Compsci 101, Sorting and Testing

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S is for …

- **Software**
  - Joy, sorry, fun, changing the world
- **System and sys**
  - Connecting to the machine at different levels
- **Sorting**
  - From hat to tim to more

Plan for the Week

- Sorting out sorts
  - Why we might want to use a simple sort even when timsort is faster
  - The ola sorting sojourn
- Toward getting APTs and Clever Hangman done
  - Testing and then more testing

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WOTO Second Pass

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All time Medal Table?

Utility and Awareness

- Parallel lists: sorting related lists together

```
>>> names = ['fran', 'chris', 'sam', 'joe']
>>> grades = [80, 90, 85, 88]
>>> names
['fran', 'chris', 'sam', 'joe']
>>> grades
[80, 90, 85, 88]
>>> combo = zip(grades,names)
>>> combo
<zip object at 0x1021b9b48>
>>> lcombo = list(combo)
>>> lcombo
[(80, 'fran'), (90, 'chris'), (85, 'sam'), (88, 'joe')]
```


Finishing things up, but …

- Extracting individual lists from tuple-ized lists

```
>>> lcombo
[(80, 'fran'), (90, 'chris'), (85, 'sam'), (88, 'joe')]
>>> scombo = sorted(lcombo)
>>> scombo
[(80, 'fran'), (85, 'sam'), (88, 'joe'), (90, 'chris')]
>>> names = [t[1] for t in scombo]
>>> grades = [t[0] for t in scombo]
>>> names
['fran', 'sam', 'joe', 'chris']
>>> grades
[80, 85, 88, 90]
```


Selection sort, TimingSorts.py

- Selection sort
  - Find smallest element, swap into **`list[0]`**
  - Repeat indexes 1, 2, … smallest in **`list[i:]`**
- Nested function **`minIndex`** in **`selectsort`**
  - What is scope of minIndex?
- Notice how variables are swapped
  - This is actually tuple assignment

Bubblesort, TimingSorts.py

- Bubblesort
  - Swap adjacent elements that are out of order
  - Am I bigger than you? Swap. Largest at end
  - Repeat `[0:-1], [0:-2], [0:-n]`
- As with selection sort, we could easily sort parallel lists that are small. How small? Analyze!

Empirical and Theoretical Analyses

size	create	bubble	select	timsort
1000	0.026	0.127	0.081	0.002
2000	0.045	0.537	0.273	0.001
3000	0.058	1.126	0.646	0.002
4000	0.082	2.174	1.208	0.003
50s0	0.101	3.521	1.862	0.003
6000	0.118	4.617	3.005	0.004
7000	0.168	7.504	4.237	0.005
8000	0.156	9.074	6.152	0.007
9000	0.184	11.611	8.089	0.007
10000	0.212	14.502	9.384	0.008

Sir Anthony (Tony) Hoare

"*There are two ways of constructing a software design. One way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies. And the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies.*"

Turing award, Invented Quicksort, Born in Sri Lanka, educated in England

Tim Peters

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zen_of_Python

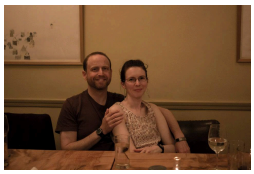
https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0020/

Timsort and Zen of Python

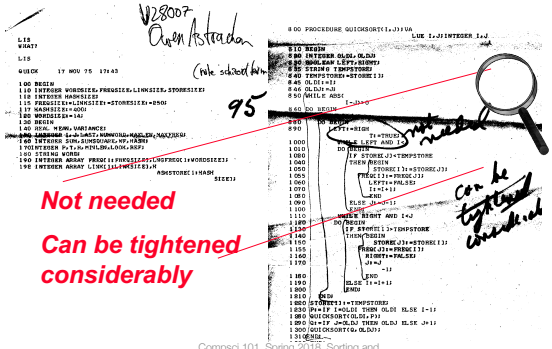
Beautiful is better than ugly
Simple is better than complex
Complex is better than complicated
Readability counts

I've even been known to get Marmite *near* my mouth -- but never actually in it yet. Vegamite is right out

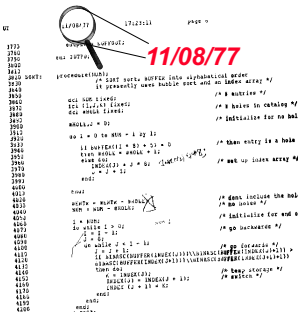
Bubblesort: ola's odyssey



1975: Quicksort in class



1977, Uses Bubblesort for job



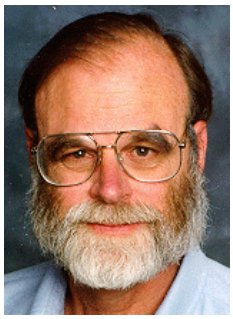
Hmmmm. What can I write?

