

Class 44: Merge Sort

Held: Wednesday, 15 November 2006

Summary: Today we explore an important “divide-and-conquer” sorting technique, *merge sort*.

Related Pages:

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

Notes:

- Are there questions on HW15?
- EC for tomorrow’s convo.
- EC and free pizza for tomorrow’s Thursday Extra.
- We’ll spend a few minutes going over the `insert!` procedure from Monday.

Overview:

- Key Ideas.
- Lab.
- Reflection.

Key Ideas of Merge Sort

- Divide and conquer is often a useful design strategy.
- For sorting, natural division is "first half" / "second half".
- What do we do after sorting the two halves? Merge ’em.

Lab

- Do the lab.
- Pause to reflect.

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