



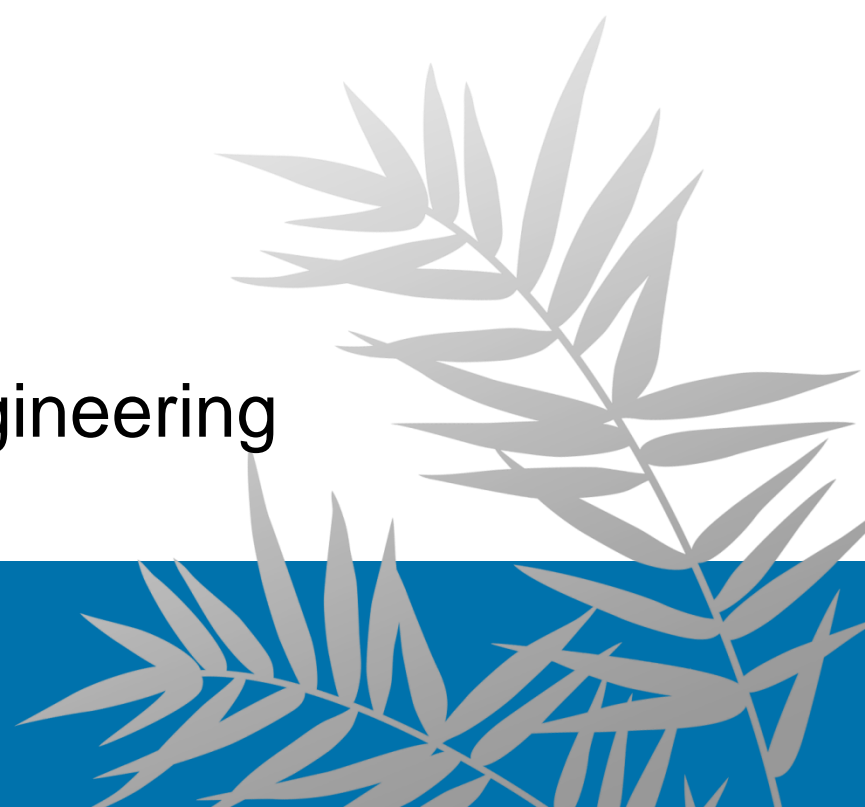
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# UNIT 2

## SORTING AND ORDER STATISTICS

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# Outline

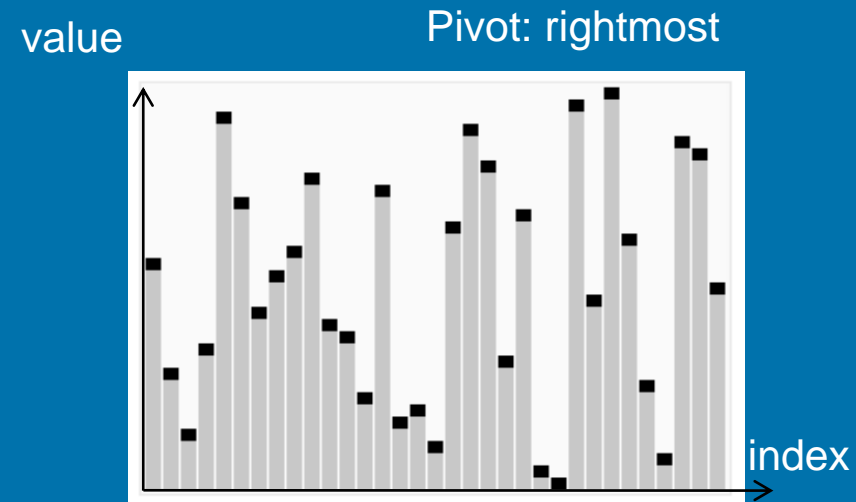
- Content:
  - Heapsort
  - Quicksort
  - Sorting in linear time
  - Order statistics
- Reading:
  - Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9

Algorithm	Runtime			Properties	
	Best case	Average case	Worst case	Stable?	In-place?
Insertion	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	Yes	Yes
Merge	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$	Yes	No
Heap	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$	No	Yes
Quicksort	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n \lg n)$	$O(n^2)$	No	Yes
Counting	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	Yes	No
Radix	$O(d(n + k'))$	$O(d(n + k'))$	$O(d(n + k'))$	Yes	No
Bucket	–	$O(n)$	–	Yes	No

# Quicksort

*C.A.R. Hoare, 1962*

*Top 10 algorithms in 20<sup>th</sup> century*



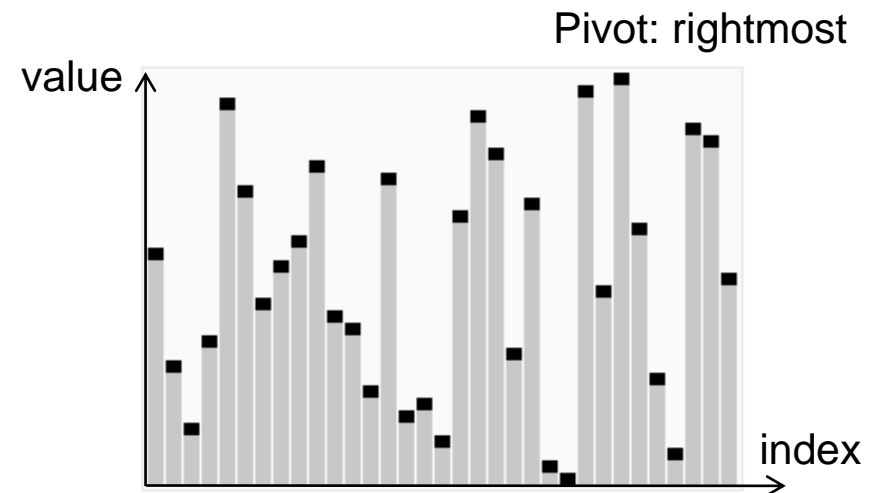
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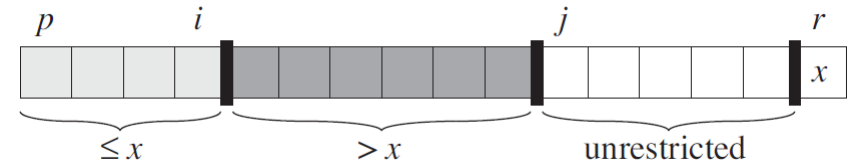
# Quicksort

- A divide-and-conquer algorithm
  - **Divide:** Partition (rearrange)  $A[p..r]$  into  $A[p..q-1]$  and  $A[q+1..r]$ ; each key in  $A[p..q-1] \leq A[q]$  and  $A[q] <$  each key in  $A[q+1..r]$ 
    - Select a pivot and put it on the correct position  $A[q]$
  - **Conquer:** Recursively sort two subarrays
  - **Combine:** Do nothing; each element has been at the right position

```
QUICKSORT(A, p, r)
// Call QUICKSORT(A, 1, A.length)
to sort an entire array
1. if  $p < r$ 
2.    $q = \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$ 
3.   QUICKSORT(A, p,  $q-1$ )
4.   QUICKSORT(A,  $q+1$ , r)
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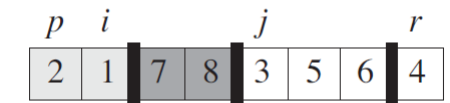
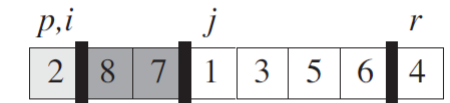
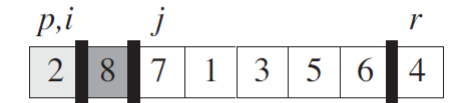
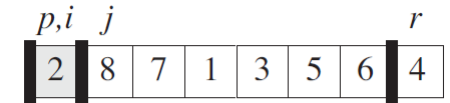
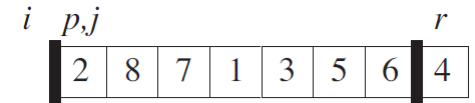
# Quicksort: Partition



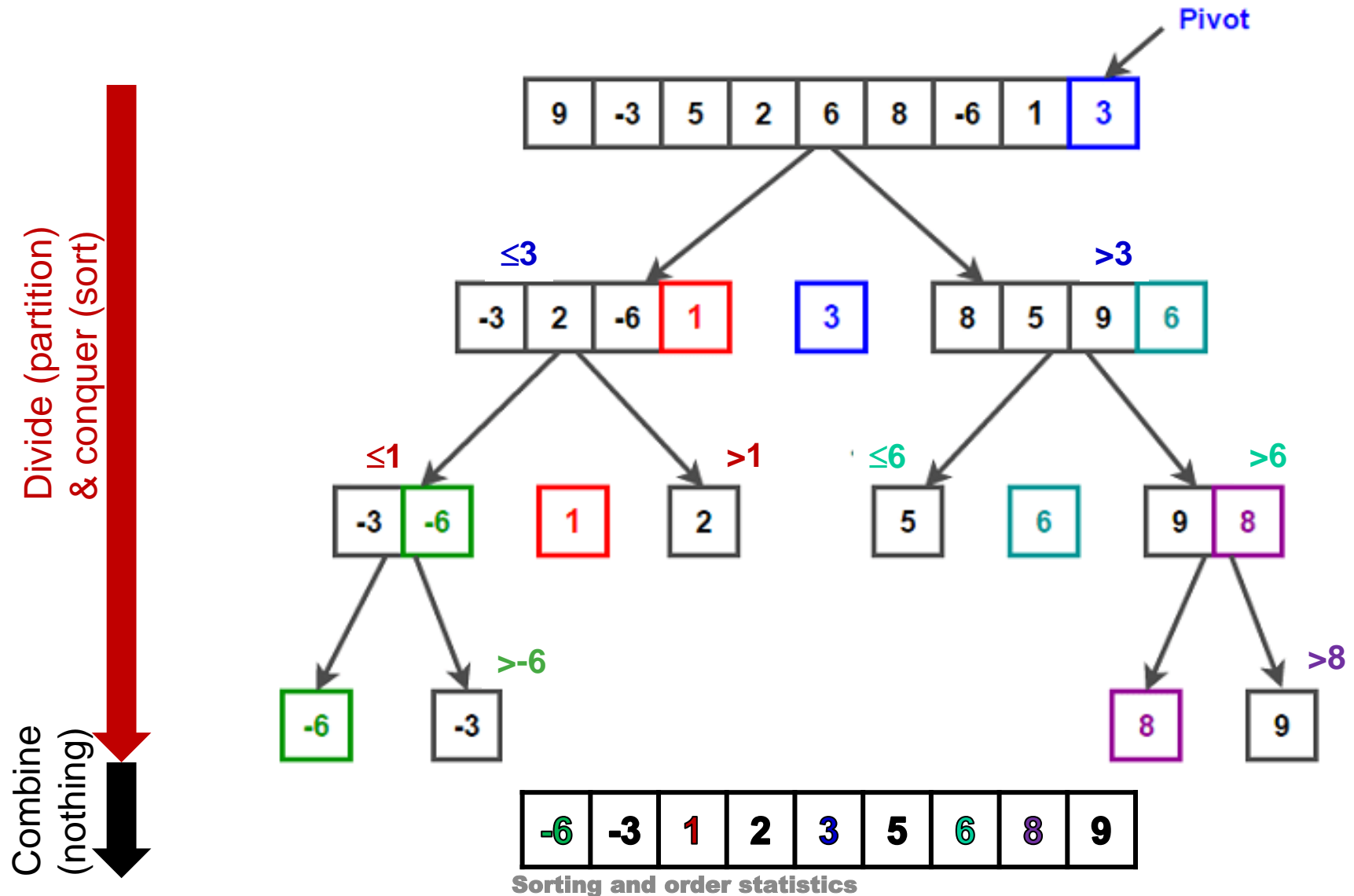
**PARTITION**( $A$ ,  $p$ ,  $r$ )

1.  $x = A[r]$  // break up  $A$  wrt pivot
2.  $i = p - 1$
3. **for**  $j = p$  **to**  $r - 1$
4.     **if**  $A[j] \leq x$
5.          $i = i + 1$
6.         exchange  $A[i]$  with  $A[j]$
7. exchange  $A[i+1]$  with  $A[r]$
9. **return**  $i + 1$

- Select a pivot
- Partition  $A$  into subarrays  $A[..i] \leq x$  and  $A[i+1..] > x$
- PARTITION runs in  $\Theta(n)$  time, where  $n = r - p + 1$
- Ways to pick  $x$ : rightmost, random, median of 3 keys (first, last, middle)



# Quicksort Example

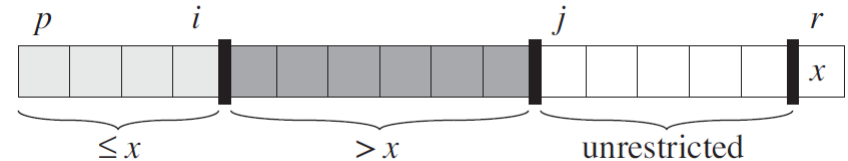


# Loop Invariant of Partition

PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )

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7. exchange  $A[i+1]$  with  $A[r]$   
9. return  $i + 1$ 
```

