



Introduction to Algorithms

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Recursion

- **Recursion** occurs when a thing is defined in terms of itself or of its type. Recursion is used in a variety of disciplines ranging from linguistics to logic.
- The most common application of **recursion** is in mathematics and computer science, where a function being defined is applied within its own definition. While this apparently defines an infinite number of instances (function values), it is often done in such a way that no loop or infinite chain of references can occur.



- Substitution method
- 1. Guess the form of the solution.
- 2. Verify by induction.
- 3. Solve for constants.
- The most general method:
- Example: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$
- [Assume that $T(1) = \Theta(1)$.]
- Guess $O(n^3)$. (Prove O and Ω separately.)
- Assume that $T(k) \leq ck^3$ for $k < n$.
- Prove $T(n) \leq cn^3$ by induction



Recursion algorithm

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divide-and-conquer



Formal definitions

In mathematics and computer science, a class of objects or methods exhibit recursive behavior when they can be defined by two properties:

1. A simple base case (or cases)—a terminating scenario that does not use recursion to produce an answer
 2. A set of rules that reduce all other cases toward the base case
- For example, the following is a recursive definition of a person's ancestors:
 - One's parents are one's ancestors (base case).
 - The ancestors of one's ancestors are also one's ancestors (recursion step).



The Fibonacci sequence

Fibonacci numbers

Recursive definition:

$$F_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0; \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1; \\ F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 ...

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



The Fibonacci sequence

- The Fibonacci sequence is a classic example of recursion:

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Fib (0) = 0 as base case 1,
- Fib (1) = 1 as base case 2,
- For all integers $n > 1$, $\text{Fib}(n) := \text{Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2)$. {For all integers $n > 1$ }
- Many mathematical axioms are based upon recursive rules. For example, the formal definition of the natural numbers by the Peano axioms can be described as: 0 is a natural number, and each natural number has a successor, which is also a natural number. By this base case and recursive rule, one can generate the set of all natural numbers.
- Recursively defined mathematical objects include functions, sets, and especially fractals.



Example The Fibonacci sequence

无穷数列 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, …, 称为 Fibonacci 数列。它可以递归地定义为:

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

边界条件

递归方程

第 n 个 Fibonacci 数可递归地计算如下:

```
int fibonacci(int n)
{
    if (n <= 1) return 1;
    return fibonacci(n-1)+fibonacci(n-2);
}
```

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```
public class Fibonacci {
    static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
        Fibonacci fibonacci=new
        Fibonacci();
        int result=fibonacci.fib(5);
        System.out.println(result);
    }
}
```

```
public int fib(int index){
    if(index==1 || index==2){
        return 1;
    }else{
        return fib(index-
        1)+fib(index-2);
    }
}
```

```
if(index==1 || index==2)
{
    return 1;
}
```



Recursion (computer science)

- A common method of simplification is to divide a problem into subproblems of the same type.
- As a computer programming technique, this is called **divide and conquer** and is key to the design of many important algorithms.
- Divide and conquer** serves as a top-down approach to problem solving, where problems are solved by solving smaller and smaller instances.
- A contrary approach is dynamic programming.
- This approach serves as a bottom-up approach**, where problems are solved by solving larger and larger instances, until the desired size is reached.



Recursion (computer science)

- A classic example of recursion is the definition of the factorial function, given here in C code:

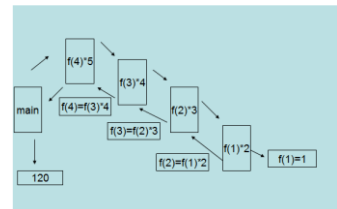
```
unsigned int factorial(unsigned int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return n * factorial(n - 1);
    }
}
```



Recursion----n!

```
function fib(n)
if n <= 1 return n
return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
```

```
5!=?
description:递归求n的阶乘
result=factorial_Five.fac
torial(5);
public int factorial(int
index){
    if(index==1){
        return 1;
    }else{
        return
        factorial(index-1)*index;
    }
}
```





5!=?

