

**Problem 1(4×2pts): True or False:** For each statement, write “T” if this statement is correct; write “F” otherwise. Please **write your answers in the box below**.

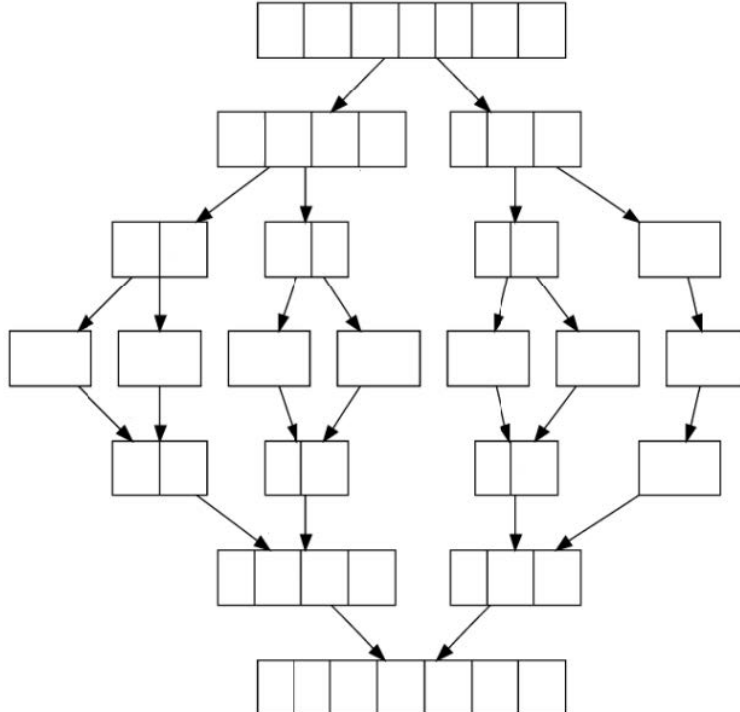
Statement (1)	Statement (2)	Statement (3)	Statement (4)
<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>

- (1) Merge sort requires  $O(n)$  space complexity.
- (2) In quicksort (sort in ascending order), if we randomly select the pivot, after the first partition operation, the smallest element of the array can be **anywhere but the last position**.
- (3) Quicksort algorithm will have  $O(n^2)$  time complexity in the worst case.
- (4) By applying the partition step of quicksort on an **unsorted** array repeatedly, we can get the  $k - th$  biggest number of that array with an **average** time complexity of  $O(\log(n))$ . ( $k$  is an arbitrary number)

**Problem 2(5pts):**

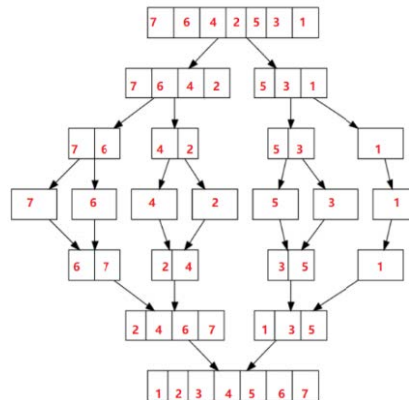
Consider this array: 7, 6, 4, 2, 5, 3, 1.

- (1)(3.5pts) Use **mergesort** to sort this array in ascending order. Show your process in the following figure.



- (2)(1.5pts) How many inversions are there in the array? .....

Solution: 1. As follows. 2. 18



**Problem 3(3×1pts):**

Tom wants to sort his favorite colors in ascending order using quicksort. The original array is:

*red, cyan, yellow, gray, green, black, blue, white*

After the first partitioning step, it becomes: (“red” is chosen as pivot)

*cyan, green, gray, white, black, red, yellow, blue*

Known that **NO** elements are equal, we can infer that: (Fill the blanks with “>”, “<”, or “?” if given information is insufficient to judge)

- (a) red \_\_\_\_\_ white      (b) yellow \_\_\_\_\_ gray      (c) green \_\_\_\_\_ black

Solution: 1.  $>$       2.  $>$       3.  $?$

**Problem 4(4pts):** Prove that: The time complexity for mergesort is  $O(n \log(n))$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \\ (2) \quad & = 2(2T(n/4) + O(n/2)) + O(n) \\ (3) \quad & = 4T(n/4) + 2O(n/2) + O(n) \\ (4) \quad & = 4T(n/4) + 2O(n) \\ (5) \quad & = \dots \\ (6) \quad & = O(n \log(n)) \end{aligned}$$