

Class 45: Quicksort

Held: Friday, 17 November 2006

Summary: Today we consider our final sorting algorithm, Quicksort. Quicksort is a divide-and-conquer algorithm that also relies on chance.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Quicksort.
- Reading: Quicksort.

Due

- HW15.

Notes:

- HW16 is the last homework for 151.

Overview:

- The key ideas of Quicksort.
- Lab.

Key Ideas of Quicksort

- Another divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- This time, divide into “small” and “large”.
- What do we do after sorting the two halves? Append 'em. (Much easier.)
- How do we divide into “small” and “large”? Guess the dividing point by selecting a random element.

Lab

- Do the lab.
- Pause to reflect.

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