Four (possibly empty) regions



- At the beginning of each iteration of the loop of lines 3--6, for any array index  $k$ ,
  - 1. if  $p \leq k \leq i$ , then  $A[k] \leq x$
  - 2. if  $i + 1 \leq k \leq j - 1$ , then  $A[k] > x$
  - 3. if  $k = r$ , then  $A[k] = x$

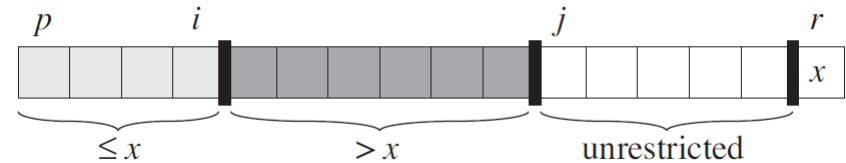
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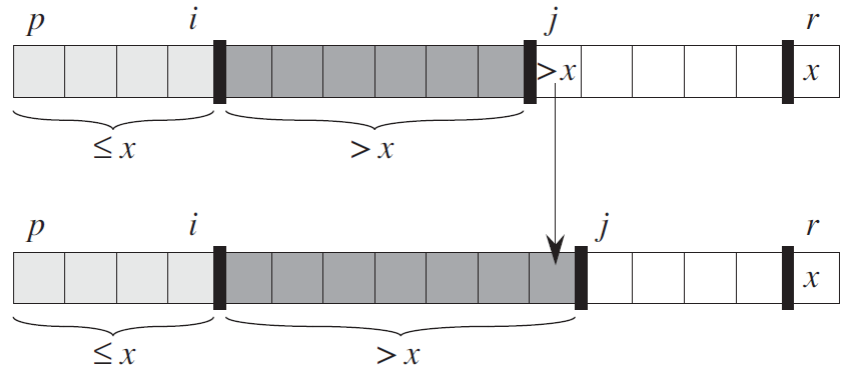
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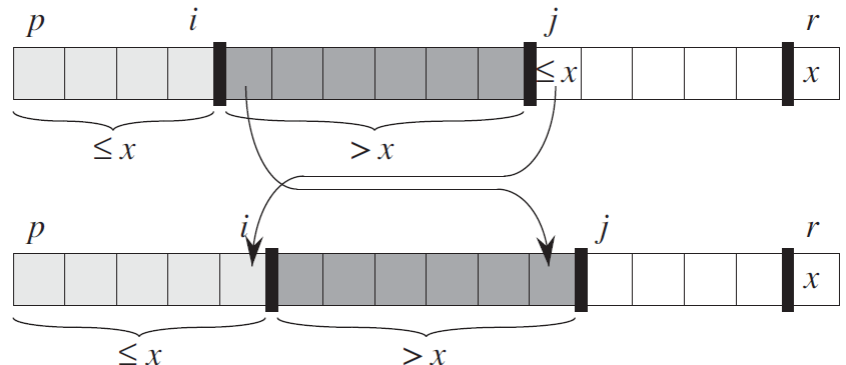
- Initialization
- Maintenance
- Termination



(a)



(b)





# Performance of Quicksort: Best Case

## *Informal investigation*

- The running time of quicksort depends on whether the partitioning is balanced or unbalanced
- A divide-and-conquer algorithm

$$T(n) = T(q - p) + T(r - q) + \Theta(n)$$

- Depends on the position of  $q$  in  $A[p..r]$



- Best case: Perfectly balanced splits: each partition gives a  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor : \lceil n/2 \rceil - 1$  split

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

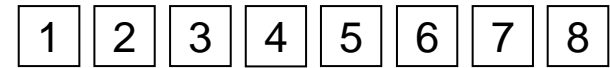
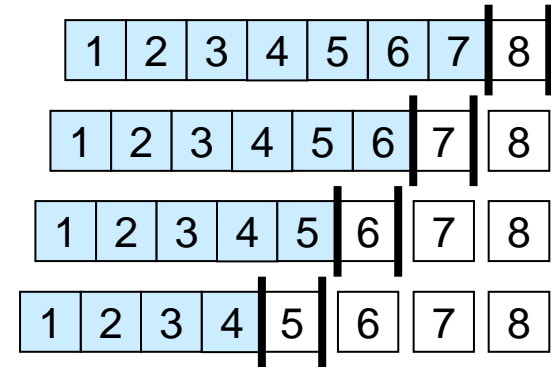
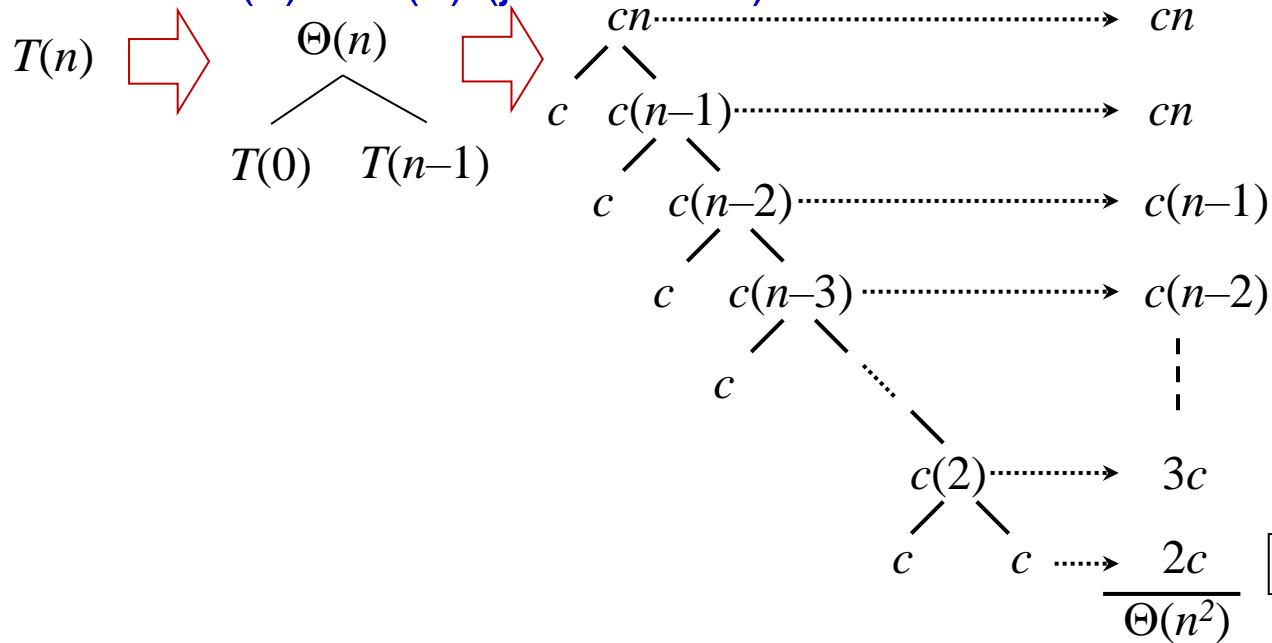
- Time complexity:  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ 
  - Master method? Iteration? Substitution?
  - Asymptotically as fast as merge sort

# Performance of Quicksort: Worst Case

- Worst case: Each partition gives a  $n - 1 : 0$  split

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n) \\ &= T(n-1) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

- $T(0) = \Theta(1)$  (just return!)



