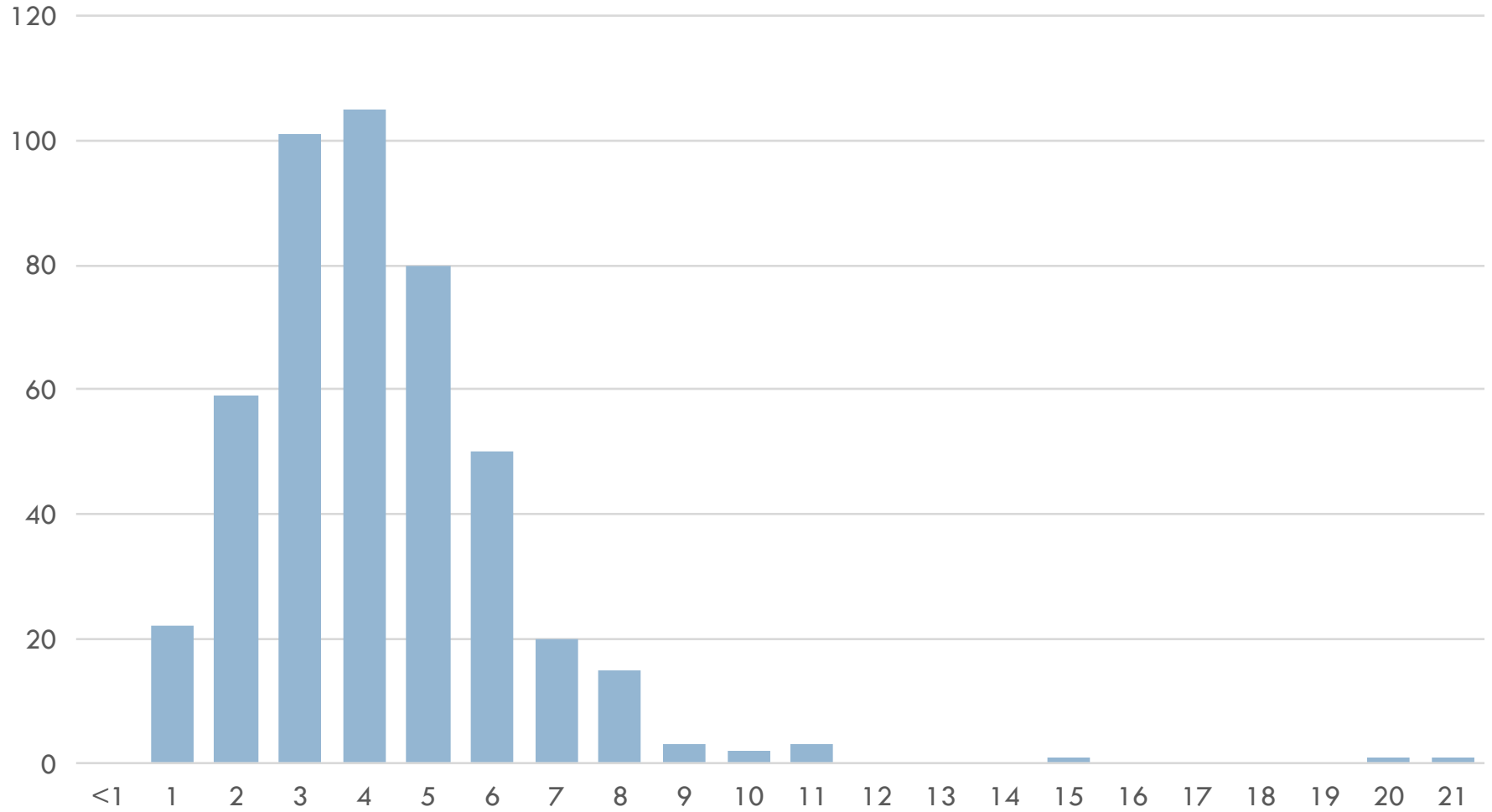
# Prelim 1

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- It's on Thursday Evening (9/28)
- Two Sessions:
  - ▣ 5:30-7:00PM: A..Lid
  - ▣ 7:30-9:00PM: Lie..Z
- Three Rooms:
  - ▣ We will email you Thursday morning with your room
- Bring your Cornell ID!!!

