

# Parallelism

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# Agenda

- Recursion tree and master theorem
- Quantifying parallelism
- For-loop analysis
- Parallel merge sort analysis

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- Asymptotic algorithm behavior

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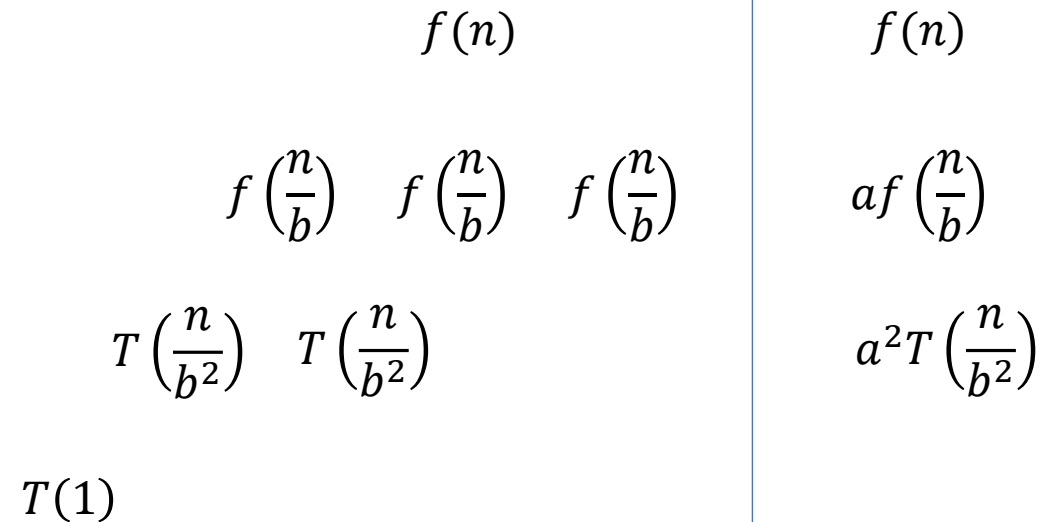
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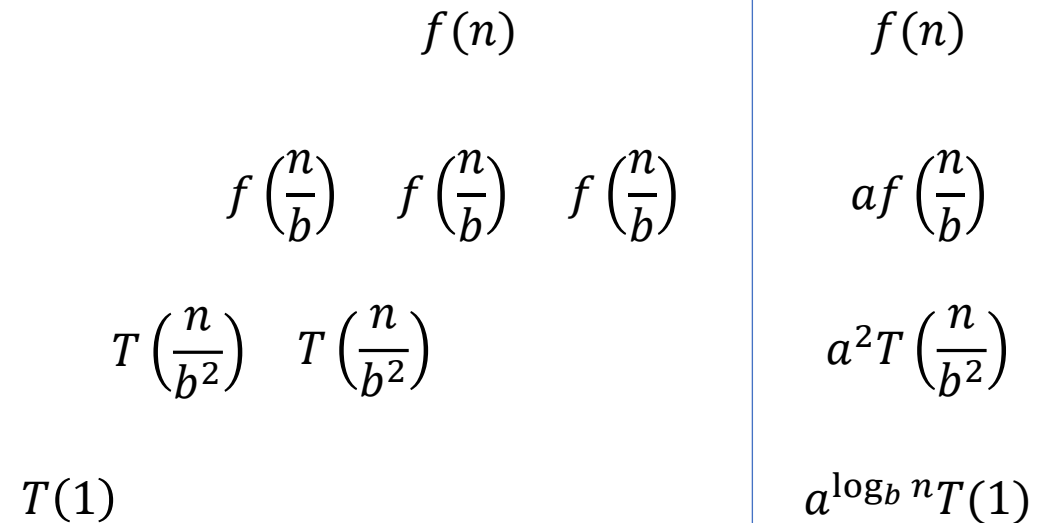
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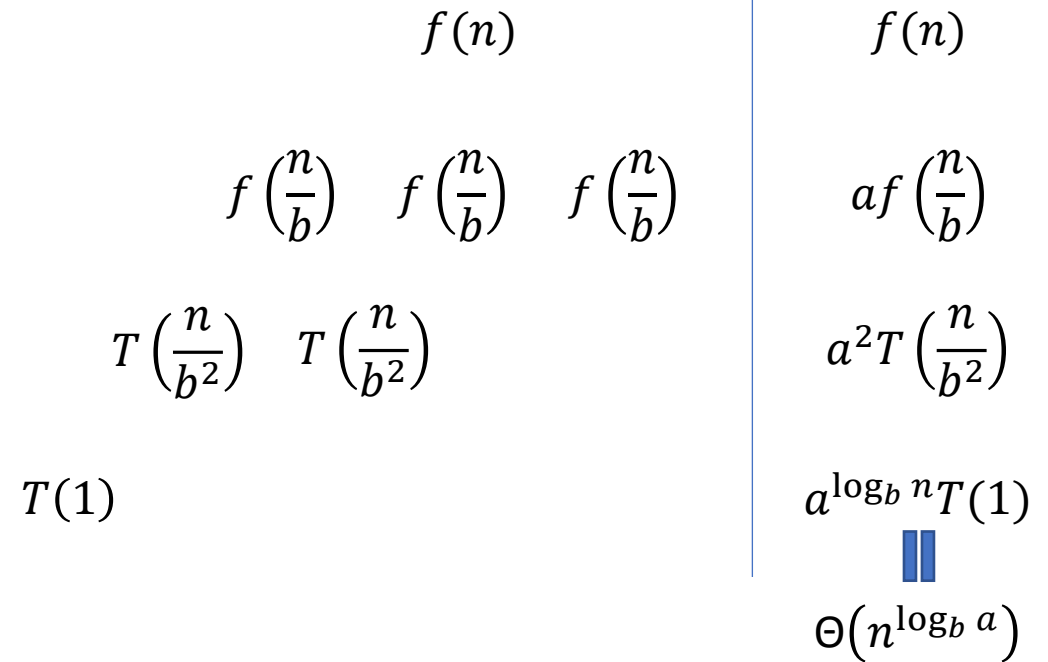
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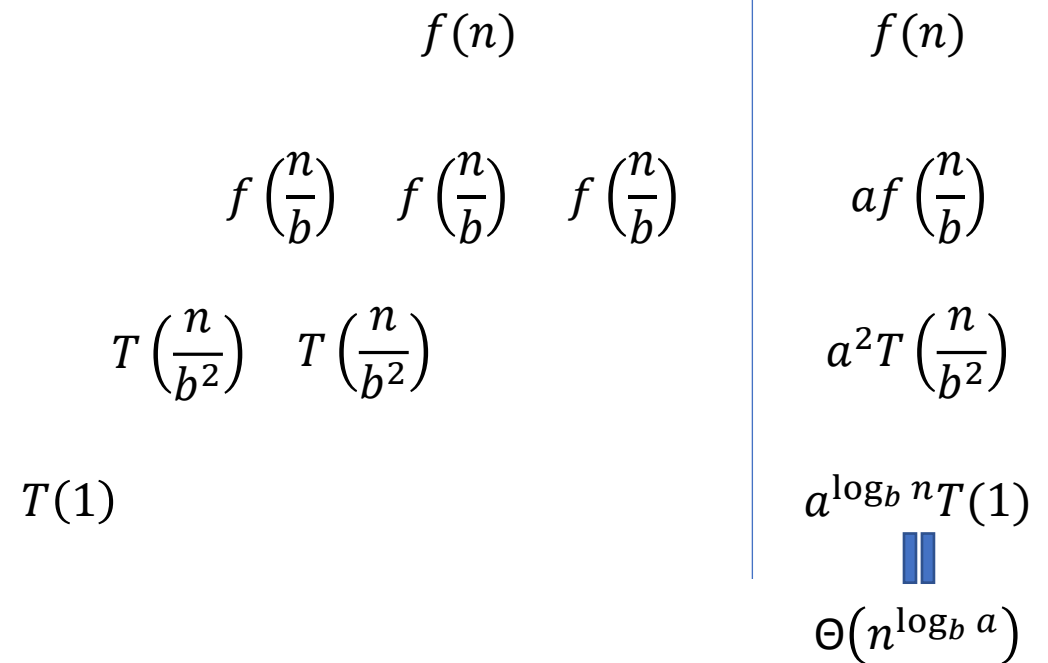
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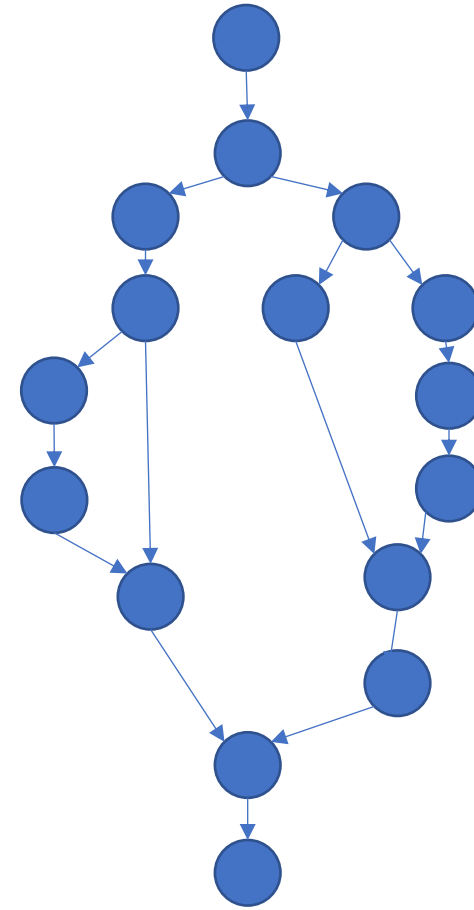
Akra-Bazzi method – for wider classes

# Parallelism

How do you measure parallelism?