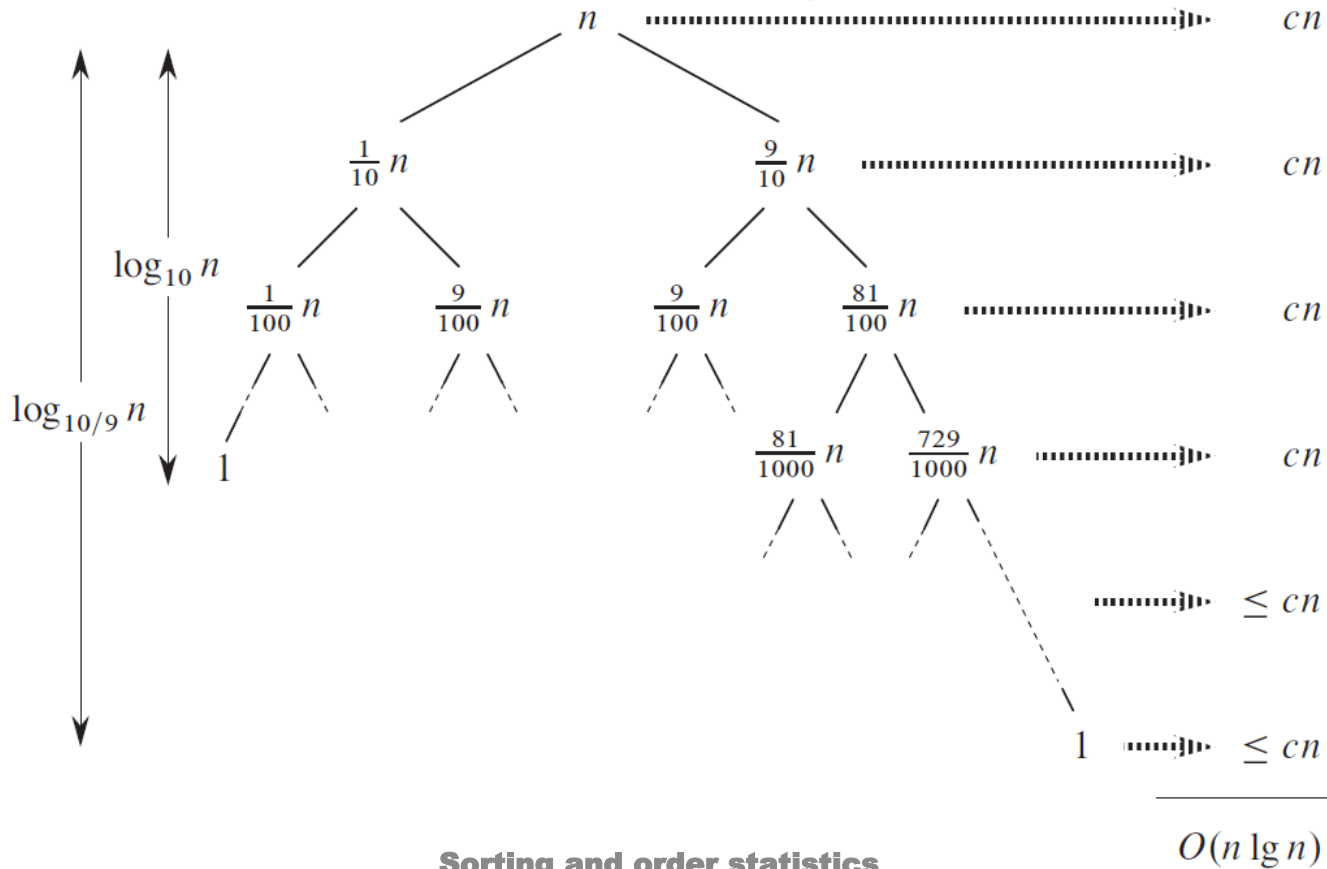
The worst case occurs when the array is already sorted!

(or reversely sorted)

- Asymptotically as slow as insertion sort

# Balanced Partitioning

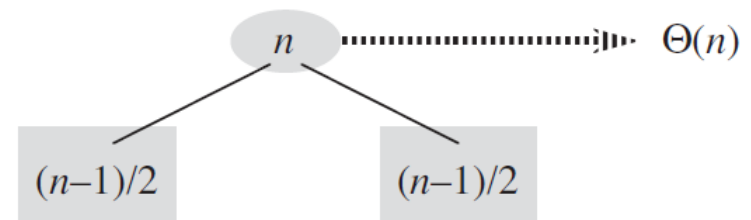
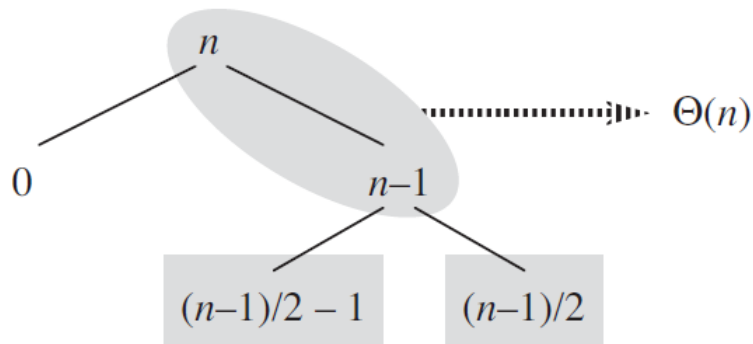
- Suppose the partitioning algorithm always produces a 9-to-1 proportional split
  - $T(n) = T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + cn = O(n \lg n)$



# Quicksort: Average-Case Analysis

## Intuition

- Intuition: Some splits will be close to balanced and others imbalanced; good and bad splits will be randomly distributed in the recursion tree
- Observation: Asymptotically bad runtime occurs only when we have many bad splits in a row
  - A bad split followed by a good split results in a good partitioning after one extra step!
  - $\Theta(n-1)$  of the bad split can be absorbed into  $\Theta(n)$  of the good split
  - Thus, we will still get  $O(n \lg n)$  run time



# Randomized Quicksort

- How to modify quicksort to achieve good average-case behavior on **all** inputs?
  - Best choice: median!
- **Randomization!** Choose the pivot  $x$  randomly at each iteration

```
RANDOMIZED-PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )  
1.  $i = \text{RANDOM}(p, r)$   
2. exchange  $A[r]$  with  $A[i]$   
3. return PARTITION( $A, p, r$ )
```

```
RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT( $A, p, r$ )  
1. if  $p < r$   
2.    $q = \text{RANDOMIZED-PARTITION}(A, p, r)$   
3.   RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT( $A, p, q-1$ )  
4.   RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT( $A, q+1, r$ )
```

# Proof on Worst-Case Analysis

## QUICKSORT and RANDOMIZED-QUICKSORT



- The **real** upperbound:

$$T(n) = \max_{1 \leq q \leq n} (T(q-1) + T(n-q) + \Theta(n))$$

$$= \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q-1)) + \Theta(n)$$

- Substitution: Guess  $T(n) \leq cn^2$  and verify it inductively:

$$T(n) = \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (cq^2 + c(n-q-1)^2) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= c \cdot \max_{0 \leq q \leq n-1} (q^2 + (n-q-1)^2) + \Theta(n)$$

- $q^2 + (n-q-1)^2$  achieves maximum at its endpoints:

$$T(n) \leq c(n-1)^2 + \Theta(n)$$

$$= c(n^2 - 2n + 1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= cn^2 - c(2n-1) + an$$

$$\leq cn^2$$

# Expected Running Time (1/2)

## Method 1

- Assume that all keys in a given array of size  $n$  are distinct
- Partition into lower side : upper side =  $q - 1 : n - q$
- Pick any particular element as the pivot with probability  $1/n$ 
  - $X_i = I\{i\text{th smallest element is chosen as the pivot}\}$
  - $E[X_i] = 1/n$
- Partition at an index  $q$

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[T(n)] &= E \left[ \sum_{q=1}^n X_q (T(q-1) + T(n-q) + \Theta(n)) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{q=1}^n E[X_q (T(q-1) + T(n-q) + \Theta(n))] \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^n E[T(q-1) + T(n-q)] + \Theta(n) \\
 &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=1}^n E[T(q-1)] + \Theta(n) \\
 &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=0}^{n-1} E[T(q)] + \Theta(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} E[T(q)] + \Theta(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Expected Running Time (2/2)

## Method 1

- Substitution: Guess  $E[T(q)] \leq cq \lg q$

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(n)] &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} E[T(q)] + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} cq \lg q + an \leq \frac{2c}{n} \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} q \lg q + an \leq \frac{2c}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + an \\ &\leq cn \lg n = O(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$

- Need to show

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} q \lg q &= \sum_{q=2}^{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} q \lg q + \sum_{q=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} q \lg q \leq (\lg n - 1) \sum_{q=2}^{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} q + \lg n \sum_{q=\lceil n/2 \rceil}^{n-1} q \\ &= \lg n \sum_{q=2}^{n-1} q - \sum_{q=2}^{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} q \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \end{aligned}$$