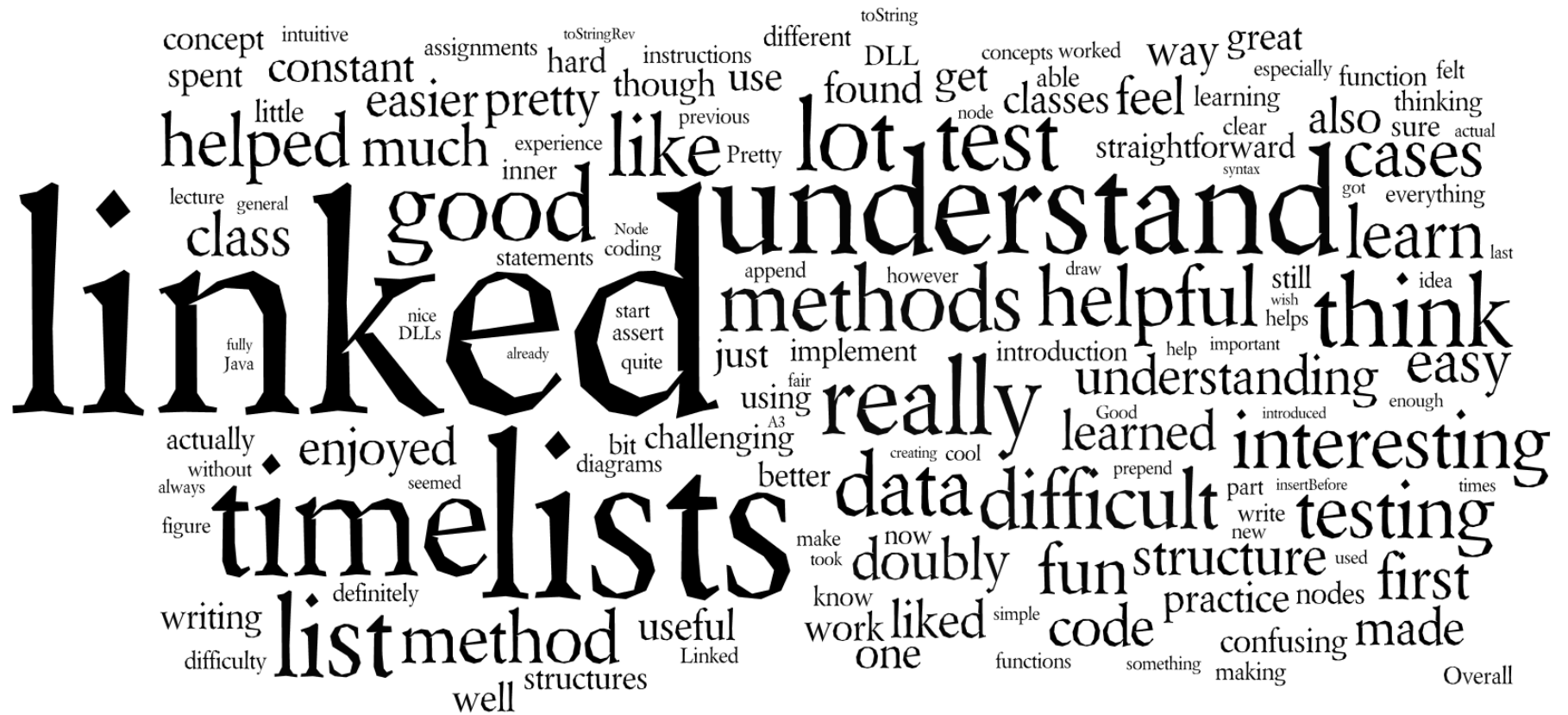
# A3

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# A3 Comments

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# A3 Comments

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```
/* Mini lecture on linked lists would have been very helpful. I still do not
 * know when we covered this topic in class. It was initially difficult to
 * understand what we were meant to do without having learned the topic
 * in depth before */
```

```
/* Maybe the assignment guide could explain a bit more about how to
 * thoroughly test the methods though. Testing is still a bit difficult and I
 * wish we had an assignment which covered that more. The instructions
 * could have been more specific about what is expected from the test
 * cases though. */
```

```
/* It also showed me how important it is to test after writing a method. I
 * had messed up on one of the earlier methods and if I had waited to test
 * I would have had a lot of trouble figuring out what went wrong. This
 * assignment showed me how vital it is to test not at the end but
 * incrementally. I feel more careful, efficient, and organized. */
```

# Why Sorting?

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- Sorting is useful
  - ▣ Database indexing
  - ▣ Operations research
  - ▣ Compression
- There are lots of ways to sort
  - ▣ There isn't one right answer
  - ▣ You need to be able to figure out the options and decide which one is right for your application.
  - ▣ Today, we'll learn about several different algorithms (and how to derive them)



# Some Sorting Algorithms

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- Insertion sort
- Selection sort
- Merge sort
- Quick sort

# InsertionSort

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pre: b 

0	?	b.length
---	---	----------

post: b 

0	sorted	b.length
---	--------	----------

inv: b 

0	i	b.length
sorted	?	

or:  $b[0..i-1]$  is sorted

A loop that processes elements of an array in increasing order has this invariant

Each iteration,  $i = i + 1$ ; How to keep `inv` true?

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`inv:`

	0		$i$		<code>b.length</code>
<code>b</code>	sorted				?

`e.g.`

	0		$i$		<code>b.length</code>		
<code>b</code>	2	5	5	5	7	3	?

	0		$i$		<code>b.length</code>		
<code>b</code>	2	3	5	5	5	7	?

# What to do in each iteration?

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inv:

	0		i		b.length
b	sorted			?	

e.g.

	0		i		b.length		
b	2	5	5	5	7	3	?

Loop body  
(inv true before and after)

2	5	5	5	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	?
2	5	5	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	7	?
2	5	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	5	7	?
2	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	5	5	7	?

Push  $b[i]$  to its sorted position in  $b[0..i]$ , then increase  $i$

This will take time proportional to the number of swaps needed

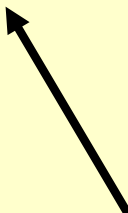
b	2	3	5	5	5	7	?
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# Insertion Sort

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```
// sort b[], an array of int
// inv: b[0..i-1] is sorted
for (int i= 0; i < b.length; i= i+1) {
    // Push b[i] down to its sorted
    // position in b[0..i]
}
}
```

