

# Algorithmic Approaches for Biological Data, Lecture #15

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  - ▶ Take the largest card and move to the end. Repeat with next largest... [BubbleSort](#)
  - ▶ Start a new list and insert each card into it to keep in order...[InsertionSort](#)
  - ▶ Divide the cards in half. Sort each half and merge sorted results together....[MergeSort](#)
- All need to compare values and re-order in some way.

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(Cannot use `.sort()` since tuples are not mutable.)

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# In Pairs

In pairs/triples, work out (and then try at the shell, moreSorting.py on webpage):

- 1 How do you sort a hand of cards, first by suit, then by rank? Write your algorithm in pseudocode.

- 2 What does the following do:

```
anon = lambda x: x+"mouse "  
print anon("a ")  
print anon( anon("anony") )  
  
add = lambda x,y: x+y  
print add("a", "mouse")  
print add(3,5)  
  
def cat(s, f):  
    return f(s)  
  
print cat("mighty", anon)  
print cat("mighty",  
        lambda s: add(s,"mouse"))
```

- 3 What does the following do:

```
print sorted("A man a plan a canal:  
Panama".split(), key=str.lower)
```

- 4 What does the following do:

```
#We'll use 11 = Jack, 12 = Queen,  
# 13 = King, 1 = Ace, and  
# C = clubs, D = diamonds, H = hearts, and  
# S = spades  
  
cards = [(10, 'H'), (12, 'C'), (2, 'D'),  
         (4, 'H'), (2, 'C'), (12, 'S'),  
         (13, 'S'), (1, 'C'), (5, 'D'),  
         (7, 'H'), (8, 'D'), (7, 'C'),  
         (9, 'D')]  
  
print "Original list:", cards  
print "Plain sorted:", sorted(cards)  
print "Sorted by last value:", sorted(cards,  
key = lambda card: card[-1])  
print "Sorted by suit, then rank:",  
      sorted(cards,  
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def factR(n):  
    if n == 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*factR(n-1)
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```
def factI(n):  
    prod = 1  
    for i in range(2,n):  
        prod = i*prod  
    return prod
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