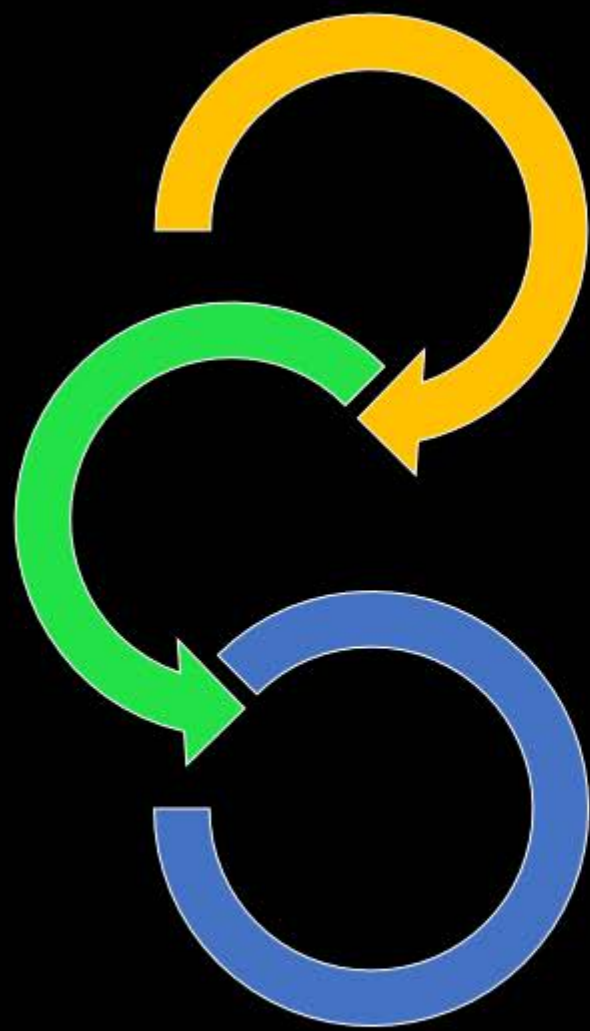


Quick Sort Algorithm -



**Quick Sort**

## Description of Quick Sort

- Quicksort, is based on the divide-and-conquer paradigm.

. Divide &  
Conquer

. Quick sort

## Three-step divide-and-conquer process

- **Divide:** Partition (rearrange) the array  $A[p \dots q]$  into two (possibly empty) subarrays  $A[p \dots j - 1]$  and  $A[j + 1 \dots q]$  such that each element of  $A[p \dots j - 1]$  is less than or equal to  $A[j]$ , which is, in turn, less than or equal to each element of  $A[j + 1 \dots q]$ . Compute the index  $j$  as part of this partitioning procedure.

## Three-step divide-and-conquer process

- **Conquer:** Sort the two subarrays  $A[p \dots j-1]$  and  $A[j+1 \dots q]$  by recursive calls to quicksort.
- **Combine:** Since the subarrays are sorted in place, no work is needed to combine them: the entire array  $A[p \dots q]$  is now sorted.

# Quick Sort: Example



Select Pivot

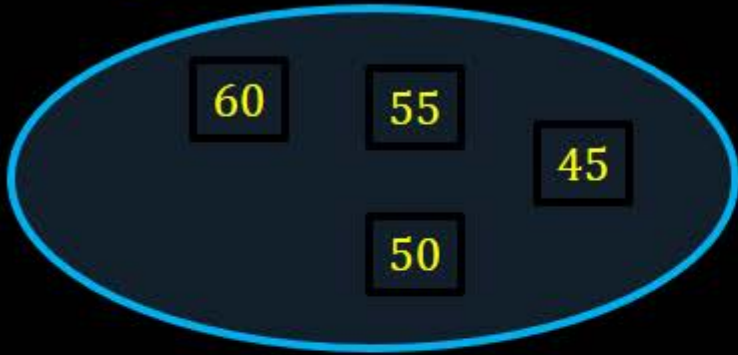


Selection of pivot element  
Hoare partitioning



# Quick Sort: Example

one subarray



another subarray



Quick Sort

Quick Sort

After partitioning

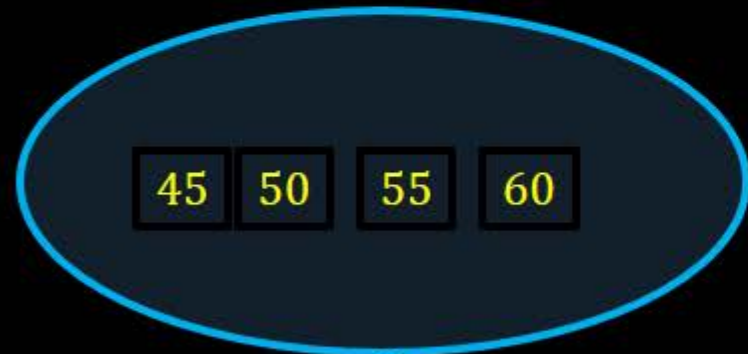
$A[j]$  is in its correct position

$A[p..q]$

$A[j]$

$A[p..j-1]$   
 $< A[j]$

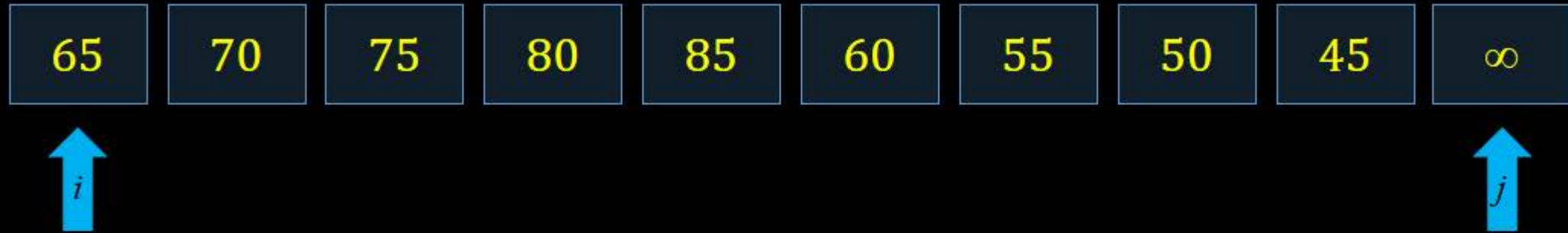
$A[j+1..q]$



## Issues To Consider

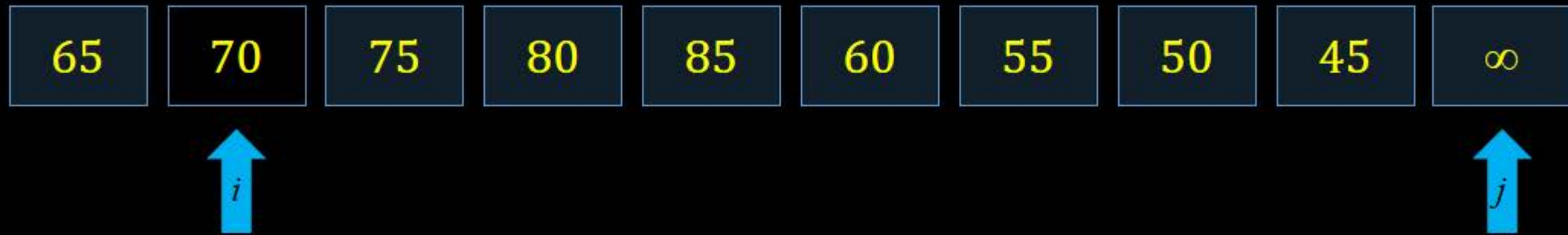
- How to pick the pivot?
  - Many methods
- How to partition?
  - Several methods exist.
  - The one we consider is known to give good results and to be easy and efficient.
  - We discuss the partition strategy first.

