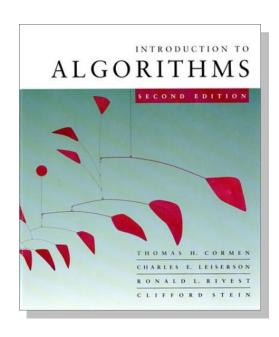
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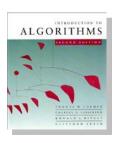


LECTURE 3

Divide and Conquer

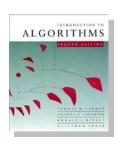
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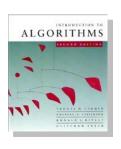
The divide-and-conquer design paradigm

- 1. Divide the problem (instance) into subproblems.
- 2. Conquer the subproblems by solving them recursively.
- 3. Combine subproblem solutions.



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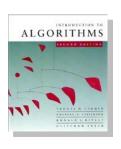


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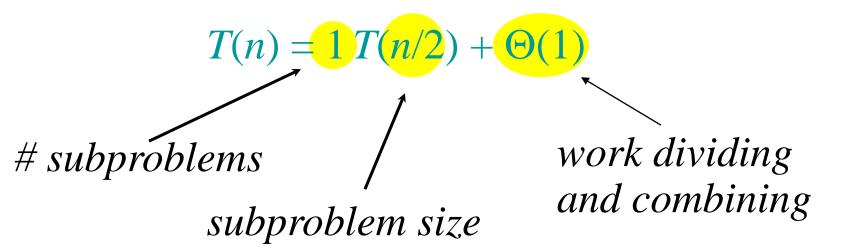
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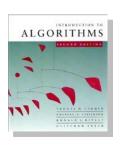
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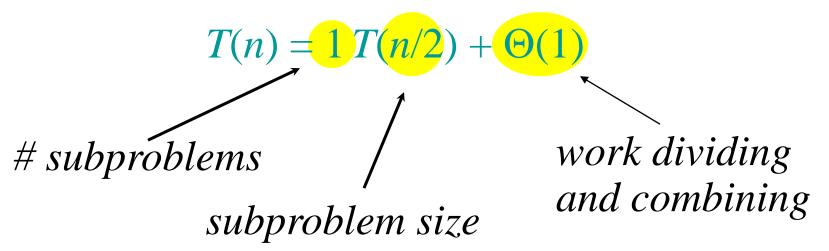


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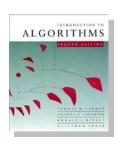


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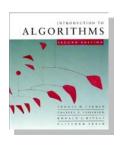
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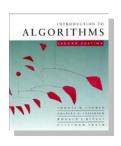
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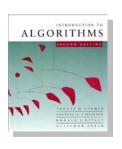


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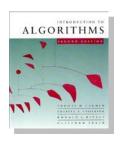
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Naive recursive algorithm: $\Omega(\phi^n)$ (exponential time), where $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ is the *golden ratio*.



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 $F_n = \phi^n / \sqrt{5}$ rounded to the nearest integer.

- Recursive squaring: $\Theta(\lg n)$ time.
- This method is unreliable, since floating-point arithmetic is prone to round-off errors.



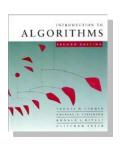
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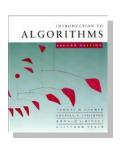
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Proof of theorem. (Induction on n.)

Base
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Inductive step $(n \ge 2)$:

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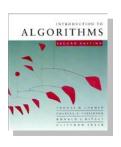
Matrix multiplication

Input:
$$A = [a_{ij}], B = [b_{ij}].$$

Output: $C = [c_{ij}] = A \cdot B.$ $i, j = 1, 2, ..., n.$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$



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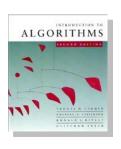
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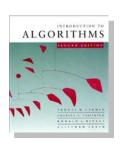
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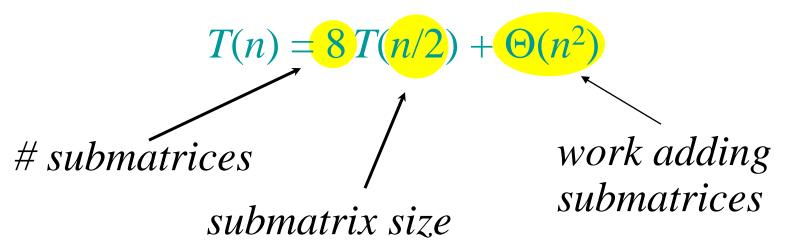
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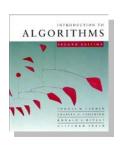
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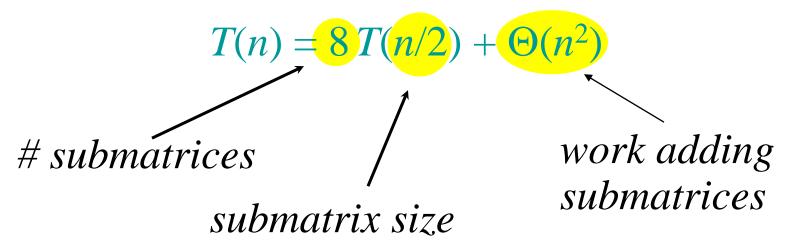


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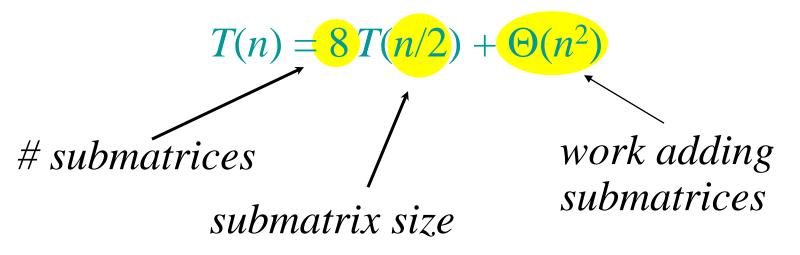
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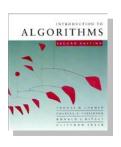


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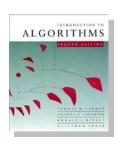
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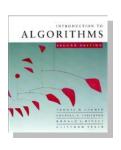
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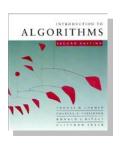
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7 mults, 18 adds/subs.
Note: No reliance on commutativity of mult!