```
function fib(n)
  if n <= 1 return n
  return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
```

- Notice that if we call, say, fib(5), we produce a call tree that calls the function on the same value many different times:
- 1.fib(5)
- 2.fib(4) + fib(3)
- 3.(fib(3) + fib(2)) + (fib(2) + fib(1))
- 4.((fib(2) + fib(1)) + (fib(1) + fib(0))) + ((fib(1) + fib(0)) + fib(1))
- 5.(((fib(1) + fib(0)) + fib(1)) + (fib(1) + fib(0))) + ((fib(1) + fib(0)) + fib(1))



- This technique of saving values that have already been calculated is called memoization; this is the top-down approach, since we **first break the problem into subproblems** and then calculate and store values.
- In the bottom-up approach, we calculate the smaller values of fib first, then build larger values from them. This method also uses $O(n)$ time since it contains a loop that repeats $n - 1$ times, but it only takes constant ($O(1)$) space, in contrast to the top-down approach which requires $O(n)$ space to store the map.



- In both examples, we only calculate fib(2) one time, and then use it to calculate both fib(4) and fib(3), instead of computing it every time either of them is evaluated.
- Note that the above method actually takes $\Omega(n^2)$ time for large n because addition of two integers with $\Omega(n)$ bits each takes $\Omega(n)$ time.



- Also, there is a closed form for the Fibonacci sequence, known as Binet's formula, from which the n -th term can be computed in approximately $O(n \log n)$ time, which is more efficient than the above dynamic programming technique.
- However, the simple recurrence directly gives the matrix form that leads to an approximately $O(n \log n)$ algorithm by fast matrix exponentiation.



例：假设 $S(n)$ 是前 n 个整数的和，那么 $S(1) = 1$ ，并且我们可以将 $S(n)$ 写成 $S(n) = S(n-1) + n$ 。

根据递归公式，我们可以得到对应的递归函数：

int S(int n) //求前 n 个整数的和

```
{
  if (n == 1)
    return 1;
  else
    return S(n-1) + n;
}
```

流程图

函数由递归公式得到，应该是好理解的，要求出 $S(n)$ ，得先求出 $S(n-1)$ ，递归终止的条件（递归出口）是 $(n == 1)$ 。



前2例中的函数都可以找到相应的非递归方式定义：

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n$$

$$F(n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} - \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{n+1} \right)$$

但是，有的函数却无法找到非递归定义，比如 Ackerman 函数。



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.



Binary search

- Example: Find 9
- | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
- 3 5 7 8 9 12 15
 - Find an element in a sorted array:
 1. Divide: Check middle element.
 2. Conquer: Recursively search 1 subarray.
 3. Combine: Trivial



Divide-and-Conquer

- **Recursive in structure**
- **To solve P:**
 - Divide P into smaller problems P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k .
 - Conquer by solving the (smaller) subproblems recursively. **Recursively**
 - Combine the solutions to P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k into the solution for P



7 Quicksort

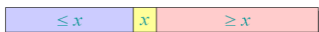
- Proposed by Hoare in 1962.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithm.
- Sorts “in place” (like insertion sort, but not like merge sort).
- Very practical (with tuning).



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 $\leq x \leq$ elements in upper subarray.



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



Pseudocode for quicksort

```

QUICKSORT( $A, p, r$ )
  if  $p < r$ 
    then  $q \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r)$ 
      QUICKSORT( $A, p, q-1$ )
      QUICKSORT( $A, q+1, r$ )
Initial call: QUICKSORT( $A, 1, n$ )
  
```



Partitioning subroutine

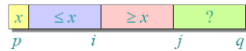
The key to the algorithm is the PARTITION procedure, which rearranges the subarray $A[p..r]$ in place.

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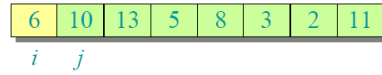
PARTITION( $A, p, q$ )  $\triangleright A[p..q]$ 
 $x \leftarrow A[p]$   $\triangleright$  pivot =  $A[p]$ 
 $i \leftarrow p$ 
for  $j \leftarrow p+1$  to  $q$ 
do if  $A[j] \leq x$ 
then  $i \leftarrow i+1$ 
exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$ 
exchange  $A[p] \leftrightarrow A[i]$ 
return  $i$ 

```

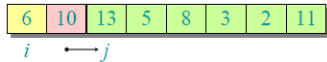
invariant:



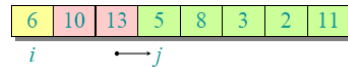
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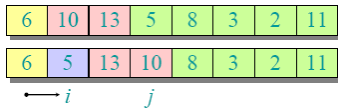
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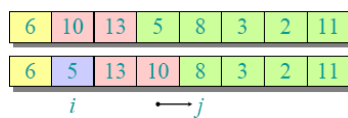
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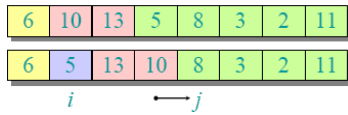