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- Amdahl's law
  - $L_s = \frac{1}{(1-p)+p/s}$ , p – parallel portion, s – speedup
  - $L \leq 1/\alpha$
  - Is this practical?



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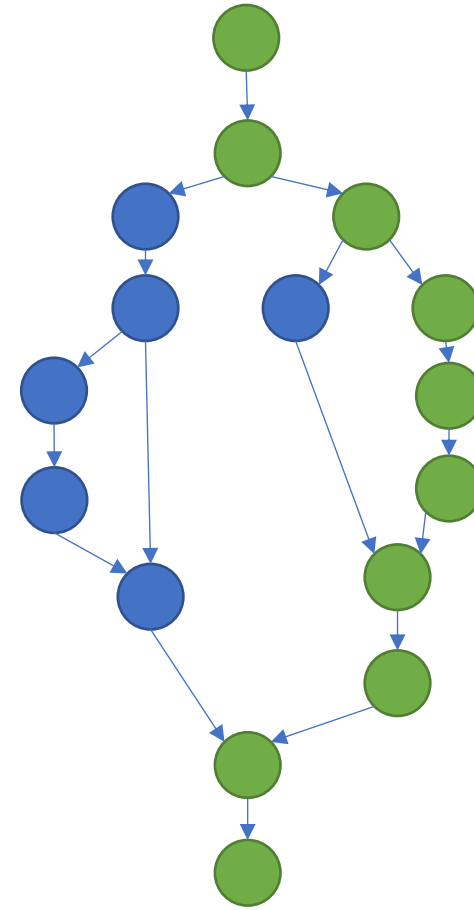
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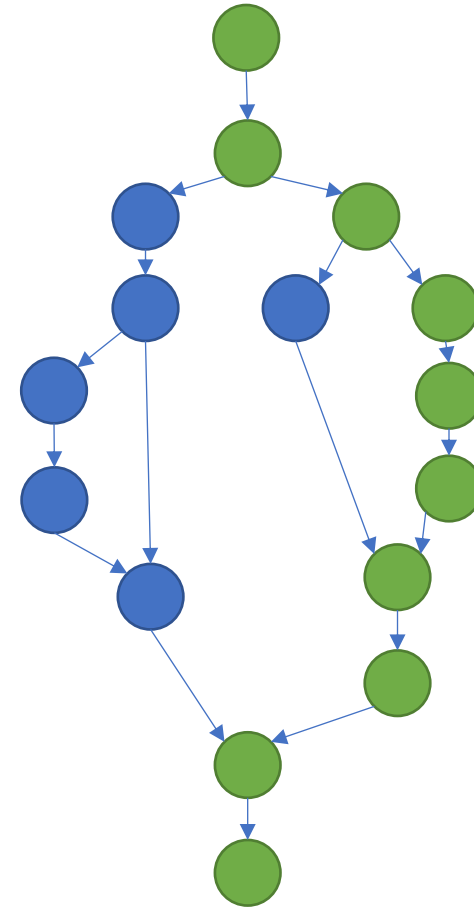
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$Parallelism = T/T_{span}$



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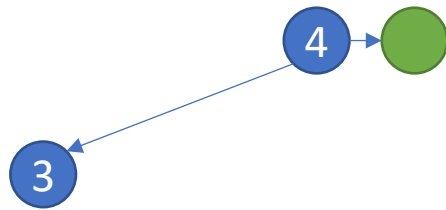


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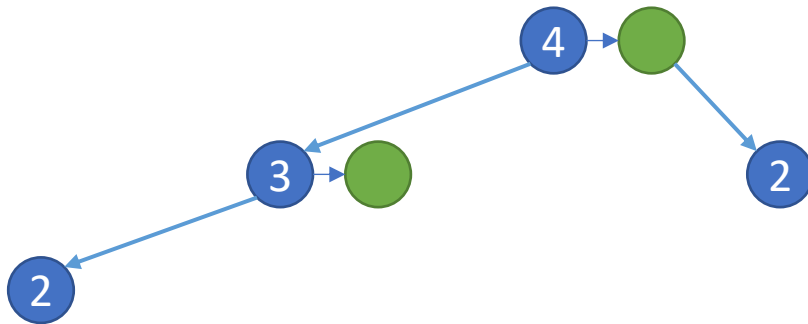


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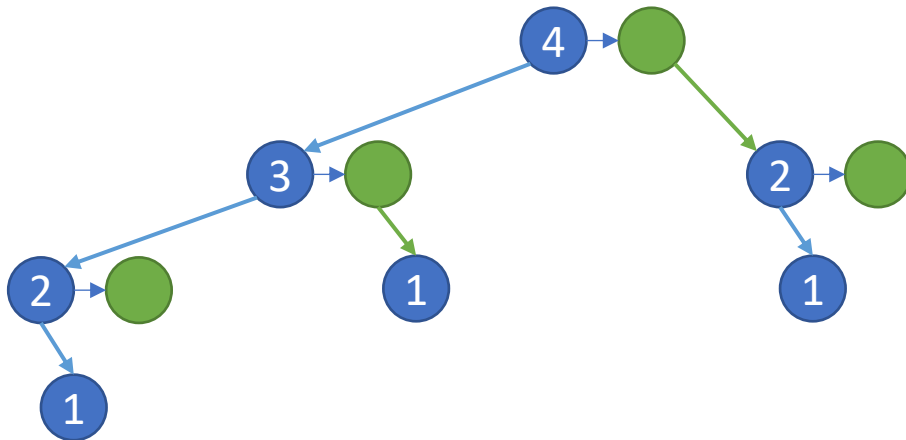


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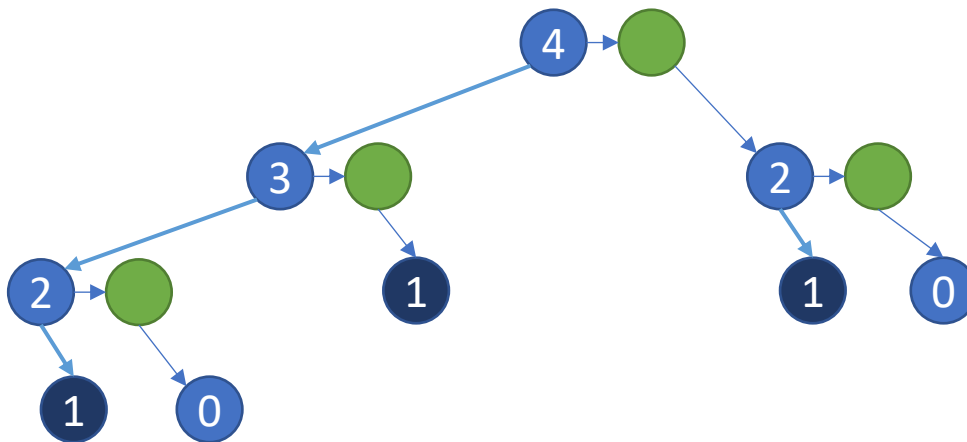


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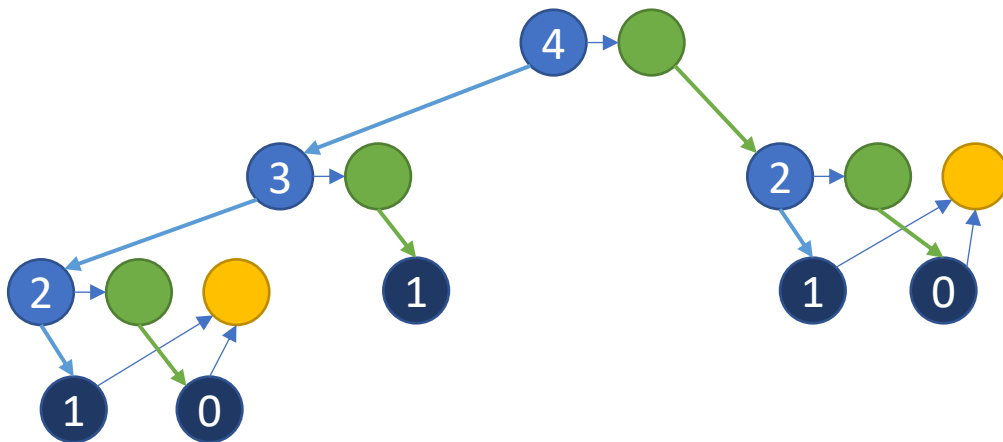


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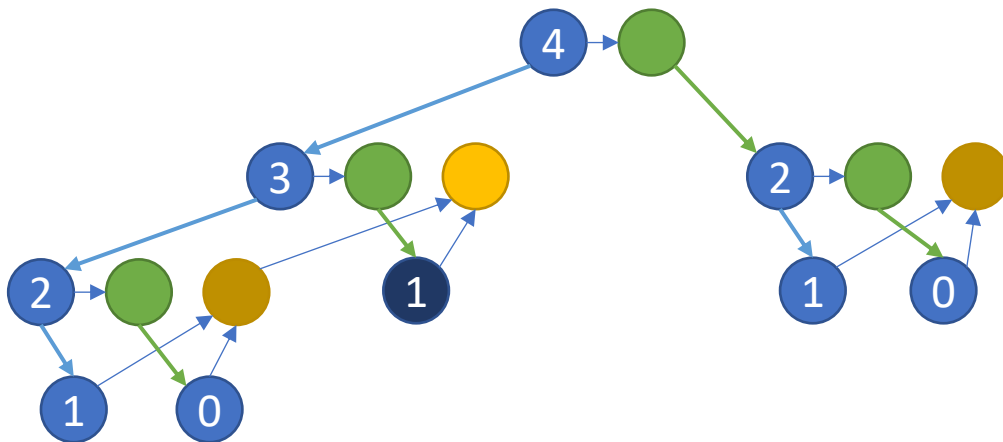