# Hoare Partitioning

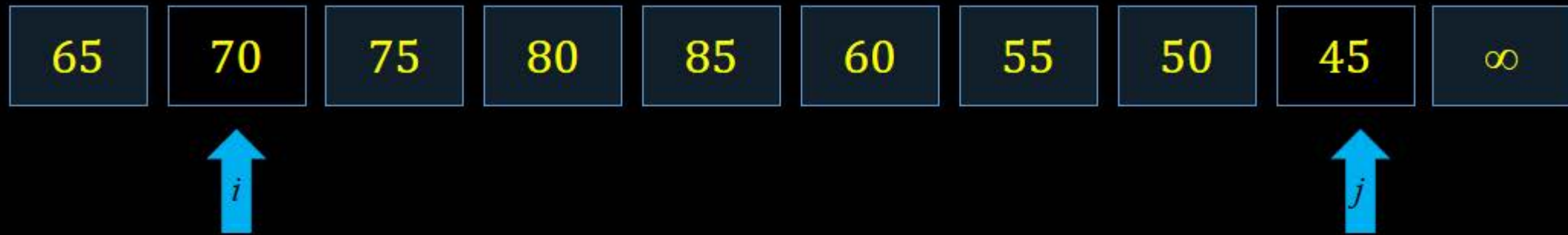




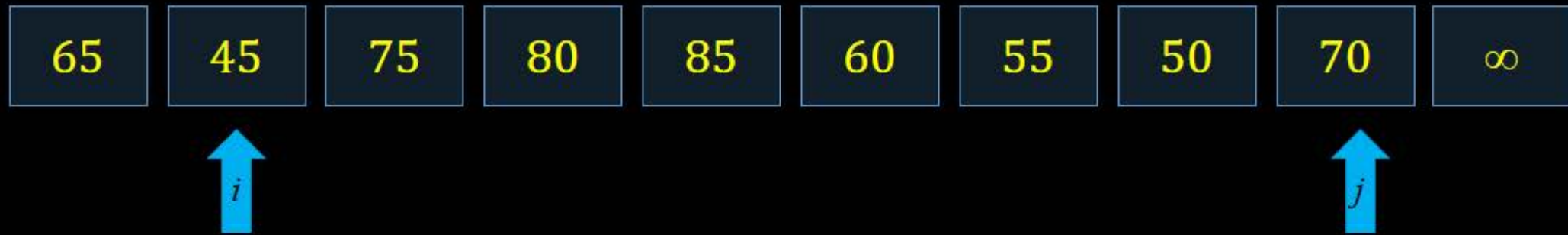
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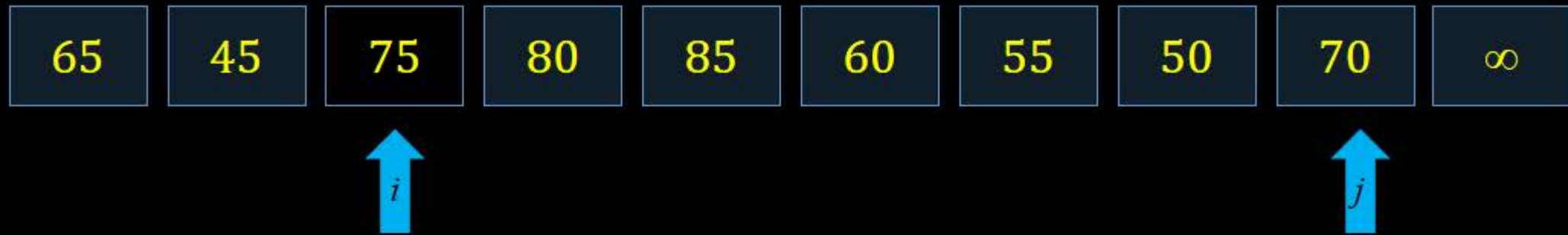
Partition Happen around pivot