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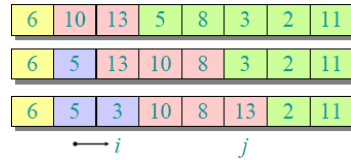




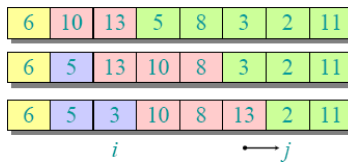
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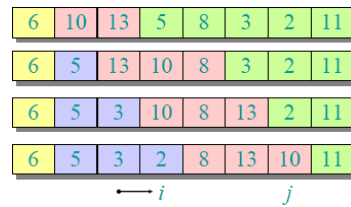
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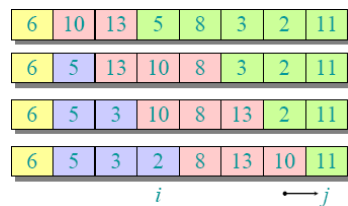
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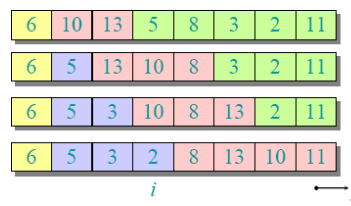
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Example of partitioning

6	10	13	5	8	3	2	11
6	5	13	10	8	3	2	11
6	5	3	10	8	13	2	11
6	5	3	2	8	13	10	11
2	5	3	6	8	13	10	11



Analysis of the partition:



- If $p \leq k \leq i$, then $A[k] \leq x$.
- If $i + 1 \leq k \leq j - 1$, then $A[k] > x$.
- If $k = r$, then $A[k] = x$
- If $j \leq k \leq r-1$, then $A[k]$ can take on any values



Analysis of quicksort

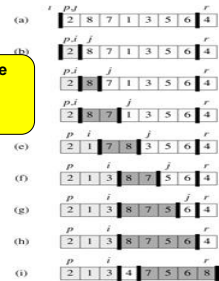
- Let $T(n)$ = worst-case running time on an array of n elements.



Partitioning subroutine

- PARTITION(A,p,r)
- $x \leftarrow A[r]$
- $i \leftarrow p-1$
- For $j \leftarrow p$ to $r-1$
 - do if $A[j] \leq x$
 - then $i \leftarrow i+1$
 - exchange $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$
 - exchange $A[i+1] \leftrightarrow A[r]$
- return $i+1$

Running time
= $O(n)$ for n
elements.



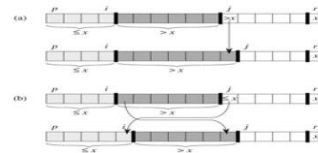
- **Initialization:** the first two conditions of the loop invariant are trivially satisfied.

- **Maintenance:** there are two cases to consider:

1. (a) shows what happens when $A[j] > x$;

2. (b) shows what happens when $A[j] \leq x$;

- **Termination:** At termination, $j = r$. and we have partitioned the values in the array into three sets: those less than or equal to x , those greater than x , and a singleton set containing x .



Worst-case of quicksort

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

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



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



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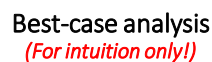


$$T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + cn$$

Recursion tree for $T(n) = T(0) + T(n-1) + cn$:

- Root: $T(n)$ (cost cn)
- Level 1: $T(n-1)$ (cost cn)
- Level 2: $T(n-2)$ (cost cn)
- ...
- Level n : $T(0)$ (cost cn)

Total cost: $cn + cn + \dots + cn = O(n^2)$



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

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$
$$= \Theta(n \lg n) \quad (\text{same as merge sort})$$

What if the split is always $1/10:9/10$?

$$T(n) = T(1/10n) + T(9/10n) + \Theta(n)$$

What is the solution to this recurrence?