- Astrachan, O. (2003, February). Bubble sort: an archaeological algorithmic analysis. In *ACM SIGCSE Bulletin*(Vol. 35, No. 1, pp. 1-5). ACM.
- From 1955, to 1959, to 1962 to 1963 to today!

Jim Gray, Turing 1998

Bubble sort is a good argument for analyzing algorithm performance. It is a perfectly correct algorithm. But it's performance is among the worst imaginable. *So, it crisply shows the difference between correct algorithms and good algorithms.*

(italics ola's)



Brian Reid, Hopper 1982

Feah. I love bubble sort, and I grow weary of people who have nothing better to do than to preach about it. Universities are good places to keep such people, so that they don't scare the general public.

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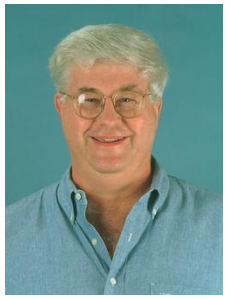

Brian Reid

I am quite capable of squaring N with or without a calculator, and I know how long my sorts will bubble. I can type every form of bubble sort into a text editor from memory. If I am writing some quick code and I need a sort quick, as opposed to a quick sort, I just type in the bubble sort as if it were a statement. I'm done with it before I could look up the data type of the third argument to the quicksort library.

I have a dual-processor 1.2 GHz Powermac and it sneers at your N squared for most interesting values of N. And my source code is smaller than yours.

Brian Reid
who keeps all of his bubbles sorted anyhow.

Niklaus Wirth, Turing 1984

I have read your article and share your view that Bubble Sort has hardly any merits. I think that it is so often mentioned, because it illustrates quite well the principle of sorting by exchanging.

I think BS is popular, because it fits well into a systematic development of sorting algorithms. But it plays no role in actual applications. Quite in contrast to C, also without merit (and its derivative Java), among programming codes.

WOTO

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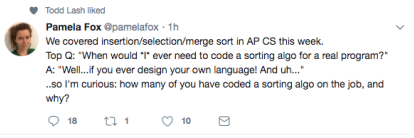
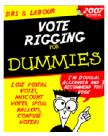


VoteRigging APT

- http://www.cs.duke.edu/csed/pythonapt/voteriggi ng.html
- Example [5,10,7,3,8] answer is 4. Why?
  - From whom do you "steal" a vote? Why?
  - Similar to making change or clever hangman?



Testing Your Ideas

- How do we find maximal value in a list?
  - Can we leverage sorting?
  - Can we call max? Why will we need .index too?
- When can we stop stealing votes?
  - Mapping conceptual idea to code
  - Getting all green

What is the purpose of APTs?

- Testing one problem/idea via a single method
  - We know what inputs to method are
  - We know what expected output is
  - We use this to test and verify our code
- Unit Testing: one "unit" independing of other code
  - Often functions depend on each other
  - Unit testing is a single function

Clever v Plain Hangman

- What changes in the gameplay?
- Minor changes, though they require coding
  - Plain: show 'a', 'e', 't', 'w'
  - Clever: show _bcd_fghijklmnopqrs_uv_xyz
- Major changes
  - List of potential words changes at each turn
  - Function **`getNewWordList`** called from loop

Testing your code

- Alternative to lowerwords.txt?
  - Create your own file of words. Small file
  - Facilitates testing
- Call random.seed(123)
  - Same words/order every time you play
  - Reproduce errors more easily

Testing your methods

- Testing **`getNewWordlist(guess,letter,words)`**
  - From watching the DEBUG game play?
  - Perhaps test in isolation from game
- This calls **`createTemplate(template,word,letter)`**
  - How we test one without the other?
  - Testing each function separately: unit test!

Reveals Broken code!

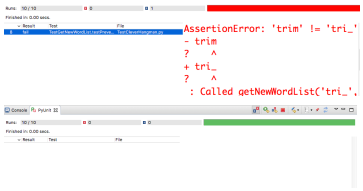
- What should this call return:

```
getNewWordList("tri_", 'm',
               ['trim', 'trio'])
```

- What are the two keys?
  - What are the lists/values these keys map to?
  - What will your code return?
    - If there's a tie? Force a miss!

Run Unit Test

- See code in TestCleverHangman.py
  - Calls functions in your code via API!



APT Green Dance

- SortByFreqs and SortedFreqs
  - Both leverage sorting? Freqs?
- MedalTable and CharityDonor
  - Dictionary and ordering/sorting/max
- VoteRigging, TrophyShelf, Badges
  - Greedy, Looping (helper function), Sets

Badges

- http://www.cs.duke.edu/csed/pythonapt/badges.html

```
def findLabel(labels,deeds,needs):
    ds = set(deeds)
    for dex in range(len(needs)):
        me = needs[dex].split()
        setme = set(me)
        if setme is subset of ds:
            return labels[dex]

    return "nobadge"
```

Questions