- (1) — two subarray
- (2) pivot element will be in correct position

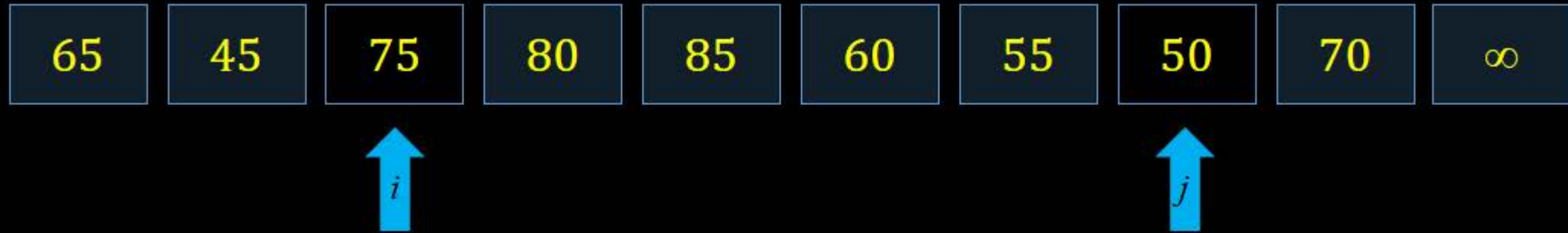
(3)  $A[p..q] = A[j]$

$A[p..j-1]$  — lesser value  $A[j]$   
 $A[j+1..q]$  — greater value  $A[j]$

# Hoare Partitioning

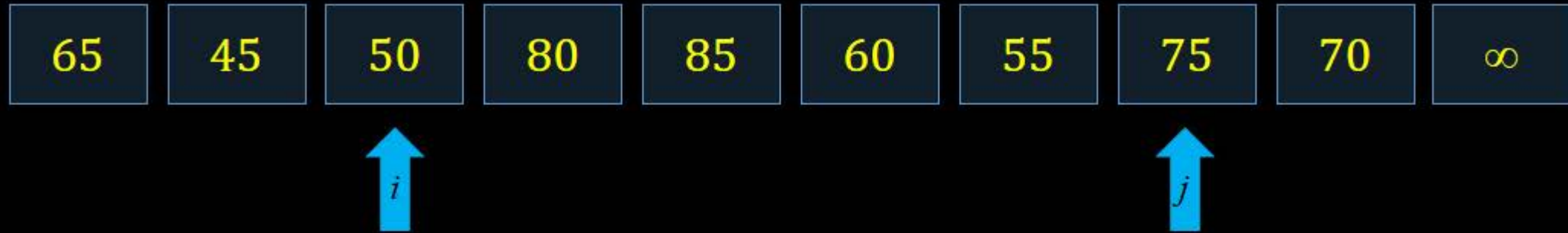


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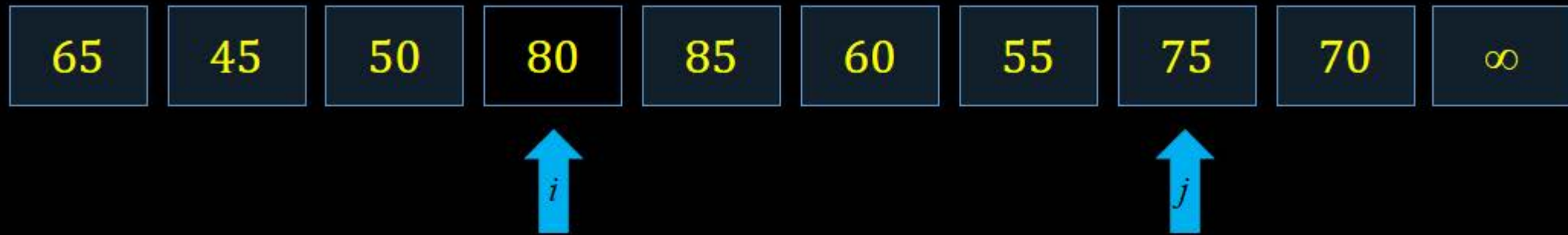




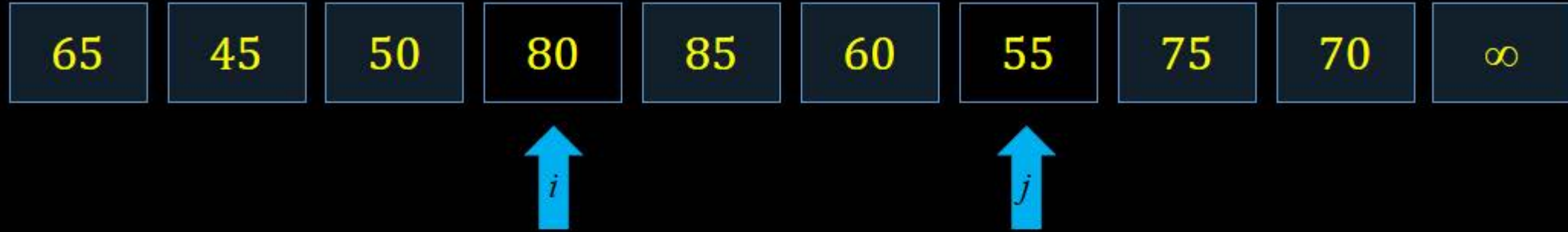
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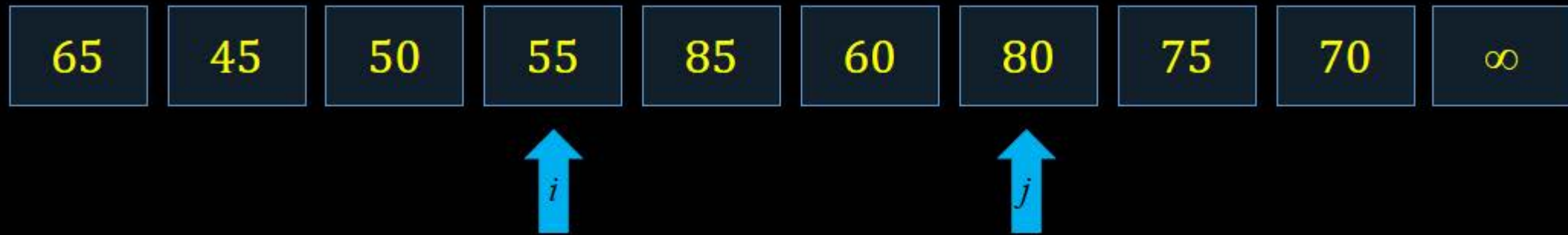
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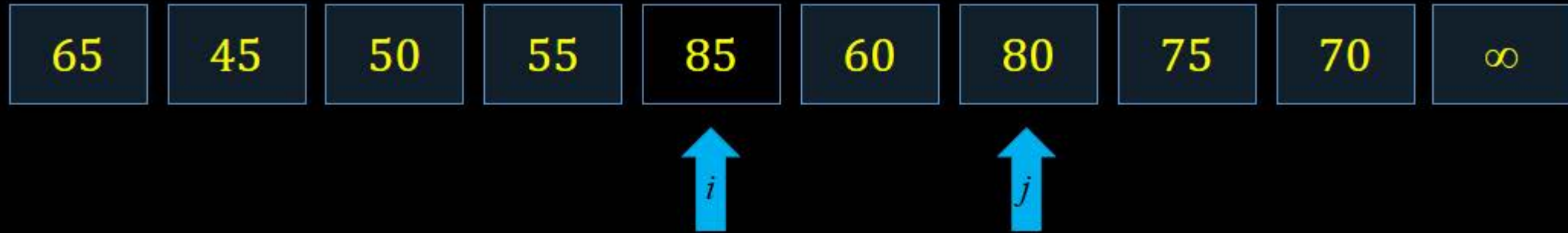
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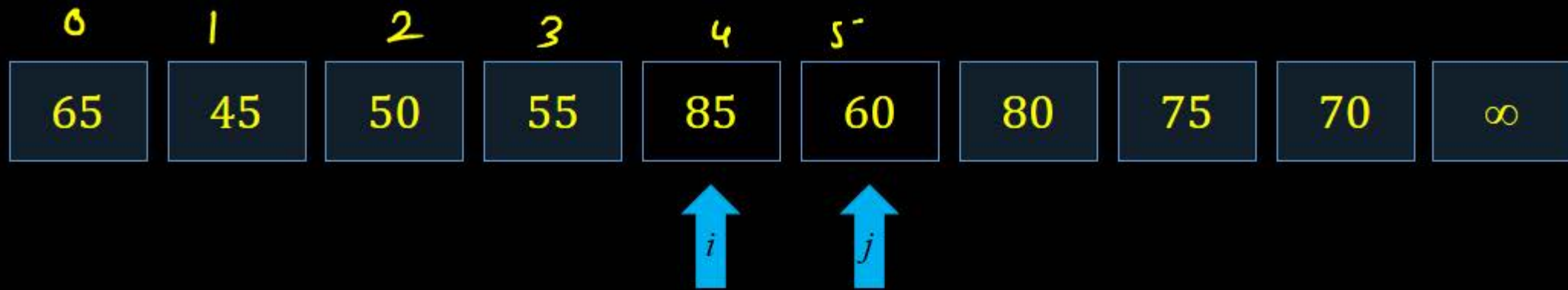


