

# Quicksort

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# ❖ Quicksort

Previous sorts were all  $O(n^k)$  (where  $k > 1$ ).

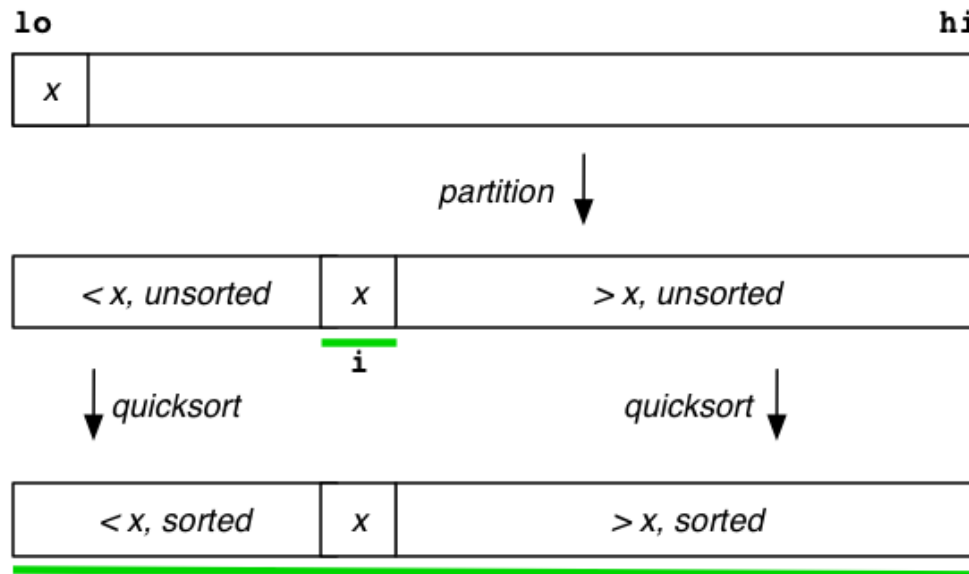
We can do better ...

Quicksort: basic idea

- choose an item to be a "pivot" 枢轴
- re-arrange (partition) the array so that
  - all elements to left of pivot are smaller than pivot
  - all elements to right of pivot are greater than pivot
- (recursively) sort each of the partitions

## ❖ ... Quicksort

Phases of quicksort:



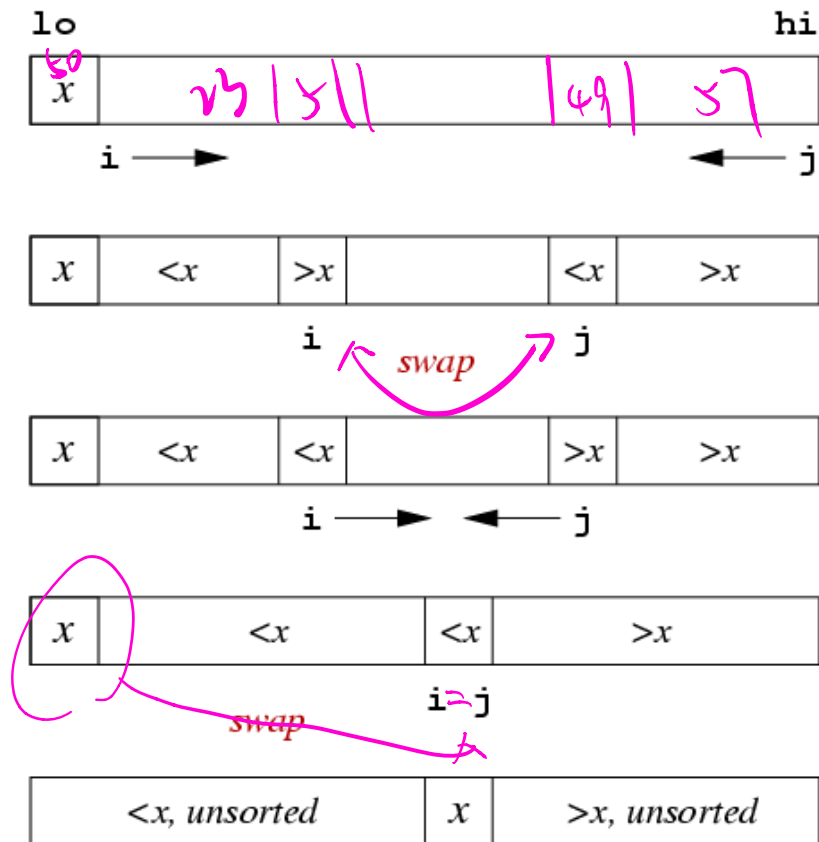
## ❖ Quicksort Implementation

Elegant recursive solution ...

```
void quicksort(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int i; // index of pivot
    if (hi <= lo) return;
    i = partition(a, lo, hi);
    quicksort(a, lo, i-1);
    quicksort(a, i+1, hi);
}
```