# Expected Running Time (1/3)

## Method 2

- Idea: How many comparisons are performed?
- Lemma: The running time of QUICKSORT is  $O(n+X)$ 
  - $n$  elements,  $X$  comparisons
- Pf:
  - At most  $n$  calls to PARTITION
  - Each call executes `for` loop some # of times
  - Each iteration of `for` executes line 4 (comparison)

```
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```

# Expected Running Time (2/3)

## Method 2

- How to compute  $X$ ?
- Rename  $A$  as  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  in ascending order
- Define  $Z_{ij} = \{z_i, z_{i+1}, \dots, z_j\}$
- Define  $X_{ij} = I\{z_i \text{ is compared to } z_j\}$

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared with } z_j\}$$

- Observations:
  - Only pivot in some call is compared to other elements
  - Once two elements are compared, they will not be compared again

# Expected Running Time (3/3)

## Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_{ij}] &= \Pr\{z_i \text{ is compared with } z_j\} \\ &= \Pr\{z_i \text{ or } z_j \text{ is first pivot chosen from } Z_{ij}\} \\ &= \Pr\{z_i \text{ is first pivot chosen from } Z_{ij}\} + \Pr\{z_j \text{ is first pivot chosen from } Z_{ij}\} \\ &= \frac{1}{j-i+1} + \frac{1}{j-i+1} = \frac{2}{j-i+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} \frac{2}{k+1} \\ &< \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{k} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} O(\lg n) = O(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$

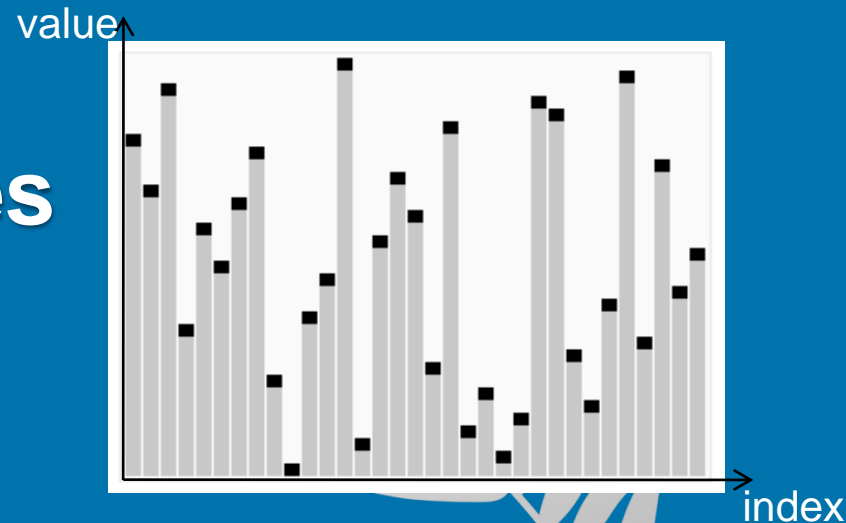
Harmonic series:

$$\begin{aligned} H_n &= 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \\ &= \ln n + O(1) \end{aligned}$$

# Heapsort

## Heaps: Priority Queues

*J.W.J Williams, 1961*  
*Binary Tree Application*



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J. W. J. Williams, (1964), "Algorithm 232 - Heapsort", Communications of the ACM, 7 (6): 347–348

# Priority Queue

- In a priority queue (PQ)
  - Each element has a priority (key)
  - Only the element with **highest** (or **lowest**) priority can be deleted
    - **Max** priority queue, or **min** priority queue
  - An element with arbitrary priority can be inserted into the queue at any time

Operation	Binary heap (worst case)	Fibonacci heap (amortized)
Maximum	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
Extract-Max	$\Theta(\lg n)$	$O(\lg n)$
Insert	$\Theta(\lg n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Increase-Key	$\Theta(\lg n)$	$\Theta(1)$

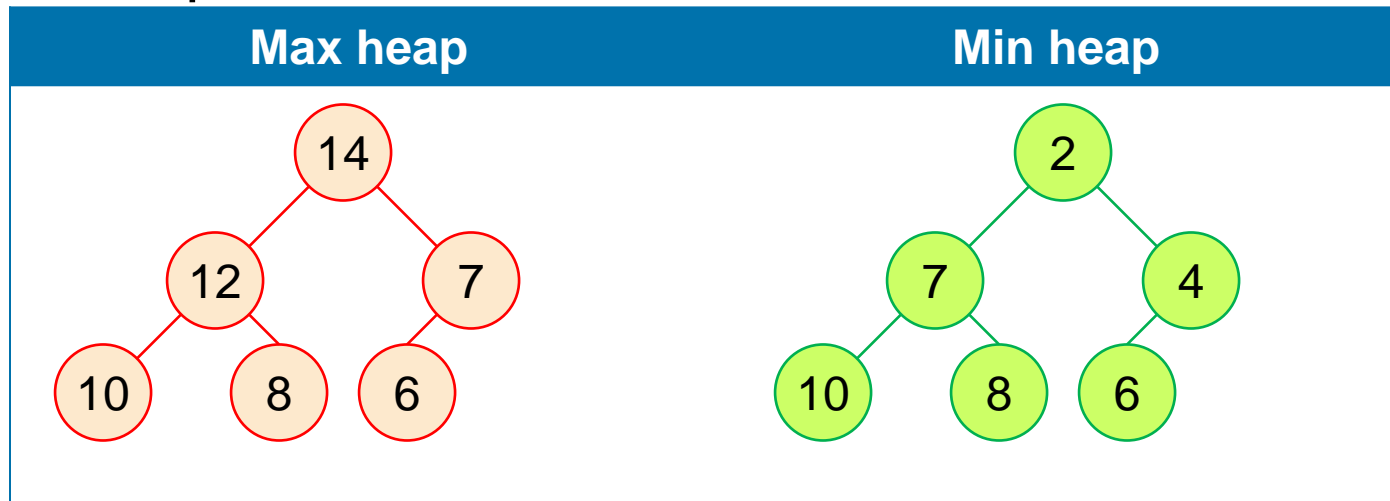
- Compare with an array?

Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest, and Clifford Stein *Introduction to Algorithms*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. MIT Press and McGraw-Hill, 2001.

Fredman M. L. & Tarjan R. E. (1987). Fibonacci heaps and their uses in improved network optimization algorithms. *Journal of the ACM* 34(3), pp. 596-615.

# Heap

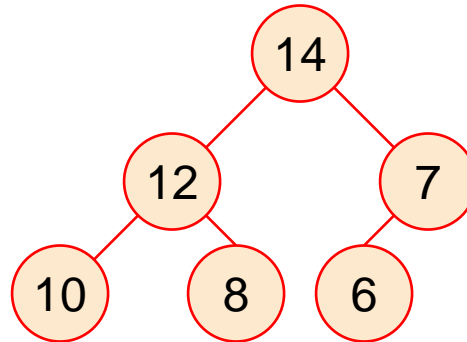
- Definition: A **max (min) heap** is
  - A **max (min)** tree:  $key[parent] \geq (\leq) key[children]$
  - A complete binary tree
- Corollary: Who has the **largest** (smallest) key in a max (min) heap?
  - Root!
- Example



# Max Heap

- Implementation?

- Complete binary tree (except that some rightmost leaves on the bottom level may be missing)  $\Rightarrow$  array representation



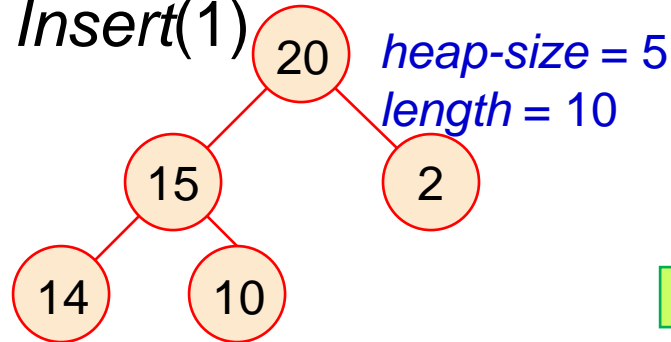
	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