Present algorithm like this



Note English statement  
in body.

**Abstraction.** Says **what**  
to do, not **how**.

This is the best way to  
present it. We expect  
you to present it this  
way when asked.

Later, can show how to  
implement that with an  
inner loop

# Insertion Sort

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```
// sort b[], an array of int
// inv: b[0..i-1] is sorted
for (int i= 0; i < b.length; i= i+1) {
    // Push b[i] down to its sorted
    // position in b[0..i]
    int k= i;
    while (k > 0 && b[k] < b[k-1]) {
        Swap b[k] and b[k-1]
        k= k-1;
    }
}
```

invariant P:  $b[0..i]$  is sorted  
**except** that  $b[k]$  may be  $< b[k-1]$

k					i	
2	5	3	5	5	7	?

example

start?

stop?

progress?

maintain

invariant?

# Insertion Sort

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```
// sort b[], an array of int
// inv: b[0..i-1] is sorted
for (int i= 0; i < b.length; i= i+1) {
    Push b[i] down to its sorted position
    in b[0..i]
}
```

Pushing  $b[i]$  down can take  $i$  swaps.

Worst case takes

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n-1 = (n-1)*n/2$$

Swaps.

Let  $n = b.length$

- Worst-case:  $O(n^2)$   
(reverse-sorted input)
- Best-case:  $O(n)$   
(sorted input)
- Expected case:  $O(n^2)$

# Performance

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Algorithm	Time	Space	Stable?
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$ to $O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	No
Merge Sort			
Quick Sort			



# SelectionSort

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pre: b 

0	b.length
?	

      post: b 

0	b.length
sorted	

inv: b 

0	i	b.length
sorted ,	$\leq b[i..]$	$\geq b[0..i-1]$

      Additional term  
in invariant

Keep invariant true while making progress?

e.g.: b 

0	i	b.length										
1	2	3	4	5	6	9	9	9	7	8	6	9

Increasing  $i$  by 1 keeps inv true only if  $b[i]$  is min of  $b[i..]$

# SelectionSort

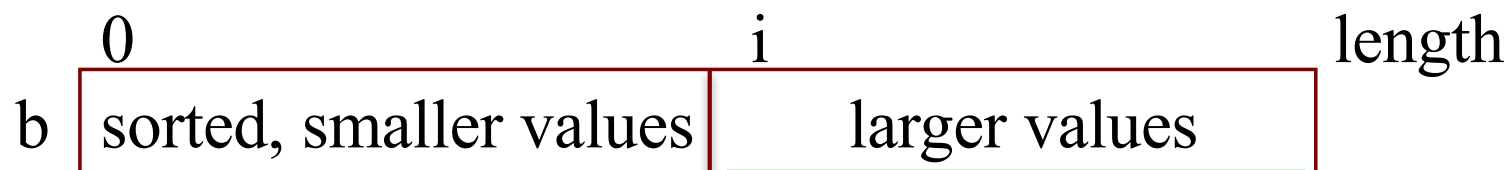
```
//sort b[], an array of int
// inv: b[0..i-1] sorted AND
//      b[0..i-1] <= b[i..]
for (int i= 0; i < b.length; i= i+1) {
    int m= index of minimum of b[i..];
    Swap b[i] and b[m];
}
```