## ❖ ... Quicksort Implementation

Partitioning phase:



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Partition implementation:

```
int partition(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    Item y = a[lo]; // pivot
    int i = lo+1, j = hi;
    for (;;) {
        while (less(a[i], y) && i < j) i++;
        while (less(y, a[j]) && j > i) j--;
        if (i == j) break;
        swap(a, i, j);
    }
    j = less(a[i], y) ? i : i-1;
    swap(a, lo, j);
    return j;
}
```

if (a[i] < v) {  
 j=i  
 } else { (a[i] > v)  
 j=i-1 }

## ❖ Quicksort Performance

Best case:  $O(n \log n)$  comparisons

- choice of pivot gives <sup>middle</sup> two equal-sized partitions
- same happens at every recursive level
- each "level" requires approx  $n$  comparisons
- halving at each level  $\Rightarrow \log_2 n$  levels

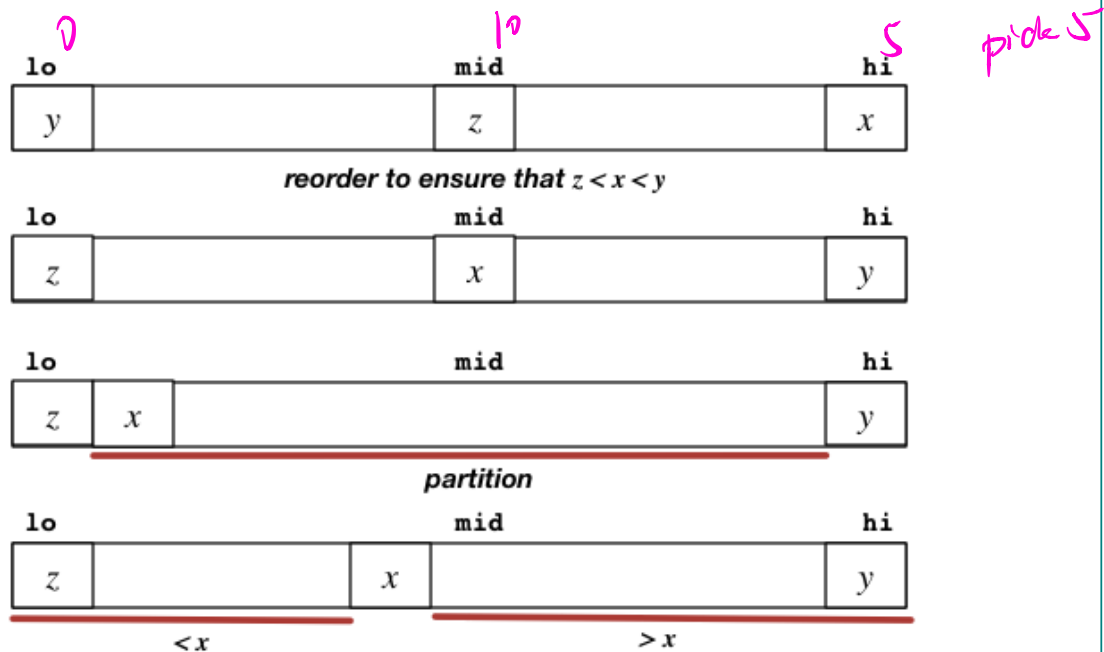
Worst case:  $O(n^2)$  comparisons

- always choose lowest/highest value for pivot
- partitions are size  $1$  and  $n-1$
- each "level" requires approx  $n$  comparisons
- partitioning to  $1$  and  $n-1 \Rightarrow n$  levels

## ❖ Quicksort Improvements

Choice of pivot can have significant effect:

- always choosing largest/smallest  $\Rightarrow$  worst case
- try to find "intermediate" value by median-of-three