Analysis of “almost-best” case

$T(n)$



Analysis of “almost-best” case

cn
 $T(1/10n) \quad T(9/10n)$

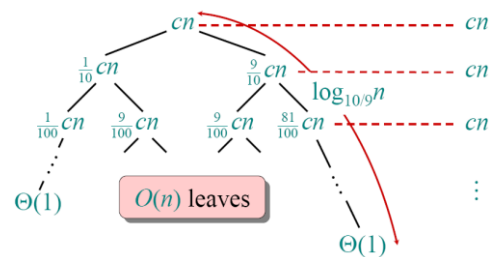


Analysis of “almost-best” case

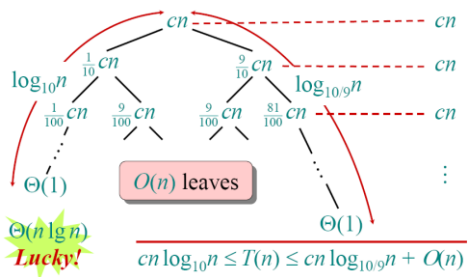
cn
 $1/10cn \quad 9/10cn$
 $T(1/100n) \quad T(9/100n) \quad T(9/100n) \quad T(81/100n)$



Analysis of “almost-best” case



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More intuition

Suppose we alternate lucky, unlucky, lucky, unlucky,

$L(n) = 2U(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ **lucky**

$U(n) = L(n-1) + \Theta(n)$ **unlucky**

Solving:

$$\begin{aligned} L(n) &= 2(L(n/2 - 1) + \Theta(n/2)) + \Theta(n) \\ &= 2L(n/2 - 1) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \Theta(n \lg n) \end{aligned}$$





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 $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, 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)

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

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



Calculating expectation

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



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Linearity of expectation.



Calculating expectation

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

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

Independence of X_k from other random choices.



Calculating expectation

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



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 &= \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) \quad \text{Summations have identical terms.}
 \end{aligned}$$



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

- Choose a large enough so that $a n \lg n$ dominates $E[T(n)]$ for sufficiently small $n \geq 2$.

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



Substitution method

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



Substitution method

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[T(n)] &\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} a k \lg k + \Theta(n) \\
 &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + \Theta(n)
 \end{aligned}$$



Substitution method

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 E[T(n)] &\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} a k \lg k + \Theta(n) \\
 &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + \Theta(n) \\
 &= a n \lg n - \left(\frac{a n}{4} - \Theta(n) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$



Substitution method

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[T(n)] &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{n-1} ak \lg k + \Theta(n) \\
 &= \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + \Theta(n) \\
 &= an \lg n - \left(\frac{an}{4} - \Theta(n) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

if $\frac{an}{4}$ 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.



Conclusion

- Divide and conquer is just one of several powerful techniques for algorithm design.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithms can be analyzed using recurrences and the master method (so practice this math).
- Can lead to more efficient algorithms



Example

Problem: sorting {12,3,25,5,31,7,9,1,10}

- **Divide:** it is too big to solve, if it is smaller we may solve it, so we divide it into two problem:
- **Sub-problem1:** sorting{12,3,25,5,31}
- **Sub-problem2:** sorting{7,9,1,10}



Example

- **Conquer:** we use some methods (any kind of) to solve it and get the sub-problems' solutions, that means we sort the two sub-problem:
`sorting{12,3,25,5,31}`
 Solution of sub-problem1:{3,5,12,25,31}
`sorting{7,9,1,10}`
 Solution of sub-problem2:{1,7,9,10}



Example

- **Combine:** we should use these two solutions to construct the solution of the original problem.



Designing algorithms

Divide the problem into a number of subproblems.

Conquer the subproblems by solving them recursively.

Combine the subproblem solutions to give a solution to the original problem.



Merge Sort (1) By Divide-and-Conquer

基本思想：将元素分成2个子集合，分别对子集合进行排序，最终将排好序的子集合合并为有序集合。n=1时中止。

```
void MergeSort(Type a[], int left, int right)
{
    if (left < right) { //至少有2个元素
        int i = (left + right) / 2; //取中点
        MergeSort(a, left, i);
        MergeSort(a, i + 1, right);
        merge(a, b, left, i, right); //合并到数组b
        copy(a, b, left, right); //复制回数组a
    }
}
```

复杂度分析

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & n \leq 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + O(n) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$T(n) = O(n \log n)$ 渐进意义下的最优算法



Merge Sort (3) 自然排序

➤ 自然排序是合并排序算法的一个变形。

e. g. {4, 8, 3, 7, 1, 5, 6, 2}

➤ 1. 用一次对初始数组的扫描找出所有已排好序的子数组段：
{4, 8}, {3, 7}, {1, 5, 6}, {2}

➤ 2. 将相邻排好序的数组两两合并，直至完成整个数组的排序。
{3, 4, 7, 8}, {1, 2, 5, 6},

📖 最坏时间复杂度： $O(n \log n)$

📖 平均时间复杂度： $O(n \log n)$

📖 最好时间复杂度： $O(n)$ (初始已排好序)

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Merge Sort Algorithm

• Using divide-and-conquer, we can obtain a merge-sort algorithm

– **Divide**: Divide the n elements into two subsequences of $n/2$ elements each.