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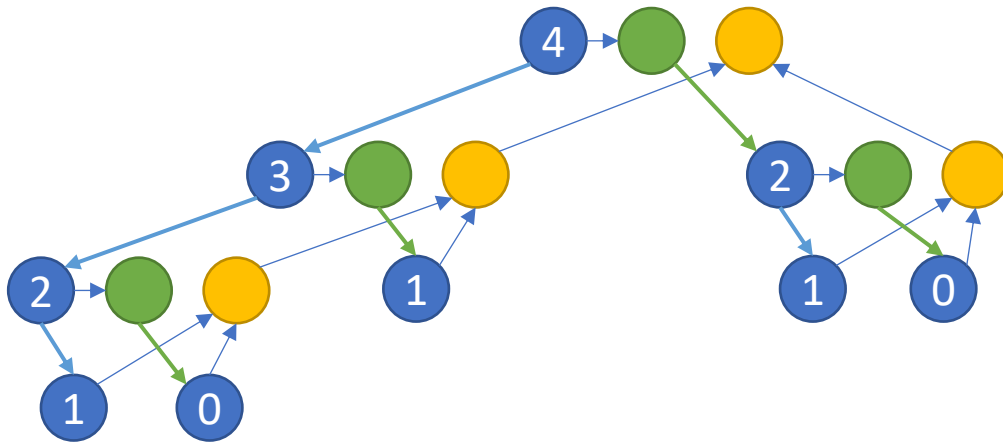


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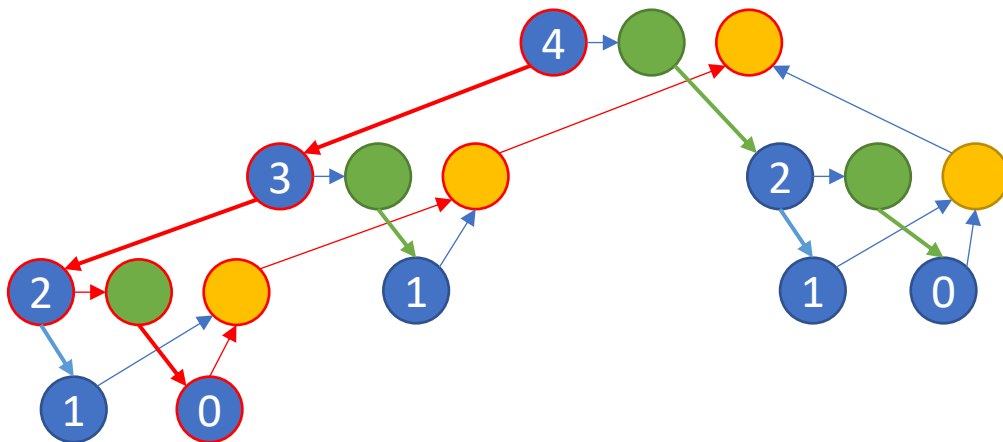
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# Parallel execution mode

- Dynamic multithreading vs static threading
  - Shared (distributed) memory
  - Concurrency platforms – resource planning and handling
  - `parallel_for`, `spawn`, `sync`
  - Cilk/Cilk++, OpenMP, Task Parallel Library, Threading Building Blocks
- Theoretical basis for parallel algorithm analysis
  - Span & work
- Recurrences and divide & conquer

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- Most of work parallelization happens in loops
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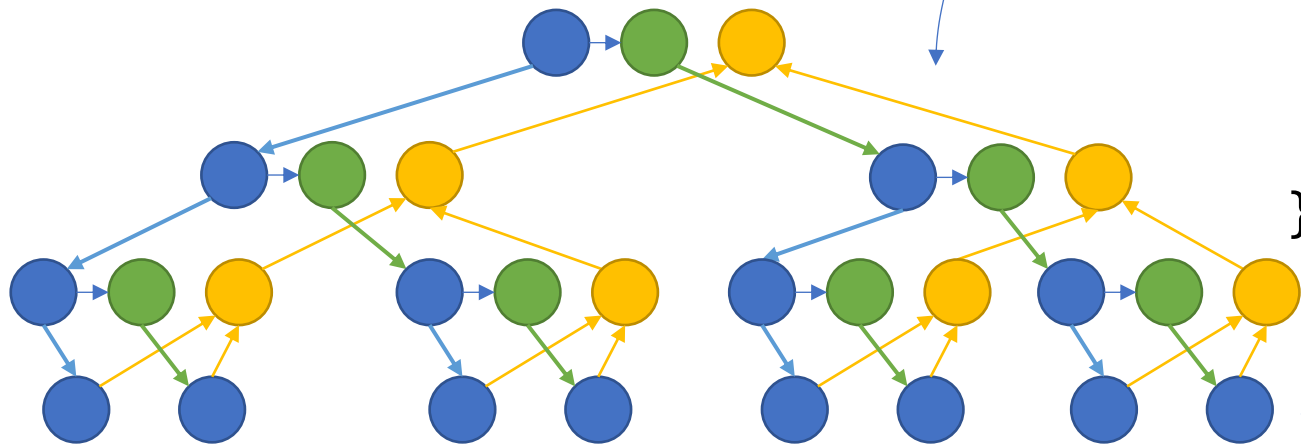
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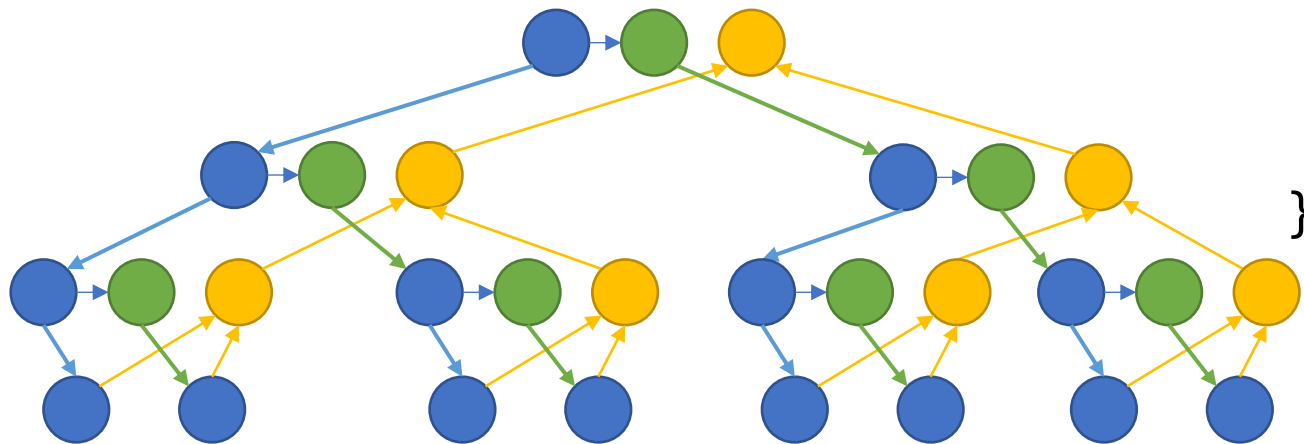
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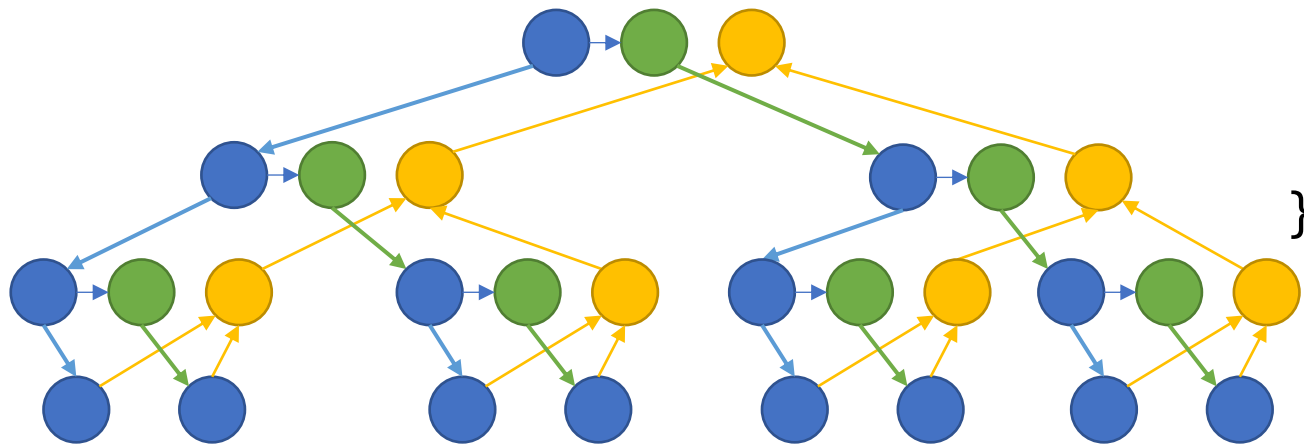