## ❖ ... Quicksort Improvements

Median-of-three partitioning:

```
void medianOfThree(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int mid = (lo+hi)/2;
    if (less(a[mid], a[lo])) swap(a, lo, mid);
    if (less(a[hi], a[mid])) swap(a, mid, hi);
    if (less(a[mid], a[lo])) swap(a, lo, mid);
    // now, we have a[lo] < a[mid] < a[hi]
    // swap a[mid] to a[lo+1] to use as pivot
    swap(a, mid, lo+1);
}

void quicksort(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    if (hi <= lo) return;
    medianOfThree(a, lo, hi);
    int i = partition(a, lo+1, hi-1);
    quicksort(a, lo, i-1);
    quicksort(a, i+1, hi);
}
```

hi 一定比 middle 大  
不管他了。

middle

## ❖ ... Quicksort Improvements

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Another source of inefficiency:

- pushing recursion down to very small partitions
- overhead in recursive function calls
- little benefit from partitioning when size  $< 5$

Solution: handle small partitions differently

- switch to insertion sort on small partitions, or
- don't sort yet; use post-quicksort insertion sort

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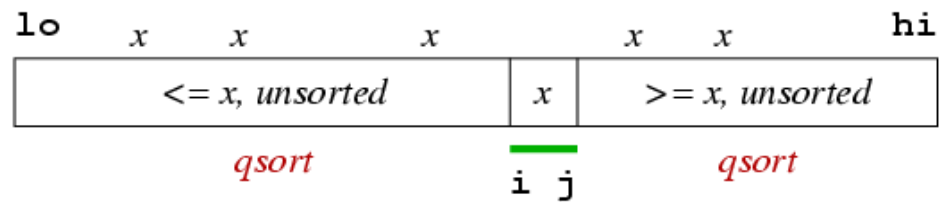
Quicksort with thresholding ...

```
void quicksort(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    if (hi-lo < Threshold) {
        insertionSort(a, lo, hi);
        return;
    }
    medianOfThree(a, lo, hi);
    int i = partition(a, lo+1, hi-1);
    quicksort(a, lo, i-1);
    quicksort(a, i+1, hi);
}
```

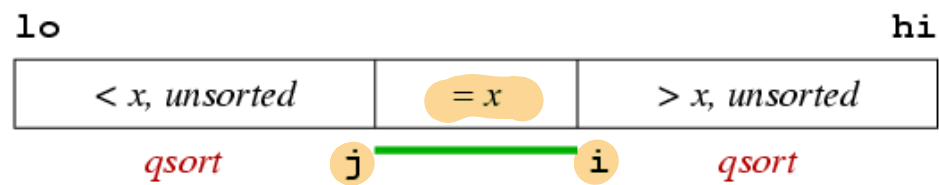
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If the array contains many **duplicate keys**