– **Conquer**: Sort the two subsequences recursively.

– **Combine**: Merge the two sorted subsequences to produce the sorted answer.

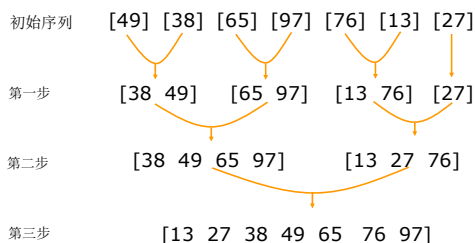
• Assume we have procedure **MERGE**(A, p, q, r) which merges sorted $A[p..q]$ with sorted $A[q+1..r]$ in $(r - p)$ time.



MergeSort

思想：相邻元素（子数组段）两两配对，用合并算法将其排序，直至整个数组排好序。

算法mergeSort的递归过程可以消去，



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Merge sort

➤ A sorting algorithm based on **divide and conquer**.

➤ Its worst-case running time has a **lower order of growth** than insertion sort.



MERGE-SORT $A[1 \dots n]$

1. If $n = 1$, done.
 2. Recursively sort $A[1 \dots n/2]$ and $A[n/2 + 1 \dots n]$.
 3. "**Merge**" the 2 sorted lists.
- Key subroutine: MERGE**



Me

Merging two sorted

20 12
13 11
7 9
2 1



Merging two sorted

20 12
13 11
7 9
2 1
1



Merging two sorted

20 12 | 20 12
13 11 | 13 11
7 9 | 7 9
2 1 | 2
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Merging two sorted

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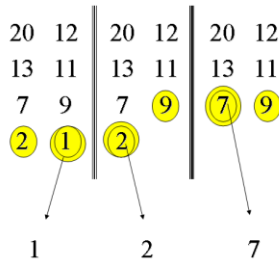


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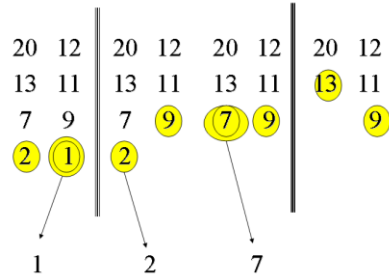
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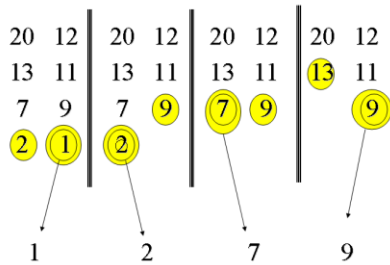
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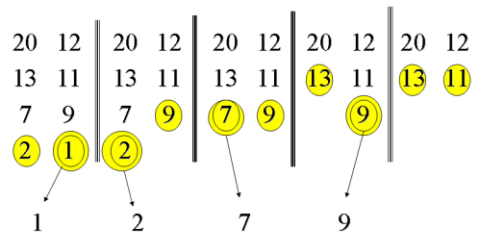
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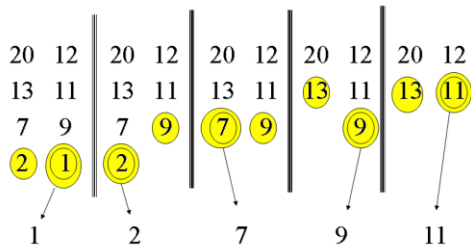
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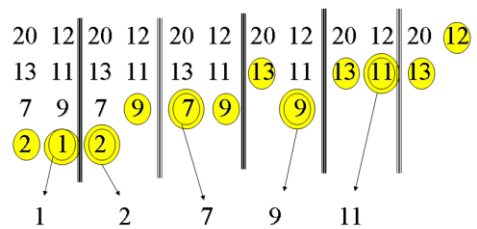
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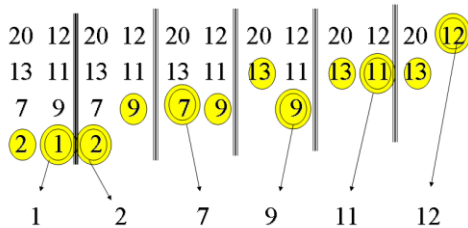