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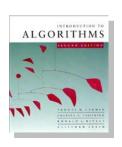
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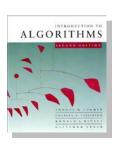
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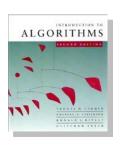


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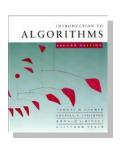
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Best to date (of theoretical interest only): $\Theta(n^{2.376\cdots})$.

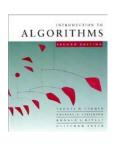


Merge sort

MERGE-SORT A[1 ... n]

- 1. If n = 1, done.
- 2. Recursively sort $A[1..\lceil n/2\rceil]$ and $A[\lceil n/2\rceil+1..n]$.
- 3. "Merge" the 2 sorted lists.

Key subroutine: MERGE



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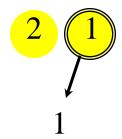
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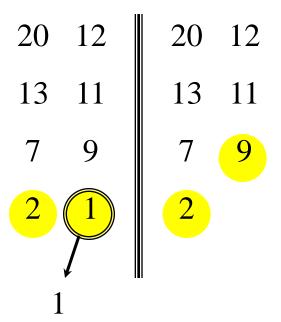
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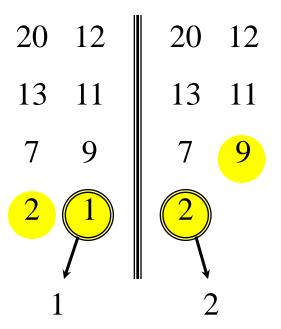
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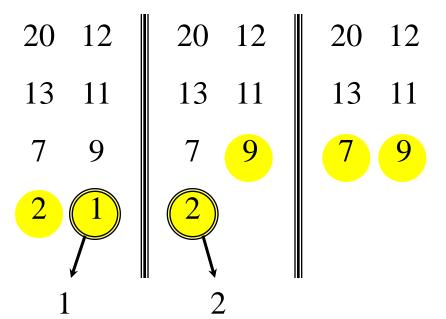