- standard partitioning does not exploit this

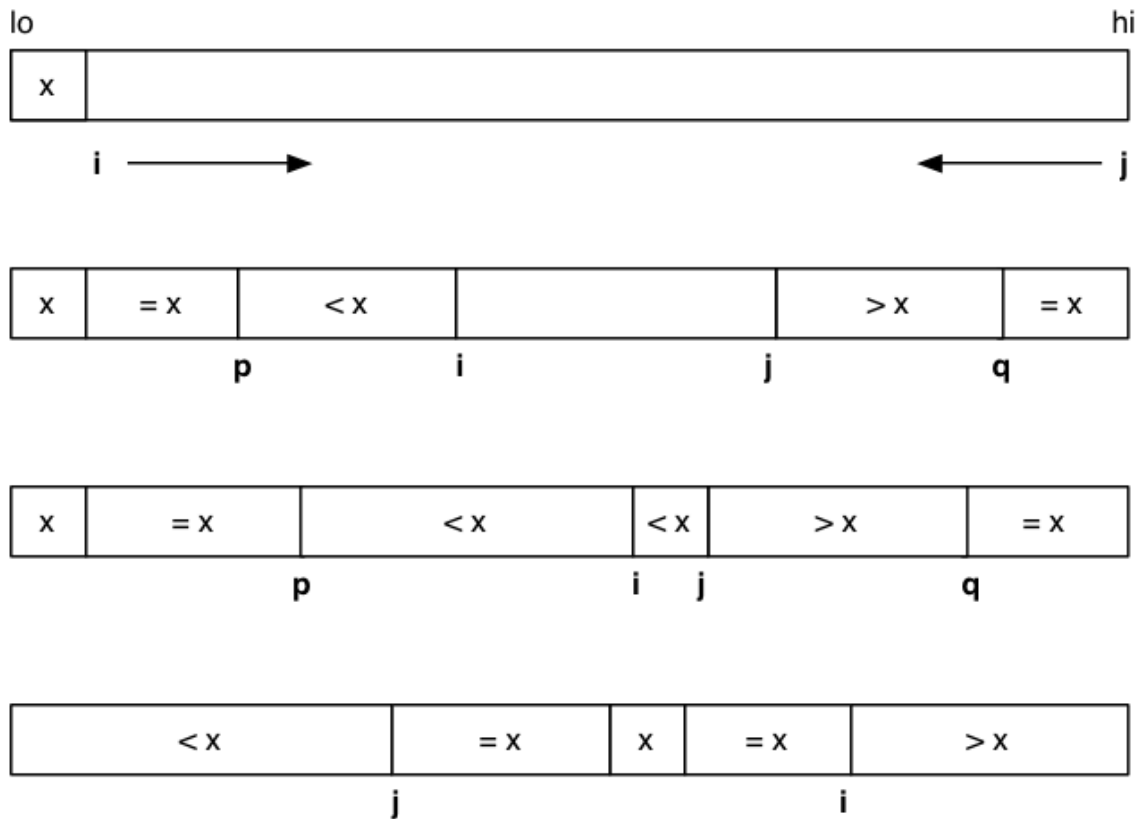


- can improve performance via three-way partitioning



## ❖ ... Quicksort Improvements

Bentley/McIlroy approach to three-way partition:



## ❖ Non-recursive Quicksort

Quicksort can be implemented using an explicit stack:

```
void quicksortStack (Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    Stack s = newStack();
    StackPush(s,hi); StackPush(s,lo);
    while (!StackEmpty(s)) {
        lo = StackPop(s); 抓取
        hi = StackPop(s);
        if (hi > lo) {
            int i = partition (a,lo,hi);
            StackPush(s,hi); StackPush(s,i+1);
            StackPush(s,i-1); StackPush(s,lo);
        }
    }
}
```

# Mergesort

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# ❖ Mergesort

## Mergesort: basic idea

- split the array into two equal-sized partitions
- (recursively) sort each of the partitions
- merge the two partitions into a new sorted array  $O(n)$
- copy back to original array

## Merging: basic idea

- copy elements from the inputs one at a time
- give preference to the smaller of the two  $O(n \log n)$
- when one exhausted, copy the rest of the other

Merging:

