

## Recursion: Example

```
factorial(n)
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```
  if (n == 1)
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```
    return 1; } Base case
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  else
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```
    return n * factorial(n - 1);
```

Recurrence Relation

# Another Example: Fibonacci number

$$F_0 = F_1 = 1$$


$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, .....

fib(n)

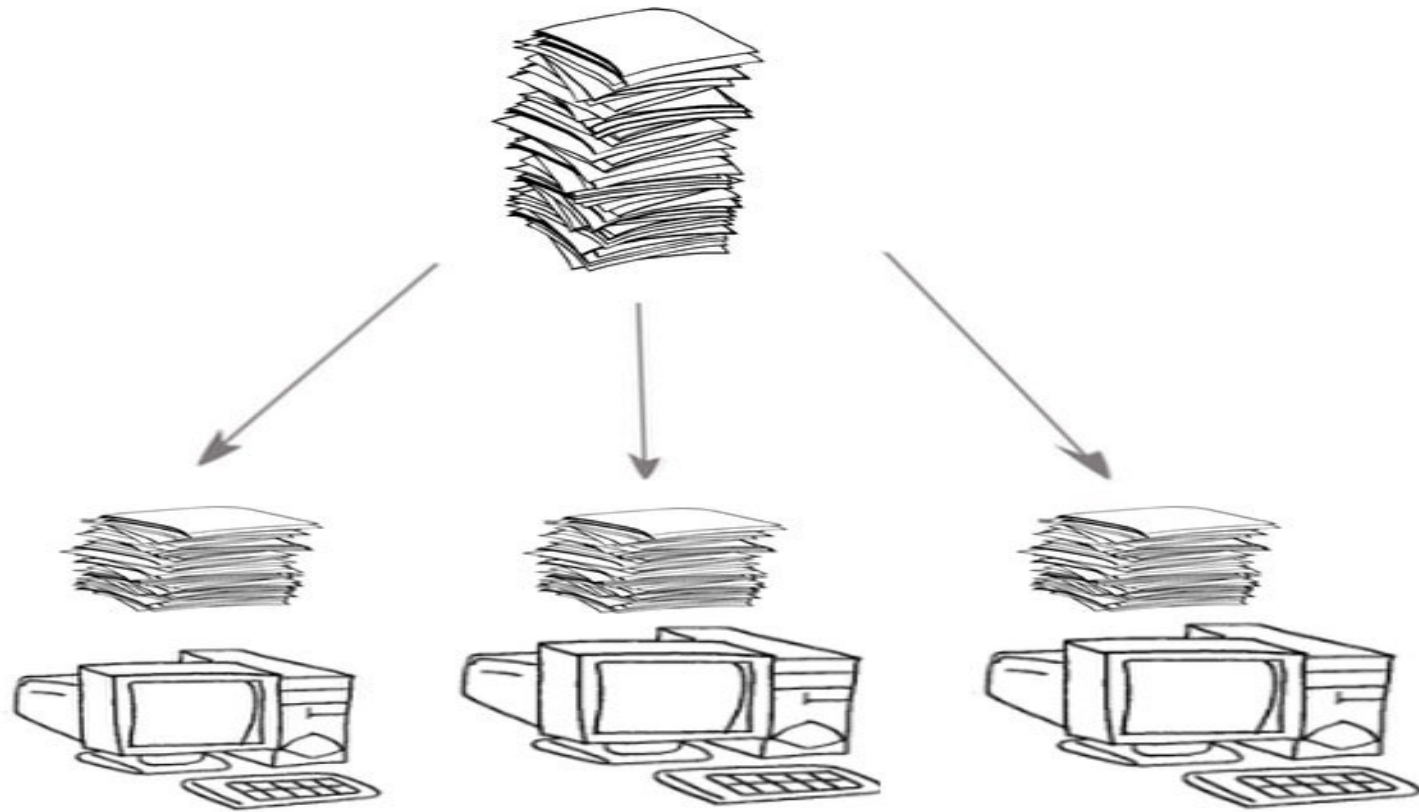
{

if (n <= 1) return 1;  Base cases

else return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  Recurrence relation

}

# Divide and Conquer



- Basic Principle
- Merge Sort
- Multiplication

# Divide and Conquer: Basic Principle

## *At each level of recursion*

- **Divide:** *split* the problem into sub-problems that are similar to the original but smaller in size
- **Recur:** solve each sub-problem **recursively**.
- **Conquer:** **Combine** the solutions to create a solution to the original problem.