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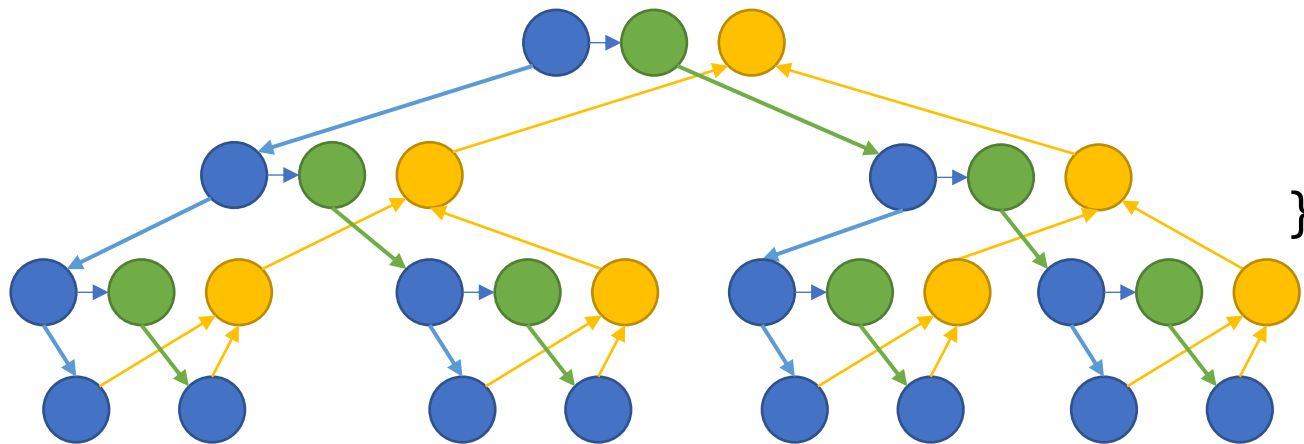


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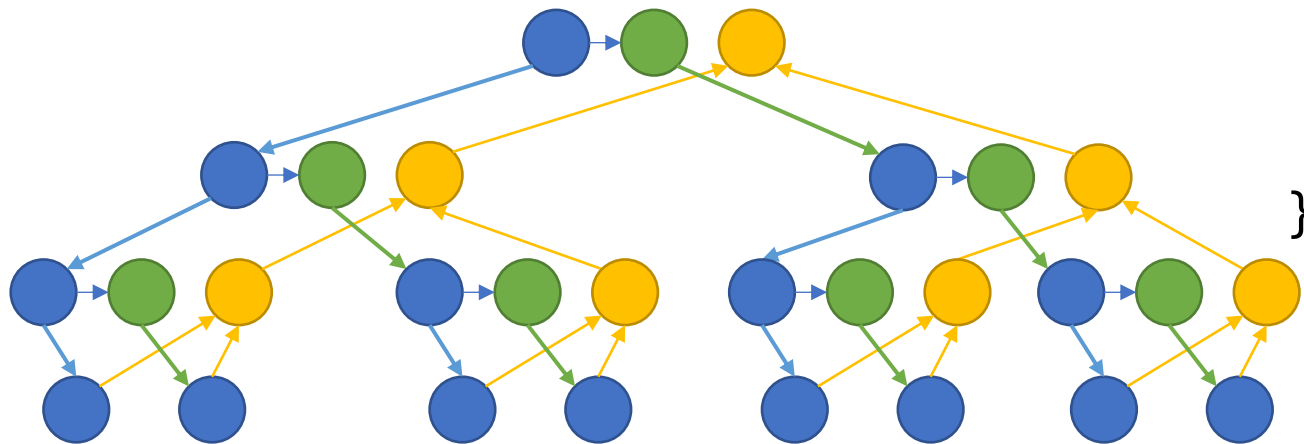
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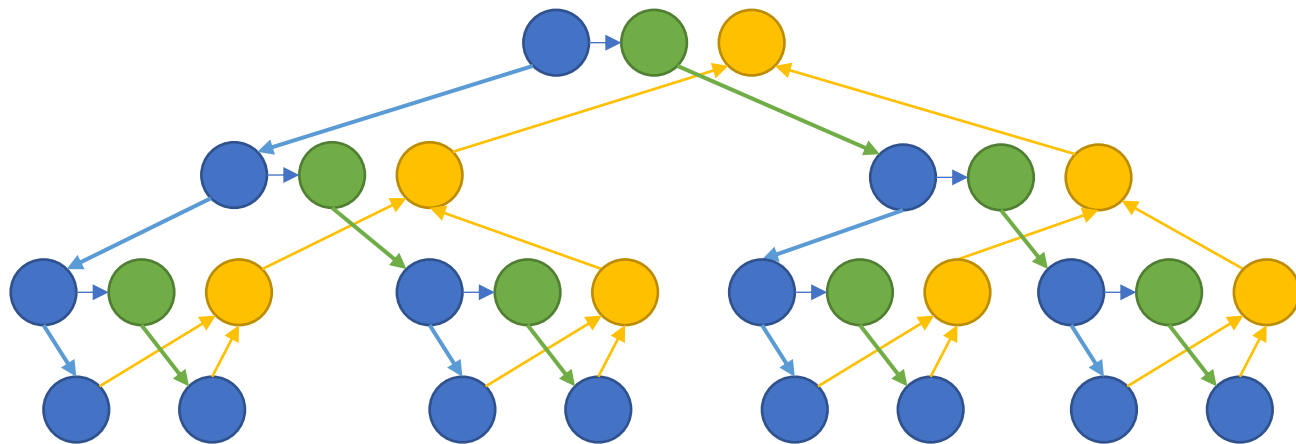


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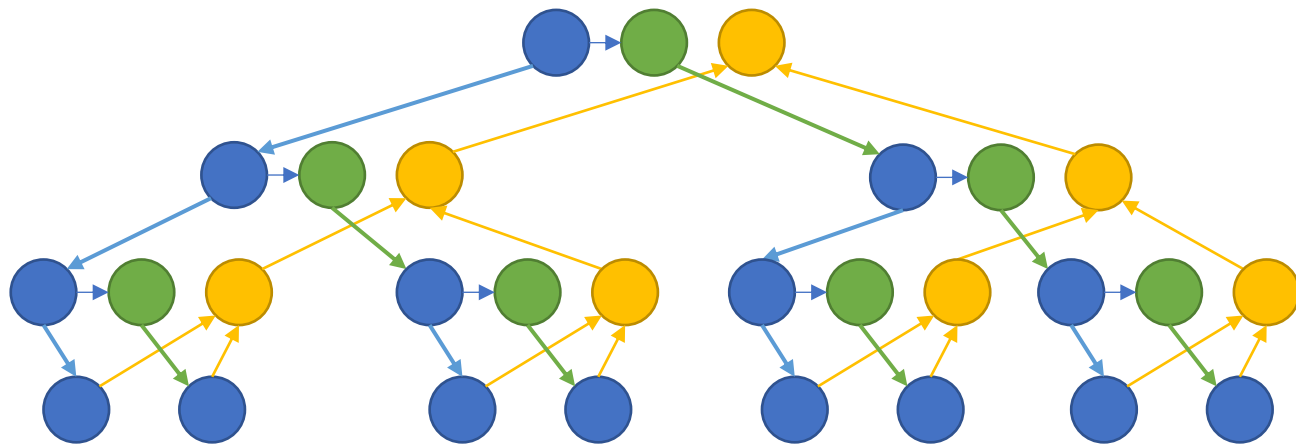
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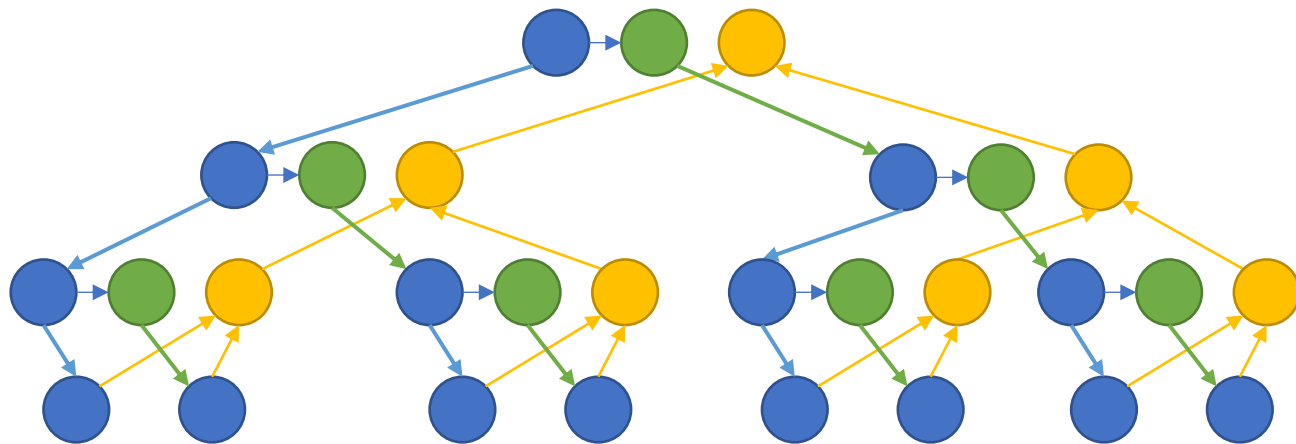
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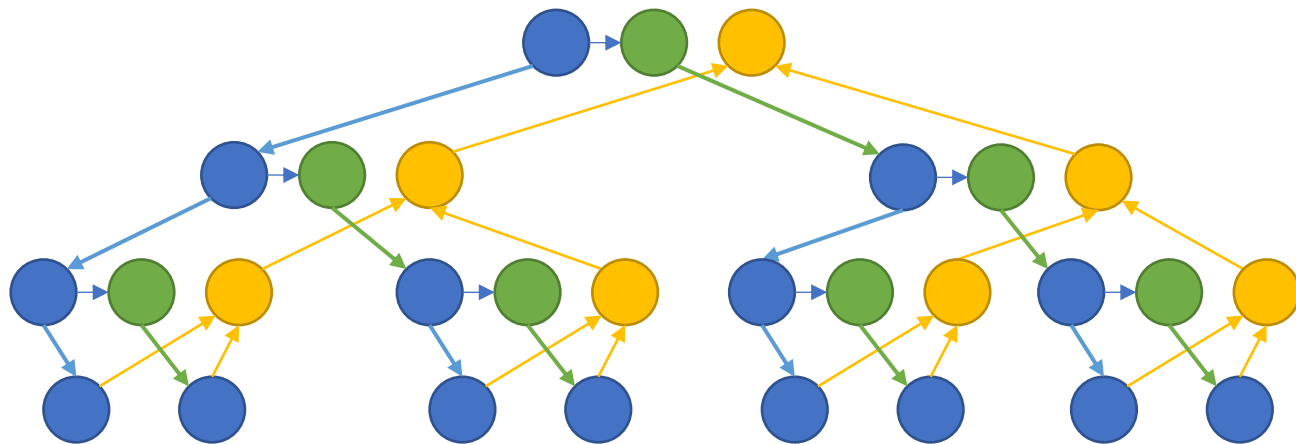
Work	$\Theta(n^2)$
Span	$\Theta(\log n)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(n^2 / \log n)$



