### **Announcements**

### Surveys.

- Anonymous survey (link on Piazza soon after class).
  - Lectures.
  - Precepts.
  - Exercises.
  - Assignments.
- Optional: Personal survey (link on Piazza soon after class).
  - About yourself.

### Assignment 2.

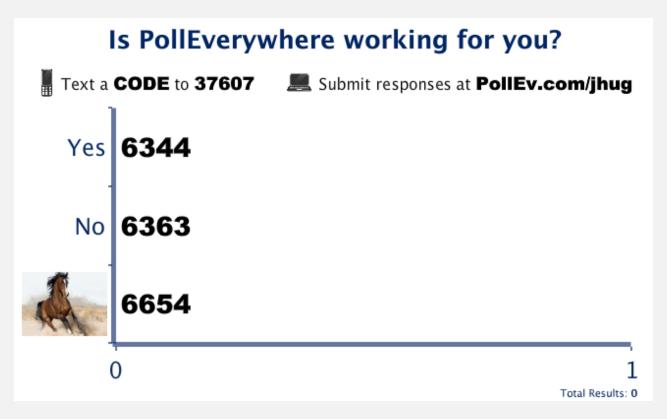
- Available now.
- Due next Tuesday.
- May work in pairs.
  - 10 submissions TOTAL (e.g. Alice submits 3 times, Bob submits 7).
  - Do NOT divide up the work!

# Logistics Disaster.

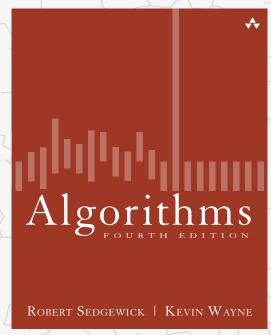
### Playing Card Distribution.

- Take 5 cards. Pass the rest to your left.
- When they run out, raise your hand and a TA will restore the flow of cards.

### PollEverywhere (Live Experiment!).



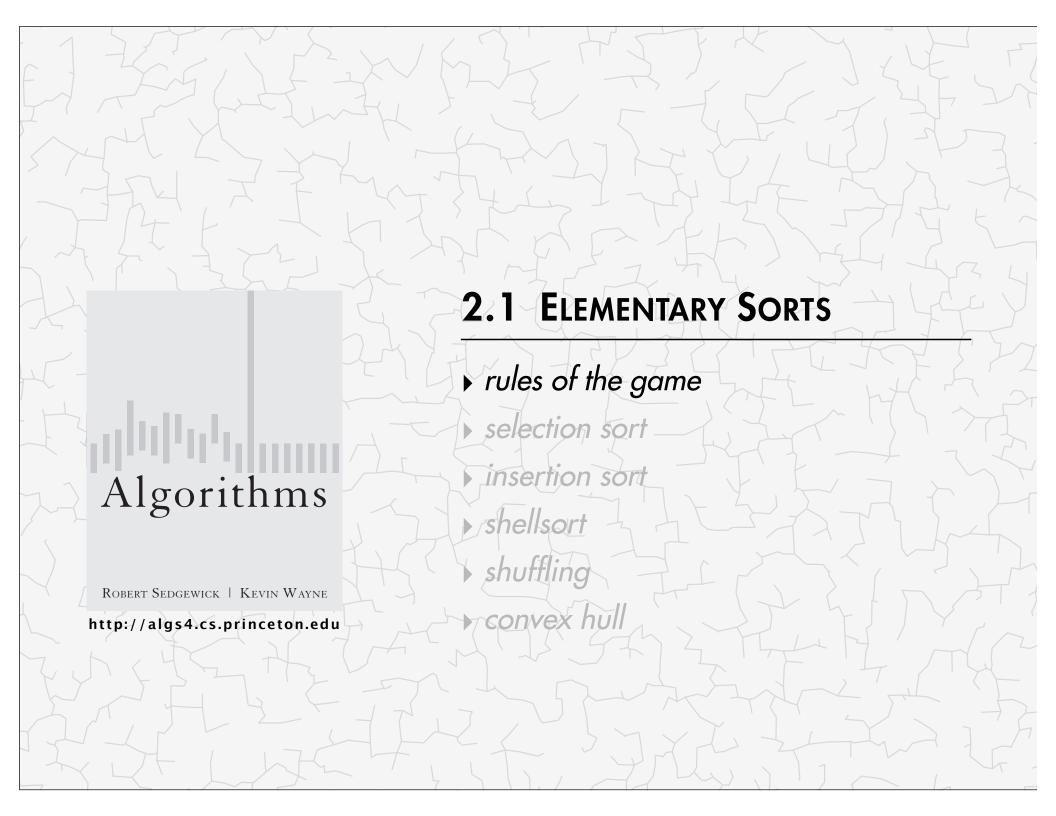
# Algorithms



http://algs4.cs.princeton.edu

# 2.1 ELEMENTARY SORTS

- rules of the game
- selection sort
- insertion sort
- shellsort
- shuffling
- convex hull



# Sorting problem

### Ex. Twitter Dossier.

	Name	YOB	Tweets	Followers	Most Recent Tweet Containing		
	Justin Bieber	1994	20,883	34,343,830	Hi Justin Bieber, you're my prom date		
	Kevin Shields	1963	0 5,390 MBV = love = Japan $xx$		MBV = love = Japan xxxx by Kevin Shields		
	Kevin Barnes	1974	1,143	33,192	how is kevin barnes even legal		
item	Kevin Mitnick	1963	7,930	92,866	Kevin Mitnick ayudara en seguridad de		
	Lil B	1989	101,323	622,334	This boy in school told me to call him Lil b		
	Josh Hug	1981	26	17	josh hug me brotha		
key	Carly Rae Jepsen	1981	3,966	5,092,956	Carly rae jepsen - Call me meybe		

# **Sort**. Rearrange array of N items into ascending order.

Carly Rae Jepsen	1981	3,966	5,092,956	Carly rae jepsen - Call me meybe
Josh Hug	1981	26	17	josh hug me brotha
Justin Bieber	1994	20,883	34,343,830	Hi Justin Bieber, you're my prom date
Kevin Barnes	1974	1,143	33,192	how is kevin barnes even legal
Kevin Mitnick	1963	7,930	92,866	Kevin Mitnick ayudara en seguridad de
Kevin Shields	1963	0	5,390	MBV = love = Japan xxxx by Kevin Shields
Lil B	1989	101,323	622,334	This boy in school told me to call him Lil b

# Inversions (a.k.a. Yodaness)

Def. An inversion is a pair of keys in an array that are out of order.









### Goal.

- Given an array with N inversions.
- Perform a sequence of operations that reduces inversions to 0.

# Sample sort client 1

- Goal. Sort any type of data.
- Ex 1. Sort random real numbers in ascending order.

seems artificial, but stay tuned for an application

```
public class Experiment
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {
      int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
      Double[] a = new Double[N];
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        a[i] = StdRandom.uniform();
      Insertion.sort(a);
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            StdOut.println(a[i]);
   }
}</pre>
```

% java Experiment 10
0.08614716385210452
0.09054270895414829
0.10708746304898642
0.21166190071646818
0.363292849257276
0.460954145685913
0.5340026311350087
0.7216129793703496
0.9003500354411443
0.9293994908845686

# Sample sort client 2

- Goal. Sort any type of data.
- Ex 2. Sort strings from file in alphabetical order.

```
public class StringSorter
   public static void main(String[] args)
      String[] a = In.readStrings(args[0]);
      Insertion.sort(a);
      for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++)
         StdOut.println(a[i]);
   % more words3.txt
   it's friday, friday gotta get down on friday
   % java StringSorter words3.txt
   down friday friday, get gotta it's on
```

# Sample sort client 3

- Goal. Sort any type of data.
- Ex 3. Sort the files in a given directory by filename.

```
import java.io.File;
public class FileSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        File directory = new File(args[0]);
        File[] files = directory.listFiles();
        Insertion.sort(files);
        for (int i = 0; i < files.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(files[i].getName());
    }
}</pre>
```

% java FileSorter .
Insertion.class
InsertionX.class
InsertionX.java
Selection.class
Selection.java
Shell.class
Shell.java
ShellX.class
ShellX.java

```
public class File {
  private String path;
  private int prefixLength;
  ...
}
```

### Callbacks

Goal. Sort any type of data.

Q. How can sort() know how to compare data of type Double, String, and java.io.File without any information about the type of an item's key?

#### Callback = reference to executable code.

- Client passes array of objects to sort() function.
- The sort() function calls back object's compareTo() method as needed.

### Implementing callbacks.

• Java: interfaces.