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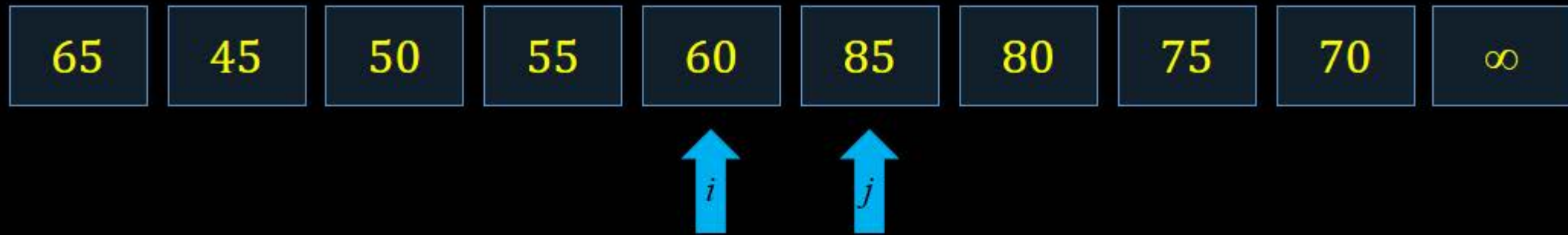




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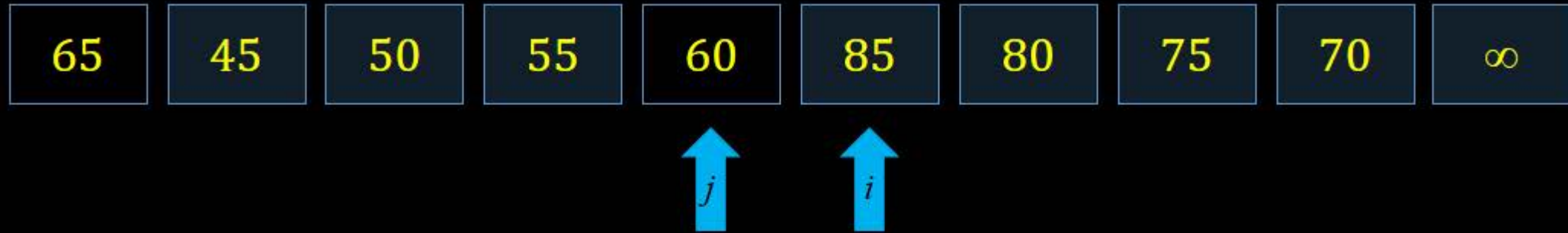
# Hoare Partitioning

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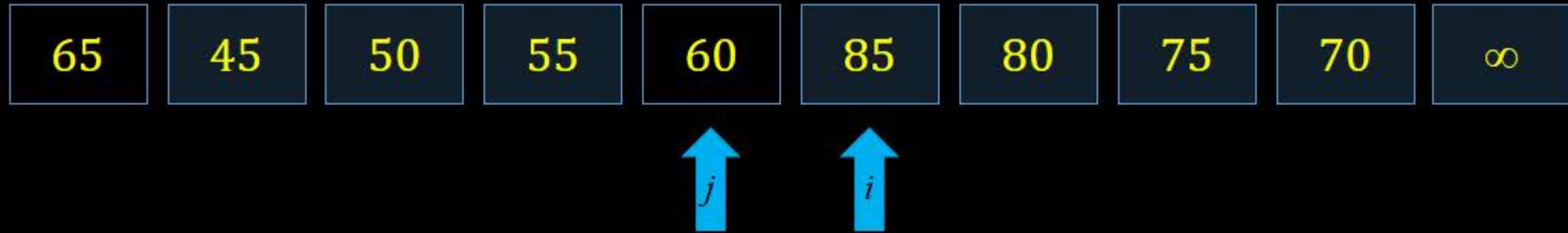


Swap  $A[j]$  with pivot

# Hoare Partitioning

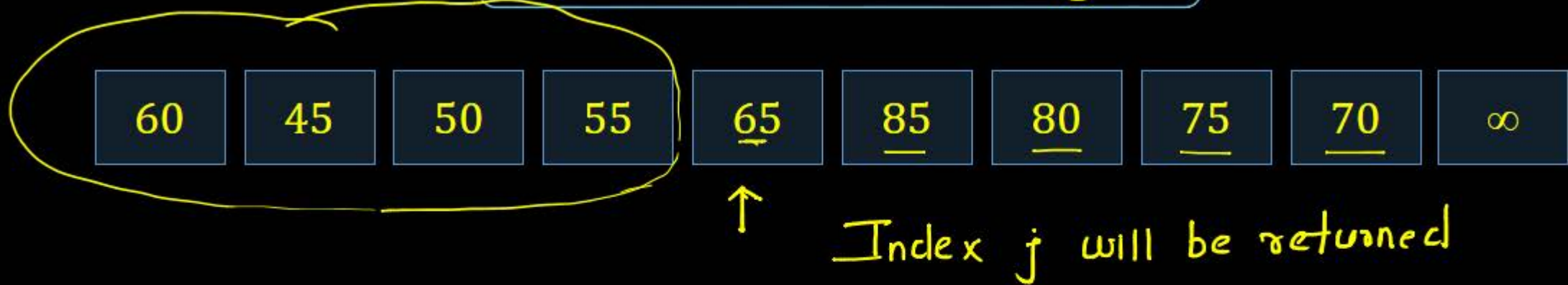


# Hoare Partitioning





## Hoare Partitioning



# The QuickSort Method

```
Algorithm QuickSort(p, q)  
  if (p < q) then{  
    j := Partition(a, p, q + 1);  
    QuickSort(p, j - 1);  
    QuickSort(j + 1, q);  
  }  
}
```

# The Partition Subroutine

Algorithm Partition(a, m, p) {

v := a[m]; i := m; j := p;

repeat {

repeat

i := i + 1;

until (a[i] >= v);

repeat

j = j - 1;

until (a[j] <= v);

if (i < j) then Interchange(a, i, j);

} until (i >= j);

a[m] := a[j]; a[j] := v; return j;

}

65	<del>70</del> 45	<del>75</del> 50	80	85	60	55	<del>50</del> 75	<del>45</del> 70	∞	<del>2</del>	<del>9</del>
							j	j	j		

A[m] - pivot

partition algorithm

## The Partition Subroutine

Use the initial value of  $A[p]$  as the “pivot,” in the sense that the keys are compared against it. Scan the keys  $A[p..q - 1]$  and rearranges them.

# The Partition Subroutine



## The Partition Subroutine

Given a subarray  $A[\underline{p} \dots q]$  such that  $p \leq q - 1$ , this subroutine rearranges the input subarray into two subarrays,  $A[\underline{p} \dots j - 1]$  and  $A[\underline{j+1} \dots q]$ , so that

- each element in  $A[\underline{p} \dots j - 1]$  is less than or equal to  $A[\underline{j}]$  and
- each element in  $A[\underline{j+1} \dots q]$  is greater than or equal to  $A[\underline{j}]$

Then the subroutine outputs the value of  $\underline{j}$ .