heap	-	14	12	7	10	8	6	-	-	-	-

- Root:  $A[1]$
- For  $A[i]$ , LEFT child is  $A[2i]$ , RIGHT child is  $A[2i+1]$ , and PARENT is  $A[\lfloor i/2 \rfloor]$
- $A.\text{heap-size}$  (# of elements in the heap stored within  $A$ )  $\leq A.\text{length}$  (# of elements in  $A$ )

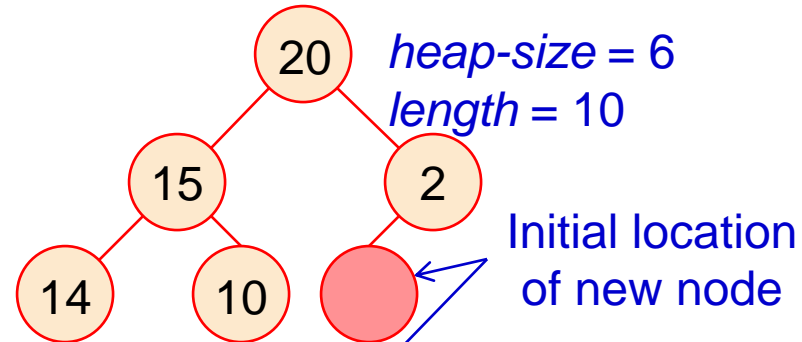
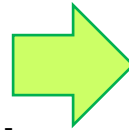
# Insertion into a Max Heap (1/3)

- Maintain heap property all the times

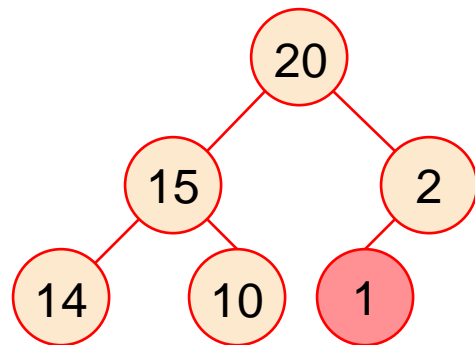
- *Insert(1)*



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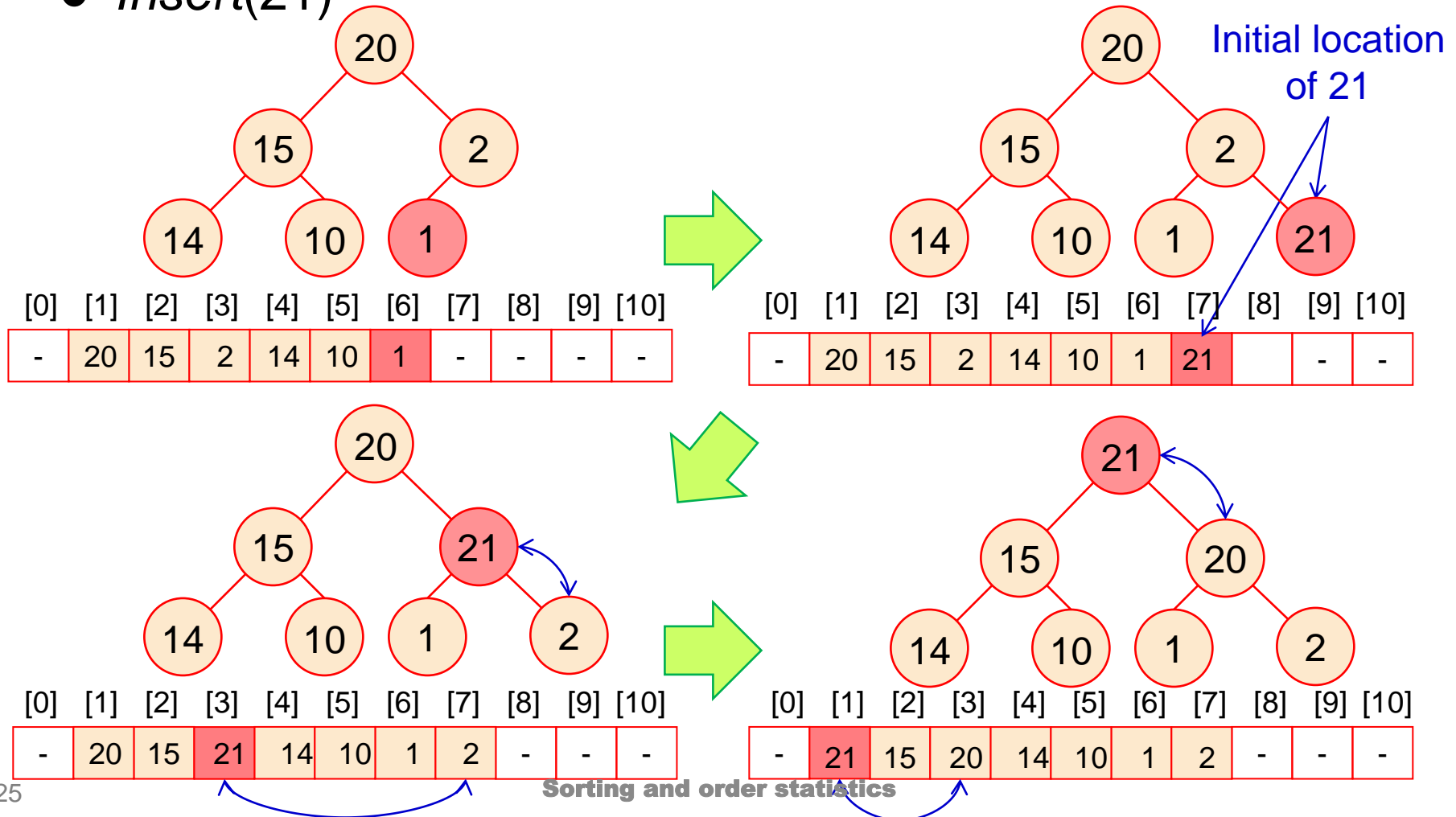


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# Insertion into a Max Heap (2/3)

- Maintain heap  $\Rightarrow$  bubble up if needed!
- *Insert(21)*

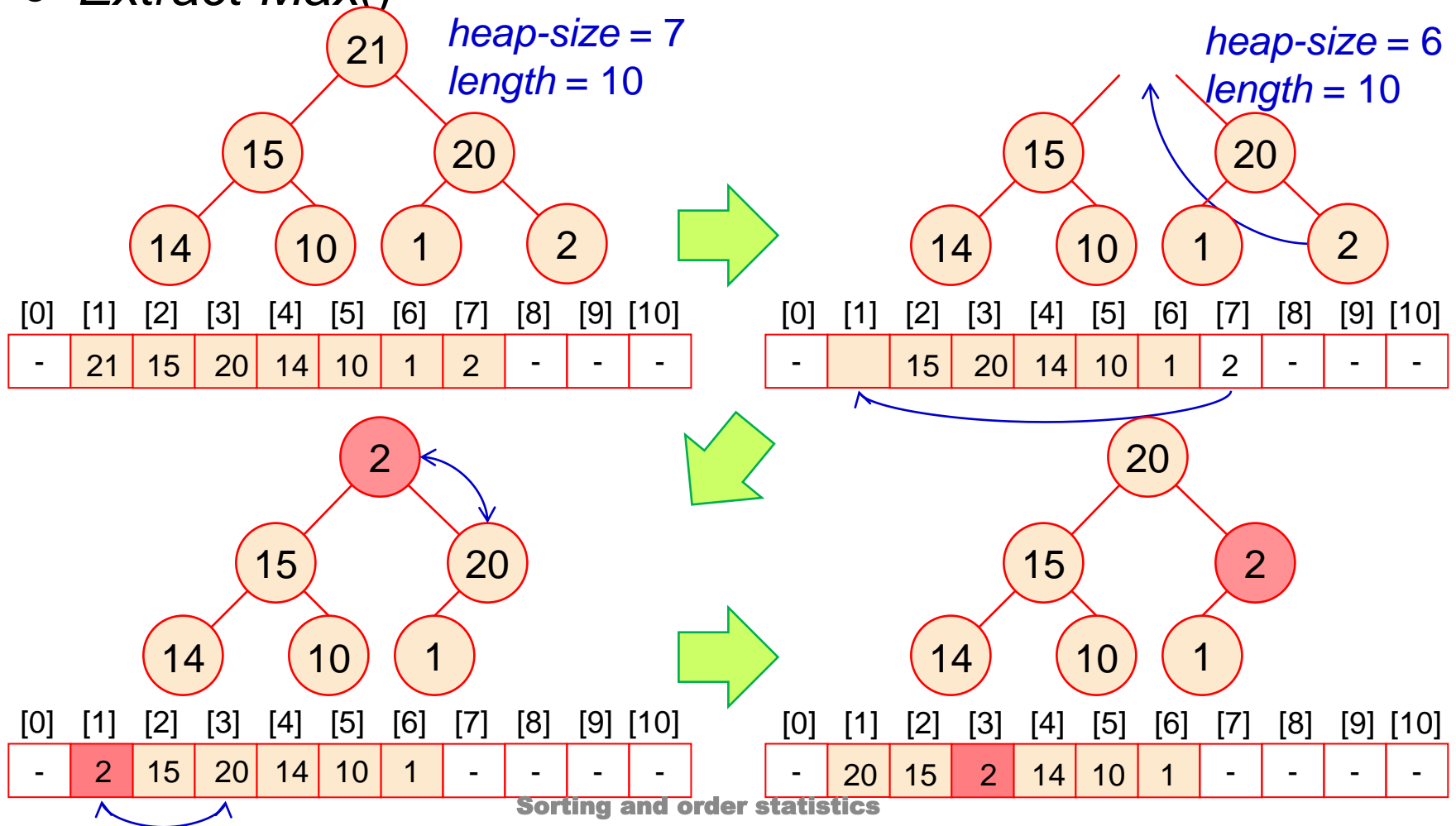


# Insertion into a Max Heap (3/3)

- Time complexity?
  - How many times to bubble up in the worst case?
  - Tree height:  $\Theta(\lg n)$

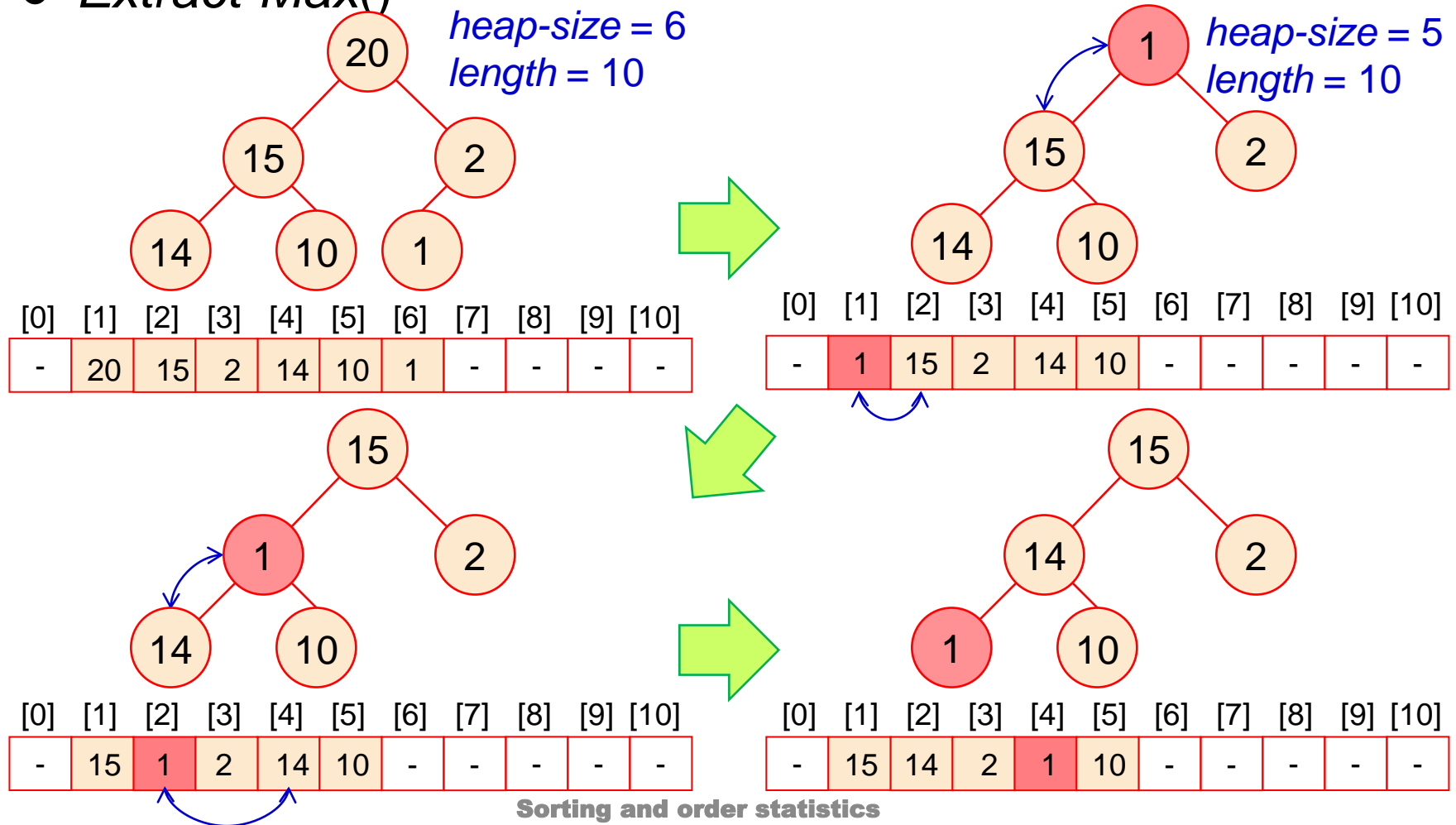
# Deletion from a Max Heap (1/3)

- Maintain heap  $\Rightarrow$  trickle down if needed!
- *Extract-Max()*



# Deletion from a Max Heap (2/3)

- Maintain heap  $\Rightarrow$  trickle down if needed!
- *Extract-Max()*

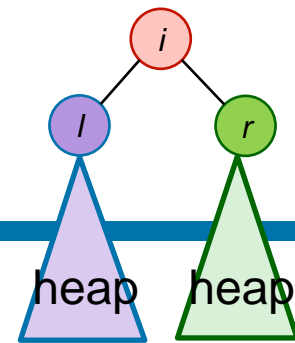


# Deletion from a Max Heap (3/3)

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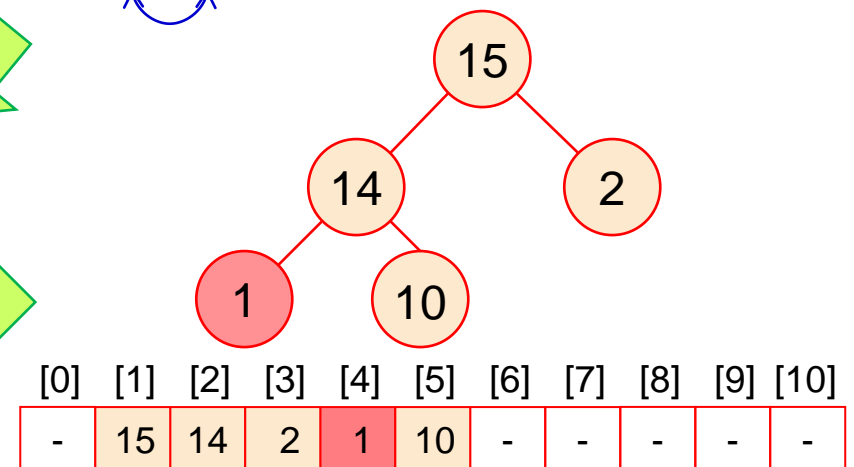
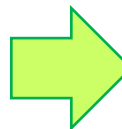
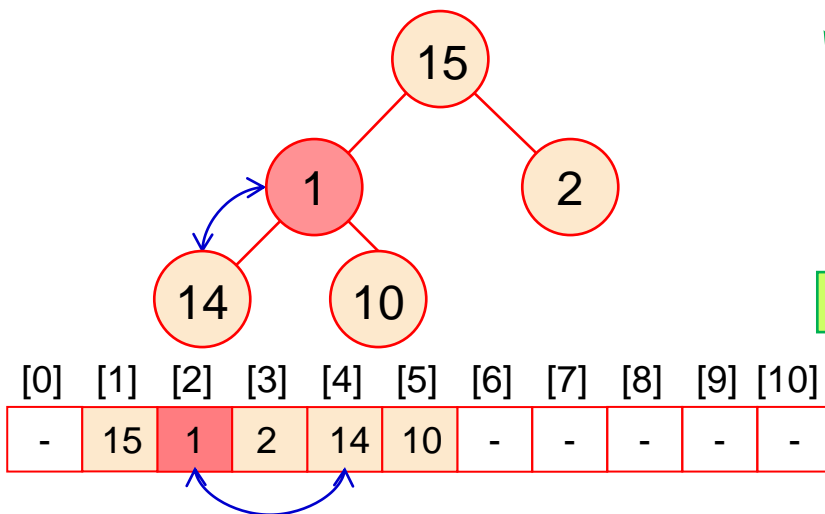
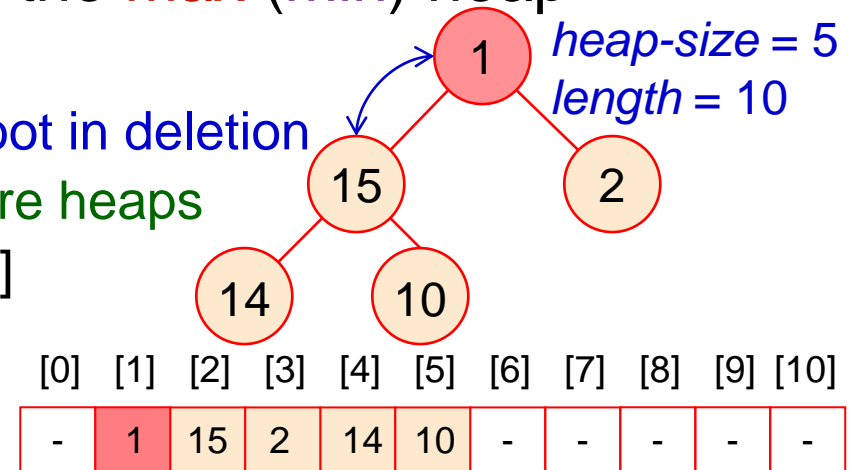
- Time complexity?
  - How many times to trickle down in the worst case?  $\Theta(\lg n)$

# Max Heapify ★★★★★ (1/2)



- **Max** (**min**) heapify = maintain the **max** (**min**) heap property

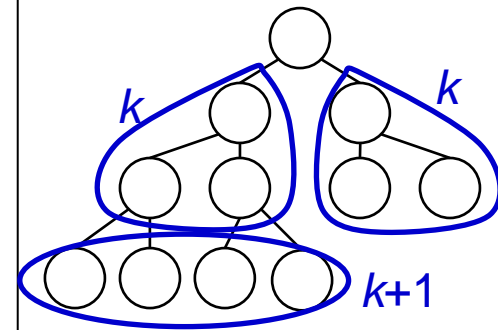
- What we do to trickle down the root in deletion
- Assume  $i$ 's left & right subtrees are heaps
  - But  $A[i]$  may be  $< (>) A[\text{children}]$
- Heapify  $i$  = trickle down  $A[i]$ 
  - $\Rightarrow$  the tree rooted at  $i$  is a heap



# Max Heapify (2/2)

MAX-HEAPIFY( $A, i$ )

1.  $l = \text{LEFT}(i)$
2.  $r = \text{RIGHT}(i)$
3. **if**  $l \leq A.\text{heap-size}$  and  $A[l] > A[i]$
4.      $\text{largest} = l$
5. **else**  $\text{largest} = i$
6. **if**  $r \leq A.\text{heap-size}$  and  $A[r] > A[\text{largest}]$
7.      $\text{largest} = r$
8. **if**  $\text{largest} \neq i$
9.     exchange  $A[i]$  with  $A[\text{largest}]$
10.    MAX-HEAPIFY( $A, \text{largest}$ )



- Worst case: bottom level of the tree is exactly half full  $\Rightarrow$  children's subtrees have size  $\leq 2n/3$ .
- Recurrence:  $T(n) \leq T(2n/3) + \Theta(1) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(\lg n)$
- Alternatively,  $O(h)$  for a node of height  $h$ 
  - An  $n$ -element heap has height  $\lfloor \lg n \rfloor$

# Tree Height and Depth

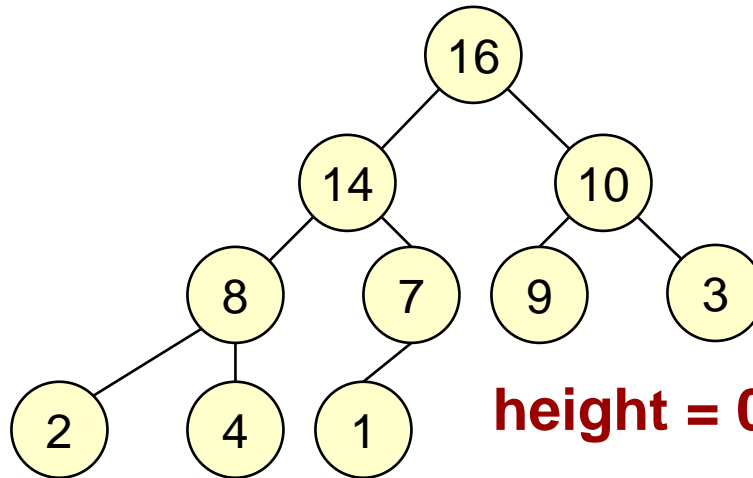
- **Height** of a node: # of edges on the longest simple downward path from the node to a leaf
- **Depth**: Length of the path from the root to a node

**height = 3**

**height = 2**

**height = 1**

**height = 0**



**depth = 0**

**depth = 1**

**depth = 2**

**depth = 3**

**# of nodes with height 0 = 5**



## ***Induction***

- |   | [0] | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | [5] | [6] | [7] | [8] | [9] | [10] |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| A | -   | 4   | 1   | 3   | 2   | 16  | 9   | 10  | 14  | 8   | 7    |



# How to Build a Max Heap? (2/2)