# Callbacks: roadmap

#### client

```
import java.io.File;
public class FileSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        File directory = new File(args[0]);
        File[] files = directory.listFiles();
        Insertion.sort(files);
        for (int i = 0; i < files.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(files[i].getName());
    }
}</pre>
```

#### object implementation

```
public class File
implements Comparable<File>
{
    ...
    public int compareTo(File b)
    {
        ...
        return -1;
        ...
        return +1;
        ...
        return 0;
    }
}
```

#### Comparable interface (built in to Java)

```
public interface Comparable<Item>
{
    public int compareTo(Item that);
}
```

key point: no dependence on File data type

#### Insertion sort implementation

```
public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
{
   int N = a.length;
   for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
            if (a[j].compareTo(a[j-1]) < 0)
            exch(a, j, j-1);
        else break;
}</pre>
```

# Callbacks: roadmap

#### client

```
import java.io.File;
public class FileSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        File directory = new File(args[0]);
        File[] files = directory.listFiles();
        Insertion.sort(files);
        for (int i = 0; i < files.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(files[i].getName());
    }
}</pre>
```

### pollEv.com/jhug

text to **37607** 

Q: If we omit "implements Comparable", which file will fail to compile?

```
A. FileSorter.java [249907]
B. File.java [249918]
C. InsertionSort.java [249927]
```

#### object implementation

```
public class File
implements Comparable File>
{
    ...
    public int compareTo(File b)
    {
        ...
        return -1;
        ...
        return +1;
        ...
        return 0;
    }
}
```

#### Insertion sort implementation

```
public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
{
   int N = a.length;
   for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
      for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
        if (a[j].compareTo(a[j-1]) < 0)
        exch(a, j, j-1);
      else break;
}</pre>
```

# Callbacks: roadmap

#### client

```
import java.io.File;
public class FileSorter
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        File directory = new File(args[0]);
        File[] files = directory.listFiles();
        Insertion.sort(files);
        for (int i = 0; i < files.length; i++)
            StdOut.println(files[i].getName());
    }
}</pre>
```

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Q: If we omit "compareTo()", which file will fail to compile?

```
A. FileSorter.java [188103]
B. File.java [188105]
C. InsertionSort.java [188106]
```

#### object implementation

```
public class File
implements Comparable<File>
{
    ...
    public int compareTo(File b)
    {
        ...
        return +1;
        ...
        return 0;
    }
}
```

#### Insertion sort implementation

```
public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
{
   int N = a.length;
   for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
      for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
        if (a[j].compareTo(a[j-1]) < 0)
        exch(a, j, j-1);
      else break;
}</pre>
```

# Comparable API

### Implement compareTo() so that v.compareTo(w)

- Is a total order.
- Returns a negative integer, zero, or positive integer if *v* is less than, equal to, or greater than *w*, respectively.
- Throws an exception if incompatible types (or either is null).

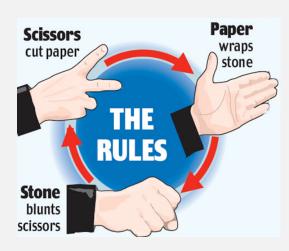
### Total order

A total order is a binary relation ≤ that satisfies:

- Antisymmetry: if  $v \le w$  and  $w \le v$ , then v = w.
- Transitivity: if  $v \le w$  and  $w \le x$ , then  $v \le x$ .
- Totality: either  $v \le w$  or  $w \le v$  or both.

#### Ex.

- Standard order for natural and real numbers.
- Chronological order for dates or times.
- Alphabetical order for strings.
- ...



an intransitive relation

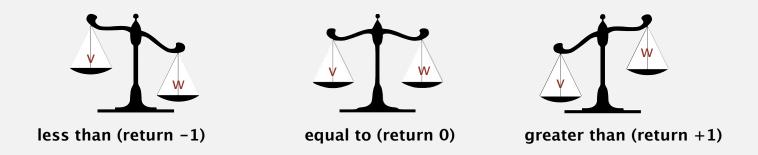
violates totality: (Double.NaN <= Double.NaN) is false</pre>

Surprising but true. The <= operator for double is not a total order. (!)

# Comparable API

### Implement compareTo() so that v.compareTo(w)

- Is a total order.
- Returns a negative integer, zero, or positive integer
   if v is less than, equal to, or greater than w, respectively.
- Throws an exception if incompatible types (or either is null).



Built-in comparable types. Integer, Double, String, Date, File, ... User-defined comparable types. Implement the Comparable interface.

# Implementing the Comparable interface

Date data type. Simplified version of java.util.Date.

```
public class Date implements Comparable<Date>
  private final int month, day, year;
   public Date(int m, int d, int y)
     month = m:
     day = d;
     year = y;
   public int compareTo(Date that)
     if (this.year < that.year ) return -1;
     if (this.year > that.year ) return +1;
      if (this.month < that.month) return -1;
     if (this.month > that.month) return +1;
     if (this.day < that.day ) return -1;
      if (this.day > that.day ) return +1;
      return 0:
```

only compare dates
to other dates

### Callbacks

Goal. Sort any type of data.

Q. How can sort() know how to compare data of type Double, String, and java.io. File without any information about the type of an item's key?

Callback = reference to executable code.

- Client passes array of objects to sort() function.
- The sort() function calls back object's compareTo() method as needed.

### Implementing callbacks.

- Java: interfaces.
- C: function pointers.
- C++: class-type functors.
- C#: delegates.
- Python, Perl, ML, Javascript: first-class functions.

# Summary.

### Generic Sorting.

- Generic sorting algorithm expects array of Comparables
- Comparable: Class implements .compareTo() method
  - Must contain compareTo() method to compile
  - compareTo() should obey certain rules to guarantee function

### Today's Sorting Algorithms.

- Will only interact with the Comparable array via helper functions
  - exch(i ,j): swaps items at position i and j
  - less(v, w): returns true if v.compareTo(w) < 0</pre>

# Two useful sorting abstractions

Helper functions. Refer to data through compares and exchanges.

Less. Is item v less than w?

```
private static boolean less(Comparable v, Comparable w)
{ return v.compareTo(w) < 0; }</pre>
```

Exchange. Swap item in array a[] at index i with the one at index j.

Why exchange?

```
private static void exch(Comparable[] a, int i, int j)
{
   Comparable swap = a[i];
   a[i] = a[j];
   a[j] = swap;
}
```

# **Testing**

Goal. Test if an array is sorted.

```
private static boolean isSorted(Comparable[] a)
{
   for (int i = 1; i < a.length; i++)
      if (less(a[i], a[i-1])) return false;
   return true;
}</pre>
```

```
a[] \longrightarrow TroubleSort.sort(a)
a[] \longrightarrow isSorted(a) \longrightarrow true
```

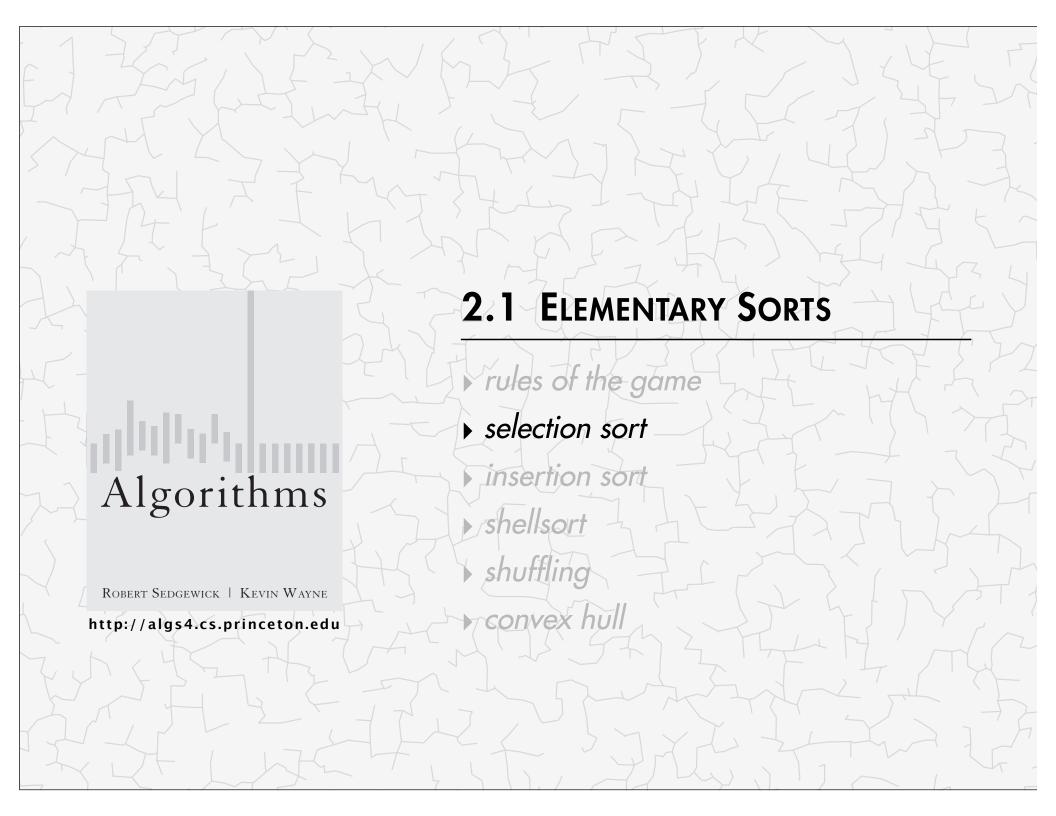
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Q. If the sorting algorithm passes the test, did it correctly sort the array?