Another common way for people to sort cards

Runtime

with  $n = b.length$

- Worst-case  $O(n^2)$
- Best-case  $O(n^2)$
- Expected-case  $O(n^2)$



Each iteration, swap min value of this section into  $b[i]$

# Performance

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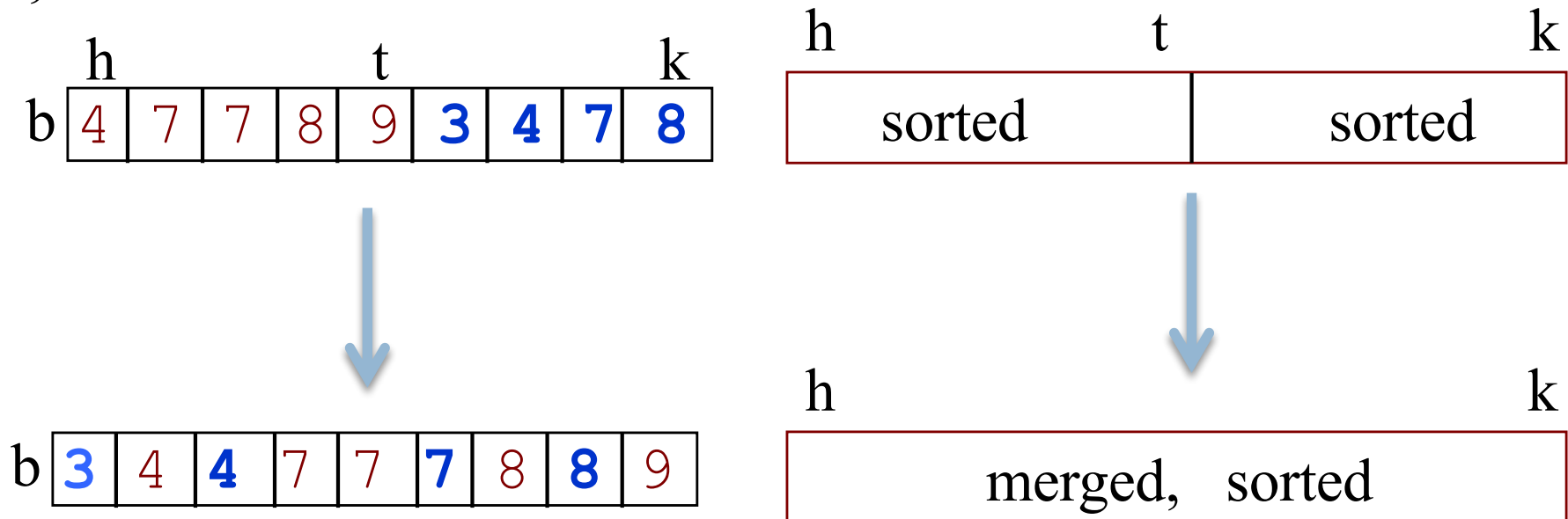
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Quick Sort			

# Merge two adjacent sorted segments

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```
/* Sort b[h..k]. Precondition: b[h..t] and b[t+1..k] are sorted. */  
public static merge(int[] b, int h, int t, int k) {
```

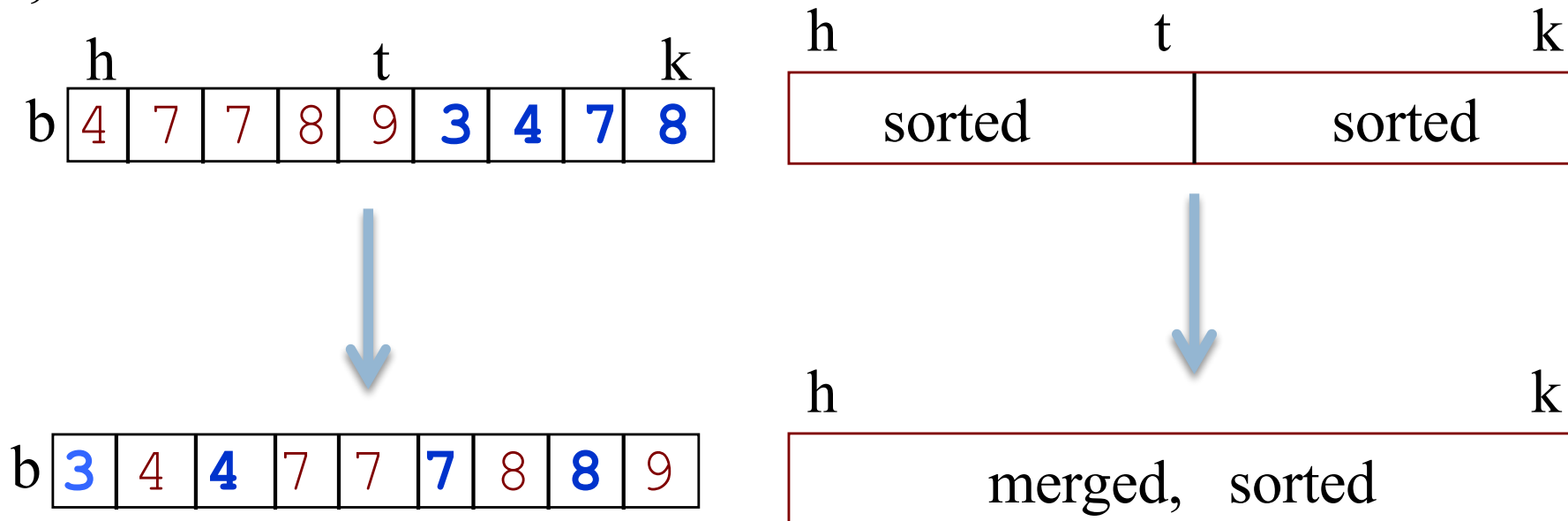
```
}
```



# Merge two adjacent sorted segments

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```
/* Sort b[h..k]. Precondition: b[h..t] and b[t+1..k] are sorted. */  
public static merge(int[] b, int h, int t, int k) {  
    Copy b[h..t] into a new array c;  
    Merge c and b[t+1..k] into b[h..k];  
}
```