# 1. Merge Sort

## Sorting

**Sorting.** Given  $n$  elements, rearrange in ascending order.

### Obvious sorting applications.

- List files in a directory.
- Organize an MP3 library.
- List names in a phone book.
- Display Google PageRank results.

### Problems become easier once sorted.

- Find the median.
- Find the closest pair.
- Binary search in a database.
- Identify statistical outliers.
- Find duplicates in a mailing list.

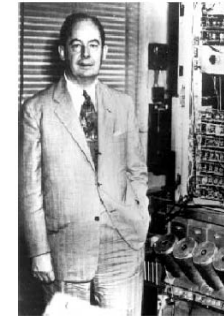
### Non-obvious sorting applications.

- Data compression.
- Computer graphics.
- Interval scheduling.
- Computational biology.
- Minimum spanning tree.
- Supply chain management.
- Simulate a system of particles.
- Book recommendations on Amazon.
- Load balancing on a parallel computer.
- ...

## Mergesort

### Mergesort.

- Divide array into two halves.
- Recursively sort each half.
- Merge two halves to make sorted whole.



Jon von Neumann (1945)

A	L	G	O	R	I	T	H	M	S
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A	L	G	O	R
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I	T	H	M	S
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divide  $O(1)$

A	G	L	O	R
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H	I	M	S	T
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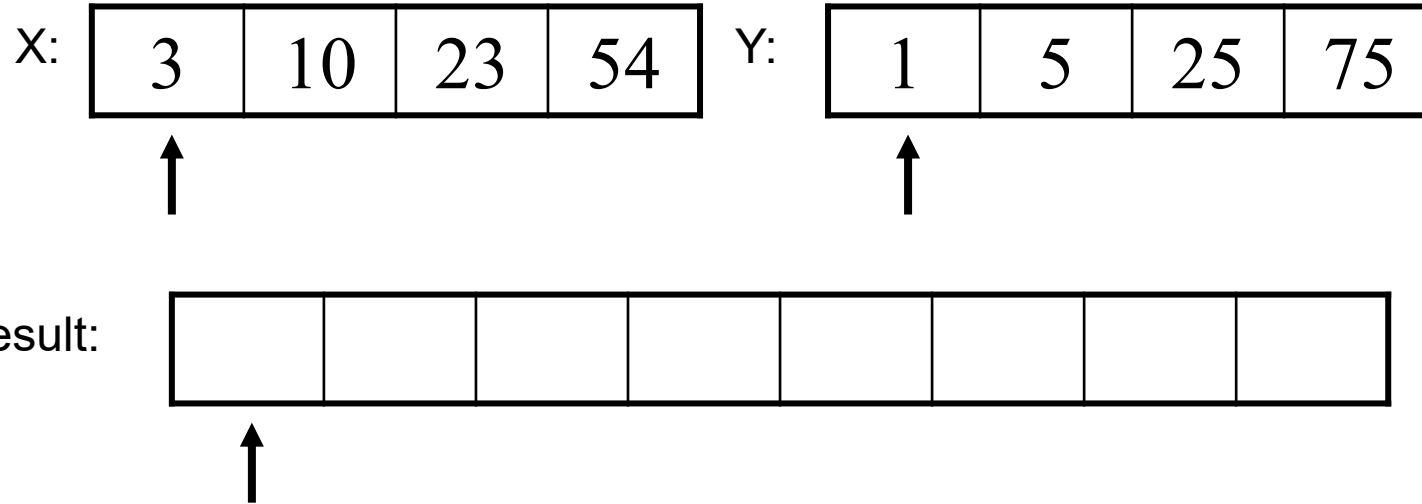
sort  $2T(n/2)$

A	G	H	I	L	M	O	R	S	T
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merge  $O(n)$



# Merging (cont.)




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X: 

3	10	23	54
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    Y: 

	5	25	75
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Result:

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# Merging (cont.)