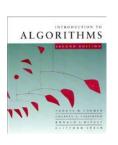


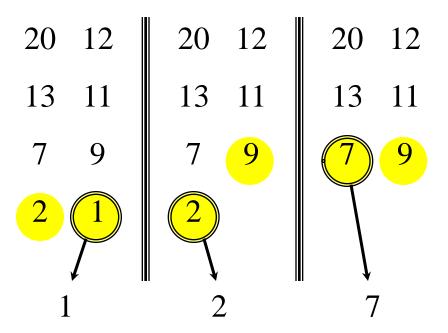


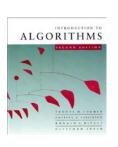


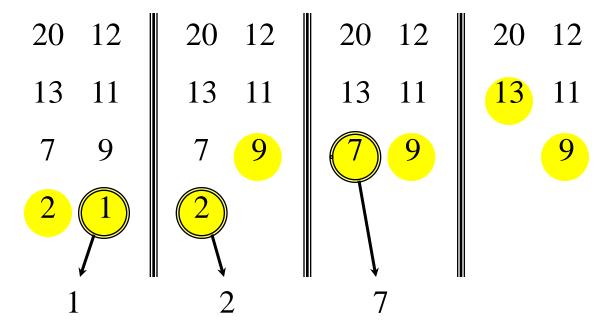


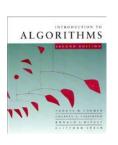


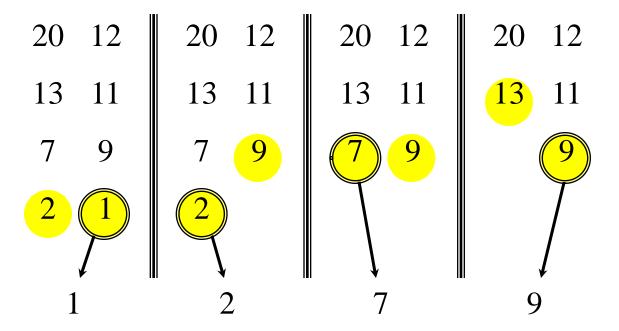


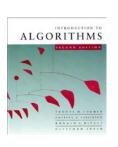


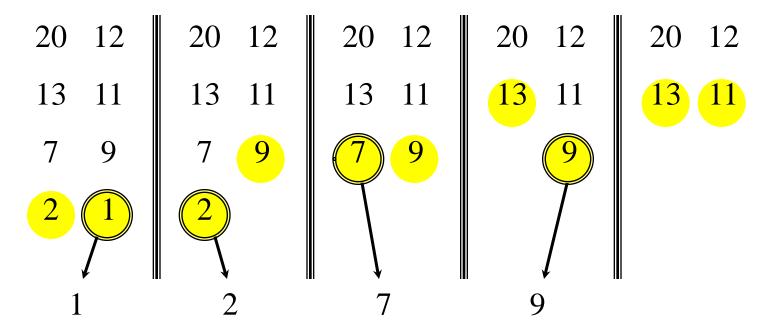


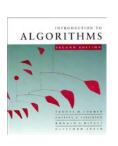


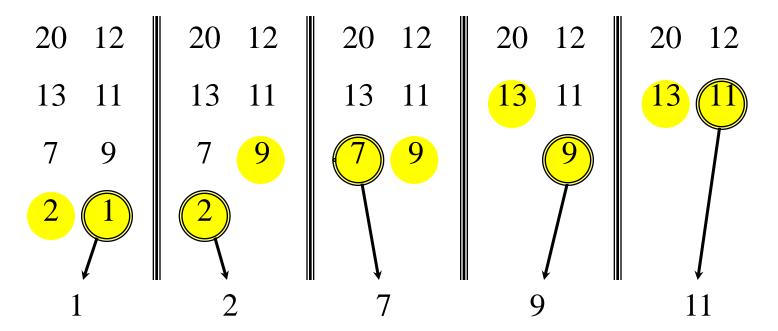


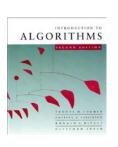


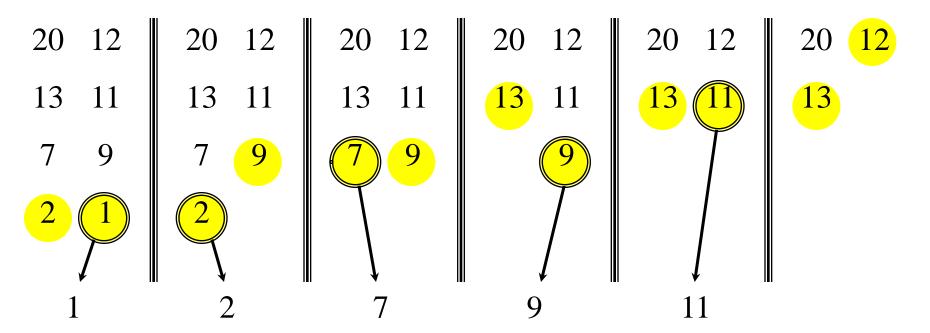


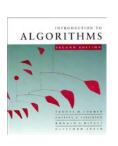


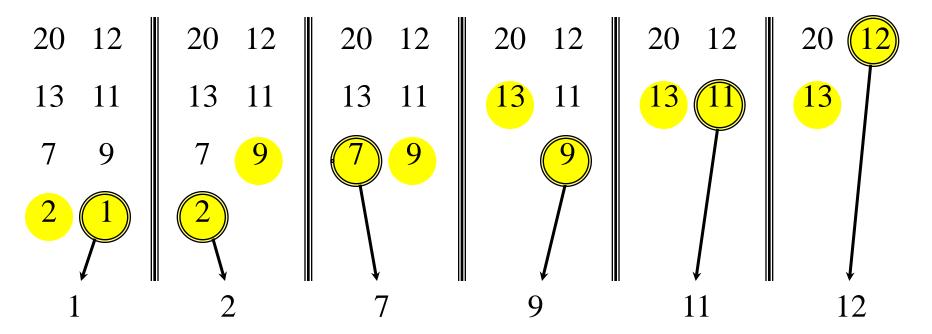


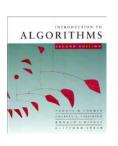


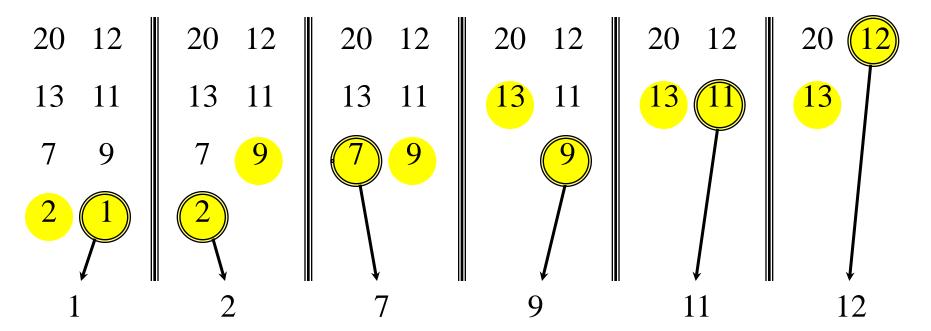




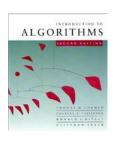








Time = $\Theta(n)$ to merge a total of n elements (linear time).



Analyzing merge sort

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T(n)
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MERGE-SORT $A[1 \dots n]$

- $\begin{array}{c|c} \Theta(1) & \text{I. If } n-1, \text{ add.} \\ 2T(n/2) & \text{2. Recursively sort } A[1..\lceil n/2\rceil] \\ & \text{1. Afgra/2} + 1... n]. \end{array}$
 - 3. "Merge" the 2 sorted lists

Sloppiness: Should be $T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$, but it turns out not to matter asymptotically.



Recurrence for merge sort

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) \text{ if } n = 1; \\ 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

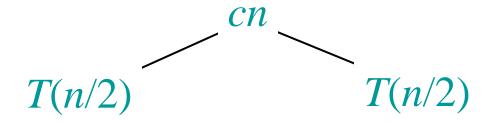
- We shall usually omit stating the base case when $T(n) = \Theta(1)$ for sufficiently small n, but only when it has no effect on the asymptotic solution to the recurrence.
- CLRS and Lecture 2 provide several ways to find a good upper bound on T(n).



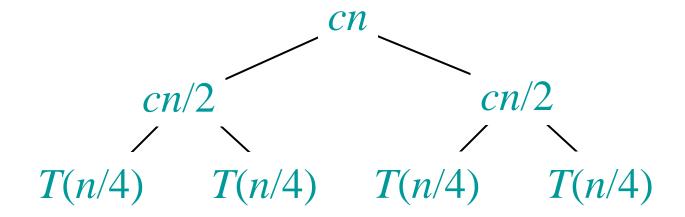


Solve
$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$$
, where $c > 0$ is constant.
$$T(n)$$

