

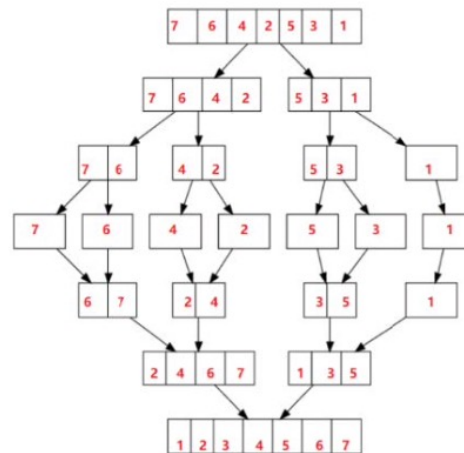
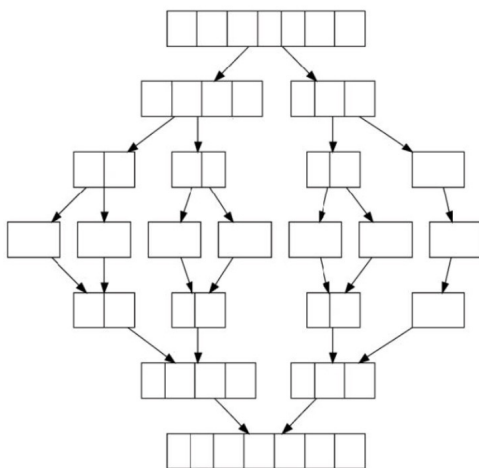
**(8 Points) Problem 1: True or False:** For each statement, write “T” if this statement is correct; write “F” otherwise. Please write your answers in the box below.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
T	F	T	T	F	T	T	T

- (1) Merge sort requires  $O(n)$  space complexity.
- (2) In quick sort (with  $n$  distinct elements and sort in ascending order,  $n \geq 2$ ), if we randomly select the pivot, after the first partition operation, the smallest element of the array can be anywhere.
- (3) Quick sort algorithm will have  $O(n^2)$  time complexity in the worst case.
- (4) Insertion sort never compares the same two elements twice.
- (5) Quick sort runs in best case  $\Theta(\log n)$  time for certain inputs.
- (6) Randomly choosing pivots can be used to reduce the probability of quick sort taking the worst case running time.
- (7) Merge sort has a worst case runtime that is asymptotically better than quick sort’s worst case runtime.
- (8) Insertion sort (ascending) has the best time complexity on an already sorted list among all sorting methods.

**(6 Points) Problem 2:** Consider this array: 7, 6, 4, 2, 5, 3, 1.

- (1) (4 pts) Use **mergesort** to sort this array in ascending order. Show your process in the following figure.
- (2) (2 pts) How many inversions are there in the array? **18**



**(3 Points) Problem 3:**

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

<, ?, >

(8 Points) Problem 4: The following is a pseudo code

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// ASSUMPTION: ALL ELEMENTS IN ARR[] ARE DISTINCT
int function(int arr[], int left, int right, int k)
{
    // If k is smaller than number of elements in array
    if (k > 0 && k <= right - left + 1) {
        // partition function moves all elements smaller than pivot to left of it
        // and greater elements to right in O(right - left + 1) time
        // and return the final position of the pivot
        int pos = partition(arr, left, right);
        // If position is same as k
        if (pos - left == k - 1)
            return arr[pos];
        // If position is bigger, recur for left subarray
        if (pos - left > k - 1)
            return function(arr, left, pos - 1, k);
        // Else recur for right subarray
        return function(arr, pos + 1, right, k - pos + left - 1);
    }
    // If k is bigger than number of elements in array, there is no correct result
    return INT_MAX;
}
```

- (3 Points) What is the output when  $arr = [4, 3, 2, 5, 1]$ ,  $left = 0$ ,  $right = 4$ ,  $k = 4$ ?

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- (3 Points) What does the function intend to do?

This function returns k'th smallest element in arr

- (2 Points) Analyze the **worst** time complexity of the function above. Please explain your answer.

The time complexity of the function is  $T(n)$ . The pivot separates the array to two parts. Assume the pivot is  $i$ th smallest element in the array. Then there are  $i - 1$  elements smaller than the pivot and  $n - i$  elements bigger than the pivot.

- if  $i = 1, \dots, k - 1$ , then the  $k$ th smallest element is in the back part,  $T(n) = T(n - i) + O(n)$
- if  $i = k$ , then the  $k$ th smallest element is the pivot.  $T(n) = O(n)$
- if  $i = k + 1, \dots, n$ , then the  $k$ th smallest element is in the front part,  $T(n) = T(i - 1) + O(n)$

In general, the worst case is  $T(n) = T(n - 1) + O(n)$ .

So the average time complexity of the function is  $O(n^2)$ .