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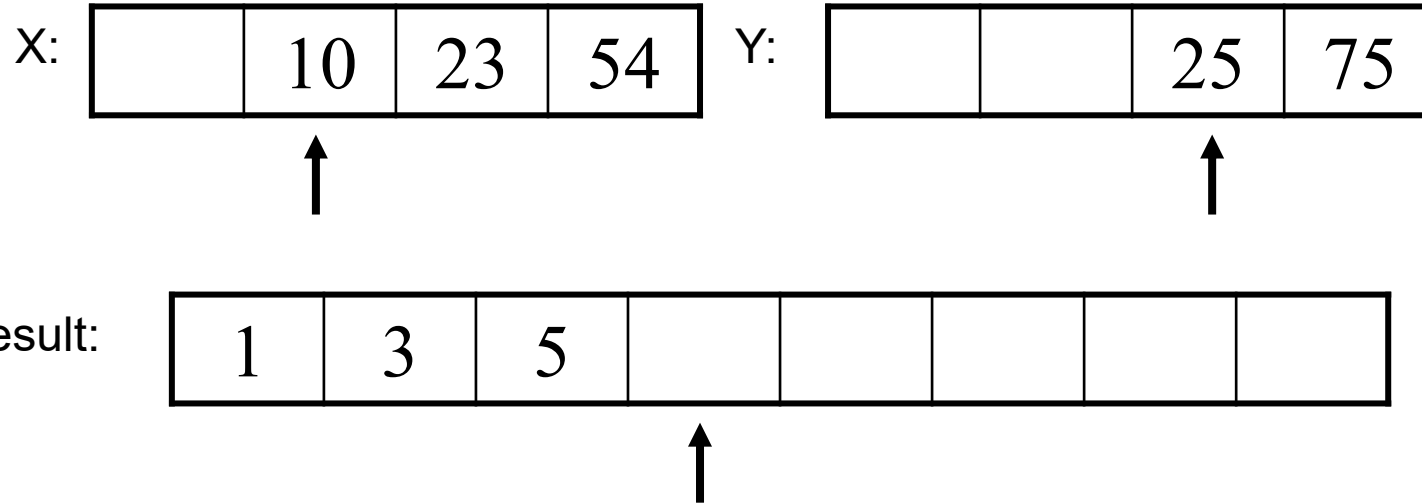
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 Y: 