```
BUILD-MAX-HEAP(A)
1. A.heap-size = A.length
2. for  $i = \lfloor A.length/2 \rfloor$  downto 1
3.   MAX-HEAPIFY(A, i)
```

- Naive analysis:  $O(n \lg n)$  time in total
  - About  $n/2$  calls to HEAPIFY
  - Each takes  $O(\lg n)$  time
- Careful analysis:  $O(n)$  time in total
  - Each MAX-HEAPIFY takes  $O(h)$  time ( $h$ : height of a node)
  - At most  $\lceil n/2^{h+1} \rceil$  nodes of height  $h$  in an  $n$ -element array
  - $T(n) = \sum_{h=0}^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} (\text{\#nodes of height } h) O(h) = \sum_{h=0}^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \right\rceil O(h) =$   
 $cn \sum_{h=0}^{\lceil \lg n \rceil} \frac{h}{2^h} < cn \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \frac{h}{2^h} = O(n \cdot 2) = O(n)$  Hint:  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots = 1$
  - Won't improve the overall complexity of heapsort

# Heapsort

Heapsort is nothing but an implementation of **selection sort** using a **right data structure**

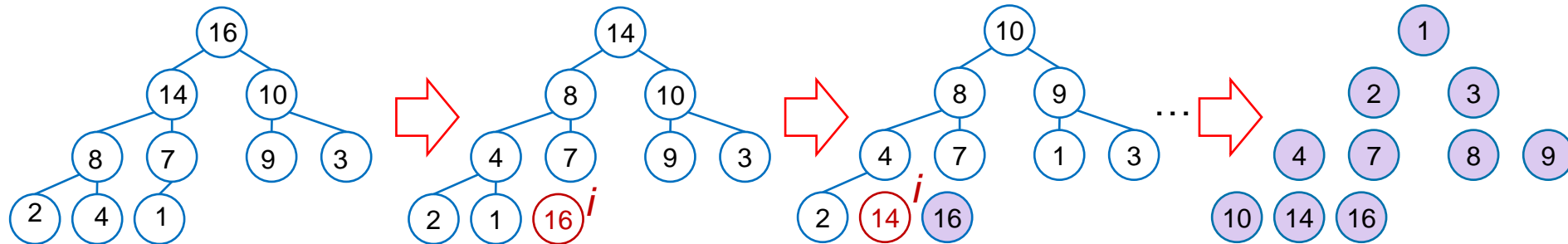
HEAPSORT(A)

1. BUILD-MAX-HEAP(A)  $O(n)$
2. **for**  $i = A.length$  **downto** 2  $O(n)$
3.     exchange  $A[1]$  with  $A[i]$   $O(1)$
4.      $A.heap-size = A.heap-size - 1$   $O(1)$
5.     MAX-HEAPIFY(A,1)  $O(\lg n)$

**Step 1:** Convert inputs to a special data structure – heap

**Step 2:** Generate output based on heap property

	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
A	-	16	14	10	8	7	9	3	2	4	1



	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]	[10]
A	-	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	14	16

- Time complexity:  $O(n \lg n)$
- Space complexity:  $O(n)$  for array, **in-place (stable??)**

# Lower Bound of Sorting

*Comparison-based sorters*



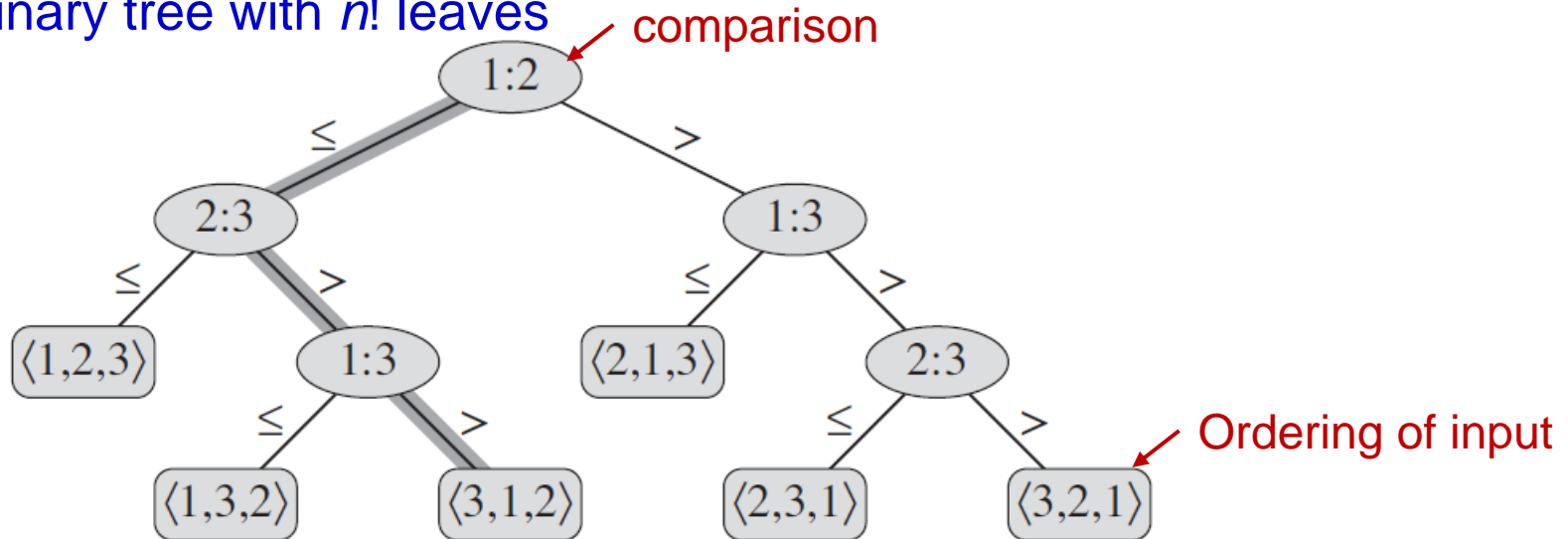
# Types of Sorting Algorithms

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- A sorter is **in-place** if only a constant # of elements of the input are ever stored outside the array
- A sorter is **stable** if numbers with the same value appear in the output array in the same order as they do in the input array
- A sorter is **comparison-based** if the only operation on keys is to **compare two keys**
  - Insertion sort, merge sort, heapsort, quicksort
- The **non-comparison-based** sorters sort keys by looking at the values of **individual** elements
  - Counting sort, radix sort, bucket sort

# Decision-Tree Model for Comparison-Based Sorter

- Consider only the **comparisons** in the sorter
- An internal node in the tree corresponds to a comparison
- Start at root and do the first comparison:  $\leq \Rightarrow$  go to the **left** branch;  $> \Rightarrow$  go to the **right** branch
- Each leaf represents an ordering of the input ( $n!$  leaves!)
  - A binary tree with  $n!$  leaves



# $\Omega(n \lg n)$ Lower Bound for Comparison-Based Sorters

- There must be  $n!$  leaves in the decision tree
- Worst-case # of comparisons = #edges of the longest path in the tree (tree height)
- Theorem: Any decision tree that sorts  $n$  elements has height  $\Omega(n \lg n)$ 
  - Let  $h$  be the height of the binary tree  $T$
  - $T$  has  $n!$  leaves
  - $T$  is binary, so has  $\leq 2^h$  leaves
  - $2^h \geq n!$
  - $h = \Omega(n \lg n)$  // Stirling's approximation  $n! > \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$
- Thus, any comparison-based sorter takes  $\Omega(n \lg n)$  time in the worst case
- Merge sort and heapsort are **asymptotically optimal comparison** sorts

# Sorting in Linear Time

*Non-comparison-based sorters*





# Counting Sort

- **Requirement:** Input integers are in a known range  $[0..k]$
- **Idea:** For each  $x$ , find # of elements  $\leq x$  (say  $m$ , including  $x$ ) and put  $x$  in the  $m^{th}$  slot
- Runs in  $\Theta(n+k)$  time, but needs extra  $\Theta(n+k)$  space
- Example:  $A$ : input;  $B$ : output;  $C$ : working (auxiliary) array

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$A$	2	5	3	0	2	3	0	3

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	2	0	2	3	0	1

(a)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$B$		0					3	

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	1	2	4	6	7	8

(d)

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	2	2	4	7	7	8

(b)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$B$		0				3	3	

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	1	2	4	5	7	8

(e)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$B$							3	

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	2	2	4	6	7	8

(c)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$B$	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	5

	0	1	2	3	4	5
$C$	0	2	2	4	7	7

(f)

# Counting Sort

COUNTING-SORT( $A, B, k$ )