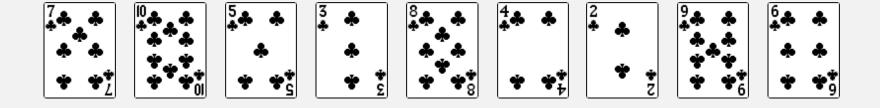
```
A. Yes [162470]
```

B. No [162473]



# Selection sort demo

- In iteration i, find index min of smallest remaining entry.
- Swap a[i] and a[min].



initial



## Selection sort

Algorithm. † scans from left to right.

### Invariants.

- Entries the left of ↑ (including ↑) fixed and in ascending order.
- No entry to right of ↑ is smaller than any entry to the left of ↑.



# Selection sort inner loop

### To maintain algorithm invariants:

Move the pointer to the right.

```
i++;
```

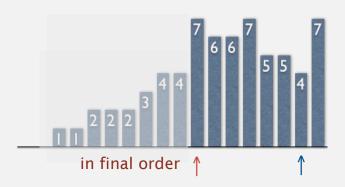
• Identify index of minimum entry on right.

```
int min = i;
for (int j = i+1; j < N; j++)
  if (less(a[j], a[min]))
    min = j;</pre>
```

• Exchange into position.

```
exch(a, i, min);
```







# Selection sort: Java implementation

```
public class Selection
{
   public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
      int N = a.length;
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        int min = i;
         for (int j = i+1; j < N; j++)
            if (less(a[j], a[min]))
               min = j;
        exch(a, i, min);
   private static boolean less(Comparable v, Comparable w)
   { /* as before */ }
   private static void exch(Comparable[] a, int i, int j)
   { /* as before */ }
```

# Selection sort: mathematical analysis

Proposition. Selection sort uses  $(N-1)+(N-2)+...+1+0 \sim N^2/2$  compares and N exchanges.

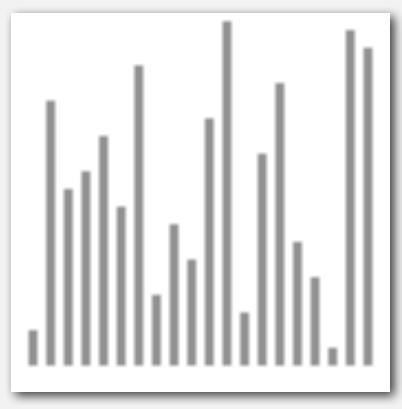
							a[]						
i	min	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	entries in black are examined to find
		S	0	R	Т	Е	Χ	Α	М	Р	L	Ε	the minimum
0	6	S	0	R	Т	Ε	Χ	Α	M	Р	L	Ε	
1	4	А	0	R	Т	Ε	Χ	S	M	Р	L	Ε	entries in red  are a[min]
2	10	Α	Е	R	Т	0	Χ	S	M	Р	L	Ε	are a [ iii iii ]
3	9	Α	Е	Ε	Τ	0	Χ	S	M	Р	L	R	
4	7	Α	Е	Е	L	0	Χ	S	M	Р	Т	R	
5	7	Α	Е	Ε	L	$\mathbb{M}$	Χ	S	0	Р	Т	R	
6	8	Α	Е	Е	L	M	0	S	Χ	Р	Т	R	
7	10	Α	Е	Е	L	$\mathbb{M}$	0	Р	Χ	S	Т	R	
8	8	Α	Е	Е	L	M	0	Р	R	S	Т	Χ	entries in gray are
9	9	Α	Е	Е	L	M	0	Р	R	S	Т	X	in final position
10	10	Α	Е	Е	L	M	0	Р	R	S	Т	X	
		Α	Ε	Ε	L	М	0	Р	R	S	Т	Χ	

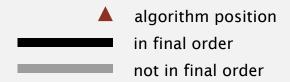
Trace of selection sort (array contents just after each exchange)

Running time insensitive to input. Quadratic time, even if input is sorted. Data movement is minimal. Linear number of exchanges.

# Selection sort: animations

#### 20 random items

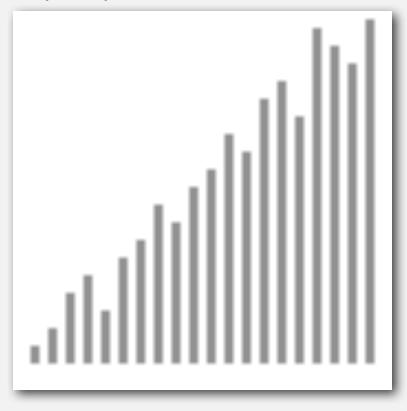


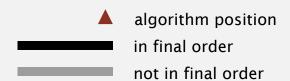


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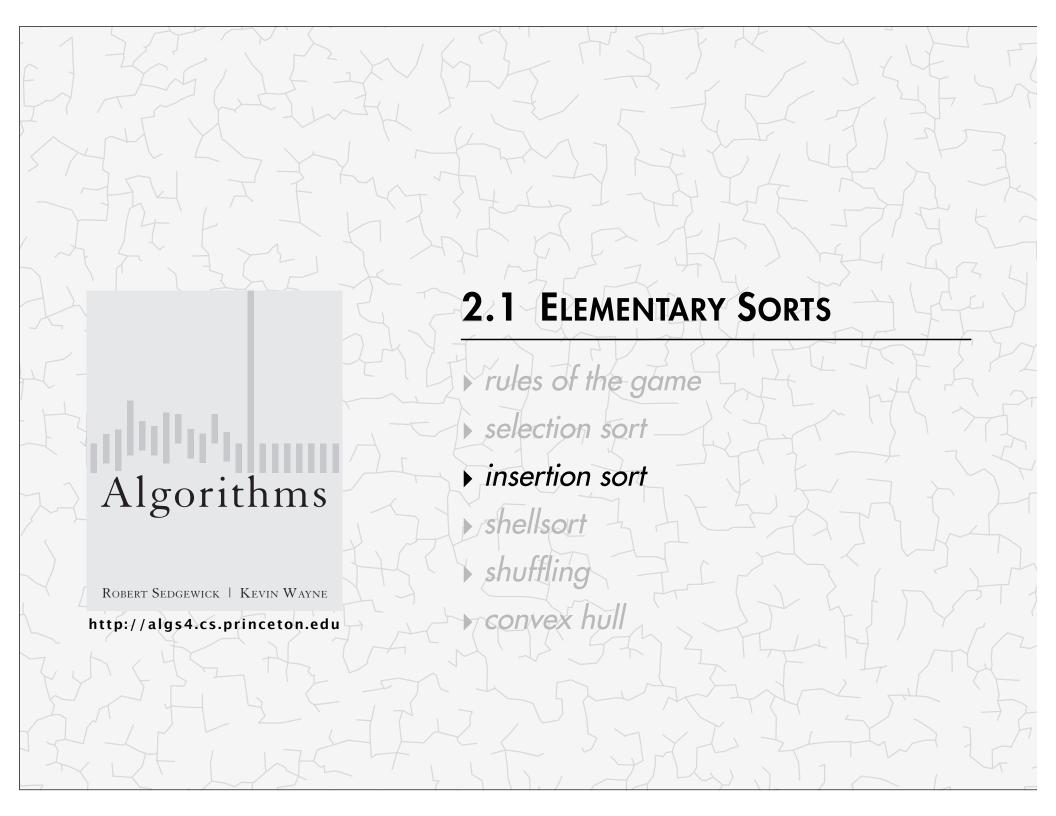
# Selection sort: animations

### 20 partially-sorted items



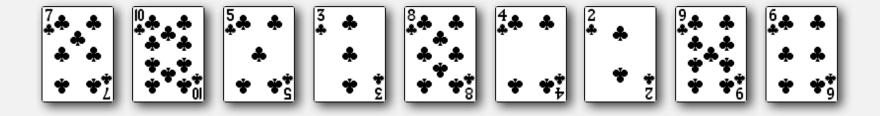


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# Insertion sort demo

• In iteration i, swap a[i] with each larger entry to its left.





### **Insertion sort**

Algorithm. † scans from left to right.