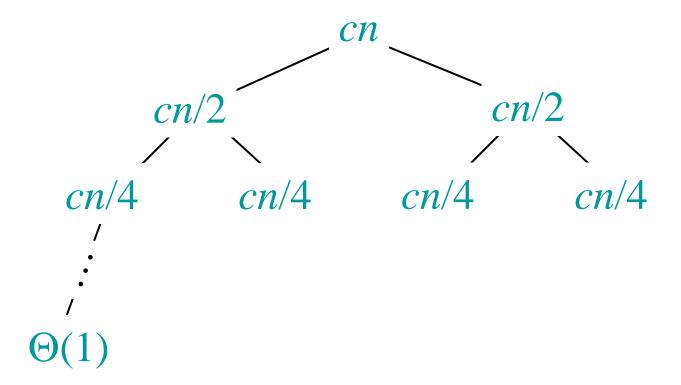




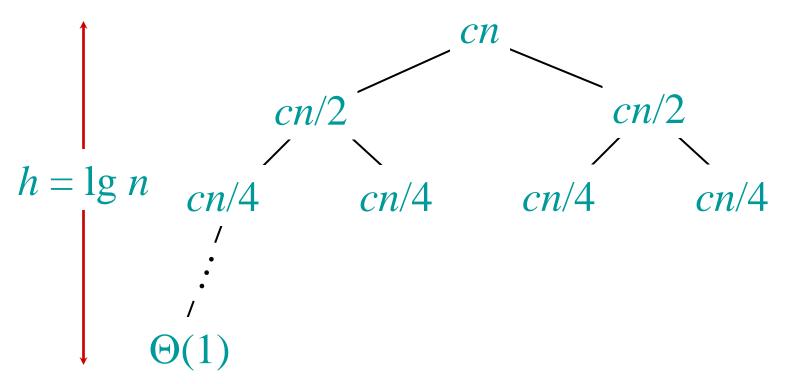




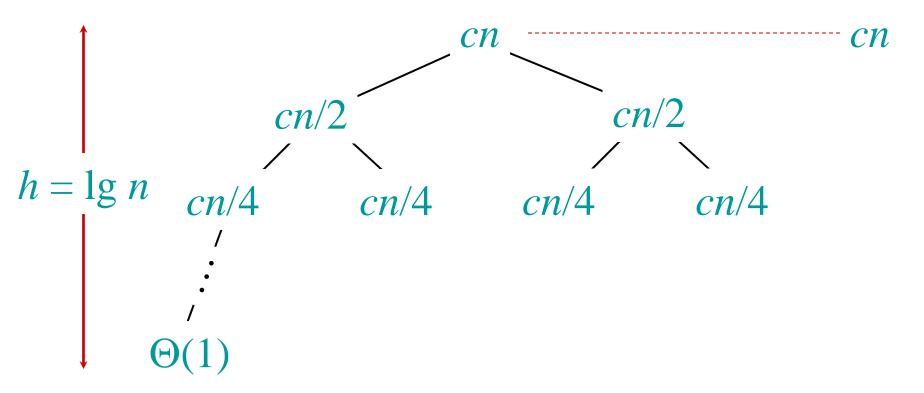




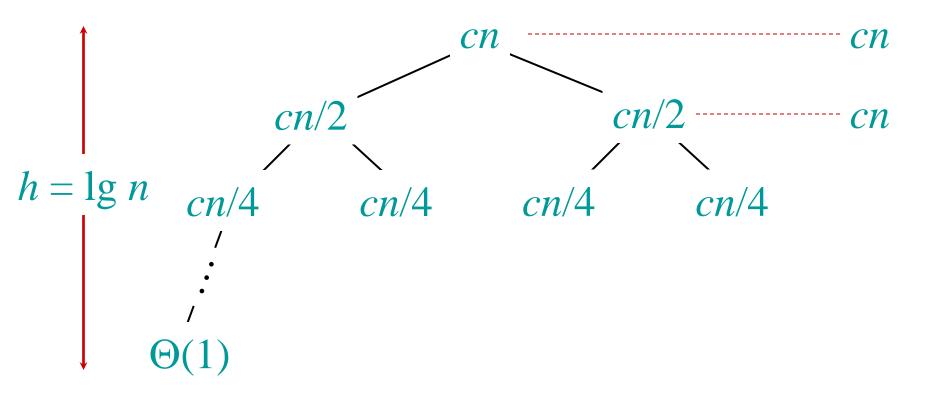




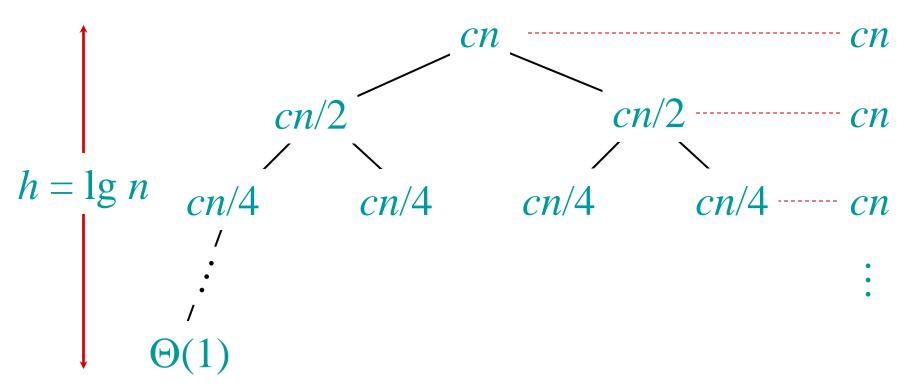




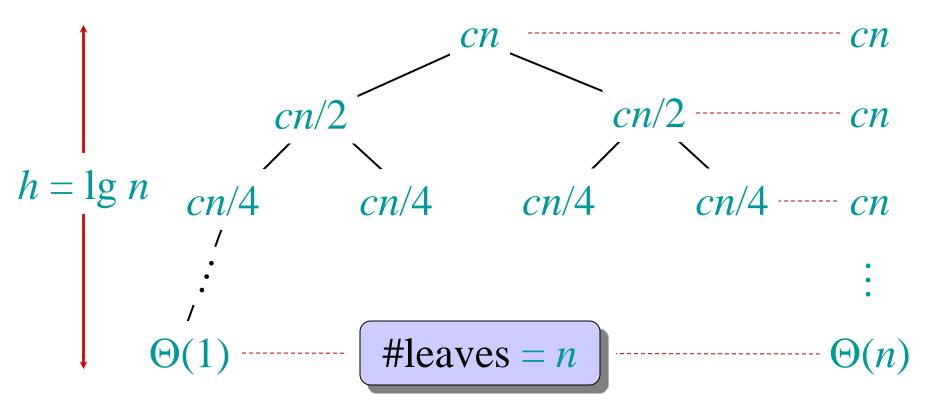


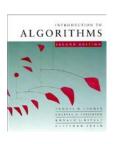


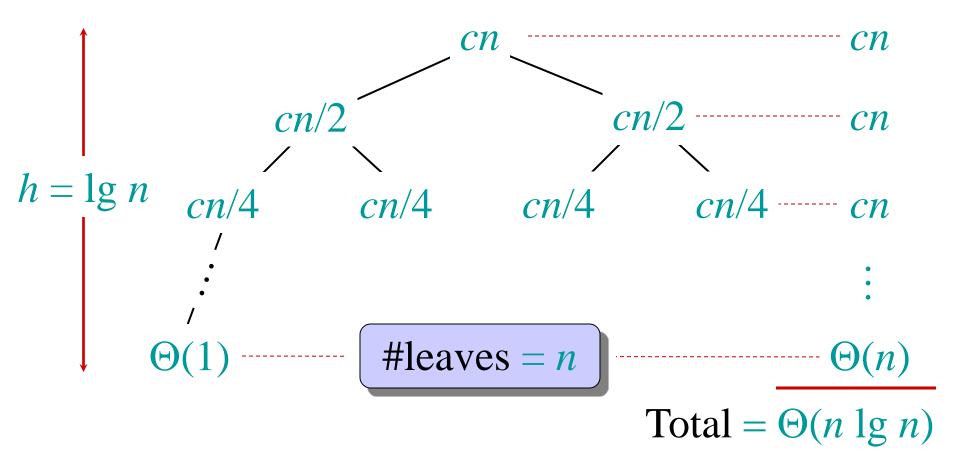


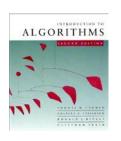










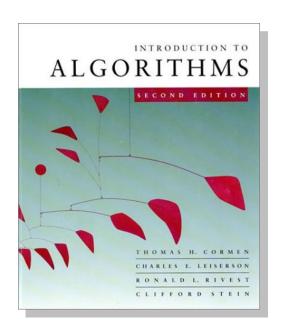


Conclusions

- $\Theta(n \lg n)$ grows more slowly than $\Theta(n^2)$.
- Therefore, merge sort asymptotically beats insertion sort in the worst case.
- In practice, merge sort beats insertion sort for n > 30 or so.
- Go test it out for yourself!

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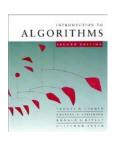


LECTURE 4

Quicksort

- Divide and conquer
- Partitioning
- Worst-case analysis
- Intuition
- Randomized quicksort
- Analysis

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Quicksort

- Proposed by C.A.R. Hoare in 1962.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- Sorts "in place" (like insertion sort, but not like merge sort).
- Very practical (with tuning).



Divide and conquer

Quicksort an *n*-element array:

1. Divide: Partition the array into two subarrays around a pivot x such that elements in lower subarray $\le x \le$ elements in upper subarray.



- 2. Conquer: Recursively sort the two subarrays.
- 3. Combine: Trivial.

Key: Linear-time partitioning subroutine.