*partition subroutine*

Partition the following

## Index

7	2	1	6	<u>8</u>	5	3	<u>4</u>
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 $\bar{i}$ 

j

⑦ 2 1 6 4 5 3 8

3	2	<u>1</u>	6	4	5	7	8
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↑

partition this around  
pivot

protis a[1]

Subroutine is a procedure or function

## Partition the following

10		11	13			pivot = 17		31				22
<del>17</del>	9	<del>22</del>	31	7	12	10	21	13	29	18	20	11
-		i	i			j	i	j				j

partition the array  
using quick sort

10, 9, 11, 13, 7, 12, 17, 21, 31, 29, 18, 20, 22

# Answer

pivot = 17

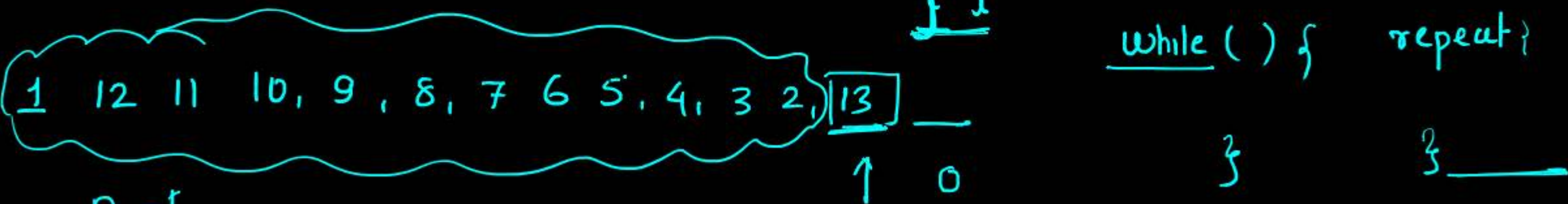
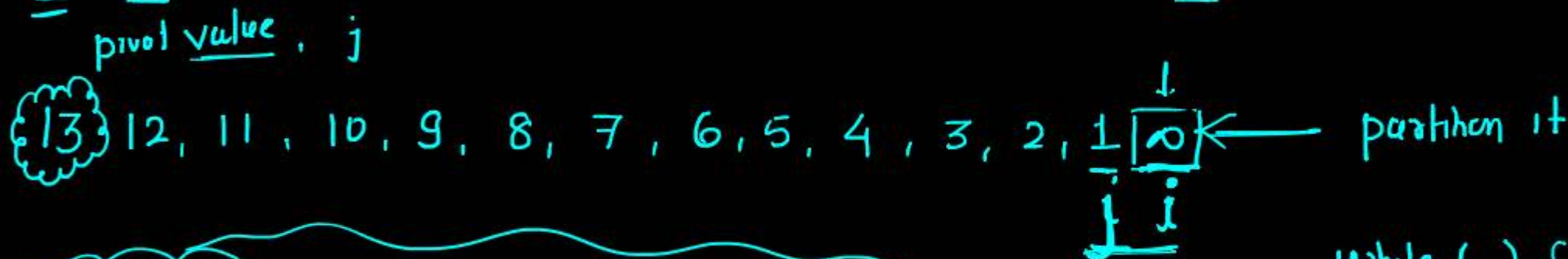
10	9	11	13	7	12	17	21	31	29	18	20	22
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# Partition the following

$$\frac{L = L + 1}{\{ \underline{A[L] \geq v} \}}$$

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



worst case partitioning

while ( ) { repeat }

}

# Answer

**pivot = 17**

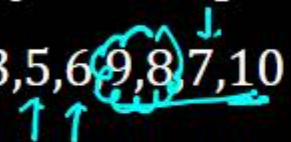
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## Question:MSQ

Consider the following elements (in order) of an array  
A[9] just after partitioning it by first step of quick sort.

4,1,3,5,6,9,8,7,10



Which of the following is TRUE

- (A) 5 is chosen as pivot value ✓
- (B) 6 is chosen as pivot value ✓
- (C) 7 is chosen as pivot value ✗
- (D) 10 is chosen as pivot value

a, b, d

Multiple See  
select choice

more than one

## Other than the <sup>first</sup>~~last~~ element as Pivot

Any other element other than last element is taken as pivot then first we will perform the exchange and then we start working on the same algorithm

first element is considered as pivot

- first perform exchange operation with ~~1st~~ first position and then same partition algorithm will be followed



## Time Complexity of Quick Sort

Depends upon - Selection of pivot

pivot elem is in  $k^{\text{th}}$  position  $A[1 \dots n]$

Subarray - Left subarray =  $1 \dots k-1$   $k-1-1+1$

Right subarray =  $k+1 \dots n$  -  $n-k-1+1$   
 $n-k$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{T(k-1)}_{\text{Left subarray}} + \underbrace{T(n-k)}_{\text{Right subarray}} + \frac{n}{\text{cost of partitioning}}$$

Left subarray

Right subarray

cost of partitioning

## Time Complexity of Quick Sort

$k = \text{final position of pivot element}$

## Time Complexity of Quick Sort

$$T(\underline{n}) = n + T(\underline{k-1}) + T(\underline{n-k})$$
$$T(0) = T(1) = 0$$

$k$  = final position of pivot element

$n$  = Partition

$T(k-1)$  = sorting the left subarray using quick sort

$T(n-k)$  = sorting the right subarray using quicksort

partition Method

either increment  $i$

or

decrementing  $j$

1 2 3 4 5 ∞

## Worst Case Time Complexity of Quick Sort

Quick Sort worst case will occur when elements are already sorted.

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

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \underline{n} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2) \text{ (For worst case)}$$

Worst case time complexity for quick sort occurs when elements already sorted -  $O(n^2)$

## Worst Case Time Complexity of Quick Sort

A bad case (actually the worst case): At every step.

Partition( ) splits the array as unequally as possible

( $k=1$  or  $k=n$ ). Then our recurrence becomes



## Worst Case Time Complexity of Quick Sort

$$T(n) = \underline{n} + \underline{T(n-1)}, \underline{T(0)} = \underline{T(1)} = 0$$

This is easy to solve.

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

$$= n + n-1 + T(n-2)$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + T(n-3)$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + \dots + 3 + 2 + T(0)$$

$$= (n + n-1 + n-2 + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1) - 1$$

$$= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1$$

$$\approx n^2/2$$

$$O(n^2)$$

## Best Case Time Complexity

Best case for quick sort: Equal partitioning

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + n$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \quad (\text{for analysis})$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 2$$

$$n^{\log_2 2} = n$$

$$f(n) \text{ is } \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \log^0 n)$$

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

The Best case

when equal partition  
occurs in every step  
and hence

$$\Theta(n \log n)$$

Lower bound  $\Omega(n \log n)$

Upper bound  $O(n^2)$

## Best Case Time Complexity

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

$$T(n) = \theta(n \log n)$$



# GATE 1987 | 2 Marks Question

Let P be a quicksort program to sort numbers in ascending order. Let  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  be the time taken by the program for the inputs  $[1\ 2\ 3\ 4]$  and  $[5\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1]$ , respectively. Which of the following holds?