### Invariants.

- Entries to the left of ↑ (including ↑) are in ascending order.
- Entries to the right of † have not yet been seen.



# Insertion sort inner loop

### To maintain algorithm invariants:

Move the pointer to the right.

```
i++;
```



Moving from right to left, exchange
 a[i] with each larger entry to its left.

```
for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
  if (less(a[j], a[j-1]))
      exch(a, j, j-1);
  else break;
```



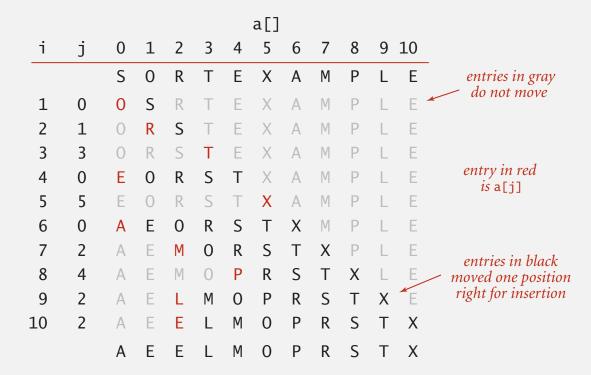
# Insertion sort: Java implementation

```
public class Insertion
   public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
      int N = a.length;
      for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
         for (int j = i; j > 0; j--)
            if (less(a[j], a[j-1]))
               exch(a, j, j-1);
            else break;
   private static boolean less(Comparable v, Comparable w)
   { /* as before */ }
   private static void exch(Comparable[] a, int i, int j)
   { /* as before */ }
```

# Insertion sort: mathematical analysis

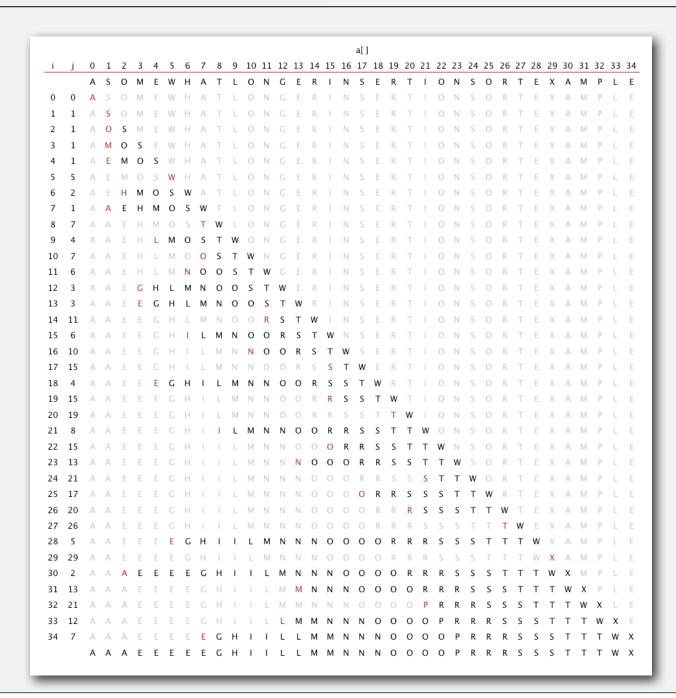
Proposition. To sort a randomly-ordered array with distinct keys, insertion sort uses  $\sim \frac{1}{4} N^2$  compares and  $\sim \frac{1}{4} N^2$  exchanges on average.

Pf. Expect each entry to move halfway back.



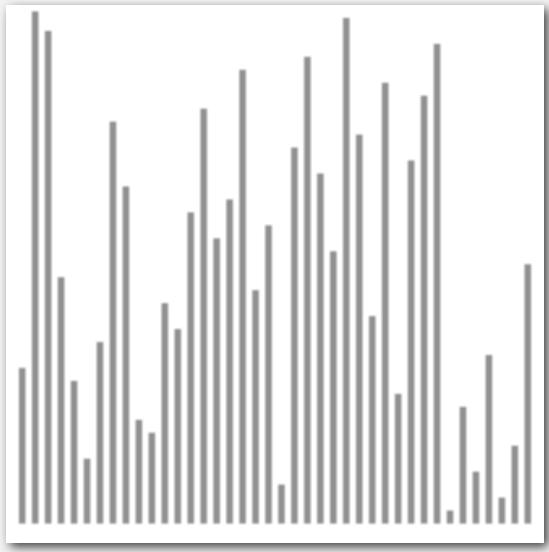
Trace of insertion sort (array contents just after each insertion)

### Insertion sort: trace

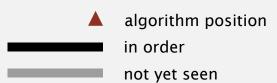


## Insertion sort: animation

#### 40 random items







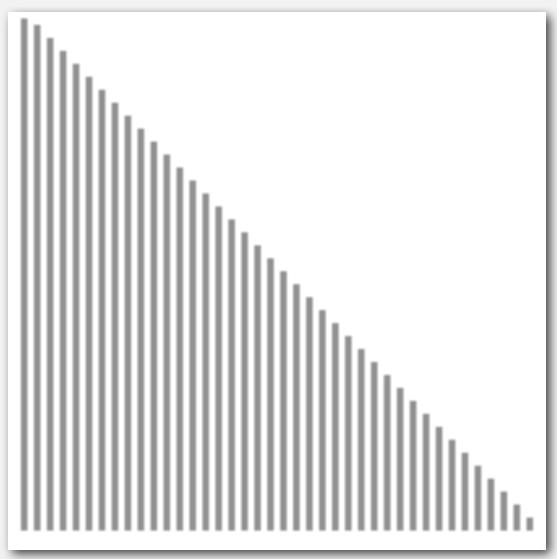
### Insertion sort: best and worst case

Best case. If the array is in ascending order, insertion sort makes N-1 compares and 0 exchanges.

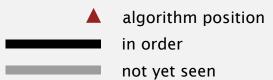
Worst case. If the array is in descending order (and no duplicates), insertion sort makes  $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^2$  compares and  $\sim \frac{1}{2} N^2$  exchanges.

## Insertion sort: animation

#### 40 reverse-sorted items







## Insertion sort: partially-sorted arrays

Def. An inversion is a pair of keys that are out of order.

Def. An array is partially sorted if the number of inversions is  $\leq c N$ .

- Ex 1. A subarray of size 10 appended to a sorted subarray of size N.
- Ex 2. An array of size N with only 10 entries out of place.

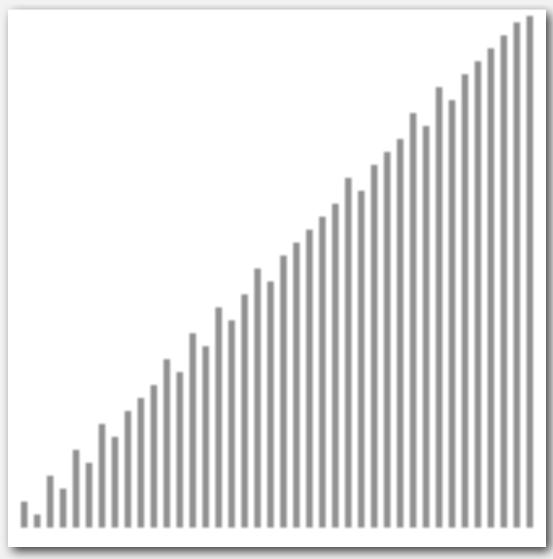
Proposition. For partially-sorted arrays, insertion sort runs in linear time.

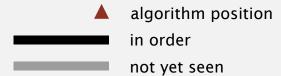
Pf. Number of exchanges equals the number of inversions.