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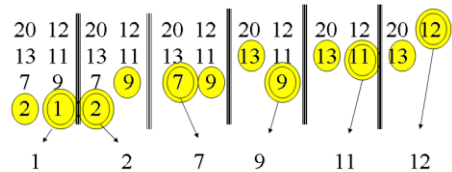




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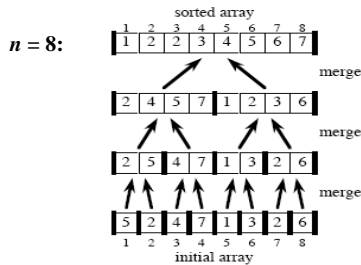
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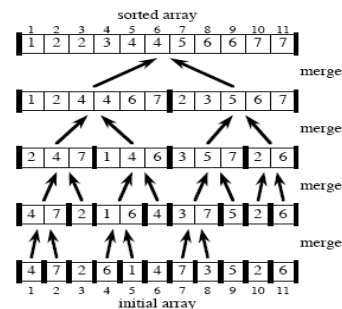
Time = $\Theta(n)$ to merge a total of n elements (linear time).



Examples



Examples



Merge-Sort (A, p, r)

INPUT: a sequence of n numbers stored in array A

OUTPUT: an ordered sequence of n numbers

MERGESORT	
MERGE-SORT (A, p, r)	
1 if $p < r$	
2 then $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p+r)/2 \rfloor$	
3 MERGE-SORT (A, p, q)	
4 MERGE-SORT ($A, q+1, r$)	
5 MERGE (A, p, q, r)	



Pseudocode

```

MERGE( $A, p, q, r$ )
 $n_1 \leftarrow q - p + 1$ 
 $n_2 \leftarrow r - q$ 
create arrays  $L[1 \dots n_1 + 1]$  and  $R[1 \dots n_2 + 1]$ 
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_1$ 
do  $L[i] \leftarrow A[p + i - 1]$ 
for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n_2$ 
do  $R[j] \leftarrow A[q + j]$ 
 $L[n_1 + 1] \leftarrow \infty$ 
 $R[n_2 + 1] \leftarrow \infty$ 
 $i \leftarrow 1$ 
 $j \leftarrow 1$ 
for  $k \leftarrow p$  to  $r$ 
do if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
then  $A[k] \leftarrow L[i]$ 
 $i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
else  $A[k] \leftarrow R[j]$ 
 $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 

```

Running time:

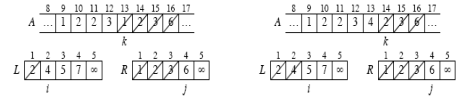
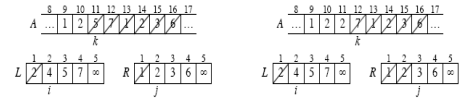
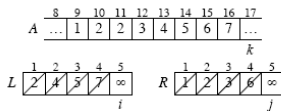
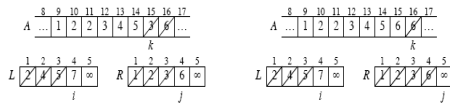
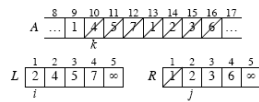
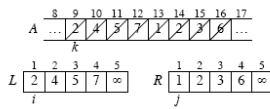
The first two for loops take $\Theta(n_1 + n_2) = \Theta(n)$ time.

The last for loop makes n iterations, each taking constant time, for $\Theta(n)$ time.

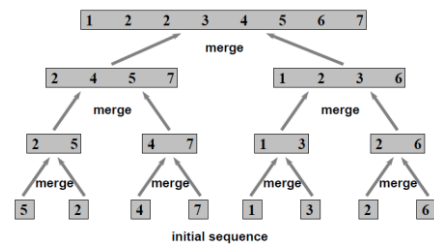
Total time: $\Theta(n)$.



Example: A call of MERGE(9, 12, 16)



Merge-Sort (A, 1, length[A])



Solution!

{5,2,4,7, 1,3,2,6}

- Using the merge algorithm we get the
- solution: {1,2,2,3,4,5,6,7}
- Any left problems?