- (A)  $t_1 = t_2$
- (B)  $t_1 > t_2$
- ✓ (C)  $t_1 < t_2$
- (D)  $t_1 = t_2 + 5 \log 5$

pivot will be compared against each value

worst case for quicksort

1, 2, 3, 4 (3)

1 [2 3 4] — n-1

2 3 4 — (2)

[3 4] — (1)

4 (3+2+1) total comparisons

$t_1$  1, 2, 3, 4  
 $t_1 < t_2$  ascending

5 4 3, 2, 1  $t_2$   
descending

worst case quicksort

$t_1 < t_2$

4 3, 2, 1 — n-1

1 3 2 4 — (3)

[1 3, 2] [4] — (2)

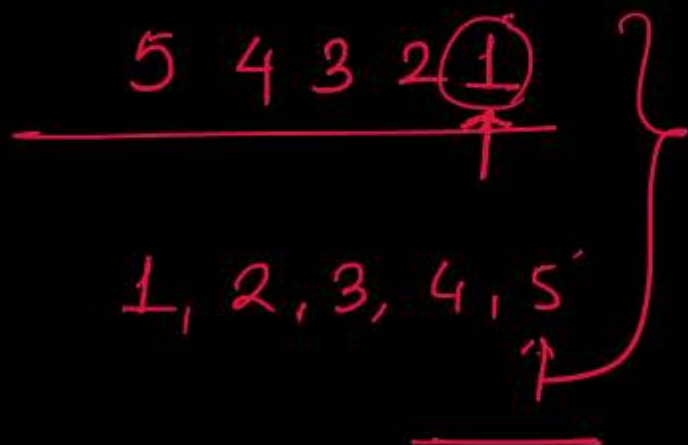
[3 2] — 1

[2] 3

## GATE 1992 | 2 Marks Question

Assume that the last element of the set is used as partition element in Quicksort. If  $n$  distinct elements from the set  $[1....n]$  are to be sorted, give an input for which Quicksort takes maximum time.

Theoretical



## GATE 2019, Question Number 20

An array of 25 distinct elements is to be sorted using quick sort.

is —

Assume that the pivot element is chosen uniformly at random. The

first

probability that the pivot element gets placed in the worst possible

location in the first round of partitioning (rounded off to 2 decimal

places) is 0.08.



what is the worst possible positions - 1, and 25

$$\text{probability} = \frac{2}{25} = \{0.08\}$$



## GATE 1996 | 2 Marks Question

Quick-sort is run on two inputs shown below to sort in ascending order

(i)  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

(ii)  $n, n - 1, n - 2, \dots, 2, 1$

Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be the number of comparisons made for the inputs (i) and (ii) respectively. Then,

(A)  $C_1 < C_2$

(B)  $C_1 > C_2$

(C)  $C_1 = C_2$

(D) we cannot say anything for arbitrary  $n$ .

## **GATE 2019, Question Number 20**

An array of 25 distinct elements is to be sorted using quick sort. Assume that the pivot element is chosen uniformly at random. The probability that the pivot element gets placed in the worst possible location in the first round of partitioning (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **GATE 2014, Question Number 14, 1-Mark**

Let  $P$  be a quicksort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as the pivot. Let  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  be the number of comparisons made by  $P$  for the inputs  $[12345]$  and  $[41532]$  respectively. Which one of the following holds?

- (A)  $t_1 = 5$       (B)  $t_1 < t_2$       (C)  $t_1 > t_2$       (D)  $t_1 = t_2$

# GATE 2014| 1-Mark Question

Step by step also  
No. of comparisons

Let P be a quicksort program to sort numbers in ascending order using the first element as the pivot. Let  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  be the number of comparisons made by P for the inputs [12345] and [41532] respectively. Which one of the following holds?

(A)  $t_1 = \underline{5}$

(B)  $t_1 < t_2$

☒ (C)  $t_1 > t_2$

(D)  $t_1 = t_2$

[1 2 3 4 5] - 4

[1] [2, 3, 4, 5] - 3

[3, 4, 5] - 2

[4, 5] - 1

[4 1 5 3 2] - 4

4 1 2 3 5

[3 1 2] | 4 | 5

[3 1, 2] - 2

[2, 1] - 1

## GATE 2014| 1-Mark Question

Question is asking about number of comparisons.

The splitting occurs as

[1][2345]

[2][345]

[3][45]

[4][5]]

and

[123][45]

[1][23][4][5]

[2][3]

Hence, in second case number of comparisons is less.  $\Rightarrow t_1 > t_2$ .



## Recurrence Tree

Consider the following Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = \underline{3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor)} + \underline{\Theta(n^2)}$$

$$a=3$$

$$b=4$$

$$n^{\log_4 3}$$

(A) Draw the Recurrence Tree

(B) Cost at each level

$$f(n) = \underline{n^2}$$

- (C) Height of the Recurrence Tree
- (D) Number of leaves

$$T(n) = 3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + \Theta(n^2) \quad \text{--- I}$$

$$T(n/4) = 3T(n/16) + \frac{n^2}{16} \quad \text{--- II}$$

$$T(n) = 3^2 T(n/4^2) + \frac{3}{16} n^2 + \frac{n^2}{16} \quad \text{---}$$

$$T(n/4^2) = 3T(n/4^3) + \frac{n^2}{16^2} \quad \text{--- III}$$

$$\underbrace{3^3 T(n/4^3)}_{\text{No. of Leaves}} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^2 n^2 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right) n^2 + n^2}_{\text{Series}}$$

$$\boxed{3^k} T(n/4^k)$$

$$n/4^k = 1 \quad (\text{height})$$

$$3^k = 3^{\frac{\log_4 n}{\log_4 3}} = \frac{n^{\log_4 3}}{3^{\log_4 3}}$$

$$1. \quad T(n) \dots \dots \dots n^2$$

$$3. \quad \begin{array}{c} T(n/4) \\ \swarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \searrow \\ T(n/16) \quad T(n/16) \quad T(n/16) \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ T(n/4^k) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \frac{n^2}{16} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{n^2}{16^2} \end{array}$$