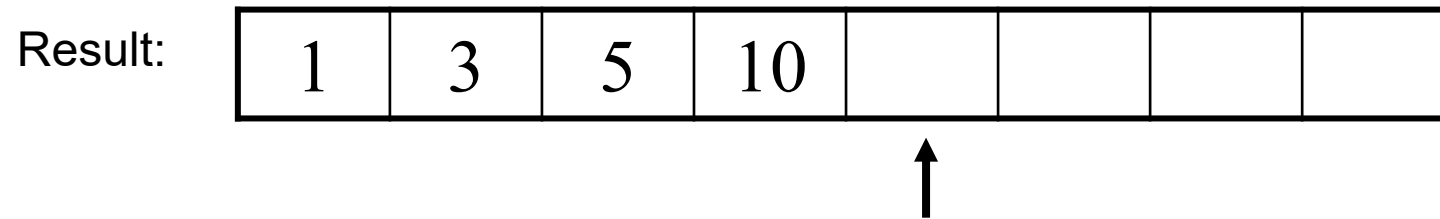
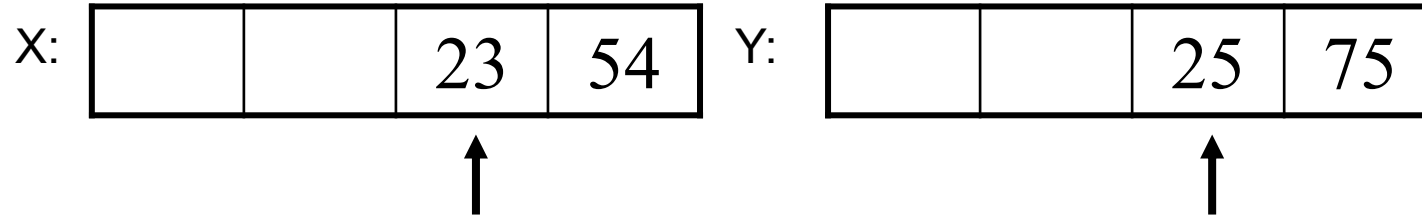
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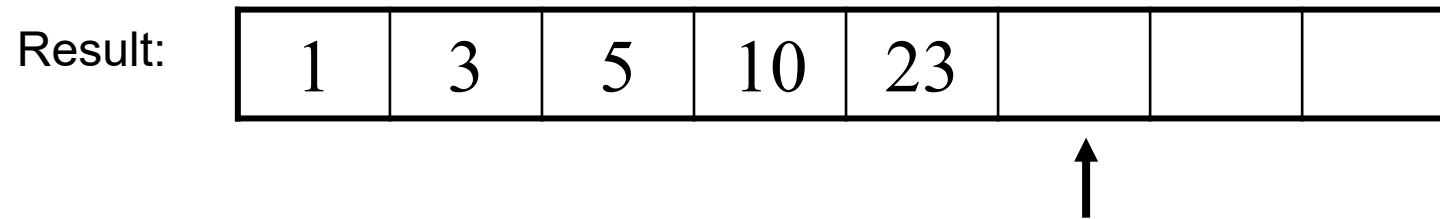
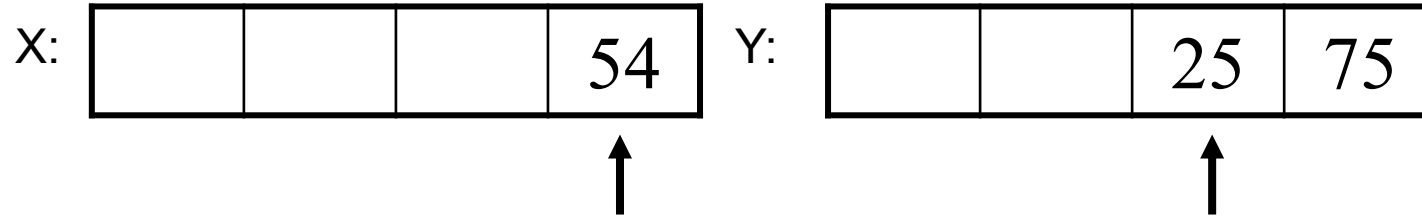
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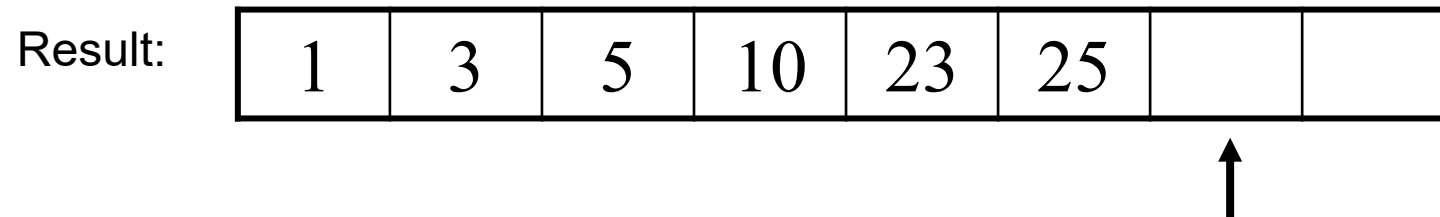
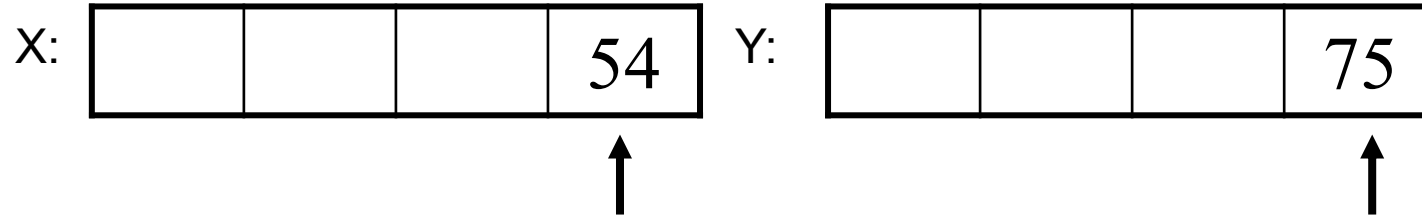
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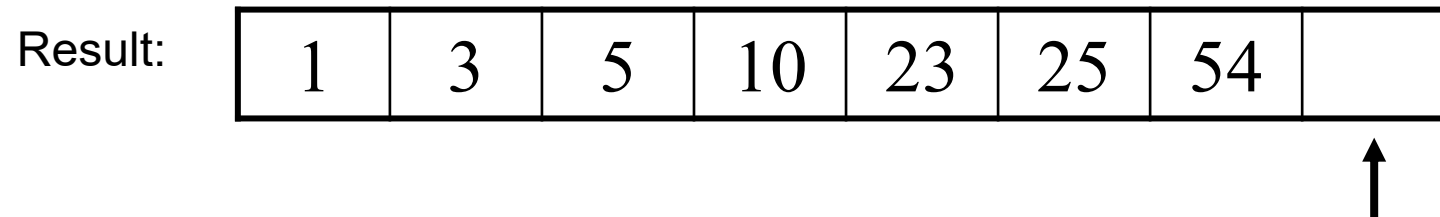
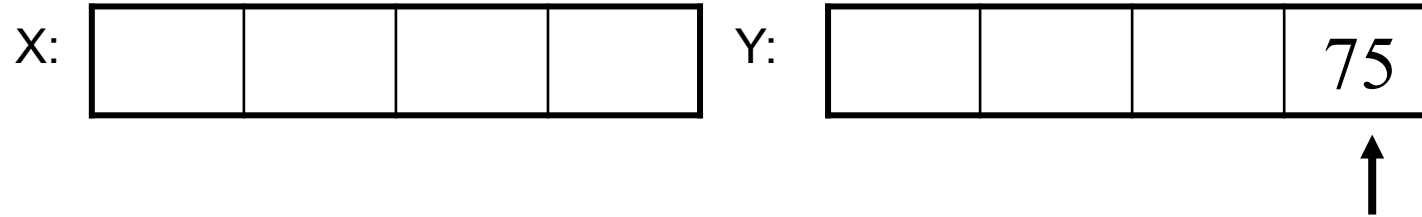
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 Y: 