# Merge two adjacent sorted segments

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// Merge sorted  $c$  and  $b[t+1..k]$  into  $b[h..k]$

pre:  $c$ 

0	t-h
x	

 $b$ 

h	t	k
?	y	

 $x, y$  are sorted

post:  $b$ 

h	k
x and y, sorted	

---

invariant:  $c$ 

0	i	c.length
head of x	tail of x	

$b$ 

h	u	v	k
	?	tail of y	

↑  
head of  $x$  and head of  $y$ , sorted

# Merge

```
int i = 0;
int u = h;
int v = t+1;
while( i < t-h){
    if(v < k && b[v] < c[i]) {
        b[u] = b[v];
        u++; v++;
    }else {
        b[u] = c[i];
        u++; i++;
    }
}
```

pre: c  $\overset{0}{\text{sorted}}$   $\overset{t-h}{\text{h}}$  b  $\overset{t}{?}$   $\overset{k}{\text{sorted}}$

post: b  $\overset{h}{\text{sorted}}$   $\overset{k}{\text{}}$

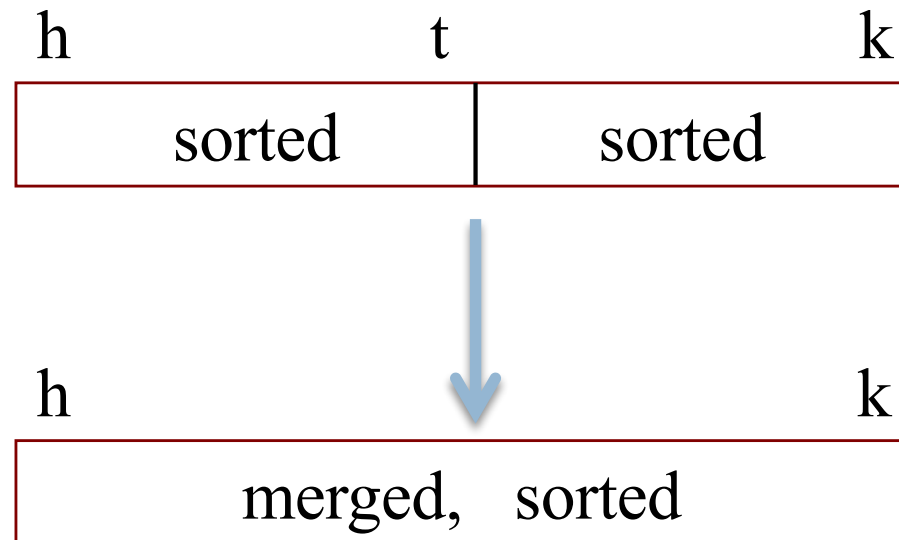
inv: 0  $\overset{i}{\text{sorted}}$   $\overset{c.length}{\text{sorted}}$

b  $\overset{h}{\text{sorted}}$   $\overset{u}{?}$   $\overset{v}{\text{sorted}}$   $\overset{k}{\text{}}$