$$T(n/4^k) \quad \text{Same}$$

No. of Leaves

for  $n = 4^k$   
 $k = \log_4 n$

$\Leftarrow$  No. of Leaves

$cn^2$

$$n = 4^k$$

$$T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor)$$

$$\frac{3}{16}cn^2$$

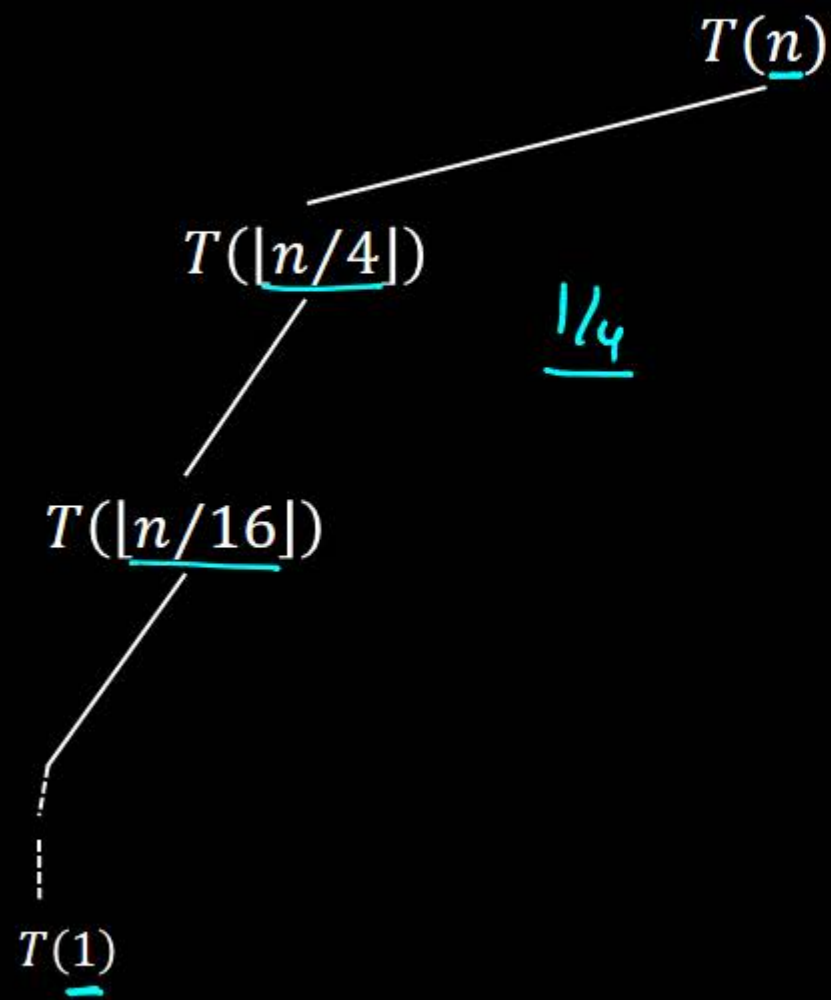
$$T(\lfloor n/16 \rfloor)$$

1)