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Result: 

1	3	5	10	23	25	54	75
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# Merge Sort Example

99	6	86	15	58	35	86	4	0
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58	35	86	4	0
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99	6
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86	15
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58	35
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86	4	0
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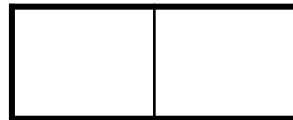
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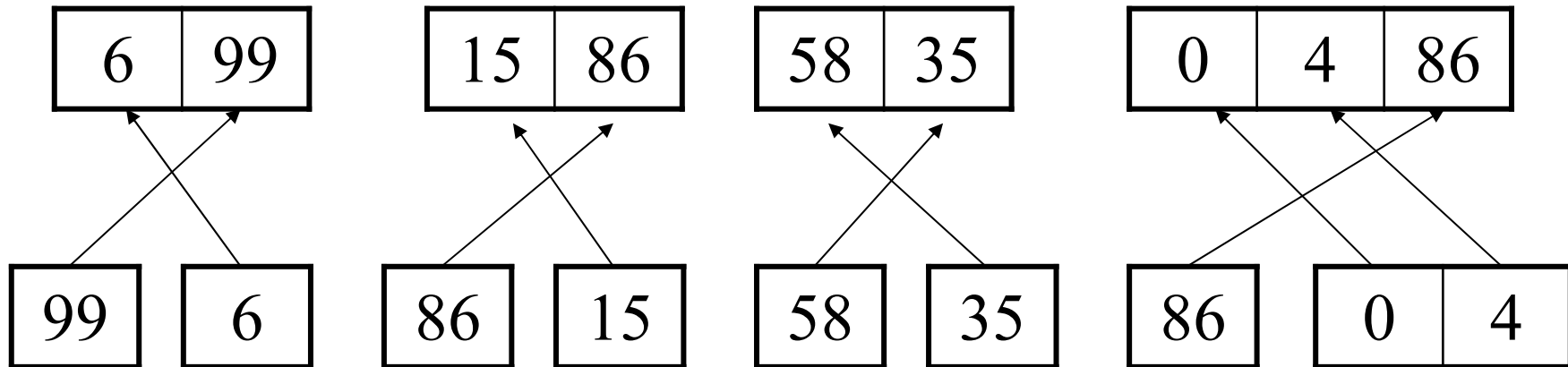
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Merge