Correctness

- Is your solution correct?
- Does your merge algorithm outcome a sorted array in any case?
- **loop invariant**
- **Initialization:** It is true prior to the first iteration of the loop.
- **Maintenance:** If it is true before an iteration of the loop, it remains true before the next iteration.
- **Termination:** When the loop terminates, the invariant.



Complexity

- How many memories does the algorithm use?
- How many steps does the algorithm use?



Analyzing divide-and-conquer algorithms

Let $T(n)$ = running time on a problem of size n .

♦ to make analysis cleaner, assume n is a power of 2



Analyzing merge sort

$T(n)$ **MERGE-SORT** $A[1 \dots n]$
 $\Theta(1)$ 1. if $n = 1$, done.
 $2T(n/2)$ 2. Recursively sort $A[1 \dots n/2]$
 Abuse and $A[n/2 + 1 \dots n]$.
 $\Theta(n)$ 3. "Merge" the 2 sorted lists

Sloppiness: Should be $T(n/2) + T(n/2)$,
 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.



Left problems

- What is the upper bounds and lower bounds for the sorting problem?
- How to solve the recursive equality(or inequality)?
 $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$
- How to solve the problem?
 - Recursion-tree method
 - Substitution method
 - Master method



Recursion- tree method

- A recursion tree models the costs (time) of a recursive execution of an algorithm.
- The recursion tree method is good for generating guesses for the substitution method.
- The recursion-tree method promotes intuition, however.



Recursion tree

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



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 cn

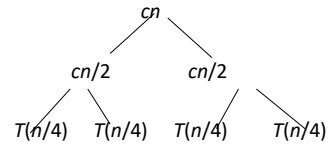


For the original problem, we have a cost of cn , plus the two subproblems, each costing $T(n/2)$:



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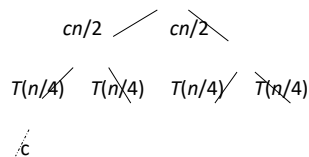


For each of the size- $n/2$ subproblems, we have a cost of $cn/2$, plus two subproblems, each costing $T(n/4)$:



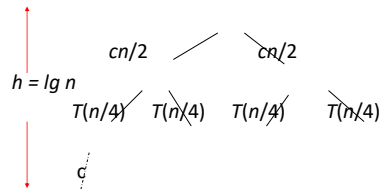
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 cn



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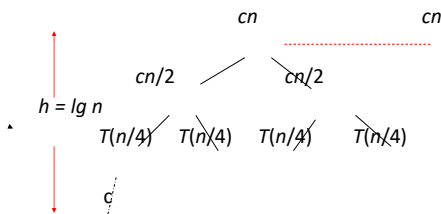
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 cn





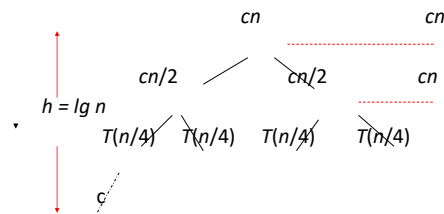
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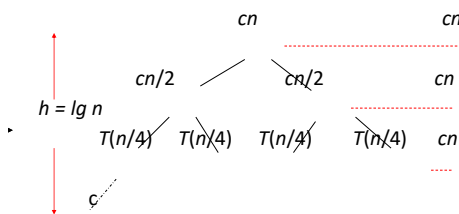
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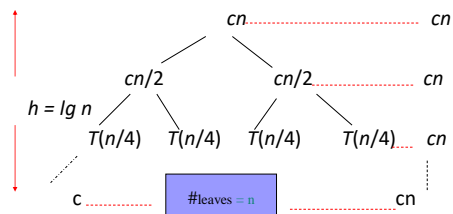
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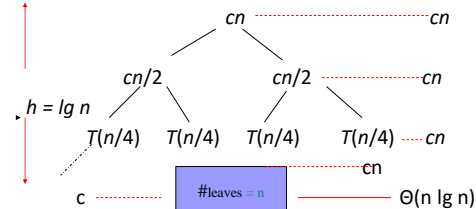
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Conclusions

- $\Theta(n \lg n)$ 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!