number of compares = exchanges + 
$$(N - 1)$$

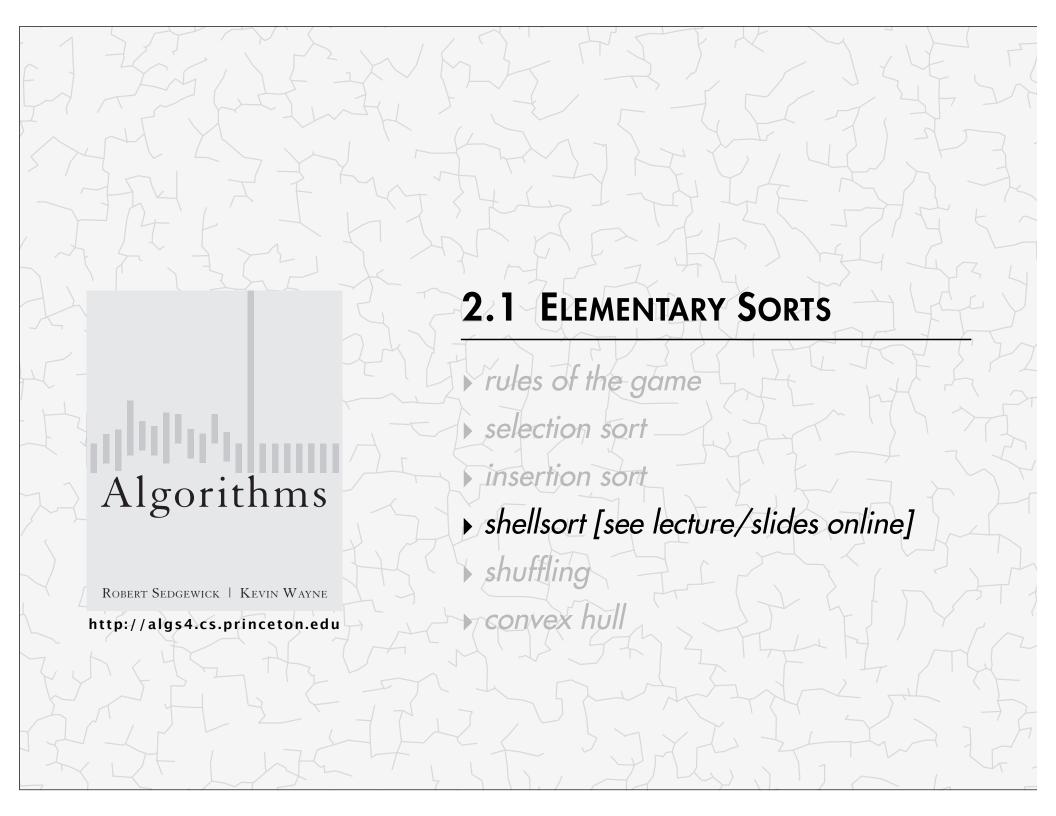
# Insertion sort: animation

#### 40 partially-sorted items





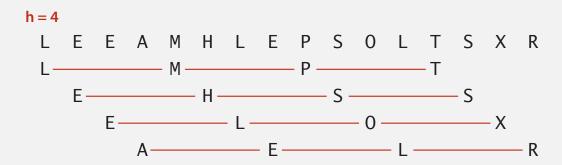
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#### Shellsort overview

Idea. Move entries more than one position at a time by h-sorting the array.

an h-sorted array is h interleaved sorted subsequences



Shellsort. [Shell 1959] h-sort array for decreasing sequence of values of h.

```
        input
        S
        H
        E
        L
        L
        S
        O
        R
        T
        E
        X
        A
        M
        P
        L
        E

        13-sort
        P
        H
        E
        L
        L
        S
        O
        R
        T
        E
        X
        A
        M
        S
        L
        E

        4-sort
        L
        E
        E
        A
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        L
        E
        P
        S
        O
        L
        T
        S
        X
        R

        1-sort
        A
        E
        E
        E
        H
        L
        L
        L
        M
        O
        P
        R
        S
        S
        T
        X
```

# h-sorting demo

In iteration i, swap a[i] with each larger entry h positions to its left.



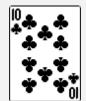




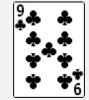














### h-sorting

How to h-sort an array? Insertion sort, with stride length h.