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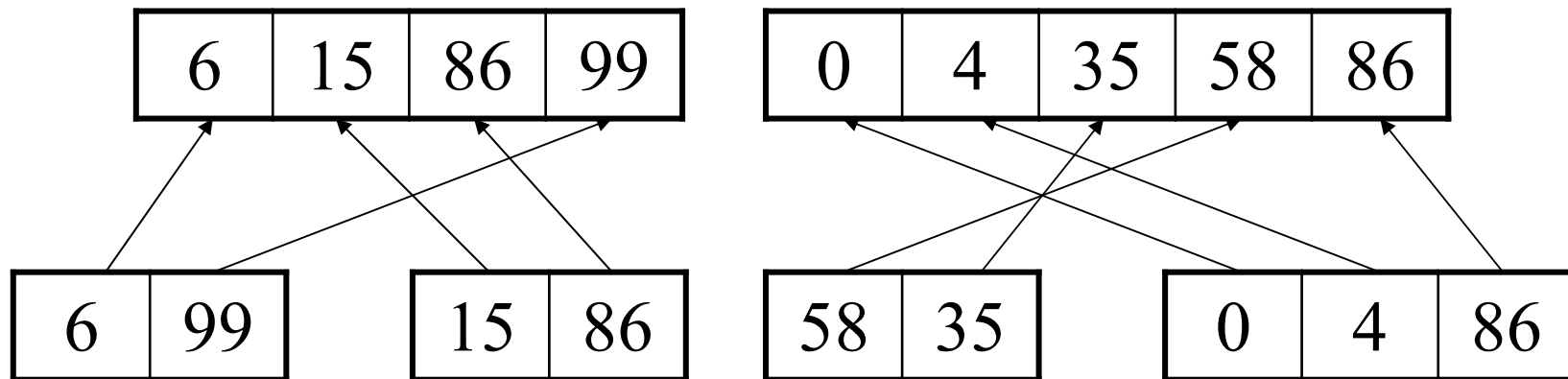
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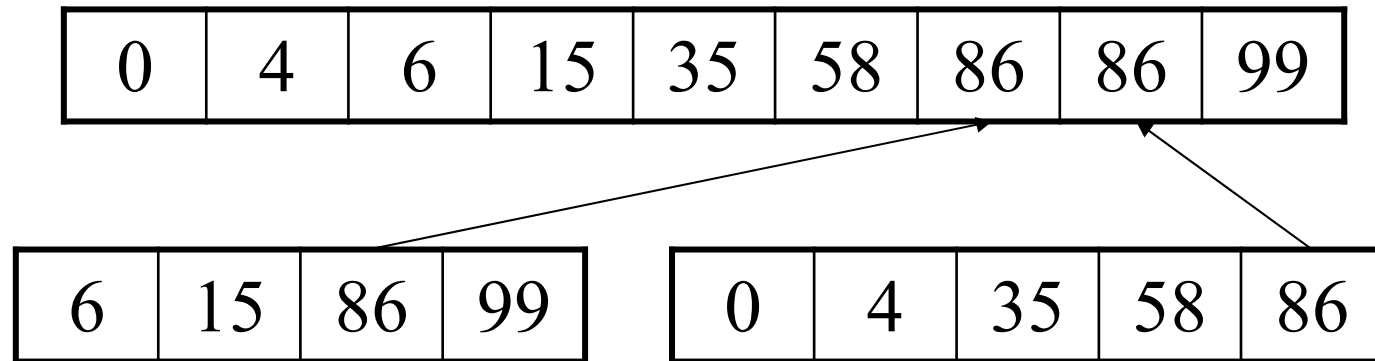


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0	4	6	15	35	58	86	86	99
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# Merge-Sort

- Merge-sort on an input sequence  $S$  with  $n$  elements consists of three steps:
  - **Divide**: partition  $S$  into two sequences  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of about  $n/2$  elements each
  - **Recur**: recursively sort  $S_1$  and  $S_2$
  - **Conquer**: merge  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  into a unique sorted sequence

**Algorithm** *mergeSort*( $S$ )

**Input** sequence  $S$  with  $n$  elements

**Output** sequence  $S$

**if**  $S.size() > 1$  {

$(S_1, S_2) \leftarrow partition(S, n/2)$

*mergeSort*( $S_1$ )

*mergeSort*( $S_2$ )

$S \leftarrow merge(S_1, S_2)$ }

## A Useful Recurrence Relation

Def.  $T(n)$  = number of comparisons to mergesort an input of size  $n$ .