# For loops analysis

- Coarsening
  - Motivation: control and scheduling overhead  $\gg$  problem size

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void control(int low, int high) {  
    if (high > low + 1) {  
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        control((high+low)/2, high);  
        sync;}  
...  
}
```



# For loops analysis

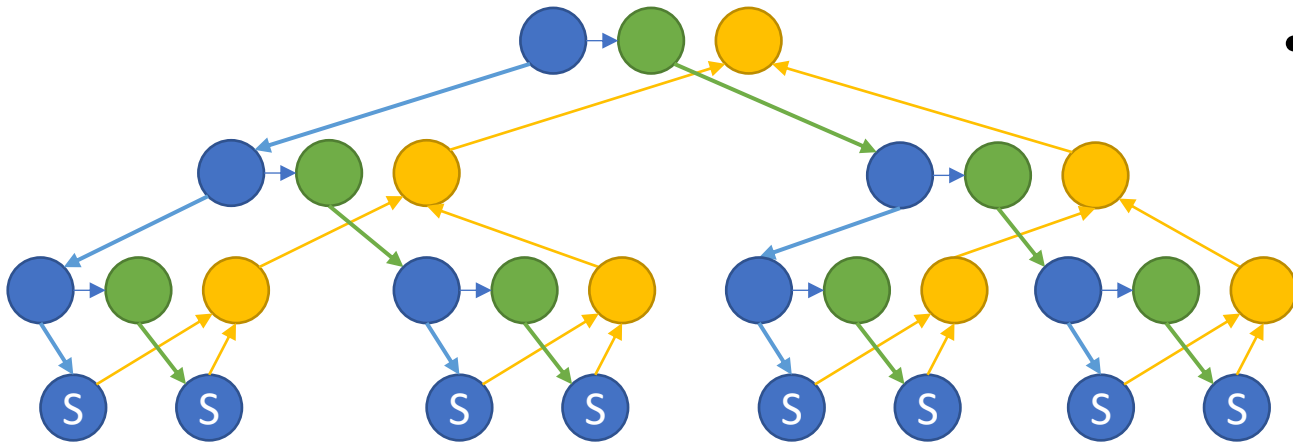
- Coarsening

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- Split  $n$ -size problem into chunks

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    if (high > low + CHUNK_SIZE) {  
        spawn control(low, (high+low)/2);  
        control((high+low)/2, high);  
    }  
    sync;  
}
```

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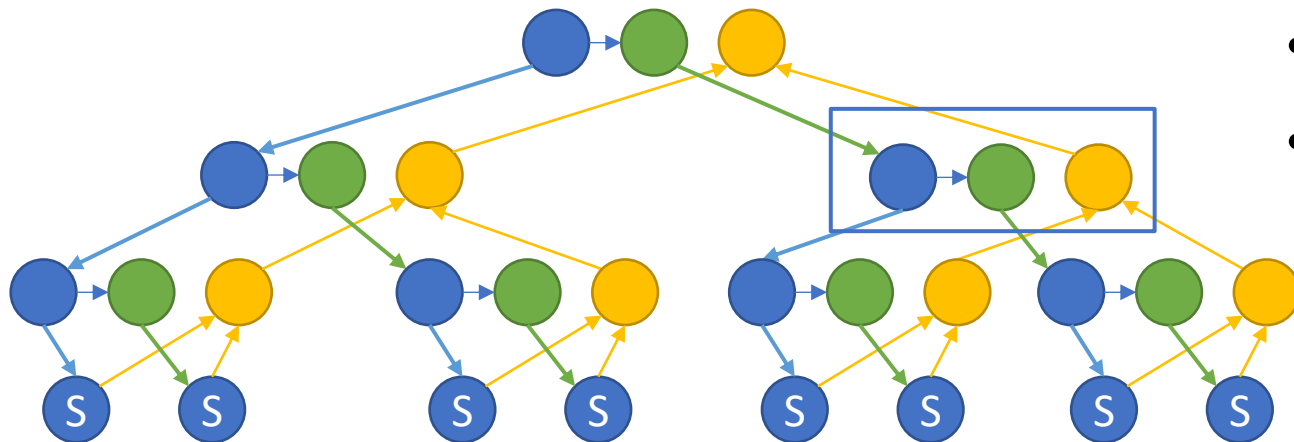
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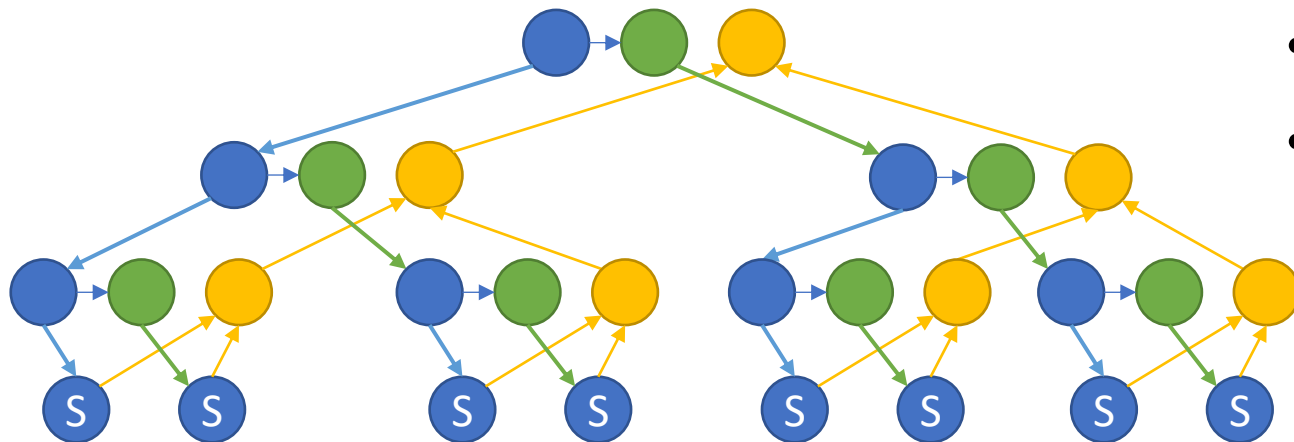
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Work	
Span	

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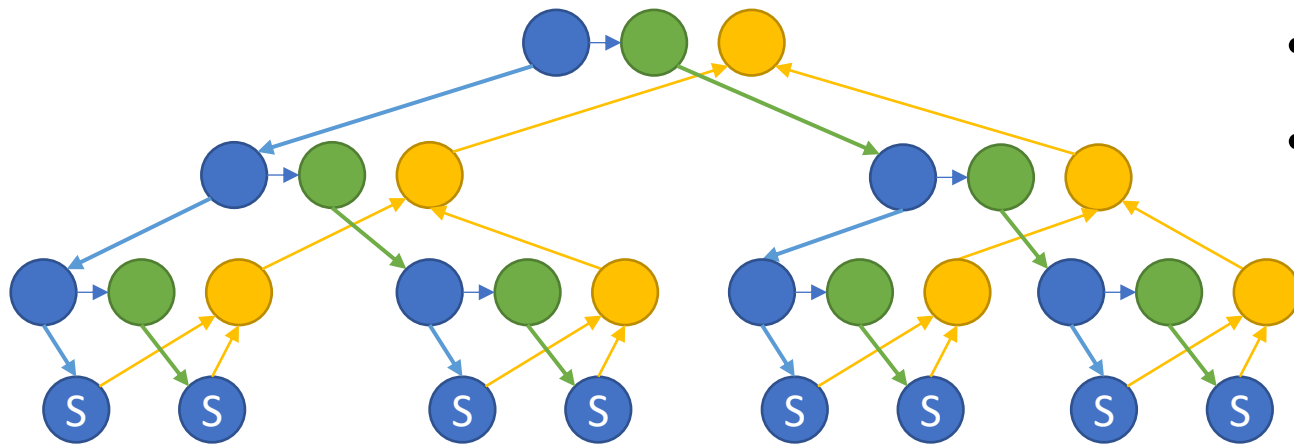
Work	$nl + (n/S - 1)C$
Span	