which is smaller

Sorted: 4 12 17 23 59 92

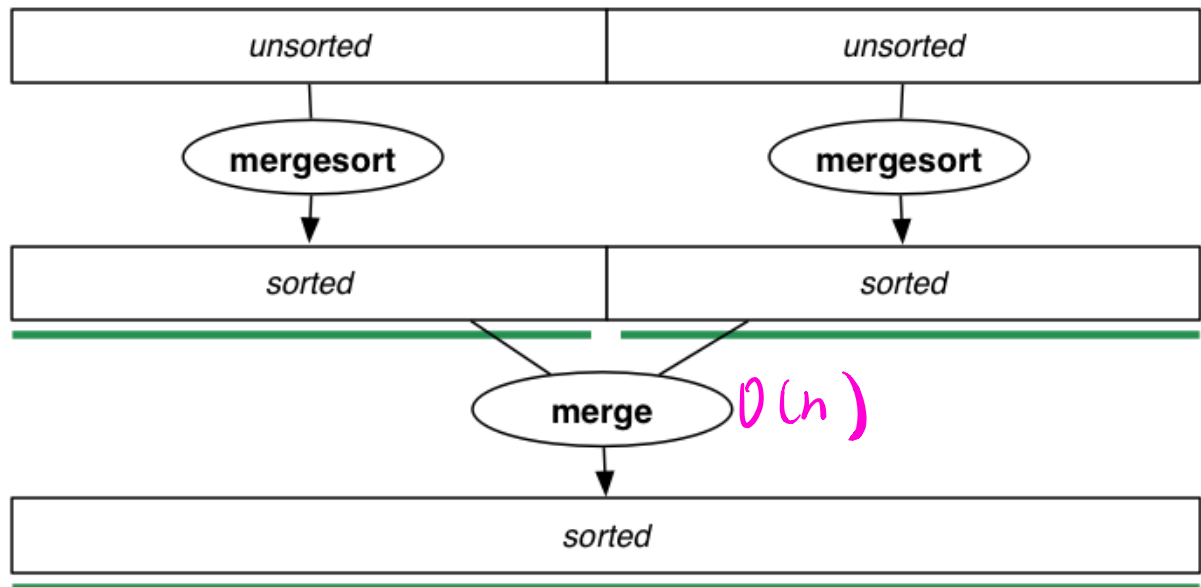
sorted: 1 3 12 20 51

→  
Output: 1 3 4 12 12 17 20 51 59 92



## ❖ ... Mergesort

### Phases of mergesort



## ❖ Mergesort Implementation

Mergesort function:

```
void mergesort(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int mid = (lo+hi)/2; // mid point
    if (hi <= lo) return;
    mergesort(a, lo, mid);
    mergesort(a, mid+1, hi);
    merge(a, lo, mid, hi);
}
```

Example of use (**typedef int Item**):

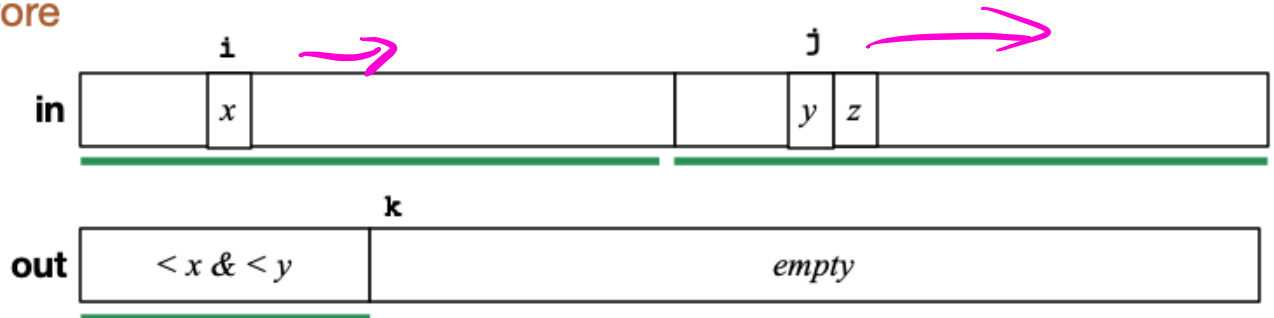
```
int nums[10] = {32, 45, 17, 22, 94, 78, 64, 25, 55, 42};
mergesort(nums, 0, 9);
```

first last

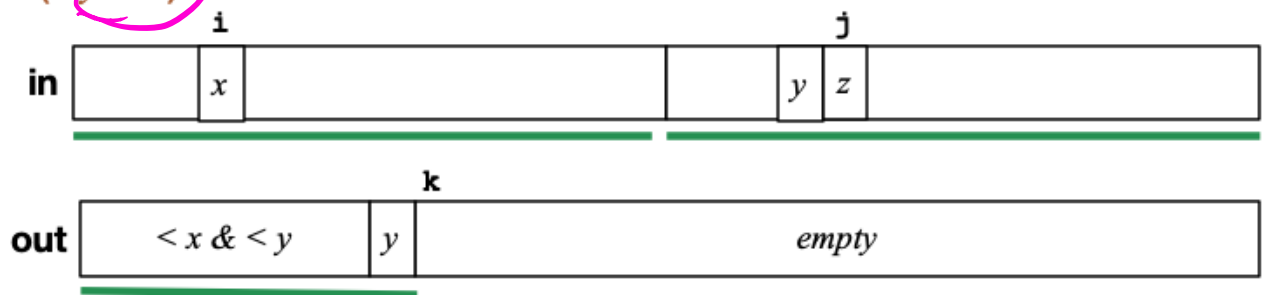
## ❖ ... Mergesort Implementation

One step in the merging process:

Before

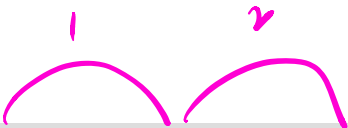


After (if  $y < x$ ) *hi < lo*



## ❖ ... Mergesort Implementation

Implementation of merge:



```
void merge(Item a[], int lo, int mid, int hi)
{
    int i, j, k, nitems = hi-lo+1;
    Item *tmp = malloc(nitems*sizeof(Item));

    i = lo; j = mid+1; k = 0;
    // scan both segments, copying to tmp
    while (i <= mid && j <= hi) {
        if (less(a[i], a[j])) {
            tmp[k++] = a[i++];
        }
        else {
            tmp[k++] = a[j++];
        }
    }
    // copy items from unfinished segment
    while (i <= mid) tmp[k++] = a[i++];
    while (j <= hi) tmp[k++] = a[j++];

    // copy tmp back to main array
    for (i = lo, k = 0; i <= hi; i++, k++)
        a[i] = tmp[k];
    free(tmp);
}
```