```
1. for  $i = 1$  to  $k$ 
2.    $C[i] = 0$ 
3. for  $j = 1$  to  $A.length$ 
4.    $C[A[j]] = C[A[j]] + 1$ 
5. //  $C[i]$  now contains the # of elements equal to  $i$ 
6. for  $i = 2$  to  $k$ 
7.    $C[i] = C[i] + C[i-1]$ 
8. //  $C[i]$  now contains the # of elements  $\leq i$ 
9. for  $j = A.length$  downto  $1$ 
10.   $B[C[A[j]]] = A[j]$ 
11.   $C[A[j]] = C[A[j]] - 1$ 
```

**Step 1:** Count

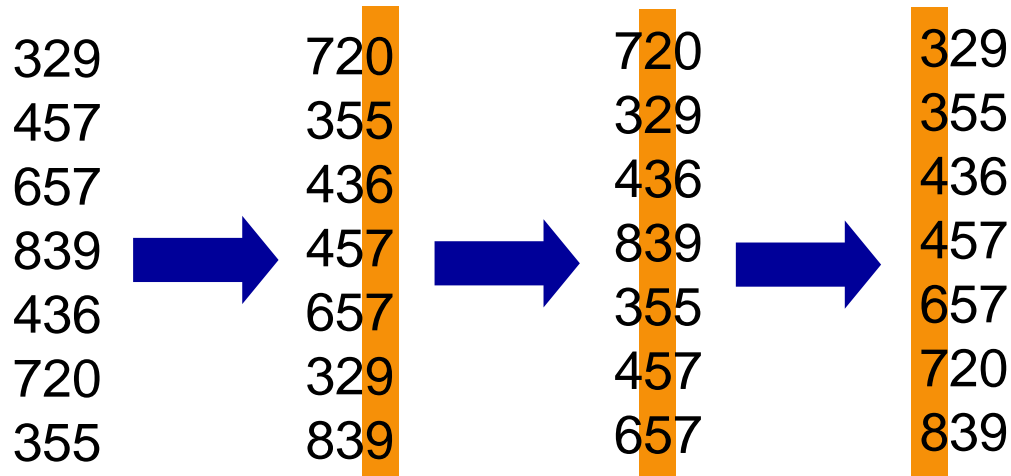
**Step 2:** Find out the location (how many elements at front?)

**Step 3:** rearrange the array

- Linear time if  $k = O(n)$
- **Stable** sorters: counting sort, insertion sort, merge sort
- **Unstable** sorters: heapsort, quicksort

# Radix Sort

- **Requirement:** input an array of integers, each with  $d$  digits
- Intuitively, one should first sort the numbers on their **most significant digit**, followed by the 2nd MSD, and so on
  - Problem: a lot of intermediate sets of numbers must be kept
- **Idea:** counter-intuitively, it sorts the numbers on their **least significant digit** first, the 2nd LSD second, and so on



# Radix Sort

RADIX-SORT( $A, d$ )

1. **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $d$

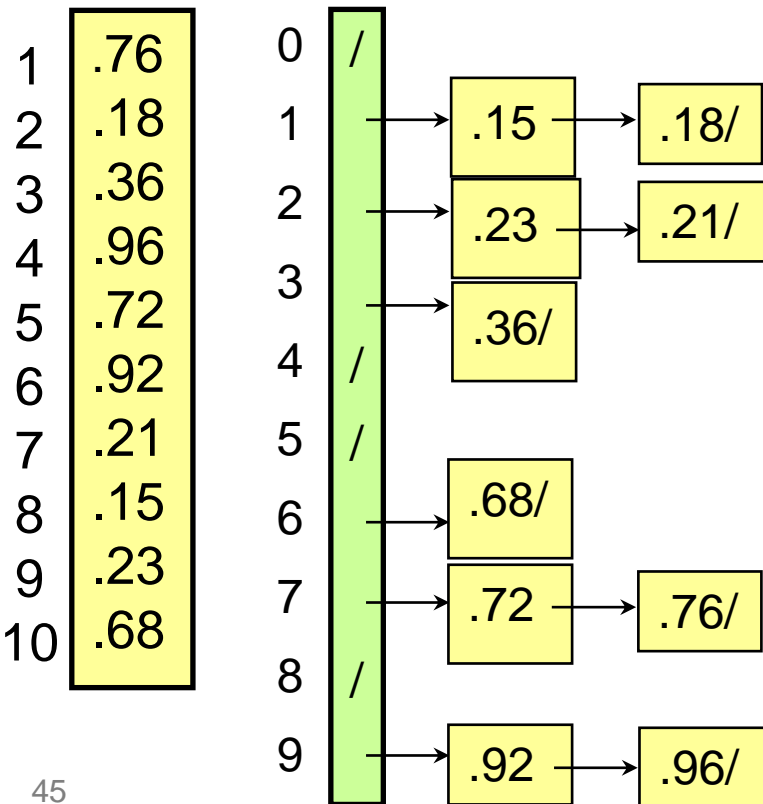
2. Use a **stable** sorter to sort array  $A$  on digit  $i$

- Sort records keyed by multiple fields: year, month, day
- Time complexity:  $\Theta(d(n+k))$  for  $n$   $d$ -digit numbers in which each digit has  $k$  possible values.
  - Which sorter?
- If **counting sort** is used as the intermediate stable sort
  - Not in-place  $\Rightarrow$  require more memory
- If **insertion sort** is used as the intermediate stable sort
  - $O(n^2)$

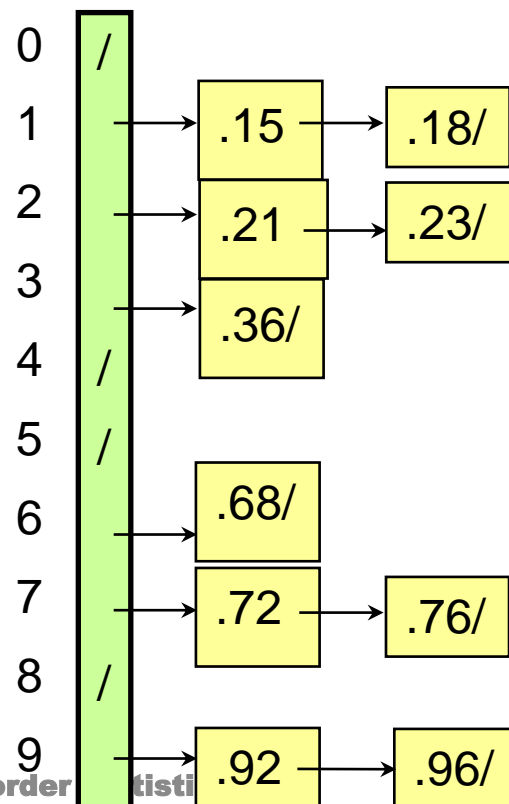
# Bucket Sort

- **Requirement:** Input **uniformly** distributes over interval  $[0,1)$
- Divide the interval  $[0,1)$  into  $n$  equal-sized buckets, and then distribute the  $n$  input numbers into them

Step 1: distribute



Step 2: sort



Step 3: combine

Concatenate buckets

Which sorter is used in step 2?

# Notes on Sorting in Linear Time

## Non-comparison-based sorters

Algorithm	Runtime			Properties	
	Best case	Average case	Worst case	Stable?	In-place?
Counting	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	Yes	No
Radix	$O(d(n + k'))$	$O(d(n + k'))$	$O(d(n + k'))$	Yes*	No
Bucket	—	$O(n)$	—	Yes	No

- Counting sort: Linear time if  $k = O(n)$ ; pseudo-linear time, otherwise
- Radix sort: Linear time if  $d$  is a constant and  $k' = O(n)$ ; pseudo-polynomial time, otherwise
  - Unstable, in-place radix sort can be implemented
- Bucket sort: Expected linear time if the sum of the squares of the bucket sizes is linear in the # of elements (even if the input is not drawn from a uniform distribution)

# Order Statistics



# Order Statistics

- **Def:** Let  $A$  be an ordered set containing  $n$  elements. The  **$i$ -th order statistic** is the  $i$ -th smallest element
  - Minimum: 1st order statistic
  - Maximum:  $n$ -th order statistic
  - Median:  $\left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor, \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$ -th order statistic  
low median high median
- **The Selection Problem:** Find the  $i$ -th order statistic for a given  $i$ 
  - **Input:** A set  $A$  of  $n$  (distinct) numbers and a number  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$
  - **Output:** The element  $x \in A$  that is larger than exactly  $(i-1)$  other elements of  $A$
- Naive selection: sort  $A$  and return  $A[i]$ 
  - Time complexity:  $O(n \lg n)$
  - Can we do better??



# Finding Minimum (Maximum)

