

**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**.

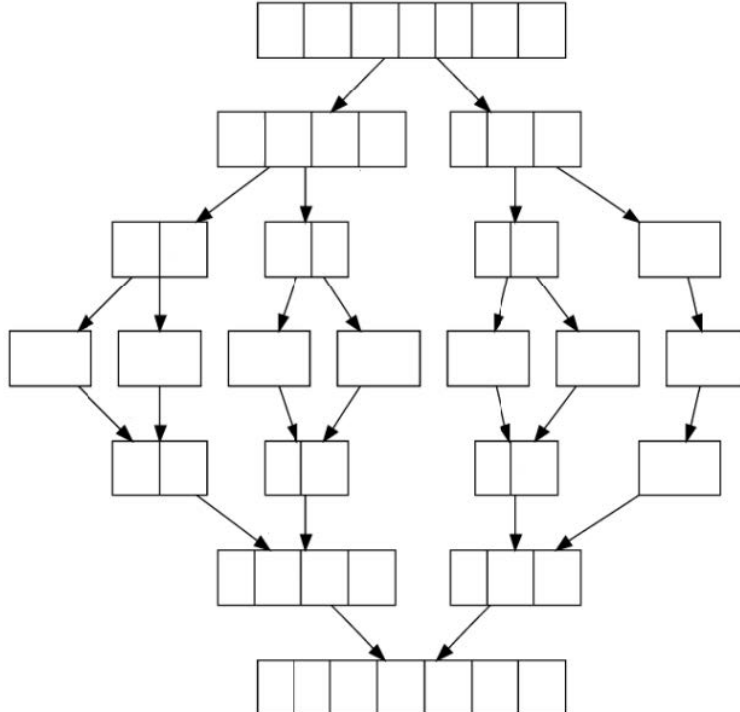
Statement (1)	Statement (2)	Statement (3)	Statement (4)
<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>

- (1) Merge sort requires  $O(1)$  extra 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.
- (3) The average and the worst time complexity of mergesort are both  $O(n \log(n))$ .
- (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  $O(n)$ . ( $k$  is an arbitrary number)

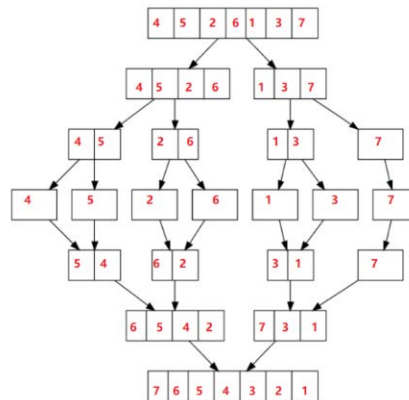
**Problem 2(5pts):**

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

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



Solution: 1. As follows. 2. 12

**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)

*white, cyan, yellow, gray, red, black, green, 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 ----- blue      (b) yellow ----- gray      (c) green ----- cyan

Solution: 1. <      2. ?      3. >

**Problem 4(4pts):** Prove that: When performing quicksort, if the array is **equally** divided into two parts, the time complexity for quicksort would be  $O(n\log(n))$ .

Solution:

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