*Handwritten notes:*

- 1* and *2* above the arcs in the diagram.
- lo → mid* and *mid+1 → hi* next to the while loop condition.
- 谁小谁加入* (Who is smaller, who is added) next to the if statement.

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Worst case:  $O(N \log N)$  comparisons

- partitions are exactly interleaved
- need to compare all the way to end of partitions

Disadvantage over quicksort: need extra storage  $O(N)$

## ❖ Bottom-up Mergesort

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Non-recursive mergesort does not require a stack

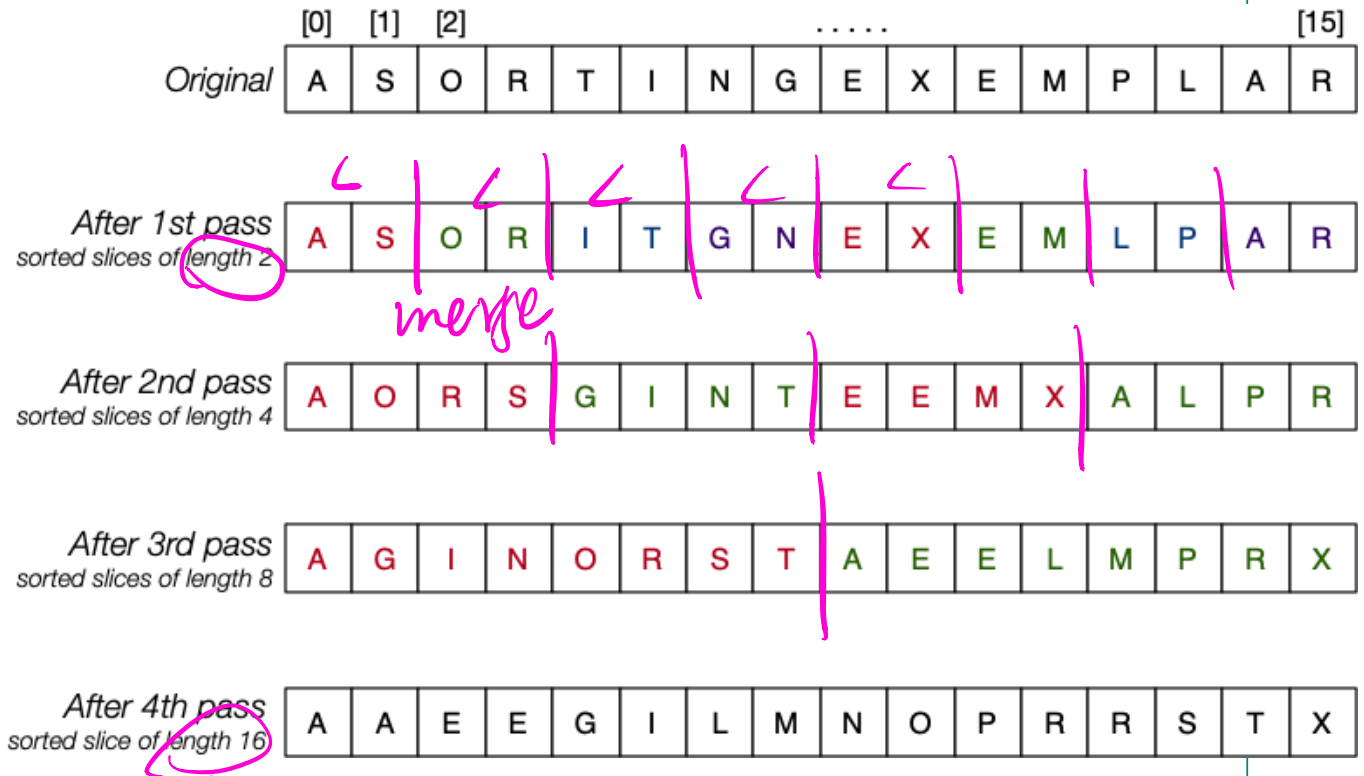
- partition boundaries can be computed iteratively

Bottom-up mergesort:

- on each pass, array contains sorted runs of length  $m$
- at start, treat as  $N$  sorted runs of length 1
- 1st pass merges adjacent elements into runs of length 2
- 2nd pass merges adjacent 2-runs into runs of length 4
- continue until a single sorted run of length  $N$

This approach can be used for "in-place" mergesort.