# Mergesort

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```
/** Sort b[h..k] */  
public static void mergesort(int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    if (size b[h..k] < 2)  
        return;  
    int t = (h+k)/2;  
    mergesort(b, h, t);  
    mergesort(b, t+1, k);  
    merge(b, h, t, k);  
}
```





# Performance

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Algorithm	Time	Space	Stable?
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$ to $O(n^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
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Merge Sort	$n \log(n)$	$O(n)$	Yes
Quick Sort			

# QuickSort

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Quicksort developed by Sir Tony Hoare (he was knighted by the Queen of England for his contributions to education and CS).

83 years old.

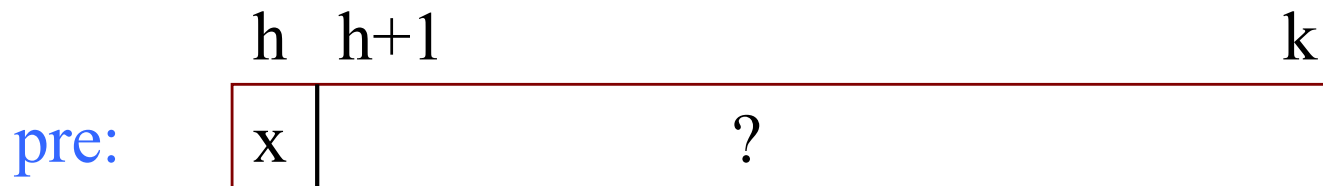
Developed Quicksort in 1958. But he could not explain it to his colleague, so he gave up on it.

Later, he saw a draft of the new language Algol 58 (which became Algol 60). It had recursive procedures. First time in a procedural programming language. “Ah!,” he said. “I know how to write it better now.” 15 minutes later, his colleague also understood it.



# Partition algorithm of quicksort

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x is called  
the pivot

Swap array values around until  $b[h..k]$  looks like this:



20	31	24	19	45	56	4	20	5	72	14	99
----	----	----	----	----	----	---	----	---	----	----	----

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pivot

partition

j

19	4	5	14	20	31	24	45	56	20	72	99
----	---	---	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

Not yet sorted

Not yet sorted

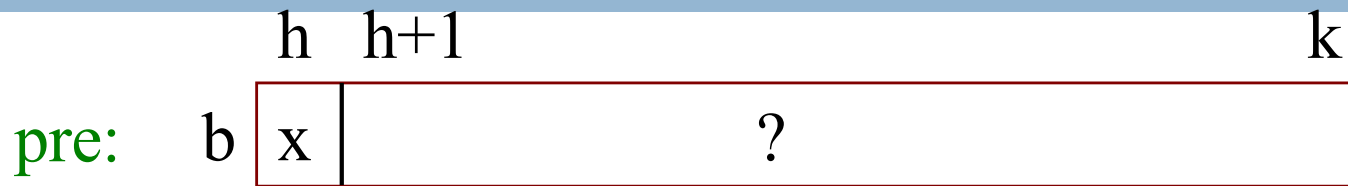
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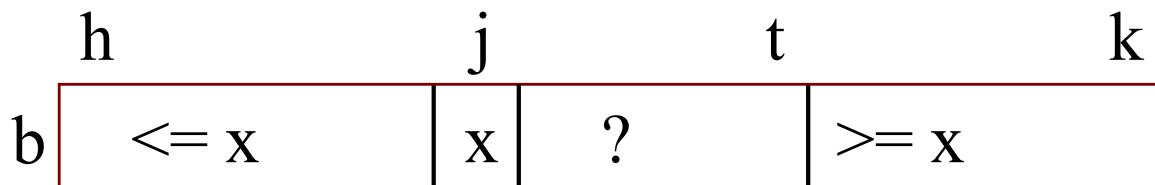
The 20 could be in the other partition

# Partition algorithm

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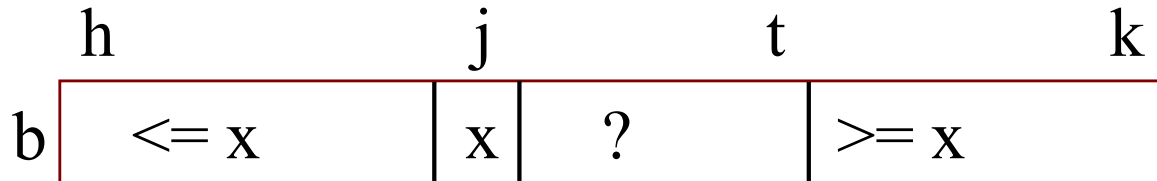
Combine pre and post to get an invariant



invariant  
needs at  
least 4  
sections

# Partition algorithm

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```
j= h; t= k;
while (j < t) {
    if (b[j+1] <= b[j]) {
        Swap b[j+1] and b[j]; j= j+1;
    } else {
        Swap b[j+1] and b[t]; t= t-1;
    }
}
```

Takes linear time:  $O(k+1-h)$

Initially, with  $j = h$  and  $t = k$ , this diagram looks like the start diagram

Terminate when  $j = t$ , so the “?” segment is empty, so diagram looks like result diagram

# QuickSort procedure

```
/** Sort b[h..k]. */
```

```
public static void QS(int[] b, int h, int k) {
```

```
    if (b[h..k] has < 2 elements) return; Base case
```

```
    int j= partition(b, h, k);
```

```
    // We know  $b[h..j-1] \leq b[j] \leq b[j+1..k]$ 
```

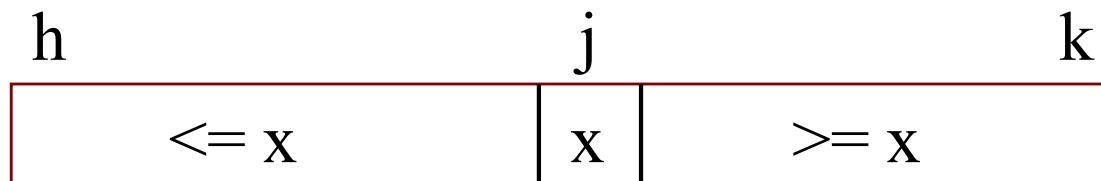
```
    // Sort  $b[h..j-1]$  and  $b[j+1..k]$ 
```

```
    QS(b, h, j-1);
```

```
    QS(b, j+1, k);
```