Partitioning subroutine

```
PARTITION(A, p, q) \triangleright A[p ... q]

x \leftarrow A[p] \triangleright \text{pivot} = A[p]

Running time

i \leftarrow p

\text{for } j \leftarrow p + 1 \text{ to } q

\text{do if } A[j] \leq x

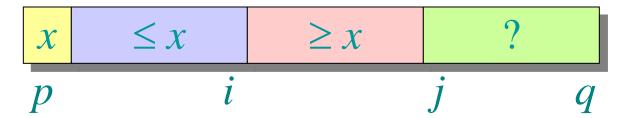
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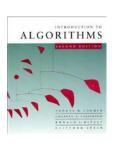
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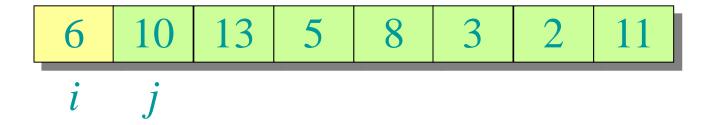
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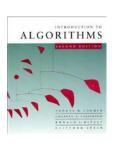
return i
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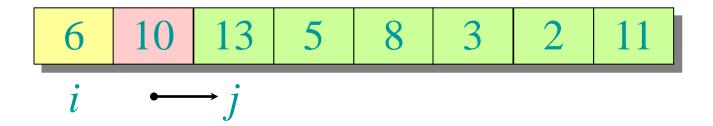
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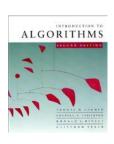


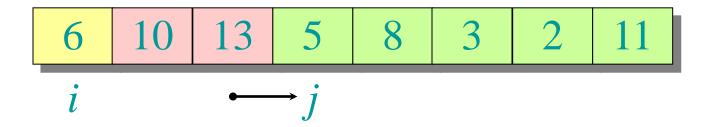




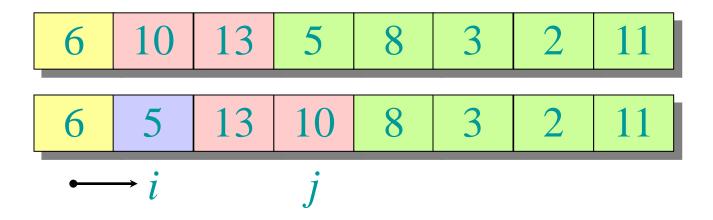


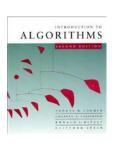


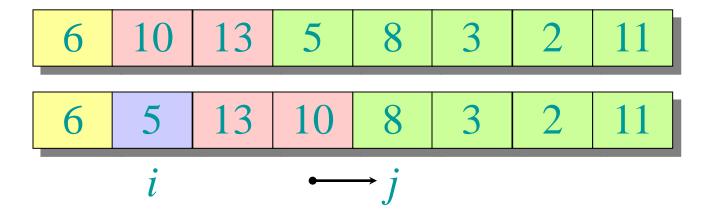


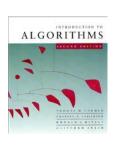


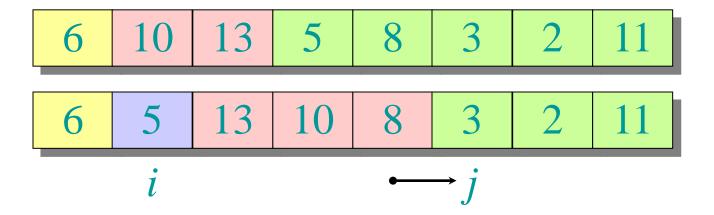




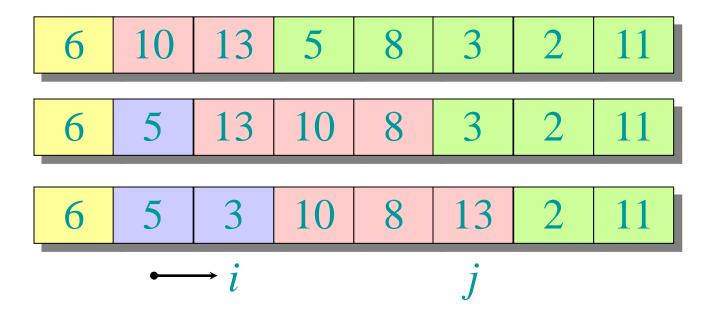


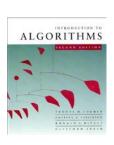


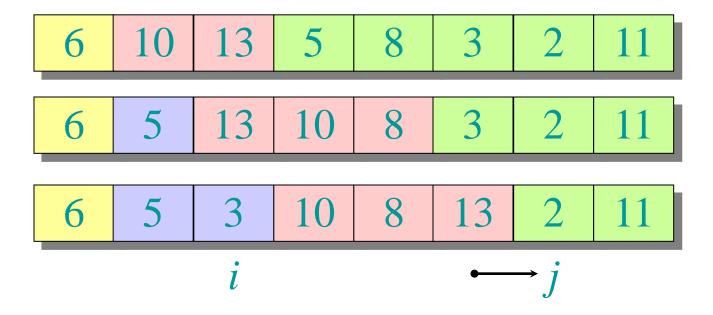


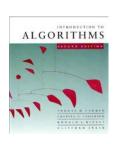


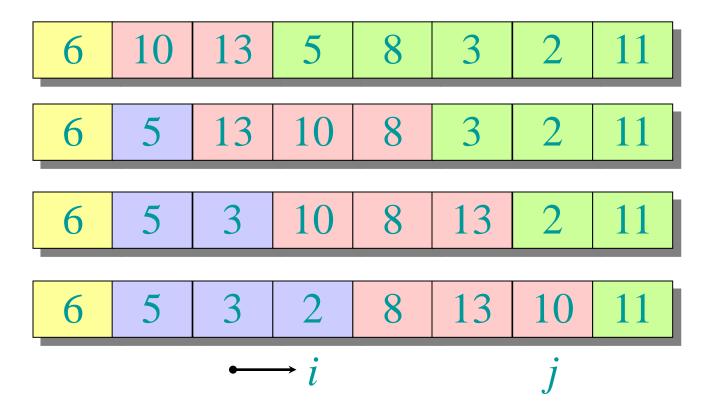


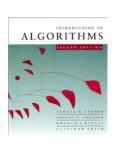


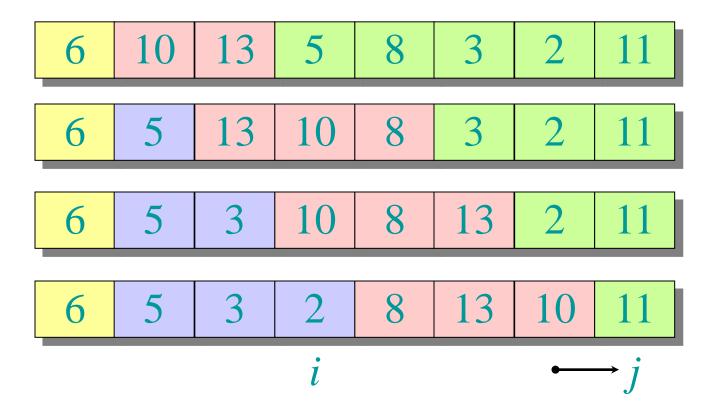


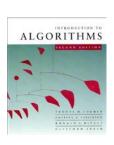


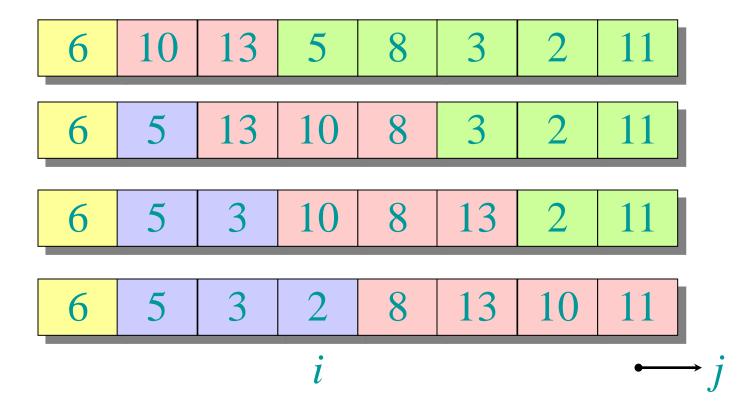


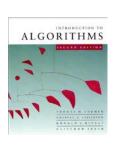


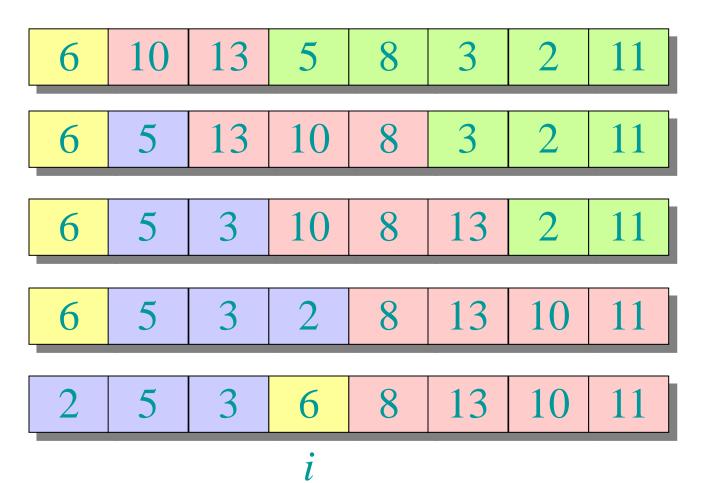














Pseudocode for quicksort

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Quicksort(A, p, r)

if p < r

then q \leftarrow \text{Partition}(A, p, r)

Quicksort(A, p, q-1)

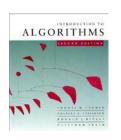
Quicksort(A, p, q-1)
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Initial call: QUICKSORT(A, 1, n)



Analysis of quicksort

- Assume all input elements are distinct.
- In practice, there are better partitioning algorithms for when duplicate input elements may exist.
- Let T(n) = worst-case running time on an array of n elements.



Worst-case of quicksort

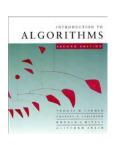
- Input sorted or reverse sorted.
- Partition around min or max element.
- One side of partition always has no elements.

$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

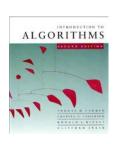
$$= \Theta(1) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= \Theta(n^2) \qquad (arithmetic series)$$



$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + cn$$



$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + cn$$

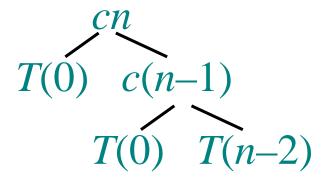


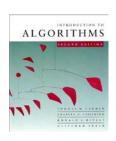
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$$T(0)$$
 $T(n-1)$

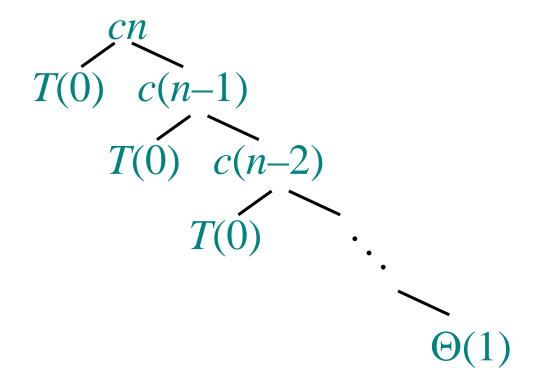


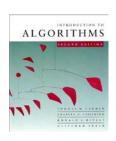
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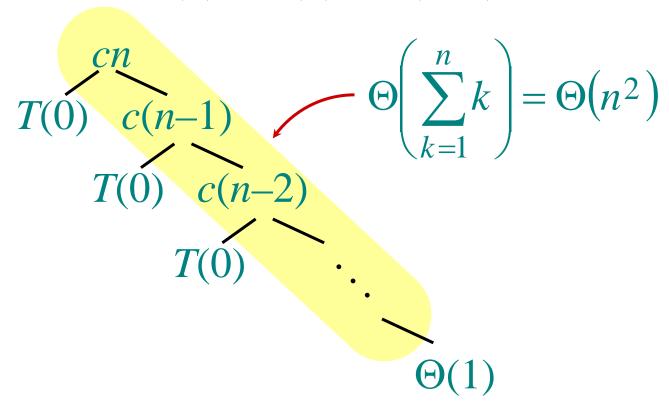


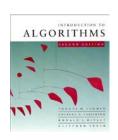
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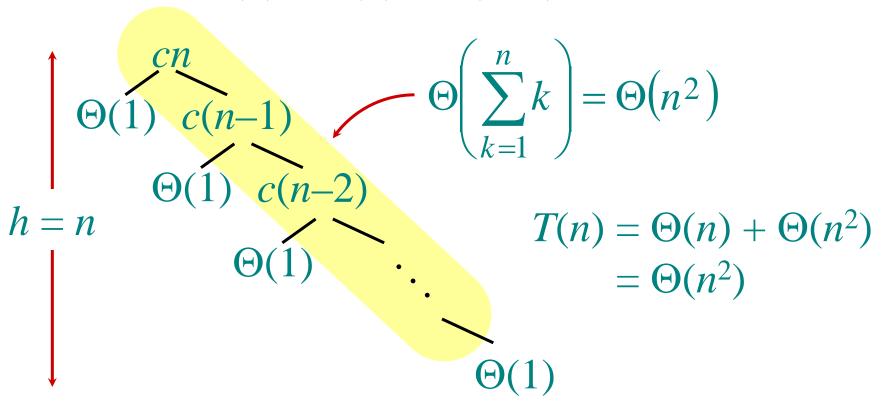


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$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + cn$$