#### 3-sorting an array

```
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```

#### Why insertion sort?

- Big increments ⇒ small subarray.
- Small increments ⇒ nearly in order. [stay tuned]

## Shellsort example: increments 7, 3, 1

#### input

SORTEXAMPLE

#### 7-sort

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#### 1-sort

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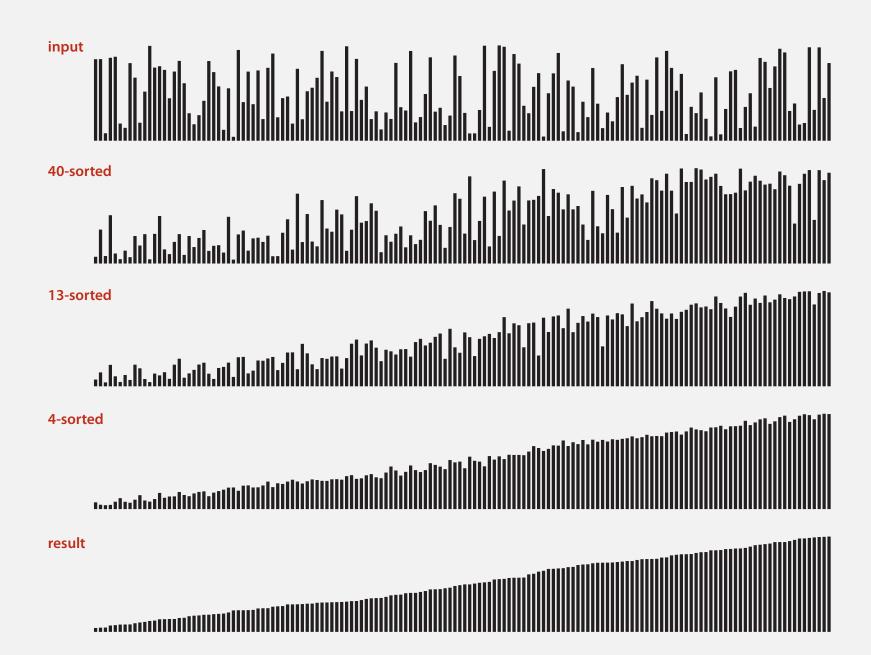
#### result

 $\mathsf{A} \;\;\mathsf{E} \;\;\mathsf{E} \;\;\mathsf{L} \;\;\mathsf{M} \;\;\mathsf{O} \;\;\mathsf{P} \;\;\mathsf{R} \;\;\mathsf{S} \;\;\mathsf{T} \;\;\mathsf{X}$ 

## Shellsort: Java implementation

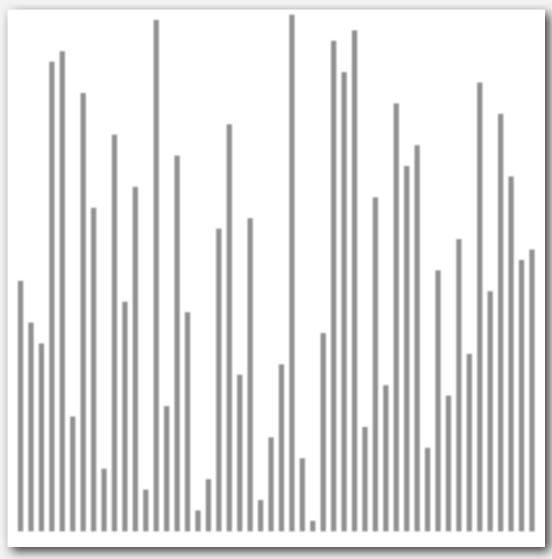
```
public class Shell
   public static void sort(Comparable[] a)
      int N = a.length;
      int h = 1;
                                                                             3x+1 increment
      while (h < N/3) h = 3*h + 1; // 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, 364, ...
                                                                             sequence
      while (h >= 1)
      { // h-sort the array.
         for (int i = h; i < N; i++)
                                                                            insertion sort
            for (int j = i; j >= h && less(a[j], a[j-h]); <math>j -= h)
               exch(a, j, j-h);
                                                                             move to next
         h = h/3;
                                                                             increment
   }
   private static boolean less(Comparable v, Comparable w)
   { /* as before */ }
   private static boolean exch(Comparable[] a, int i, int j)
   { /* as before */ }
```

### Shellsort: visual trace



## Shellsort: animation

#### 50 random items



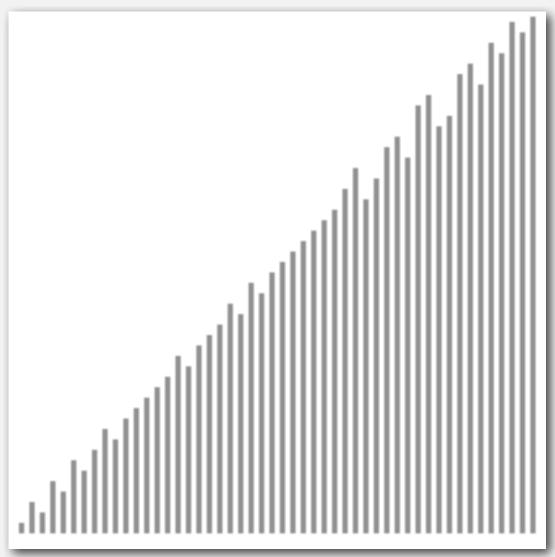




algorithm position h-sorted current subsequence other elements

## Shellsort: animation

#### 50 partially-sorted items







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## Shellsort: which increment sequence to use?

Powers of two. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...
No.

Powers of two minus one. 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ... Maybe.

→ 3x + 1. 1, 4, 13, 40, 121, 364, ...

OK. Easy to compute.

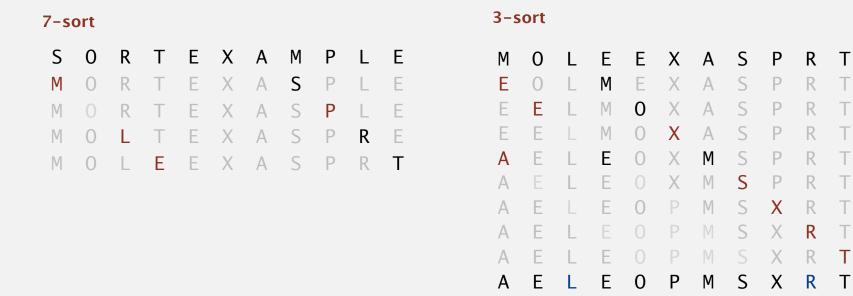
Sedgewick. 1, 5, 19, 41, 109, 209, 505, 929, 2161, 3905, ...

Good. Tough to beat in empirical studies.

merging of 
$$(9 \times 4^{i})$$
 –  $(9 \times 2^{i})$  + 1  
and  $4^{i}$  –  $(3 \times 2^{i})$  + 1

#### Shellsort: intuition

Proposition. A *g*-sorted array remains *g*-sorted after *h*-sorting it.