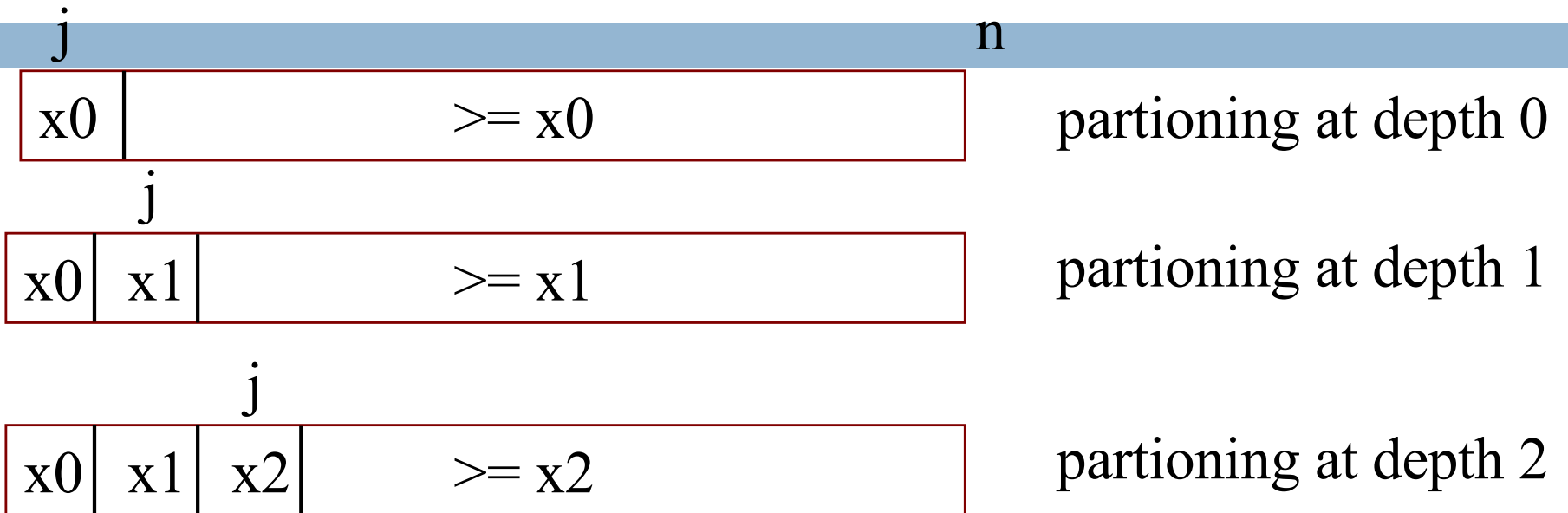
```
}
```

Function does the partition algorithm and returns position  $j$  of pivot



# Worst case quicksort: pivot always smallest value

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```
/** Sort b[h..k]. */  
public static void QS(int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    if (b[h..k] has < 2 elements) return;  
    int j= partition(b, h, k);  
    QS(b, h, j-1);    QS(b, j+1, k);  
}
```

Depth of  
recursion:  $O(n)$

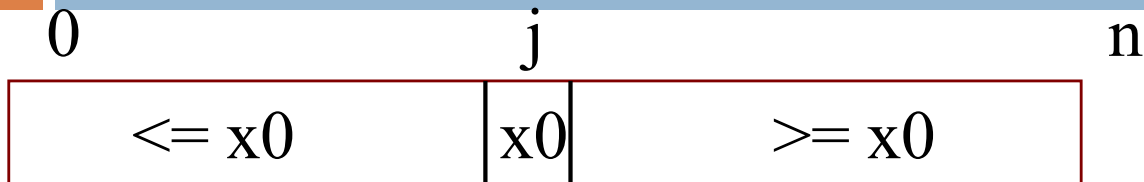
Processing at  
depth  $i$ :  $O(n-i)$

$O(n*n)$

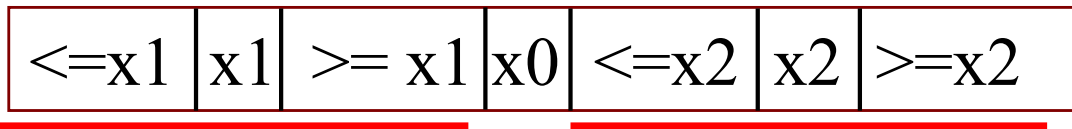


# Best case quicksort: pivot always middle value

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depth 0. 1 segment of size  $\sim n$  to partition.



Depth 2. 2 segments of size  $\sim n/2$  to partition.



Depth 3. 4 segments of size  $\sim n/4$  to partition.

Max depth:  $O(\log n)$ . Time to partition on each level:  $O(n)$

Total time:  $O(n \log n)$ .

Average time for Quicksort:  $n \log n$ . Difficult calculation

# QuickSort complexity to sort array of length $n$

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```
/** Sort b[h..k]. */  
public static void QS(int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    if (b[h..k] has < 2 elements) return;  
    int j= partition(b, h, k);  
    // We know b[h..j-1] <= b[j] <= b[j+1..k]  
    // Sort b[h..j-1] and b[j+1..k]  
    QS(b, h, j-1);  
    QS(b, j+1, k);  
}
```