# For loops analysis

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    sync;  
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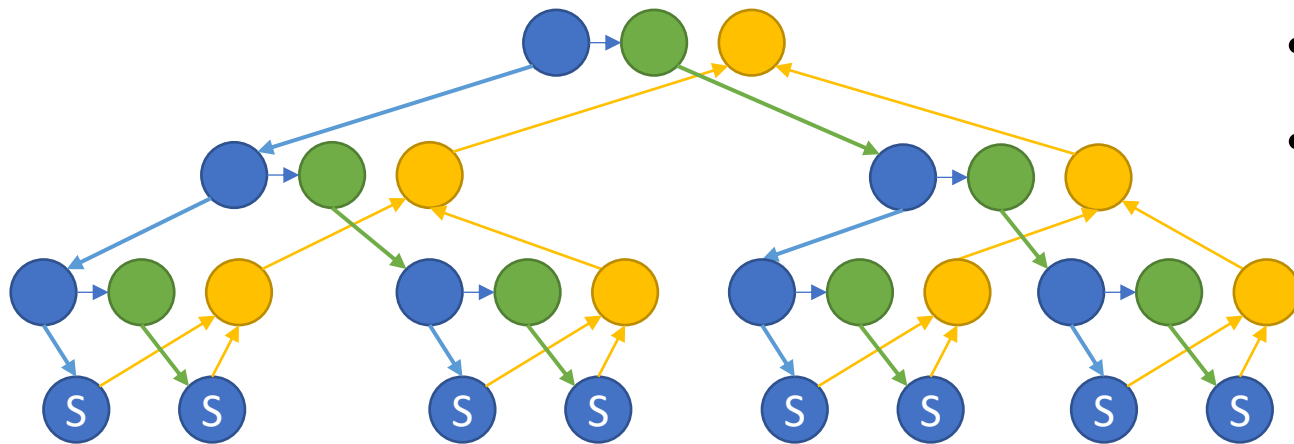
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Work	$nI + (n/S - 1)C$
Span	$SI + C \log n/S$

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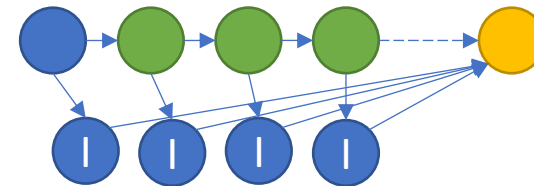
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$S \gg C/l$

# For loops analysis

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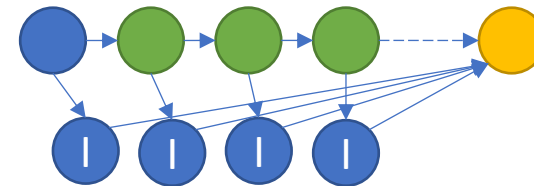
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for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
{  
    spawn dosmth(i, i+1);  
}
```



# For loops analysis

- What happens to parallelism if workers are spawned in loop?
- $T(n) = \Theta(n)$
- $T_{span}(n) = \Theta(n)$
- Parallelism:  $\Theta(1)$

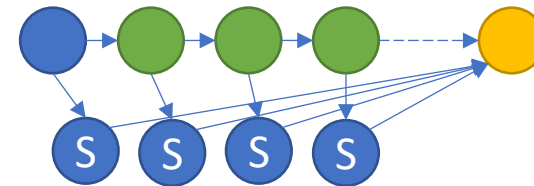
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- Does coarsening help?
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- $T_{span}(n) =$

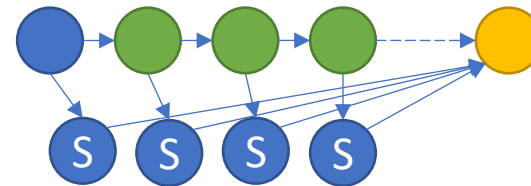
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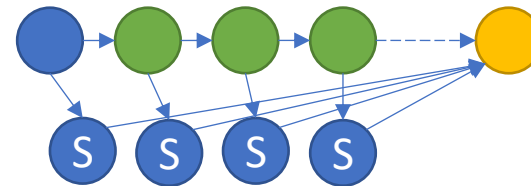
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- Parallelism:  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

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}
```



# Merge sort

```
void mergesort(int* a, int p, int r) {  
    if (p < r) {  
        int q = (p+r)/2;  
        mergesort(a, p, q);  
        mergesort(a, q+1, r);  
        merge(a, p, q, r);  
    }  
}
```

```
void merge(int* a, int p, int q, int r){  
    int n1 = q-p+1, n2 = r-q;  
    int i = 1, j = 1;  
    // lt[1..n1+1]=a[p+1..n1]  
    // rt[1..n2+1]=a[n2..q+j]  
    for (int k = p; k < r; ++k) {  
        if (lt[i] <= rt[j])  
            a[k] = lt[i]; i++;  
        else  
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    }  
}
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- Merge:  $\Theta(n)$
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- Merge:  $\Theta(n)$
- Sort:  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

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$$n^{\log_b a} = n, f(n) = n^{\log_b a} (\log n)^0$$

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Work	$\Theta(n \log n)$
Span	
Parallelism	

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```

Work	$\Theta(n \log n)$
Span	$T_{\infty}(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$
Parallelism	

# Merge sort

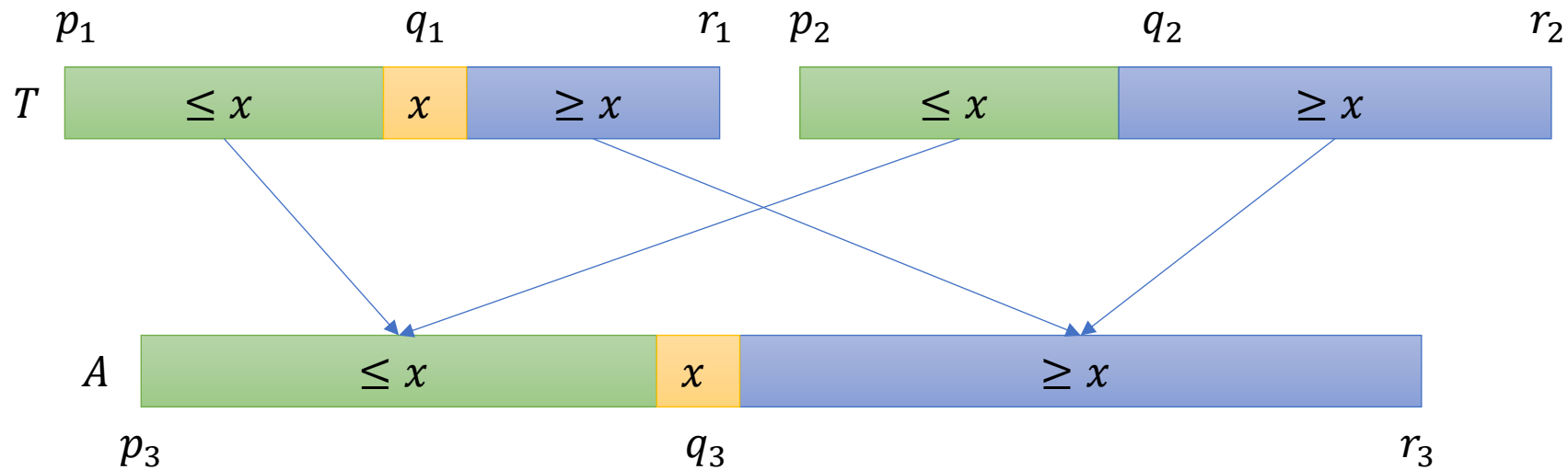
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Span	$\Theta(n)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(\log n)$

# Merge sort

- Parallel merge idea



$$x = T[q_1 = (p_1 + r_1)/2]$$

# Merge sort

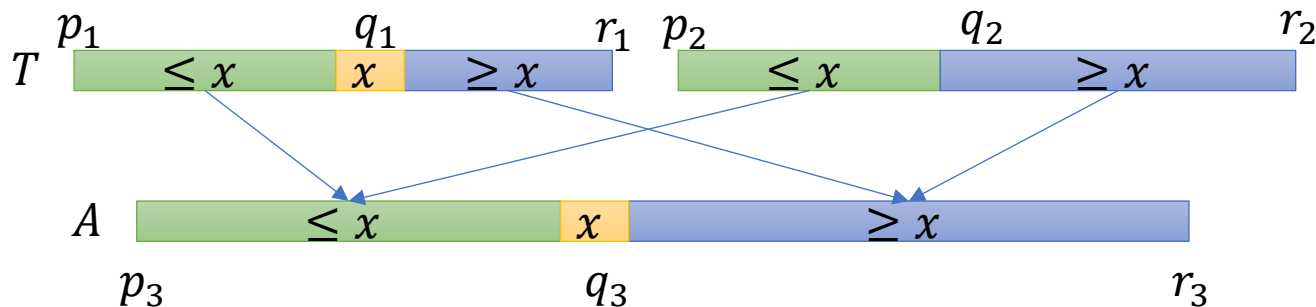
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        sync; pmerge(a, p, q, r);  
    }  
}
```

```
void pmerge(...)
```

```
{
```

- Find mid point  $x$  in  $T_1, T_2$  (binary search for 2) & copy to target
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```