Challenge. Prove this fact—it's more subtle than you'd think!

still 7-sorted

## Shellsort: analysis

Proposition. The worst-case number of compares used by shellsort with the 3x+1 increments is  $O(N^{3/2})$ .

Property. Number of compares used by shellsort with the 3x+1 increments is at most by a small multiple of N times the # of increments used.

N	compares	N <sup>1.289</sup>	2.5 N lg N
5,000	93	58	106
10,000	209	143	230
20,000	467	349	495
40,000	1022	855	1059
80,000	2266	2089	2257

measured in thousands

Remark. Accurate model has not yet been discovered (!)

## Why are we interested in shellsort?

Example of simple idea leading to substantial performance gains.

### Useful in practice.

- Fast unless array size is huge (used for small subarrays).
- Tiny, fixed footprint for code (used in some embedded systems).

bzip2, /linux/kernel/groups.c

• Hardware sort prototype.

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#### Simple algorithm, nontrivial performance, interesting questions.

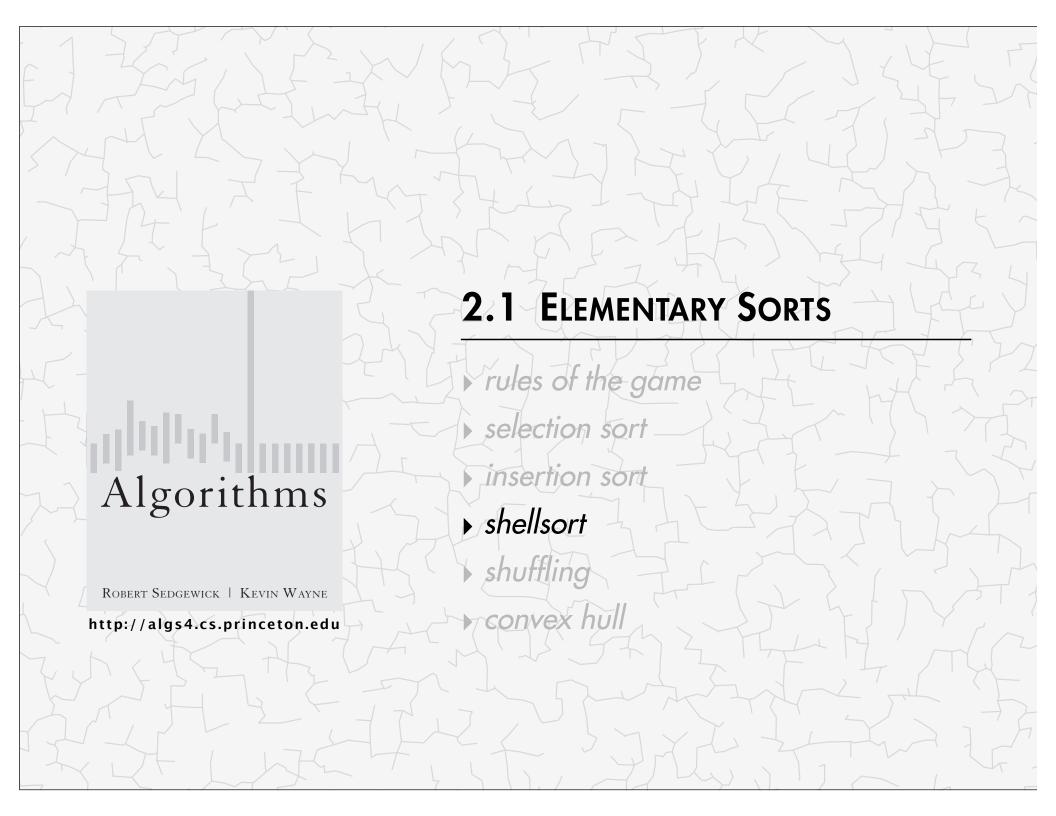
- Asymptotic growth rate?
- Best sequence of increments? open problem: find a better increment sequence
- Average-case performance?

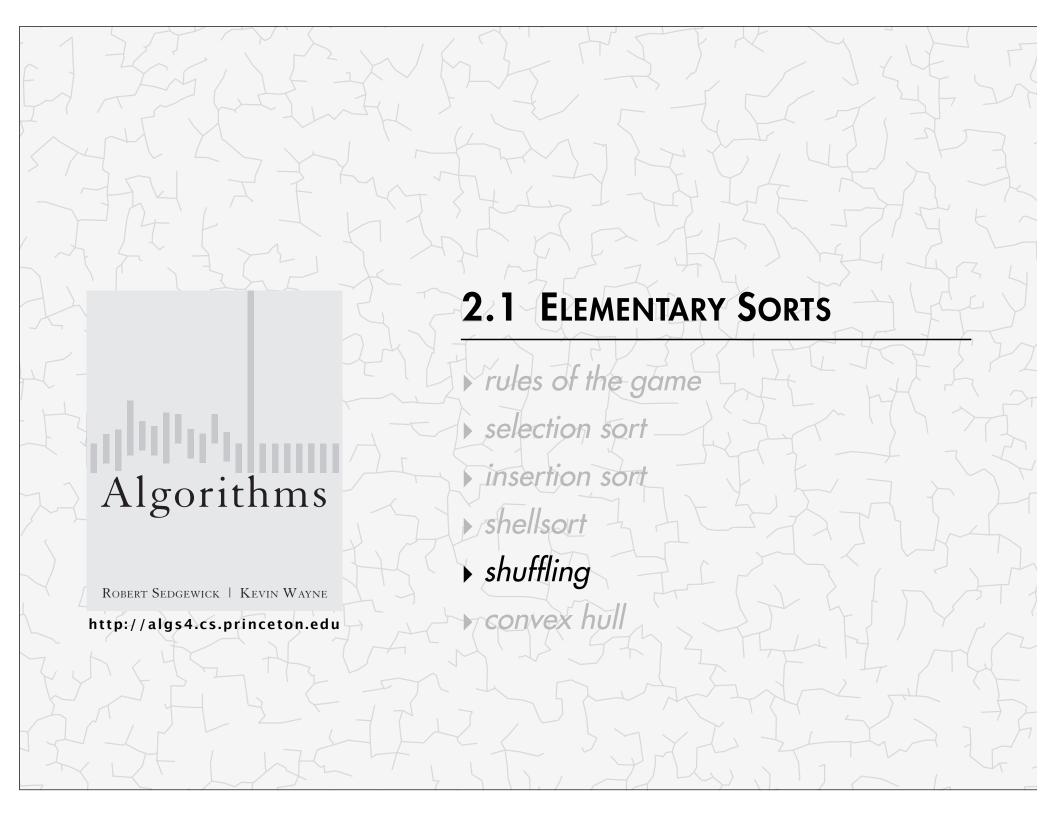
Lesson. Some good algorithms are still waiting discovery.

### Summary.

#### Sorting Techniques.

- Today's sorts:
  - Selection Sort: Order of growth:  $N^2$ .
  - Insertion Sort: *N*<sup>2</sup>.
  - Shell Sort:  $N^{3/2}$ .
- Next week: *N lg N* sorts.
  - Merge sort.
  - Quick sort.
  - Heap sort.
- Novelty sorts:
  - Bogo sort: *N N!* (average case). Never completes (worst case).
  - Gnome sort:  $N^2$ .

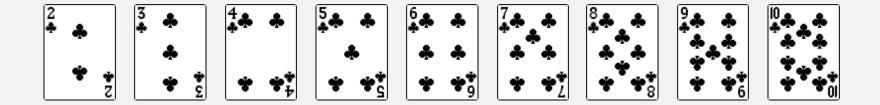




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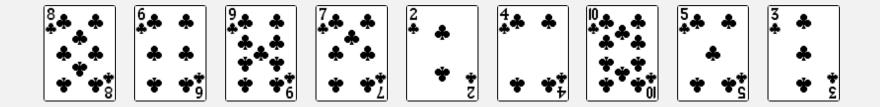
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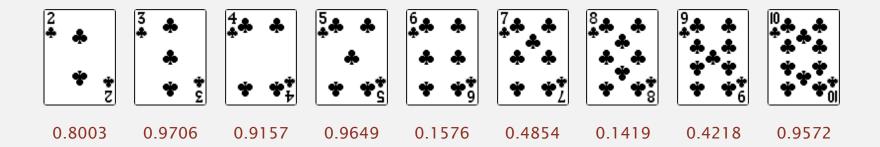
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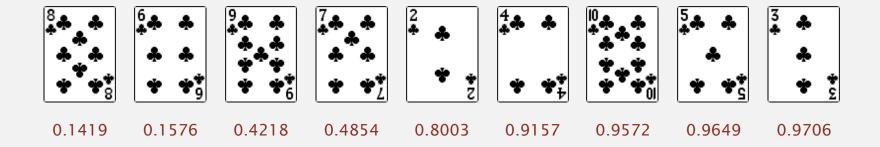
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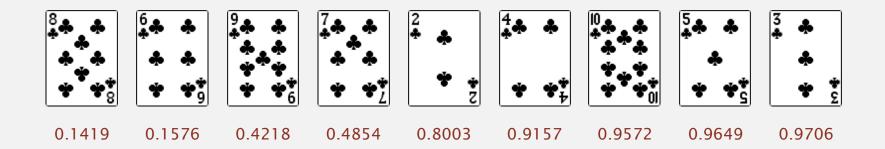
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Proposition. Shuffle sort produces a uniformly random permutation of the input array, provided no duplicate numbers.

assuming numbers uniformly at random

Problem with Duplicates. Identical items aren't randomly distributed.

## War story (Microsoft)

Microsoft antitrust probe by EU. Microsoft agreed to provide a randomized ballot screen for users to select browser in Windows 7.

http://www.browserchoice.eu

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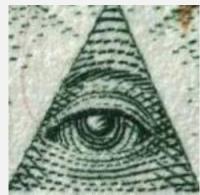
Solution? Implement shuffle sort by making comparator always return a random answer.