Best-case analysis

(For intuition only!)

If we're lucky, Partition splits the array evenly:

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

= $\Theta(n \lg n)$ (same as merge sort)

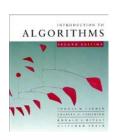
What if the split is always $\frac{1}{10}$: $\frac{9}{10}$?

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{1}{10}n\right) + T\left(\frac{9}{10}n\right) + \Theta(n)$$

What is the solution to this recurrence?

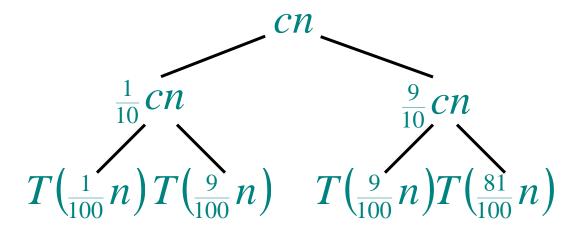


T(n)

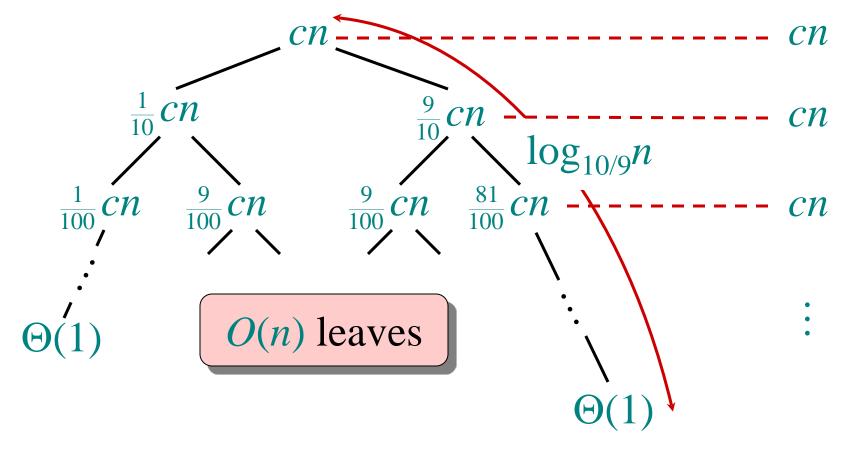


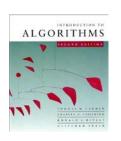
$$T\left(\frac{1}{10}n\right) \qquad T\left(\frac{9}{10}n\right)$$

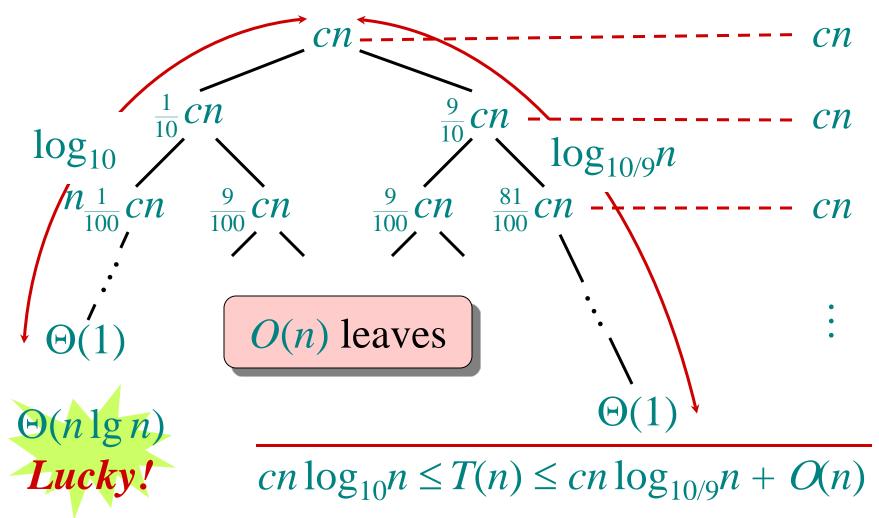














More intuition

Suppose we alternate lucky, unlucky, lucky, unlucky, lucky,

$$L(n) = 2U(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$
 lucky
 $U(n) = L(n-1) + \Theta(n)$ unlucky

Solving:

$$L(n) = 2(L(n/2 - 1) + \Theta(n/2)) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= 2L(n/2 - 1) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= \Theta(n \lg n) \quad Lucky!$$

How can we make sure we are usually lucky?



Randomized quicksort

IDEA: Partition around a *random* element.

- Running time is independent of the input order.
- No assumptions need to be made about the input distribution.
- No specific input elicits the worst-case behavior.
- The worst case is determined only by the output of a random-number generator.



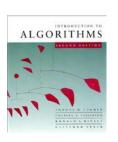
Randomized quicksort analysis

Let T(n) = the random variable for the running time of randomized quicksort on an input of size n, assuming random numbers are independent.

For k = 0, 1, ..., n-1, define the *indicator* random variable

$$X_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Partition generates a } k: n-k-1 \text{ split,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

 $E[X_k] = \Pr\{X_k = 1\} = 1/n$, since all splits are equally likely, assuming elements are distinct.



Analysis (continued)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(0) + T(n-1) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } 0: n-1 \text{ split,} \\ T(1) + T(n-2) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } 1: n-2 \text{ split,} \\ \vdots & & \\ T(n-1) + T(0) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n-1: 0 \text{ split,} \end{cases}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k \left(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \right)$$



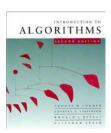
$$E[T(n)] = E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k (T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n))\right]$$

Take expectations of both sides.



$$\begin{split} E[T(n)] &= E\bigg[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \big) \bigg] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \big) \big] \end{split}$$

Linearity of expectation.