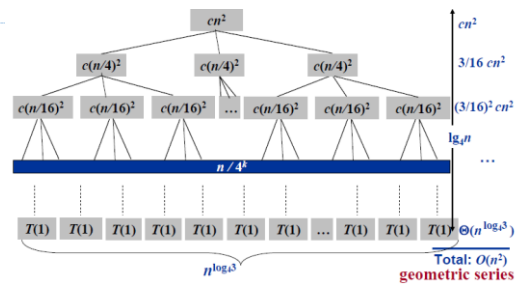
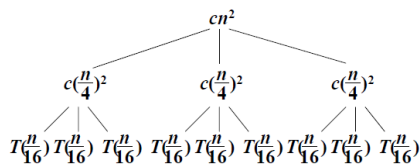
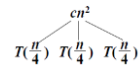
Example

Ex. $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + n^2$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \Theta(n^2)$$



$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \Theta(n^2)$$



Substitution method

- The most general method:
- **Guess** the form of the solution.
- **Verify** by induction.
- **Solve** for constants.



Example

$$\text{Ex. } T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

- Assume that $T(1) = \Theta(1)$.
- Guess $O(n^3)$.
- Assume that $T(k) \leq ck^3$ for $k < n$.
- Prove $T(n) \leq cn^3$ by induction.



Master Method

- It provides a “cookbook” method for solving recurrences of the form:

$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n)$$

- where $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$ are constants and $f(n)$ is an asymptotically positive function

Three common cases

- Based on the *master theorem*,
- Compare $n^{\log b^a}$ vs. $f(n)$:

1. $f(n) = O(n^{\log b^a - \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$.
- $f(n)$ grows polynomially **slower than** $n^{\log b^a}$

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log b^a})$



➤ Compare $n^{\log b^a}$ vs. $f(n)$:

$$2. f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log b^a} \lg^k n)$$

- $f(n)$ and $n^{\log b^a}$ grow at **similar rates**.

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log b^a} \lg^{k+1} n)$

➤ Compare $n^{\log b^a}$ vs. $f(n)$:

$$\Omega(n^{\log b^a + \epsilon}) \quad \text{for some constant } \epsilon > 0.$$

- $f(n)$ grows polynomially **faster than** $n^{\log b^a}$ and $f(n)$ satisfies the regularity condition that $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$.

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

Examples

Ex. Merge sort

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

$$a = 2, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log b^a} = n; \quad f(n) = n.$$

CASE 2: $k=0$

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

Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log b^a} = n^2; \quad f(n) = n.$$

CASE 1: $f(n) = O(n^{2-\epsilon})$ for $\epsilon = 1$.

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2).$$

Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow \log_b a = \log_2 4 = 2; f(n) = n^2.$

CASE 2: $f(n) = \Theta(n^2),$
 $\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n).$

Examples

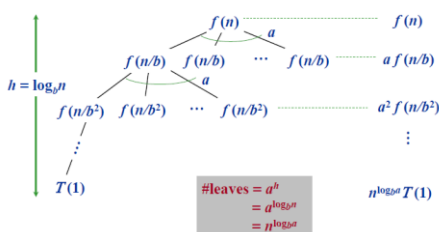
Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$

$\log_b a = \log_2 4 = 2 \Rightarrow a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow f(n) = n^3.$

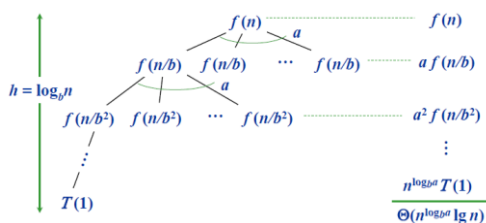
CASE 3: $f(n) = \Omega(n^{2+\epsilon})$ for $\epsilon = 1$
 and $4(n/2)^3 \leq cn^3$ (reg. cond.) for $c = 1/2.$
 $\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^3).$



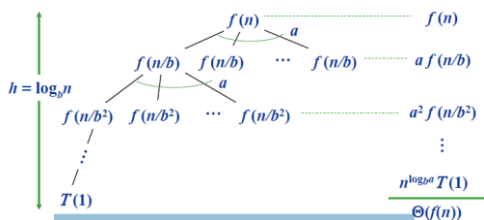
Recursion tree



CASE 1: The weight increases geometrically from the root to the leaves. The leaves hold a constant fraction of the total weight.



CASE 2: ($k = 0$) The weight is approximately the same on each of the $\log_b n$ levels.



CASE 3: The weight decreases geometrically from the root to the leaves. The root holds a constant fraction of the total weight.