Mergesort recurrence.

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{solve left half}} + \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)}_{\text{solve right half}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Solution.  $T(n) = O(n \log_2 n)$ .

Assorted proofs. We describe several ways to prove this recurrence. Initially we assume  $n$  is a power of 2 and replace  $\leq$  with  $=$ .

Let  $n = 2^k$ .

$$T(n) = n + 2 * T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

$$= n + 2 \left\{ \frac{n}{2} + 2 * T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) \right\} = 2 * n + 2^2 T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$$

$$= 2 * n + 2^2 \left\{ \frac{n}{2^2} + 2 * T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) \right\} = 3 * n + 2^3 T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right)$$

=....

$$= k * n + 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) \quad \text{Setting } \frac{n}{2^k} = 1, \text{ we have } k = \log n.$$

$$= \log(n) * n + n * T(1) = O(n \log(n))$$

$$2^{\log n} = n$$

## Proof by Telescoping

**Claim.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies this recurrence, then  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .

↑  
assumes  $n$  is a power of 2

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \underbrace{2T(n/2)}_{\text{sorting both halves}} + \underbrace{n}_{\text{merging}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Pf.** For  $n > 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T(n)}{n} &= \frac{2T(n/2)}{n} + 1 \\ &= \frac{T(n/2)}{n/2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{T(n/4)}{n/4} + 1 + 1 \\ &\dots \\ &= \frac{T(n/n)}{n/n} + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{\log_2 n} \\ &= \log_2 n \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Counting Inversions



## Counting Inversions

We can assume that the first rank is 1, 2, ..., n.

Music site tries to match your song preferences with others.

- You rank n songs.
- Music site consults database to find people with **similar** tastes.

example

**Similarity metric:** number of inversions between two rankings.

- My rank: 1, 2, ..., n.
- Your rank:  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .
- Songs  $i$  and  $j$  **inverted** if  $i < j$ , but  $a_i > a_j$ .

R1: g, q, p, r, m  $\rightarrow$  1, 2, 3, 4, 5

R2: q, p, r, g, m  $\rightarrow$  2, 3, 4, 1, 5

Songs					
	A	B	C	D	E
Me	1	2	3	4	5
You	1	3	4	2	5

Inversions

3-2, 4-2

**Brute force:** check all  $\Theta(n^2)$  pairs  $i$  and  $j$ .

## Applications

### Applications.

- Voting theory.
- Collaborative filtering.
- Measuring the "sortedness" of an array.
- Sensitivity analysis of Google's ranking function.
- Rank aggregation for meta-searching on the Web.
- Nonparametric statistics (e.g., Kendall's Tau distance).

## Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

Divide-and-conquer.

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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## Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

Divide-and-conquer.

- **Divide:** separate list into two pieces.

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

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## Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide: separate list into two pieces.
- **Conquer**: recursively count inversions in each half.

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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

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Conquer:  $2T(n / 2)$

5 blue-blue inversions

8 green-green inversions

5-4, 5-2, 4-2, 8-2, 10-2

6-3, 9-3, 9-7, 12-3, 12-7, 12-11, 11-3, 11-7

## Counting Inversions: Divide-and-Conquer

### Divide-and-conquer.

- Divide: separate list into two pieces.
- Conquer: recursively count inversions in each half.
- **Combine**: count inversions where  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are in different halves, and return sum of three quantities.

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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Divide:  $O(1)$ .

1	5	4	8	10	2	6	9	12	11	3	7
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5 blue-blue inversions

8 green-green inversions

Conquer:  $2T(n / 2)$

9 blue-green inversions

5-3, 4-3, 8-6, 8-3, 8-7, 10-6, 10-9, 10-3, 10-7

**Combine**: ???

Total =  $5 + 8 + 9 = 22$ .