```
Minimum(A)
1. min = A[1]
2. for i = 2 to A.length
3.   if min > A[i]
4.     min = A[i]
5. return min
```

- **Exactly**  $n-1$  comparisons
  - Best possible?
  - Lower bound: Every element except the winner must lose at least one match.  $n-1$  comparisons are necessary to determine the minimum

# Simultaneous Minimum and Maximum

- Naive simultaneous minimum and maximum:  $2n-3$  comparisons.
  - Best possible?
  - $1+(n-2)*2$
- Are  $3 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  comparisons possible?
  - Idea: process elements in pairs
  - Maintain minimum and maximum
  - Compare **pairs** of elements from the input first with each other
  - Compare the smaller with the current minimum and the larger to the current maximum
  - Need **3 comparisons for every 2 elements**
  - $n$  is odd:  $1 + 3*(n-3)/2 + 2 = 3 \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
  - $n$  is even:  $1 + 3(n-2)/2 = 3n/2 - 2$

# Selection in **Expected** Linear Time

Randomized-Select( $A, p, r, i$ ) // Query  $i$ th order statistic

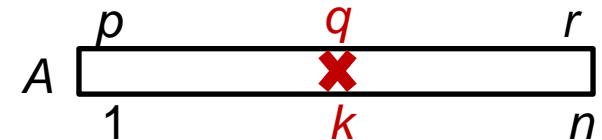
```
1. if  $p == r$ 
2.   return  $A[p]$ 
3.  $q = \text{Randomized-Partition}(A, p, r)$ 
4.  $k = q - p + 1$ 
5. if  $i == k$  // the pivot value is the answer
6.   return  $A[q]$ 
7. if  $i < k$ 
8.   return Randomized-Select( $A, p, q-1, i$ )
9. else return Randomized-Select( $A, q+1, r, i-k$ )
```

- Randomized-Partition first swaps  $A[r]$  with a random element of  $A$  and then proceeds as in regular PARTITION
- Randomized-Select is like Randomized-Quicksort, except that we only need to make **one** recursive call
- Time complexity
  - Worst case:  $0 : n-1$  partitions  $\Rightarrow T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
  - Best case:  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

# Selection in Expected Linear Time (1/3)

- $X_k = I\{A[p..q] \text{ has exactly } k \text{ elements}\}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$

$$E[X_k] = \frac{1}{n}$$



- Three possibilities:

- 1) terminate with the correct answer
- 2) recurse on  $A[p..q - 1]$
- 3) recurse on  $A[q + 1..r]$

- Assuming that  $T(n)$  is monotonically increasing:

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \cdot (T(\max(k-1, n-k)) + O(n))$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \cdot T(\max(k-1, n-k)) + O(n)$$

$$E[T(n)] \leq E \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \cdot T(\max(k-1, n-k)) + O(n) \right]$$

# Selection in Expected Linear Time (2/3)

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(n)] &\leq E \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n X_k \cdot T(\max(k-1, n-k)) + O(n) \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n E[X_k] \cdot E[T(\max(k-1, n-k))] + O(n) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n E[T(\max(k-1, n-k))] + O(n) \end{aligned}$$

**||**

$$E[T(\max(0, n-1))] + E[T(\max(1, n-2))] + \cdots + E[T(\max(n-2, 1))] + E[T(\max(n-1, 0))]$$

$$\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{n-1} E[(T(k)) + O(n)]$$

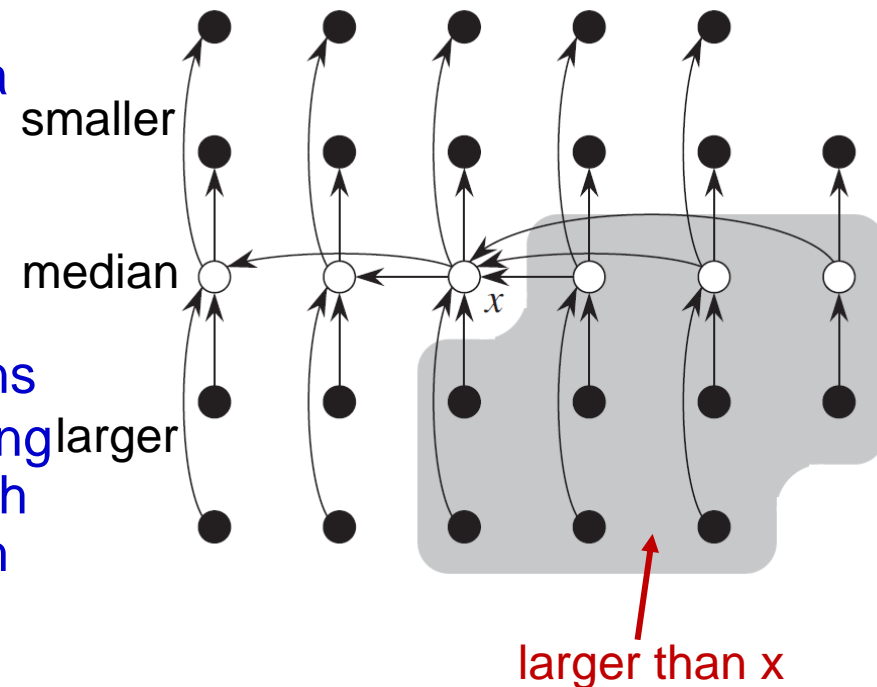
# Selection in Expected Linear Time (3/3)

- Substitution: Assume  $E[(T(k))] \leq ck$  for  $k < n$

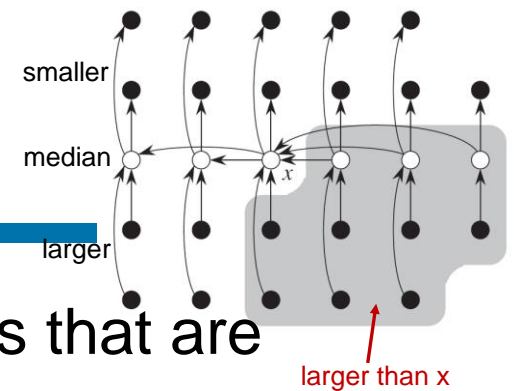
$$\begin{aligned} E[T(n)] &\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{n-1} E[(T(k))] + O(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}^{n-1} ck + an \\ &= \frac{2c}{n} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1} k \right) + an \\ &= \frac{2c}{n} \left( \frac{(n-1)n}{2} - \frac{(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1)\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}{2} \right) + an \\ &\leq \frac{2c}{n} \left( \frac{(n-1)n}{2} - \frac{(n/2 - 2)(n/2 - 1)}{2} \right) + an \\ &= \frac{c}{n} \left( \frac{3n^2}{4} + \frac{n}{2} - 2 \right) + an = c \left( \frac{3n}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{n} \right) + an \\ &\leq \frac{3cn}{4} + \frac{c}{2} + an = cn - \left( \frac{cn}{4} - \frac{c}{2} - an \right) \leq cn \quad \text{Linear time!} \end{aligned}$$

# Selection in **Worst-Case** Linear Time

- **Idea:** guarantee a good split upon partitioning the array
- **SELECT**( $A, p, r, i$ )
  1. Divide input array  $A$  into  $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$  groups of size 5 (possibly with a leftover group of size  $< 5$ )
  2. Find the median of each of the  $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$  groups by insertion sort
  3. Call **SELECT** recursively to find the median  $x$  of the  $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$  medians
  4. Partition array  $A$  around  $x$ , splitting it into two arrays of  $A[p, q-1]$  (with  $k-1$  elements) and  $A[q+1, r]$  (with  $n-k$  elements)
  5. If  $i = k$ , return  $x$ . Otherwise, **SELECT**( $A, p, q-1, i$ ) when  $i < k$  or **SELECT**( $A, q+1, r, i-k$ ) when  $i > k$



# Runtime Analysis



- Determine a lower bound on # of elements that are greater than the partitioning element  $x$
- SELECT guarantees  $x$  causes a good partition; at least

$$3 \left( \left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil \right\rceil - 2 \right) \geq \frac{3n}{10} - 6$$

elements  $> x$  (or  $< x$ )  $\rightarrow$  worst-case split has  $7n/10 + 6$  elements in the bigger subproblem

- Running time:  $T(n) = T(\lceil n/5 \rceil) + T(7n/10+6) + O(n)$ 
  1.  $O(n)$ : break into groups
  2.  $O(n)$ : finding medians (constant time for 5 elements)
  3.  $T(\lceil n/5 \rceil)$ : recursive call to find median of the medians
  4.  $O(n)$ : partition
  5.  $T(7n/10+6)$ : searching in the bigger partition
- Apply the substitution method to prove that  $T(n)=O(n)$