# Merge sort

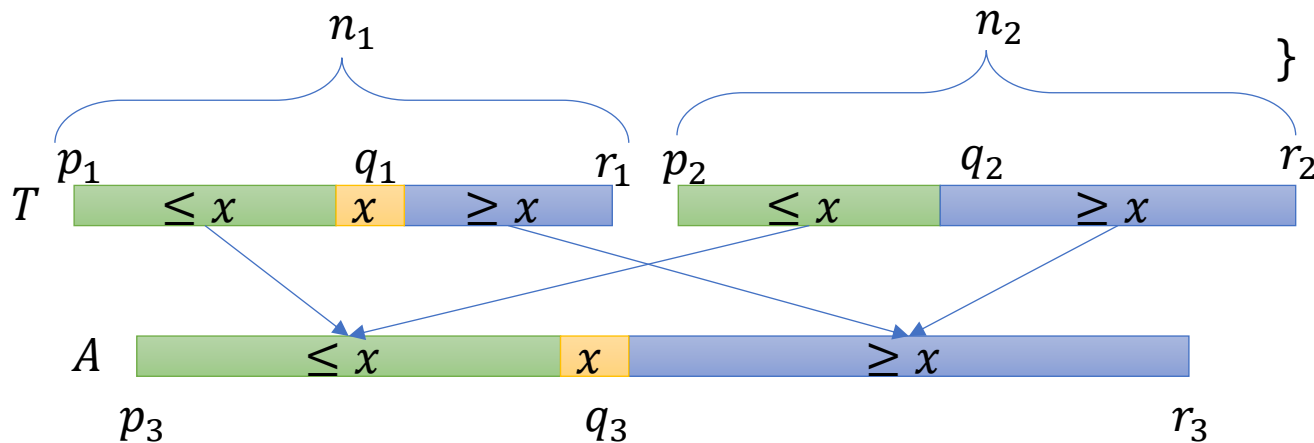
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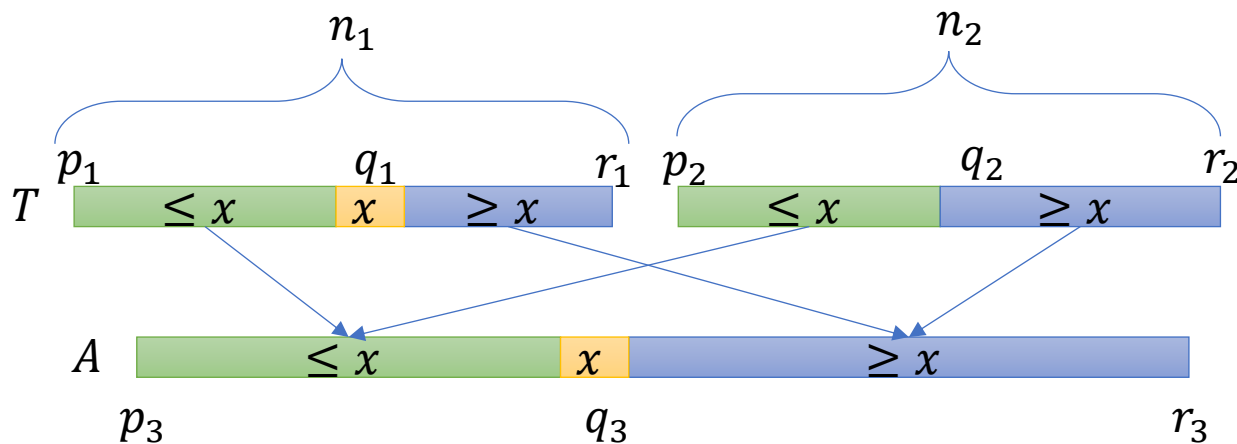
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# Merge sort

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

Worst case number of elements?



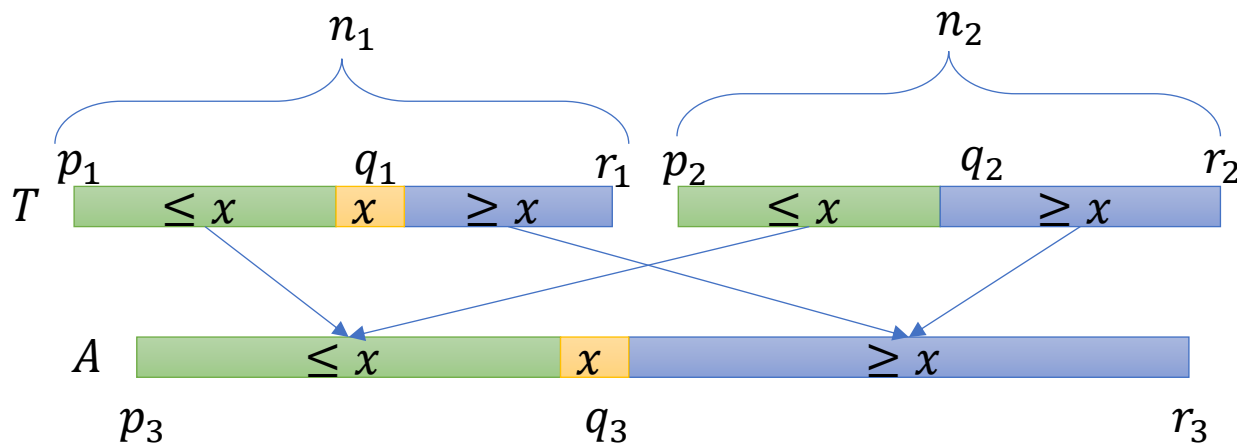
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    if (n1 < n2) swap ((p1,r1,n1), (p2,  
r2,n2));  
    int q1 = (p1+r1)/2;  
    int q2 = bsearch();  
    int q3 = p3+(q1-p1)+(q2-p2);  
    spawn pmerge(T,a,p1,q1-1,p2,q2-1,p3);  
    pmerge(T,a,q1+1,r1,q2,r2,q3+1);  
    sync;  
}
```

# Merge sort

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

Worst case number of elements?

- $3/4n$



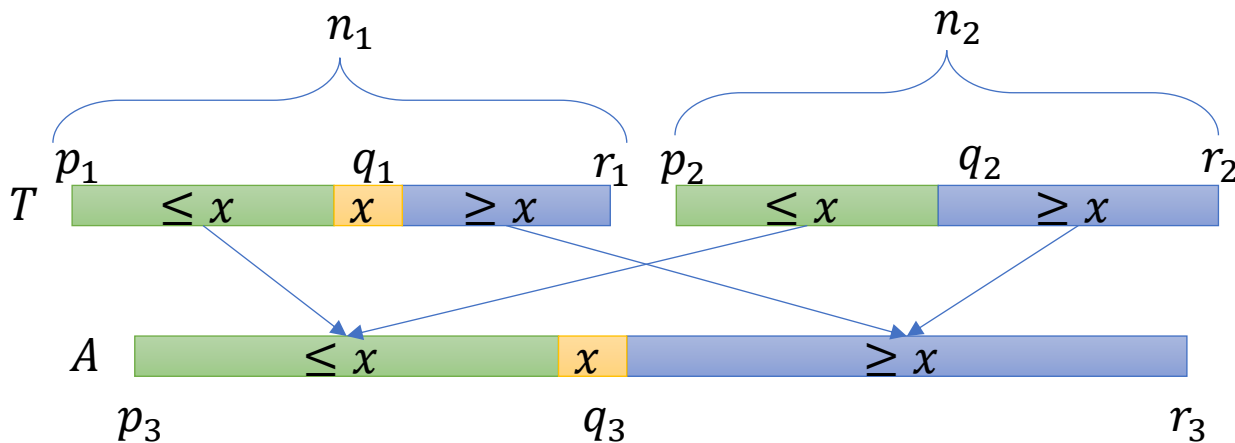
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# Merge sort

$$n = n_1 + n_2$$

Worst case number of elements?

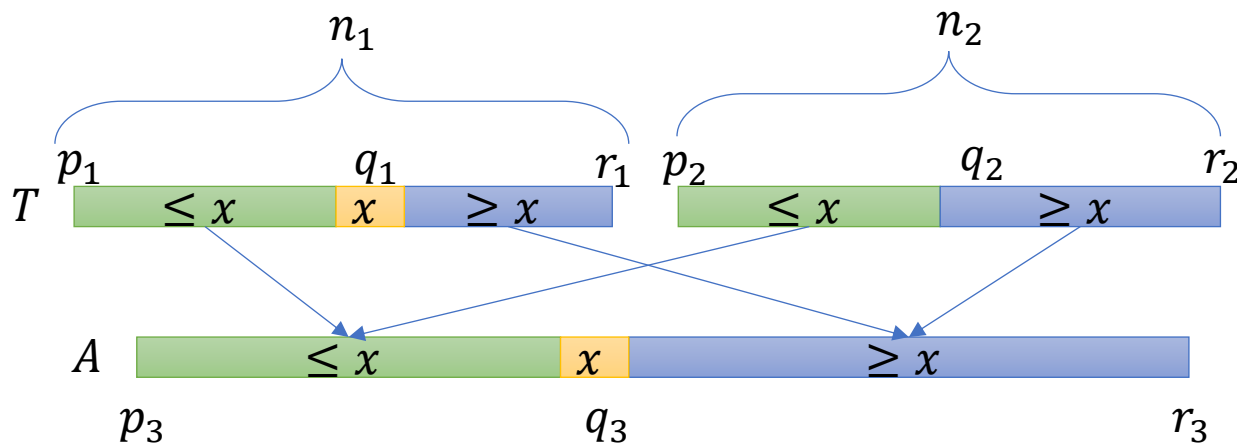
- $3/4n$  ( $n_2 \leq (n_1 + n_2)/2 = n/2$ )
- $n_1/2 + n_2 \leq (n_1 + n_2)/2 + n_2/2 \leq 3n/4$



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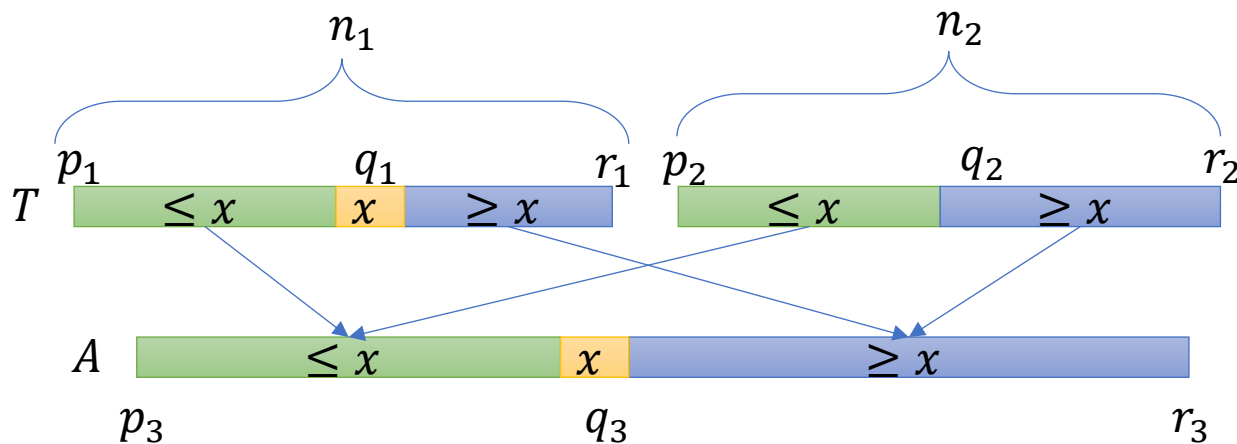
$$T_{\infty}(n) = T(3n/4) + \Theta(?)$$



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}
```