## ❖ ... Bottom-up Mergesort



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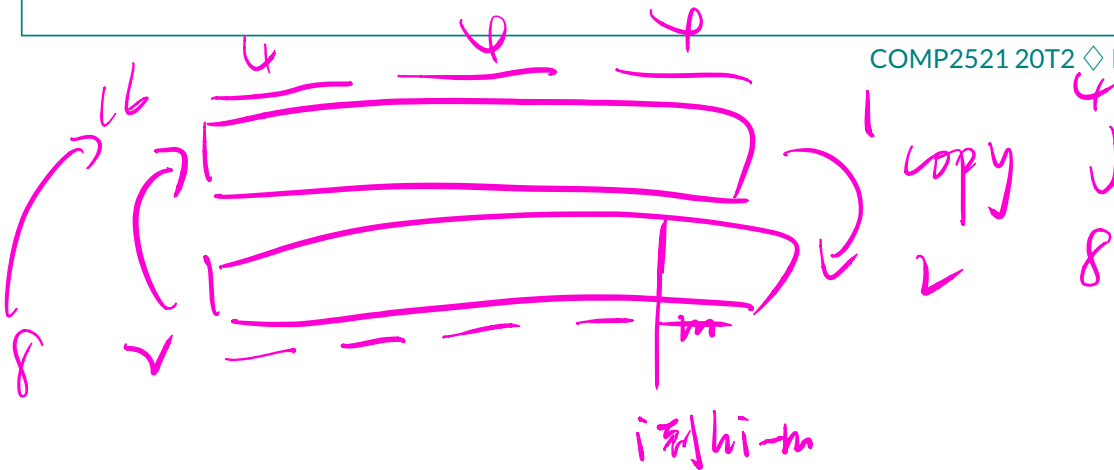
Bottom-up mergesort for arrays:

```
#define min(A,B) ((A < B) ? A : B)

void mergesort(Item a[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int m;          // m = length of runs
    int len;        // end of 2nd run
    Item c[];       // array to merge into
    for (m = 1; m <= lo-hi; m = 2*m) {
        for (int i = lo; i <= hi-m; i += 2*m) {
            len = min(m, hi-(i+m)+1);
            merge(&a[i], m, &a[i+m], len, c);
            copy(&a[i], c, m+len);
        }
    }
}
```

*Handwritten notes:*

- number of elements I have* (pointing to `m`)
- start + 4 elem end* (pointing to `i+m`)
- should be m* (pointing to `m+len`)





## ❖ ... Bottom-up Mergesort

```
// merge arrays a[] and b[] into c[]
// aN = size of a[], bN = size of b[]
void merge(Item a[], int aN, Item b[], int bN, Item c[])
{
    int i; // index into a[]
    int j; // index into b[]
    int k; // index into c[]
    for (i = j = k = 0; k < aN+bN; k++) {
        if (i == aN) {
            c[k] = b[j++];
        }
        else if (j == bN) {
            c[k] = a[i++];
        }
        else if (less(a[i], b[j])) {
            c[k] = a[i++];
        }
        else {
            c[k] = b[j++];
        }
    }
}
```

*Handwritten notes:*

- merge* (above the function name)
- m* (below the parameter `aN`)
- 3m* (above the parameter `c[]`)
- end of a[]* (next to `i == aN`)
- a[i] > b[j]* (next to the `else` branch in the loop)