Time complexity

Worst-case:  $O(n^2)$

Average-case:  $O(n \log n)$

Worst-case space: ?

What's depth of recursion?

Worst-case space:  $O(n)$ !

--depth of recursion can be  $n$

Can rewrite it to have space  $O(\log n)$

Show this at end of lecture if we have time

# QuickSort versus MergeSort

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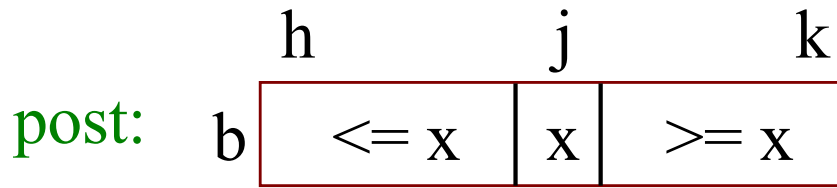
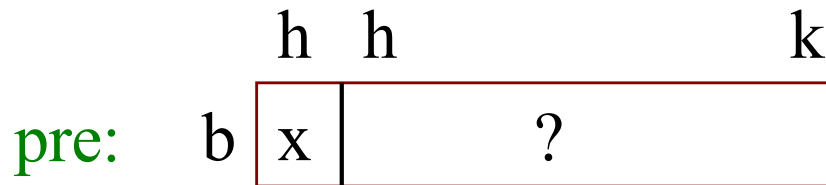
```
/** Sort b[h..k] */  
public static void QS  
    (int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    if (k - h < 1) return;  
    int j= partition(b, h, k);  
    QS(b, h, j-1);  
    QS(b, j+1, k);  
}
```

```
/** Sort b[h..k] */  
public static void MS  
    (int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    if (k - h < 1) return;  
    MS(b, h, (h+k)/2);  
    MS(b, (h+k)/2 + 1, k);  
    merge(b, h, (h+k)/2, k);  
}
```

One processes the array then recurses.  
One recurses then processes the array.

# Partition. Key issue. How to choose pivot

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Choosing pivot

Ideal pivot: the median,  
since it splits array in half

But computing is  $O(n)$ , quite  
complicated

Popular heuristics: Use

- ◆ first array value (not so good)
- ◆ middle array value (not so good)
- ◆ Choose a random element (not so good)
- ◆ median of first, middle, last, values (often used)!

# Performance

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Merge Sort	$n \log(n)$	$O(n)$	Yes
Quick Sort	$n \log(n)$ to $O(n^2)$	$O(\log(n))$	No

# Sorting in Java

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- `Java.util.Arrays` has a method `Sort()`
  - ▣ implemented as a collection of overloaded methods
  - ▣ for primitives, `Sort` is implemented with a version of quicksort
  - ▣ for Objects that implement `Comparable`, `Sort` is implemented with mergesort
- Tradeoff between speed/space and stability/performance guarantees

# Quicksort with logarithmic space

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Problem is that if the pivot value is always the smallest (or always the largest), the depth of recursion is the size of the array to sort.

Eliminate this problem by doing some of it iteratively and some recursively. We may show you this later. Not today!

# QuickSort with logarithmic space

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```
/** Sort b[h..k]. */  
public static void QS(int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    int h1= h; int k1= k;  
    // invariant b[h..k] is sorted if b[h1..k1] is sorted  
    while (b[h1..k1] has more than 1 element) {  
        Reduce the size of b[h1..k1], keeping inv true  
    }  
}
```



# QuickSort with logarithmic space

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```
/** Sort b[h..k]. */  
public static void QS(int[] b, int h, int k) {  
    int h1= h; int k1= k;  
    // invariant b[h..k] is sorted if b[h1..k1] is sorted  
    while (b[h1..k1] has more than 1 element) {  
        int j= partition(b, h1, k1);  
        // b[h1..j-1] <= b[j] <= b[j+1..k1]  
        if (b[h1..j-1] smaller than b[j+1..k1])  
            { QS(b, h, j-1); h1= j+1; }  
        else  
            {QS(b, j+1, k1); k1= j-1; }  
    }  
}
```

Only the smaller segment is sorted recursively. If  $b[h1..k1]$  has size  $n$ , the smaller segment has size  $< n/2$ . Therefore, depth of recursion is at most  $\log n$