# Merge sort

$$T_{\infty}(n) = T(3n/4) + \Theta(\log n)$$

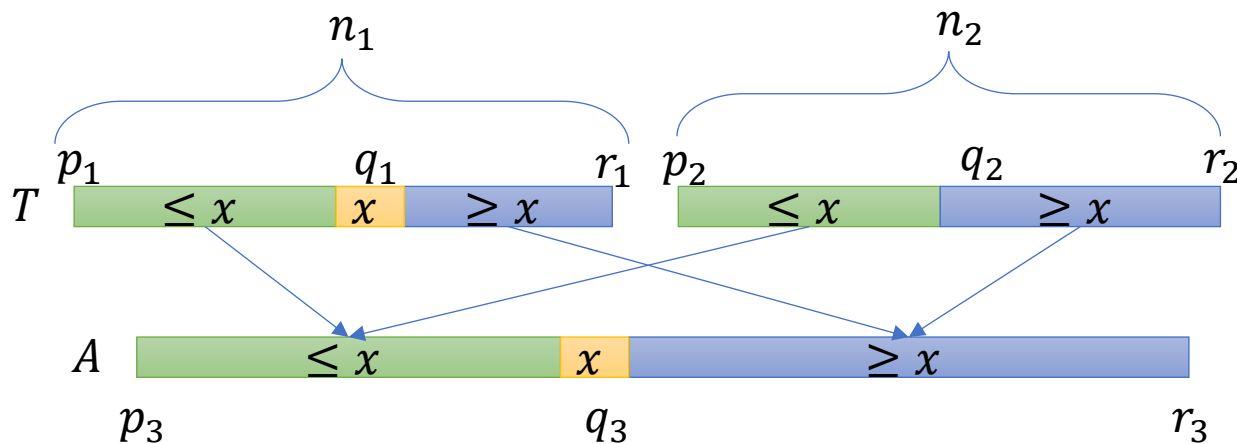


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# Merge sort

$$T_{\infty}(n) = T(3n/4) + \Theta(\log n)$$

- Cannot solve with master method
- $T_{\infty}(n) = \Theta((\log n)^2)$

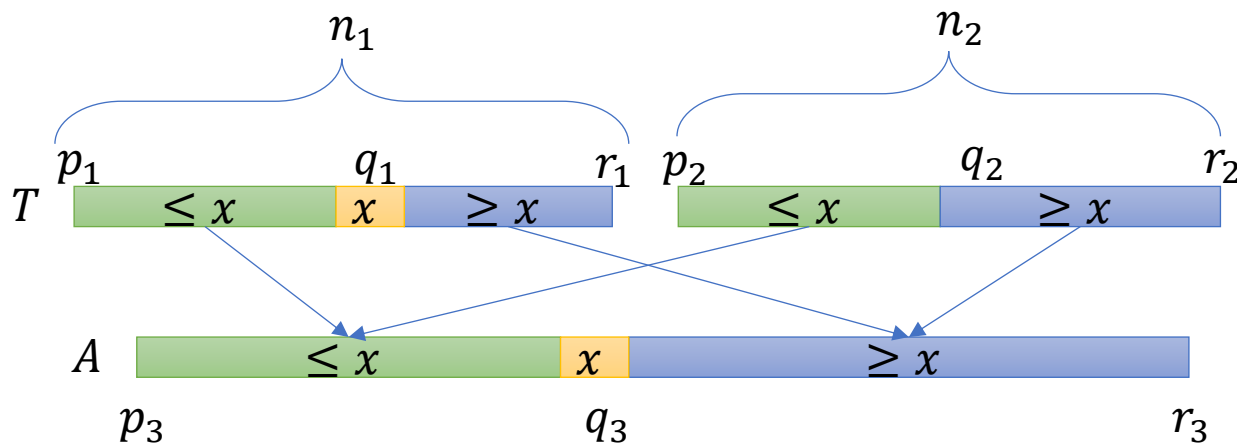


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    sync;
}
```

Work	
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^2)$
Parallelism	

# Merge sort

$$T(n) = T(\alpha n) + T((1 - \alpha)n) + \Theta(\log n), \frac{1}{4} < \alpha < \frac{3}{4}$$



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    sync;
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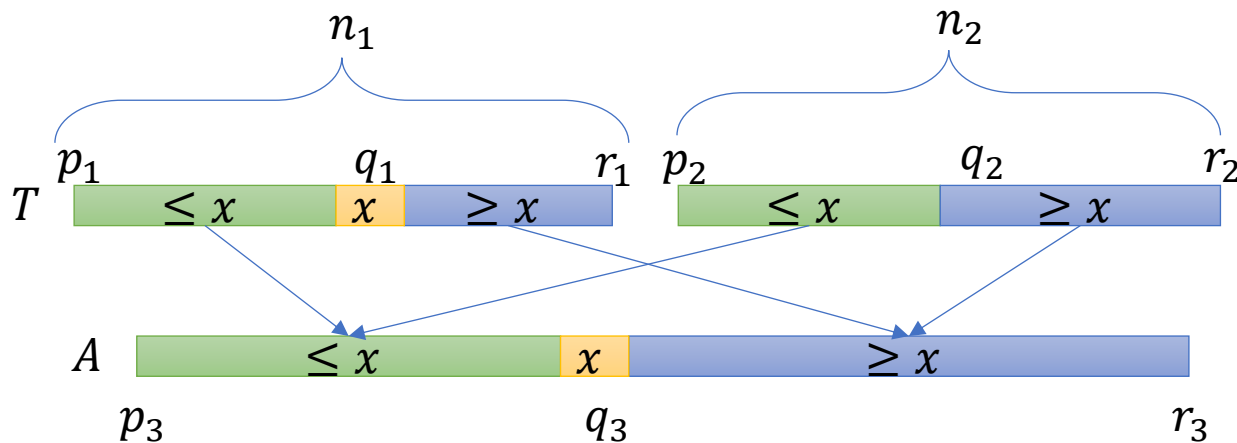
Work	
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^2)$
Parallelism	



# Merge sort

$$T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

- Can be shown by substitution
  - $T(n) = c_1 n - c_2 \log n$
  - $T(n) = O(n)$
  - $T(n) = \Omega(n)$  as each element is copied



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$T(n) =$

Work	
Span	
Parallelism	

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    int q2 = bsearch();
    int q3 = p3+(q1-p1)+(q2-p2);
    spawn pmerge(T,a,p1,q1-1,p2,q2-1,p3);
    pmerge(T,a,q1+1,r1,q2,r2,q3+1);
    sync;
}
```

Work	$\Theta(n)$
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^2)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(n/(\log n)^2)$

# Merge sort

```
void mergesort(int* a, int p, int r) {  
    if (p < r) {  
        int q = (p+r)/2;  
        spawn mergesort(a, p, q);  
        mergesort(a, q+1, r);  
        sync; pmerge(a, p, q, r);  
    }  
}
```

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Work	
Span	
Parallelism	

```
void pmerge(...) {  
    if (n1 < n2) swap ((p1,r1,n1), (p2,  
r2,n2));  
    int q1 = (p1+r1)/2;  
    int q2 = bsearch();  
    int q3 = p3+(q1-p1)+(q2-p2);  
    spawn pmerge(T,a,p1,q1-1,p2,q2-1,p3);  
    pmerge(T,a,q1+1,r1,q2,r2,q3+1);  
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}
```

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

Work	$\Theta(n \log n)$
Span	
Parallelism	

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r2,n2));
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    pmerge(T,a,q1+1,r1,q2,r2,q3+1);
    sync;
}
```

Work	$\Theta(n)$
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^2)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(n/(\log n)^2)$

# Merge sort

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void mergesort(int* a, int p, int r) {
    if (p < r) {
        int q = (p+r)/2;
        spawn mergesort(a, p, q);
        mergesort(a, q+1, r);
        sync; pmerge(a, p, q, r);
    }
}
```

$$T_{\infty}(n) = T_{\infty}(n/2) + \Theta((\log n)^2)$$

Work	$\Theta(n \log n)$
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^3)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(n/(\log n)^2)$

```
void pmerge(...) {
    if (n1 < n2) swap ((p1,r1,n1), (p2,
r2,n2));
    int q1 = (p1+r1)/2;
    int q2 = bsearch();
    int q3 = p3+(q1-p1)+(q2-p2);
    spawn pmerge(T,a,p1,q1-1,p2,q2-1,p3);
    pmerge(T,a,q1+1,r1,q2,r2,q3+1);
    sync;
}
```

Work	$\Theta(n)$
Span	$\Theta((\log n)^2)$
Parallelism	$\Theta(n/(\log n)^2)$

# BACKUP