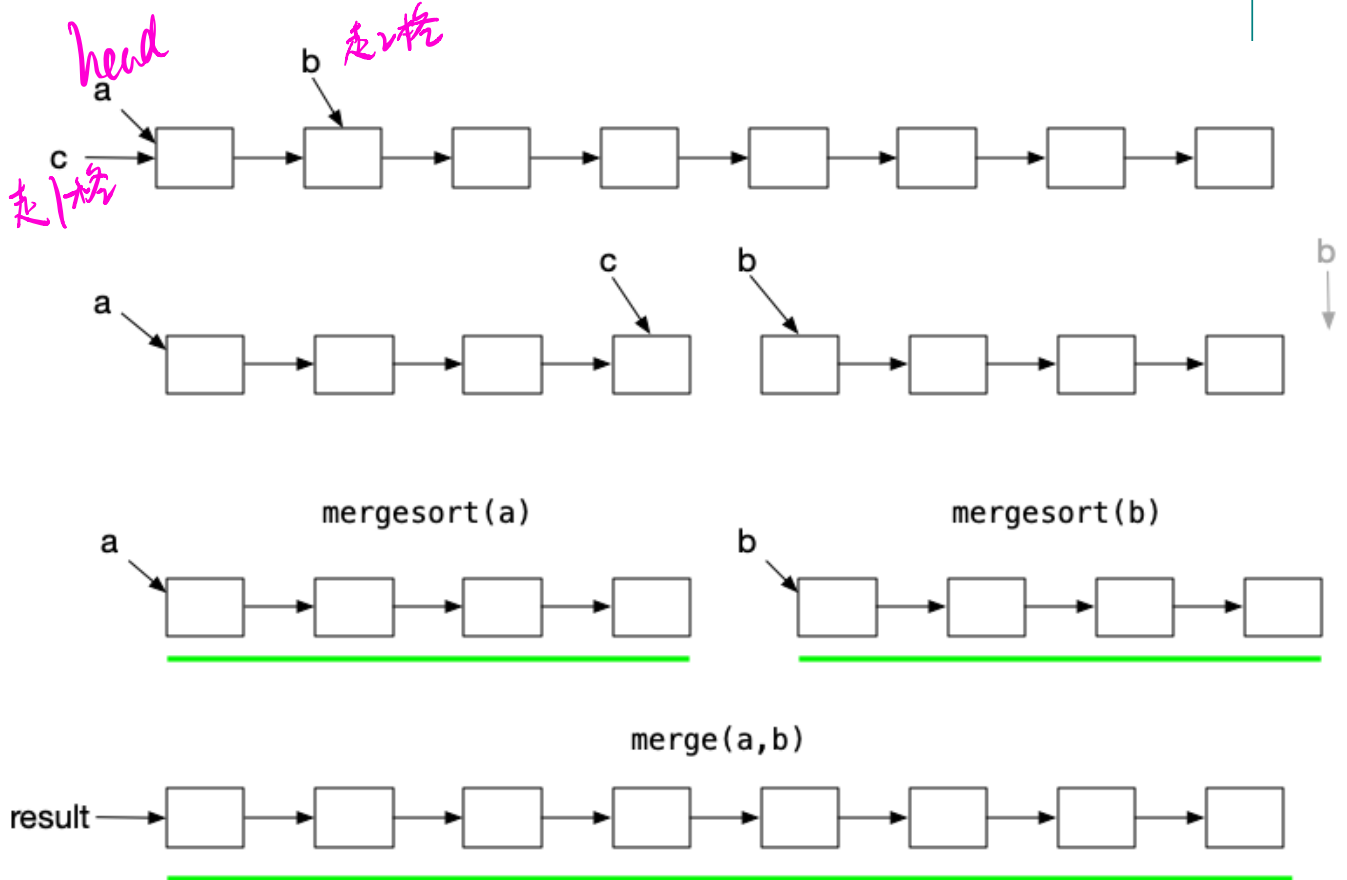
## ❖ Mergesort and Linked Lists

Merging linked lists is relatively straightforward:

```
List merge(List a, List b)
{
    List new = newList();
    while (a != NULL && b != NULL) {
        if (less(a->item, b->item))
            { new = ListAppend(new, a->item); a = a->next; }
        else
            { new = ListAppend(new, b->item); b = b->next; }
    }
    while (a != NULL)
        { new = ListAppend(new, a->item); a = a->next; }
    while (b != NULL)
        { new = ListAppend(new, b->item); b = b->next; }
    return new;
}
```

## ❖ ... Mergesort and Linked Lists

Mergesort method using linked lists



## ❖ ... Mergesort and Linked Lists

Recursive linked list mergesort, built with list merge:

```
List mergesort(List c)
{
    List a, b;
    if (c == NULL || c->next == NULL) return c;
    a = c; b = c->next;
    while (b != NULL && b->next != NULL)
        { c = c->next; b = b->next->next; }
    b = c->next; c->next = NULL; // split list
    return merge(mergesort(a), mergesort(b));
}
```