```
public int compareTo(Browser that)
{
   double r = Math.random();
   if (r < 0.5) return -1;
   if (r > 0.5) return +1;
   return 0;
}
browser comparator
(should implement a total order)
```

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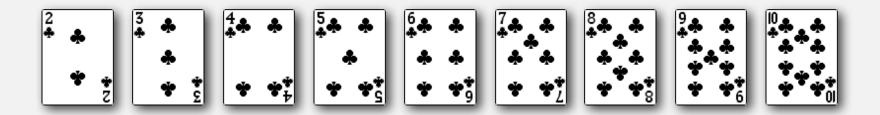


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```
common bug: between 0 and N - 1
```

```
public class StdRandom
{
    ...
    public static void shuffle(Object[] a)
    {
        int N = a.length;
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            int r = StdRandom.uniform(i + 1);
            exch(a, i, r);
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

# War story (online poker)

Texas hold'em poker. Software must shuffle electronic cards.



How We Learned to Cheat at Online Poker: A Study in Software Security

http://www.datamation.com/entdev/article.php/616221

## War story (online poker)

#### Shuffling algorithm in FAQ at www.planetpoker.com

```
for i := 1 to 52 do begin
    r := random(51) + 1;
    swap := card[r];
    card[r] := card[i];
    card[i] := swap;
end;
```

- Bug 1. Random number r never  $52 \Rightarrow 52^{nd}$  card can't end up in  $52^{nd}$  place.
- Bug 2. Shuffle not uniform (should be between 1 and i).
- Bug 3. random() uses 32-bit seed  $\Rightarrow$  2<sup>32</sup> possible shuffles.
- Bug 4. Seed = milliseconds since midnight  $\Rightarrow$  86.4 million shuffles.

"The generation of random numbers is too important to be left to chance."

— Robert R. Coveyou

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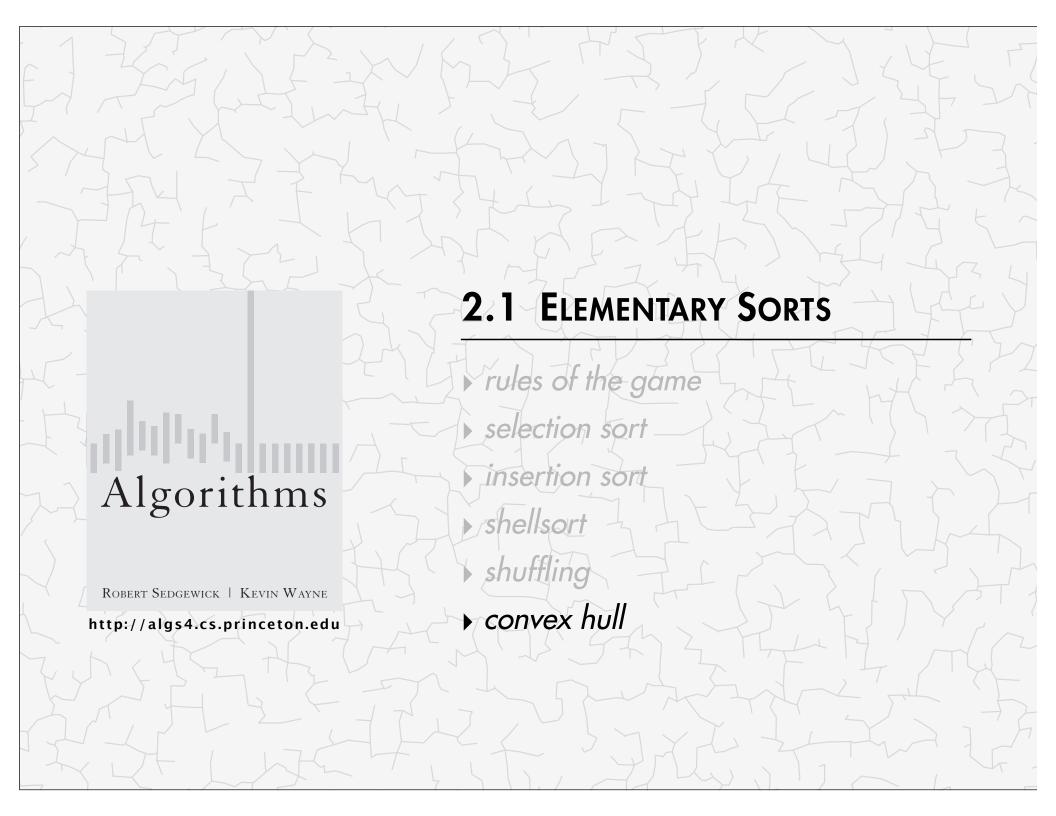
#### Best practices for shuffling (if your business depends on it).

- Use a hardware random-number generator that has passed both the FIPS 140-2 and the NIST statistical test suites.
- Continuously monitor statistic properties:
   hardware random-number generators are fragile and fail silently.
- Use an unbiased shuffling algorithm.



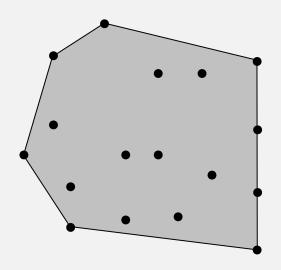


Bottom line. Shuffling a deck of cards is hard!



### Convex hull

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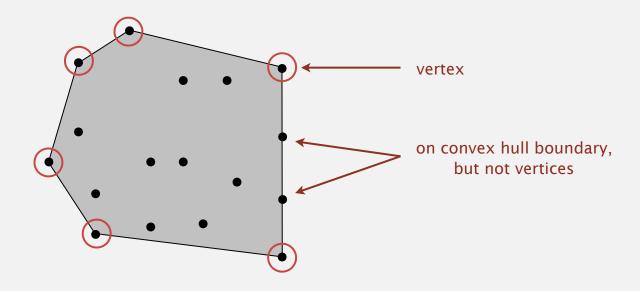


#### Equivalent definitions.

- Smallest convex set containing all the points.
- Smallest area convex polygon enclosing the points.
- Convex polygon enclosing the points, whose vertices are points in set.

#### Convex hull

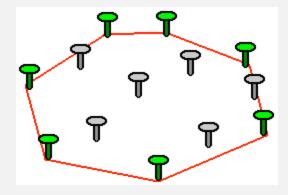
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Convex hull output. Sequence of vertices in counterclockwise order.

# Convex hull: mechanical algorithm

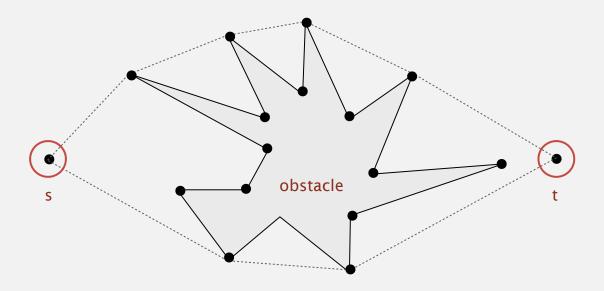
Mechanical algorithm. Hammer nails perpendicular to plane; stretch elastic rubber band around points.



 $http://www.idlcoyote.com/math\_tips/convexhull.html\\$ 

# Convex hull application: motion planning

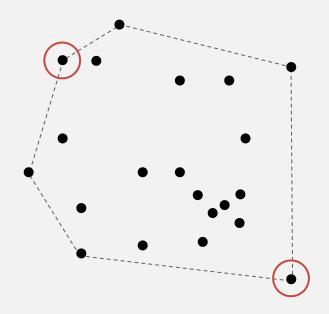
Robot motion planning. Find shortest path in the plane from s to t that avoids a polygonal obstacle.



Fact. Shortest path is either straight line from *s* to *t* or it is one of two polygonal chains of convex hull.

## Convex hull application: farthest pair

Farthest pair problem. Given N points in the plane, find a pair of points with the largest Euclidean distance between them.

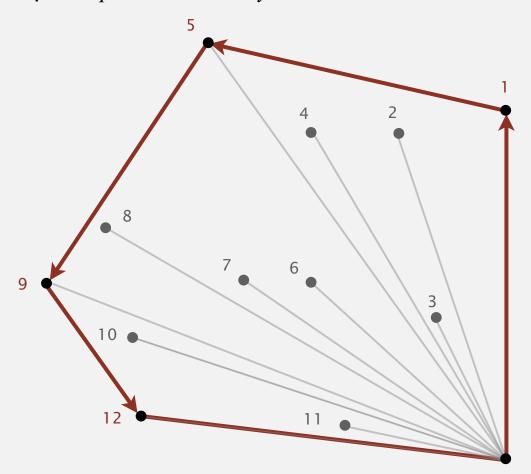


Fact. Farthest pair of points are extreme points on convex hull.

## Convex hull: geometric properties

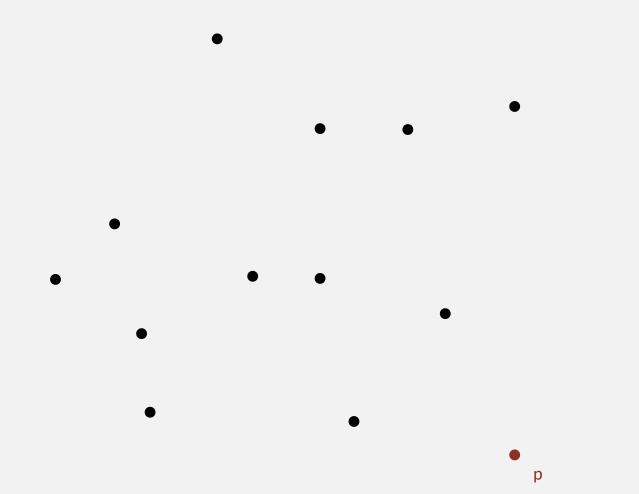
Fact. Can traverse the convex hull by making only counterclockwise turns.

Fact. The vertices of convex hull appear in increasing order of polar angle with respect to point p with lowest y-coordinate.



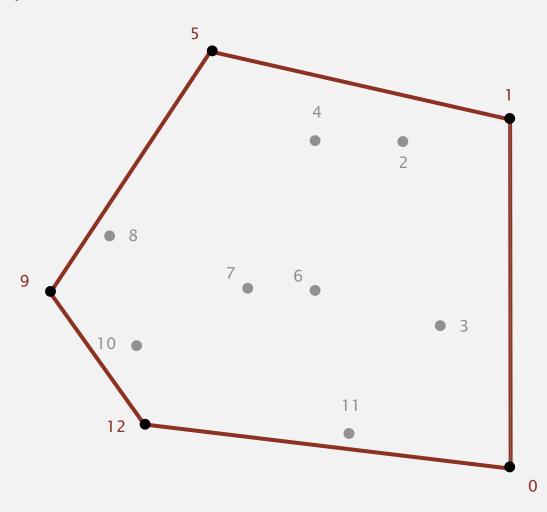
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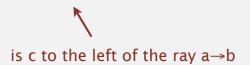


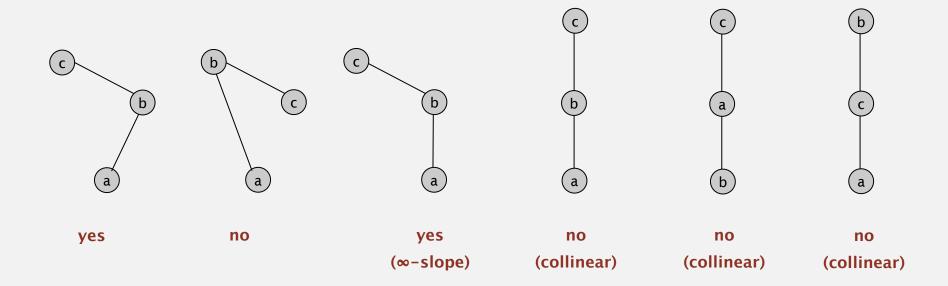
### Graham scan: implementation challenges

- Q. How to find point *p* with smallest *y*-coordinate?
- A. Define a total order, comparing by y-coordinate. [next lecture]
- Q. How to sort points by polar angle with respect to p?
- A. Define a total order for each point p. [next lecture]
- Q. How to determine whether  $p_1 \rightarrow p_2 \rightarrow p_3$  is a counterclockwise turn?
- A. Computational geometry. [next two slides]
- Q. How to sort efficiently?
- A. Mergesort sorts in  $N \log N$  time. [next lecture]
- Q. How to handle degeneracies (three or more points on a line)?
- A. Requires some care, but not hard. [see booksite]

### Implementing ccw

CCW. Given three points a, b, and c, is  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  a counterclockwise turn?





Lesson. Geometric primitives are tricky to implement.

- Dealing with degenerate cases.
- Coping with floating-point precision.

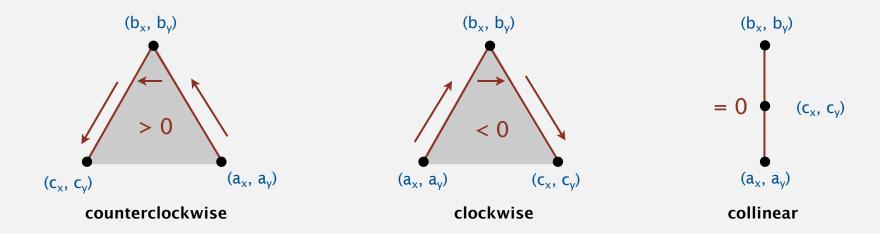
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• Determinant of special matrix gives 2x signed area of planar triangle.

$$2 \times Area(a, b, c) = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & 1 \\ b_x & b_y & 1 \\ c_x & c_y & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (b_x - a_x)(c_y - a_y) - (b_y - a_y)(c_x - a_x)$$
|(b - a) × (c - a)|

- If signed area > 0, then  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  is counterclockwise.
- If signed area < 0, then  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  is clockwise.
- If signed area = 0, then  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$  are collinear.



### Immutable point data type

```
public class Point2D
   private final double x;
   private final double y;
   public Point2D(double x, double y)
      this.x = x;
      this.y = y;
                                          danger of
                                         floating-point
                                         roundoff error
   public static int ccw(Point2D a, Point2D b, Point2D c)
      double area2 = (b.x-a.x)*(c.y-a.y) - (b.y-a.y)*(c.x-a.x);
      if
            (area2 < 0) return -1; // clockwise
      else if (area2 > 0) return +1; // counter-clockwise
      else
                           return 0; // collinear
```

### In closing

#### Design Problem.

• Given two arrays of integers a[] and b[], determine whether the two arrays are permutations in sub-quadratic time.

#### Sorting.

- Useful on its own.
- Can be used as a stepping stone to solving other problems.
  - Shuffling.
  - Convex hull.
  - Finding duplicates in an array.
  - Finding similarities between arrays.
- COS226: Solving diverse problems using standard algorithmic tools.

#### Surveys.

Don't forget to fill out the surveys!