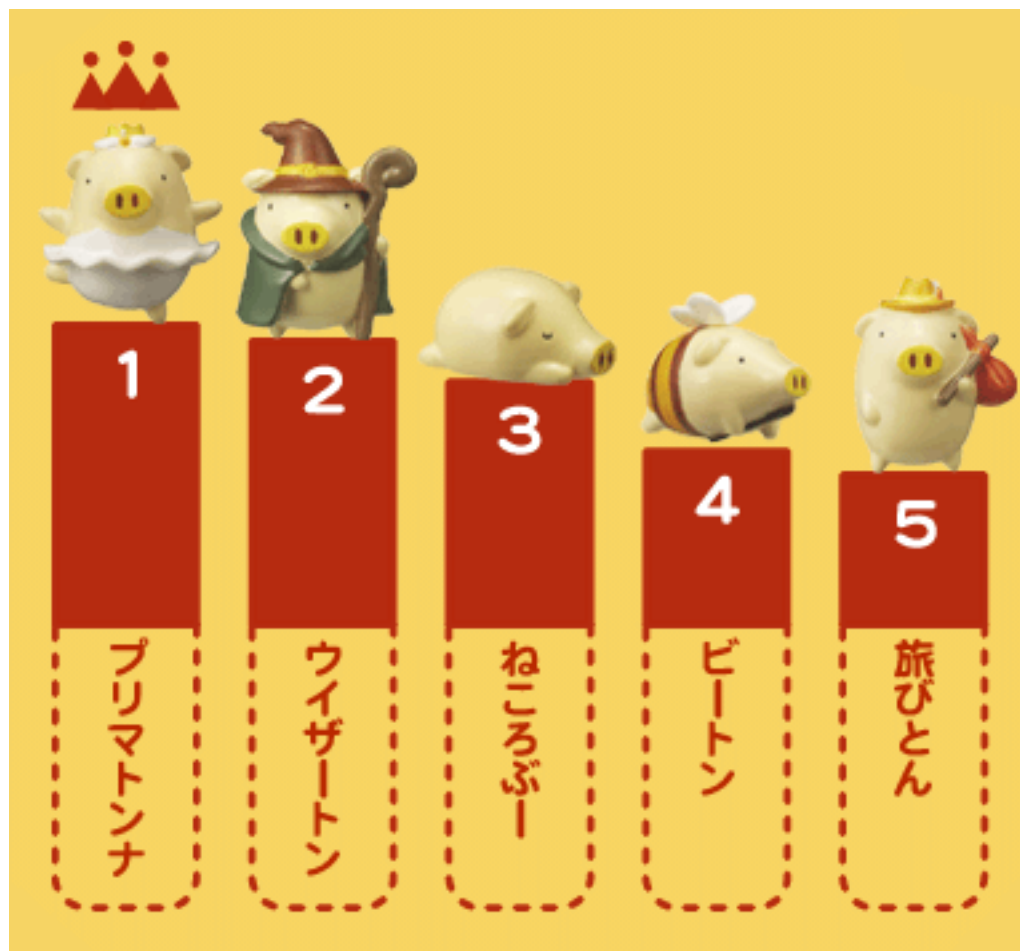


Lecture 25

CSE 331

Rankings



How close are two rankings?



compare two rankings



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RBO v/s Kendall Tau to compare ranked lists

Jan 10, 2021 — The Kendall Tau metric also known as Kendall's method used to check if **two ranked** lists are in agreement.

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/how-to-compare-ranked-lists>

How to compare ranked lists - Stack Overflow

Nov 26, 2012 — Cavnar & Trenkle have a nice and simple measure **two ranked** lists. The Wilcoxon ranked-sum test gives a measure **3 answers** · Top answer: This question has never been answered

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I have **two** lists of ranked items. Each item has an rank and an associated score. The score has decided the rank. The **two** lists can contains (and usually do) different items, that is their intersection can be empty. I need measures to **compare** such rankings. Are there well-known algorithms (in literature or real-world systems) to do so ?

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9149345/ranking-algorithms-to-compare-rankings>

Ranking algorithms to compare "Rankings" - Stack Overflow

Ranking algorithms to compare "Rankings" Ask Question Asked 10 years ago. ... Is there an algorithm that allows to rank items based on the difference of the position of those items in **two** rankings but also "weighted" with the position of one Player that goes from position 2 to 1?

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Problem Formulation

Input: A ranking $a_1, \dots, a_i, a_j, \dots, a_n$. (i.e., a permutation of $1, 2, \dots, n$)

Implicit assumption: $1, 2, \dots, n$ is the “true” ranking (i.e., you compare other rankings to this ranking).

Output: The number of inversions.

Inversion: (i, j) is an inversion if

1. $i < j$ AND 2. $a_i > a_j$

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Example 2:

$A = (1, 2, \dots, n)$.

How many inversions? 0

If $a_1, \dots, a_i, a_j, \dots, a_n$ are sorted, then no inversions.

Example 3:

$A = (n, \dots, 1)$.

How many inversions? $\binom{n}{2}$


$$0 \leq \# \text{ inversions} \leq \binom{n}{2}$$

Solve a harder problem

Input: a_1, \dots, a_n

Output: LIST of all inversions

```
L =  $\phi$ 
for i in 1 to n-1
  for j in i+1 to n
    if  $a_i > a_j$ 
      add (i,j) to L
return L
```



Optimal for
the listing
problem

Example 1: All inversions-- $(2i-1, 2i)$

2	1	3	4	6	5	7	8
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Only check $(i, i+1)$ pairs

Q1: Solve listing problem in $O(n)$ time?

Q2: Recursive divide and conquer algorithm to count the number of inversions?