$$\begin{split} E[T(n)] &= E\bigg[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \big) \bigg] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \big) \big] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[X_k \big] \cdot E\big[T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n) \big] \end{split}$$

Independence of X_k from other random choices.



$$\begin{split} E[T(n)] &= E\bigg[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n)\big)\bigg] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[X_k \big(T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n)\big)\big] \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[X_k\big] \cdot E\big[T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n)\big] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[T(k)\big] + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E\big[T(n-k-1)\big] + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Theta(n) \end{split}$$

Linearity of expectation; $E[X_k] = 1/n$.



$$E[T(n)] = E\left[\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} X_k (T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n))\right]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E[X_k (T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n))]$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E[X_k] \cdot E[T(k) + T(n-k-1) + \Theta(n)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E[T(k)] + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} E[T(n-k-1)] + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \Theta(n)$$

$$= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} E[T(k)] + \Theta(n)$$
Summations have identical terms.



Hairy recurrence

$$E[T(n)] = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} E[T(k)] + \Theta(n)$$

(The k = 0, 1 terms can be absorbed in the $\Theta(n)$.)

Prove: $E[T(n)] \le an \lg n$ for constant a > 0.

• Choose *a* large enough so that $an \lg n$ dominates E[T(n)] for sufficiently small $n \ge 2$.

Use fact:
$$\sum_{k=2}^{n-1} k \lg k \le \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$$
 (exercise).



$$E[T(n)] \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} ak \lg k + \Theta(n)$$

Substitute inductive hypothesis.



$$E[T(n)] \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} ak \lg k + \Theta(n)$$

$$\le \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2}n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8}n^2\right) + \Theta(n)$$

Use fact.



$$E[T(n)] \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} ak \lg k + \Theta(n)$$

$$\le \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= an \lg n - \left(\frac{an}{4} - \Theta(n) \right)$$

Express as desired – residual.



$$E[T(n)] \le \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} ak \lg k + \Theta(n)$$

$$= \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + \Theta(n)$$

$$= an \lg n - \left(\frac{an}{4} - \Theta(n) \right)$$

$$\le an \lg n,$$

if a is chosen large enough so that an/4 dominates the $\Theta(n)$.



Quicksort in practice

- Quicksort is a great general-purpose sorting algorithm.
- Quicksort is typically over twice as fast as merge sort.
- Quicksort can benefit substantially from *code tuning*.
- Quicksort behaves well even with caching and virtual memory.