$$\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$$



# Height of the Recursion Tree



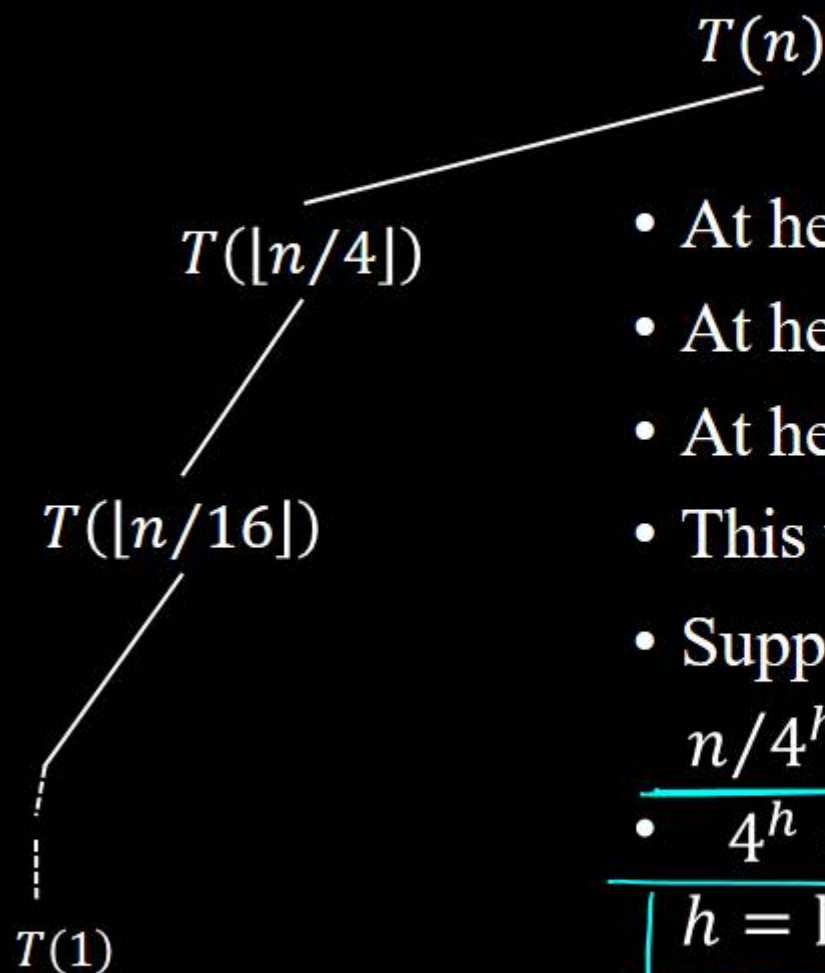
$$T(n) = T(n/4^k)$$

$$\frac{n}{4^k} = 1$$

$$n = 4^k$$

$$k = \log_4 n$$

## Height of the Recursion Tree

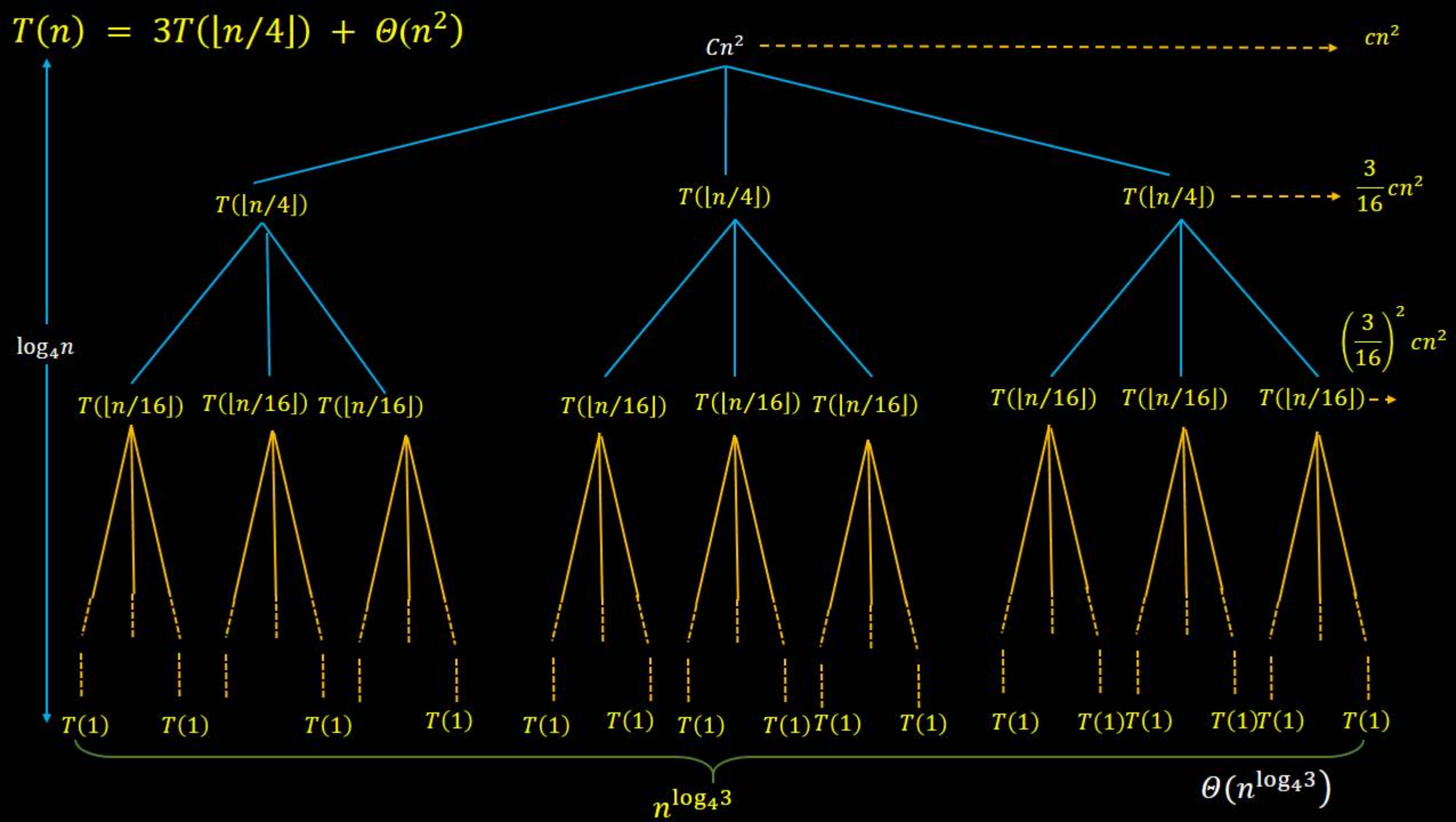


- At height  $h = 0$ , term  $n$
- At height  $h = 1$ , term  $n/4$
- At height  $h = 2$ , term  $n/16$
- This will continue till the term becomes 1.
- Suppose at height  $h$ ,  $T(n/4^h) = T(1)$

$$\underline{n/4^h = 1}$$

$$\bullet \quad 4^h = n$$

$$\boxed{h = \log_4 n}$$



## Number of Leaves

$$\text{height } 0 \rightarrow 1 \quad 3T(n/4)$$

$$\text{height } 1 \rightarrow 3$$

$$\text{height } 2 \rightarrow 3^2$$

$$\text{height } h \rightarrow \underline{3^h} \Rightarrow 3^{\log_4 n} \Rightarrow \underline{n^{\log_4 3}}$$

## Number of Leaves

- At height  $h = 0$ , number of nodes 1
- At height  $h = 1$ , number of nodes 3
- At height  $h = 2$ , number of nodes  $3^2$
- At height  $h = \log_4 n$ , number of nodes  
 $3^{\log_4 n}$  ←
- $3^{\log_4 n} = \underline{n^{\log_4 3}}$



# Asymmetric Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \underline{n^2} \leftarrow \text{Master Method} - 3 \text{ (99)} \frac{T(n)}{100}$$

which side  
will decide  
height of tree  
 $\frac{n}{2}$

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + \underbrace{n}_{\uparrow} \quad \text{(33)} \quad T(n/3) \quad \frac{n}{3} \quad \frac{2n}{3} \quad T(2n/3) - \underline{n}$$

$$T(n/3) = T(n/9) + T(2n/9) + \underline{n/3}$$

$$\underline{T(2n/3)} = T(2n/9) + T(4n/9) + \underline{2n/3}$$

\$ the side which Reduce  
n value lesser  $T(an/b)$

Height  $\left\{ \log_{b/a} n \right\}$

$$\begin{matrix} n & 2n/3 & - & 4n/9 \\ \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^0 n & + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^1 n & + & \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 n \end{matrix}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^k n = 1$$

$$n = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k \quad k = \log_{3/2} n$$

A diagram of a binary tree structure. The root node is labeled 'n'. It has two children, both labeled 'n'. The left child of the root has two children of its own, and the right child of the root also has two children. A red cloud-like shape is drawn around the left subtree, starting from the left child of the root and covering its entire subtree. The right subtree is not enclosed by the cloud.

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + n$$

$$n/9 + 2 \cdot \frac{2n}{9} + \frac{4n}{9} = \frac{9n}{9} = \underline{n}$$

$$T(n) = T(n/4) + T(3n/4) + \underline{\underline{O(1)}}$$

will the cost will same  
at every height

No. of

Height -  $\log_2$

Cost at every level is still  $n$

Complexity is  $\log_{3/2} n \cdot n$

$= \theta(n \log n)$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 T(n) \xrightarrow{\quad \underline{n} \quad} \\
 \swarrow \quad \searrow \\
 T(n/4) \quad T(3n/4) \xrightarrow{\quad \underline{n} \quad} \\
 \underline{\quad n/4 \quad} \quad 3n/4
 \end{array}$$

$$\Theta(\log_{4/3} n \cdot \underline{n})$$



# GATE 2021 Set-I| 2 Mark Question

Consider the following recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n/2) + T(2n/5) + 7n & \text{if } n > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

\* only this

Which one of the following options is correct?

(a)  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{5/2})$

(b)  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$  ✓

✓ (c)  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

(d)  $T(n) = \Theta((\log n)^{5/2})$

(I)  $T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + n$  —  $n \cdot \log_{3/2} n$

(II)  $T(n/4) + T(3n/4) + n$  —  $n \cdot \log_{4/2} n$

Cost at every level same  
Cost at every level same

(1) Cost at first 3 level height —  $7n$   
 $n=1$   $n=1$  —  
 $n=2$  —

(2) Height of the tree

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(2n/5) + 7n$$

Series — Summation of series

$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(2n/5) + 7n$   
 $\log_2 n$   
 $\frac{100}{T(n)}$   
 $\frac{50}{T(n/2)}$   
 $\frac{40}{T(2n/5)}$   
 $\frac{7n}{2} + 7 \times \frac{2n}{5} = \frac{7n}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{5} \right) = \frac{7n}{2} \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)$   
 $T(n/4)$   
 $T(2n/10)$   
 $T(2n/10)$   
 $T\left(\frac{4n}{25}\right)$   
 $7n \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^2$   
 $7n \left( \frac{25+20+20+16}{100} \right) = 7n \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^2$   
 $\frac{7n}{4} + 7 \cdot \frac{2n}{10} + 7 \cdot \frac{2n}{10} + 7 \cdot \frac{4n}{25}$

$$7n + 7n \left( \frac{9}{10} \right) + 7n \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^h \cdot 7n$$

Infinitesim  
 $\frac{a}{1-r}$

$$7n \left( 1 + \left( \frac{9}{10} \right) + \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^2 + \dots + \left( \frac{9}{10} \right)^h \right) \frac{GP}{|r| < 1}$$

$$7n \left( \frac{1}{1 - 9/10} \right) = 70n < 97n$$

$$\underline{7n} + \underline{7n}\left(\frac{9}{10}\right) + \underline{7n}\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^2 + \dots + \underline{7n}\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^n$$

$$\underline{7n} \left( 1 + \frac{9}{10} + \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^n \right)$$

$$\underline{7n} \left( 1 - \left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^{n+1} \right)$$

$$1 - 9/10$$

$$\underline{70n} \left( 1 - \frac{9^{1092n}}{10^{1092n}} \right) = \underline{70n} \left( 1 - \frac{9^{1092}}{10^{1092}} \right)$$



# The Recurrence Tree

Level-0

$$7n$$

$$7n$$

Level-1

$$7\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$$

$$7\left(\frac{2n}{2}\right)$$

$$7\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)n$$

Level-2

$$7\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right)$$

$$7\left(\frac{2n}{10}\right)$$

$$7\left(\frac{2n}{10}\right)$$

$$7\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^2 n$$

$$7\left(\frac{9}{10}\right)^2 n$$