CountInv (a, n)

if $n = 1$ return 0

if $n = 2$ return $a_1 > a_2$

$a_L = a_1, \dots, a_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$

$a_R = a_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}, \dots, a_n$

return CountInv($a_L, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$) + CountInv($a_R, n - \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$)

Can be horribly wrong in general

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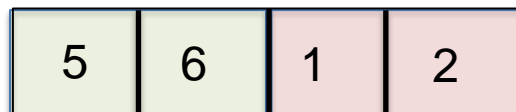
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Example where instance has non-zero (can be $\Omega(n^2)$) inversions and algo returns 0?



All 4 "crossing" pairs are inversions

Bad case: “crossing inversions”

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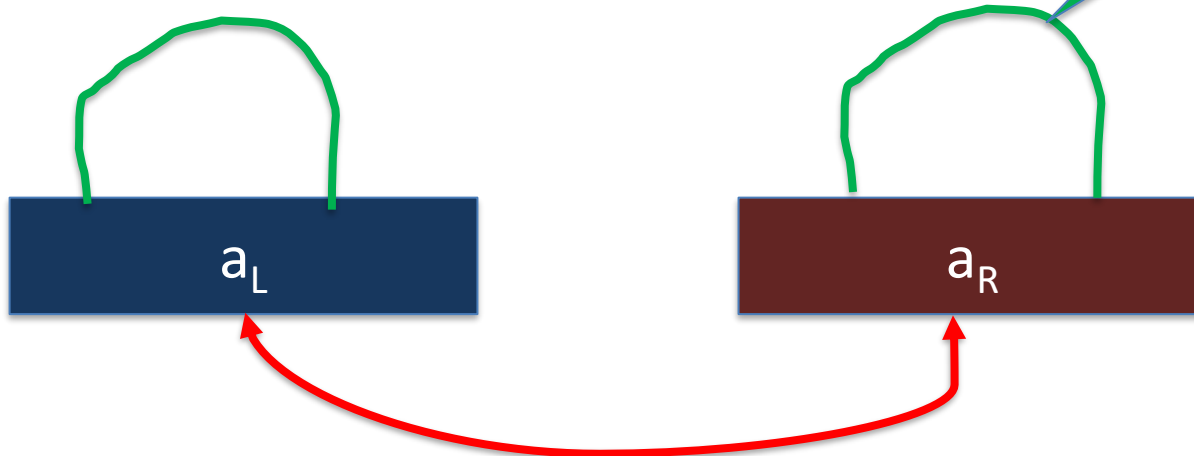
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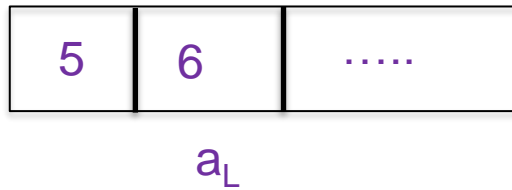
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Yes!

Are a_L
and a_R
sorted?



Example 2: Solving the bad case



a_L is sorted

First element is a_L is larger than first/only element in a_R

$O(1)$ algorithm to count number of inversions?

return size of a_L

Example 3: Solving the bad case

1

a_L

5	6
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a_R

a_R is sorted

First/only element is a_L is smaller than first element in a_R

$O(1)$ algorithm to count number of inversions?

return 0

Solving the bad case

First element of a_L is larger than first element of a_R



a_L



a_R

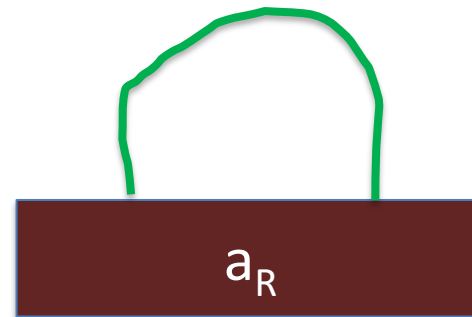
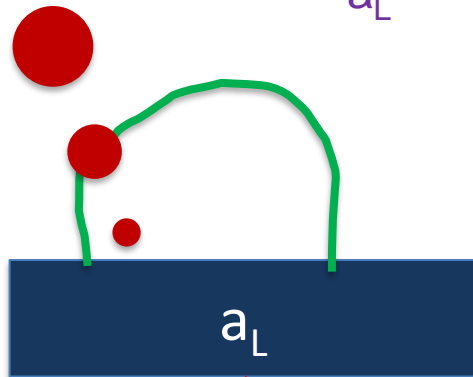
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a_L



a_R



Try to
modify
the
MERGE
algorithm



Divide and Conquer

Divide up the problem into at least two sub-problems

Solve all sub-problems: Mergesort

Recursively solve the sub-problems

Solve stronger sub-problems: Inversions

“Patch up” the solutions to the sub-problems for the final solution

MergeSortCount algorithm

Input: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n

Output: Numbers in sorted order+ #inversion

```
MergeSortCount( a, n )
```

```
  If  $n = 1$  return ( 0 ,  $a_1$  )
```

```
  If  $n = 2$  return (  $a_1 > a_2$ ,  $\min(a_1, a_2)$ ;  $\max(a_1, a_2)$  )
```

```
   $a_L = a_1, \dots, a_{n/2}$      $a_R = a_{n/2+1}, \dots, a_n$ 
```

```
  (  $c_L$ ,  $a_L$  ) = MergeSortCount( $a_L$ ,  $n/2$ )
```

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  (  $c_R$ ,  $a_R$  ) = MergeSortCount( $a_R$ ,  $n/2$ )
```

```
  (  $c$ ,  $a$  ) = MERGE-COUNT( $a_L, a_R$ )
```

```
  return (  $c + c_L + c_R$ ,  $a$  )
```

Counts #crossing-inversions+
MERGE