## Counting Inversions: Combine

**Combine:** count blue-green inversions

- Assume each half is **sorted**.
- Count inversions where  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  are in different halves.
- **Merge** two sorted halves into sorted whole.



↖ to maintain sorted invariant

3	7	10	14	18	19	2	11	16	17	23	25
						6	3	2	2	0	0

13 blue-green inversions:  $6 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 0 + 0$

Count:  $O(n)$

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	17	18	19	23	25
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Merge:  $O(n)$

$$T(n) \leq T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

## Counting Inversions: Implementation

**Pre-condition.** [Merge-and-Count] A and B are sorted.

**Post-condition.** [Sort-and-Count] L is sorted.

```
Sort-and-Count(L) {  
    if list L has one element  
        return 0 and the list L  
  
    Divide the list into two halves A and B  
    ( $r_A$ , A)  $\leftarrow$  Sort-and-Count(A)  
    ( $r_B$ , B)  $\leftarrow$  Sort-and-Count(B)  
    ( $r$ , L)  $\leftarrow$  Merge-and-Count(A, B)  
  
    return  $r = r_A + r_B + r$  and the sorted list L  
}
```



# Merge and Count Process: Another example.

1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 12;    3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9;

4 4 4 4 4 3

*# of inversions*

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

Time for merge :  $O(n)$ .

# 3. Number Multiplication

[illegible]

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
+	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0

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1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1

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# Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication: First Attempt

To multiply two N-digit integers:

- Multiply four N/2-digit integers.
- Add two N/2-digit integers, and shift to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned} 123,456 \times 987,654 &= (10^3 w + x) \times (10^3 y + z) \\ &= 10^6 (wy) + 10^3 (wz + xy) + 10^0 (xz) \\ &= 10^6 (121,401) + 10^3 (80,442 + 450,072) + 10^0 (298,224) \\ &= 121,401,299,224 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= 123 \\ x &= 456 \\ y &= 987 \\ z &= 654 \end{aligned}$$

N is a power of 2



$$ab = (10^{N/2} w + x)(10^{N/2} y + z)$$

$$T(N) = \underbrace{4T(N/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(N)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(N) = \Theta(N^2)$$

# Karatsuba Multiplication

To multiply two N-digit integers:

- Add two N/2 digit integers.
- Multiply **three** N/2-digit integers.
- Subtract two N/2-digit integers, and shift to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned} 123,456 \times 987,654 &= (10^3 w + x)(10^3 y + z) \\ &= 10^6(wy) + 10^3(wz + xy) + 10^0(xz) \\ &= 10^6(p) + 10^3(r - p - q) + 10^0(q) \\ &= 10^6(121,401) + 10^3(950,139 - 121,401 - 298,224) + 10^0(298,224) \\ &= 121,401,299,224 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w &= 123 \\ x &= 456 \\ y &= 987 \\ z &= 654 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= wy \\ q &= xz \\ r &= (w + x)(y + z) \end{aligned}$$

$$(wz + xy) = r - p - q$$

# Karatsuba Multiplication: Analysis

To multiply two N-digit integers:

- Add two N/2 digit integers.
- Multiply **three** N/2-digit integers.
- Subtract two N/2-digit integers, and shift to obtain result.

*Solving recurrence equation is not required.*

Karatsuba-Ofman (1962).

- $O(N^{1.585})$  bit operations.

$$p = wy$$

$$q = xz$$

$$r = (w + x)(y + z)$$

$$(wz + xy) = r -$$

$$ab = (10^{N/2}w + x)(10^{N/2}y + z)$$

$$T(N) \leq \underbrace{T(\lfloor N/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil N/2 \rceil) + T(1 + \lceil N/2 \rceil)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(N)}_{\text{add, subtract, shift}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T(N) = O(N^{\log_2 3})$$

# Summary

- Basic Principle
- Merge Sort
- Multiplication (Fun part, will not be tested)

We use this example to show that

- Recurrence equations play important role to estimate the running time
- Solving recurrence equations is very hard and there are postgraduate courses for solving recurrence equations.
- Solving recurrence equation of slide 33 is not required.